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Mortar shell found Wednesday during former Camp Sibert Formerly Used Defense Site cleanup

Gadsden, Alabama — Parsons employees under contract to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers unearthed a 4.2-inch diameter mortar shell Wednesday morning while working on Site 8 at the former Camp Sibert as part of an ongoing Formerly Used Defense Site cleanup.

The unexploded ordnance contractor personnel performed the initial identification.

The members of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) X-rayed the round, believed to be a conventional weapon, and determined it contained liquid. The TE personnel packed and transported the round to the secure interim holding facility on former Camp Sibert where it will be stored until a final assessment is made at a later date as part of the cleanup process.

The safety plan went into effect immediately, and state and local officials were notified of the find.

“The public is reminded to practice the **3Rs**: **Recognize** that any suspicious objects found in the area should not be touched; **Retreat** -- carefully leave the area; and **Report** immediately what was found and its approximate location to the police,” said E. Patrick Robbins, chief of Mobile District public affairs.