

**FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
MAY 1994
TAG REVIEW DATE: 17 OCTOBER 1996**

1. **SITE NAME:** Stuttgart Army Airfield

SITE NUMBER: K06AR006300

LOCATION:

City: Stuttgart
County: Prairie
State: Arkansas

PROJECT NUMBER: K06AR006302

CATEGORY: CWM/OE

INPR RAC: 1

ASR RAC: 1

2. **POC's:**

TECHNICAL MANAGER:

Name: Karl Blankinship
Office: CEHNC-OE-DG
Phone: 205-895-1548

GEO DISTRICT POC:

Name: Margaret Morehead
Office: CESWL-PM-M
Phone: 501-324-5607

GEO DIVISION POC:

Name: Jim Harrigan
Office: CESWD-PP-M
Phone: 214-767-2403

HEADQUARTERS POC:

Name: James Huang
Office: CEMP-RF
Phone: 202-761-8883

SUPPORT DISTRICT (ASR) POC:

Name: Ted Moore
Office: CELMS-PM-M
Phone: 314-331-8849

3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** Stuttgart Army Airfield (AAF) is located in east-central Arkansas approximately six miles north of the City of Stuttgart. (Population: 10,420) This area is characteristically flat with abandoned stream channels, natural levees, and backwater swamps. The soils are a series of silty clays and clays which are poorly drained. Before government acquisition, this area was used for growing rice and other crops. The former Stuttgart AAF site is currently the Stuttgart Municipal Airport, a landfill and farmland. There are also a few

residences in the area.

4. SITE HISTORY: The U.S. Government acquired 2,681.9 acres during 1942 and 1943 to be used as an advanced twin engine aircraft training school. Improvements to the site included an airport with four 5,000-ft. runways and facilities for 6,000 personnel. Declared surplus by the War Department on 5 August 1946, 2,635.7 acres were assumed by the War Assets Administration (WAA). Custody of the remaining 46.2 acres, which contained the housing units and the water and sewage facilities, was transferred to the Housing and Home Finance Agency, Public Housing Administration, on 31 January 1947. In 1949, the WAA land and improvements were deeded to the City of Stuttgart, Arkansas, to establish the municipal airport. The city subsequently obtained the remaining 46.2 acres from the Public Housing Administration and now owns the entire 2,681.9 acres used in connection with the former Stuttgart AAF. The transfer included a recapture clause by which the Government reserved specific rights of use and possession during a national emergency.

The U.S. Army Air Corps established an advanced flying school at Stuttgart AAF in August 1942. It trained pilots in the use of gliders from October 1942 to May 1943 and twin-engine airplanes from May 1943 to December 1944 when DOD deactivated the field.

The function of the 2062nd Ordnance Company stationed at Stuttgart AAF included the operation of the armament, skeet and pistol ranges.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The breakdown of subareas comes from page 2-1 and Maps 2&3 of the Conclusions and Recommendations portion of the ASR.

AREA "1"

Size, Acres:	Approximately 16
Former Use:	CWM burial site
Present Use:	Airport/farmland
Probable End Use:	Potential future landfill
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Type:	CWM test kits, unspecified contents of ordnance storage area (including pyrotechnics)

AREA "2"

Size, Acres:	Unknown
Former Use:	Pistol and machine gun range
Present Use:	Airport/farmland
Probable End Use:	Potential future landfill
Ordnance Presence:	Uncontaminated

AREA "3"

Size, Acres:	Unknown
Former Use:	Skeet range
Present Use:	Airport/farmland
Probable End Use:	Potential future landfill
Ordnance Presence:	Uncontaminated

AREA "4"

Size, Acres:	Unknown
Former Use:	Ordnance Area
Present Use:	Storage for City of Stuttgart
Probable End Use:	Same as Present
Ordnance Presence:	Uncontaminated

AREA "5"

Size, Acres:	Unknown
Former Use:	Building area
Present Use:	Unused race track
Probable End Use:	Same as Present

Ordnance Presence: **Uncontaminated**

AREA "6"

Size, Acres: Unknown
Former Use: Sanitary Landfill
Present Use: Sanitary Landfill
Probable End Use: Closed landfill
Ordnance Presence: **Potential**
Type: broken brown
glass seen by
one witness
might be from
test kits

6. CURRENT STATUS: The draft Archives Search Report for Stuttgart Army Airfield was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in May 1994.

7. STRATEGY:

Area 1: EE/CA
Remaining Site: NOFA for OE/CWM

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

The draft ASR recommended that the sanitary landfill (Area 6) be included in the EE/CA only if test kits are not found in Area 1. However, the TAG does not recommend an EE/CA for the sanitary landfill (Area 6) for three reasons:

- (1) We have three eyewitnesses (2 still living) to the burial of the test kits and other ordnance items in another area, Area 1.
- (2) The only reason to suspect burial in the sanitary landfill is one person's statement that there were broken brown glass bottles present.
- (3) It appears that the landfill is about to be closed (See next comment.)

Landfill Closing: According to the amended INPR's RAC worksheet dated April 8, 1996 (filled out by Margaret Morehead), the City of Stuttgart's municipal landfill is nearly full and the city is currently planning to construct a new landfill on the adjacent property. The CWM burial site (Area 1) is near the current landfill.

CWM Test Kits: Mr. Leland Hiatt, a local resident who had been stationed at Stuttgart AAF, states that he was an eyewitness to the burial of the chemical ID kits, the contents of the ordnance storage area and aircraft parts. He and Mr. Jim Bradshaw (Street Dept. Foreman) were able to outline the CWM burial site on a 1946

drawing of the airport. Mr. Hiatt is past 80 years old and in good health. The other two eyewitnesses are Mr. Lou Donath and Mr. Poodle Woodall (now deceased). Mr. Woodall was responsible for the burial activities. This area is cultivated annually (wheat, rice and soy beans) and there have been no incidents of finding OE/CWM.

Brown glass: Mr. Jim Bradshaw is the only source of information concerning the sanitary landfill and the broken brown glass bottles. No newspaper or other reports were found.

Contents of OE Storage: Nothing more specific than "pyrotechnics" was reported.

PRP/HTRW: The ASR reported that soil from a former small arms range has been contaminated by lead and was subsequently used as fill for the construction of race track embankments. Because the soil was relocated, the project could have potentially responsible party (PRP) implications. This area is under Project No.K06AR006303.

Endangered Species: 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. See page 4-3 of the Findings for more information.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only