



Arkansas Little Rock AFB

Facility and Location

Little Rock Air Force Base (AFB) lies within Pulaski County, northwest of the city of Jacksonville and approximately 17 miles northeast of downtown Little Rock. The immediate vicinity of the base is largely rural and most economic activity is commercial service. There is a significant amount of low density residential development near the base, as well as some agricultural and industrial activity. Approximately 7,400 military and civilian personnel are employed on base. The population living on base is approximately 6,380 people.

A large portion of the base was once property of the Arkansas Ordnance Plant (AOP). The AOP was in operation from 1942 to 1945, while decommissioning work was completed in 1949. The AOP manufactured fuses, detonators, etc. for use during World War II. Significant amounts of lead and mercury used in the manufacture of these munitions components have been detected in base soils.

Construction of Little Rock AFB began in 1953 and the base was officially dedicated and opened to air traffic on August 1, 1955. Originally operated under the Strategic Air Command, the base served as a facility for medium jet bombers, reconnaissance aircraft, and aerial refueling aircraft. The base has since been operated under the Tactical Air Command (1970-1974), the Military Airlift Command (1974-1990), redesignated Air Mobility Command (AMC) (1990-1993), the Air Combat Command (October 1993-1997), and the Air Education and Training Command (1997-2008) and AMC (2008-present).

Media Sampled and Findings

Wastewater — Prior to 2007, sewage samples were below detection limits.

Appropriate Actions

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