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The Army's 8th Theater Sustainment Command based at Fort Shafter dispatched a team from the 706th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company from Oahu to Molokai today to assess the situation at the Molokai landfill.

Their assessment indicated that the items pose no immediate threat to the public and appear to be scrap metal items similar to the items found on August 1st. The Army continues to respond to public safety requests from law enforcement agencies. Army EOD units have overall responsibility for responding to explosive and munitions emergencies on land.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers successfully completed a cleanup at Formerly Used Defense Site Papohaku Ranchland Subdivision on Molokai three years ago in 2004, as part of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. Approximately 20,840 pounds of metallic debris associated with military use of the property were removed during the cleanup at the Papohaku Ranchland Bombing Target property. All munitions recovered by the Corps' contractor American Technologies Inc., were demilitarized in compliance with applicable DOD regulations prior to legal disposal at the Molokai landfill in 2004.

The Army remains committed to ensuring the health and human safety of the local community and the environment and stresses that munitions encountered by the public should never be touched or handled.

If you come across unexploded ordnance, remember to follow the "Three R Rule."

- ? Recognize – you may have seen ammunition
- ? Retreat – do not touch it
- ? Report – advise a life guard or other authority

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