



Virginia

Chopawamsic Troop Training

Facility and Location

The Former Chopawamsic Troop Training site was a World War II era installation used for the training of counter intelligence agents of the Office of Strategic Service. The site consists of 11,011 acres. Chopawamsic also borders Marine Corps Base Quantico to the south. During World War II, parts of the park were utilized for military training purposes.

From 1942 to 1945, Chopawamsic Recreational Demonstration Area (RDA) was closed and used by the Army's Office of Strategic Services; the forerunner of the CIA. Chopawamsic RDA became a school for the training of agents in the act of espionage. Paramilitary training included the use of pistols, revolvers, carbines, rifles, sub-machine guns, mortar guns, mortars, rockets, grenades, military demolition, and explosives.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — In 2007, one of three samples detected perchlorate at 1.91 ppb. Prior to 2007, one of six samples detected perchlorate at 0.09 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

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