

Environmental Restoration Project



Area of Concern (AOC): TNT Site

ADS: 1335

Operable Unit: Southwest Test Area

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Site History

The TNT Site is located adjacent to the southern boundary of SMWU 54, the Pickax Site, in the central portion of the SWTA. Environmental concern at the TNT Site is based upon the discovery of unexploded TNT during earthmoving activities in the area. The unexploded 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene TNT was removed by KAFB Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel and disposed of at their range on KAFB. Additional TNT was also discovered in boreholes at the site and was detonated by KAFB EOD, after which a SWMU assessment was conducted to determine if environmental contamination was present at the site.

Constituents of Concern

High Explosive (HE) compounds

Current Hazards

There is the potential for additional unexploded TNT in the general area and caution should be used for all intrusive work.

Current Status of Work

A SWMU assessment has been completed and no significant contamination was detected. A SWMU Assessment Report (SAR) supporting No Further Action (NFA) was submitted to NMED in September 2002.

Future Work Planned

When the TNT site is deemed appropriate for NFA by the NMED a Class III Permit Modification request will be submitted and the site will undergo the permit modification and public review process prior to final approval for NFA by the NMED.

Waste Volume Estimated/Generated

Four 10-pound blocks of TNT.

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