

**FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET**

APRIL 1996

TAG REVIEW DATE: 13 AUGUST 1997

1. SITE NAME: Fort Lauderdale Bomb Target Site No. 5

SITE NUMBER: I04FL009500

LOCATION:

City: Fort Lauderdale
County: Broward
State: Florida

PROJECT NUMBER: I04FL009501

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 5

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION:

Fort Lauderdale Bomb Target Site No. 5 is located 18 miles southwest of Fort Lauderdale. On the edge of the Florida Everglades, the Fort Lauderdale Bomb Target Site No. 5 is at, or near, sea level. Much of the site is normally underwater with natural vegetation consisting of reeds, rushes, and lily pads. The water table stays a near constant 12" above the swamp floor the year around. The exception is the area on which the Everglades Holiday Park, a campground, has been built. This area has been backfilled to maintain facilities above water level. Access to the site is gained by traveling south on U.S. Highway 27 and turning west at the intersection of Griffin Road and Highway 27. A small asphalt road leads into and around the park and airboat/boat ramp.

4. SITE HISTORY:

The minutes of a meeting held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund (IIF) of the State of Florida show that, on 18 March 1941, the Trustees granted permission to the United States to use a part of Section 28, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, for aerial bombing practice in connection with the Naval Air Station at Miami. It has to be assumed that a permit was issued since there is no documentation available to prove otherwise.

No record has been located which states the actual acreage of the range. The U.S. requested only a part of Section 28. @ Based on the meeting minutes and prior experience on Naval bombing ranges, the ASR Team assumed that the target area would have been approximately 30 acres. Because the exact location of the bomb target within Section 28 cannot be ascertained, the entire section, 640 acres, is considered as having been under Navy control as a bomb target.

There is no documentation to substantiate that the site was ever used. In fact, interviews in the ASR reveal no evidence of military use has been found on this site. A lifelong resident of the area who has been on or in the vicinity of the site since the 1940s stated that there never has been a bombing range in the area. The Broward County Water Management Division was contacted to find out if, during maintenance of the canals and levees, any OE was ever discovered. Three members of the county staff were asked this question with none having any knowledge of ordnance being dredged up. They stated that even when the levee roads were graded there was never any ordnance found. One of these individuals had been with the Water Management Division for nearly twenty years.

Since no specific documentation is available, it is also assumed that Fort Lauderdale Bomb Target Site No. 5 was released in January 1947 when documents show that the U.S. Navy terminated numerous leases on other bomb targets similar to Fort Lauderdale Bomb Target Site No. 5. The range was possibly used as a practice

dive bomb target.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

AREA AA

Size, Acres: 31
Former Use: Assumed Target Area
Present Use: Conservation Area No. 3
Probable End Use: Conservation Area No. 3
Ordnance Presence: Uncontaminated

AREA AB

Size, Acres: 135
Former Use: Buffer Area
Present Use: Conservation Area No. 3
Probable End Use: Conservation Area No. 3
Ordnance Presence: Uncontaminated

AREA AC

Size, Acres: 474
Former Use: Remaining Land
Present Use: Conservation Area No.
3/Campground
Probable End Use: Conservation Area No.
3/Campground
Ordnance Presence: Uncontaminated

6. CURRENT STATUS: A draft Archive Search Report was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in May 1996.

7. STRATEGY: NOFA
RAC 5 worksheet provided by Safety

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. Entire Site: The entire site is within the Everglade Wildlife Management Area. The site is in the Everglades Swamp and much of it is underwater. The true location of the target area within the site is unknown. Actual usage of the site for practice bombing is unsubstantiated by any known source.

b. Entire Site: Work in this area could be dangerous. Alligators and snakes are numerous and medical evacuation would be difficult.

c. Area C: In the southeast corner of this area the Everglades Holiday Park is located. This area is subleased to a private management company for the park operations.

d. Entire Site: There are known Federally- and State-listed species occurring in the site area including the Florida manatee, the Florida panther, and the American alligator. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: NOFA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only

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