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claims, causes of action, or suits, due to, arising out of, or resulting from, immediately or remotely, the possible contaminated condition, ownership, use, occupation, or presence of the grantee, or any other person, upon the property, lawfully or otherwise.

§ 644.531 Warning to public of danger in handling explosive missiles.

When any land which has been contaminated with explosive objects, or chemical/biological agents, is released for disposal to, or use by, the general public in addition to the clearance statement furnished to the disposal agency, the DE will publicize, to the fullest extent practicable, the possibility of contaminants remaining on the land and the inherent danger of handling explosives or other contaminants. Such publication should be in the form of articles in official news media, or posting of the premises whenever the later is considered most feasible. Such publicity should include instructions that, in the event of the discovery of an explosive missile, or an object resembling an explosive missile, or other contaminant, or in the event of an injury caused by an explosion or exposure to toxic agents, such discovery or injury should be reported immediately to the DE. An effort should be made to obtain the cooperation of local law enforcing agencies to insure the prompt reporting of an accident, or the discovery of an explosive missile. The majority of accidents are the result of the removal of explosive missiles by individuals for sale to scrap dealers. Scrap dealers in the vicinity of contaminated lands should be informed of the inherent dangers and asked to cooperate by refusing to buy military scrap from private parties.

§ 644.532 Reporting accidents.

Immediately upon receipt of information of an accident involving, or appearing to involve, explosive or chemical/biological elements remaining on, or carried from an excess or surplus installation, whether under the jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers, other Government agency, or sold or returned to public or private owners, the DE will institute an investigation and prepare a report prescribed by AR 385–40 and OCE Supplement thereto. Further, upon determination that an accident has occurred, the former using command should be requested to send qualified explosive, chemical or biological specialists to the scene of the accident immediately, in order that proper corrective measures to eliminate future accidents may be instituted. HQDA (DAEN-REM) will be immediately informed, by teletype, of any accidents due to explosives on lands which have been used by the Department involving injuries to persons and/or animals, or damages to private property.

§ 644.533 Contamination discovered after return of land to owner, or sale.

When land has been previously declared clear of explosives or other dangerous material so as to be safe for all uses and disposed of, but is later found to have been contaminated to such an extent that, in his opinion, it is dangerous to the public, the DE will request the former using command to reexamine the land for the purpose of determining the extent to which the original Statement of Clearance should be revised and to determine the kind and cost of any further clearance work by the using command which would be required to place the property in the condition set forth in the original Statement of Clearance. If further clearance work is necessary and considered economically justified, the DE will request the using command to perform such work and furnish a new Statement of Clearance and record of the further clearance effected. If further clearance work is not considered economically justified, he will make a report thereof to DAEN-REM with his recommendations and pertinent supporting data. Recommendation for reacquisition of contaminated lands will be limited to those which involve full restrictions of both surface and subsurface uses. Where subsurface use of lands only is to be restricted, it is preferable to make compensation to the owners through claim procedure, when and if instituted by the owner on his own initiative.