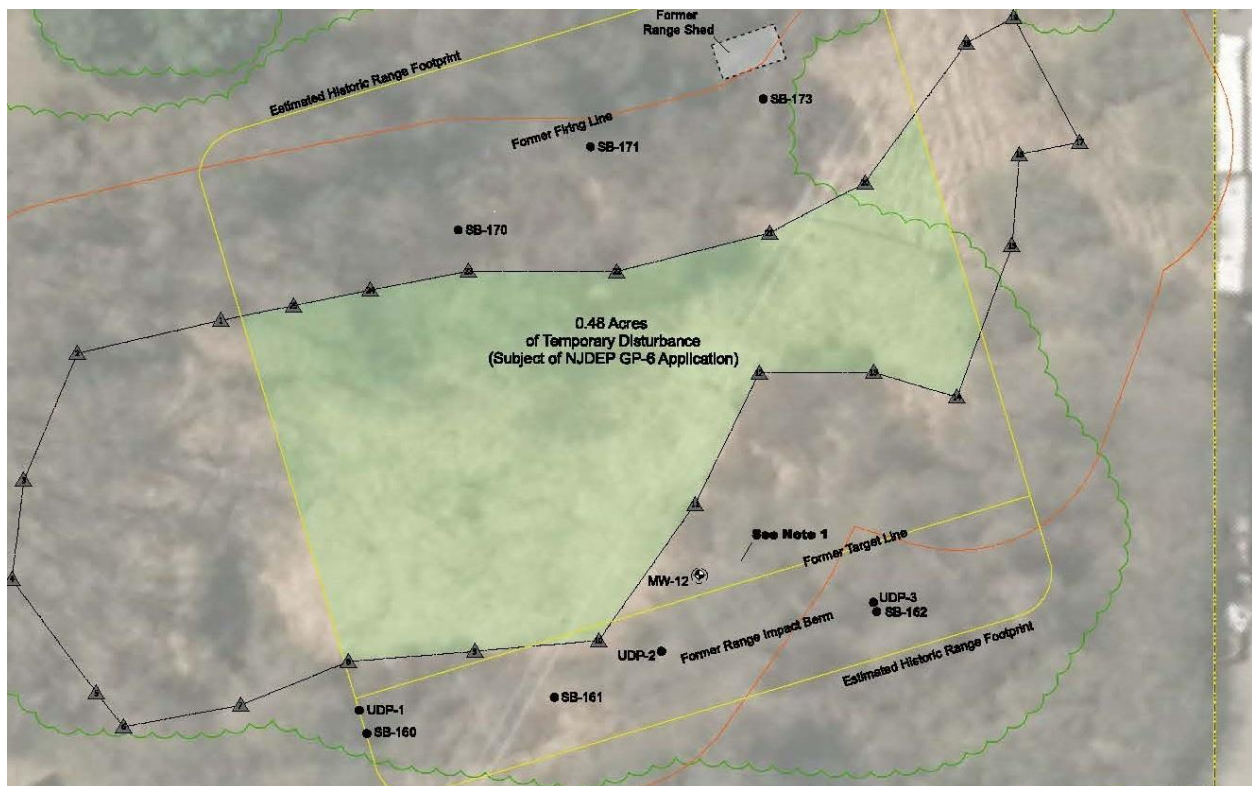


FACT SHEET – FORMER NEWTON, NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

DESCRIPTION: The former New Jersey Army National Guard (NJARNG) Newton Armory is located at 5 South Park Drive in Newton, Sussex County, New Jersey, (Block 801, Lot 49.01), Congressional District NJ-05, encompassing approximately 5.58 acres. The former Newton Armory was established c. 1961 and was used as such until 2008 when operations ceased. Records indicate the land was conveyed to the State by the Town of Newton in 1956 for use as an armory. The facility has been unoccupied since 2008. Prior to Armory operations, the land was undeveloped. The site is surrounded by paved areas, whereas the undeveloped portions of the Site are covered with grass, upland deciduous forest, and wetlands. Based on a review of historical aerial photographs of the Site and preliminary field reconnaissance, a former small arms firing range occupied an area of 40,000 square foot within the property, with a firing line approximately 200 feet long, a maximum target distance of approximately 50 yards, and an overall range depth of approximately 200 feet. An earthen backstop (impact berm), approximately 250 feet long with a maximum height of approximately 15 feet, is present adjacent to the southeastern property boundary. An investigation to identify the site-wide residual presence of small arms is planned in 2019.



Former Small Arms Range Layout and Wetland Delineation Area of NJDEP GP-6 Permit

AUTHORIZATION: The former Newton Armory is being investigated under the Army National Guard's Compliance Cleanup program.

REGULATORY OVERSIGHT: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Site Remediation Program is the lead agency; NJDEP assigned Program Interest (PI) number 000676 to this site. Subsequent to passage of the Site Remediation Reform Act (SRRA) a category of remediation professionals known as Licensed Site Remediation professionals (LSRP) were established and licensed by the State to oversee the remediation of contaminated sites. The LSRP for this site was retained by the NJARNG in December 2014. The NJDEP's role in the LSRP program is to regulate responsible parties through its remediation regulations. This includes inspecting and reviewing LSRP submittals and monitoring remediation cleanup schedules. The Responsible Party's role in the LSRP program is to remediate contaminated sites in accordance with the Department's applicable standards and regulations. The LSRP's role is to oversee the remediation of contaminated sites in accordance with NJDEP applicable standards and regulations and issue Response Action Outcome letters (RAO) when cleanups are complete. RAOs are fully equivalent to No Further Action (NFA) letters formerly issued by the NJDEP.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS/SITE WORK: A Preliminary Assessment Report (PAR) was completed in 2016. The NJARNG completed the removal of underground storage tanks containing heating oil and gasoline. Buildings were demolished in 2018. An NJDEP permit was obtained for preliminary screening of Munitions of Environmental Concern at the former Small Arms Outdoor Range (Division of Land Use Regulation GP-6 permit No. 1915-15-0001.1.FWW170001).

STATUS/SCHEDULE (AS OF DECEMBER 2018):

The small arms range field investigation is planned to be conducted in March 2019, to include:

- Performing a surface clearance for small arms to ensure the safety of potential site workers or casual personnel who may traverse or work on the site.
- Thoroughly investigating the range to determine if buried, unused ammunition is present.
- Determining the horizontal extent of any bullets and bullet fragments associated with the impact berm to support the characterization and remediation (if needed) of metal impacts to the soil.
- Investigating the hillside adjacent to the dilapidated wooden staircase for potential revetments in the hillside that may contain previous ammunition storage sites.
- Investigating the Range Shed with "all metals" detectors to identify the presence of bullets, bullet fragments, cartridge casings, and/or other ammunition-related materiel.

PROJECT COST:

Estimated Federal Cost: \$81,000 (Small Arms Range Investigation)

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