



# The Former Chanute AFB Environmental Update



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## Progress charges forward at Chanute in 2009 *Field work complete at two sites; five more achieve closure*



*Field workers take precautions to safely prepare asbestos-insulated pipes for removal and disposal. Approximately 6,000 linear feet of piping was removed from the 900 Area of the former Chanute AFB.*

**Asbestos insulated piping removed from 900 Area**  
Field work to remove approximately 6,000 linear feet of piping insulated with asbestos-containing material was successfully completed in May. The pipes, extending across the southern portion of Chanute's "900 Area", were removed and safely disposed at an offsite location.

**Northern Excavation Area backfill complete**  
The Northern Excavation Area (NEA) site wrapped up field work in August, following the removal of more than six million gallons of water and a backfill phase that required approximately 50,000 cubic yards of soil to restore the site to its original condition and allow for proper surface drainage.

*REMEDIATION AT CHANUTE HAS MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS WITHIN THE PAST YEAR. FROM THE AWARDING OF THE PBC TO VARIOUS SITE CLOSURES, WE ARE PREPARING THIS PROPERTY FOR SAFE AND BENEFICIAL REUSE BY THE COMMUNITY.*

*- PAUL CARROLL, AFRPA BRAC ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR*



**Five sites receive "No Further Action" decision**  
Five remediation sites at Chanute recently received a "No Further Action" Record of Decision (NFA ROD) from the U.S. and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. With these recent NFA RODs, a total of 34 Installation Restoration Program (IRP) sites have achieved closure at Chanute—all with no restrictions on reuse. Of the 81 IRP sites identified at the former installation, the remaining 47 are slated for remediation and/or closure under the Performance Based Contract (PBC) awarded in December 2008. The Air Force hopes to close most of the remaining sites, also with no use restrictions, within the next few years.

**Top Right:** A truck unloads soil to backfill the Northern Excavation Area. The site required approximately 50,000 cubic yards of soil to backfill. **Bottom Right:** The NEA site was restored to its preexisting condition, allowing for proper drainage.

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## August 20 Restoration Advisory Board and Public Meetings

**RAB Meeting:** 12:00 p.m.

**Public Meeting:** 6:00 - 8:00 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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