



Massachusetts Sandy Neck

Facility and Location

Sandy Neck was acquired for use in December 1944 as a dive bombing target for Naval fleet air operational training at the Quonset Point Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island. In February 1946, the leases were cancelled and military activity ended at the Sandy Neck Bomb Target Range. During the 17 month operation of the site, the Navy used the bomb target range for carrier aircraft dive bombing practice. The size of the target indicates it was a precision target utilized by trained aviators maintaining their levels of skill and proficiency; however, an official from the town of Barnstable indicated during the Technical Planning Process meeting that some bombs may have fallen outside the immediate target area. Munitions used at the site consisted of conventional munitions including various 25 and 100 pound practice bombs.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — In 2007, three samples reported no detection.

Appropriate Actions

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