

NPL Partial Site Deletion Narrative

Griffiss Air Force Base Rome, New York

On March 20, 2009, EPA deleted a portion of the Griffiss Air Force Base (GAFB) Superfund site from the National Priorities List (NPL). The entire GAFB site, approximately 3,552 acres, includes 32 areas of concern located on property currently or formerly owned by the United State Department of Defense. This partial deletion pertains to soil and groundwater at 23 parcel areas comprising 2,897.2 acres of the GAFB Superfund site, Rome, New York.

Since 1942, when construction of the base began, various hazardous and toxic substances were used and hazardous wastes were generated, stored, or disposed at GAFB. The site was used in activities ranging from storage, maintenance, and shipment of material for the U.S. Army Air Corps; applied research, development, and testing of electronic air-ground systems; and engineering and installation of ground communications equipment to maintenance and implementation of both refueling operations and long-range bombardment capability. GAFB was designated for realignment in 1993 and 1995 under the Base Realignment and Closure Act. Today, federal agencies such as the Northeast Air Defense Sector and the Defense Finance and Accounting Services remain in operation at GAFB. Numerous studies and investigations under the military's Installation Restoration Program (IRP) have been performed to locate, assess and quantify the past toxic and hazardous storage, disposal, and spill sites. Based upon such studies and information, GAFB was included on the NPL in 1987.

Site investigations identified 32 areas of concern located throughout the base. This partial deletion will remove the soil and groundwater portions at 23 parcel areas either in their entirety or in portion. The parcel areas range in size from 4 acres to over 1,000 acres. Of the 23 deleted parcel areas, six parcel areas contain CERCLA sites within their boundaries. The parcel areas with CERCLA sites have had implemented remedies consisting of land and/or groundwater use restrictions. The parcel areas deleted have been managed such that all appropriate response actions have been implemented or have been shown in previous investigations that remedial actions are not appropriate to protect human health or the environment.

The EPA, with concurrence of the State of New York, has determined that all appropriate CERCLA response actions for the 23 areas specified in the Notice of Intent for Partial Deletion (NOIPD) have been implemented. This partial deletion pertains only to the 23 specified areas and does not include any other portions of the site.