

Army Exceeds Property Disposal Goal

During FY 03, the Army disposed of a record 131,469 acres of excess/surplus Army real property. For BRAC, these disposals consisted of 72 properties comprising 107,272 acres. The BRAC property disposals exceeded the 100,000-acre disposal goal for FY 2003 set by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment). The Army ended FY03 with 38,629 BRAC acres remaining for disposal, not including BRAC chemical demilitarization installations, Pueblo and Umatilla, which require disposal upon the completion of Demil mission.

The significance of this accomplishment is that in FY03, the Army disposed of almost as much BRAC property as was disposed in the 12 prior years of BRAC disposals. The Army also disposed of 83 Non-BRAC civil and military properties totaling 24,197 acres. These properties consisted mostly of excess ammunition plant properties, reserve properties and civil works properties.

To accomplish these tasks, the Army used all available disposal authorities contained in the Federal Property Act, Early Transfer Authority, and Conservation Conveyance Authority and Special Legislative authorities. Environmental initiatives were a major factor for the success of the 2003 property transfer success. Specific environmental initiatives and efforts included:

1. Early Transfer Initiative: Conducted “out-of the box” aggressive coordination with federal and state regulatory agencies and obtained Governor or EPA Regional Administrator approval of 7 Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer properties resulting in the transfer of over 8,000 acres on 7 installations.

2. First-ever buyer conducted ordnance clearance: Gained state regulatory acceptance of an early transfer of 4,700 acres at Ft. McClellan, Alabama to include the first ever transfer of cleanup of ordnance contaminated property by a local reuse authority.

3. FOST Initiative: Through aggressive partnering with state regulatory agencies, obtained concurrence approval of 33 Finding of Suitability for Transfer (FOST) properties resulting in the transfer of over 79,000 acres on 17 installations.