



Kansas

Great Bend Air-to-Ground Gunnery Range

Facility and Location

The Great Bend Air-to-Ground Gunnery Range is located on 14,663 acres in Barton County 7.5 miles northeast of Great Bend. The range was six miles long (east-west direction) and four miles wide (north-south direction).

The range was used by Great Bend Army Airfield and Smoky Hill Army Airfield. It was also known as Cheyenne Bottoms Gunnery Range and Barton County Gunnery Range. The site consisted of five ranges: a gunnery range located in the northern half, a bombing range in the southeast portion, and a rifle range and a machine gun range in the southwest portion. The fourth range is a possible chemical weapons training area where training with mustard gas was conducted. However, the exact location of this training area and evidence of training has not been found.

Media Sampled and Findings

Surface Water — In 2008, four samples reported no detection

Appropriate Actions

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