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Riverside County, California

Field work begins to look into possible Agent Orange use

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Fieldwork has begun as part of the investigation into US military use of Agent Orange on Guam. Officials from Guam EPA, Joint Region Marianas, and Anderson Air Force Base were present during the four day soil sampling by AECOM, a private contractor selected by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

They collected soil samples from former fuel pipelines, airfield perimeter fence lines, and a fence line surrounding the aboveground storage tanks around Anderson Air Force Base.

Governor Eddie Baza Calvo directed Guam EPA to conduct an investigation a year ago, after Guam veterans issued testimony claiming they sprayed agent orange on Guam in the 1960s and 70s.

Samples were shipped to two different laboratories to test for the herbicide, results are expected to be complete in the next 60 to 90 days.

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