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Disk 1: The impact of U.S. military operations on Okinawa's environment

FOIA-released documents produced by the U.S. military and C.I.A. related to environmental contamination on Okinawa. Dating from 1945 to 2017, the reports cover chemical and biological weapons, pollution caused by Vietnam War-era hazardous waste and current environmental accidents. Facilities referenced include Camp Kinser, MCAS Futenma, Kadena Air Base, Camp Schwab and Tori Shima Range.

Title: Amphibious corps action report Ryukyus Operation Phases I and II (Okinawa)

Source: U.S. Army

Date produced: 1 July 1945

Length: 1p

Description: Investigation into chemical weapon usage during Battle of Okinawa.

Tags: CBW 1940s

Title: Rice blast epiphytology

Source: U.S. Army

Date produced: June 1965

Size: 127pp

Description: Report on biological weapon tests at sites on Okinawa including Shuri,

Ishikawa and Nago. Tags: CBW 1960s

Title: Nerve gas incident on Okinawa

Source: CIA

Date produced: 18 July 1969

Size: 2pp

Description: Report on incidents involving suspected CBW at Gushikawa and

Chibana Ammunition Depot.

Tags: CBW Gushikawa Chibana 1960s

Title: Miscellaneous environmental spill reports for Kadena Air Base

Source: USAF

Date produced: 1990 ~ 2015

Size: 1469pp

Description: Reports, emails and presentations related to environmental incidents at

Kadena Air Base.

Tags: AFFF asbestos fuel lead PCB pest_control PFOA PFOS white_phosphorous

Kadena_Air_Base 1990s 2000s 2010s

Title: Kadena Air Base environmental surveys

Source: USAF

Date produced: 1992 ~ 2000

Size: 301pp

Description: 11 surveys into suspected environmental contamination within Kadena

Air Base.

Tags: AFFF asbestos fuel lead PCB PFOA PFOS Kadena_Air_Base 1990s 2000s

Title: Talking paper on possible toxic contamination at Camp Kinser

Source: USMC

Date produced: 30 July 1993

Size: 82pp

Description: Multi-service investigation into contamination within Camp Kinser (a.k.a. Machinato Service Area), including discussion of deaths of marine life, burials

of hazardous waste and economic obstacles for remediation.

Tags: dioxin lead PCB pesticides Camp_Kinser Camp_Hansen 1970s 1980s 1990s

Title: Summary Report Alleged PCB Site Investigation Kadena Air Base

Source: USAF

Date produced: February 1999

Size: 84pp

Description: Investigation into impact of PCB-contaminated waste oil at storage

pond within Kadena Air Base.

Tags: PCB Kadena_Air_Base 1990s

Title: Technical review of Tori Shima surveys

Source: USAF

Date produced: 9 July 1999

Size: 34pp

Description: Summary of surveys into USMC usage of depleted uranium (DU) on

Tori Shima Range.

Tags: DU Tori_Shima 1990s

Title: Miscellaneous asbestos surveys for Kadena Air Base

Source: USAF

Date produced: 2000 ~ 2002

Size: 107pp

Description: Four reports detailing asbestos contamination within Kadena Air Base;

some reports also discuss lead contamination. Tags: asbestos lead Kadena_Air_Base 2000s

Title: US Army Tank Farm surveys

Source: U.S. Army

Date produced: 2000 ~ 2004

Size: 134pp

Description: Two reports detailing environmental surveys at Kuwae and Chimuwan

Tank Farms.
Tags: fuel 2000s

Title: Environmental spill summaries for Kadena Air Base

Source: USAF

Date produced: 2000 ~ 2014

Size: 72pp

Description: Annual lists of environmental spills on Kadena Air Base.

Tags: AFFF asbestos fuel PCB PFOA PFOS white_phosphorous Kadena_Air_Base 2000s 2010s

Title: USMC environmental spill reports

Source: USMC

Date produced: 2004 ~ 2016

Size: 403pp

Description: Reports, emails and presentations related to environmental incidents on MCAS Futenma, Camp Hansen and Camp Schwab; also includes 2013 USMC Spill Prevention and Response Plan.

Tags: AFFF fuel lead PFOA PFOS MCAS_Futenma Camp_Hansen Camp_Schwab

2000s 2010s

Title: Kadena AB Spill Prevention and Response Plan – Annex A

Source: USAF

Date produced: 9 July 2012

Size: 365pp

Description: Guide to on-base fuel storage and storm water flow into adjacent

communities.

Tags: fuel Kadena_Air_Base 2010s

Title: Military housing inspections - Japan

Source: DoD Inspector General Date produced: 30 September 2014

Size: 82pp

Description: Report on health and safety problems within military accommodation

on Okinawa and mainland Japan.

Tags: asbestos lead mold PCB radon Kadena_Air_Base MCAS_Futenma

Camp_Schwab Torii_Station 2010s

Title: Department of Defense Dependent Schools Lead Assessment Project, Kadena

Air Base Source: USAF

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Date produced: 27 August 2015

Size: 62pp

Description: Report on lead contamination within schools at Kadena Air Base.

Tags: lead Kadena_Air_Base 2010s

Title: Test results for PFAS contamination at MCAS Futenma

Source: USMC

Date produced: 18 February 2016

Size: 4pp

Description: Data for PFOA/PFOS checks at fire-training site at MCAS Futenma.

Tags: AFFF PFOA PFOS MCAS_Futenma 2010s

Title: Test results for PFAS contamination at Kadena Air Base

Source: USAF

Date produced: 2014 ~ 2017

Size: 26pp

Description: Data for PFOA/PFOS checks within buildings and holding ponds at

Kadena Air Base.

Tags: AFFF PFOA PFOS Kadena_Air_Base 2010s

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Disk 2: Natural, archeological and cultural surveys of U.S. military facilities on Okinawa

Military-compiled surveys of Kadena Air Base, Kadena Ammunition Supply Annex, Okuma Recreation Area, Camp Butler (including MCAS Futenma, Camp Schwab and Camp Hansen) and Torii Station. All documents obtained via FOIA.

Title: Surveys of natural and cultural resources at Kadena Air Base, Kadena

Ammunition Supply Annex and Okuma Recreation Area

Source: USAF

Date produced: 2010 ~ 2013

Size: 1050pp

Description: Four surveys of natural and cultural resources conducted at Kadena Air Base, Kadena Ammunition Supply Annex and Okuma Recreation Area. Surveys include flora, fauna, geology, tombs, castle ruins and sacred sites. Report also cites lack of survey for Tori Shima Range due to ongoing concerns of DU contamination. Tags: DU Chibana Kadena_Air_Base Okuma_Recreation_Area Tori_Shima 2010s

Title: US Army environmental and archeological surveys.

Source: U.S. Army

Date produced: 2004 ~ 2016

Size: 375pp

Description: 10 reports related to environmental and archeological surveys

conducted for U.S. Army at Torii Station and White Beach Tank Farm.

Tags: Torii_Station 2000s 2010s

Title: Camp Butler integrated natural resources and cultural resources management

plan

Source: USMC

Date produced: April 2014

Size: 562pp

Description: USMC surveys of flora, fauna, geology, tombs, castle ruins and sacred sites at facilities including MCAS Futenma, Camp Hansen, Camp Schwab, Camp

Kinser and le Shima Training Facility.

Tags: Camp_Kinser MCAS_Futenma Camp_Hansen Camp_Schwab le_Shima 2010s

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Disk 3: Command histories, intelligence reports and orientation lectures for Okinawa

FOIA-released documents including USFJ Command Histories (1972 ~ 1985), USMC orientation lectures and the CIA's "Understanding Base Politics in Okinawa" (2012).

Title: Organizational History – 267th Chemical Company

Source: U.S. Army

Date produced: 26 March 1966

Size: 2pp

Description: Summary of Project 112 site, personnel training and shipment of

chemical weapons to Okinawa. Tags: CBW Chibana 1960s Title: USFJ Command Histories

Source: USFJ

Date produced: 1972 - 1985

Size: 2147pp

Description: Annual reports detailing the history of USFJ operations including significant events, problems and accomplishments. These documents were first released via FOIA to Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainability, available here: https://nautilus.org/projects/by-name/foia/command-histories/

Tags: USFJ MCAS_Futenma Kadena_Air_Base Camp_Schwab 1970s 1980s

Title: Okinawa Culture Awareness Training

Source: USMC

Date produced: 2010s

Size: 117pp

Description: Four sets of slides and scripts for lectures given to marines and

dependents upon arrival on Okinawa.

Tags: USMC 2010s

Title: Understanding Base Politics in Okinawa

Source: CIA

Date produced: 5 January 2012

Size: 60pp

Description: Handbook produced by CIA's Open Source Center to guide U.S. policymakers on how to influence Okinawa public opinion vis-à-vis military presence

in prefecture. Tags: CIA 2010s

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Disk 4: An American View of the 1970 Koza Riot

U.S. military photographs of the aftermath of 20 December 1970 Koza Riot and audio recording of *Condition Green* announcement; donated by U.S. soldier, Lawrence K. Gray (1947 - 2016).

Title: Photographs of aftermath of Koza Riot

Source: Donated by U.S. soldier, Lawrence K. Gray (1947 - 2016).

Date produced: December 1970

Size: 55 images

Description: 55 black-and-white photographs taken by U.S. military following the Koza Riot. Images show damage to vehicles, clean-up work and military / civilian police officers. The original copies of these photographs were presented to Okinawa City's Histreet Museum in 2011; the digital copies are included here to fulfil Mr. Gray's request that they be made available as widely as possible. Captions to some photographs, provided by colleague of Mr. Gray, are available at: https://www.jonmitchellinjapan.com/lawrence-grays-koza-riot.html

Tags: Kadena_Air_Base 1970s

Title: Audio file of Condition Green announcement following Koza Riot

Source: U.S. soldier, Lawrence K. Gray (1947 - 2016).

Date produced: December 1970

Size: 69 seconds

Description: Commercial radio broadcast of warning to Americans to stay out of the

Koza area.

Tags: Kadena_Air_Base 1970s

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