

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)  
PROJECT FACT SHEET  
ORIGINAL DATE: 2 APRIL 1997  
TAG REVIEW DATE: 5 NOVEMBER 1997**

**1. SITE NAME:** Deming Army Air Field  
Precision Bombing Range No. 6

**SITE NUMBER:** K06NM039000

**LOCATION:**

City: Deming  
County: Luna  
State: New Mexico

**PROJECT NUMBER:** K06NM039001

**CATEGORY:** OE

**INPR RAC:** 4

**ASR RAC:** 3

**TAG RAC:** 4

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**3. SITE DESCRIPTION:** Deming Precision Bombing Range No. 6 was positioned on 960 acres of land located approximately 16 miles southeast of the City of Deming, Luna County, New Mexico, as shown on Figures 1 & 2. The site includes all the land in

Section 23 and the S 1/2 of Section 14, T25S, R7W, New Mexico Principal Meridian. Prior to DOD use, the site was public domain under control of the Department of the Interior (DI). The land was used by a private party for grazing, and acquisition of the site involved suspension of the grazing lease. Currently, the property that once comprised the site is public domain and is administered by the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management. The land is leased to a private party for livestock grazing purposes.

#### **4. SITE HISTORY:**

a. Deming Army Air Field was the home of a Bombardier Training School and assigned the Western Flying Training Command. The first class graduated in February 1943 and the last class graduated in January 1945. The Bombardier Training School was closed and the base supported Tow Target operations for Ft. Bliss.

b. On 24 July 1942, the West Coast Air Force Training Center requested the acquisition of the property which eventually became Deming PBR No. 6. By 1943, construction of the range was completed. This range is also known as Deming Range S-7 and is part of the "A" series of targets which included targets Deming PBR No. 1 and PBR No. 23. Effective 31 December 1944, the range was transferred from the Army Air Forces Western Flying Training Command (formerly West Coast Air Force Training Center) to the Second Air Force. In September 1945, this range was declared surplus. On 26 May 1948, the Department of Interior assumed custody for the property.

c. The statistics on Class 45-2-B are representative of all the Bombardier classes. This class had 238 cadets, flew 5,807 missions, dropped 32,750 bombs (approximately 32,274 practice bombs and 476 high explosive bombs). Each cadet was required to drop a series of about 135 practice bombs (M38A2) and two demolition bombs (M30). Additionally, aircraft flares were used to illuminate targets at night in some situations. There is no evidence of bombing operations on the ranges associated with the Tow Target operations.

#### **5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Size, Acres:	Approximately 960
Former Use:	Target Area and Safety/Buffer Zone
Present Use:	Livestock grazing
Probable End Use:	Same as above
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Type:	Bomb, 100 lb., Practice, M38-series

w/spotting charge

**6. CURRENT STATUS:**

The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Deming AAF PBR No. 6 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District in April 1997.

**7. STRATEGY:**

Entire Site: EE/CA, RAC 4

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

a. The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group reviewed this ASR and concurs with the recommendation for an EE/CA and revised the Risk Assessment Code (RAC) form to reflect a score of 4 (see attached). There was confirmed debris from M38-series 100 pound practice bombs encountered by the SI Team during their inspection of this FUDS. There was no surface evidence that any HE bombs were dropped on this site. Since the site has not been broken down into separate areas, the entire site must be considered; however, the main focus of any removal actions should concentrate on the lands that surround the target rings and silhouettes.

b. Based on the investigation of historical records reviewed, the results of the site survey and interviews, there is no evidence of Chemical Warfare Materials ever being stored, used or disposed of at this FUDS.

c. There are known Federally-and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

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