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\$2-million Clean-Up Effort Completed at Camp Navajo

CAMP NAVAJO, ARIZ.... Camp Navajo has recently completed a \$2-million cleanup of a 2.5-acre debris pile containing scrap metal, old banding materials, fragments from demilitarized ordnance items, munitions of explosive concern (MEC), unexploded ordnance (UXO), and environmentally-related contamination at Camp Navajo in Bellemont, Arizona.

As part of the removal action, 125 tons of scrap metal have been shipped off-site for recycling, and more than 400 MEC and UXO items were destroyed during three separate on-site detonation events. Seventy tons of ordnance-related scrap, more than 40 drums containing smoke canisters and/or fuse cans, and more than 300 crushed drums were transferred to an area within the Camp Navajo Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD) Area where these materials are currently being sorted by certified technicians for off-site recycling or disposal. Recovered liquid wastes, including used oil and small amount of paint thinner, were appropriately profiled, consolidated, and shipped off-site to a treatment and disposal facility. In addition, more than 21,000 tons of unsorted soil are currently stockpiled at NAAD 09C, and, based on waste profiling analytical results, the majority of this material may be managed on site.

Camp Navajo was established as a storage depot for explosives and other strategic war supplies more than 60 years ago. It was also a place where obsolete or unserviceable munitions were demilitarized in an area known as the OB/OD Area, which was used until the demilitarization mission ended in 1994. The National Guard Bureau, in coordination with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Arizona Army National Guard, has been working on an investigation and cleanup of the Camp Navajo OB/OD Area for more than 10 years.

For more information, visit <http://www.CampNavajoEnvironmental.org>.