



Delaware

Dover Survival Training Annex

Facility and Location

Former Dover Survival Training Annex (also referred to as the Dover Small Arms Range and the Little Creek Air-to-Ground Gunnery Range) consisted of small arms and aerial gunnery facilities. Approximately 1,862 acres in size, it forms the southern portion of the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. The site was used by the Air Force as a training facility between 1944 and 1976. Training initially included P-40 strafing activities, but later the site was used as a small arms firing range. It was also used for air-to-ground gunnery, skip bombing, dive bombing, and submachine gun firing. During World War II, an earthen berm (25 feet high) was erected as a backstop for the small arms firing range. Bombing activities included the use of non-explosive cast iron bomblets. In 1948, the Air National Guard of Delaware, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C. requested use of the Little Creek Range. The site lies within the current Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge and is also part of the Little Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area. Current ownership as of April 1995: Department of Interior (as the 13,780 acre Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge), the state of Delaware Fish and Wildlife Services (as the 3,267 acre Little Creek Wildlife Area), and the remainder is in private ownership.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — In 2007, five samples reported no detection.

Appropriate Actions

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