



Kansas

Pratt Ground Gunnery Range

Facility and Location

Between 1942 and 1943, 2,685 acres in Pratt County were acquired to serve as an operational training airfield for the Army Air Forces Transport Command. The main base was operational until July 1946 when DoD declared the base surplus. Associated with the air base were practice and training facilities, including the Pratt Ground Gunnery Range which is located about seven miles northwest of the city of Pratt in Pratt County. This Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) property is 2,066 acres.

The range was a Poorman rifle range used for ball turret gunner training. From fixed turrets, mounted on concrete pads, gunners fired at targets moving along tracks out in the field. Nothing larger than .50 caliber size cartridge would have been used at the Pratt Ground Gunnery Range. The title was returned to the original owners between March and June of 1946. The land has been used for agriculture and grazing since 1946.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — In 2009, three of three samples detected perchlorate from 0.71 to 1.1 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

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