



The Former Chanute AFB Environmental Update



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Below: Installation of hydromulch at landfill 4



LANDFILL 4 CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

The Air Force completed construction of the last of four landfill caps in October. The Air Force's environmental contractor, Shaw Environmental completed work on the fourth and final layer of a 16-acre protective landfill cap. Shaw added the final layer of the topsoil and root zone in September and applied grass seed and hydromulch in October. In addition, Shaw added fencing around the perimeter of the landfill located in the southeast quadrant of the former Chanute AFB.

This major milestone completes the Interim Record of Decision signed in 2000, which selected installation of caps as the appropriate remedial action for each of the former landfills. The landfill cap installation includes consolidation of the waste at the landfill into a smaller footprint and construction of a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act compliant landfill cover. The Air Force will provide operation, maintenance and monitoring of the landfill for at least 30 years.

Major Milestones

AIR FORCE FINALIZES FIRST FIVE-YEAR

REVIEW OF CLEANUP: The Air Force and the Illinois EPA finalized and approved the five-year review in September, 2011. The review concluded the environmental remedies in place at the former Chanute AFB are protective of human health and the environment. The review also identifies pending actions, possible future issues, and recommendations. The five-year review document is now available for public review on the Administrative Record at <https://afarpaar.lackland.af.mil/ar/docsearch.aspx>.

GROUPS 4 and 5 RODs SIGNED: The Air Force and Illinois EPA finalized the Records of Decision for Groups

PROGRESS REPORTED ON "GROUP 3" SITES

The Air Force and Shaw Environmental completed cleanup actions at Water Towers 120 and 122 (Site SS071) as required under the Group 3 Record of Decision signed and approved by the Air Force and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in October 2010. The work completes cleanup requirements identified for six of seven sites covered by the Group 3 ROD. Actions at five other Group 3 sites were completed in November 2010. Cleanup of the last site, Water Tower 44 (Site SS072), is delayed while the Air Force evaluates cleaning this site to allow unlimited use/unrestricted exposure. The current action approved in the ROD requires a non-residential use restriction on the property at Water Tower 44.

Cleanup actions at the Group 3 sites involved excavation of contaminated soils. Excavated soils were disposed off-site in an approved landfill. The groundwater at all Group 3 sites was not affected; therefore, no groundwater cleanup is required.

In addition to the above actions, the Air Force awarded a contract on Sept. 30 for the demolition of Water Towers 120, 122 and 968 and refurbishment of Water Tower 44. Planning for the work is underway. Field work is projected to begin by April.

The Air Force Real Property Agency continues to work with Shaw to protect human health and the environment.

4 and 5 in October, 2011 selecting the cleanup actions for a total of seven sites located at the former Chanute AFB.

GROUP 4 RAWP FINALIZED: The Air Force and the Illinois EPA finalized and approved the Remedial Action Work Plan for Group 4 which details how the remedies outlined in the ROD will be executed.

GROUP 4 AND 6 RAs IMPLEMENTED: Remedial actions have begun on a total of 15 sites and include soil removal and/or groundwater cleanup. Although excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil is complete, groundwater cleanup is projected to continue for 1 to 4 years. Please visit <https://afarpaar.lackland.af.mil/ar/docsearch.aspx> to see maps of both Group sites found in the Administrative Records 3633 and 3592.

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November 17 Chanute Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

RAB Meeting: 12:00 p.m.

Location:

Rantoul Business Center (Former Smith Hall)
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I would like more information about the Restoration Advisory Board for the former Chanute Air Force Base.

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