



## Ohio Erie Army Depot

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

Erie Army Depot was first established as Erie Ordnance Depot on March 15, 1918 to provide facilities for the ordnance department in acceptance testing weapon systems (small arms through 240mm). The depot was closed in 1967.

The proof/test firing at Erie Army Depot were set up into three impact areas: a dry impact area, a wet impact area, and a lake impact area. The dry impact area encompassed approximately 291 acres and included the actual firing positions, an ammunition static firing area, and a 750 meter target pad. The wet impact area encompassed approximately 330 acres and is an area of beach and swamp land. It contained target pads at 1,000, 1,250, and 1,500 meters. The lake impact area encompassed approximately 60,000 acres of Lake Erie. It is unknown whether or not targets existed in Lake Erie. The firing in the dry and wet impact areas was deliberately controlled so rounds impacted exactly on bermed/plated targets for testing purposes. Until 1953, the lake impact area was used exclusively by Erie Army Depot for proof testing of various weapons systems. In 1953, an agreement was made to allow Navy, Air Force, and Ohio National Guard use of a portion of the lake impact area. After the closure of the depot in 1967, the Erie Industrial Park was established. Three private companies, ARES Inc., TRW, and Cadillac Gauge were contracted to conduct ordnance testing at the industrial park and had the availability to use the water impact area. TRW and Cadillac Gauge both tested 25mm ammunition in an underground range. ARES Inc. used the lake impact area for test firing of ordnance from small arms to 155mm. Today the depot remains an industrial park and ARES Inc. still conducts ordnance testing there for private companies as well as for the government.

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

**Surface Water** — Prior to 2007, three samples reported no detection

### ***Appropriate Actions***

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