



Indiana Camp Atterbury

Facility and Location

Camp Atterbury is a training base for the Indiana National Guard. It was planned just months before the U.S. entry into World War II and construction commenced shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. More than 1,500 wood frame buildings were constructed and designed to hold more than one infantry division. It also contained the 47 building Wakeman General and Convalescent Hospital, the largest hospital of its kind in the U.S. in the 1940s. During World War I, the 39th Evacuation Hospital and four Army infantry divisions trained here. During World War II, Camp Atterbury was used as a prisoner of war camp, housing German and Italian soldiers. Shortly after the end of the war, the base was deactivated. At the onset of the Korean War, it was reactivated with the arrival of the 28th Infantry Division in 1950. When the 28th left for Germany, it was replaced by the 31st Infantry Division. When the 31st left in 1954 for Camp Carson, Colorado, the base once again was deactivated and given to the Indiana Army National Guard. The Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center (CAJMTC) was activated in February 2003. Thousands of Active and Reserve forces have received training here just prior to deployment to Afghanistan and Iraq. It is one of two Guard bases with this mission, Camp Shelby in Mississippi being the other. Originally 43,000 acres, it is now reduced to approximately 30,000 acres, with the remaining being leased to the Atterbury Job Corps, the Department of Labor, the Hoosier Horse Park and the Johnson County Parks Department. Plans are under way to reclaim some of the area. In 2005, Camp Atterbury gained the former Muscatatuck State Hospital grounds, composed of some 3,000 acres with several permanent buildings, including five story buildings with underground tunnels, to be used as an urban training facility.

Media Sampled and Findings

Drinking Water — In 2011, two of two samples detected perchlorate at 0.05 and 0.09 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

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