



Texas

Pyote Army Airfield Air-to-Ground Gunnery Range

Facility and Location

The Army Air Corps acquired 2,560 acres of land in 1942 for the use of a practice bombing range by Army Air Corps for Pyote Army Airfield (AAF). Elements of the 16th Bombardment Wing and the 19th Bombardment Group used the range for target practice. Demolition bombing range No. 2 (MRS 03) is one of three Munitions Response Sites (MRSs) constituting the Pyote AAF Air-to-Ground (ATG) Gunnery Range. During the latter part of 1945, both the Commanding Officer of Pyote AAF and Commanding General, Second Air Force, recommended that Pyote AAF ATG Gunnery Range be declared surplus and subject to disposal in accordance with applicable laws, directives, and regulations.

The Army Air Forces transferred the leased real estate to the District Engineer in July 1946. The Inventory Project Report (INPR) states the lease was terminated and the lands returned to the previous owners sometime after 1945, presumably after July 1946. Munitions known or suspected to have been used at the demolition bombing range No. 2 (MRS 03) include: small arms ammunition and general purpose bombs. Munitions debris (MD) in the form of expended .50 caliber cartridge cases was reported by property owners and observed by the site visit team during the 1991 INPR and 2000 Archives Search Report site visits. During the 2008 Site Investigation, there was no evidence of high explosive munitions found at this MRS.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — In 2011, three of three samples detected perchlorate from 0.64 to 2.3 ppb. In 2009, four samples reported no detection.

Appropriate Actions

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