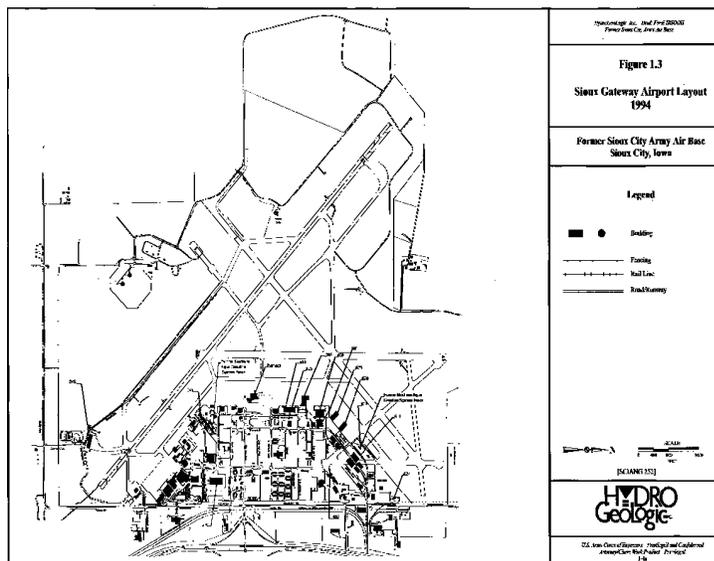




US Army Corps  
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Omaha District

## Sioux City Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa

Authority: Defense Environmental Restoration Account, Formerly  
Used Defense Sites (FUDS)



**LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:** The former Sioux City Municipal Airport is located in Sioux City, Iowa. This is a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) project within the FUDS Program. Thomas Tracy, Office of Counsel, is the Project Design Team Leader (per Engineering Regulation). The Army goal for PRP sites is to negotiate a fair and equitable settlement with other PRPs in exchange for a release of Department of Defense liability and to have them take the lead in the response action. The settlement is paid from the Judgment Fund, and any payment must be certified by the Department of Justice (DOJ). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) supports the DOJ by providing any necessary technical support. Some of the information developed for this project is legally

privileged and cannot be released.

The City of Sioux City, which now owns the airport, and the Omaha District Corps have worked together in the past to complete some removal and remedial actions. Currently, we disagree on what constitutes a fair and equitable settlement. The City has contacted Senator Harkin's Office. Senator Harkin's Office contacted Corps Headquarters and is involved in some information gathering. The Omaha District Corps has participated in a conference call with the senator's office and will continue to provide information through Corps Headquarters.

**PROBLEM AND NEED:** Various sites have evidence of groundwater contamination from volatile organic compounds. Light non-aqueous phase liquid (free product) recovery has been performed by State and City agencies on at least one "site." Remedial action (RA) is on hold pending resolution of PRP and subsequent beneficial use issues of former Department of Defense operational areas. The Corps is working with representatives from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Sioux City, and the airport on PRP identification.

**PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY08:** The Corps will continue discussions with the PRPs, provide technical reviews of documents as requested, support the DOJ with negotiations once the RA activities are completed so that the parties can reach a final settlement agreement (i.e. cash settlement).

Financial Data	Amount
FY07 Anticipated Allocation	\$3,000
FY08 Budget Request	\$4,000

**ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION:** The project at Sioux City Municipal Airport is complicated by legal considerations, ownership/operational history, and technical issues. The Omaha District Corps will continue to provide timely support. There has been ongoing contact between the Corps and the State of Iowa regarding PRPs. The State of Iowa and the City have conducted site investigation and "free produce recovery" from one area on the facility. The Corps anticipates PRP negotiations in fiscal years 2008 and 2009. The determination on the types of RA necessary and who will implement and pay for them will be determined in the PRP negotiations. The Corps will coordinate/facilitate upper level command involvement in working with PRP settlement during fiscal years 2007 and 2008.