

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)  
PROJECT FACT SHEET  
ORIGINAL DATE: February 1999  
TAG REVIEW DATE: 22 September 1999**

**1. SITE NAME:** Portland Army Air Base

**SITE NUMBER:** F100R053800

**LOCATION:**

City:  
County: Multnomah  
State: Oregon

**PROJECT NUMBER:** F100R053801

**CATEGORY:** OE

**INPR RAC:** 2

**ASR RAC:** 3

**TAG RAC:** 3

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**3. SITE DESCRIPTION:** The majority of this former Portland site is today owned by the Port of Portland and is a part of the Portland International Airport. Two small parcels are owned by the State of Oregon and occupied by the Oregon Army National Guard. Winters are cool, but snow and freezing temperatures are not common. During the summer rainfall is extremely light. Rains are frequent in late fall and winter. The predominant vegetation is grass. Shallow groundwater is encountered at about 10 to 15 feet below ground surface. A flood plain aquitard of 100 feet thickness exists beneath the airport. There is no habitat for rare species on this site; all natural

vegetation has been removed. There are no records of archaeological or historic resources on this site.

**4. SITE HISTORY:** The Portland Army Air Base began in 1940 when the War Department acquired a long term lease for the Portland Airport. The Air Corps did not have exclusive use of the property as commercial air traffic continued during this period. In 1942, the air base was expanded with additional land being acquired for a cantonment area and ammunition storage point.

Between 1941 and 1945, the air base was used for training fighter groups. In 1944, the mission started to change. Training was reduced with maintenance and repair missions being increased. By November of 1944, the primary mission of the air base was as an aircraft modification center. In March of 1945, the base was placed in a reduced mission status. By the end of 1945 the base was in the process of closing; the primary mission being the discharging of servicemen.

In 1946, the air base was declared excess except for lands that the Division Engineer determined necessary for the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and the Army National Guard. As the active Army left, the Oregon National Guard occupied the remaining buildings. Over the next four years a joint use facility was developed. This facility is currently known as Portland Air Base, an active installation.

In 1950, land in fee was transferred to the Port of Portland by quitclaim deed. However, the Portland Air Base was retained by long term lease. The lease has been modified over the years and some parcels of land used by the Air Force Reserve and National Guard have been returned to the Port of Portland.

These parcels contained an alert pad, an ordnance area and part of the cantonment area. As these parcels were returned prior to 1986 they are also FUDS eligible. The portion of the airfield that is currently leased to the Department of Defense is categorically excluded from the DERP-FUDS program.

**5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Area A	
Size:	68 acres
Former Usage:	Ammunition Storage Point
Present Usage:	Airport
Probable End Usage:	Same as Above
Ordnance Presence:	No Ordnance Presence

Area B

Size: 82 acres  
Former Usage: Burial Area  
Present Usage: Airport  
Probable End Usage: Same as Above  
Ordnance Presence: Potential Ordnance Presence  
Type: .50 Cal, Artillery Ammunition

Area C

Size: 13 acres  
Former Usage: Ordnance Storage Facility  
Present Usage: Airport  
Probable End Usage: Same as Above  
Ordnance Presence: No Ordnance Presence

Area D

Size: 3 acres  
Former Usage: Tear Gas Training Area  
Present Usage: Airport  
Probable End Usage: Same as Above  
Ordnance Presence: No Ordnance Presence

Area E

Size: 30 acres  
Former Usage: Alert Pad  
Present Usage: Airport  
Probable End Usage: Same as Above  
Ordnance Presence: No Ordnance Presence

Area F

Size: Nil  
Former Usage: Burn Pit  
Present Usage: Airport  
Probable End Usage: Same as Above  
Ordnance Presence: No Ordnance Presence

Area G

Size: 4 acres  
Former Usage: Shooting-in-Butt  
Present Usage: Airport  
Probable End Usage: Same as Above  
Ordnance Presence: No Ordnance Presence

Area H  
Size: 883 acres  
Former Usage: Remaining Land  
Present Usage: Airport  
Probable End Usage: Same as Above  
Ordnance Presence: No Ordnance Presence

**6. CURRENT STATUS:** The Archives Search Report for the Portland Army Base was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District/Defense Ammunition Center, in February 1999.

**7. STRATEGY:**

Area A: NDAI  
Area B: EE/CA  
Area C: NDAI  
Area D: NDAI  
Area E: NDAI  
Area F: NDAI  
Area G: NDAI  
Area H: NDAI

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

a. The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group met and discussed this ASR on 22 September 1999. Ordnance presence and the resulting strategy determined for this site can be found in paragraphs 5 and 7 of this Fact Sheet.

b. There may be 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.

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

**10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** For Official Use Only