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Taking into consideration various factors relating to safety and environmental hazard potential, the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant intends to apply the Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol (MRSP) at the following Military Munitions Response Program sites: Central Test Area, Line 6, West Burn Pads, Possible Demolition Site, and the East Training Range that includes the Incendiary Disposal Area and the Maneuver Area. The Department of Defense (DoD) has conducted live-fire training and testing of weapons systems at active and former military installations throughout the United States to ensure force readiness and defend our nation. While the DoD has made great progress in addressing the potential hazards associated with former munitions-related activities, there remains work to be done. Through direction provided by Congress, the DoD has developed the MRSP which assigns priorities to defense sites containing unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions, or munitions constituents.

The Army and the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant are in the process of completing a Remedial Investigation for the sites listed above and shall evaluate the sites by applying the MRSP. The MRSP evaluation criteria includes assessing types of munitions, assessing land uses, determining ease of access to the sites, and quantifying the number of people with access to the sites. Information collected will be used to apply the MRSP and will be made available for public review at the Iowa AAP in accordance with 32 CFR Part 179 requirements. It should be noted that while the Army completed the MRSP scoring for IAAAP, the Army has agreed with the EPA to complete a Remedial Investigation at all Munitions Response Sites at the installation.

If you have or would like additional information about these Munitions Response Sites or other potential Munitions Response Sites associated with the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, please contact Mr. Rodger D. Allison, Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, 17571 Hwy 79, Middletown, IA 52638-5000, telephone 319-753-7130, email rodger.allison@us.army.mil.

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