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CORPS SEEKS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSISTANCE

Mobile, Ala. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, is preparing to start a site investigation at the former Tullahoma Bombing and Gunnery Range in Bedford County, Tenn. The investigation requires the corps to enter private property to take soil samples and to check for metal below the surface.

“We need the landowners to sign a right of entry form to give us permission to enter their property to take samples,” said E. Patrick Robbins, Public Affairs Officer. “Letters including a map and a ROE form are currently being mailed to each property owner whose land lies within the investigation area. The site investigation cannot be done before the right of entry forms are signed and returned in the self-address stamped envelope.”

The former bombing and gunnery range is part of a nationwide environmental cleanup known as DERP-FUDS or Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Site. The 10,048-acre Tullahoma Range was used for air-to-ground strafing with .50 caliber ammunition and dropping 100-pound practice bombs.

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“The work will is relatively non-intrusive and will only take one to two days on any site. To get the soil samples we will need to dig small holes in people’s yards. A metal detector will be used to locate items below the surface, and we plot locations of metal items on a map,” Robbins said. “We are assessing the property to identify if there is something that needs to be cleaned up. This is about public safety and protecting residents and the environment.

“There is no reason for concern, but occasionally people find World War II debris that works it way to the surface before any cleanup action begins.”

Robbins reminded residents not to touch any unexploded ordnance and to practice the “Three Rs” - Recognize, Retreat and Report. If you find anything that looks strange in your yard, please call 911.

A copy of the site investigation report will be placed in the public library and online for public review and comment after it is completed. It will take approximately one year for the corps to assess the site investigation findings, coordinate with other agencies and write the report.