Review of cleanup remedies for six sites now available in public report

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ASSESSING REMEDIES: (Clockwise starting at top middle) A close-up view of a Site 34 groundwater monitoring well; concrete barriers and riprap protect the Site 442 soil cover within the fence line from erosion; the treatment system at Site 86 resides in a metal shipping container; during a site walk, Air Force and regulatory officials note a crack in the soil cover of Site 3 that needs to be addressed.

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Base officials determined that existing cleanup remedies at Operable Unit 2 Sites 5, 14, 76, and 86; Operable Unit 7 Site 3, and Operable Unit 7 Chemical Warfare Material Site 442 are functioning as intended and continue to remain protective of human health and the environment.

As reported at the November 2019 Restoration Advisory Board meeting held in Mojave, California, the U.S. EPA concurred with remedy protectiveness in the short term. The Air Force originally anticipated the final report would be available to the public in the spring of 2020. However, funding and contract constraints prevented finalization of the document until recently.

The multisite report marks the first time Edwards has combined multiple environmental restoration sites from different cleanup areas into one Five-Year Review. The idea is to continue incorporating more cleanup sites with active remedies into one review reported under a single document.

The reviews are mandated by law to be conducted no less than five years after the start of a remedial action. The review is meant to assure that human health and the environment are still protected by the remedial action in place. Officials also determine if site conditions have changed or new cleanup technologies are available.

The Multisite FYR documents the first review of Site 3 remedies and the second review for Sites 5, 14, 76, 86 and 442. Remedies for Sites 5, 14, 76, and 86 were being implemented in accordance with the 2009 Records of Decision and were protective of human health and the environment.

Sites 5, 14, 76, and 86 are located on the Main Base and only Site 76 is within South Base. The covers were installed to check for subsidence and the surfaces of the surrounding areas were graded to encourage drainage, prevent ponding and promote the growth of native vegetation. Stormwater runoff is diverted away from the completed cover systems by concrete barrier walls, and riprap was placed at the ends of each barrier wall to minimize the potential for erosion.

The cleanup remedies at Sites 5, 14, 76, 86 and 442 will continue to be evaluated until all of the sites are cleaned up to unlimited use and unrestricted exposure.

The next Five-Year Review of the six sites is expected to occur by 2024.

The Final 2019 Multisite Five-Year Review Report is available online at www.edwards.af.mil/About Us/Environment under the Publications tab and the Edwards Administrative Website at https://ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil. For more information or to obtain a copy of the report, contact Gary Hatch, 412th Test Wing Public Affairs at (661) 277-8707 or Kayla Hastings at 412th Test Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Matthew W. Riger, Edwards Remedial Project Manager, Paul Schiff, STAKEHOLDERS STAFF

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WHAT’S ON THE COVER?
ACTIVE CLEANUP: Located at Site 34 in South Base, the groundwater extraction and treatment system, or GETS, is part of the final cleanup remedy for Sites 5 and 14. The GETS acts to prevent migration of groundwater contaminants.

Administrative Record moved to the cloud
Direct your internet browser to https://ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil to access documents related to environmental restoration investigation and mitigation activities. Select “Edwards ABF, CA” from the Installation List and use the Search function to find cleanup documents related to the base.
Restoration Advisory Board Information

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is made up of appointed representatives from communities on and around Edwards Air Force Base, regulators from federal and state agencies and base officials. The board's purpose is to provide a forum for two-way communication between the public and those responsible for environmental cleanup at the base.

The board meets semiannually, rotating meeting locations among communities surrounding the base. The public is welcome to attend. Those who have questions or concerns about cleanup activities at Edwards may contact any RAB member or Gary Hatch, 412th Test Wing Public Affairs, at (661) 277-8707.

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