



California Nike Battery Los Pinetos

Facility and Location

Nike Battery Los Pinetos was part of the defensive 'ring' that surrounded the Los Angeles urban area constructed during the Cold War. The site housed Hercules missiles from December 1960 to June 1961 which utilized solid rocket fuel sustainer that contained perchlorate. It is now a Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) and has been addressed as part of DoD/California perchlorate sampling protocol.

Media Sampled and Findings

In the summer of 2003, the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards requested information from DoD regarding perchlorate in drinking water. DoD worked with California regulators to establish an interagency working group and a methodology for prioritizing sites for sampling to determine the extent of the problem potentially attributable to DoD. The California Perchlorate Sampling Prioritization Protocol allows California to assist DoD in prioritizing the investigation of suspected sites and to focus resources on the sites that may have the greatest impact to the public. Nike Battery Los Pinetos was identified as a site for additional consideration and possible sampling per the California Perchlorate Site Prioritization Protocol. A record search found no release of perchlorate at this FUDS. Missile component repair was not performed.

Appropriate Actions

The state has agreed that no additional work is necessary.