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Opponents, who are primarily local residents and those of neighboring Holmdel Township who live near the site, have expressed fears that new traffic to be generated by the facility will adversely affect the quality of life, depress residential property values

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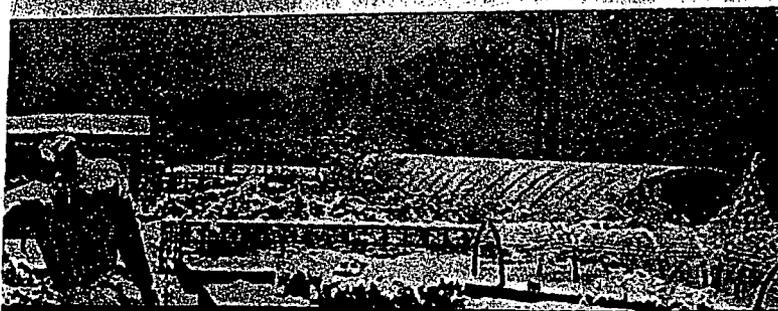
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10 tons of bullets cleaned up at Earle

■ Base officials say a cleanup of two pistol ranges at the base has been completed.

By **ROBERT WESTON**
FREEHOLD BUREAU

COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP — Navy and civilian contractors have completed a soil cleanup of two pistol ranges yielding several tons of lead bullets, officials said last night.

More than 10 tons — or as much as several hundred thousand rounds — of spent ammunition were recovered during the treatment of 1,500 tons of soil, base officials said at the Earle Restoration Advisory Board meeting last night.

The board consists of 23 military, state, federal, county and local environmental officials who gather every few months to discuss ongoing environmental cleanup projects taking place at the Earle Naval Weapons Station.

The two sites, located near Route 34 at the Colts Neck portion of the base, were cleaned up using a new technique involving the use of water and soil screening, said Gregory J. Goepfert, an environmental engineer at the Navy base.

The process involved washing the soil with water through several screening layers and allowing the water to carry away the soil leaving the lead-based rounds behind.

While not uncommon in the mining industry, use of the water separation process is a first for Navy officials trying to clean up environmental problems at its bases.

The cleanup took nearly a month to complete, Goepfert said. A recent examination of the soil found it had only one quarter as much lead as is commonly found in soils of nearby residential districts, officials said.

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Moriarty suggested in his question-
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 hired a handwriting expert, who de-
 termined the dates had been written
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 plied that Padula had opened the
 trunk before Feb. 22.

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Moriarty questioned Padula about
 the fact that he and another county
 detective were at the motor pool on
 Feb. 25 for more than an hour before
 state police and county arson investi-
 gators arrived.

"Were you examining the vehicle
 before everyone else arrived?" Mori-
 arty asked.

"I never went inside that vehicle to
 look around," Padula responded.

Bullets

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The lead collected at the sites is ex-
 pected to be sold for scrap. Goepfert
 said base officials hope to sell the lead
 for \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Base officials said one of the clea-
 ned-up sites is slated to become an ar-
 chery range while the second will be
 allowed to revert to its natural condi-
 tion.

Also in the works for the near fu-
 ture is the remediation of several
 other sites at the base.

Next month, base officials said they
 hope to begin cleaning up three sites
 where the soil has been contaminated
 with old paint chips.

In January, work is expected to
 begin on a site once used by the Navy
 to strip bombs and explosives. The
 soil at the site is contaminated with
 lead. Navy officials said they hope to
 begin excavation at the site sometime
 in the spring.

Most of the contamination at the
 base, Navy officials said, involves sol-
 vents, paints and metals from spent
 shells, buried decades ago.

Officials have said there is no evi-
 dence that any of the sites pose a haz-
 ard to health or that any of the con-
 taminants have spread off-base.

Park

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off Route 33 — wanted to be able to
 take their children to the park, Naro-
 zanick added.

Residents were particularly upset
 because the county was seeking to
 more than double the open space tax,
 which supports the county park sys-
 tem, Narozanick said. A referendum
 on the open space tax question passed
 by nearly a 3-to-1 margin last week.

"I can sympathize with the people.
 If you see a gate locked, they think
 they're prohibited from going in
 there," Narozanick said in an inter-
 view.

Freehold Township Mayor David
 Segal said he also had received nu-
 merous complaints about the status of

the park.

"I would think, in this case, some
 way should be devised to tell the pub-
 lic they can go in there and they're
 not trespassing," Segal said.

Truncer said he intends to have the
 gates moved back to allow cars to park
 without having access to the entire
 complex.

The park was built in 1973 at the
 behest of the Monmouth Horse Show
 Association, Truncer said. It later be-
 came the site of the county fair.

The park is rented 26 weekends a
 year and at other times for private
 events. It costs \$1,500 to rent the
 park for one day.

The park contains three show
 areas, gravel paths, a gravel parking
 lot and several large grassy areas.
 There are no picnic tables or sports
 facilities.



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