



New York Sampson Air Force Base

Facility and Location

Former Sampson Air Force Base (AFB) is located south of Waterloo in Seneca County. The site borders Seneca Lake on the east shore and was comprised of approximately 2,597 acres. Prior to use by the Air Force, the Navy utilized the site as the Sampson Naval Training Station (1942 to 1945) and declared it surplus on July 2, 1946. Navy resumed control over the installation again in 1947 until they transferred it to the Air Force in 1950. Air Force designated the site Sampson AFB in 1951 and used the property as a major training center. The base closed in September 1956 and reverted to caretaker status. In 1958, the property was turned over to the Government Service Administration for disposal. The former AFB is now owned primarily by the state of New York and is operated by the Finger Lakes Park District as the Sampson State Park. The state of New York Corrections Office also owns part of the site. The other owner is the village of Romulus which owns a small site used as a shooting range. There are three Munitions Response Sites (MRSs): MRS 1, a gas warfare training area; MRS 2, a skeet range; and MRS 3, Range Complex No. 1, which includes the rifle range and submachine gun range.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — In 2008, two samples reported no detection.

Surface Water — In 2008, two samples reported no detection.

Appropriate Actions

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