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at McClellan AFB.

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Operable Unit A

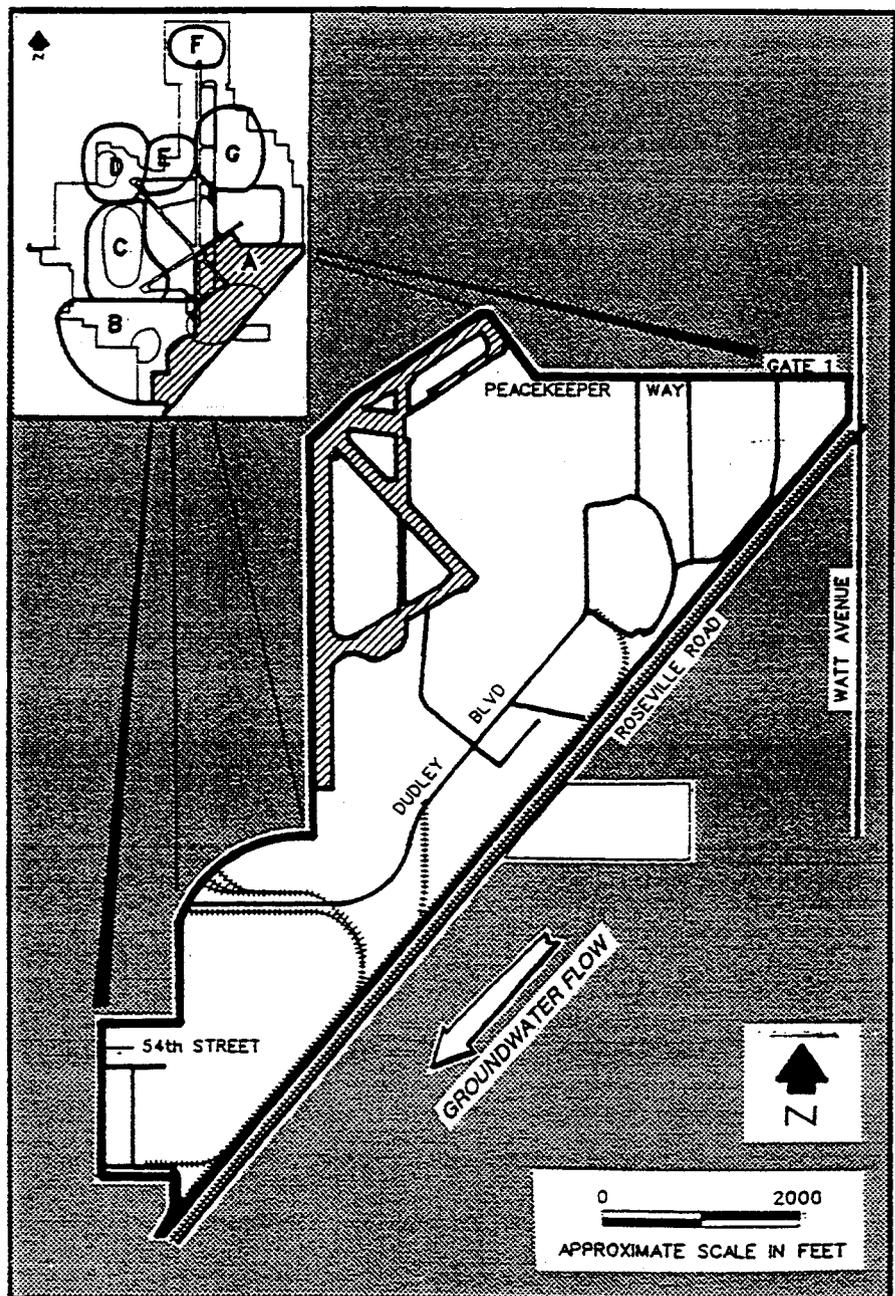
The southeastern portion of the Base, known as Operable Unit A (OU A), is the second operable unit to be investigated under the Interagency Agreement between the Base, the California Department of Health Services, and the Environmental Protection Agency. It comprises the area roughly bounded by Peacekeeper Way, the southeastern base boundary, 54th Street in the southwest, and the north/south runway in the west (see map at right).

OU A is one of the most densely built-up areas on base. It is also the oldest. Aircraft maintenance or engine test facilities have operated in this area since the late 1930s. Two Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plants operated here from 1941 to 1981. At one time, six tank farms (fuel storage areas) operated in OU A. Three of them are now closed.

Contamination in OU A

Soil and groundwater contamination have been confirmed in OU A since the early 1980s. There is currently no health threat to the community. All regulatory agencies and water district officials are working with the Base to ensure that no risks develop.

More than 50 monitoring
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Cleanup Schedule in Operable Unit A

OPERABLE UNIT A	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Summary Report	█							
Soil Gas Investigation		█						
Remedial Investigation Sampling and Analysis Plan		█						
Remedial Investigation			█	█	█	█	█	
RI/FS Report/Proposed Plan						█	█	◆
Record of Decision (ROD)							█	
Remedial Action Workplan								█◆

To speed the cleanup at McClellan AFB, the Base has been divided into Operable Units. Each OU will undergo the same types of investigation and remediation planning, though cleanup actions may differ. After the remedial investigation for one OU is

finished and work on the feasibility study begins, the remedial investigation for the next OU will also start. The schedule for OU A activities is shown above.

◆ = Public Comment and Responsiveness Summary

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wells installed in OU A and neighboring off-base areas provide information about the presence and movement of the contaminants. Low levels of groundwater contamination were found off base in the spring of 1990. However, none of the contaminants were found in city or drinking water wells. Groundwater in this area flows to the southwest, roughly parallel to Roseville Road.

Remediation Activities

The Base has already undertaken several measures to resolve the contamination problem in OU A. The two treatment plants, and their sludge drying beds, have been closed. Two tank farms have been removed. Because soil surrounding the underground tanks was found to be contaminated, it has also been removed.

Remedial activities follow the process set forth in the Inter-agency Agreement. Areas are first

investigated, then remedial options are evaluated. Investigations into the sources of contamination include a preliminary assessment of all potential sources of contamination in OU A, and a soil gas investigation to isolate areas of soil contamination. The Remedial Investigation thoroughly searches for the presence and extent of the contamination. The Feasibility Study (FS) report assesses potential cleanup options. The Air Force then publishes a Proposed Plan, a comprehensive remedy that meets

regulatory agency standards. The public is provided an opportunity to review and comment on both the Feasibility Study and the Proposed Plan. Comments are collected and addressed in a Responsiveness Summary, which is made available with the Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will also be available for review.

Finally, if any sites require more immediate attention, the Base may choose to undertake removal actions, as it has in Operable Unit B.

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