



Tennessee

Dyersburg Air-to-Ground Gunnery Range and Expansion

Facility and Location

Former Dyersburg Air-to-Ground (ATG) Gunnery Range and Expansion site encompasses approximately 11,061 acres in Lauderdale County. DoD leased the property in the early 1940s for use as a gunnery range for Dyersburg Army Airfield. The land was exscessed in 1946 and now has numerous private owners. Ranges were comprised of floating targets on Lake Chisholm and stationary targets to the north of the lake used for ATG gunnery and bombing practice. The site contains two Munitions Response Sites (MRSs): the bomb target practice MRS and the ATG gunnery range MRS. Historical documents indicate that the site was used from 1944 to 1945. The ATG Gunnery Range MRS consists of about 649 acres which overlaps the bomb target practice MRS. Several targets were floated on the lake to serve as targets for B-29 gunners which used the MRS to practice strafing with .50 caliber small arms ammunition.

Media Sampled and Findings

Surface Water — In 2009, six of seven samples detected perchlorate from 0.01 to 0.04 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

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