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# Fact Sheet

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## Public Comments Sought on Shumaker Naval Ammunition Depot Draft Report

The Little Rock District of the Army Corps of Engineers has scheduled a public question and answer session and is seeking public comments on a draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis report for the former Shumaker Naval Ammunition Depot near Camden, Ark.

The question and answer session will be from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 23 at the Ross Center in Camden. A Restoration Advisory Board meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. Both are open to the public.

The report will be available for viewing on or before July 23 at the Camden Public Library or in Room 6528 of the Federal office Building in Little Rock. It will also be available on the internet at:

[www.swl.usace.army.mil/projmgmt/shumaker.html](http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/projmgmt/shumaker.html)

The draft analysis reports the results of the Corps' investigations to determine whether ordnance and explosives remain from the Navy's activities at the former naval depot.

It also assesses whether any risk is posed to the public, evaluates alternatives, and makes recommendations to ensure public safety.

Earlier studies determined that only about 5,800 acres had the potential to have remaining ordnance. Government contractors conducted extensive airborne and ground based tests on samples of the 820-acre area.

The tests included a rocket test range, a fuse test range, a rocket burn area, a TNT burn area, a buried drum area, and some wells.

No explosive hazards were found, only non-explosive ordnance and scrap metal. The Navy used the 68,000-acre site intermittently between 1944 and 1957.



*Numerous ordnance items, similar to the ones above, were found on the former rocket range. All were determined to be inert (non-explosive).*

When the Department of Defense no longer needed to keep the property, it was cleaned up using the technology available at that time and sold at a deep discount with proper notification to buyers of its past use and the potential for contamination.

Since then, much of the property has been used by private industries.

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Comments must be received by Aug. 23 to be included in the public record and be considered for revisions to the final report.