



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CESAS-RE-PC

21 February 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, ENGINEERING DIVISION, ATTN: CESAC-EN-PR
(W. BOGAN), CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

SUBJECT: Defense Environmental Restoration Program - Formerly
Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS), Site No. I04SC002600, Fort
Sevier, South Carolina

1. A search of records for subject project was performed. Real Estate audit records in the Savannah District do not contain information on the site. War Assets Administration records held at the National Archives in Washington, DC, and the National Archives, Southeast Region, Eastpoint, Georgia, were also reviewed for information. A search of records held by the Department of the Air Force, Historical Research Center, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, was performed. We also received a negative response to our request for information from officials regarding subject DERP-FUDS site in this county.
2. Due to failure to locate requisite information for this site, in light of the aboved referenced research, we recommend this site be designated as a categorical exclusion.
3. If further information or assistance is required, please contact Anthony Marshall at (912) 652-5017.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beverly H. Waters".

BEVERLY H. WATERS
Chief, Planning and Control Branch
Real Estate Division

CF:
CESAS-RE-PR
CESAS-RE-PC

DISPOSITION FORM

For use of this form, see AR 340-15; the proponent agency is TAGO.

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REFERENCE OR OFFICE SYMBOL

DAEN-ECE-B

SUBJECT

Defense Environmental Restoration Account (DERA) for Formerly Used Sites -- Findings and Determination of Eligibility for Eight Sites

TO

DAEN-ZCZ-A
Pentagon

FROM

DAEN-ECZ-B
Pulaski Bldg

DATE

16 JUN 1986
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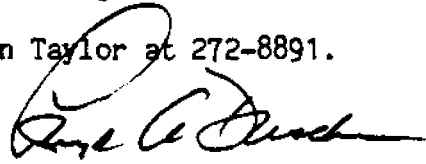
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1. We are providing for your information negative Findings and Determination of Eligibility reports for the following eight sites.

- a. Project no. C03VA012000, Middle Ground Military Reservation, Virginia (encl 2);
- b. Project no. C03PA008800, Letterkenny Army Depot, Pennsylvania (encl 3);
- c. Project . . . C03VA010400, Fort Norfolk, Virginia (encl 4);
- d. Project no. I04NC000700, National Guard Target Range, Morehead City, North Carolina (encl 5);
- e. Project no. I04GA002200, Fort Hancock, Georgia (encl 6);
- f. Project no. I04SC002800, Camp Sevier, South Carolina (encl 7);
- g. Project no. I04NC060200, Raleigh - Durham Army Airfield, North Carolina (encl 8);
- h. Project no. I04FL077800, Brooksville Turret Gunnery Range, Florida (encl 9).

2. We are enclosing a list (encl 1) which includes entries for the project number, former service and a brief explanation for each negative determination.

3. Please direct any questions to Ben Taylor at 272-8891.



LEOYD A. BUSCHA, P. E.
Deputy Director
Directorate of Engineering
and Construction

CF: HNDED-PM w/encls 1-9
NADCO-EP w/encls 1-4
SADPD-R w/encls 1,5-9

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM
FOR FORMERLY USED SITES
FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY
CAMP (FORT) SEVIER
GREENVILLE, SC
PROJECT NO. IO4SC002800

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. This World War I cantonment area contained mainly simple wooden or temporary structures, most of which have been torn down or have been used for many years as homes, as warehouses, or for other commercial purposes. A number of city and county officials, local historians, and current owners were contacted; none knew of any structures or debris left from the period of Department of Defense (DOD) use that were considered unsafe, unsightly, or a problem for present-day use.
2. Camp Sevier was established in 1917 to train U.S. Army troops for World War I. Approval for the cantonment site was obtained 21 May 1917. Three divisions trained there between 1917 and 28 February 1919--the 20th, the 81st, and the 30th. The camp was closed 8 April 1919. Research has failed to uncover the specific methods of land acquisition. Employees of the Greenville County Register of Mesne Conveyance examined their records carefully and were unable to find any record of the U.S. Government either acquiring or disposing of the Camp Sevier property. Apparently, the Government did not record its real estate transactions with the county or did so in an atypical manner. There are records of the property holdings both before and after the brief existence of Camp Sevier.
3. The camp was used for training troops for combat in World War I. It included a powder magazine, a field bakery, mess halls, a remount station, a Young Men's Christian Association building, warehouses, officers' quarters, and a field hospital, which was transferred to the Veterans Bureau after the war. Fifteen miles north of the camp, near Hogsback Mountain, was an artillery range, apparently used by both Camp Sevier and Camp Wadsworth.
4. The exact manner in which DOD disposed of the property is unknown. The area of the former cantonment site now contains dense residential housing and commercial development.
5. A number of sources were unsuccessfully searched for maps, deeds, plats, or other documents that would precisely locate the boundaries of the former camp. These sources included the city of Greenville, the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, the Greenville County Courthouse, the Greenville County Library, the Clemson University Library, the Caroliniana Library in Columbia, the Citadel Library in Charleston, the South Carolina Historical Society, and the Charleston Library Society. The sources disclosed a great deal of information, including many photographs of the site, and described the activities, structures, and general boundaries of the camp. The Greenville City Engineer, the

City Attorney, and major present-day landholders, as well as persons from the above list, were questioned to see if they knew of or had heard of any buildings, other structures, debris, unexploded ordnance, or other objects or substances that may have been left by DOD and which might be causing some problem today. All replies were negative. Onsite investigation confirmed descriptions by landowners and articles in the Greenville News: The remaining structures have been used for years as homes, industrial plants, and warehouses.

DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the site has been determined to have been formerly used by DOD. However, it is determined that an environmental restoration project is not an appropriate undertaking within the purview of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program, established under Public Law 98-473, Continuing Appropriation, 1985 [Conference Report (HR 98-1159)], for the reasons stated above.

16 Jan 86

Date



LLOYD A. DUSCHA, P.E.
Deputy Director
Directorate of Engineering
and Construction

SADPD-R

7 January 1985

SUBJECT: Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) FY 85
Site Surveys

Commander, Huntsville Division
ATTN: HNDPD-PM

1. Reference HNDPD-PM message 021800Z Oct 84, subject: Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) FY 85 Survey Message No. 1.
2. In accordance with instructions in referenced message, inclosed are four copies each of Findings of Fact and backup materials prepared by Charleston District for three (3) formerly-used DOD properties in South Carolina: Fort Sumter (104SC002700); Fort Wadsworth (104SC003200); and Fort Sevier (104SC002800).
3. We concur in the findings of Charleston District in those reports. No further action is proposed for Fort Wadsworth or Fort Sevier at this time. The removal of Battery Huger at Fort Sumter appears to be an appropriate DERP undertaking, although there are constraints which could potentially delay project implementation beyond the current fiscal year. If further work is approved at Fort Sumter, please advise us as soon as possible so that we can proceed.
4. Any questions should be directed to Mr. Dennis Barnett (FTS 242-4530) or Mr. Marc Rucker (FTS 242-6043).

FOR THE COMMANDER:

3 Incl

1. Ft Sumter (6 copies)
2. Ft Wadsworth w/d
3. Ft Sevier w/d

DAN M. MAULDIN
Chief, Planning Division

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