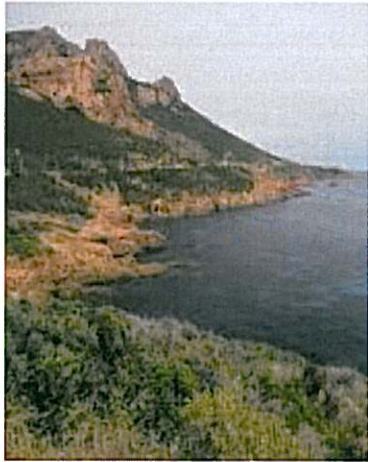


# The Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Forum

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**May 24-26, 2011 Chicago, Illinois**

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## **BACKGROUND AND SCOPE OF THE FUDS PROGRAM**

The Department of Defense (DoD) is responsible for environmental restoration of properties that were formerly owned by, leased to, or otherwise possessed by the United States and under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense. These properties are known as Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). The Army is the executive agent for the program and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) manages and directs the program. Many FUDS cleanup issues are complicated by the fact that some properties have had a variety of uses including industrial, commercial, residential and public use including national parks. The FUDS program is the largest and most complex DoD restoration program. The scope and magnitude of the FUDS program are significant, with 10,027 properties identified for potential inclusion in the program.



Of these, 6,987 properties have been deemed eligible for the FUDS Program, with 2,689 properties requiring response actions. The total cost to complete cleanup at FUDS sites is estimated at \$14 billion. Per DoD Policy, information about the origin and extent of contamination, land transfer considerations, past and present property ownership, and program policies must be evaluated before DoD considers a property eligible for the FUDS program. The FY 2011, FUDS budget request was \$277 million. Every State, Territory, and the District of Columbia has FUDS.

## **FUDS FORUM**

DoD established the FUDS Improvement Working Group (FIWG) in October 2000 in response to concerns voiced by the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) and Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO). The FIWG (renamed to FUDS Forum) consisted of State, EPA, Tribal, DoD, Army and USACE representatives who worked to improve a number of issues raised about the FUDS Program until it dissolved in October 2007. In 2010, DoD revitalized the FUDS Forum to again provide an opportunity for States to share their concerns about the FUDS Program and to promote information exchange. On February 17-18, 2010, representatives from States, DoD, and EPA held an initial planning meeting for the new FUDS Forum. The FUDS Forum Planning Committee has been meeting regularly since then to organize the Forum and a National Meeting. One of the major goals of the FUDS Forum is to create a dialogue to address local, state and national cross-cutting issues associated with FUDS cleanups. The Forum Planning Committee has organized a system of local meetings to be followed up by national meetings to address issues that have arisen in multiple states.



## STATE PARTICIPATION

Because of the complexity of these issues and the resources that are being extended to help solve them, we are encouraging every state to participate

In the Local and National Meetings We are also encouraging States to raise issues and provide input through ASTSWMO and the FUDS Forum Portal which can be accessed at [www.FudsForum.org](http://www.FudsForum.org).

The National Meeting will occur May 24-26 in Chicago Illinois. We are encouraging all states to participate in this first FUDS Forum National Meeting.

## Local Level

Local meetings between individual States/territories, EPA Regional Offices as appropriate, and their corresponding USACE FUDS Districts and Divisions have been occurring since October, 2010 and will continue throughout each fiscal year. The purpose of local meetings is to encourage regular dialogue between State and USACE representatives, and for both parties to raise and address issues of concern at the State or site-specific level. Issues that cannot be resolved at this meeting and those that are not localized issues, perhaps multi-site issues, will be referred for discussion to the National Meeting.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## National Level

The National meetings will be held to discuss national policy issues, some of which have already been identified, and many of which will be referred from the Local meetings. The first FUDS Forum National Meeting is scheduled for May 24-26, 2011 in Chicago Illinois. Participants will discuss issues elevated from Local meetings. National meetings will also discuss multi-project issues that may benefit from common approach. Participants will include State and EPA Headquarters representatives, and staff from DoD. Headquarters, and DoD.