

# What is Blackwater USA?

It is a private company that trains security guards and other personnel, including foreigners, in weapons use and in evasive driving. They are buying 842 acres on Round Potrero Road to build a training facility for 300 students and 60 staff members.

The facility will have 15 building structures including dormitories for 200 students, and an 18,000 square foot building for storage of weapons and ammunition. The buildings will total over 141,000 square feet. The structures include a 4 story training tower, a 5 story training tower, 15 shooting ranges, a tactical driving track with skid pad, a gasoline storage tank, and a 300 foot diameter helipad for helicopter take-offs and landings.

They have estimated that they will use over 10 million gallons of water a year for the first two years and 7 million gallons a year after that. They are estimating that they will be producing over 6.5 million gallons of sewage per year.

The training course lasts from 4 days to a week. There will be housing for 200 students and staff members, so 200 will commute weekly and the other 160 will be commuting daily. In their application, Blackwater has stated that they will try to influence students to car pool or come in vans. The permit requests operations for day and night shooting and tactical driving.

## Why not have Blackwater USA?

1. This large business will generate an excessive amount of traffic from trips by students and staff as well as from delivery trucks for food, supplies, ammunition and gasoline.
2. It will use a huge amount of groundwater and produce millions of gallons of sewage.
3. It will be noisy and disturb the nearby residents and wildlife.
4. The conversion of land from agricultural to commercial will set a dangerous precedent for the community. By allowing a business like this to locate in Potrero... it will be very difficult to stop other big, noisy, disruptive businesses from locating in Potrero.
5. This large commercial operation does not conform to the peaceful, rural, residential character of Potrero.

**\*If you feel that Blackwater USA, (Major Use Permit #P06-069)  
does not belong in Potrero... please send a letter to:**

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