US Army Garrison - Ft Gordon

SRS CAB and Strategic and Legacy Management Committee

Army Training Update

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Purpose

To fulfill the Strategic and Legacy Management work plan topic
Agenda

✓ History
✓ Discussion of Training Activities for FY 12.
✓ Results and Analysis.
✓ Anticipated training activities, FY 13 and Beyond.
Background

Army faces shortfall of 5 million acres of maneuver training land in the Continental United States

- Base Closures
- Technology Changes in Weapons
- Environmental Restrictions

Strategies

- Maximize Management of Existing Lands,
- Use of Other Federal Lands.

Decision To Support

- DOE has an interest in the protection of national security
- Subject to reasonable protocols, compatible with SRS's missions and sustainable natural and cultural resource stewardship
- Army will benefit from the unique training capabilities afforded by SRS
- DOE considered the multiple use of SRS lands a prudent use of federal property.

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Implementation

Memorandum of Understanding – September 2007
DOE-HQDA

Interagency Agreement (IAG)– September 2009
SRS-Fort Gordon

Joint Standard Operating Procedure
• Details processes and responsibilities
• Incorporated into IAG

Environmental Assessment - Issued
Key Items

- DOE Maintains Ownership and Control of all SRS Property
- No Interference with Site Operations
- Does not eliminate future missions nor Enterprise SRS Initiatives
- No Incremental Cost to SRS
- Army Responsible for Training Activities/Safety
- No Liability to DOE / SRNS
- Training events will be pre-coordinated, approved by DOE, and limited to specific areas during specific times
- Training plans consider/protect of Site environmental/cultural resources
- Training does not include any live fire or tracked vehicles
- Areas designated for training are not dedicated to training only, rather it is for concurrent, multiple use of land
- Can be cancelled by either party
## Training Completed and Training Scheduled

### Completed.....
- **January 2012**: Army Light Infantry Operations
- **February 2012**: Army Light Infantry Operations
- **Mar 2012**: 20th SUPCOM NDT Missions
- **April 2012**: SRNL Radiological / Nuclear Challenge
- **May 2012**: Marine Corps Light Infantry Operations
- **July 2012**: Marine Corps Light Infantry Operations

### Scheduled......
- **August 2012**: Army Light Infantry Operations
- **November 2012**: Marine Corps Light Infantry Operations
- **Dec 2012**: Marine Corps Operations Training Group
- **March 2013**: Army Light Infantry Operations

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Training Completed

Light Infantry Operations
January 2012

D-Area and 681-1G Pump House
Simulated assault on fortified enemy strong hold using Army water craft and ground forces.

Light Infantry Operations
February 2012

Simulated assault on Rail facilities using Army helicopters and ground forces.

Rail Classification Yard

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Training Completed
Mar 2012, 20th Support Command (SUPCOM) Nuclear Disablement Team (NDT) Missions

Army Nuclear Disablement Teams practiced characterization and disablement exercises on simulated Nuclear production facilities.

DOE-SR repurposed inactive facilities for Army training activities.

- C-Reactor
- F-Canyon NSR
- 681-1G Pump House
- 717-A Maintenance Shop

Radiological support provided by Savannah River National Lab.
April 2012 SRNL Radiological and Nuclear Challenge

This was an SRNL sponsored event. 3 Army Civil Support Teams and a WMD Team from the Philadelphia Police Department, competed in various simulated threat based nuclear scenarios. Competitors exercised their radiological detection equipment and reporting techniques. Training locations included:

- P- Reactor Parking Lot
- Rail Classification Yard
- D-Area Bubbler Towers
Training Completed

USMC Infantry Operations
May 2012

D-Area and 681-1G Pump House
Simulated assault on fortified enemy strong hold using Navy aircraft and ground forces.

USMC Infantry Operations
May 2012

Rail Classification Yard
Simulated assault on Rail facilities using Navy aircraft and ground forces.

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Training Completed

Simulated assault on Rail facilities using Navy aircraft and ground forces.

Simulated assault on fortified enemy strong hold using Marine aircraft and waterborne forces.

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Training Scheduled

Marine Corps Special Operations
✓ November, 2012
✓ December, 2012

Small 12 man, USMC Infantry elements conduct air, ground, water operations on approved SRS training locations.

Marines will train only during the hours of darkness.
3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division

Helicopter crews conduct flight training on approved SRS Helicopter Landing Zones in preparation for overseas deployment.

First flight in May will be pilot orientation and a safety flight.

Anticipate training to begin in late August.
Training Scheduled

August 2012, Army Light Infantry Operations

Platoon size, Army Light Infantry units conduct air, land, and water operations on approved SRS training facilities.

Activities will include day and night operations.
Results and Analysis

Results
- Strong partnership with DOE-SR.
- Strong working relationship with SRNL.
- Army very impressed with SRS training opportunities.
- Local economy benefits
  - Barnwell Airport Fuel Sales.
  - Hotel / lodging sales.
  - Food catering.
  - Logistical Support.
- Highly technical training exercises, no injuries or destruction of DOE-SR property.
- No disturbance of the environment.

Analysis
- Some training activities pose concern with DOE-SR operations and security training activities.
- Army does not have dedicated facilities for 24-7 operations.
Anticipated training activities, FY 13 and Beyond

We anticipate the following….

✓ Training will be primarily small unit, short duration, light forces accessing SRS by air and water.
✓ Significant rotary wing training activities.
✓ Increased use of inactive (Cold) SRS facilities.
✓ SRNL supported events for WMD training activities.
✓ Most training activities will take place during the hours of darkness.
✓ We can anticipate an increased use of local businesses; hotels, food, and fuel.
Questions......

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