

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)  
PROJECT FACT SHEET  
ORIGINAL DATE: 22 MAY 1995  
TAG REVIEW DATE: 7 MAY 1997**

1. SITE NAME: Great Bend Army Air Field

SITE NUMBER: B07KS021700

LOCATION:

City: Great Bend

County: Barton

State: Kansas

PROJECT NUMBER: B07KS021702

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: N/A

ASR RAC: 4

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### 3. SITE DESCRIPTION:

Great Bend Army Air Field occupied 2,069.60 acres in Barton County, four miles southwest of Great Bend, Kansas. Located on the base was a skeet range, an ordnance area, a gas chamber, and firing berms for machine gun practice. The ordnance area stored both conventional weapons as well as chemical training materials.

### 4. SITE HISTORY:

The land comprising the airfield was acquired in 1943. The primary mission of this FUDS was to serve as a combat training base for B-17 and B-29 Superfortress Bombers. In 1946, the WAA declared it excess to the needs of the government. Only one .50 caliber shell casing has been found around the airfield. This was found on the north side where machine gun practice had taken place. The base contained an ordnance storage area, a gas chamber, and a skeet range. The base was issued chemical ID sets, as well as other CWM items, but in February 1945, it was reported these items were not on hand. The base also used live mustard agent, chlorine gas, and tear gas during chemical training. The location is unknown. No chemical hazards have ever been found.

### 5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A: Size, Acres:	Approximately 32
Former Usage:	Firing berms for machine gun practice
Present Usage:	Municipal Airport
Probable End Usage:	Same as above
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Type:	.50 caliber cartridge case
Area B: Size, Acres:	2037
Former Usage:	All other lands
Present Usage:	Airport, Industrial Complex and farming
Probable End Usage:	Same as above
Ordnance Presence:	None

### 6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archives Search Report for Great Bend Army Air Field was completed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in April 1995.

### 7. STRATEGY:

Entire Site: NOFA

## 8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The TAG recommends NOFA for the entire FUDS as only one .50 caliber shell casing was found during the fill evacuation for a building foundation and no hazards have been found in the areas of the skeet range, ordnance area, and gas chamber. Aerial photo interpretation, the site inspection, and interviews did not reveal any disposal areas. Only small arms residue has only been found in the weapons testing area and target butts on the north side of the airfield.

b. 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.

## 9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: NOFA

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