

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
NOVEMBER 1995
TAG REVIEW DATE: 26 March 1997**

1. **SITE NAME:** Greenwich Bombing Range

SITE NUMBER: C02NJ094700

LOCATION:

City: Port Norris
County: Cumberland County
State: New Jersey

PROJECT NUMBER: C02NJ094701

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** The former Greenwich Bombing Range, consisting of 345 acres, is approximately 4 1/2 miles southwest of the village of Port Norris, Commercial Township, Cumberland County, New Jersey at Latitude 39° 11.1', Longitude 75° 05.1'. It is located along the shoreline of Maurice River Cove extending into the Delaware Bay. During the period of use by the Navy, the

site consisted of salt marsh wetland. It is still a wetland area. The former Greenwich Bombing Range is now owned by the State of New Jersey and is under land management by the Department of Conservation, Fish, Game and Wildlife. They lease the property back to Clarence Berry farms. Recent maps show the area as Berrytown State Wildlife Management Area or Turkey Point Fish and Wildlife Area.

Since World War II, the site has largely been overtaken by beach erosion so that much of the site is underwater. The distance of the actual target area from shore has increased from 1/4 mile to 1/2 mile. Ground elevations of the remaining onshore portions of the site are less than 5 NGVD (National Geodetic Vertical Datum) and are subject to almost annual flooding from tides during storm surges. Terrain is flat and swampy. There are no detectible surface streams. Access to the site is by unpaved jeep trail. Two of these field roads enter the area of the site (one from the east and one from the west).

4. SITE HISTORY: In 1942, the Navy leased approximately 345 acres from Stultz Berry for use as the Greenwich Bombing Range, also known as Masthead - Maurice River Cove Target Range No. 7. It was one of fourteen bombing and/or rocket ranges used by the Wildwood Naval Air Station. The site was acquired for use as a dive bombing range for Dauntless and Helldiver bombers. The Greenwich Bombing Range was located in Caution Zone (Gunnery Area) S-5. The Navy constructed a masthead target on pontoons made of wood anchored 1/4 mile south of shore and an observation tower on the beach property. The original target purpose was Masthead Bombing and was later revised to Masthead Bombing and Strafing. Later, in 1945, the mission turned to training Corsair pilots. The Navy declared the Wildwood NAS excess to its needs on 30 April 1946. In 1946, the lease for the site was terminated by the Navy. In 1947, the former site was conveyed to Clarence Berry.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Size, Acres:	345
Former Use:	Masthead Bombing and Strafing
Present Use:	Wetland area land management by the New Jersey Department of Conservation, Fish, Game and Wildlife
Probable End Use:	Same as present
Ordnance Presence:	Potential
Type:	Practice Bombs, AN-MK 43;.50 cal small arms ammunition(spent)

6. **CURRENT STATUS:** The draft Archives Search Report for Greenwich Bombing Range was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in November 1995.

7. **STRATEGY:** NOFA; (RAC 4)

8. **ISSUES AND CONCERNS:** The TAG concurred with HNC Safety recommending strategy of NOFA even though the site is RAC 4. Policy calls for a strategy of NOFA. No OE or OE debris was found by the site survey team on the shoreline. Since the shoreline was the observation area, it is thought that there is little likelihood of OE or OE debris being located there. Also, what used to be the shoreline during the period of use by the Navy is now located underwater one quarter mile distant from the present shoreline due to erosion. The archive search confirmed the presence of the following ordnance items during Navy aviator practice at the site: AN-MK 43 practice bombs (4.5 lb cast iron bomb) and small caliber ammunition (.50 cal) from strafing practice. It would be expected that AN-MK 43 practice bombs and spent machine gun ammunition could be found where the actual target was located, approximately 1/2 mile off-shore, on the bottom of the Delaware Bay. Based on current policy for locations off-shore, NOFA applies since there is minimal hazard to the public from any possible OE or OE debris presence.

Natural Resources: There are known Federally- and State-listed species occurring in the site area. Listings are provided in the ASR Findings, page 3-6, paragraph 3.5. 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.

Historical Resources: No cultural or historical sites associated with this site are reported in the ASR. However, any intrusive measures taken within the area will require oversight by the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) and/or other like organizations.

9. **SCHEDULE SUMMARY:** NOFA

10. **FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** NA NOFA

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