



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Omaha District

Camp Dodge, Iowa

Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP)/Chemical Warfare Material (CWM)

Authority: USACE Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Program

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Camp Dodge is located in Polk County, 10 miles north of Des Moines. Presently, the Iowa National Guard operates approximately 2,200 acres as a military reservation.

The Iowa National Guard prior to World War I (WWI) established Camp Dodge to house and train National Guard troops. During WWI, Camp Dodge served as a U.S. Army induction center and later as a convalescent center and hospital. A historical map from the World War I era shows a gas instruction house located west of the cantonment area in the Beaver Creek flood plain. Training records from the 1920s and 1930s indicate that the Iowa National Guard and the Chemical Warfare Service used Camp Dodge for training.

The facility was again used as a U.S. Army induction center during World War II. Camp Dodge reverted to the Iowa National Guard in the 1950s. In 1965, 872 acres including the former rifle ranges were transferred to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to form Saylorville Reservoir. In 1989, the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit retrieved a PIG (steel cylindrical container) of the type used to contain Chemical Agent Identification Set, M1 (CAIS K951) from a loading dock at Camp Dodge. At the time of the site visit (February 12-13, 2003) Camp Dodge continues to be operated by the Iowa National Guard.

Based on the review of the February 1996 Archive Search Report by the Corps, St. Louis District, there are several areas of interest at Camp Dodge, the gas instruction house, which dates from WWI, and the WWI-era artillery range. Another source of concern was the origin of the CAIS K951 PIG and the possibility of more being found on site. Conversations with Camp Dodge personnel and local citizens indicate that no large projectiles or Recovered Chemical Warfare Material (RCWM) have been found.

PROBLEM AND NEED: No evidence of RCWM was encountered during the site visit of February 12-13, 2003. While documentation exists that training with CWM occurred at Camp Dodge, there is no evidence of disposal or burial of CWM on site. The gas instruction house is located next to the rifle ranges in an area prone to flooding. The land use for this site is likely to remain the same for the indefinite future. Information gathered by the site visit team indicates that the M1 CAIS recovered at Camp Dodge in 1989 was brought to the site from another location.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY07-FY08: The State of Iowa and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) regulators have agreed to: 1) no further investigation, 2) a long-term educational program for people in the area, and 3) signage. Details of the long-term solution are to be worked out by Huntsville Center of Expertise of the Corps (HNC) and presented to the regulators.

<u>Financial Data</u>	<u>Amount /1</u>
Cost to Complete	\$363,700
FY07	\$20,000
FY08	\$20,000

/1 – FUDS Programming

The HNC will do a programmatic remedial investigation/feasibility study, which includes a proposed plan, a public meeting, and a request for comments and decision document for the recommended remedial action.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The State of Iowa and U.S. EPA regulators are in agreement with the Corps that the long-term solution is community education and signage.