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## **FORMER SPENCER ARTILLERY RANGE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)**

The former Spencer Artillery Range is located in Van Buren, Warren, Sequatchie and Bledsoe Counties, Tennessee approximately 12 miles south of Spencer, TN. It consists of 30,618 acres and was primarily used for live-fire artillery practice from 1941 until 1944. It was reportedly used as an air-to-ground gunnery range from 1944 to 1946. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is investigating the site under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS G04TN0178). The majority of the land is undeveloped wooded land. Portions of the property have been heavily subdivided for residential use. However, several of the developments have not been constructed. Currently there are several hundred landowners. Various investigations have been conducted at the former Spencer Artillery Range to determine the presence of munitions and explosives of concern as well as munitions constituents. USACE has worked closely with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to establish and follow remedial actions protective of human health and the environment.

The Department of Defense (DOD) encourages community involvement in the environmental restoration process. A Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is one of many methods the Army Corps of Engineers may use to facilitate public participation at a Formerly Used Defense Site. RABs provide a collaborative forum for the community, government agencies, tribes and installation decision makers to discuss and identify the most efficient and productive means to restore the environment. RAB members are asked to meet regularly to review and comment on technical documents and plans relating to the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities at the former Spencer Artillery Range. Members will be expected to serve as liaisons with the community and be available to meet with community members and groups. RAB members serve as volunteers and provide individual advice to decision makers on environmental restoration plans for the former Spencer Artillery Range.

The USACE Mobile District welcomes public feedback regarding interest in establishing a RAB for the former Spencer Artillery Range no later than June 7, 2019. Inquiries or questions should be submitted to:

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An Information Repository, which documents the rationale for all remedial action decisions for this site, is maintained and accessible to the community at the Burritt Memorial Library, located at 427 College Street Spencer, TN.

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