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FACT SHEET - Camp O'Ryan/Wethersfield Training Area

Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS)

Description

The former Camp O'Ryan/Wethersfield Training Area is located about 40 miles east of Buffalo, New York, in the town of Wethersfield, Wyoming County, New York, Congressional District NY-27. The site is comprised of 370 acres; the property was divided into two parcels: 365 acres is now owned by one party, and 5 acres is owned by another individual. Historical documents reflect that Camp O'Ryan has also been called the Wethersfield Range, Wethersfield Target Range, Wethersfield Target Range and Maneuver Area, National Guard Training Area, Wethersfield, and the North Java Range. The land was leased from a private owner from May 26, 1949 until June 30, 1974. Camp O'Ryan was then inactive for about 15 years. A second lease was signed on December 1, 1989, and subsequently terminated by the National Guard in August 1994. The site included a pistol range, a known distance range and a tank training course. A newspaper article indicated that site users included the New York Army National Guard, U. S. Army Reserves, the Air Force, the New York Naval Militia, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the New York State Police, among others.

Authorization/Project Description

Camp O'Ryan was investigated under the Defense Environmental Restoration – Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) Program. The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 authorized that program.

Status (As of February 2013)

There are known, previously used small arms ranges remaining at the site, as well as alleged disposal areas. A preliminary assessment report was finalized in December 2011 to document issues which may remain at the site regarding munitions and hazardous wastes. However, a title search revealed that the Department of Defense never owned the property, therefore, no further action will be taken by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at this site under the FUDS Program. The Corps performed a site inspection in October 2010, which included the sampling and analysis of shallow groundwater and surface water at the site; the results indicated that the surface and shallow groundwater locations sampled do not appear to show impacts from prior site activities. Further work at the site may be conducted by others.

Project Cost

Final Federal Cost:

Preliminary Assessment / Site Inspection	\$219,800
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