



California

Air Force Plant No. 16

Facility and Location

Air Force Plant No. 16 is a Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) addressed as part of DoD/California perchlorate sampling protocol. The location is the primary site of the Vultee Aircraft Company and Vultee Training Field. The site was acquired by the Air Force between 1940 and 1953. In 1953, it became officially known as Air Force Plant No. 16. The site was transferred to NASA on June 30, 1964. The site was used as pyrotechnic storage, a hazardous test laboratory, an aircraft manufacture, and possibly a rocket manufacture which are potential indicators of perchlorate use.

Media Sampled and Findings

In the summer of 2003, the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards requested information from DoD regarding perchlorate in drinking water. DoD worked with California regulators to establish an interagency working group to prioritize sites for sampling to determine the extent of the problem potentially attributable to DoD. The resulting DoD/California Perchlorate Sampling Prioritization Protocol allows both California and DoD to focus resources on the sites that may have the greatest likely potential to impact the public health. The installation was prioritized under California protocol, but, after reviewing available data, California regulators agreed that perchlorate sampling is not warranted at this time.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable.