

Fact Sheet

**Grand Forks Air Force Base
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Description of Permit

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Waste Management, has drafted a permit to continue corrective action at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. The permit is being made available for public comment and review.

Facility Description

Grand Forks Air Force Base located 14 miles west of Grand Forks, ND, is a military installation supporting the nation's defense.

There are remedies at five contaminated sites on the Base to meet the requirements of the Hazardous Waste Permit, Number HW-020. These areas are referred to as Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) 2, 4, 10,13,14 and Areas of Concern (AOC) A and B. SWMUs 2 and 4 together comprise a landfill. SWMU 10 is a Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant Unloading Area. SWMU 13 constitutes refueling ramps and pads. SWMU 14 is the fuel hydrant distribution system. SWMU 13 and SWMU 14 are managed as one site. AOC A is building 539, a former jet engine test facility. AOC B is building 501 which supports the petroleum, oil and lubricant supply area. Past activities and releases have contributed to soil and groundwater contamination at these sites.

Grand Forks Air Force Base has an existing permit issued under the North Dakota Hazardous Waste Management Act and expires on March 1, 2025. Grand Forks Air Force Base has applied for a new permit in accordance with NDAC 33.1-24-06-33(7) to continue corrective action activity.

Conditions

All conditions of the Draft Permit are based on rules in the North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC), Chapters 33.1-24-01 through 33.1-24-07, and the permit application. The rules establish the state requirement for obtaining a permit to perform corrective action and are based on the Hazardous Waste Management Act, North Dakota Century Code, Section 23.1-20.3. The facility must be operated as specified in the latest revision of the permit application and the conditions of the permit.

Public Notice

As required by NDAC 33.1-24-07-06.2(a), Public Notice of a Draft Permit must allow at least forty-five (45) days for public comment. The public comment period for the Grand Forks Air Force Base Draft Permit will begin on January 6, 2025, when the Public Notice is published in the Grand Forks Herald. A public announcement will also be broadcast over local radio and television stations. The availability of documents is detailed in the Public Notice. A public hearing will only be held if written comments are received in opposition to the Draft Permit and a hearing is requested.