



FACT SHEET

Water Munitions Response Sites

Military Munitions Response Program

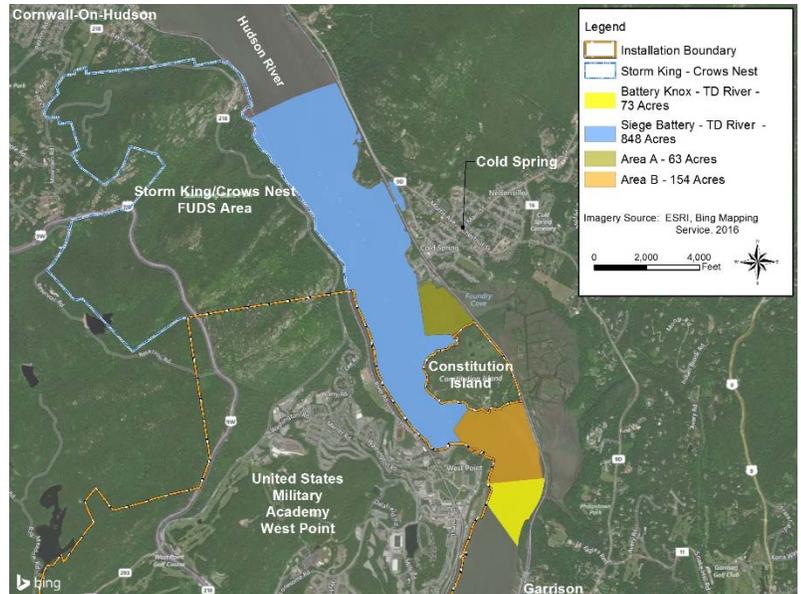
U.S. Army Garrison West Point

West Point, New York

➤ Project overview –

The U.S. Army Garrison West Point and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District are beginning a remedial investigation (RI) of two munitions response sites associated with historical military munitions training conducted from the early-1800's to the 1900's. The RI will be performed within the Hudson River adjacent to the Garrison as well as along both the eastern and western shores of the River. The RI will be performed from approximately the Village of Garrison in the south to Cornwall – On-Hudson in the north.

The RI is being performed under the Department of Defense Military Munitions Response Program initiative of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. Results of the RI will help determine if military munitions and related munitions constituents contamination are present within the Hudson River or along the shores of the River. Work at each munitions response site will include underwater geophysical surveys, diver operations, potential munitions detonations using approved methods, and sediment sampling.



➤ What you should expect –

Underwater geophysical surveys will be performed to locate underwater military munitions. These surveys will use high sensitivity metal detectors and sonar devices towed by marine research vessels. The research vessels will conduct the surveys by travelling back and forth across the Hudson River. The data collected will be analyzed to identify potential military munitions locations and other features of interest (e.g., shipwrecks). No disruptions to maritime activities or recreational uses of the River are expected while the surveys are being conducted.



Locations of interest identified from the geophysical surveys will be further investigated using qualified unexploded ordnance (UXO) technician divers. The UXO divers will dive to the locations of interest to assess if military munitions are present. If military munitions are identified, the munitions will be removed from the River bottom. The removed munitions will be destroyed in shallow water or dry land on the eastern shore of the River on federal property. To comply with Department of Defense explosive safety regulations, strict exclusion zones will be maintained for public safety when diver operations and munitions detonations are being conducted.

➤ Estimated investigation schedule –

Geophysical survey activities will begin in Spring 2018. Dive work is expected to be completed in Summer 2018.

➤ For more information –

If you are interested in more information about this project, contact Jeff Sanborn, West Point Directorate of Public Works, at (845) 938-5041.

Because of its many years of use as a premier training facility for the U.S. military, it is possible that old and abandoned munitions may be found in the vicinity of West Point. If anyone finds a suspicious item, they should follow the Three R's of the Army's safety program—Recognize, Retreat and Report. No one should ever pick up, touch, or handle a suspected munitions item. The item should be left where it was found and immediately reported to emergency officials by dialing 911.