



# Lockbourne Air Force Base

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## Overview

The Lockbourne Air Force Base is a formerly used defense site (FUDS) located in Columbus, Franklin and Pickaway counties southeast of Columbus, Ohio. The former Lockbourne Air Force Base has been known by several names since it began as the Northwest Training Center of the Army Air Corps. In 1942, it was renamed for the nearby town of Lockbourne and became the Lockbourne Army Air Base. It was renamed the Lockbourne Air Force Base in 1948 and was re-designated as the Rickenbacker Air Force Base in 1974.

The property was primarily used as a training base for B-17 and glider crews from 1942 to 1949. In 1951, the base became a Strategic Air Command Base and in 1965, a Tactical Air Command Base.

In 1980, the base was transferred to the Ohio Air National Guard and renamed the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. In 1984, 1,642.62 acres (of the original 4,371.07 acres) were conveyed to the Rickenbacker Port Authority (RPA), which renamed the site Rickenbacker International Airport (RIA) and established the passenger terminal. RPA merged with the Columbus Airport Authority in 2003, forming the Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA), which currently owns and operates the RIA.

The RIA is comprised of a high speed logistics hub, an adjacent industrial park, and an on-site Foreign-Trade Zone. The airport specializes in air cargo and features parallel 12,000-foot runways and 500,000 square feet of cargo terminal space.

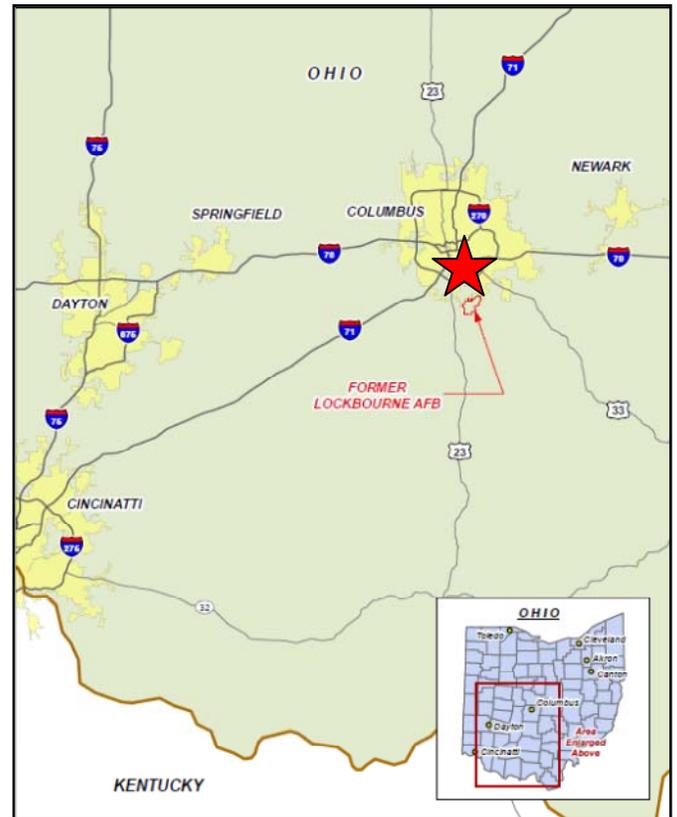
## USACE work at Lockbourne

Congress established the Defense Environmental Restoration Program/Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP/FUDS) program to clean up properties that were under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense and owned by, leased to, or otherwise possessed by the United States and transferred from Department of Defense (DoD) control prior to Oct. 17, 1986. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) manages the FUDS program and the Louisville District has oversight of the environmental investigations at the Former Lockbourne Air Force Base.

Currently, the Louisville District Corps of Engineers is managing several different environmental projects at the Former Lockbourne Air Force Base. The projects are in all different phases of the CERCLA process.

- **Landfill**

The Lockbourne Landfill, located northwest of the Rickenbacker International Airport and Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, was used for waste disposal from 1951 to 1979. In July 2012, the Corps awarded a contract for remedial action at the landfill. Work is expected to begin in March 2013.



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- **Areas of Concern 17/18/19/103 and 94**

The Areas of Concern (AOCs) are located on and adjacent to an active RIA taxiway. Currently, the Corps is conducting a remedial investigation/feasibility study at the five areas of concern. Fieldwork is expected to begin in early 2013.

- **Area of Concern 75 - Indoor Firing Range**

The Indoor Firing Range site is located in the southeastern portion of the former air force base. The Decision Document, which recommends No Further Action at the site, is in the approval process at USACE. It is expected to be approved by the end of the year.

- **Areas of Aircraft Refueling (Underground Storage Tanks)**

This project consists of five areas used by the Air Force for aircraft refueling. All underground storage tanks have previously been removed. USACE is currently designing the remedial technology.

### **Safety**

Safety is our number one priority. The important thing to remember is if you see something on the ground that looks strange, leave it alone, retreat from the area and report it to authorities. The three R's of munitions safety are: Recognize, Retreat and Report. *Recognize* the danger, *Retreat* to a safe area, and *Report* the munition by calling 911.

### **For more information**

For more information on any of the ongoing environmental projects at Lockbourne Air Force Base contact the Louisville District Public Affairs Office at (502) 315-6773 or e-mail [Katelyn.c.newton@usace.army.mil](mailto:Katelyn.c.newton@usace.army.mil). The latest project news can be found on the Corps' Lockbourne webpage at <http://bit.ly/LockbourneAFB>.

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