Where can I get more information?

This flyer presents a summary of the primary results of ATSDR’s investigations. More detailed information is available in a series of public health assessments published by ATSDR. These documents are available from records repositories located at the Biblioteca Publica, the Vieques Conservation and Historical Trust, and at the University of Puerto Rico’s School of Public Health.

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The topographic layer of the map was obtained from “Air Dispersion Modeling and Related Analysis for Inner Range Operations, Vieques, Puerto Rico,” February 2000.
Groundwater Pathway

- Navy training activities at the former bombing range have not affected the drinking water supplies on Vieques.
- Most of the residents of Vieques receive their drinking water from the mainland of Puerto Rico through an underwater pipeline.
- It is not safe for children and pregnant women to drink water from Well 3-7 due to high levels of nitrate and nitrite from a local source.
- Groundwater from the former Live Impact Area cannot move to areas where groundwater wells are located.

Fish and Shellfish Pathway

- It is safe to eat seafood from the coastal waters and near-shore lands on Vieques, including fish and shellfish from areas north and south of the former Live Impact Area.
- Several metals were detected in fish and shellfish collected around Vieques. However, ATSDR concluded that the metal concentrations were too low to be of health concern, even if a person ate fish or shellfish every day for 70 years.
- Explosive compounds were not detected in any of the edible fish and shellfish that were sampled from Vieques.

Soil Pathway

- Touching or incidentally ingesting the soil on Vieques would not cause harmful health effects.
- The protestors who lived on the former Live Impact Area from April 1999 to May 2000 were not exposed to harmful levels of chemicals in the soil.
- Navy training activities have elevated the levels of some metals in the soil on the former Live Impact Area, however, the levels are too low to be of health concern.

Air Pathway

- The air does not contain harmful levels of chemicals.
- The residents of Vieques have been exposed to contaminants released during the Navy's military training exercises, however, the estimated exposures are lower than levels known to be associated with harmful health effects.
- Airborne dust and contaminants released during training activities at the former Live Impact Area disperse to extremely low levels before ever reaching the residents of Vieques.