

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
HNC REVISION: 4 JANUARY 1996
TAG REVIEW DATES: 29 FEBRUARY 1996
16 JANUARY 1997**

1. SITE NAME: U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot
Hingham Annex (Cohasset Annex)

SITE NUMBER: D01MA023200

LOCATION:
City: Hingham, Scituate, Norwell, and Cohasset
County: Plymouth and Norfolk
State: Massachusetts

PROJECT NUMBER: D01MA023204

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 2

ASR RAC: 2

2. POC'S:

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The former Hingham Annex(Cohasset Annex) consisted of 3,747.63 acres of land located approximately 15 miles southeast of downtown Boston, Massachusetts. More than half of this acreage is within the limits of Hingham, Plymouth County, with the remainder with in the limits of Scituate and Norwell in Plymouth County and Cohasset in Norfolk County. Virtually all of the land area comprising the former Hingham Annex is currently owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is utilized as Wompatuck State Park. Much of the park is undeveloped and is heavily wooded. It is basically a passive recreation area with trails for biking, hiking, and ski touring. Approximately 100,000 people visit the park each year. The park

has 400 camp sites which are open from late spring to early autumn. A small, 125 acre section in the northern portion of the annex remains under the control of the U.S. Army for the purposes of environmental restoration.

4. SITE HISTORY: The former Hingham Annex was constructed in 1941 to support the existing U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot at Hingham, MA. In 1961, the Department of the Navy reported 3,200 acres of the annex as excess to GSA; the Navy retained the remainder for use by American Cyanamid in connection with a research and development contract on solid rocket propellents. The American Cyanamid project ended in December 1965. In 1967, GSA conveyed 2,991.33 acres of land to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts exclusively for public park and recreation purposes; in 1969, this property was opened to the public for limited outdoor recreation as Wompatuck State Park. In March 1967, the Navy granted a license to the Army for use of the remaining installation to produce the XM-47 Mine Dispensing System by an Army contractor, Atlantic Research Corporation. Production began on 15 March 1968 and the installation was renamed the Cohasset Army Ammunition Activity. In April 1968, production ceased and the license was terminated in October 1968. In 1971, the Navy formally transferred the remaining portion of the annex to the Army for use as an Army Reserve Center. In late 1982, the Army Reserve mission ended and the site was reported to GSA as excess in August 1983. In 1985, GSA transferred this property to the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, for subsequent transfer to Massachusetts for public park and recreation purposes. However, in May 1986, GSA withdrew 125 acres from excess and returned this property to the Army for environmental remediation. In September 1986, the remaining portion of the annex, less the acreage withdrawn by GSA, was conveyed to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts exclusively for public park and recreation uses. This property was subsequently incorporated into Wompatuck State Park which it adjoins.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area "A"

Size, Acres	25 (approximate)
Former Use:	Ordnance R&D Complex; APERS Mine Production
Present Use:	State Park
Probable End Use:	Same

Ordnance Presence: Potential
Types: Lead Azide and RDX

Area "B"

Size, Acres: 245 (approximate)
Former Use: Magazine Area
Present Use: State Park
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: None

Area "C"

Size, Acres: 16 (approximate)
Former Use: Fuse Magazine Area
Present Use: State Park
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: None

Area "D"

Size, Acres: 118 (approximate)
Former Use: Magazine Area
Present Use: State Park
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: None

Area "E"

Size, Acres: 152 (approximate)
Former Use: Magazine Area
Present Use: State Park
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: None

Area "F"

Size, Acres: 152 (approximate)
Former Use: Magazine Area
Present Use: State Park Campground
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: None

Area "G"

Size, Acres: 100 (approximate)
Former Use: Magazine area
Present Use: State Park
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: None

Area "H"

Size, Acres: 4 (approximate)
Former Use: VT fuze assembly; primer burning;
possible small arms burial site
Present Use: State Park - hiking trails
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Types: Small arms and Fuzes

Area "I"

Size, Acres: 4 (approximate)
Former Use: Debris dump and possible small arms
burial site
Present Use: State Park - hiking and biking trails
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: Small Arms Potential
Types:

Area "J"

Size, Acres: 1 (approximate)
Former Use: Testing of assembled depth charges
Present Use: Motor Pool/Garage area for State Park
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: None
Area "K"

Size, Acres: 8 (approximate)
Former Use: Ordnance burning ground
Present Use: State Park - hiking and biking trails
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Types: Detonators, Tracers, Small Arms, Flares,
Signals, Smoke Pots, Smoke Grenades,
Incendiary Bombs, Photoflash Bombs,
Explosive D, HWT Cordite, Smokeless
Powder, CN Hand Grenades

Area "L"

Size, Acres: 2 (approximate)
Former Use: Rocket motor production support
buildings
Present Use: State Park
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: Potential

Types: Propellants

Area "M"

Size, Acres: 125 (approximate)
Former Use: Aircraft rocket motor production
Present Use: Not used; land and buildings being
remediated by Army (**NOT FUDS ELIGIBLE**)
Probable End Use: After remediation, will be added to
State Park

Area "N"

Size, Acres: 2,796 (approximate)
Former Use: Roads, rails, admin bldgs, remaining
land
Present Use: State Park - hiking and biking trails
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: None

6. **CURRENT STATUS:** The Archives Search Report was completed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District in January 1995.

7. **STRATEGY:** Areas A, H, I, K and L: EE/CA
Areas B thru G, J, and N: NOFA
Area M is not eligible for DERP-FUDS

8. **ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

This ASR was presented to the TAG on 4 January 1996 and the TAG recommended an EE/CA for Areas A thru L and concurred with the NOFA for Area N. The TAG reviewed this ASR again on 16 January 1997 and because of there being an ordnance disposal area (burning ground) and a debris dump on site, decided that it was highly unlikely to have OE presence within the magazine areas. Therefore, the TAG now agrees with the recommendations of the ASR. The ASR summarizes information concerning currently or historically endangered or threatened species, plant, or animal on or near the site of the former Cohasset Annex in Table 3-2. The ASR refers to stone walls within the site dating from the 1670's as part of this site. See document I-2.

9. **SCHEDULE SUMMARY:** EE/CA

10. **FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** For Official Use Only