

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

1. SITE NAME: Kirtland Precision Bombing Range (PBR) N-14

SITE NUMBER: K06NM045900

LOCATION:

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

PROJECT NUMBER: K06NM045901

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION:

The former Kirtland PBR N-14 consists of 640 acres and is located in Sandoval County, New Mexico, approximately 35 miles north of the City of Albuquerque. It is further identified as being

located at Township 15 North, Range 4 East, Section 16. Prior to DOD usage, the site was used for livestock grazing. It is currently owned by the State of New Mexico and leased for grazing purposes.

4. SITE HISTORY:

a. In 1942, the War Department leased from the State of New Mexico 640 acres of land in Sandoval County 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-14 for use by Kirtland AAF.

b. Kirtland AAF used PBR N-14 to train pilots and bombardiers. PBR N-14 was a target for the AT-11 aircraft, which dropped 100 lb. practice bombs. Besides fencing, PBR N-14 had lighting for night target practice. Kirtland AAF reported an average daily use of 5 daylight hours and 9 night hours for this site. The site contained a graded circular target consisting of four concentric rings with diameters of 1000', 600', 400', and 200'. 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 100 pound M85 concrete bombs could have been used to relieve any temporary shortages of the M38A2 bombs during World War II. No documentation was found to indicate the use of high explosives or chemical warfare material (CWM) on PBR N-14.

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 14 August 1952, an Engineer Range Clearance Team issued a Certificate of Clearance (COC) for PBR N-14 stating that the 640 acres had been cleared of all dangerous and/or explosive materials reasonably possible to detect and recommended the land for above surface use. The COC also stated that the scrap material cleared from PBR N-14 consisted of parts of 1081 M-38 practice bombs which had been inspected and cleared of all dangerous and/or explosive materials.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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| 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

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Kirtland PBR N-14 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 recommend an EE/CA for Area A. The TAG concurs with the recommendation for an EE/CA since there was confirmed debris from M38-series practice bombs encountered by the Site Inspection (SI) Team during their inspection of this site.

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