The above problems have resulted in the potential for the public to be exposed to health impacts from contamination by heavy metals and a number of carcinogens. Minimizing health risks to the public is one of FOEJN’s chief concerns.

**Public Health**

One of FOEJN’s goals is educating Federal and local decision makers of the need for an environmental justice health care center and clinic at the Fort Ord site. One of the first uses for excess property on Federal land should be set aside for these types of facilities.

**Economic Development**

It is important to insure that the local community is not left out of any potential economic gains from the cleanup and transfer of the former Fort Ord. FOEJN is working to make sure that the promised living wage jobs and affordable housing of local low income community members is not forgotten in the rush for economic gains.

**Burning**

The Army continues to plan prescribed burns in close proximity to local communities even though the last burn went out of control, burning more than twice the proposed amount.