

FINDING OF
NO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACTIONS INDICATED

1. SITE NAME: Durant Park Maneuver Area

FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITE PROJECT NUMBER: J09CA079300

LOCATION:

City: San Leandro (south of downtown Oakland)
County: Alameda
State: California

2. POINTS OF CONTACT:

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION:

The Durant Park Maneuver Area site is located near San Leandro in Alameda County, California. The site is at 4720 Dunkirk Avenue and is bounded by Golf Links Road on the west, Shetland Avenue on the south, Glen Artney Street on the east, and Dunkirk Avenue on the north. It occupies 2.319 acres of Section 18 in Township 2 South, Range 2 West, M.D.B. & M. Representative coordinates for the site are N 37° 45' 10.9" latitude, and W 122° 07' 33.5" longitude. The Durant Park Maneuver Area site is in the 13th U.S. Congressional District in California, and in Region IX of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

During site visits in 1990 and 2003, The Durant Park Maneuver Area site was in use as a public elementary school and residential area. No DOD structures or other improvements were found to exist.

4. SITE HISTORY:

The War Department acquired 2.319 acres by permits dated 29 May 1943 to establish the Durant Park Maneuver Area as a campsite or bivouac area for troops. The permits were terminated on 5 August 1944. This site was undeveloped land consisting of wilderness and a few scattered farms both before and immediately after the war. In the mid 1950s, this area underwent tremendous growth, including development of housing tracts and several schools to accommodate the population. In 1956, a City of Oakland bond issue provided the funds for the construction of the Grass Valley Elementary School at the site. The school was dedicated in November of 1958 and has been in continuous use since its completion. The school is owned by the Oakland Unified School District, but no records were available to substantiate this.

5. SITE INVESTIGATIONS/CURRENT STATUS:

The Durant Park Maneuver Area site was first visited on 14 December 1990 by inspectors from the Sacramento District Corps of Engineers. Neither the school's principal nor the school's custodian was aware of any environmental contamination at the site. The Alameda County Health Department was also contacted at that time and their Hazardous Materials Division representative stated that they were not aware of any contamination at the site. The site inspection revealed no hazardous contamination or conditions related to DOD use of the site.

On 30 May 2003, a second site visit was conducted to verify current conditions and to identify any evidence of past DOD activity or hazards not reported previously. The site was inspected by car and on foot in an effort to identify hazards of DOD origin, especially evidence of any abandoned fuel tanks or hazardous wastes. The school is completely rimmed by a high chain-link fence, except for the portion along the front of the school. The school building and three modular units occupy the lowest third of the property, which is on a moderately steep slope. The school building appears to be in good repair. A paved playground and a few small annex buildings are behind the school. The middle level is a grassy knoll with a few benches and a basketball court. There is a paved walkway extending from a chain-link gate in the fence on Shetland Avenue through the grassy portion, which overlooks the lower play area behind the school. The upper third is all natural foliage, somewhat overgrown. Trees, mostly conifer, and shrubbery predominate with some flowering bushes. The incline is quite steep. The surrounding area is almost completely residential with single-family homes predominating. This is a middle-class neighborhood and the homes appear to be in good repair. Two golf courses, country clubs, park land and a zoo are also in the vicinity.

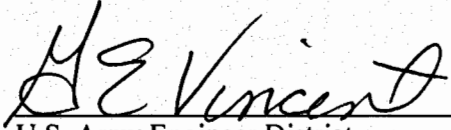
The inspection covered the entire perimeter and the lower two-thirds of the exterior portion of the site. There were no stains visible on any of the paved surfaces or the grassy areas. No aboveground tanks were visible, and there was no sign of any underground tanks. A few vertical pipes embedded in concrete protruded several inches from the paved area in both the lower and middle portions. These pipes were clearly not being used. They appeared to be for fixed play items, such as swings, slides, and seesaws, which had been removed.

There was no evidence of hazardous or toxic waste, waste ordnance, or hazardous building debris as a result of DOD use of the site.

6. **NDAI RECOMMENDATION:**

This site is recommended for No Department of Defense Actions Indicated. During the records research, interviews, and site inspections conducted related to this site, there were no hazards or potential environmental liabilities noted from the past use of the site by the Department of Defense. No evident hazards were found during the site visit; therefore, no projects are recommended at this site.

7. **NDAI CONCURRENCE:**



U.S. Army Engineer District
Sacramento Corps of Engineers

Department of Toxic Substances Control
State of California

18 June 2004
Date

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