



Louisiana Camp Beauregard

Facility and Location

Camp Beauregard is located northeast of Pineville. It is currently operated by the Louisiana National Guard as one of their main training areas. The current base covers 12,500 acres and is home to many different units and elements of the Louisiana Army National Guard.

The post opened in 1917, when the War Department authorized the building of more than thirty such camps around the country to train troops for World War I. The camp was abandoned in 1919 and given to the state. Camp Beauregard was reactivated in 1940 for use as a World War II training area. The camp, and several tens of thousands of acres of surrounding land, including Camps Claiborne, Livingston, Cook, Polk, and what is now Esler Regional Airport were used for the Louisiana Maneuvers, a training exercise involving almost 500,000 men, preparing them for the battles of World War II. A full two-thirds of the military rotated through these war games.

After the war, the camp reverted back to the state, which used it as a training area for two years and then deactivated it. The camp was reactivated in 1973 and became one of the premier military training areas in Louisiana. Since then, most of the old buildings have either been torn down or remodeled, and many new buildings have been constructed to support the current mission. The 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the Louisiana Army National Guard often makes use of the Camp's training and lodging facilities. The 225th Engineer Brigade, the largest engineer group in the Army, is headquartered in Camp Beauregard.

Media Sampled and Findings

Drinking Water — In 2011, two samples reported no detection.

Appropriate Actions

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