



Former McClellan Air Force Base Parcel C-6

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EPA Prepares for Cleanup of Parcel C-6

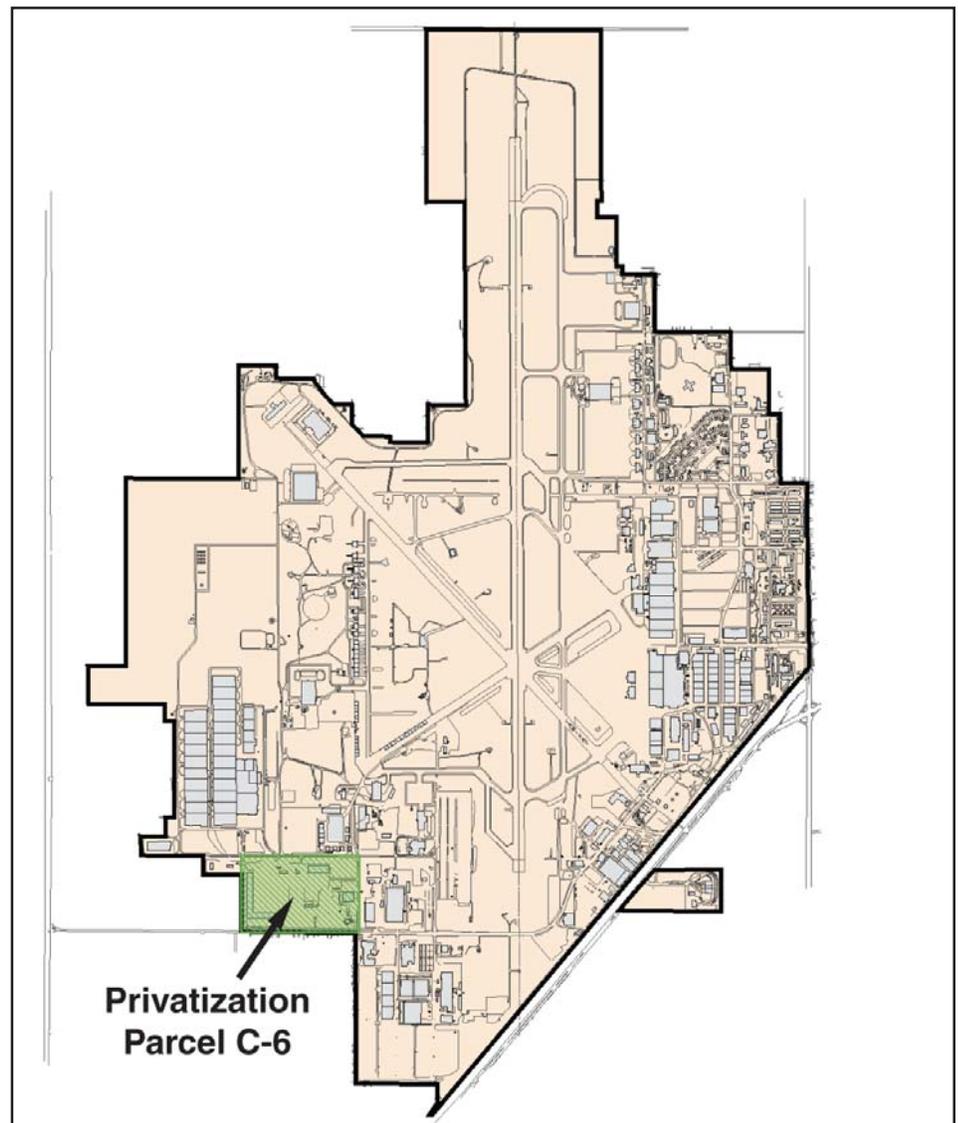
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has assumed the lead agency role for the cleanup of a 62-acre parcel of land at the former McClellan Air Force Base (AFB). The area, known as Parcel C-6, is in the southwestern portion of the base (see map). This fact sheet is intended to familiarize the community with EPA's new role in the cleanup of Parcel C-6 and with upcoming opportunities to become involved in the cleanup process.

The Parcel C-6 cleanup is part of a new process by which the Department of Defense provides funds to another party to conduct environmental cleanup with the goal of also accelerating redevelopment. At McClellan AFB, this process, called Privatization, moves responsibility of the base's cleanup from the Air Force through Sacramento County to McClellan Business Park, the developer. The cleanup must meet federal and state requirements and continues under the oversight of EPA, the Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The Parcel C-6 Privatization is a project that serves as a model for the future Privatization of the remaining parts of the former McClellan AFB. Community involvement is an integral part of the cleanup process and information to help the public become involved is available at the back of this fact sheet.

What to Expect

Cleanup activities for the majority of the former base are performed by the Air Force under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as Superfund. State statutes and other environmental laws are also a part of the process. Under the new



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Privatization process at Parcel C-6, cleanup will proceed in much the same manner except that EPA will make the final cleanup decision.

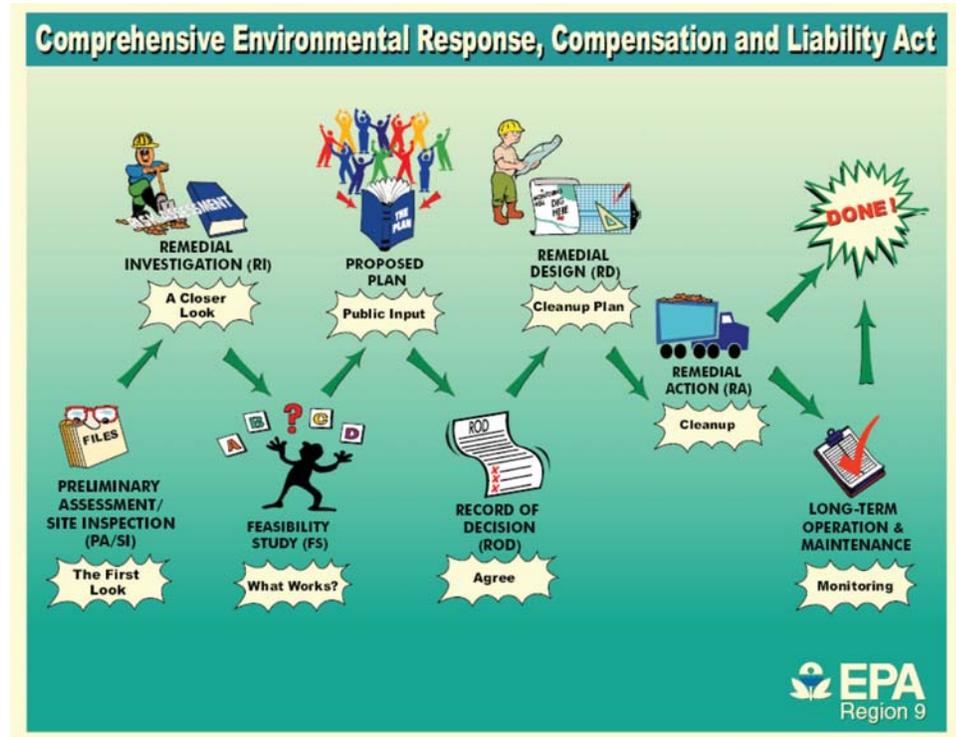
EPA is preparing to present a Proposed Plan to clean up Parcel C-6. The public will be invited to consider the methods that have been developed to address the contamination at Parcel C-6 and to provide comments on the cleanup options. Details of the comment process and a summary of the recommended cleanup action will be included with the Proposed Plan for Parcel C-6.

Once public comments have been received, EPA will consider them to make its decision on the cleanup plan. The remedy or remedies will be designed and the cleanup work will be performed by McClellan Business Park.

Results of the Site Investigation

The Air Force has been investigating and cleaning up contamination at the former base for over 20 years. A portion of that investigation involved Parcel C-6. Detailed information about what contaminants were found and their location is available in the Air Force and McClellan Business Park documents, which are available at the Air Force Real Property Agency Information Repository (see back Page for location and hours).

Soil at Parcel C-6 is primarily contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) which were commonly used as coolants and lubricants in electrical equipment, principally transformers. PCBs are now banned. There is also limited polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH), dioxins,



furans and fuel contamination in the soil. PAHs, dioxins and furans are byproducts of burning. Groundwater contaminated mainly with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from solvent use is located on the eastern side of Parcel C-6.

Previous Cleanup Activities

Based on previous sampling, the Air Force identified the need for some immediate actions. The most notable action occurred in 1993 when the Air Force excavated, consolidated and contained some of the PCB-contaminated soil at Parcel C-6 under a 10-acre cap called the Operable Unit (OU) B1 cap. The final cleanup action for OU B1 will be determined as part of the Parcel C-6 decision-making process. Under an August 2007 cleanup decision, the Air Force is cleaning up contaminated groundwater, including groundwater under Parcel C-6, to meet drinking water standards.

How to Learn More About the Cleanup and Become Involved

Under Superfund, a Community Involvement Plan (CIP) is created to organize the effort to encourage and assist the public in becoming involved with the cleanup process. Recently, EPA completed a Parcel C-6 Supplemental CIP to the Air Force's base-wide Community Relations Plan (CRP). The intent of the Parcel C-6 Supplemental CIP was to draw on the work conducted by the Air Force in preparing the base-wide CRP, including the previous community interviews performed by the Air Force in and around the base, and avoid duplication of the information already contained in that document. EPA and DTSC conducted additional interviews in July 2008 with tenants specifically in the vicinity of Parcel C-6.

The Parcel C-6 Supplemental CIP identifies where cleanup studies and other information are located. It provides a proposed schedule of cleanup activities and points of contact for further questions. It also identifies the various ways the public can provide their input into the cleanup process.

The Parcel C-6 Supplemental CIP is located in the Air Force's Information Repository. The Information Repository contains the Administrative Record which includes all

documents relied on to make cleanup decisions at the former McClellan AFB. The Administrative Record is also available online at: <https://afarpaar.lackland.af.mil/ar>

EPA expects to release the Parcel C-6 Proposed Plan in late October 2008. EPA will establish a 30-day public comment period and announce the date and location of a public meeting to discuss the project and accept public comment.

For More Information

The Parcel C-6 privatized cleanup is being conducted in coordination with the larger Air Force cleanup of the former McClellan AFB. Much of the information collected about Parcel C-6 is located within the Air Force's Information Repository (see location on back), and some community members may have questions about property or cleanup efforts adjacent to, but not within, the boundaries of Parcel C-6. This fact sheet provides contact information for cleanup activities at both Parcel C-6 and the remainder of the former base.

If you have questions about the Parcel C-6 cleanup, please contact:

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If you have questions about cleanup of other portions of the former McClellan AFB, contact any of the above mentioned parties in addition to the following Air Force representatives:

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