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PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND MEETING ABOUT FORMER BROOKSVILLE ARMY AIRFIELD

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a public workshop to discuss the details and results of the investigation of the former Brooksville Army Airfield on Thursday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m., at the Civil Air Patrol Office, 3151 Air Commerce Blvd., Brooksville, Fla.

An investigation was conducted at the Brooksville Army Airfield to determine if chemical warfare materiel remains on the site. Geophysical surveys and investigations were performed at three sites located on the Hernando County Airport property. No chemical warfare materiel was discovered during the investigation. The results of the investigation and recommendations for addressing any potential remaining hazards will be presented at the meeting.

The investigation report will be available for public review and comment from June 23-July 23 at the Hernando County Public Library, 238 Howell Ave., Brooksville, FL 34601. Comments may be sent to the Corporate Communication Office, ATTN: Amanda Ellison, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 701 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207.

On behalf of the Department of Defense, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cleans up sites that were formerly used by the military. The Brooksville Army Airfield is a formerly used defense site that was used by the Army from 1945-1946 for chemical munitions storage.

Safety is always the Corps' top priority. Should anyone encounter or suspect they have encountered munitions, it is vitally important that they follow the simple "3 Rs" of explosives safety:



Recognize the item may be dangerous; **Retreat** and do not touch it; **Report** its location to the local Sheriff's Office immediately.

For more information about the investigation or the former Brooksville Army Airfield, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Corporate Communications Office at 904-232-1576.

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