



The Former Chanute AFB Environmental Update

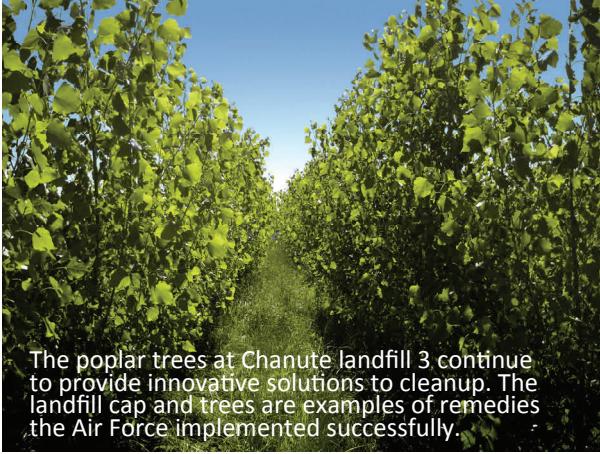
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Air Force achieves last remedy in place

The Air Force achieved a major milestone in the cleanup process Sept. 28 with implementation of the last remedy. With all environmental cleanup steps complete, the Air Force moves into the monitoring phase to ensure all remediation systems are continuing to operate as intended.

"Achieving Last Remedy in Place is a significant achievement for the Air Force; however, our job is by no means over," said BRAC Environmental Coordinator Paul Carroll.

"Although the heavy construction phases are complete, and the best possible cleanup systems are in place



The poplar trees at Chanute landfill 3 continue to provide innovative solutions to cleanup. The landfill cap and trees are examples of remedies the Air Force implemented successfully.

for all sites, the Air Force's remediation contractor, Shaw Environmental, will continue to check them regularly to ensure they are on track to reach our remediation goals."

The chart below demonstrates the process that each of the sites at the

former Chanute Air Force Base went through to identify the best possible solution to clean up the land and groundwater. Of the 42 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act sites, eight did not require Feasibility Studies, and 11 did not require Remedial Designs or Remedial Actions because the

sites are suitable for unrestricted use as is.

Going forward, the Air Force will continue to monitor all cleanup remedies to ensure they are continuing to operate as intended.

Remedial Investigation (RI)	Feasibility Study (FS)	Proposed Plan / Public Comment Period	Record of Decision (ROD)	Remedial Design (RD)	Remedial Action (RA)	Remedy-in-Place (RIP)	Operation & Monitoring (O&M)
Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Underway
The RI identifies nature and extent of contamination and potential risks.	The FS analyzes potential remediation methods for the site. Based on RI results, potential current and future risks associated with the sites discussed in this Proposed Plan indicate no action is needed. Therefore a FS is not applicable and was not conducted.	The Public has the opportunity to comment on the Air Force's recommendations for no further action.	The final decision for the CERCLA sites and responses to public comments will be documented in the ROD.	The plan for executing the cleanup required to achieve the goals specified in the ROD.	The RA involves the actual implementation of the cleanup specified in the ROD and RD.	RIP signifies that the remedy has been implemented and is functioning as designed.	O&M occurs while a remedy is being operated to achieve the cleanup goals to ensure the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment until cleanup goals are achieved.

The Air Force will hold a public meeting to discuss Group 12 sites on Nov. 15 in the Rantoul Business Center's Main Conference Room starting at 1 p.m. A question and answer session will be held at 6 p.m. later that day in the same location for any interested parties who have questions about the proposed plan and the environmental cleanup at the former Chanute AFB. For more information, please contact AFCEC public affairs at 210-925-0956 or via email at AFCEC.PA@us.af.mil.

Introducing the Air Force Civil Engineer Center

On Oct. 1, three Air Force civil engineering agencies merged to create a new field operating agency called the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, or AFCEC. The new agency combines resources and expertise from the Air Force Real Property Agency, the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment and the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency to help posture the Air Force for success in the areas of construction, energy, environment, housing, operations, planning, real property, and readiness and emergency management. The change comes as part of the Air Force's Civil Engineering Transformation initiative to continue meeting mission requirements while operating amid budgetary constraints.

The Air Force remains committed to continuing environmental cleanup at the former Chanute Air Force Base. Over the next several months, AFCEC will continue to keep you informed of the latest

news regarding the progress made. It is important to note that none of the key players at Chanute are changing, including BRAC Environmental Coordinator Paul Carroll.

"Although we have a new name of the agency, you shouldn't notice any other major changes," noted Carroll. "We will continue to deliver the same exemplary level of service you have come to expect from the Air Force over the past several years."

For more information about the cleanup program at Chanute, please visit the new Chanute page on the AFCEC website at <http://www.afcec.af.mil/brac/chanute/index.asp>.

AFCEC's Public Affairs team is also available to answer questions about the status of cleanup. They can be reached at 210-925-0956 or AFCEC.PA@us.af.mil.

Achieved milestones

Water Tower Work Complete: All refurbishment work on Water Tower 44 is complete. The Air Force replaced the necessary valves and piping and disinfected the tower before putting it back into service this summer.

Group 2 Record of Decision Signed: The Air Force and the Illinois EPA have signed the ROD at two Group 2 sites including the Aircraft Washrack near Hangar 2 (SS066) and the former NavAid Station (SS073). The Remedial Action Plan for SS073 has been implemented and involves the injection of micro-organisms into the contaminated groundwater to accelerate the natural breakdown of the contaminants. This effort is followed by mon-

itoring of the groundwater to verify degradation is occurring and cleanup goals are achieved. There is no further action required for SS066.

Group 12 Proposed Plan: The proposed plan for Group 12 sites will be presented at a public meeting on Nov. 15. The meeting will be held at the Rantoul Business Center Main Conference Room, 601 South Century Boulevard, Rantoul, Illinois 61866 starting at 1 p.m. A question and answer session will be held later the same day at the same location starting at 6 p.m. The Air Force and Illinois EPA are currently working on a ROD. All comments received at the public meeting will be addressed.

Mapping our progress

Progress continues on the 42 CERCLA sites at the former Chanute AFB. CERCLA requires the completion of a Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, Proposed Plans, a Public Meeting, a Record of Decision, Remedial Designs and Remedial Actions, all of which culminate with Response Complete or Site Closure. Both the "Achieved milestones" section and the below chart indicate the status of cleanup today.

The black bar on the chart indicates the status as of the last newsletter in August. In just three months, the Air Force and its contractor have completed one proposed plan; held one public meeting; finalized one remedial design; implemented three remedial actions; and achieved site closure at three sites.

Of the 42 CERCLA sites, eight did not require feasibility studies, and 11 did not require remedial designs or

remedial actions as noted in the ROD for each site.

Looking forward

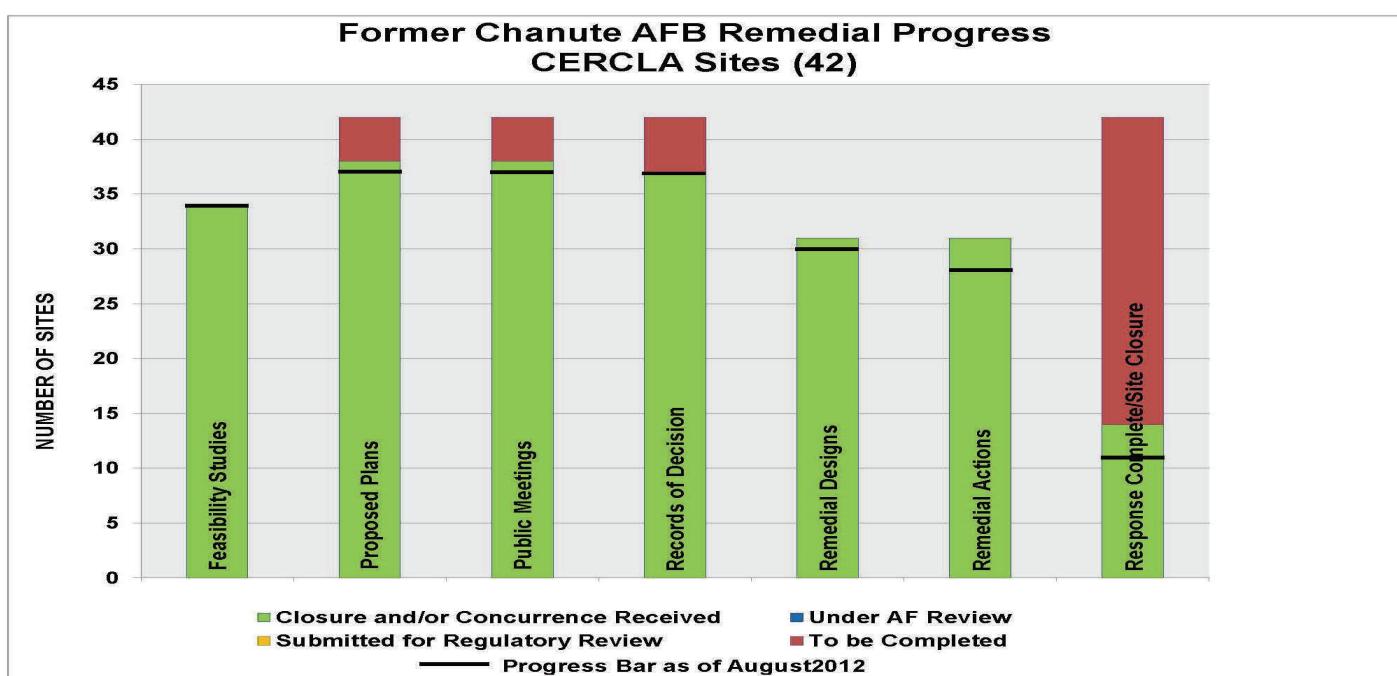
As the Air Force moves into the long term monitoring phase of cleanup, AFCEC environmental and real estate experts are working with their counterparts at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Village of Rantoul to begin discussing property transfer. Before parcels of land can transfer to the community, the Air Force, U.S. EPA and Illinois EPA must deem the land environmentally clean and suitable for reuse. This does not necessarily mean that the land will be 100-percent contaminant free, but rather that the Air Force's cleanup systems in place are operating properly and successfully. Once the property is transferred, the Air Force will remain responsible for ensuring the land is safe for community use until all remedial actions have been completed

and site completion is achieved.

"To date, we have completed the transfer of property from the Air Force to 30 local communities across the country," said Dr. Stephen TerMaath, chief of AFCEC's BRAC Program Management Division. "We fully intend to capitalize on the successes at those bases to make the transfer of property to the Village of Rantoul a smooth one."

In the short-term, the Village of Rantoul intends to use the remaining property at the former Chanute Air Force Base for its existing purposes, including operating the aviation center and Frank Elliott Field. In the future the village intends to use the property for job generation and economic development purposes.

The Air Force plans to begin transferring the remaining parcels this winter, with final transfer scheduled for 2014.



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Nov 15 Chanute Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

RAB Meeting: 12 p.m.

Location:

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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 welcomed and assist the Air Force in providing the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the cleanup for the former Chanute Air Force Base. Fill out this form and send it to the address listed below.

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Additional Comments _____

