



Alaska

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson AFB

Facility and Location

The 2005 Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission hearings recommended closure of Kulis Air National Guard Station and relocation of the 176th Wing to Elmendorf AFB. A recommendation was also made to realign Fort Richardson, Alaska by relocating installation management functions to Elmendorf AFB, establishing Joint Base (JB) Elmendorf- Richardson.

Elmendorf Air Force Base (AFB) is strategically located near Anchorage to provide superior air power to support and defend the interests of the U.S. in the Asia-Pacific Region as well as around the world. The base must be able to meet theater staging requirements for the Pacific Air Force Command's needs. The installation has a fighter mission, an airlift mission, and an airborne warning and control mission.

Fort Richardson occupies a 62,000 acre area located adjacent to the city of Anchorage. The largest military tenant at Fort Richardson is the Alaska National Guard. Fort Richardson also hosts several non-military activities. The Eagle River Flats (ERF) Ordnance Impact Area is located in wetlands associated with the Eagle River delta in the northwestern corner of the installation. ERF has served as the primary ordnance impact area for Fort Richardson since World War II. The ordnance testing area encompasses 2,160 acres of wetlands. The installation's utilities have been privatized and Doyan Utilities currently operates the drinking water system.

Media Sampled and Findings

Drinking Water — In 2008, one sample detected perchlorate at 0.18 ppb. In 2007, five of eight samples taken at Elmendorf AFB detected perchlorate from 0.04 to 0.75 ppb. Prior to 2007, nine of nine samples detected perchlorate from 0.18 to 3.4 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.