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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

TEDT-WS-CG

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Newly Assigned Personnel to White Sands Missile Range

SUBJECT: Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Hazards Orientation/Initial Safety Briefing

1. Welcome to White Sands Missile Range. You will find your assignment to this national treasure both interesting and enjoyable. As you are undoubtedly aware, the nature of our mission and the rugged geography encompassed by the Range create some very real hazards to visitors and employees at our facilities. With this in mind, I ask that you carefully read and sign this document in the space provided below. Should you have any questions, please ask any of your unit leaders or installation safety personnel and they will address your concerns or provide any additional information you might desire on a particular issue.
2. White Sands Missile Range has been used as an Ordnance and Explosives Test Facility since its inception as a Proving Ground in 1945. Prior to that, some areas of what is now the Southern part of the Range were used as artillery impact areas by troops training at Ft. Bliss. As a tri-Service Department of Defense Range, we have tested nearly every type of deployable ordnance that has been developed in America since 1945, as well as many items from other countries. Quite a number of these were deliberately designed to blend in with the terrain, and their presence may not be immediately obvious to a casual observer.
3. Although we conduct Range Clearance activities, we have no assurance that any area of the Range is truly 100% cleared of UXO. In general, if you see something man-made while on the Range, please avoid it. If it looks like an ordnance item, please report it to your unit leaders or installation safety personnel without disturbing it or its immediate vicinity.
4. Finally, the isolated nature of the Range, our rugged geography, and the Southwest's extreme climatic conditions combine to create health hazards of their own. Severe sunburn can occur in as little as 10 or 15 minutes at this altitude, and just about all of our wildlife and insect life come equipped with fangs or venom of some kind. Even the exotic Oryx you will see during your visit have long horns and a bad attitude. So, remain vigilant and keep your safety awareness at a high level while enjoying your visit to America's premier testing facility. Upon signature, please present this to your safety officer or unit leader for official filing.

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5. Thank you for your attention to this important safety orientation. Have a safe visit!


JOHN S. REGAN
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

I acknowledge that I have received the Commander's Range Hazard Orientation Briefing. I also acknowledge that I understand the hazards of unexploded ordnance and will therefore not touch or disturb any ordnance that I may find on the Range unless my official job requires me to do so. If my job requires me to handle UXOs, I will report to my unit leader or installation safety personnel.

Signature

Date