



Air Force Civil Engineer Center The Former Chanute Air Force Base

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FACT SHEET A CHECK UP OF THE FORMER CHANUTE AFB THE 2015 FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

WHAT IS A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW?

The Air Force conducts regular checkups, called five-year reviews, on certain Superfund sites. Although the former Chanute Air Force Base (AFB) is not listed as a Superfund site, the Air Force (who is responsible for environmental investigation and cleanup activities at the former Chanute AFB) is still required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to conduct a review every 5 years. The Air Force is looking at sites where cleanup left behind wastes that limit site use, or where cleanup has not been completed. For example, the Air Force is looking at the four landfills at the former Chanute AFB to make sure the protective covers are not damaged and are working properly. The Air Force will also review 15 sites with cleanup activity still in progress.

In both cases, the Air Force is checking the sites to make sure the cleanup continues to protect people and

the environment. The Air Force review team conducts the review and reports its findings. At the former Chanute AFB, the Air Force is taking the lead on the five-year review with input from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

During the review, the Air Force studies information on the sites (including the cleanup and the laws that apply) and inspects the sites to make sure they continue to be protective of people and the environment. The Air Force needs information from people who are familiar with the sites. As someone living close to the sites, you may know about things that can help the review team decide if the remedies are still protective.

WHICH AREAS AT CHANUTE AFB ARE BEING EVALUATED?

A total of 19 sites at the former Chanute AFB are included in this five-year review, including the 4 landfills. Figure 1 below shows the locations and names of the 19 sites.

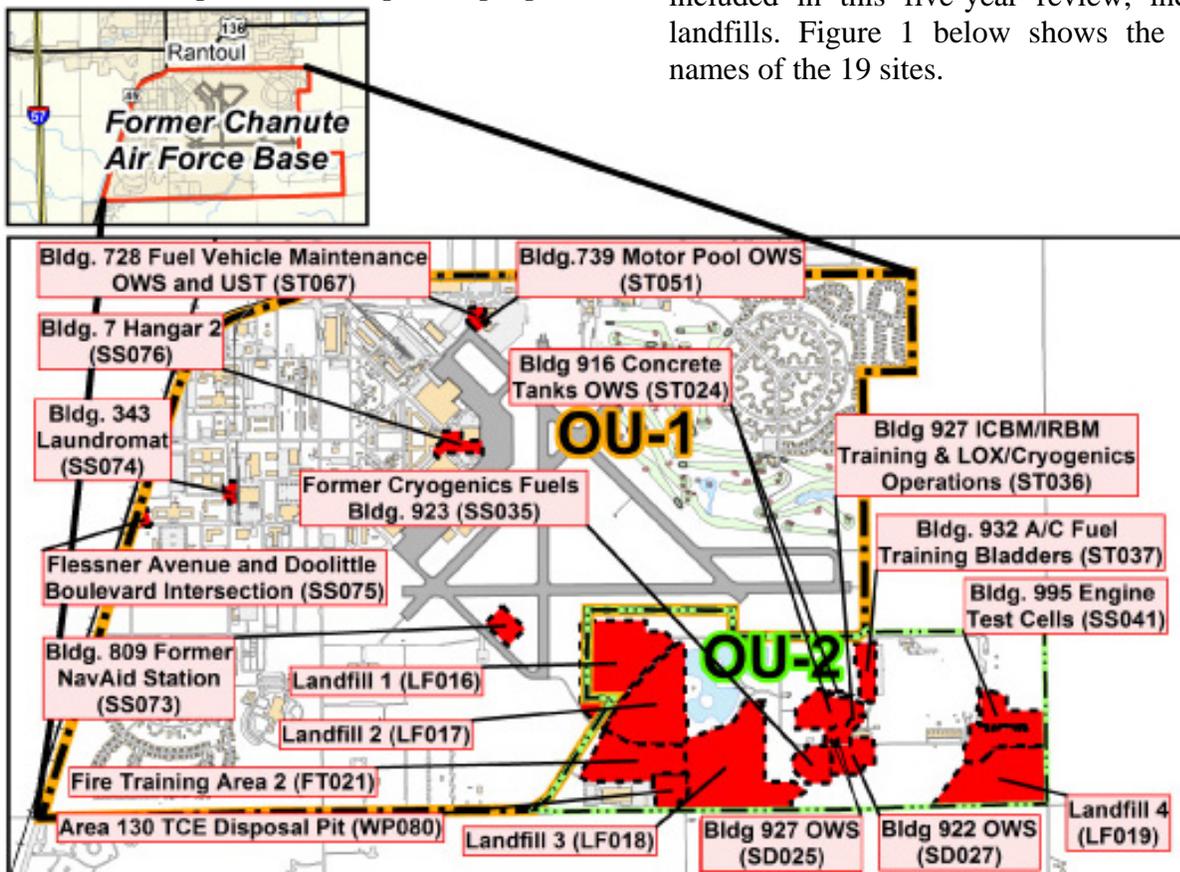


Figure 1: Site boundaries/locations of the 19 sites under review at the former Chanute AFB are shown in red.

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THE 2015 FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

STEP 1: DEVELOP PLAN

To plan a five-year review, the site manager forms a review team, which may include an Air Force Program Manager, scientists, engineers, and others. This team will decide what inspections and other activities need to be done at sites and when to do them. The Air Force's Program Manager (Mr. Paul Carroll) is the member of the team who works with your community during the review.

Your Role: The Air Force will announce the start of the review through a notice in a newspaper or by flyer. Review the notice to see when the review will start.

STEP 2: COLLECT INFORMATION

The review team collects information about the 19 sites cleanup activities. They talk with people who have been working at the sites over the past 5 years, as well as local officials, to see if changes in local policy or zoning might affect the original cleanup plans. The team will visit the sites to see if cleanup equipment is working properly, take new samples, review monitoring data, and review records of activities during the past 5 years. They may contact you or meet with you in person.

Your Role: If you know of any unusual activities at or around the sites, such as trespassing or odors, or have any other concerns, call the Air Force's Public Affairs Hotline immediately. Toll Free 1-(866)-725-7616

STEP 3: ANNOUNCE FINDINGS AND PUBLISH REPORT

The review team uses the information collected to determine if your community and the environment are still protected from the contaminated material at the sites or from the remediation still in progress. When cleanup goals are not being met, or when problems occur, the review team will call the cleanup activities "non-protective." If a site is determined to be non-protective, the Air Force will take necessary actions to ultimately make the site protective. When the team finishes the review, it writes a report about the information collected, background on the sites and cleanup activities, the review process, and explains the results. The review team also writes a summary and announces that the review is finished. They tell your community (via public notices, fliers, etc.) where to find copies of the report and summary—at a central place called the site repository—for anyone to see.

Your Role: Read about the sites and learn about the cleanup methods being reviewed. Review the report. Ask the Air Force's Program Manager any questions you have about the sites.

If you see any problems or things that concern you—don't wait for the five-year review—let the Air Force know right away. Toll Free 1-(866)-725-7616

Reference: EPA 540-F-01-011 9355.7-26 December 2009

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Documents associated with the former Chanute AFB may be accessed by the public at the Chanute Information Repository and the Air Force Administrative Record website. Both are listed below. For any further questions, comments, or interest in community participation, please contact Mr. Paul Carroll, the Air Force Program Manager.

Chanute Information Repository

Rantoul Public Library
106 West Flessner Ave.
Rantoul, Illinois 61866

Air Force Administrative Record Web Site

<http://afcec.publicadmin-record.us.af.mil/Search.aspx>

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