## SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET FOR DERP-FUDS SITE NO. KO6TX021600 WEBB COUNTY PROPERTY MAY 1992

SITE NAME: Webb County Property, formerly Laredo Tracking Site and Laredo Air Force Station.

LOCATION: The site is located 16 miles northeast of Laredo, Webb County,

SITE HISTORY: The U.S. Government leased 318.62 acres (294.24 fee acres and 24.38 easement acres) and acquired one license for 6.88 acres on 22 July 1955. The Government purchased the 294.24 fee acres and was granted a perpetual right-of-way easement over the 24.38 easement acres on 23 October 1958. The Air Force, under the Air Training Command (ATC), constructed a radar test facility at the site and designated it Laredo Tracking Site. The ATC transferred the site to the Air Defense Command (ADC) in July 1961. The ADC converted the site into a radar station and redesignated it Laredo Air Force Station. The radar station was part of an early warning system guarding the southern boundary of the United States from aerial surprise attack and was incorporated into the Air Defense Command Radar and Control Network. The Air Force deactivated the site in July 1964 and reactivated it on 1 April 1966. The Air Force declared the site excess on 22 May 1974 and transferred it to the Army. The Army used the site for weekend training by local Army Reserve components. On 16 October 1980, the General Services Administration (GSA) conveyed the site, 294.24 fee acres, 24.38 easement acres, and 13 buildings, to Webb County, Texas, current owner. The GSA also cancelled the license for 6.88 acres on 16 October 1980. Webb County has converted the site into a prison and vehicles seized by the U.S. Marshal Service are stored at the site.

SITE VISIT: A site visit was conducted on 8 April 1992 by Mr. Norman Nickelson, CESWF-RE-P. The improvements at the site are being beneficially used. No evidence of any hazardous waste, explosive ordnance, or unsafe debris as a result of Department of Defense activity was found at the site.

CATEGORY OF HAZARD: None noted.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: No further action is recommended at this site.

AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS: None.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT POC: Randy Niebuhr, 817/334-3223.

## DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY WEBB COUNTY PROPERTY SITE NO. K06TX021600

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The U.S. Government leased 318.62 acres (294.24 fee acres and 24.38 easement acres) and acquired one license for 6.88 acres on 22 July 1955. The site is located 16 miles northeast of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and was used as a radar test site. The site was developed and designated Laredo Tracking Site. The Government purchased the fee and easement acres on 23 October 1958. The Air Training Command transferred the site to the Air Defense Command in July 1961 and the site was redesignated Laredo Air Force Station. The Air Force transferred the site to the Army on 22 May 1974.
- 2. The Air Force established a radar test facility at the site. Improvements constructed at the site included 13 buildings, a sewage treatment plant, utilities, a water well and water storage tanks, an access road, and a security fence. The Air Defense Command Radar Station was part of an early warning system guarding the southern boundary of the United States from aerial surprise attack and was incorporated into the Air Defense Command Radar and Control Network. The Army used the site for weekend training by local Army Reserve components. The facility was deactivated in July 1964 and reactivated on 1 April 1966, remaining active until it was again deactivated in 1980. The site was never subject to other than Department of Defense (DOD) control during the period of DOD interest.
- 3. The Air Force declared the site excess on 22 May 1974 and transferred the site to the Army. On 16 October 1980, the General Services Administration (GSA) conveyed the site (294.24 fee acres, 24.38 easement acres, and 13 buildings) to Webb County, Texas, current owner. The GSA also cancelled the license for 6.88 acres on 16 October 1980. Webb County has converted the site into a prison and vehicles seized by the U.S. Marshal Service are stored at the site. There is no record in the real estate files of any restrictions, restoration, or recapture clauses.

## DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the site has been determined to be formerly used by the Department of Defense. It is, therefore, eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program - Formerly Used Defense Sites established under 10 USC 2701 et seq.

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