

# FINAL Operational Range Assessment Program Phase I Qualitative Assessment Report Camp Navajo, Arizona U.S. Army Operational Range Assessment Program Qualitative Operational Range Assessments

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The United States (U.S.) Army is conducting qualitative assessments at operational ranges to meet the requirements of Department of Defense policy and to support the U.S. Army Sustainable Range Program. The operational range qualitative assessment (hereinafter referred to as Phase I Assessment) is the first phase of the U.S. Army Operational Range Assessment Program (ORAP). This Phase I Assessment evaluates the operational range area at Camp Navajo to assess whether further investigation is needed to determine if potential munitions constituents of concern (MCOC) are or could be migrating off-range at levels that may pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. In conducting the Phase I Assessment, MCOC sources, potential off-range migration pathways, and potential off-range human and ecological receptors are evaluated as appropriate.

Camp Navajo is a 28,442.3-acre facility located in Bellemont, Arizona, 12 miles west of Flagstaff. The facility consists of 17 operational ranges, totaling 26,397.55 acres: a small arms range, 15 maneuver and training areas, and a light demolition range. According to munitions data collected during the Phase I Assessment, the types of munitions fired at Camp Navajo include small caliber, pyrotechnics, and obscurants. Potential MCOC associated with these munitions types include lead, antimony, copper, zinc, tungsten, and nitroglycerin. Pyrotechnics and obscurants are expended in drums and potential MCOC with these munitions are contained.

There are several areas located within Camp Navajo, which are not considered part of this qualitative assessment. A historical open burn / open detonation (OB/OD) area totaling 2,044.75 acres is located in the south-central portion of the installation, west of Volunteer Canyon. This closed range contains several Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permitted areas, which were used for demolition of historical munitions stored on the installation. Additionally, there is a historical pyrotechnic range located in one of the maneuver and training areas and a historical explosive ordnance demolition area located in the light demolition range. Within these operational range areas, the historical portions are being remediated under the National Guard Bureau's Installation Restoration Program (IRP), which encompass where military munitions activities occurred.

Despite the utilization of military munitions on the operational ranges at Camp Navajo, the migration of on-range MCOC to off-range receptors is unlikely. Pathways via surface water and groundwater do not exist due to the soil composition, high evapotranspiration rates, depth to groundwater, and sporadic precipitation.

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#### <u> Unlikely – Five-Year Review</u>

The 17 ranges at Camp Navajo are categorized as Unlikely, totaling 26,397.55 acres. These ranges consist of a small arms range, 15 maneuver and training areas, and a light demolition range. Ranges where, based upon a review of readily available information, there is sufficient evidence to show that there are no known releases or source-receptor interactions that could present an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment are categorized as Unlikely. Ranges categorized as Unlikely are required to be re-evaluated at least every five years. Re-evaluation may occur sooner if significant changes (e.g., change in range operations, site conditions, regulatory changes) occur that affect determinations made during this Phase I Assessment.

**Table ES-1** summarizes the Phase I Assessment findings.

Category	Total Number of Ranges and Acreage	Source(s)	Pathway(s)	Human Receptors	Ecological Receptors	Conclusions and Rationale
Unlikely	One operational range; 419.82 acres	Small caliber impact berms	None given the low mobility of metals in neutral soils, sporadic rainfall, on-range surface water catchment, and high evapotranspiration rates	Not evaluated (no migration pathways were identified)		Re-evaluate during the five-year review. No migration pathways were identified.
	16 operational ranges; 25,977.73 acres	Limited source – no live-fire military munitions use	Not evaluated (no MCOC source was identified)			Re-evaluate during the five-year review. No MCOC source was identified.

### Table ES-1: Summary of Findings and Conclusions for Camp Navajo

## ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

amsl	Above Mean Sea Level			
ARID-GEO	Army Range Inventory Database-Geodatabase			
ARNG	Army National Guard			
AZARNG	Arizona Army National Guard			
AZDEQ	Arizona Department of Environmental Quality			
bgs	Below Ground Surface			
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act			
CSM	Conceptual Site Model			
DNT	Dinitrotoluene			
DoD	Department of Defense			
DODI	Department of Defense Instruction			
Е	Ecological receptors identified. (This refers to range grouping; pathway			
	designation always precedes E designation.)			
EAD	Environmental Assessment Division			
EDMS	Environmental Data Management System			
GW	Groundwater pathway identified. (This refers to range grouping; M			
	designation always precedes GW designation.)			
Н	Human receptors identified. (This refers to range grouping; pathway			
	designation always precedes H designation.)			
HEGI	Harris Environmental Group, Inc.			
IRP	Installation Restoration Program			
LS	Limited Source			
М	Munitions used. (This refers to range grouping; M designation always			
	precedes applicable pathway.)			
MCOC	Munitions Constituents of Concern			
NG	Nitroglycerin			
NGB	National Guard Bureau			
OB/OD	Open Burn / Open Detonation			
ORAP	Operational Range Assessment Program			
PU	Pathway unlikely or incomplete. (This refers to range grouping; M			
	designation always precedes PU designation.)			
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act			
RFMSS	Range Facility Management Support System			
SW	Surface water pathway identified. (This refers to range grouping; M			
	designation always precedes SW designation.)			
U.S.	United States			
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers			
USACHPPM	United States Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine			
USAEC	United States Army Environmental Command			
USATHAMA	United States Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency			
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture			
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency			
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service			
°F	Degrees Fahrenheit			

