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Washington, DC Fly-In:

The National Association of Ordnance and Explosive Waste Contractors (NAOC) Meets with Washington Policymakers on Issues of Unexploded Ordnance

Washington, D.C., March 10, 2008 – The National Association of Ordnance and Explosive Waste Contractors (NAOC) is conducting a two-day Washington, DC Fly-In this week to increase the awareness among policymakers of the national security, environmental, public safety and economic development issues related to Unexploded Ordnance (UXO).

Twenty-eight members of the association representing nearly twenty NAOC member companies from across the U.S. are in Washington to meet with members of Congress, and representatives of the Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency and the National Governors Association.

UXO is found on active military bases, formerly used defense sites (FUDS) and on bases slated for closure or realignment through the BRAC process. It has been estimated that it will take billions of dollars and 300 years to clean all UXO sites. The bipartisan Congressional UXO Caucus co-chaired by Representatives Blumenauer, Brown-Waite, Farr and Manzullo, is encouraging members of the House of Representatives to join in their effort to raise the awareness of the issue and to appropriately fund the clean up of these sites.

The NAOC represents and promotes the interests of its members and the public in all aspects of military munitions response services. NAOC members regularly perform characterization and cleanup of sites contaminated with munitions and explosives of concern (MEC). According to NAOC President Heather Polinsky, “NAOC’s primary goal is to act as one industry voice on issues related to military munitions response services. Fostering government-industry partnerships through active dialogue with government agencies and officials is key to advancing our mission.”

About The National Association of OEW Contractors (NAOC)

The National Association of Ordnance and Explosive Waste Contractors (NAOC) was established in 1995, as a non-profit association to represent and promote the interests of its members and the public in the fields of ordnance and explosive waste (OEW) and unexploded ordnance (UXO).

The association serves as the industry's spokesperson for munitions response contractors and works to educate public officials on UXO issues. The association also works to develop improved safety and work standards for industry workers; facilitate the use of new UXO technologies, improve UXO/munitions cleanup program performance, coordinate with federal and state regulators and to work with other industries. For more information, please visit www.naoc.org.

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