

# Public Notice: U.S. Army Invites Public Comments For Crow's Nest Impact Area Munitions

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The U.S. Army is announcing a 30-day public review and comment period of the engineering evaluation/cost analysis for the non-time-critical removal action for the Crow's Nest Impact Area Munitions response site, associated with former artillery training that occurred from the early 1800s to the early 1930s.

Eight artillery range fans, including a testing range that originated on the east side of the Hudson River (West Point Foundry), were oriented toward the former Crow's Nest Impact Area. Comprehensive investigations were conducted at the munitions response site under the Military Munitions Response Program to address any potential explosives hazards, human health and environmental issues resulting from past use of the area. Investigation included hand-held metal detector and digging surveys. Multiple munitions and explosives of concern items and munitions debris were found during the investigations.

The U.S. Army has determined that there is a potential threat to human health or welfare due to the threat of fire or explosion resulting from the potential presence of munitions and explosives remaining on-site at the Crow's Nest Impact Area. Possible exposure is limited to on-site workers who may disturb the sites during utility or construction activities and unauthorized trespassers.

The purpose of the engineering evaluation/cost analysis was to evaluate two alternatives: (1) No Action and (2) Land Use Controls, for mitigation of potential risks posed to human health at the on-post munitions response site. The evaluation was conducted in accordance with the comprehensive environmental response, compensation and liability act guidelines for non-time-critical removal actions for addressing the risks during the interim while the Military Munitions Response Program progresses, and more permanent actions are investigated and implemented.

Based on the evaluation of alternatives for the Crow's Nest Impact Area Munitions response site, the U.S. Army has identified Land Use Controls as the preferred alternative recommended for the non-time-critical removal action in the engineering evaluation/cost analysis. Land Use Controls include institutional controls (dig permits, site use restrictions in the West Point master plan, and public advisories) and engineering controls (markers/signs and fences). The preferred alternative identified by the U.S. Army will protect human health by minimizing human exposure to munitions and explosives of concern and reduce the explosive hazards from munitions remaining at the Crow's Nest Impact Area Munitions response site and allow for the current use of the area while more permanent actions are evaluated.

## Site Investigated and subject to removal action

THE CROW'S NEST IMPACT AREA MUNITIONS RESPONSE SITE IS LOCATED AT THE WEST POINT FOUNDRY, WEST POINT, NEW YORK.