



Orlando, Florida

FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES ORLANDO RANGE & CHEMICAL YARD

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The government leased around 2,100 acres of land from 1943 to 1946. The area is about 3 miles north of the Orlando International Airport.

The site was used for training and testing. Military munitions and chemicals were used. Soldiers fired guns, and they put chemicals on tanks so they could learn how to clean-up the chemicals. They also had sets to help them learn how to identify chemical agents. They trained with practice chemicals, like molasses mixed with water.

When the site was not needed any more, the land was given back to its owners. In 1950, the land that had been used for the chemical practice was inspected. It did not have any dangerous materials, and no restrictions were placed on the future development of the land. Since the 1960s, the site has been fully developed with businesses, homes, schools and a park.

The Corps of Engineers has checked the site, and nothing dangerous was found. The Corps will do more tests to make sure the Army did not leave anything dangerous there. The work will start in early 2009.

The site was formerly known as the Orlando Army Airfield (AAF) Toxic Gas & Decontamination Yard; the name was changed to be more descriptive of its military use.

Low altitude of spray attacks with observers in foreground.



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