

# DoD Releases Annual DERP / MMRP Report to Congress

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The annual report outlining the progress made in the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) during FY2006 was submitted to Congress. The report provides a status of the Installation Restoration Program and Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) sites. MMRP sites include sites on active DoD installations, BRAC installations, and Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). A new addition to the FY2006 annual report was an update on the munitions sea disposal sites historical archives review and inventory. Summaries of the MMRP and munitions sea disposal findings are provided below.

The information was extracted from the appendices in the FY2006 annual DERP report. Those applicable appendices can be viewed by using the download link provided below this article.

**MMRP site on Active Installations** The report listed 1,310 MMRP sites with 292 installations being funded. 226 of the sites were listed as Response Complete (RC) and 99 as not evaluated, the rest were divided among the 5 levels of risk or Risk Assessment Code (RAC) scores. \$58.4 M was expended on MMRP sites on active installations in FY2006 with \$87.8M and \$110.4M planned for FY2007 and FY2008 respectively. The cost-to-comple (CTC) estimate for the MMRP sites on active installations is \$5.15B.

**MMRP sites on BRAC installations** The report listed 373 MMRP sites located on 71 installations. 122 of the sites were listed as RC and 145 as not evaluated, the rest were divided among the 5 levels of risk or RAC scores. \$52.8 M was expended on MMRP sites on BRAC installations in FY2006 with \$24.3M and \$47.8M planned for FY2007 and FY2008 respectively. The CTC estimate for the MMRP sites on BRAC installations is \$902M.

**MMRP sites on FUDS** - The report listed 1,633 MMRP sites with 1,541 potential properties being funded. 473 of the sites were listed as RC and 323 as not evaluated, the rest were divided among the 5 levels of risk or RAC scores. \$91.5 M was expended on the MMRP sites on FUDS in FY2006 with \$85.5M and \$80.2M planned for FY2007 and FY2008 respectively. The CTC estimate for the MMRP sites on FUDS is \$12.6B.

Some interesting observations in the data include the continued use of the RAC scores verses the MMRP Prioritization Protocol that DoD spent several years and probably millions of dollars to develop. For the FUDS MMRP sites, it was reported that approximately 200 projects, which had been previously closed out prior to 2004 because they did not pose a threat, had to be reopened in 2005. The sites had to be reopened mainly to address lead at small arms ranges, which had previously not been considered an issue under the FUDS program. The USACE reported that they have completed Preliminary Assessments (PAs) for nearly all MMRP-eligible sites in order to meet the FY2007 goal.

The munitions sea disposal site inventory and historical records review was presented as a work in progress. The final report due under Section 314 of the FY2007 Defense Authorization Act will be reported in the FY2009 annual report. As of 2007, the research has identified approximately 30,000 tons of disposed chemical agent at 19 sites. The sites identified in the report include 10 sites in the Atlantic (stretching from off the coast of New Jersey down to Florida); 1 site off Alaska; 4 sites off

the coast of Oahu, Hawaii; 1 site off Alaska; 2 sites in the Gulf of Mexico; and 1 site located near where the Mississippi River meets the Gulf of Mexico. The Mississippi River site is by far the closest and the most shallow site of all of them (less than 1 mile from shore in 50 foot water depth). The list of sites and munitions dumped at sea in the FY2006 is not complete as the effort is still a work in progress.

To view the munitions related applicable appendices from the FY2006 Annual DERP Report to Congress use the download link below.