



## North Dakota Minot AFB

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### ***Facility and Location***

Minot Air Force Base (AFB) was established in 1955 in response to concern of a possible threat and attack on North America by enemy bombers during the Cold War. Minot AFB started as an Air Defense Command base and activated its first unit, the 32nd Fighter Group, in 1957. The Air Force took up occupancy soon after.

Minot AFB is currently home to the 5th Bomb Wing, including its fleet of B-52H Stratofortress bombers, and the 91st Space Wing. The 5th Bomb Wing is a Global Strike Command unit, and the host wing. The 91st Space Wing is responsible for maintaining a fleet of 150 Minuteman III missiles located in underground launch facilities scattered across the northwestern part of the state and is a component of Air Force Space Command.

### ***Media Sampled and Findings***

**Drinking Water** — Prior to 2007, one sample detected perchlorate at 0.05 ppb.

**Groundwater** — In 2007, one of four samples detected perchlorate at 0.03 ppb. Prior to 2007, four samples reported no detection.

### ***Appropriate Actions***

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