

RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)

PROJECT FACT SHEET

ORIGINAL DATE: 4 SEPTEMBER 1997

TAG REVIEW DATE: 4 FEBRUARY 1998

HNC REVISION: 26 MARCH 1998

1. **SITE NAME:** Lockbourne Air Force Base

**SITE NUMBER:** G050H000700

**LOCATION:**

City: Lockbourne (near the Columbus  
Metropolitan area)  
County: Franklin and Pickaway  
State: Ohio

**PROJECT NUMBER:** G050H000704

**CATEGORY:** OE

**INPR RAC:** 2

**ASR RAC:** 1

**TAG RAC:** 1

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:**

a. The former Lockbourne AFB (now Rickenbacker International Airport) is located adjacent to the town of Lockbourne, Ohio in

Franklin and Pickaway Counties and is in the southern portion of the Columbus, Ohio metropolitan area.

b. Lockbourne AFB originally consisted of 4,371.07 acres. 1,642.62 acres were conveyed to the Rickenbacker Port Authority in 1984. The base housing area and the base golf course (approximately 400 acres) were conveyed to private individuals. The remainder of the site is still owned by DOD and is under the control of the Air Force Base Conversion Agency (AFBCA). Plans are underway for most the active DOD portion of the site to be transferred to the Port Authority. This report addresses only the FUDS portion of the site.

c. Industrial development of the site has already occurred and will continue according to the Port Authority.

#### 4. SITE HISTORY:

a. The Army Air Forces (AAF) activated Lockbourne in June 1942. Although excessing of the site began in 1981, there is still a National Guard refueling mission. Missions included glider pilot training, B-17 bomber crew training, fighter aircraft, air defense, strategic reconnaissance, aerial refueling, bomber aircraft, and combat crew training. Jurisdiction of the base has included TAC, SAC, and the Ohio National Guard

b. Ordnance related improvements included small arms ranges, a firing-in-butt, skeet ranges, ordnance storage areas, and a variety of ordnance related buildings.

c. Ordnance related training included grenade training, small arms training, and Prime BEEF (Base Engineer Emergency Force) training.

d. Chemical ID kits were also present.

e. The 71st Ordnance Detachment (EOD) was located at Lockbourne (Rickenbacker) AFB from the late 1960's through July 1981. During this time the unit destroyed munitions and explosives once a month using the firing-in-butt.

#### 5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

<b>Area A:</b>	Size, Acres:	Approximately 13
	Former Use:	Firing-in-butt/EOD Demo Area
	Present Use:	Soy Beans/Grassland
	Probable End Use:	Same as above
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed

Type: Residue from various items up to and including 155mm munitions. One 75mm Projectile.

**Area B:** Size Acres: Approximately 35  
Former Use: Grenade training area/EOD Disposal Area  
Present Use: Soy bean cultivation  
Probable End Use: Same as above  
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed  
Type: M407A1 40mm Grenades, Blasting Caps, 20mm/30mm Projectiles, Flares, 500 lb. Bomb

**Area C:** Size, Acres: Approximately 7  
Former Use: Air Show Drop Zone  
Present Use: Grassland  
Probable End Use: Same as above  
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed  
Type: Smoke Grenades

**Area D:** Size, Acres: Approximately 1  
Former Use: Skeet & Indoor Small Arms Range  
Present Use: Grassland  
Probable End Use: Same as above  
Ordnance Presence: Potential  
Type: Small Arms

**Area E:** Size, Acres: Approximately 1  
Former Use: Small Arms Range  
Present Use: Same as above  
Probable End Use: Same as above  
ASR Recommendation: Ineligible (This area is still actively used by the National Guard.)

**Area F:** Size, Acres: Approximately 46  
Former Use: Prime BEEF (Base Engineer Emergency Force) Training Area  
Present Use: Soy Bean Cultivation  
Probable End Use: Same as above  
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed  
Type: Flares, Small Arms, Practice Grenades & Small Explosive Charges

**Area G:** Size, Acres: Approximately 1539  
Former Use: All other lands  
Present Use: Airport and Industrial  
Complex  
Probable End Use: Same as above  
Ordnance Presence: None

**6. CURRENT STATUS:**

The Archives Search report (ASR) for Lockbourne Air Force Base was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in September 1997.

**7. STRATEGY:**

Area A: EE/CA  
Area B: EE/CA  
Area C: EE/CA  
Area D: NOFA  
Area E: NOFA  
Area F: EE/CA  
Area G: NOFA

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

a. The RCWM Team reviewed this ASR and states it, "says that ID kits were present and it was common practice to bury them in landfills but there is no indication this is true. On this information I would discount this from the ASR score sheet. I concur with all other findings of the ASR and with the RAC of 1."

b. The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has determined that an EE/CA is required in Areas A, B, C, and F as confirmed debris from various types of ordnance was encountered by the SI Team during their inspection of this FUDS. A revised RAC form is attached reflecting a score of 1 for the entire site. Two EOD cleanups (1986 and 1990) have occurred in and around the firing-in butt, however ordnance residue can still be found near this area. Interviews with retired employees indicate that no ordnance related items were buried in Landfill #2. The Nashville District is working on the cleanup of Landfill #1 and is aware of the possibility of buried ordnance. The TAG determined NOFA for the remainder of this FUDS.

c. On 26 March 1998, the ASR author sent an addendum to the ASR revealing an additional EOD Disposal Area that was not identified in the ASR (attached). This area is within/near Area B that is identified as requiring an EE/CA. A revised RAC form, superseding the one mentioned in paragraph 8b. above, is also attached. The RAC score remains 1.

d. 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