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## Saipan/Rota ASR and Site Investigations

*Saipan & Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI)*

During this project, ZAPATA conducted archival research into past U.S. use of several locations in Saipan and Rota. We also conducted field surveys to determine the presence or absence of Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) as well as past use of the sites by the U.S. military.

Historical records were obtained from ten different repositories across the United States and used to address potential munitions response (MR) hazards and past activities at the FUDS. The munitions response (MR) historical records review was used to evaluate potential risks across the site and document past site activities and prior investigations. Historical maps, unit training records,

invoices, and other documentation were reviewed and recorded.

In addition to conducting historical records reviews of the sites, ZAPATA participated in field surveys of each site to assess the presence of MEC as well as other hazardous materials which may be present. Access to some sites was challenging due to rugged terrain and thick jungle conditions. The field surveys also provided an opportunity to meet with local government agencies and other stakeholders.

The data collected during the historical records review and site surveys was used to complete the Explosive Hazard Evaluation, Chemical Hazard Evaluation, and Human Health Evaluation modules for each site in accordance with the Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol (MRSPP) final rule



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