



MCAS Miramar Environmental Cleanup Program Community Interview Fact Sheet



Environmental Cleanup Program Overview

In 1981, the Department of Defense (DoD) developed an environmental cleanup program, known as the *Installation Restoration (IR) Program*, to identify, assess, characterize, and clean up or control contamination from past hazardous waste-disposal operations and hazardous materials spills at U.S. Navy and Marine Corps installations. In addition, the IR Program is charged with making every effort to reduce the risk to human health and the environment. This program was established to comply with federal requirements regarding cleanup of hazardous waste sites.

Since the development of the cleanup program, efforts have been made to identify, evaluate, and cleanup contaminated sites on MCAS Miramar. To date, eleven of the original 18 IR Sites have been cleaned up on Marine Corps Air Station Miramar (MCAS Miramar).

Military Munitions Response Program Overview

In 2000, the National Defense Authorization Act required the DoD to establish a program addressing military munitions, known as the *Military Munitions Response Program* (MMRP) to address munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) and munitions constituents (MCs) used or released on sites from past operations and activities. Current IR Program policies and procedures apply to sites under the MMRP, as well as provisions for unique explosives safety hazards.

There are currently 11 MMRP sites that have been recommended for further study at MCAS Miramar.

Community Relations Plan Overview

In an effort to increase the community's understanding of the cleanup of these sites on MCAS Miramar, a Community Relations Plan (CRP) is currently being updated. This plan will assist the Marine Corps in planning community relations activities to address citizens' concerns on an ongoing basis during the environmental cleanup process.

This CRP addresses community relations activities in support of the IR Program and MMRP being conducted at MCAS Miramar and *does not include* any other environmental programs at MCAS Miramar, such as Natural Resources or Watershed issues, unless they specifically pertain to the cleanup of hazardous wastes as defined by IR Program and MMRP guidelines.

Community Interviews Overview

An important part of the CRP is conducting community interviews to determine how much community members know about cleanup efforts on MCAS Miramar, as well as any concerns that the public may have. In order to discover this information, interviews are conducted with residents, businesses, public service agencies, community groups, environmental groups, base representatives, base neighbors, elected officials and the media.

Following the interview process, interview feedback from all sources is gathered, compiled, analyzed, and incorporated it into a Community Relations Program, which allows program personnel to communicate effectively with community members regarding cleanup activities on MCAS Miramar.

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