



## California Fort Ord

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### ***Facility and Location***

Fort Ord is located near Monterey Bay approximately 80 miles south of San Francisco. Since 1917, the installation has served primarily as a training and staging facility for infantry troops. In 1940, the 7th Infantry Division (ID) was activated, then 4th, 5th and 6th Divisions as well. In 1957, Fort Ord became a U.S. Army Infantry Training Center, in 1974 the 7th ID was reactivated and in 1983 it was converted to a light division (operating without heavy tanks or armor). Fort Ord was selected in 1991 for closure under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Program. Troops were reassigned in 1994 and the post formally closed. Although Army personnel still operate a small portion, active Army divisions are not stationed at Fort Ord.

The Environmental Protection Agency identified Fort Ord as a Superfund site in 1990 due to groundwater contamination. A multi-range area located in the south central portion of Fort Ord is expected to have the highest density of munitions and explosives of concern, such as artillery and mortar, containerized and uncontainerized explosives, and propellants.

### ***Media Sampled and Findings***

**Soil** — Prior to 2007, 41 of 442 samples at Site 39 Multi Range Area detected perchlorate from 13 ppb to 106 ppb. In addition, ten samples from site 39 range 36A reported no detection.

### ***Appropriate Actions***

Perchlorate was not detected in any previous sampling round. The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, which established a 7,000 ppb screening level for perchlorate in soil, has reviewed the site history and data and determined that no further action was needed regarding perchlorate sampling in either water or soil.