



## Oklahoma Great Salt Plains Bombing Range

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

Great Salt Plains Bombing Range, also referred to as the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge, consisted of 18,030 acres near Cherokee in Alfalfa County. The Army Air Corps built the Great Salt Plains Bombing Range to allow its pilots to conduct practice bombing in specific areas of the refuge. Military related facilities and features of the former range included a gunnery hut, a practice bombing target, a skip bombing target, a demolition bombing target, three spotting towers, a complex of strafing targets, and a set of machine gun targets.

The research team did not find a certificate of clearance during research but did find one document discusses the cleanup of the range. On October 11, 1946, policing and disposal of bomb casings, .50 caliber ammunition cases, and clips, and the removal of live ammunition on the bombing range was completed. During the search, "no dud ammunition was found on the surface." On May 14, 1948, the Assistant Chief of Engineers for Real Estate, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stated, "The land has been searched by bomb and shell disposal personnel, and no explosives were found on the range."

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

**Groundwater** — Prior to 2007, one sample reported no detection.

**Surface Water** — Prior to 2007, four of four samples detected perchlorate from 0.02 to 0.1 ppb.

### ***Appropriate Actions***

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