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INFORMATION RESOURCES FOR WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE

Community members may be interested in reading more specific technical information about cleanup of the contaminated sites at the former Williams AFB, or about environmental cleanup in general. Much of this information is available either locally or online. The following is a list of resources that may be helpful:

Information Repository at Arizona State University (ASU) East Library

The Air Force has established an information repository for all public documents relating to environmental restoration activities at Williams. These documents are known as the Administrative Record (AR). This repository is located on the former base at:

ASU East Library
7001 E. Williams Field Rd. (Bldg. 20)
(480) 727-1157
Point of contact: Ellen Welty

Note: The ASU East library is undergoing renovation through the end of 2003, and some of the materials will be housed at the base library until renovations are complete. Nonetheless, community members can access documents housed at the base library by submitting a request at the ASU East library.

Online Administrative Record

The AR is also available online at www.adminrec.com. A master list of AR documents (dated August, 2002) can be found in PDF format at: <http://www.adminrec.com/documents1/adminrec/williams/toc/multi.pdf>. (This document may take a few minutes to download; please be patient.)

The AR Web site offers two search engine functions: a Quick Search engine and an Advanced Search which utilizes a Word Wheel function. Since this is a large site with much information in its database, navigating the search functions can be cumbersome, to say the least. It may be easiest to start your research utilizing the Quick Search engine.



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Quick Search tutorial:

1. Click on “DoD” (Department of Defense) on the left-hand menu.
2. Select “AFRPA” (Air Force Real Property Agency). This will take you to a map and index of cleanup sites. Select “Williams.”
3. Select “Table of Contents” either via the left-hand menu or the tab at the top right side of the screen.
4. Select “Quick Search” from the menu options listed. This will take you to the Quick Search engine.
5. Even this Quick Search engine is finicky. You may need to try a few different ways of entering search items into the engine. For example, if you’re looking for information on a specific site, try entering it as “ST-12” or “SS-01,” not “ST012,” “ST-012,” or “ST12,” even though you may see these sites listed this way elsewhere.
6. All of these documents have been scanned and saved in PDF format. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader™ to read them. If you don’t have this software, you can download it free at www.adobe.com.
7. You often may find that one large document will contain information on a variety of sites. You’ll need to look for indexes at the beginning of the documents to help guide you to specific information.
8. There are two pull-down buttons at the top of each search results page. One allows you to list the information in various ways, such as by date, AR number, etc. The other button allows you to scroll through listings in groups of 20 documents.

Advanced Search tutorial:

If you would like to use the advanced search engine with Word Wheel function, there is a tutorial on the site that can guide you through that process. It is located at www.adminrec.com/webtutorial1.pdf.

Information on Chemicals of Concern

Information on chemicals of concern, as well as information on state and federal environmental programs, is a click away at the following Web sites:

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Web site: ToxFAQs

ATSDR is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. One of its missions is to serve the public by providing trusted health information to prevent harmful exposures and diseases related to toxic substances. To this end, ATSDR provides a service called “ToxFAQs” that includes information on a wide variety of toxic substances. It is located at www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq.html.

There is a user-friendly search function and index listing on the left-hand menu.



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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Web site

The EPA provides a lot of information on the entire environmental restoration process. A good place to start is at its “Cleanup” page at <http://www.epa.gov/ebtpages/cleanup.html>.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Web site

The ADEQ provides information on its involvement in the environmental cleanup process at <http://www.adeq.state.az.us/environ/waste/sps/index.html>.