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## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Conduct Public Meeting**

*FORT WORTH, Texas* – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a public meeting to introduce details from the investigation of the former Hammond Bombing and Gunnery Range, a formerly used defense site located near Hammond, LA.

The meeting will take place **Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Quality Inn, 2000 South Morrison Boulevard, Hammond, Louisiana**. USACE representatives will be available to explain the project and answer questions.

A site inspection was conducted at the former Hammond Bombing and Gunnery Range to determine if munitions hazards remain at the site. The Army's number one priority is public health and safety.

Formerly used defense sites were used by the military to train Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines as well as test new weapons and warfare capabilities. From 1942-1945, the former Hammond Bombing and Gunnery Range was used for gunnery, rocket, and bombing practice for pilots deploying overseas.

The public is reminded to practice the 3Rs: **Recognize** – any suspicious objects found in the area should not be touched. **Retreat** – carefully leave the area. **Report** – immediately call the police or sheriff and report what was found and its approximate location.

For more information about the former Hammond Bombing and Gunnery Range, please contact Clay Church, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, (817) 886-1488.

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