

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
TAG REVIEW DATE: 22 FEBRUARY 1996
5 NOVEMBER 1997**

1. SITE NAME: Fort Des Moines Target Range

SITE NUMBER: B07IA011200

LOCATION:

City: Des Moines
County: Warren
State: Iowa

PROJECT NUMBER: B07IA011201

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 2

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 3

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The Fort Des Moines Target Range is situated 6 1/2 miles south of the central business district of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa. It consists of 896 acres that is primarily farm lands, sloping hills and wooded areas.

The loess deposits in the area are silty and are free of sand and gravel. They were deposited by the wind. The tills consist of poorly-sorted silt/clay mixtures with some sand and gravel deposits and may be interbedded with buried channel-outwash deposits in some areas.

4. SITE HISTORY: The Fort Des Moines Target Range was acquired from private landowners during the period between 1902 and 1909. Between 1956 and 1967, 3.58 acres of the site was utilized by the Department of the Air Force for use as an Air Reserve Center, and from 1956 to 1963, the Department of the Navy utilized 5 acres of land for a Naval Training center. The target range was used by soldiers from Fort Des Moines as a rifle and pistol range.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Fort Des Moines Target Range was used by personnel from Fort Des Moines as a rifle and pistol range. It is about 2 1/2 miles from Fort Des Moines and consists of 896 acres. There has been no documented findings of live bombs or shells found on this site. There has been some expended shells and projectiles found. The site is considered to be one area of concern.

Area	Entire Site
Size Acres:	896 acres
Former Use:	Artillery Impact Range Rifle and Pistol Target Range
Present Use:	Primarily agricultural and undeveloped, Some rural development along perimeter of range
Probable End Use:	Possible further development
Ordnance Presence:	Potential
Types:	Hand and Rifle Grenades (WP) Unknown Artillery and Small Arms

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report for Fort Des Moines Target Range was completed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District in October 1993.

7. STRATEGY: EE/CA: RAC 3

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS: The former Fort Des Moines Target Range has the potential of OE presence. The site inspection team was not able to gain access to the property that makes up the former Fort Des Moines Target Range. It is possible that WP rifle and hand grenade training was done at this site.

The original Technical Advisory Group (TAG) recommendation was a RAC 3 ESI. During preparation for the recommended ESI HNC Safety Specialist Bill McPherson spoke with Lt. Rouse of the Warren County Sheriff's office. Upon being asked about the area Lt. Rouse responded, ". . .the site was an old artillery impact area." He also stated, "you might find some frag but with the flooding the frag is probable buried or washed away." When told of the intent to use a magnetometer to verify that only small arms was used, he laughed and said, "It won't do any good because of the artillery." There has been no OE/public encounters reported since the site closed. Due to the above facts the TAG recommended a RAC 3 EE/CA.

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 if remedial action is recommended as part of the final Archives Search Report.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only

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