



Air Force Releases No Further Action Proposed Plan



The site of Building 911, which has been demolished, is proposed for no further action.



Heritage Lake is used for recreational fishing and picnicking.

The Air Force encourages the public to review the recently released proposed plan to take no further action at three sites at the former Chanute Air Force Base. Based on an environmental site investigation, the Air Force proposes to take no further action at Buildings 911 and 912 and Heritage Lake.

At Building 911, a former acid storage facility, results from the testing of soil and groundwater samples and pH measurements conclude no evidence of acidic influence on soils, and all contaminants are below risk levels requiring action.

At Building 912, a former aircraft shop and fuel storage facility, the contractor collected

soil and groundwater samples. Results showed the human health risk was below levels requiring action and Air Force activities did not adversely impact the site.

The third site proposed for no further action is Heritage Lake. The remedial investigation focused on surface water, sediment and fish tissue. All results indicated no contaminant sources present at the lake. Additionally, health assessments concluded no threat to human health nor risk level requiring action.

Despite these results regarding Air Force impacts on the water, sediment and fish in Heritage Lake, the public should be aware of the state of Illinois-issued state-wide advisory for possible mercury

contamination in fish. A copy of this advisory is available at: <http://www.idph.state.il.us>.

The proposed plan is available for review at the former Chanute AFB Information Repository located at the Rantoul Public Library, 106 West Flessner Avenue, Rantoul, Ill.

Community members are encouraged to attend the public meeting to be held May 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the Rantoul Corporate Technology Center, 601 South Century Blvd., Rantoul, Ill, immediately following the Restoration Advisory Board meeting at noon. The public will have the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed plan during the public meeting.

Correction

In the February 2007 edition of this newsletter, the article on page two entitled "Public Encouraged to Review Proposed Plan" did not state the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's non-concurrence with the Air Force's position of no further action for Fire Training Area 1. The Air Force regrets to have omitted this information. U.S. EPA does not concur with the Air Force's position as they believe the Air force has not adequately defined the nature and extent of contamination and more sampling is warranted. U.S.EPA briefed the Restoration Advisory Board members regarding their position at the meeting held Feb. 15.

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Chanute Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

Join us at the next RAB meeting!

May 17, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.

Rantoul Corporate Technology Center (Former Smith Hall)

601 S. Century Blvd

Rantoul, Illinois 61866-2945

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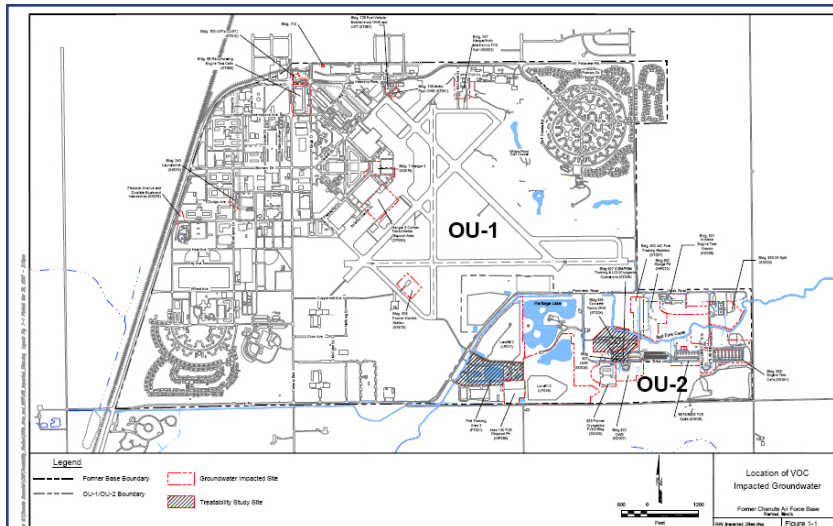
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Air Force Conducts Fieldwork for Treatability Study

The Air Force released the final work plan for a groundwater treatability study in March, and completed the initial fieldwork consisting of well installation and groundwater treatment in April.

The treatability study consists of collecting data to evaluate the effectiveness of using chemical injections to treat impacted groundwater. The process of injecting compounds into the ground to break down contaminants is known as enhanced bioremediation.

The study focuses on three sites contaminated



Sites which may be impacted by the results of the study.

with volatile organic compounds such as: fuels, solvents and dry cleaning fluids. The contractor is collecting data for three objectives: determine the most cost effective type of injection; evaluate spacing between injection points; and evaluate the effectiveness of injections in the area's clayey, highly organic soils.

Results from the treatment will be used in future feasibility studies at Chanute sites with groundwater contamination.

Additional monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the injections will continue through the summer.

Meet Dr. Ian Wang, Restoration Advisory Board Member

An expert in redevelopment and distinguished scholar of social development and policy, Dr. Ian Wang brings a wealth of experience to the Chanute Restoration Advisory Board.



Amerinvest International, LLC, one of the leading companies focused on the economic redevelopment of the former Chanute AFB. Wang has given seminars and published articles

Commission and the RAB allows him insight into both cleanup and redevelopment issues which he feels work hand-in-hand. "I believe that cleanup is the starting point of redevelopment and the two enhance each other's work and function" said Wang.

"We have no choice but to complete it and to succeed."

He also realizes the importance for all RAB members to work together to achieve cleanup and redevelopment goals.

Wang feels the overall progress of cleanup has been and continues to be a long and complicated process. However, he remains committed to the end, saying "It is a great challenge for all sides involved. We have no choice but to complete it and to succeed."

In his academic career, Wang worked as professor at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland; Manchester University in England; and University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign in the fields of community medicine, social development and social policy, and liberal arts and sciences.

An author and editor, Wang's latest book Palliative Medicine was published by People's Health Publishing House in Beijing, China in April 2005.

Since 1995, Wang has worked as the general manager of

on the process of the base redevelopment and Rantoul's economic development.

Wang's interest and involvement in the cleanup and redevelopment process garnered him an invitation to join the RAB. He has been an active member ever since.

Wang's dual service on the Chanute-Rantoul National Aviation Center Redevelopment

Feedback, Comments, and More Information

- I would like more information about the environmental cleanup of the former Chanute Air Force Base.
- I would like more information about the Restoration Advisory Board for the former Chanute Air Force Base.
- I would like more information about how to join the Chanute Restoration Advisory Board.

Please let us know how we are doing. Your comments and opinions are welcome and assist the Air Force in providing the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the cleanup of the former Chanute Air Force Base. Fill out this form and send it to the address listed below.

Name (Mr. /Mrs./Ms./____)

Phone

Organization

Street address

City

State

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Additional comments

Detach and mail this section in a stamped envelope to: AFRPA/COO-Kelly, 143 Billy Mitchell Blvd., Suite 1, San Antonio TX 78226-1816.

Air Force Signs First NFA Record of Decision in Chanute History

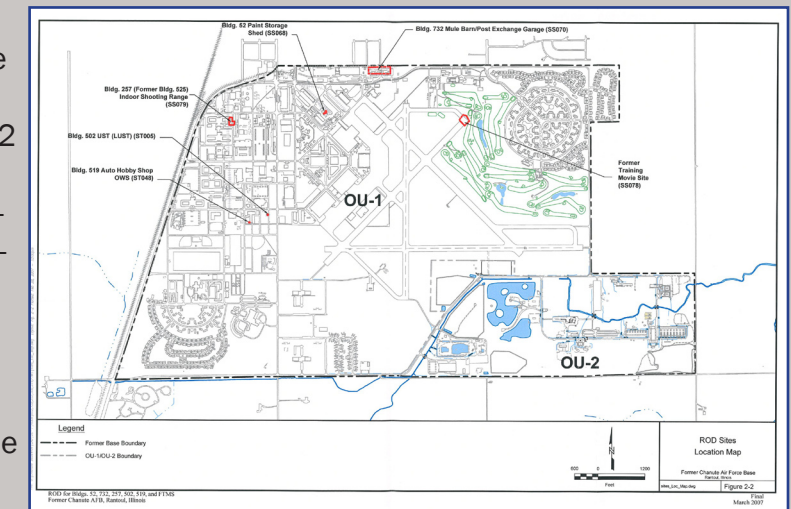
The Air Force signed the first no further action record of decision document in the former Chanute AFB's history. The document, once signed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, completes action for six sites within Operable Unit 1. The agencies are expected to sign in the near future.

The six sites addressed in the ROD are: Building 52 Paint Storage Shed, Building 732 Mule Barn/Post Exchange Garage, Former Training Movie Site, Building 257 Indoor Shooting Range, Building 502 Underground Storage Tank, and Building 519 Auto Hobby Shop Oil/Water Separator.

The Air Force held public comment periods and conducted public meetings before issuing the ROD. Following these public involvement opportunities, the Air Force finalized the plan and published the NFA ROD in the Administrative Record.

Individuals interested in learning more about the ROD should contact Mr. Paul Carroll, BRAC environmental coordinator for the former Chanute AFB, at AFRPA/COO Reese, 9801 Reese Blvd., North, Suite

300, Lubbock, TX 78416; toll free at 1-866-725-7617; or by e-mail at paul.carroll@afropa.pentagon.af.mil.



Areas in red are the locations of the sites identified for no further action.