

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FOODS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
SEPTEMBER 1994
REVISION: 16 JULY 1997
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1. SITE NAME: Pratt Precision Bombing Range #3

SITE NUMBER: B07KS024800

LOCATION:

City: Kinsley
County: Edwards
State: Kansas

PROJECT NUMBER: B07KS024801

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The former Pratt Precision Bombing Range (PBR) #3 consisted of 2,560 acres located 6 miles south of Kinsley, Edwards County, Kansas in Sections 28, 29, 32 and 33,

Township 25 South, Range 19 West. Three quarters of the land is used for cropland and the remainder for grazing/pasture. There are several landowners. The R-9 Ranch controls most of the land and had entered into an agreement to furnish water rights to their ground water to the City of Hays, Kansas.

The ranges are located in sand hills close to major streams. The surface can slope from 4 to 20%. Terrain generally slopes to the north. The elevation of the site ranges between a low of about 2,200 feet (NGVD) and a high of about 2,230 feet (NGVD) west. Vegetation is mainly grass with sparse scrub bush. Bare areas with blown out places atop hills are common. There are areas of severe wind erosion where the plant cover has been stripped and the sand is easily eroded by the wind. The site drains directly into the Arkansas River. The Arkansas River then flows through Oklahoma and Arkansas into the Mississippi River. Surface drainage networks are not developed. Surface water probably soaks into the sandy soil and drains internally. Some ponds which are probably either spring or ground water fed are present.

4. SITE HISTORY: The Army Air Forces acquired the 2,560 acre site for use as Pratt PBR #3 by negotiated lease and condemnation in 1943. Previously known as Great Bend Bombing Range No. 2, it was used by Pratt Army Air Field as a PBR for off-base training from 1943 to 1946. Improvements consisted of target circles, pyramids, and night lighting which were removed by the Army Air Forces prior to termination of the site. The site remained under DOD control during the period of the DOD ownership. The site was reported surplus on 19 July 1946, the leases were terminated 9 December 1946 and all 2,560 acres were returned to the owners. A Bomb and Shell Disposal Team was dispatched at the time the area was reported surplus. A thorough search of the area was made and the site was sufficiently decontaminated for release.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area:	Entire Site
Size, Acres:	2,560
Former Use:	Precision Bombing Range
Present Use:	Grazing and cropland
Probable End Use:	Grazing and cropland
Ordnance Presence:	Potential
Type:	Bomb, Practice, 100 lb., M38A2

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Pratt PBR #3 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in September 1994.

7. **STRATEGY:** Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA)

8. **ISSUES AND CONCERNS:** The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group recommended a strategy of EE/CA, RAC 4. The ASR site inspection included the area where the target bullseye was formerly located. No ordnance and explosives and no fragments were found during the site inspection. Interviews with personnel at the site indicated that nothing has been found within memory. Although most of the land is under cultivation, at the time of the site inspection, the target bullseye area was grazing land

HNC Safety Comments: He agreed with the strategy of EE/CA, RAC 4. Other comments: (1) A Bomb and Shell Disposal Team report of 1946 states that 23 each 3 lb. black powder spotting charges were recovered. (2) There is no indication of chemical warfare materials (CWM) at the site and the site should be removed from the CWM INPR Data Base.

Clearance at the Site: At Appendix C-7, a document dated 26 October 1946 by 9800th TSU-CE, Detachment Number 7, Bomb and Shell Disposal Team, indicated that a thorough clearance of the site was accomplished. Findings were: (1) A quantity of 2 canisters of black powder from 38 M38A2 Practice Bombs were found on the surface and 21 others were dug up. (2) It was determined that the site was safe from explosives and sufficiently decontaminated for release.

Natural Resources: Federally and State threatened species occur within the site area and are listed in ASR Findings, pages 4-5 through 4-6, para 4.5.3. 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.

Historical Resources: The ASR did not indicate if historical/cultural resources were found to be present at the site. Any intrusive measures taken within the area will require oversight by the State Historical Preservation Office and/or other like organizations.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only

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