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Neighborhood Notice Upcoming Work Near Your Neighborhood Robotics Technology Demonstration – Clearance Activities

What: Technology demonstration and materials clearance on the Ranges in the eastern portion of the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR).
Where: On base approximately ½ mile from the MMR boundary with Forestdale
Dates: March 24th to June 30th
Times: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dear Neighbor:

As part of our effort to keep local residents advised of activities that might affect them, this notice is sent to inform you of planned work near your neighborhood.

The U.S. Army Environmental Command's Impact Area Groundwater Study Program is conducting a Robotics Technology Demonstration at range areas on the eastern portion of MMR, which are located on base, near the boundary with Forestdale. This technology demonstration will test the ability of remotely operated equipment to remove vegetation and identify any old munitions that may be present on the ranges. The Groundwater Study Program has partnered with the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) of Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida for this demonstration.

Vegetative and/or materials clearance may occur on the L Range, Former K Range and other areas adjacent to the boundary with Forestdale for the purposes of facilitating investigations and cleanup, and to assist with wildfire prevention and habitat management actions.

Potential Impact on Neighborhood During Fieldwork: All work is being conducted on base. It is unlikely that noise from the equipment would be audible beyond the base boundary during clearance activities. It is possible that an unexploded munition item may detonate during fieldwork. If a detonation occurs, it is possible it might be heard off base.

Permanent Impact on Neighborhood: None.

AFRL will be working at various locations on base over the next few months to evaluate different technologies to determine their effectiveness at removing surface and sub-surface items. We will keep you informed as work progresses.

For additional information on this project please visit our Web site at groundwaterprogram.army.mil or call **Pamela Richardson** with the Groundwater Study Program at **508-968-5630**.

For further information on the Impact Area Groundwater Study Program activities contact: Kristina Curley, Groundwater Study Program, (508) 968-5626; Jim Murphy, U.S. EPA New England Region 1, (617) 918-1028; or Ellie Grillo, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, (508) 946-2866.