



California

Former Onizuka AFS

Facility and Location

Former Onizuka Air Force Station (AFS) is located 37 miles southeast of San Francisco in Sunnyvale. Former Onizuka AFS started in 1960 as the Air Force Satellite Test Center (AFSTC). The AFSTC was later renamed in 1986, following the Challenger explosion, in honor of Ellison S. Onizuka. The 21st Space Operations Squadron (SOPS) was based at Former Onizuka AFS as a subordinate unit of the 50th Space Wing at Schriever Air Force Base (AFB), Colorado. The 21st SOPS plans and conducts specialized communications for a wide spectrum of DoD, allied, civil, and commercial space systems. In 2010, operations were moved to the Ellison Onizuka Satellite Operations Facility at Vandenberg AFB. Onizuka was officially closed on September 15, 2011.

Media Sampled and Findings

Drinking Water — Prior to 2007, one sample reported no detection.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb and California Maximum Contaminant Level for drinking water of 6 ppb.