

## Site History

The former Nansemond Ordnance Depot (FNOD) occupied 975 acres overlooking the Nansemond and James Rivers in Suffolk, Virginia, over a 43-year period (1917 to 1960). It played a major role in the storage, shipment, inspection, reconditioning, and disposal of ammunition during World War I and World War II.

In 1960, the Department of Defense (DoD) declared the FNOD property excess. Various land transactions have taken place within the 975 acres since the initial release of the property in 1960.

Today the site is owned or occupied by Tidewater Community College (TCC), TCC Real Estate Foundation, General Electric, Ashley Capital, Suffolk Towers LLC, Continental Bridgeway LP, Dominion Lands Inc., Bridgeway LB, Lockheed Martin, SYSCO Foods, the Hampton Roads Sanitation District, the Virginia Department of Transportation (Interstate 664), and the City of Suffolk Economic Development Authority, among others.

## What are Munitions?

Munitions include military ammunition, components or explosives.

75mm Shrapnel with fuze



11.125" x 4.25"

Three 75mm Incendiary



MK-II Fuze with Booster



9.5" x 2.75"



3.875" x 12.5" each

## Munitions Warning

 **NOT EVERY  
BOMB LOOKS  
LIKE A BOMB**



If you see anything  
that looks strange  
on the ground,  
be sure to **stay away**.  
Tell a grownup to  
**call 911**  
and report it.



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## Munitions

(Ordnance)

## Safety Tips

for the  
Former  
Nansemond  
Ordnance  
Depot (FNOD) Area



Nansemond River Beachfront



TNT Area



James River Beachfront



Nearshore Area



Main Burning Ground



U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Norfolk District



# Types of munitions items removed from FNOD

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been conducting munitions investigations and response actions at the Former Nansmond Ordnance Depot since 1988. The following are photos of some of the munitions items that have been found and removed.



8 inch Cannonball

75 mm  
Incendiary Rounds



British Number 101  
Projectile



Miscellaneous  
Caps



Raw TNT



## Land Use Controls & Safety Measures

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has put in place a Land Use Control Implementation Plan that includes a number of safety precautions for designated Munitions Response Sites where the Corps is continuing, planning, or has completed Munitions Response actions. The plan was developed with input from USACE Baltimore District Explosive Safety Office, the FNOD Restoration Advisory Board, EPA, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the City of Suffolk, and local landowners. Land use controls include engineering/access controls such as signs, fences, zoning restrictions, and public education efforts. They may apply to area that is highlighted on the map above.

## Important Safety Measures

If you own land or are working on property within the former depot property boundary...

- Review this brochure prior to any ground intrusive activities such as digging, poles or fence post installation.
- Become familiar with the types of munitions items that have been found and removed at the former depot site.
- If you come across a suspect item, don't touch it or move it. Note the location and call 911 to report it.