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New York District

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION
PLANNED FOR THE FORMER FORT HANCOCK AT THE SANDY HOOK UNIT OF
GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will be conducting an environmental investigation focusing on the past use of military munitions at the former Fort Hancock, at Sandy Hook, New Jersey. A public informational meeting regarding the investigation is being held on Thursday, January 6, 2011, 7:00 P.M. at the Fort Hancock Theater, Bldg. 67, Gateway National Recreation Area, Sandy Hook, New Jersey. The Theater is located on Hartshorne Drive, just past the Officer's Row Houses within the Fort Hancock Historic District.

The military history of Sandy Hook dates back to the American Revolution. In 1874, Fort Hancock was chosen as the U. S. Army's first official proving ground for testing weapons and ordnance. All experimental guns and carriages for seacoast defense were tested there until 1918. After 1918, Fort Hancock continued to function as an important post for anti-aircraft defense. During World War I, Fort Hancock was used as a training center for troops going overseas. In 1961, the Army began relinquishing portions of the property to the State of New Jersey for use as a State Park, and by 1978, the property was turned over to the National Park Service.

The investigation is being conducted under the Formerly Used Defense Site program, and the meeting will include a short presentation, display information, and informal discussion regarding the investigation's work plan, scheduling and details. In the future, the public will be invited to review and comment on any of the recommendations of the investigation report

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