

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)  
PROJECT FACT SHEET  
TAG REVIEW DATE: 25 JANUARY 1995  
LATEST REVIEW DATE: 09 MAY 1996**

1. **SITE NAME:** Kirtland Air Force Base Precision  
Bombing Ranges N-1, N-3, N-4 & "New"  
Demolitions

**SITE NUMBER:** K06NM044500

**LOCATION:**

City: Albuquerque  
County: Bernalillo  
State: New Mexico

**PROJECT NUMBER:** K06NM044501

**CATEGORY:** OE

**INPR RAC:** 2

**ASR RAC:** 2

2. **POC'S:**

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** The former Kirtland Air Force Base Precision Bombing Ranges N-1,3,4 and New Demolitions consisted of approximately 15,246 acres of land on the West mesa, about 2 miles west of the town of Albuquerque, NM.

The Impact areas consisted of at least 5 targets located at various spots on the West Mesa. Some targets were a simple bull's eye, while others were elaborate targets depicting oil

tank farms, rail yards, and factories.

**4. SITE HISTORY:** In the early part of World War II, the U.S. leased approximately 10,456 acres of the land from the city of Albuquerque. The land was owned by the state of New Mexico and the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad and leased to the city of Albuquerque who subleased it to the U.S. Government. This acreage located on the West Mesa along with 4,790 acres transferred from the Department of Interior, was leased for the purpose of building several precision bombing ranges. The ranges were used by students attending the bombardier training school at Kirtland Field in Albuquerque. After the war the land reverted to the original owners. Between 1955 and 1988 the City of Albuquerque acquired 13,868 acres of the original 15,246 acres. The State of New Mexico retains 898 acres and the remaining 480 acres have been broken up into small lots owned by various individuals.

**5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

**AREA A: N-1 Impact Area**

Size, Acres:	960
Former Use:	Practice Bombing Range
Present Use:	Albuquerque Shooting Park
Probable End Use:	Same
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Type:	Practice bombs

**AREA B: N-3 Impact Area**

Size, Acres:	320
Former Use:	Practice Bombing Range
Present Use:	Undeveloped land
Probable End Use:	Range land
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Type:	Practice bombs

**AREA C: N-4 Impact Area**

Size, Acres:	1280
Former Use:	Practice Bombing Range
Present Use:	Petroglyph National Monument; privately-owned undeveloped land
Probable End Use:	undeveloped

land may become  
housing  
development  
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed  
Type: Practice bombs and aircraft flares

**AREA D: "NEW" Demolitions Impact Area**

Size, Acres: 160  
Former Use: Bombing Range  
Present Use: Undeveloped land  
Probable End Use: Range land  
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed  
Type: HE bomb scrap

**AREA E: N-2 Impact Area**

Size, Acres: 160  
Former Use: Practice Bombing Range  
Present Use: Undeveloped land  
Probable End Use: Range land  
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed  
Type: Practice bombs

**AREA F:**

Size, Acres: 12,366  
Former Use: Practice Bombing Range  
Present Use: Double Eagle  
Airport, Sewage  
Treatment  
Facility, and  
undeveloped  
land  
Probable End Use: Double Eagle  
Airport and the  
sewage  
treatment  
facility might  
become part of  
the Petroglyph  
National  
Monument; the  
undeveloped  
land to become  
a housing  
subdivision  
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed  
Type: Practice bombs and aircraft flares

**AREA G:**

Size, Acres: 1,430  
Former Use: Open Range  
Present Use: Petroglyph National Monument  
Probable End Use: Same  
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed  
Type: Practice bombs and aircraft flares

**6. CURRENT STATUS:** The ASR was completed by Rock Island District in May 1994. Another ASR covering the same area was completed by St. Louis District in September 1994.

**7. STRATEGY:**

AREA A: EE/CA  
AREA B: EE/CA  
AREA C: EE/CA  
AREA D: EE/CA  
AREA E: EE/CA  
AREA F: EE/CA  
AREA G: EE/CA

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:** Several of the areas may need to be divided into subareas because of their large acreage, such as Areas A, C, G, and especially F, which covers 12,366 acres.

AREA A: Land is Privately owned. Disposition of owner toward any type of remediation is unknown. The Albuquerque Shooting Park is on the site. Endangered or threatened wildlife may be present.

AREA B: Land is privately owned. Disposition of owner toward any type of remediation is unknown. Endangered or threatened wildlife may be present.

AREA C: Most of the target is now part of a national monument. One quarter of target is outside the park. One half of the quarter is city owned, the other half is broken up into individual lots. Park Service considers OEW to be of historical significance if non-hazardous, which

should

be clarified with the Park service. Endangered or threatened wildlife may be present.

AREA D: High explosives may be present below the surface. Land is privately owned. Disposition

of owner toward any type of remediation is unknown. Endangered or threatened wildlife may be present.

AREA E: Land is privately owned. Disposition of owner toward any type of remediation is unknown. Endangered or threatened wildlife may be present.

AREA F: Area is privately and state owned. Area contains the double Eagle Airport and a sewage treatment plant. A portion of the land, 320 acres, has been sub-divided. Disposition of owner toward any type of remediation is unknown. Endangered or threatened wildlife may be present.

AREA G: Area was not part of those lands leased by the Government for bombing range use. Area is now part of a national monument. Park Service considers OEW to be of historical significance if non-hazardous, which should be clarified with the Park service. Endangered or threatened wildlife may be present.

REMAINING ISSUES AND CONCERNS IDENTIFIED TO PM PRIOR TO PROJECT START. It should first be noted that when individually rated, all seven of the areas have a RAC score of 2. Also, several of the areas may need to be divided into subareas because of their large acreage, such as Areas A, C, G, and especially F, which covers 12,366 acres.

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

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