



The Former Chanute AFB Environmental Update



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Performance Based Contract expedites Chanute cleanup

Over the past year, the Air Force's partnership with Tennessee-based contractor, Shaw Environmental, Inc. has resulted in significant progress at the former Chanute Air Force Base. Since beginning the Performance Based Contract (PBC) in February 2009, Shaw and the Air Force, in coordination with both the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. EPA, have proposed "No Further Action" closure for six sites and prepared several key documents that position Shaw to conduct cleanup up activities at 18 additional sites in 2010.

Working closely with the Air Force and regulatory agencies, Shaw is preparing the former base property for transfer—determining remedial actions and performing work to restore areas impacted by past Air Force activities and ensure protection of human health and the environment. To achieve the Air Force's goal of having all remedial actions in place by 2012, Shaw divided the 47 PBC sites into 11 groups based upon similar contaminants, site characteristics, remedial objectives, and remedial approaches. Several basewide planning documents have been finalized, for example - a health and safety plan, field sampling plan, and quality assurance project plan. Final approval of these documents is required before field work can begin. Planning documents for six of the groups are in various stages of development and projected for completion in the next few months.



Poplar trees bordering Landfill 3 are part of a treatability study to evaluate the use of trees to prevent leachate migration.



Many of the sites to be remediated are located in the southern portion of the base.

These documents will support "No Further Action" closure of one site group and allow Shaw to conduct cleanup activities for four additional groups in 2010.

Upon completion of this contract, the Air Force expects to achieve its goal of closing as many sites as possible without land use restrictions. Currently, Shaw projects land use restrictions will remain on only eight of the 47 sites included in the PBC; a significant decrease from the Air Force's original projection of 35 restricted use sites. To achieve this goal, Shaw will utilize aggressive and innovative cleanup techniques to ensure the remediation is performed efficiently and properly.

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February 18 Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

RAB Meeting: 12:00 p.m.

Location:

Rantoul Business Center (Former Smith Hall)
601 S. Century Blvd., Suite 1106

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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.

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.

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