

FINAL

Operational Range Assessment Program Phase I Qualitative Assessment Report Newark Training Site, New York U.S. Army Operational Range Assessment Program Qualitative Operational Range Assessments

Prepared for: U.S. Army Environmental Command and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The United States (U.S.) Army is conducting qualitative assessments at operational ranges to meet the requirements of Department of Defense policy and to support the U.S. Army Sustainable Range Program. The operational range qualitative assessment (hereinafter referred to as Phase I Assessment) is the first phase of the U.S. Army Operational Range Assessment Program. This Phase I Assessment evaluates the operational range area at Newark Training Site (TS) to assess whether further investigation is needed to determine if potential munitions constituents of concern (MCOC) are or could be migrating off-range at levels that may pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. In conducting the Phase I Assessment, MCOC sources, potential off-range migration pathways, and potential off-range human and ecological receptors are evaluated as appropriate.

Newark TS encompasses 100 acres in Newark, New York, approximately 20 miles east of Rochester, New York. Newark TS is a training area for the New York Army National Guard. The Army Range Inventory Database-Geodatabase (2007) reports one operational range, encompassing the entire training site.

A review of available records and background data, as well as interviews with facility personnel, indicated that the range at Newark TS has never been used for training involving military munitions (live-fire or non-live-fire). The single operational range at Newark TS is a maneuver and training area utilized for land navigation and bivouac activities. Because training activities do not involve, and historically have not involved, the use of military munitions, there are no potential sources of MCOC. Therefore, potential off-range migration pathways and potential off-range human and ecological receptors were not evaluated, and the range at Newark TS is categorized as Unlikely.

Installations with operational ranges where no munitions or only small caliber blanks have been utilized are categorized as Unlikely. That is, based on a review of available information, there is sufficient evidence to show that due to the lack of munitions use there are no known releases or source-receptor interactions that could present an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. Ranges categorized as Unlikely are required to be re-evaluated at least every five years. Re-evaluation may occur sooner if significant changes (e.g., change in range operations or site conditions, regulatory changes) occur that affect determinations made during this Phase I Assessment.

Table ES-1 summarizes the Phase I Assessment findings.

| Category | Total Number of Ranges and Acreage | Source(s) | Pathways(s) | Human and Ecological Receptors | Conclusions |
|----------|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Unlikely | 1 operational range; 100 acres | No source—no current or historical use of live-fire military munitions | Not evaluated (no source identified) | | Re-evaluate during the five- year review |

Table ES-1: Summary of Findings and Conclusions for Newark Training Site

ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

| ARID-GEO | Army Range Inventory Database-Geodatabase |
|----------|---|
| CSM | Conceptual Site Model |
| DoD | Department of Defense |
| MCOC | Munitions Constituents of Concern |
| NCO | Noncommissioned Officer |
| NYARNG | New York Army National Guard |
| ORAP | Operational Range Assessment Program |
| TS | Training Site |
| U.S. | United States |
| USACE | United States Army Corps of Engineers |

