

Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to inform you of the military training activities that took place at the former Amarillo Air Force Base and to raise awareness of the explosive hazards that may exist at the property.

From 1942 to 1968, the Department of Defense used the Amarillo Air Force Base for flight training, aircraft maintenance, and technical training. Some 700 support buildings were constructed at the base. An area of the former base has been identified through historical research and site visits as being an Open Burn/Open Detonation Range. The munitions known or suspected to have been destroyed at the range include small arms ammunition and various bombs.

The former Amarillo Air Force Base comprises approximately 5,454 acres and is located 6 miles east of downtown Amarillo, Texas, in Potter County. Portions of the former OB/OD Range are owned by the city of Amarillo as part of the Amarillo International Airport. The remainder of the property is owned by a junior college and private parties.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military training may remain on the Amarillo Air Force Base OB/OD Range, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends landowners and visitors follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat, and Report.



Example of practice bombs

Former Amarillo Air Force Base

For More Information



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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for identifying, investigating and, when necessary, conducting an appropriate response to address contamination and military munitions resulting from past Department of Defense activities at Formerly Used Defense Sites, also referred to as FUDS.

For information about the former Amarillo Air Force Base, contact the FUDS Information Center by calling the toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). For general information about the FUDS Program, visit www.fuds.mil.

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

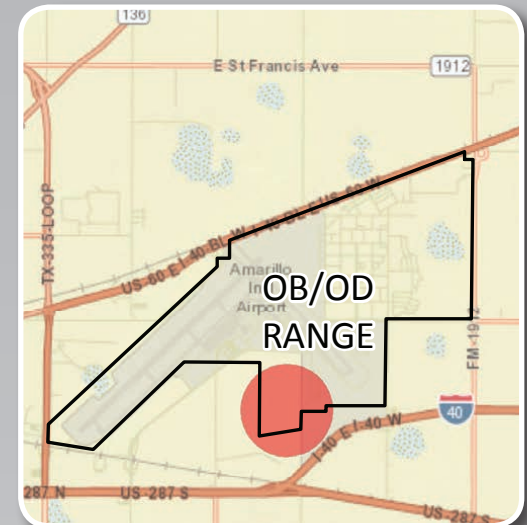


Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:
www.denix.osd.mil/uxo

3Rs Safety Guide

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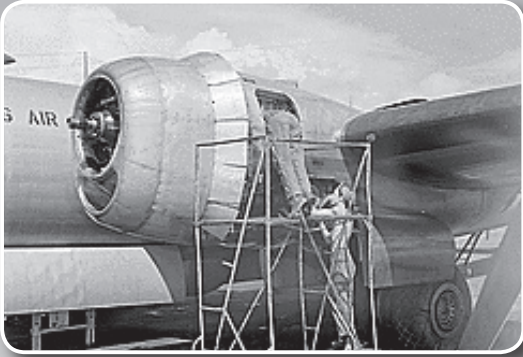


OB/OD Range

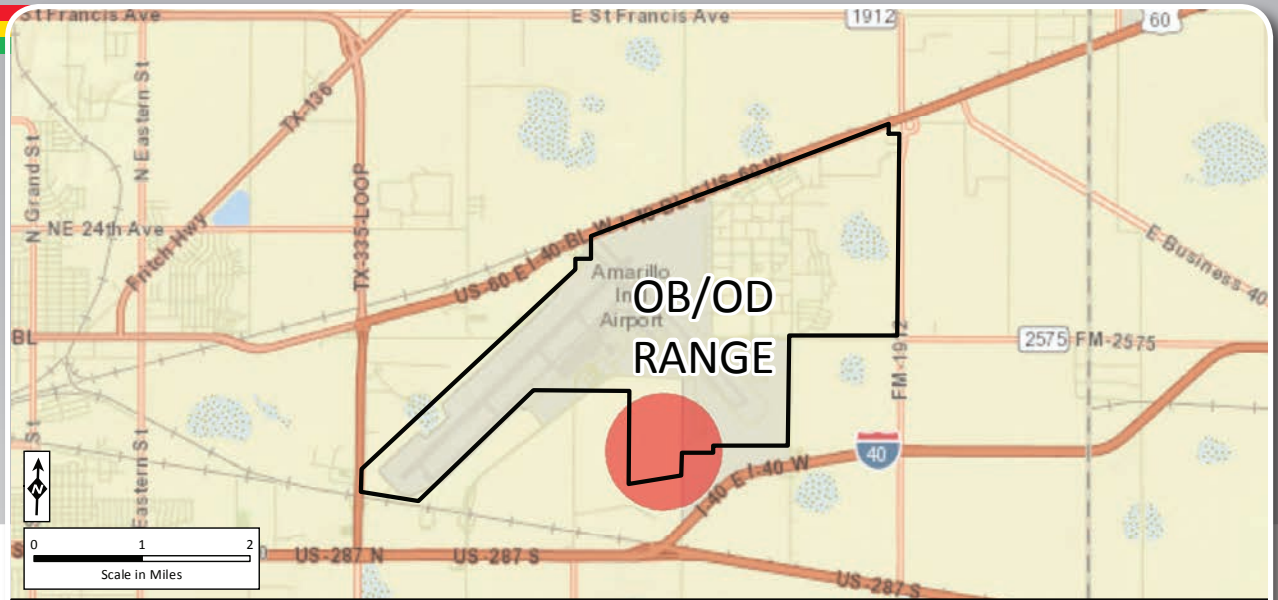


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Source: <http://www.browncountyhistory.org>



B-29 mechanics training at Amarillo Air Force Base



Legend

- FUDS Property Boundary
- Project Boundary

Former Amarillo Air Force Base
FUDS Property No: K06TX0102

State: Texas
County: Potter

Sources: USACE, 2014; Esri, 2015

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What types of potential hazards exist?*

A: Military munitions such as small arms ammunition and bombs were potentially disposed of at the OB/OD Range. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is unable to rule out the presence of munitions that may pose an explosive hazard.

Q: *What do I do if I suspect I may have come across a military munition?*

A: If you suspect you may have come across a military munition, the best way to ensure your safety is to follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety: **Recognize** that munitions are dangerous; **Retreat** — do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and **Report** immediately what you saw and where you saw it to local law enforcement — call 911.

Q: *What are the findings of the work that the government has completed?*

A: Historical research and site inspections indicate that military munitions were previously used at this base and some munitions may remain on the property. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has

determined that further investigation is required for the OB/OD Range at the former Amarillo Air Force Base.

Q: *What will be done next?*

A: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will make explosives safety education material that is based on the 3Rs available to landowners and the community. Additionally, it will coordinate with landowners as it plans required response activities.

Q: *Where can I get more information?*

A: For more information, call the Formerly Used Defense Sites Information Center toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). Additional information about the site can be found by using the Geographical Information System tool on the Formerly Used Defense Sites website at www.fuds.mil.

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

Recognize

when you may have come across a munition, and that munitions are dangerous;

Retreat

do not approach, touch, move or disturb a suspect munition, but carefully leave the area; and

Report

immediately what was found to local law enforcement — call **911**.