NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In accordance with 36 CFR § 800 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA), the U.S. Department of the Army (Army) is proposing to demolish 26 buildings as part of the FY14 Facility Reduction Program (FRP) at the Military Ocean Terminal Concord (MOTCO) in Concord, California. Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(a) the Army has determined that the FY14 FRP to demolish 26 buildings is an undertaking. Therefore, the Army is seeking California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurrence with the: 1) Determination of the area of potential effects (APE) in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.4(a)(1); 2) Identification and evaluation of potential historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(b)(1) and 800.4(c)(1); and 3) Determination that the Project will result in *No historic properties affected* in accordance with the 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1).

MOTCO opened in 1942 under the control of the U.S. Navy as a World War II armament storage depot, supplying ships for the Pacific Theater. Known then as U.S. Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, it continued to support war efforts during the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars. On October 1, 2008, MOTCO properties were transferred from the U.S. Navy to the U.S. Army. The mission of the 834th Transportation Battalion at MOTCO is to provide terminal and distribution services in support of deploying and redeploying forces; and to safely provide ammunition terminal services, including the provision of operational and training synergies between East and West Coast ammunition terminals. The FRP has the main objective to remove facilities that are beyond their functional life and are no longer required to support the MOTCO mission and the Army is proposing to demolish 26 buildings in order to comply with Army regulations.

The installation is located along Suisun Bay, north of the City of Concord. The FY14 FRP APE is located on the Vine Hill, California, 7.5-minute U.S.G.S. topographic map, T2N R2W in unsectioned portions of land (Enclosure 1, Map 1). The APE consists of the locations of the 26 buildings planned for demolition and includes the footprint of each building, outlined in red in Maps 2-9 of Enclosure 1. The FY14 FRP undertaking is to remove 26 vacant and non-utilized facilities at MOTCO. The FY14 FRP will remove the wooden, metal, and concrete structures but will not remove the foundations or concrete slabs on which the structures sit. Access to the structures will be by existing roads at MOTCO. No ground disturbance is anticipated as part of the FY14 FRP and no new construction is associated with the demolition. The Army requests your concurrence with the determination of the APE for the FY14 FRP in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.4(a)(1).

A list of potentially interested Native Americans was obtained from the Native American Heritage Commission. Tribes and individuals on that list were contacted in letters dated June 20, 2014 to determine if they have interest in consulting with the Army on the FY14 FRP, and to inquire if they have knowledge of locations of archeological sites or areas of traditional cultural value or concern in or near the
FY14FRP APE. If responses are received from a Native American tribe or individual, their views will be considered before implementation of the FY14 FRP.

Of the 26 facilities planned for demolition, nine facilities (111, 122, 144, 155, 160, 176, 190, 399, and 408) were determined not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and demolition of the facilities was determined to result in No historic properties affected (36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1)) in consultation with the SHPO in previous consultation (Reference USA_2012_1026_001) in 2012 and 2013 (Enclosure 2). As a result, those nine facilities have been removed from further evaluation for this undertaking. Updated NRHP evaluations of facilities E-100 and E-112 were conducted in the Update Report: Historic Building Inventory and Evaluation conducted at MOTCO in 2012 (Enclosure 3). Facilities E-100 and E-112 were determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP and in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.4(c)(1) the Army has requested SHPO concurrence with those determinations. Facility A-21 was originally recorded in 1993, updated in 1998, and updated again in 2014, and was determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP (Enclosure 4). This determination was submitted to the SHPO in a letter dated March 20, 2014 (Reference USA_2013_0412_001), and was concurred with in a letter dated May 22, 2014 (Enclosure 5). As a result, no further consideration of A-21 under the NHPA is required.

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(b)(1), the Army conducted an inventory and NRHP evaluations of the remaining 14 facilities (A-13, A-19, A-20, A-24, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, S-41, S-43, S-47, S-49, S-53, and S-55) in the FY14 FRP APE. These facilities were previously recorded in 1992 and determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP either individually or as a historic district. Because some of the buildings were not yet 50 years old in 1992, and to consider if the historic significance of the buildings may have changed, the Army conducted a full inventory and re-evaluation. The 1992 Historic Resources Inventory forms for the 14 facilities were updated to DPR 523 forms, which include consideration under Criterion A-D, as well as consideration of integrity (Enclosure 6). In keeping with the methodology applied in 1992 for facilities of similar function and construction, the “S” facilities (S-41, S-43, S-47, S-49, S-53, and S-55) were grouped together on one DPR form, as were R-1, R-3, and R-4. The remaining five facilities (A-13, A-19, A-20, A-24, and R-2) were recorded individually. None of the 14 facilities were found to be eligible for listing in the NRHP. In accordance with 36 CFR § 800.4(c)(1), the Army has requested SHPO concurrence with the determination that the 14 facilities (A-13, A-19, A-20, A-24, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, S-41, S-43, S-47, S-49, S-53, and S-55) are not individually eligible for listing in the NRHP.

In 1993, William Self Associates determined that MOTCO, then Naval Weapons Station, Concord, could not be justified as a historic district. The Army has reaffirmed the determination that the 26 facilities included in the FY14 FRP undertaking cannot be recommended as a historic district. Examined individually or for their association to the installation as a whole, they do not represent a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of buildings united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development. As an active munitions depot, MOTCO has undergone and continues to undergo changes as necessary to provide for the safe and efficient handling of naval ordnance and as a result, this continuous change has left no portion of the installation unaltered in terms of its original setting, feeling, and association. The Army has determined that the 26 facilities, lack distinction both individually and as a whole, and that they have not achieved sufficient significance as a potential historic district. The
Army has requested SHPO concurrence that the overall 26 facilities are not eligible for listing in the NRHP as a historic district.

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1), the Army has determined that there are no historic properties present within the APE for the FY14 FRP undertaking. The Army has provided documentation of this finding as set forth in 36 CFR § 800.11(d) in documentation and correspondence provided to the SHPO, has notified potential consulting parties, and has made this documentation available for public inspection by this posting on the official SDDC Homepage.

In summary, the Army is making public, its request to the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for concurrence of its findings that the identification of historic properties was reasonable and in good faith (36 CFR § 800.4[b][1]), that the 26 facilities for the FY14 FRP undertaking are cultural resources not eligible for listing in the NRHP either individually or as a historic district (36 CFR § 800.4[c][1]), and with the Army’s determination that the FY14 FRP would result in *No historic properties affected* (36 CFR § 800.4[d][1]).

Correspondence or requests for additional information on this action may be sent to Mr. Malcolm Charles, Director of Public Works, Department of the Army, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, 834th Transportation Battalion, 410 Norman Avenue, Concord, California 94520-1142. Mr. Charles can be reached by phone at (925) 246-4023.