

Welcome to the Boardman Air Force Range Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) web site we have established to keep you informed about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' efforts to conduct the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) Site Investigation (SI).

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating FUDS that had historically been used for military training. One of these sites Boardman Air Force Range is located in Morrow County, near Boardman, Ore.

Between 1941 and 1943 the U.S. Army Air Corps acquired more than 95,000 acres of land through private purchase and Department of Interior (DOI) land transfers for a bombing and gunnery range at the former Boardman Air Force Range. The Army Air Corps operated the range until 1946 when the land was placed in excess.

In 1948 the U.S. Air Force withdrew the range from excess and used the bombing range from 1948 to August 1960 when it was placed back in excess. In November, 1960 the Air Force transferred the land to the U.S. Navy. The western half is owned by agricultural organizations, Portland General Electric, Morrow County, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Boeing Company and the Nature Conservancy lease two large tracts of land.

The Corps will do the evaluation by conducting a MMRP SI. The SI will be conducted by a Corps contractor, Shaw Environmental. The work to be performed will include access to and a visual inspection of property that was part of the former Boardman Air Force Range. The inspection may also include soil and/or water sampling.

The SI will be used to determine what future work the Corps may do to clean-up possible munitions related components and chemical constituents used during training. The Corps of Engineers inspects and evaluates sites contaminated with hazardous waste, radioactive waste, and/or ordnance according to federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

In order to begin the SI the Corps will be contacting property owners of the former Boardman Air Force Range site and request the owner to provide a signed Department of the Army Right of Entry (ROE) for Investigation and Sampling.

If you have ideas that would make this web site more useful to you, please let us know.