



Dover Survival Training Annex, DE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
FACT SHEET as of February 1, 2015

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AUTHORIZATION: Defense Environmental Restoration Program

TYPE OF PROJECT: Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS)

PROJECT PHASE: Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) Site Inspection and future Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators **Carper** and **Coons (DE)** and Representative **Carney (DE-At Large)**



BACKGROUND: The 1,862-acre former Dover Survival Training Annex was used by the US Air Force as a training facility between 1944 and 1976. Primary facilities consisted of small arms, aerial gunnery and bombing ranges. Today the area forms the southern portion of the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. Other names used to refer to the site are the Dover Small Arms Range and the Little Creek Air-to-Ground Gunnery Range. In 1948, the Air National Guard of the States of Delaware, N.J. and D.C. requested use of the Little Creek Range.

The site lies within the current Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge and is also part of the Little Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area. The former DOD site is located 1.5 miles north of Little Creek, Delaware, and 4 miles east of Dover, Delaware, Kent County. It is estimated that 85 percent of the site is marsh land with heavy vegetation. A portion of the formerly used training area is owned by private individuals. The potential presence of ordnance-related materials may constitute a safety hazard at this site.

STATUS: A site inspection (SI) under the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) was completed in 2007. The SI recommended a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the possible presence of munitions items. Due to funding limitations and the prioritization of activities on ongoing higher priority sites, the RI/FS effort is scheduled to commence in FY2023.

For more information regarding the Dover Survival Training Annex FUDS project, please contact Ed Hughes, CENAB-EN-H, (410) 962-4937, e-mail edward.t.hughes@usace.army.mil.

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