

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)  
PROJECT FACT SHEET  
NOVEMBER 1995  
TAG REVIEW DATE: 5 FEBRUARY 1997**

1. **SITE NAME:** Springfield Armory Railhead Area

**SITE NUMBER:** D01MA001800

**LOCATION:**

City: Springfield  
County: Hampden  
State: Massachusetts

**PROJECT NUMBER:** D01MA001801

**CATEGORY:** OE

**INPR RAC:** 4

**ASR RAC:** 5

**TAG RAC:** 5

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** The former Springfield Armory Railhead Area occupies 24.11 acres in Hampden County in the northern section of the city of Springfield. There is one main building, with controlled access, that houses indoor firing ranges which

are used by the Smith & Wesson Academy to train law enforcement and other personnel in safety and the use of small arms weapons. Three magazines, which were empty and locked during the Site Survey, are located on the side of the firing tunnels. The site is located on Page Boulevard in an urbanized area next to other industrial properties.

Drainage is north of the study area towards the Chicopee River which flows west into the Connecticut River one mile west of the site. Correspondingly, the terrain slopes north with an elevation of 220 feet NGVD along the southern side to 100 feet NGVD at the Chicopee River. The site lies in a flat area and there is no vegetation.

**4. SITE HISTORY:** The former Springfield Armory Railhead Area was used by the Army for test shooting, storing and shipping small arms manufactured at the other two Springfield Armory areas (Watershops Area-Project No. D01MA004101 and Hillshops Area-Project No. D01MA004001). The site was acquired by the DOD with a Declaration of Taking, Civil No. 51-30, dated 10 January 1951. Building 300 was used as a firing range and three small buildings were used for storage: Powder magazine (#303), Primers magazine (#304), and Liquid Propellant magazine(#305). The Springfield Armory, including the Railhead Area, was reported to the General Services Administration (GSA) for disposal under Report of Excess No. NED. 159, dated 8 December 1966. GSA conveyed the Railhead Area, consisting of 24.11 acres, to the City of Springfield on 6 September 1968. The City of Springfield leased and then sold 18.49 acres to Hano Realty. Hano Realty sold 3 acres fee to Daniel Tebaldi in August 1987. The Smith & Wesson Company now owns 5.62 acres.

**5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

**AREA**

Size, Acres:	24.11
Former Use:	Development and testing of small arms and machine guns.
Present Use:	Firearms training, manufacturing, business, retail sales
Probable End Use:	Same as Present Use
Ordnance Presence:	None
Type:	N/A

**6. CURRENT STATUS:** The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Springfield Armory Railhead Area was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in November 1995.

**7. STRATEGY:**

NOFA; (RAC 5)

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:** The focus of concern in the ASR was the acreage owned by Smith & Wesson where the indoors firing range and three auxiliary magazines are located. Expended bullets and projectiles from small arms and light caliber ammunition, respectively, have been the only findings at this site.

**OE and CWM Hazard:** Research uncovered no reference to the use of Chemical Warfare Material (CWM) at this location. No Ordnance and Explosives (OE) hazards were found in the area during the site visit. Aerial photo interpretation, the site inspection, and interviews did not reveal any disposal areas.

**HTRW:** Weapons were fired inside the building into sand traps. Sand from these traps contaminated with lead were lying in piles outside the building. This sand has been cleaned up by the owner to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts office having jurisdiction, the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering. Potential for further contamination outside the range building is unlikely. The area around the building is covered with asphalt. Smith & Wesson has been using the indoor range for training since 1971 so that any HTRW present is their responsibility. An HTRW project is therefore not recommended.

**Natural Resources:** There are known Federally- and State-listed species occurring in the site area. Listings are provided in the ASR Findings, page 3-4, paragraph 3.5. 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:** No cultural or historical sites associated with this site are reported in the ASR. However, any intrusive measures taken within the area will require oversight by the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) and/or other like organizations.

**9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY:** NOFA

**10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** NA NOFA