

Environmental Action UPDATE



Air Force Environmental Activities at Former McClellan AFB – May 2023

Air Force Continues Cleanup Progress; 2022 Field Season Completed and Prepares for More Activities in 2023

Environmental cleanup at the former McClellan AFB continued to make steady progress during the 2022 field season. Excavations of contaminated soils and groundwater remediation operated as planned. Soil sampling and site investigations also continued to be done at the last remaining sites in the push to complete the cleanup. A total of 3458 acres have been transferred to Sacramento County and McClellan Business Park for redevelopment with 194 acres remaining to be transferred once the cleanup is completed.

Plans to relocate the Groundwater Treatment Plant progressed in 2022 as the design stage for an updated plant reached 60%. In early 2023, the design stage reached 90% which the Air Force will then submit for regulatory agency review.

The relocation of the plant will allow the Air Force to continue excavation work at former disposal sites CS 069 and PRL 020, where portions are beneath the current plant. The relocated plant will be just north of the existing site and will be replaced with new equipment. It will operate more efficiently at removing Volatile Organic Compounds from the groundwater at McClellan.

At the close of the 2022 field season, Air Force contractors completed winterizing sites in November in preparation for the winter rains and winds in Sacramento. Sites such as the Consolidation Unit, a large on-site, permanent disposal facility for excavated soils was covered in protective tarps and secured for the winter.

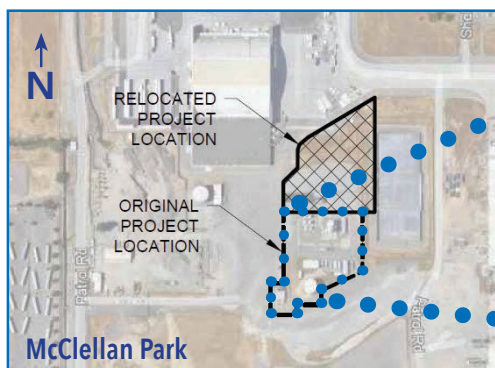
Other ongoing cleanup sites were inspected and winterized as well.



The Air Force has begun removing the protective winter tarps at the Consolidation Unit in preparation for the 2023 field season. The CU is a large 7 acre, on-site, protected location at McClellan that is designed to accept excavated soils from cleanup sites.

From October to April, the Air Force Civil Engineer Center cleanup team will continue the effort by preparing reports, workplans, and conducting maintenance and limited site-work, weather permitting in anticipation of resuming fieldwork in late spring to early summer of 2023.

“A big thanks goes out to our environmental contractors, partner regulators, and all those involved with the progress made in 2022,” said Steve Mayer, Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Base Environmental Coordinator at McClellan. “We’re looking forward to resuming excavations at cleanup sites and completing some property transfers in the 2023 field season.”



The groundwater treatment plant will be dismantled and relocated north of its present site. Work is planned to begin in late 2023. The relocation will allow the Air Force to access and clean up contaminated soils beneath the area.

Cleanup Update

Confirmed Site (CS) 040



Excavation has ended for the 2022 field season. This site was excavated for chemical contaminants of concern with work done to sample and continue restoration of the site, along with cleanup for co-located sites PRL S-019 and PRL S-006. A pre-final inspection report will be prepared for regulator review by May or June of 2023.

Area of Concern (AOC) 314



Scans of the newly excavated areas at this former ammunition storage area were done late in the 2022 field season. Soil sampling in the southern area of this site is being planned for collection in 2023. Sample results will determine if additional areas require remediation for radium. The Air Force is working on the programming, budgeting, and contracting needed to complete the work at this site.

CS 067



Excavation has ended for the 2022 field season at this former disposal site. It was winterized and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP) is in place. Surface scans were conducted and data is being analyzed to determine where additional excavation is required to meet cleanup levels.

CS 69A



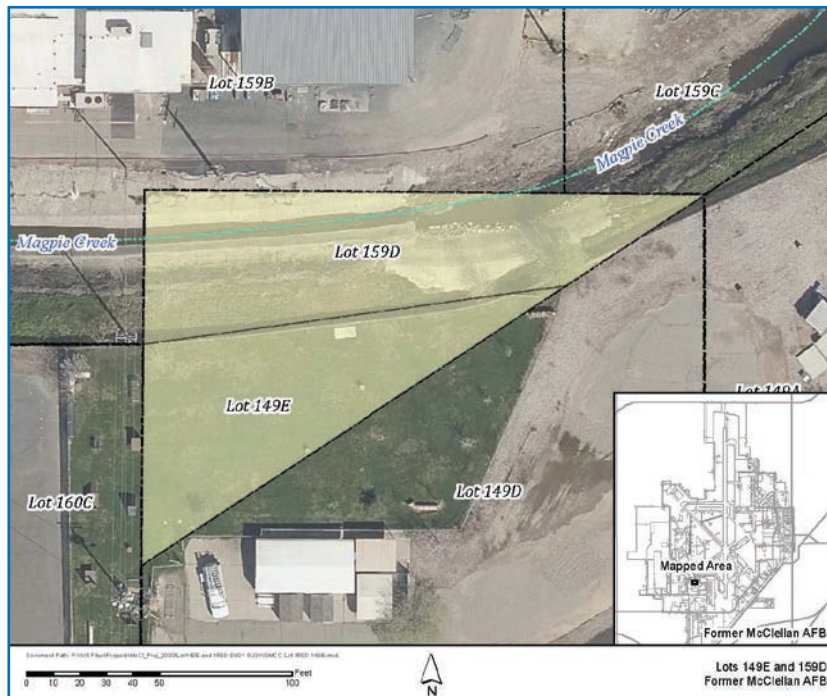
Excavation has stopped for the 2022 field season and SWPP is in place for the winter. When the Consolidation Unit is re-opened in the spring of 2023, the Air Force will resume excavation work at CS 69A.

PRL S-038

A workplan revision is being prepared for the 2023 field season at this former disposal site where radium was observed. The plan will address sampling, excavation work, and a final status survey report will be completed. The site is winterized and SWPP is in place. There is no health risk to the public due to security fences that prevent access to these sites.

Property Transfer

Signed property transfer deeds by the Air Force for two lots adjacent to Magpie Creek near Building 690—Lots 149E and 159D, are with the State for review. The property transfer signing event is anticipated in 2023. The lots will be a part of McClellan Business Park for reuse and redevelopment.



Environmental cleanup is complete at Lots 149E and 159D (located on the west side of McClellan adjacent to Magpie Creek). The Air Force anticipates transfer of the two properties to McClellan Business Park in 2023.

Privatized Cleanup Sites

The privatized cleanup of chemical contaminants of concern at McClellan is nearing completion. Remediation of CS 040, the last of 296 privatized Installation Restoration Program sites, is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2023. All other privatized sites have been completed and response actions are being documented in Remedial Action Completion Reports (RACRs). To date, 10 of the 13 RACRs have been finalized. The privatized cleanup program allows for early transfer of Air Force property and cleanup responsibilities to McClellan Business Park, which has made significant progress to remediate sites with Air Force funding to expedite the cleanup.

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