

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
DECEMBER 1996
TAG REVIEW DATE: 29 MAY 1997**

1. SITE NAME: Jeffers Landing Target Area

SITE NUMBER: C02NJ097600

LOCATION:

City: Egg Harbor
County: Atlantic
State: New Jersey

PROJECT NUMBER: C02NJ097601

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The former Jeffers Landing Target Area is located in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey. Total site acreage consisted of approximately 52.8

acres of salt marsh which was leased from one private landholder for use as a glide and dive bombing range. Today, former project lands are owned by one private landowner with additional identified lands (16.10 acres) owned by the State of New Jersey.

4. SITE HISTORY: On 29 August 1942, the Navy established the Naval Air Station in Atlantic City, New Jersey. In order to conduct ordnance-related fighter training on/from the Atlantic City Naval Air Station, the Jeffers Landing Target Area was established between 1942 and 1944 to provide a target for dive/glide bombing practice. White wooden target platforms, approximately 6 feet in diameter, were placed on the western tip of land adjacent to the Great Egg Harbor River. They were designed for use with the AN-MK5, AN-MK23 and AN-MK43 practice bombs. During its operational period, Jeffers Landing Target Area, together with bombing targets at Great Bay and Lakes Bay, had 3,000 bombs a week dropped upon them during favorable conditions, both day and night. Since site closure, these lands have consistently been under private ownership with no actual use of the land occurring due to tidal marsh conditions.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

AREA "A"

Size, Acres: 1.30
Former Use: Target Area
Present Use: Marshland
Probable End Use: Same as Present
Ordnance Presence: **Confirmed** (interviews suggest presence)
Type: MK5, MK23, MK43 types
of Miniature
Practice Bombs

AREA "B"

Size, Acres: 12.50
Former Use: Buffer Zone
Present Use: Marshland
Probable End Use: Same as Present
Ordnance Presence: **Potential**
Type: Practice Bombs

AREA "C" Additional land

Size, Acres: 16.10
Former Use: Buffer Zone
Present Use: River
Probable End Use: Same as Present

Ordnance Presence: **Confirmed** (based on one interviewee)
Type: Practice Bombs

AREA "D"

Size, Acres: 39.00
Former Use: Remaining Land
Present Use: Marshland
Probable End Use: Same as Present
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 December 1996.

7. STRATEGY:

Recommend to Geographic District that INPR be amended to include Area C.

EE/CA: Areas A, B and C
NOFA: Area D

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

Personnel should be aware of the presence of black widow and brown recluse spiders. Due to the marshy nature of the terrain, entry is virtually impossible by land craft. Water craft is necessary for site access.

In the ASR, Plate 3 identifies the ordnance presence for Area C as being **potential** while page 17 of the Findings identifies this area as **confirmed**. Since Mr. Telzer's interview is referred to as "reliable" on page 17, Area C should be considered confirmed for OE.

While most of the interviewees had never heard of any OE finds since site closure, Mr. Telzer, a lifelong local resident, told the ASR site team that small bombs about 12" to 18" long can still be seen in the river directly in front of the target at periods of dead low tide.

Location of subsurface ordnance will be difficult due to the marshy nature of a predominant portion of the terrain. Any ordnance remaining on range lands is likely to be in an extremely decomposed condition due to its surface or subsurface exposure to salt water for 51 years.

Fisherman may be present on or slightly offshore of project lands.

Although the FDE and a historical map state the site acreage consists of 50 acres, modern survey techniques have determined the same parcel of land to consist of 52.80

acres. While not specifically identified to be within the boundaries of the former Jeffers Landing Target Area, the subject site is in the general area of various endangered and threatened species. 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: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only

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