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INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM REPORT RELEASED

CARSWELL AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS---Carswell Air Force Base officials announced today the results of a records search to determine the potential for environmental damage caused by past or present waste disposal practices at the base. The report concluded that "...no direct evidence was found to indicate that migration of hazardous contaminants exists beyond the Carswell AFB boundary.

Indirect evidence of contamination and/or contamination migration within the installation boundary was found at three sites...", a flightline drainage ditch, a fire department training area, and an unnamed stream. The study was conducted by CH2M Hill, a private engineering firm under Air Force contract. A contractor team visited the base from October 31 to November 4.

The team investigated 17 locations on the base where there was evidence of potential environmental problems. The sites were identified through interviews with 33 past and present base employees and ground and aerial surveys of the base.

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Of the 17 sites, 10 should be considered for further monitoring "...to confirm or rule out the presence and/or migration of hazardous substances," the study said. CH2M Hill provided base officials with maps and recommended detailed procedures for monitoring the sites.

One off-base site, a conventional weapons storage facility, located 11 miles west of the base, was also recommended for further monitoring. Additionally, the report recommended that an open dump, now outside the fenced boundary, "...be closed to prevent the possibility of future disposal of hazardous materials by the public."

Base officials, along with Strategic Air Command and U.S. Air Force medical and engineering personnel, will analyze the report to determine the extent and timing for implementation of the report's recommendations. This analysis will take about 60 days.

Base officials will maintain constant liaison with the Environmental Protection Agency as well as interested local and state agencies.

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