



Rhode Island Sachuest Point-Newport

Facility and Location

The Sachuest Point FUDS encompasses approximately 184 acres and is located at the southeastern most point of Middletown. The Navy acquired the FUDS in 1942 to be used as a Naval training station rifle range and fire control station. The Naval Training Rifle Station consisted of 13 rifle and pistol ranges and also included range houses and two magazines for ammunition storage. Small arms ammunition, was used for training purposes. The fire control station was used by the Army as a radar facility to direct defensive artillery fire for the Narragansett Bay. Three buildings were constructed to be disguised as a house, a barn, and a silo. A searchlight was also situated on the property. The fire control station property was transferred to the Navy on March 3, 1950. It was used for fleet recreational purposes and known as Hederman Park. The installation became a Navy Communication Station in 1964. By 1979, the site was in the control of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. At Munitions Response Site (MRS) 1 (a small arms range complex) the Navy constructed eight 200 yard rifle ranges, one 500 yard rifle range, two 50 foot rifle ranges, one small caliber range, and one pistol range. MRS 1 comprises approximately 165 acres of land and approximately 4,314 acres of coastal waters. The site is currently the location of the Sachuest Point Wildlife Refuge. The MRS is recommended to proceed to Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study status, with no immediate removal action warranted at this time. No unacceptable risks were identified in sediment, surface water, and groundwater within MRS 1.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — In 2010, two of two samples detected perchlorate at 0.17 and 0.18 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

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