



## Arizona Camp Bouse

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### ***Facility and Location***

Camp Bouse was constructed as part of the Desert Training Center, later known as the California-Arizona Maneuver Area (C-AMA). The C-AMA provided an area for large scale infantry and armor maneuvers. The former Camp Bouse Maneuver Area site is located northeast of the town of Bouse in La Paz and Yavapai Counties. The actual tent camp was centrally located in the maneuver area about 15 to 20 miles from the town. The 352,300 acre training site lies in a northeast direction about 35 miles up Butler Valley and extends from the western side of the Harcuvar Mountains on the east to the Bouse Hills and foothills of the Buckskin Mountains along the west boundary. The site is remote desert north of Vicksburg and Aguila. Camp Bouse and the C-AMA were declared surplus February 1945.

Seven Army tank battalions are known to have trained at Camp Bouse, and numerous munitions usage areas (e.g., small arms, machine gun, tank, grenade, mortar firing ranges) were established within the site boundary. Other army improvements included dirt roads and a large tent city. Dedudding activities are known to have occurred in certain sectors of the camp during the late 1940s and early 1950s, but munitions items continue to be discovered on the site.

### ***Media Sampled and Findings***

**Groundwater** — In 2008, three of three samples detected perchlorate from 0.96 to 1.6 ppb.

### ***Appropriate Actions***

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