

Brandywine Launch and Control Nike Site (MD-228 & 229)
Prince Georges County, Maryland
(W-36)

Site Location

The former Brandywine Nike site is located in Prince George's County, Maryland. The site consists of a 21-acre former launch area on Candy Hill Road and a 15-acre former control area on Edgemeade Road.

These sites are located in a rural residential area. According to the latest information in the files, this community relies upon private wells for potable water.

Site History

From 1955 until 1962, the property was used by the Army as a Nike air defense missile site. Nike missile batteries were active in the United States during that time frame as part of a defense system designed to defend against foreign bomber and missile penetrations.

This site was deactivated in the 1962. The former launch area was reused as a youth center, and it then changed ownership over the years and eventually ceased operation. According to the latest information in the files, the former control area is operated as a non-profit, private school.

Environmental Investigations

In 1987, a final Confirmation Study for the former launch area was completed. Four monitoring wells were installed and sampled and there was no evidence of contamination to the groundwater from organic compounds revealed in this investigation. Samples collected from standing water in the former missile magazines revealed petroleum hydrocarbons (45 mg/l), chromium (8 µg/l) and lead (18 to 92 µg/l).

In 1998, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) submitted a work plan to conduct additional investigation to the Federal Facilities Program. However, the USACE redirected the funding to other projects and the additional work has not been conducted.

Current Status

No information available.

Future Activity

No information available.

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