



Florida

Cross City Target Range

Facility and Location

The Cross City Target Range is located in Dixie County approximately 16 miles southwest of Cross City. In 1942, 681 acres were acquired from the Brooks Scanlon Lumber Company for use as an aerial ground target range for the Third Air Force. The range was transferred to the Army Air Forces Tactical Command in December 1943 and subsequently returned to the Third Air Force in March 1944. The property was established as an air-to-ground gunnery range for training aircrews from Marianna Army Airfield (AAF) and Cross City AAF in addition to fixed machine guns fired small arms ammunition on the range. Later, fighter and medium bomber aircraft such as P-38s, possibly equipped with 20mm or 37mm cannons, fired at ground targets on the property. The property was disposed of with the cancellation of its lease agreement in June 1945. Currently, the majority of the site is undeveloped marsh and timberland used as the Jena Unit of the Big Bend Wildlife Management Area and managed by the state of Florida. Additional landowners include Dixie County and private individuals and corporations. Land use is not expected to change in the near future. Due to potential munitions used at the single Munitions Response Site 01 Range Complex surface water samples were collected and analyzed for perchlorate.

Media Sampled and Findings

Sediment — In 2011, two samples reported no detection.

Surface Water — In 2011, four of seven samples detected perchlorate from 0.02 to 0.2 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.