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### Fort Myers Bombing and Gunnery Range

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#### ***Facility and Location***

The Fort Myers Bombing and Gunnery Range (BGR) is located approximately 20 miles north of the City of Fort Myers in Charlotte County. Fort Myers BGR was used from 1943 to 1946 to train personnel stationed at Fort Myers Army Airfield (AAF) in ground strafing and in various types of bombing. There are five Munitions Response Sites (MRSs) within the 13,720 acre Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) property, two of which were sampled for perchlorate. The strafing range MRS is comprised of 640 acres located in the southwest/central portion of the FUDS boundary. The air-to-ground gunnery range MRS consists of 640 acres and is located in the southwest/central portion of the FUDS boundary. The munitions known or suspected to have been used within both of the MRSs are small arms.

The property is currently managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as the Fred C. Babcock-Cecil M. Webb Wildlife Management Area and is used for recreational activities including hunting, hiking, fishing, mountain biking, and horseback riding. The property is also leased for cattle grazing.

#### ***Media Sampled and Findings***

**Surface Water** — In 2009, four of four samples detected perchlorate from 0.03 to 0.32 ppb.

#### ***Appropriate Actions***

Both MRSs are recommended to proceed to Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study status, with no immediate removal action warranted at this time. Although the Site Investigation states further sampling of surface water may be warranted, this recommendation is not based on the results of perchlorate sampling because all samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.