



Michigan Fort Custer Recreation Area

Facility and Location

Fort Custer Recreation Area has three former impact and bombardment/jettison areas totaling approximately 125 acres. The following ordnance items have been found: projectiles, mortar rounds, small arms, and white phosphorus grenades. Fort Custer Recreation Area has been developed into a public park by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. At the Fort Custer Industrial Park, there is no evidence of any ranges or impact areas within its boundaries, but there are five ammunition storage igloos in this area. Small arms ammunition has been found buried at the industrial park.

The St. Louis District Corps of Engineers completed an Archive Search Report (ASR) during September 1994. The ASR disclosed that ordnance and explosives waste, now referred to as munitions and explosives of concern and chemical warfare material activities, did occur at Fort Custer. Based on the research, eight areas of concern were identified on the Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) properties associated with Fort Custer.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — Prior to 2007, one of three samples detected perchlorate at 0.15 ppb.

Surface Water — Prior to 2007, four samples reported no detection.

Appropriate Actions

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