

NAME OF LOCATION: Fort Ord

Fort Ord is located near the cities of Marina Del Ray Oaks, Seaside, Sand City, and is 9 miles north of Monterey, California. The land for this installation was purchased in 1917 and was called the Fort Ord Complex and was comprised of several camps. The installation was used as a maneuver area and field artillery range for the 11th Cavalry and the 76th Field Artillery. In 1933, the post was renamed Fort Ord.

Fort Ord was an Infantry Training Center. During World War II, troops assigned to Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, trained and conducted experiments at Fort Ord and Fort Ord's sub-installation Camp McQuaid.

Chemical agent identification sets (CAIS) were used at Fort Ord prior to 1974 for field training of troops at a site past the landfill area off Imjin Road. In 1974, four CAIS in the inventory were removed from the installation and sent to Edgewood, Maryland. They were subsequently sent to Rocky Mountain Arsenal for destruction.

LOCALITY/STATE: Fort Ord, California (Monterey County)

SCOPE OF RESTORATION EFFORTS: As at many other training installations, CAIS were found at Fort Ord and removed. At many installations around the country, CAIS were buried and later encountered during construction-related activities; however, no records of such practice or of subsequent CAIS discovery have been found at Fort Ord. Contamination at the firing ranges is most likely limited to unexploded ordnance, explosive residues, and heavy metals.

EFFORTS TO DATE: Remedial investigations are underway at 41 sites on the installation for conventional toxic wastes. Four Records of Decision have been completed at Fort Ord. These will allow the remedial design/remedial action for all but seven sites, unexploded ordnance/ordnance and explosive wastes, and Monterey Bay.

REMEDIATION SCHEDULE: There is no known need for chemical agent remediation at Fort Ord.

RISK PERCEPTION: This installation is not believed to present any immediate threat to human health or safety due to chemical agents.

