



Kansas

Walker Army Airfield

Facility and Location

Walker Army Airfield (AAF) was constructed in 1942 on approximately 1,800 acres. The air facility was utilized for the training of crews and support groups for heavy bombers. During World War II, a gas chamber and a chemical warfare demonstration area were constructed in the west central portion of Walker AAF for use in chemical warfare training. A chemical bomb magazine was located in the ordnance yard adjacent to the northeast/southwest runway. Walker AAF was declared surplus in 1946. The War Assets Administration was unable to dispose of the installation as an airport, so it was withdrawn from surplus in February 1948 and most of the property was transferred to the Air Force in 1949. The Air Force did not assign personnel to the property and reported it excess in May 1957.

Media Sampled and Findings

Soil — In 2007, five of nine samples detected perchlorate from 0.27 to 3 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

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