

PUBLIC NOTICE

Army Corps Finalizes Decision Document for the Assateague Island Formerly Used Defense Site

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District has completed the Decision Document for the Assateague Island Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) in Worcester County, MD. The final decision for the property is No Remedial Action is necessary.

Assateague Island is a 37-mile-long barrier island along the eastern shore of Maryland and Virginia. From 1944 to 1947, the U.S. Navy and the U.S Army Air Corps established two separate rocket ranges on Assateague Island, a Northern Range and a Southern Range, which were used during World War II for target practice by land-based aircraft. No live munitions or explosives of concern have been discovered on either range at the Assateague Island National Seashore in Maryland or at the Assateague Island Maryland State Park. And no live munitions are anticipated to be encountered in the future since only munitions debris has ever been uncovered, which does not pose an explosive hazard. In addition, analysis of the munitions constituents showed no risk to human health or the environment.

On 2 May 2019, the Corps of Engineers held a public meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan for the site. The plan was made available for a 30-day public comment period from April 29th, 2019 through June 3rd, 2019. No public comments were received on the planned decision of no remedial response action for the two target ranges.

The Decision Document for Assateague Island is available for viewing at the Worcester County Library – Berlin Branch at 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, MD, and at www.nab.usace.army.mil/Assateague.

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