



Andrews Air Force Base (Joint Base Andrews)

What You Need to Know

Site Location

Andrews Air Force Base (AAFB) is in Camp Springs, Prince George's County, Maryland. The 4,300-acre main base includes the runways, aircraft support facilities and the administrative, housing and recreational facilities. Remote facilities include the 1,640-acre Brandywine Receiver site and an associated 5-acre housing annex, the 863-acre Davidsonville Receiver site and an associated 8-acre housing annex, and the 8-acre former Brandywine Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO).

Site History

The facility was established in 1942 as the Camp Springs Army Airfield before it was renamed Andrews Air Force Base in 1947. Since 1942, AAFB has supported aircraft operations and housed fighters, bombers, cargo and passenger aircraft. In addition, AAFB supports several administrative operations including the headquarters for several Air Force commands. The facility continues to serve as the home of the Presidential air fleet, including Air Force One. On October 1, 2009, AAFB, along with Naval Air Facility Washington, became a joint base known as Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility Washington, or Joint Base Andrews.

The Air Force has identified several areas throughout AAFB requiring environmental assessment and/or remediation. These areas include old landfills and disposal areas, fire-training areas, a DRMO storage yard, a radioactive waste burial site and a former dry cleaner. The ongoing investigations have identified volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semivolatiles, and inorganics in the groundwater; VOCs, semivolatiles, pesticides, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and inorganics in the soil; and pesticides and VOCs in the surface water and sediment.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

Since 1984, AAFB has participated in the Department of Defense's Installation Restoration Program, which is conducted in compliance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). Over 35 sites have been identified that have potential or definite environmental concerns.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) placed both the Andrews Air Force Base and the Brandywine DRMO on the National Priorities List (NPL) in May of 1999. The Air Force works with EPA, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and Prince George's County Health Department (PGCHD) to address environmental concerns at the facility.

The Air Force has conducted several cleanup actions at the facility and Brandywine DRMO. In addition, investigations continue for several sites.



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Current Status/Planned or Potential Future Action

The Air Force, EPA, MDE and PGCHD continue to work together to address environmental concerns at Joint Base Andrews, Brandywine DRMO and Davidsonville Receiver site.