

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
HNC REVIEW: 19 DECEMBER 1995
TAG REVIEW DATE: 12 JUNE 1997**

1. SITE NAME: Pratt Army Air Field

SITE NUMBER: B07KS024400

LOCATION:

City: Pratt
County: Pratt
State: Kansas

PROJECT NUMBER: B07KS024402

CATEGORY: OE/CWM

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 1

TAG RAC: 1 (NOFA)

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: Pratt Army Air Field, located 3 miles north of the City of Pratt, Kansas, was constructed on 2,685 acres of what was slightly rolling farmland. The former Pratt Army Air Field acreage is under the ownership of the City of Pratt and

the Pratt Airport Authority. The City of Pratt and the Pratt Airport Authority operates the major part of the former Army Air Field as a municipal airport. The City of Pratt and the Pratt airport Authority have leased land to commercial and industrial companies. Approximately 43 acres have been sold to private individuals for residences and farming.

4. SITE HISTORY: Construction of Pratt began in 1942, and the base opened in 1943. The original mission of the base was the staging and training for B-17 and B-26 pilots, crews, and mechanics. Almost simultaneous with its opening, the base began to handle the newer and larger B-29's. It became the home of the 40th and 497th Bombardment Groups. The pilots and crews trained on ground ranges and in the air. The base was officially inactivated in December 1945.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area "1"

Size; Acres: Unknown
Former Use: CWM Area
Present Use: Undeveloped Land
Probable End Use: Undeveloped Land
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Types: M1 Gas Instructional Kits

Area "2"

Size Acres: Unknown
Former Use: Ordnance Storage Area
Present Use: Undeveloped Land
Probable End Use: Undeveloped Land
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Types: M1 Gas Instructional Kits

Area "3"

Size Acres: Unknown
Former Use: Small Arms Range
Present Use: Farm Land
Probable End Use: Same
Ordnance Presence: Uncontaminated

Area "4"

Size Acres: Unknown
Former Use: Skeet Range
Present Use: Farm Land
Probable End Use: Farm Land
Ordnance Presence: Uncontaminated

Area "5"

Size Acres: Unknown
Former Use: Burial Site North of Sewage Treatment
Lagoon
Present Use: Undeveloped Land
Probable End Use: Undeveloped Land
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Types: M1 Gas Instructional Kits

Area "6"

Size Acres: Unknown
Former Use: Landfill North of Airfield off Hwy. 281
Present Use: Construction Staging Area
Probable End Use: Same as Present Use
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Types: M1 Gas Instructional Kits

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report (ASR) was completed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District in September of 1994.

7. STRATEGY: RAC 1 (NOFA)

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

The disposition of the M1 ID kits is unknown. However, several of the areas were identified as having the possibility of having the potential of buried M1 ID kits. There has been ground water testing done by the city. These tests found nothing to indicate buried chemicals.

Area 1 is believed to be one of the areas that the M1 ID kits may have been buried. There are no structures remaining in this area.

Area 2 is believed to have been an ordnance storage area. Practice bombs, fuzes, and small arms would have been stored in this area. All that remains is building debris that was never cleaned up.

Areas 3 & 4 was a small arms range and a skeet range, respectively. Any potential ordnance remaining in these areas would be small arms.

Area 5, burial site north of sewage treatment lagoon, and Area 6, landfill north of

airfield off Hwy. 281, are both suspected burial areas for the M1 ID kits.

Due to the fact that it is unknown whether the ID kits were used, buried, or shipped off base, there is no way to determine which one of these happened, and current technology can not locate buried glass, the TAG recommends there be no further action at this site. There is no evidence that OE remains on the site.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING /BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only

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