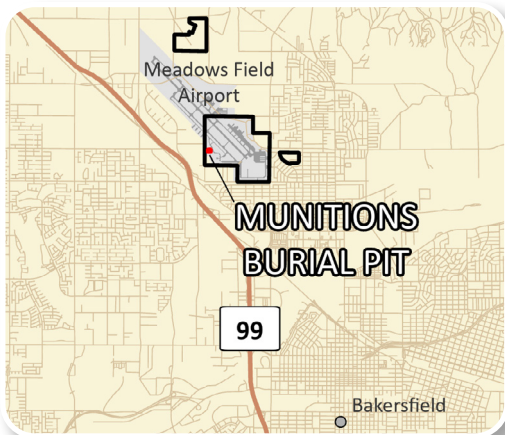


3Rs Safety Guide

Former Army Flight School at Bakersfield Municipal Airport

**California
Kern County**



Munitions Burial Pit



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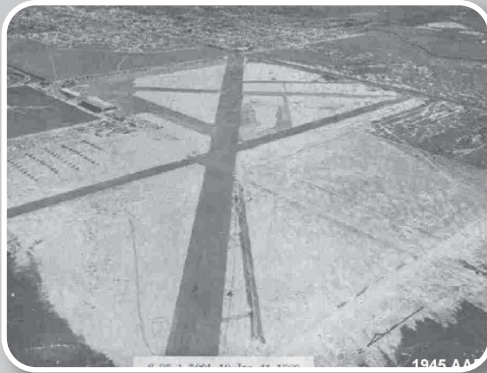
Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to provide information about the military activities that took place at the former Army Flight School at Bakersfield Municipal Airport and to raise awareness of the explosive hazards that may exist at the property.

The former Army Flight School at Bakersfield Municipal Airport was used from 1941 to 1947 by the U.S. Army as a temporary flight school for training cadets on basic flight techniques. An area of the former Army Flight School at Bakersfield Municipal Airport, known as the Munitions Burial Pit, which was used for discarding general waste and military munitions from 1941 to 1945, has been identified through historical research and site visits as having potential explosive hazards. The munitions known or suspected to have been buried or disposed of at the Munitions Burial Pit include medium caliber munitions, medium caliber practice munitions, practice bombs with spotting charges, pyrotechnics and small arms ammunition.

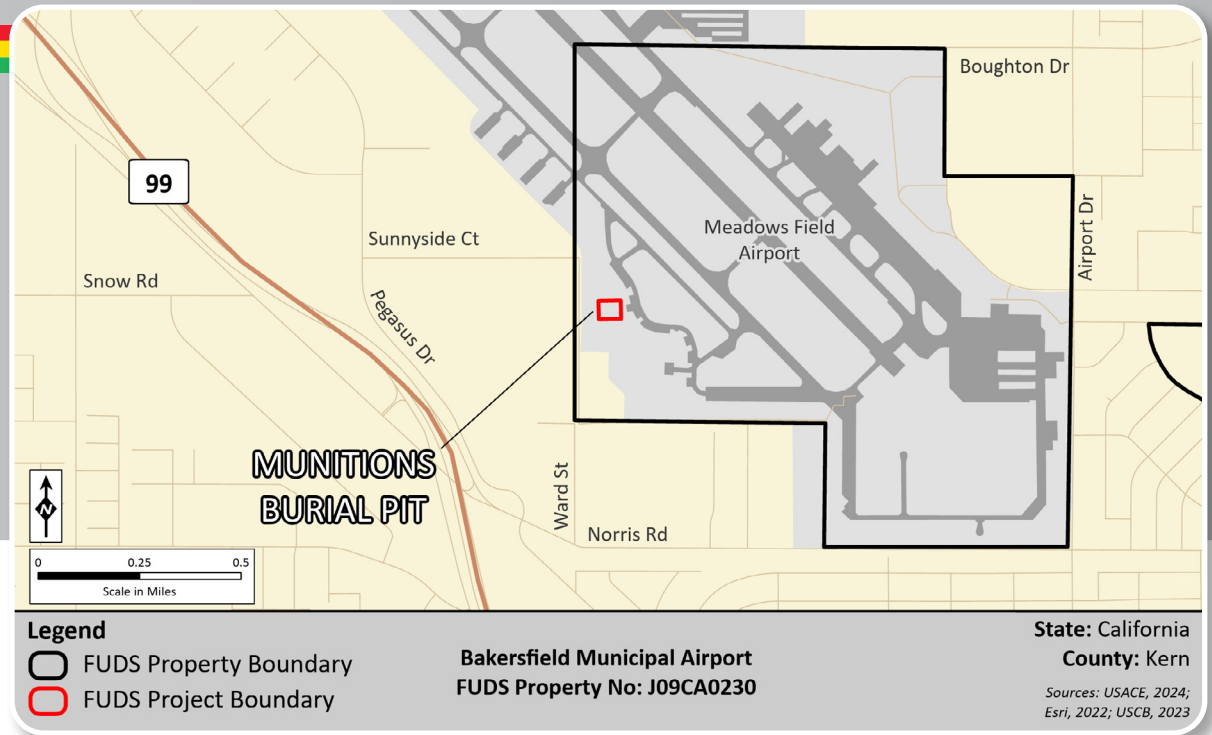
The Munitions Burial Pit is located within the Meadows Field Airport, in Kern County, California. The land is publicly owned and is used for private and commercial aircraft operations.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military activities may remain at the Munitions Burial Pit, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends that the landowner and visitors follow the **3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat and Report.**



Source: U.S. Air Force

Aerial view of the former Army Flight School at Bakersfield Municipal Airport, 1941



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What types of potential hazards exist?

A: Military munitions, such as medium caliber munitions, medium caliber practice munitions, practice bombs with spotting charges, pyrotechnics and small arms ammunition, are known or suspected to have been buried or disposed of at the Munitions Burial Pit. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is unable to rule out the presence of munitions that may pose an explosive hazard.

Q: What do I do if I suspect I may have come across a military munition?

A: If you suspect you may have come across a military munition, the best way to ensure your safety is to follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety: **R**ecognize – when you may have encountered a munition, and that munitions are dangerous; **R**etreat – do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and **R**eport – call **911** and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.

Q: What are the findings of the work that the government has completed?

A: Based on historical research and site inspections, military munitions are known or suspected to have been buried or disposed of at this munitions burial pit, and

some munitions may remain on the property. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that further investigation is required for the Munitions Burial Pit at the former Army Flight School at Bakersfield Municipal Airport.

Q: What will be done next?

A: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will make explosives safety education material that is based on the 3Rs available to the landowner and the community. Additionally, it will coordinate with the landowner as it plans required response activities.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: For more information, call the Formerly Used Defense Sites Information Center toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). Additional information can be found by searching on the property name, Bakersfield Municipal Airport, in the GIS Tool that is available by clicking on the Interim Risk Management link at www.fuds.mil.

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

Recognize

when you may have encountered a munition, and that munitions are dangerous.

Retreat

do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.

Report

call **911** and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.



Example of a medium caliber munition

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For More Information



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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for identifying, investigating and, when necessary, conducting an appropriate response to address contamination and military munitions resulting from past Department of Defense activities at Formerly Used Defense Sites, also referred to as FUDS.

For information about the former Army Flight School at Bakersfield Municipal Airport, contact the FUDS Information Center by calling the toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). For general information about the FUDS Program, visit www.fuds.mil.

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety



Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:
<https://3Rs.mil>