

## 179th AG, Ohio Air National Guard

Mansfield-Lahm site, the 179th AG, Ohio Air National Guard, is located in Richland County, Ohio. It lies 4 miles north of downtown Mansfield, directly adjacent to the Mansfield Lahm Airport (MLA). The installation occupies approximately 210 acres. Of the 210 acres, 157 are located in the northwest portion of the airport and have been used as the cantonment area for the installation. The installation uses the taxiways, runways, and other facilities of the airport.

The site's mission began in 1948, when it housed the 164th Fighter Squadron. This unit was redesignated many times before it received its current mission in 1976. A preliminary assessment (PA) was conducted in the 1980s. PA activities included a detailed review of pertinent installation records and an on-site installation visit which included interviews with past and present employees. The final PA report was completed in November 1989, and it recommended that further action be implemented through the Installation Restoration Program at eight sites located at the installation and the nearby MLA property.

There were many contaminants identified by the preliminary assessment. In the fire training areas, waste oils, solvents, and paint products from the maintenance facilities were mixed with jet propulsion fuel (JP-4) which was then poured directly onto a water base and then burned. At one fire training location there was some evidence of trash disposal as well as scrap metal storage. At the petroleum, oil and lubricants installation, underground storage tanks (USTs) have historically held fuel which on four occasions have spilled and run into the storm drain. At least one of these spills was in excess of 1,000 gallons. Also in this area, some TPH, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene were detected during sampling around the USTs. It was determined that this contamination was not the result of a leaking UST. There are other contaminants found in other areas of the installation. These include petroleum distillate, engine oil, gasoline, diesel fuel and waste oil.

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