

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET**

**ORIGINAL DATE: 3 May 1996
TAG REVIEW DATE: 29 JULY 1998**

1. **SITE NAME:** Lake Mead Base
a.k.a. Nellis Air Force Base Area II

SITE NUMBER: J09NV044201

LOCATION:

CITY: Las Vegas
COUNTY: Clark
STATE: Nevada

PROJECT NUMBER: J09NV044201

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 3

TAG RAC: 3

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:**

a. Lake Mead Base was located in Clark County, about 10

miles northeast of Las Vegas, Nevada. A 5,120 acre tract of land used for sand and gravel removal was located at Lake Mead, about 15 miles southeast of the base.

b. Lake Mead Base consisted of 15,014.13 acres of land, including the 5,120 acre tract, owned by the Department of Interior (DOI), acquired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), carried on the Department of the Navy inventory, and used by the Defense Atomic Support Agency (DASA) for munitions storage. A portion of the acreage, 6,999.23 acres, was returned to the DOI between 1954 and 1956.

c. The 6999.23 acres of land were declared eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP/FUDS), and an OE project was initiated for 1,879.23 acres of the site, with the 5,120 acres used for sand and gravel removal being excluded from the OE project.

4. **SITE HISTORY:**

a. On 1 January 1953, Lake Mead Base, located outside Las Vegas, Nevada, was established as a Class II activity under the control of the Chief, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project.

b. A total of 15,014.13 acres of land was acquired by the COE for the base. The base was intended for munitions storage by the DASA but carried on the Navy's inventory, with the Navy and Marines operating the base.

c. While under Navy control, a training area was developed in the northeast portion of the base. This area included a firing range and a mortar impact area.

d. Between 20 July 1954 and 21 September 1956, 6,999.23 acres of land were relinquished to the DOI. A portion of this land, totaling 1,879.23 acres, is the OE Project Area, and is adjacent to the present northern boundary of Nellis Air Force Base Area II, formerly called Lake Mead Base. The additional acreage, 5,120 acres located at Lake Mead, although part of DERP-FUDS SITE NO. J09NV44200, was not included in the OE Project.

e. On 15 July 1969, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) stated their intention of declaring the area north of Lake Mead Base a public use area for off-road recreational vehicles (ATVs). This area contained 8,880 acres of land and included the entire OE Project Area.

f. In 1969, the U.S. Air Force took over Lake Mead Base,

renaming it Nellis Air Force Base Area II. The area that was once used as an mortar impact area is now used as a demolition area by Nellis Air Force Base Area II.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A:	Size, Acres:	320
	Former Use:	Mortar impact area and buffer zone
	Present Use:	All terrain vehicle and recreational area
	Probable End Use:	Same as above
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	M302 60mm mortar, WP 3.5 in. practice rocket
Area B:	Size, Acres:	320
	Former Use:	Emergency jettison area
	Present Use:	All terrain vehicle and recreational area
	Probable End Use:	Same as above
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	100 lb. sand filled bombs w/ M1A1 spotting charges and 1 expended flare motor
Area C:	Size, Acres:	1,239.23
	Former Use:	All remaining land
	Present Use:	All terrain vehicle and recreational area
	Probable End Use:	Same as above
	Ordnance Presence:	None

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archives Search Report (ASR) for The Lake Mead Base was completed by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in May 1996.

7. STRATEGY:

Area A: EE/CA
Area B: EE/CA
Area C: NOFA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group (TAG) met and discussed this ASR on 29 July 1998 and concurs with the recommendation for an EE/CA in Area A since the SI Team encountered debris from 60mm M302 mortars and 3.5 inch practice rockets during their inspection of this area. The TAG determined an EE/CA for Area B as M38-series, 100 lb. Practice Bombs were found in this area. The author implies that these bombs may have been jettisoned by bomber crews prior to returning to base after night training missions. There is a potential that more rounds may have been jettisoned throughout Area B and may be encountered by sportsmen and campers who use this area. The TAG determined NOFA for Area C.

b. There are known Federal-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.

c. Project manager should coordinate proposed removal actions with the State Historical Preservation Office in order to avoid disturbing potential historical/cultural sites.

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

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