



# The Former Chanute AFB Environmental Update

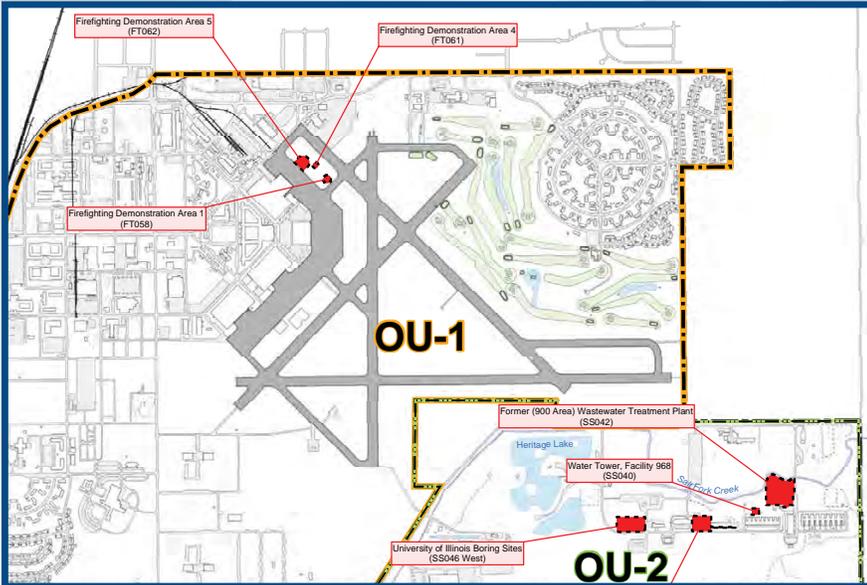


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## “NO FURTHER ACTION” APPROVED FOR “GROUP 1” SITES



The Air Force and the Illinois EPA have approved a Record of Decision (ROD) for no further action (NFA) for the six “Group 1” sites. A community meeting was held on September 20, 2009 for the public to review and comment on the recommended actions for these sites with representatives from the Air Force, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Illinois EPA.

The Air Force signed the ROD in mid-October 2010 and it is currently pending signature by the Illinois EPA. Based on environmental site investigations and an evaluation of human health and ecological risks, it was determined that the sites do not pose a risk. The Illinois EPA is expected to sign the ROD by December 2010. Once the ROD is signed, the sites will be eligible for unrestricted use.

Once Illinois EPA has signed the “no further action” ROD, all “Group 1” sites will be available for reuse.

Although the “Group 1” sites are being closed with no restrictions, residential use of the property is unlikely because the future land use for the sites is designated as aviation, aviation support/industrial, or educational. Once the Illinois EPA has signed the ROD, the property at these sites will be available for transfer and reuse.

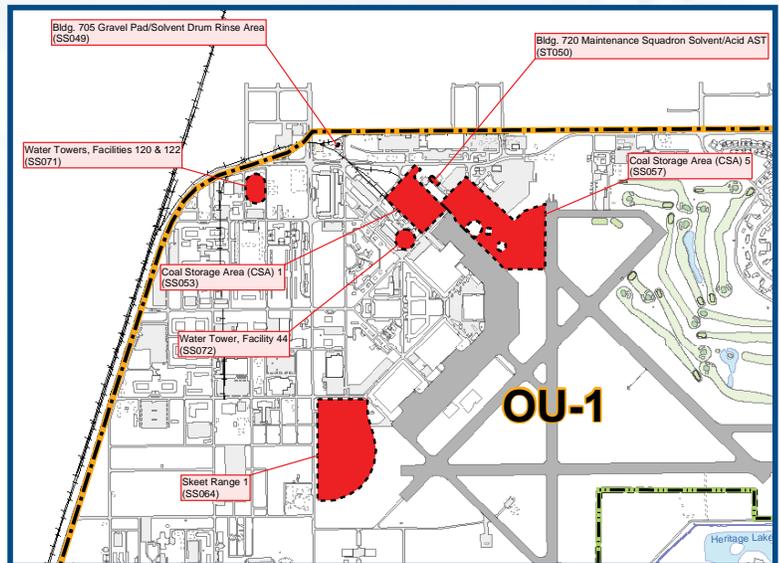
## RECORD OF DECISION RECEIVED FOR “GROUP 3” SITES, WORK BEGINS

The Air Force and the Illinois EPA have signed a ROD for the seven “Group 3” sites at the former Chanute Air Force Base. The public was able to review and comment on this environmental cleanup remedy when the plan was outlined at a community meeting held on November 19, 2009. Soil excavation was selected as the cleanup remedy for these sites. Soil excavation involves the removal of contaminated soil and off-site disposal in an approved landfill. The groundwater at these sites was not affected.

The Air Force and their environmental contractor, Shaw Environmental, have begun work on five of the sites and are projecting field work to be completed by November 15. These sites include a former skeet range, two airplane maintenance areas, and two former coal storage areas. These five sites are designated for aviation and/or aviation support/industrial use.

Work on the two remaining sites is being deferred until after the winter and is scheduled for March 2011. These sites are designated for commercial or aviation support/industrial use.

Once cleanup is completed, five of the “Group 3” sites will be closed with no restrictions. While residential use of the other two sites will not be permitted, future use of the sites, consistent with their intended aviation or aviation support/industrial reuse designation, will be possible.



Five “Group 3” sites are currently under excavation, with the remaining two scheduled for work in spring 2011.