

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: 26 JANUARY 1996
TAG REVIEW: 5 FEBRUARY 1997**

1. SITE NAME: Kirtland Precision Bombing Range (PBR) N-12

SITE NUMBER: K06NM045700

LOCATION:

City: N/A
County: Sandoval
State: New Mexico

PROJECT NUMBER: K06NM045701

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 3

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION:

a. The former Kirtland PBR N-12 consists of 640 acres and is located in Sandoval County, New Mexico, approximately 30 miles northwest of the City of Albuquerque. It is further identified

as being located at Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 3 West of the New Mexico Principal Meridian. Presently, the site is owned by the State of New Mexico and leased for grazing.

b. The remote site is part of the Herrera Mesa, and the north central portion is relatively flat with sandy soil, while most of the southern half and the northern boundary drops off to the valley floor. Vegetation is predominantly grass with scattered shrubs. An unimproved trail traverses the site in an east-west orientation.

4. SITE HISTORY:

a. In 1942, the War Department leased 640 acres of land in Sandoval County from the State of New Mexico for use as a practice bombing range by the Army Air Corps at Kirtland Army Air Field (AAF). The Army Air Corps designated the practice/precision bombing range (PBR) with the alpha-numeric N-12 for use by Kirtland AAF.

b. Kirtland AAF used PBR N-12 to train pilots and bombardiers. PBR N-12 was a target for the AT-11 aircraft, which trained with 100 lb. practice bombs. PBR N-12 had daylight markers, with 2 miles of barbed wire fencing, and reported an average daily use of 8 hours. The site contained a graded circular target consisting of four concentric rings with diameters of 1000', 600', 400', and 200', and a wooden pyramidal structure located at the target's center. The bombing squadrons usually practiced with bombs made of metal casing filled with sand or concrete. The only documented ordnance dropped on the site were M38A2 practice bombs, although historical documentation suggest that 100 lb. M85 concrete bombs could have been used to relieve any temporary shortages of the M38A2 bombs during the World War II. No documentation was found to indicate the use of high explosives or chemical warfare material (CWM) on PBR N-12.

c. Effective 23 October 1946, the War Department placed bombing and gunnery ranges in connection with Kirtland AAF in a category of surplus.

d. On 16 September 1953, an Engineer Range Clearance Team issued a Certificate of Clearance (COC) for PBR N-12, which stated that it had been cleared of all dangerous and/or explosive materials reasonably possible to detect, and recommended that the land be restricted to surface use only. In addition, the same Engineer Range Clearance Team issued another COC for all metal and military scrap, approximately 16 1/4 tons, stockpiled at the site center stating that it was safe and free of dangerous and/or explosive materials and could be used and transported.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area: Size, Acres: 640
 Former Use: Target Area
 Present Use: Range land (grazing)
 Probable End Use: Same as Present Use
 Ordnance Presence: Confirmed
 Type: Bomb, 100 lb. Practice,
 M38A2, w/Spotting Charge, M1A1
 and M85-series Practice Bombs

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Kirtland PBR N-12 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in December 1995.

7. STRATEGY: EE/CA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The ASR and HNC Safety both recommended an EE/CA for this site. The TAG agreed with the recommendation for an EE/CA on the site since there was confirmed debris from M38-series and M85-series practice bombs encountered by the Site Inspection (SI) Team during their inspection of Area A.

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: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only