

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: 19 AUGUST 1998
TAG REVIEW DATE: 12 JANUARY 1999**

1. SITE NAME: Walker Air Force Base, Roswell S-12,
Precision Bombing Range No. 25

SITE NUMBER: K06NM052300

LOCATION:

City: Roswell
County: Chaves
State: New Mexico

PROJECT NUMBER: K06NM052301

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The site of the former Walker AFB, Roswell S-12, Precision Bombing Range No. 25 is located in Chaves County, New Mexico, approximately 20 miles southwest of the City of Roswell. The target site lies about 2-1/2 miles north of State Route 13, 2-1/2 miles west of County Road 13, and 3/4 mile

south of County Road 144 in Section 10, Township 14 South (T14S) Range 23 East (R23E). The target center is near GPS reading Latitude N33° 07.056', Longitude W104° 38.237'. Prior to use as a Precision Bombing Range during the WW II era, one half of the site (320 acres) was public domain land acquired by transfer from the Department of Interior (DOI). This federal property was used for livestock grazing by permit. The remaining adjacent ½ section (320 acres) was privately owned land and was also used to graze livestock. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) continues to administer half of this site for the DOI. The remaining half of the site is held privately. Grazing activities remain in use on the site.

4. SITE HISTORY: Walker Air Force Base was originally established as Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF), operating under control of the West Coast Air Corps Training Center. The field at Roswell, New Mexico, became an advanced flying school. Originally established with twenty four (24) bombing ranges, Bombing Range No. 25 (also known as S-12) was acquired on 21 August 1942. In 1945, the property was declared surplus (Early, 1945), and on 27 March 1947, the lease from the private owner covering the western half of the range was canceled and the eastern half of the range was transferred back to the Interior Department.

This range was used by bombardiers in training at RAAF. Normal training procedures required a student bombardier to drop about 100 practice bombs and two high explosive bombs. Based upon collected historical records, this range was to be used exclusively for practice bomb drops, while the high explosive bombs were to be dropped on the demolition bombing range. The normal practice bomb dropped was the M38 series 100 pound practice bomb, which used approximately five pounds of black powder as a spotting charge. The site investigation team observed a great deal of debris from this type of bomb on the target. The target area of the Walker AFB, Roswell S-12, Precision Bombing Range No. 25 consisted of a circle, a swastika with an "X" in the center, a ship, a circle with a square and an "X" inscribed in the center formed from earthen berms, an oil tank farm, a small rectangle and a triangle.

Roswell Army Air Field conducted CWM training for both students and permanent party personnel; but there is no evidence of any of that training occurring in the vicinity of the subject Walker AFB, Roswell S-12, Precision Bombing Range No. 25. No formal documentation relating to the decontamination of the subject Walker AFB, Roswell S-12, Precision Bombing Range No. 25 site was located during the archives search.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Size, Acres:	640
Former Use:	Precision Bombing Target
Present Use:	Livestock grazing
Probable End Use:	Same as above
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Type:	M38-series, 100 lb. Practice Bombs

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Walker AFB, Roswell S-12, PBR #25 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in August 1998.

7. STRATEGY: EE/CA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS: The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group met and discussed this ASR on 12 January 1999 and determined an EE/CA for this FUDS as there was confirmed debris from M38-series Practice Bombs encountered by the SI Team during their inspection of the site. Recommend that the main focus of any removal actions focus around the area of the target circles and other targets which were constructed on this site.

Based on the investigation of historical records reviewed, the results of the site survey and interviews, there is no evidence of chemical warfare materials or HE ever being stored, used or disposed of at this FUDS.

There are known Federal-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