



## Texas

### Laughlin AFB

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

Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB) is located in southwestern Texas, in Val Verde County, approximately six miles east of Del Rio. The base maintains the Spofford Auxiliary Air Field and South Winds Marina, located 40 and 20 miles from the base, respectively.

Originally activated in July 1942 under the Army Air Corps, Laughlin AFB's first mission was B-26 pilot training. In 1945, the base was decommissioned and leased to local ranchers. In 1952, Laughlin AFB was reactivated to conduct pilot training for single engine aircraft. From 1957 to 1961, the Strategic Air Command used Laughlin AFB for weather observation and reconnaissance using the RB-57 and the U-2. The base's current mission is to provide specialized undergraduate pilot training for the Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and allied nation air forces using the T-1A, T-6, and T-38 trainer aircraft.

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

**Drinking Water** — In 2007, one sample detected perchlorate at 0.28 ppb. Prior to 2007, one of two samples detected perchlorate at 0.28 ppb.

**Groundwater** — In 2007, one sample reported no detection. Prior to 2007, one of two samples detected perchlorate at 0.33 ppb.

#### ***Appropriate Actions***

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