

**FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)  
PROJECT FACT SHEET  
SEPTEMBER 1993  
TAG REVIEW DATE: 26 JULY 1995  
FINAL REVISION: 5 MAY 1997**

1. **SITE NAME:** Camp Dodge

**SITE NUMBER:** B07IA000400

**LOCATION:**  
City: Des Moines  
County: Polk  
State: Iowa

**PROJECT NUMBER:** B07IA000401

**CATEGORY:** OE

**INPR RAC:** 5

**ASR RAC:** 2

**TAG RAC:** 2

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** In 1918, Camp Dodge consisted of approximately 4,207 acres located 10 miles north of Des Moines, Iowa. The site was declared surplus and conveyed to the State of Iowa in 1956. Presently, approximately 2,200 of the original

property is operated as a military reservation by the Iowa National Guard.

**4. SITE HISTORY:** Camp Dodge was established in 1917 and served as an induction center during World War I, and later as a convalescent center and base hospital. Throughout the 1930s, the camp was occupied mainly by the Iowa National Guard. It was during this time that the Chemical Warfare Service conducted training exercises with gas and other chemical warfare materials. During World War II, Camp Dodge was once again an induction center.

**5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Records indicate that troops fired conventional munitions at the range during training exercises prior to World War I. Weapons fired on the range included 75mm pack howitzers, 155mm howitzers, and 4.7 inch howitzers. The area consists primarily of corn fields and scattered houses. Several facilities in the original cantonment area were utilized as magazines and ammunition storage houses. Troops were trained in chemical warfare at Camp Dodge in the 1920-1930 time frame.

AREA "A"

Size Acres:	Approximately 2,260 (Not part of INPR)
Former Usage:	Artillery impact area
Present Usage:	Farmland and residential
Probable End Usage:	Same
Ordnance Presence:	Potential
Types:	Large caliber explosive shells

AREA "B"

Size Acres:	Approximately 2,200
Former Usage:	Ammunition Storage Buildings/Gas Instruction House
Present Usage:	Active National Guard Installation
Probable End Usage:	Same
Ordnance Presence:	N/A
Types:	N/A

**6.0 CURRENT STATUS:** The Archives Search Report (ASR) for the former Camp Dodge was completed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District in September 1993 and assigned a RAC score of 2 due to the potential for OE contamination. The ASR recommended a RAC 5 for chemical warfare materials. The ASR was inconclusive and provided very limited data relative to site size.

**7. STRATEGY:**

Area A: EE/CA  
Area B: Ineligible (Active Installation)

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

The former Artillery Impact Area (Area A) is not part of the original Inventory Project Report (INPR). The geographical district should be notified to add this acreage to the INPR.

Endangered or threatened, federally listed, species occur in the vicinity of Camp Dodge, Polk County, Iowa. In addition, 11 species are state-listed as threatened or endangered. The Cultural Resource Reconnaissance Study conducted in April 1993 concluded that the research potential of Camp Dodge is low.

**9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA**

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