



Nebraska

Harvard Precision Bombing Range No. 5

Facility and Location

Harvard Precision Bombing Range No. 5 is located in Cherry County and is approximately 25 miles southwest of Valentine. The site is within the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest of the Sand Hills of Nebraska.

Personnel from Ainsworth, Scribner, and Harvard Army Airfields used the range primarily for .50 caliber aircraft gunnery practice. Limited munitions debris from 100 pound practice bombs were observed at the site, indicating incidental munitions of this type in addition to the .50 caliber munitions.

The land was acquired for military use on April 16, 1943 under a use permit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. On May 20, 1946, the range was declared surplus and the use permit formally relinquished on January 12, 1948.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — In 2007, four of five samples detected perchlorate from 0.1 to 0.35 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

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