



Kansas

Great Bend Army Airfield

Facility and Location

Great Bend Army Airfield (AAF) is located approximately four miles southwest of Great Bend in Barton County. Land for Great Bend AAF site was acquired between 1943 and 1945 for the purposes of building an army airfield. Improvements included runways, fuel storage areas, hangars, housing, a hospital, storage areas, and utilities. The site was reported surplus in August 1946 and was conveyed to the city of Great Bend in three separate actions, the last dated June 1949. The city has owned and maintained the site since.

In 1950, an Air Force Reserve unit was briefly stationed at the site. The site is currently used as a municipal airport. Much of the former cantonment area has been turned into an industrial park and is leased to various companies. A portion of the site is also leased for agricultural purposes. Most of the original structures have been demolished. Some concrete rubble remains at the locations of these structures. Several of the original hangars are still present and are being used. Numerous new buildings have been built in the former cantonment area to support the industrial park.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — In 2007, two of three samples detected perchlorate at 0.07 and 0.38 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

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