



# Amended Proposed Plan Summary Fact Sheet

## Former Williams Air Force Base Operable Unit 6

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### Air Force presents Amended Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 6 Sites

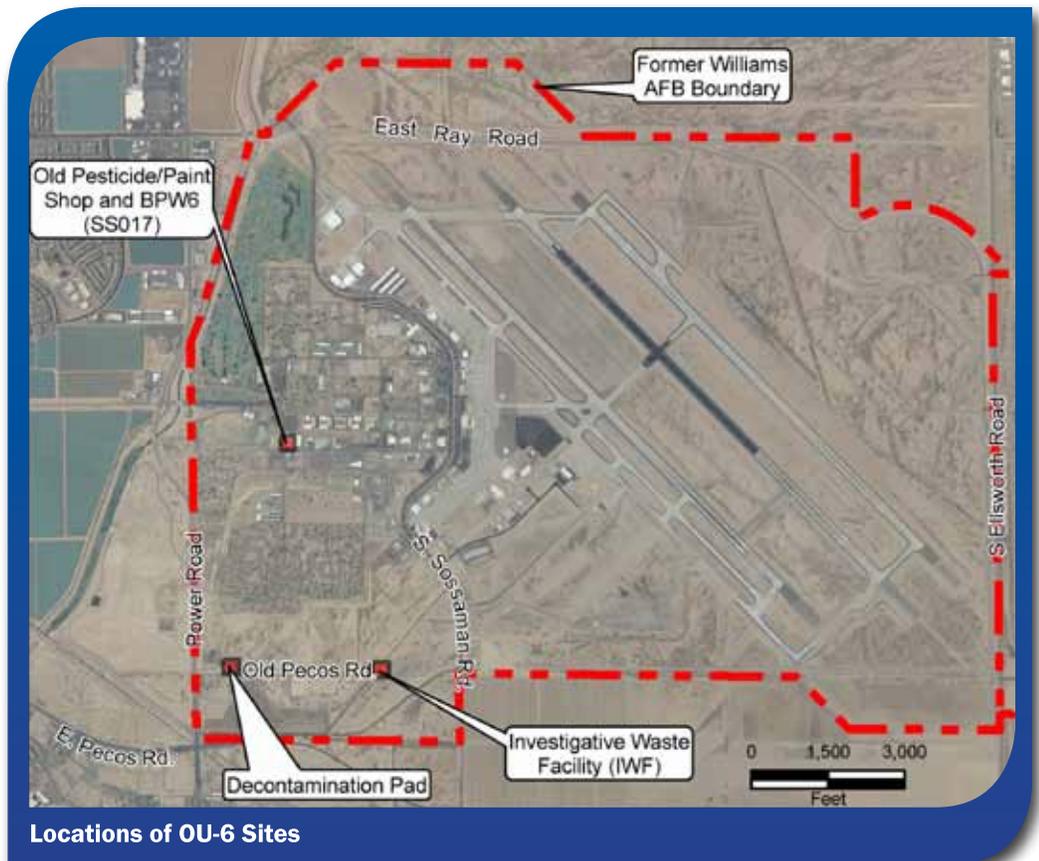
The Air Force has issued an Amended Proposed Plan for four sites in Operable Unit 6 (OU-6) at the former Williams Air Force Base (Williams). The Air Force encourages public involvement in cleanup decisions at Williams and is making this Amended Proposed Plan and supporting documentation available for public review.

This fact sheet is a summary of the Amended Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 6 at the former Williams Air Force Base. Refer to the box on the back of this fact sheet for information on where to find the entire plan and how to provide comments.

A Proposed Plan describing the Preferred Alternatives for OU-6 was previously published in March 2000. Since then, additional groundwater data has been collected. Removal actions to protect human health and the environment were performed in 2001 to address contaminated shallow surface soil at two of the OU-6 sites.

The Proposed Plan is a major milestone toward selecting, designing, and implementing a

cleanup program. The Air Force encourages public comment on the Amended Proposed Plan during the public comment period. The Air Force and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will co-select the final cleanup remedy, with concurrence from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), after all comments have been considered.



Locations of OU-6 Sites

### Williams History

Williams is located in Mesa, Arizona, approximately 30 miles southeast of Phoenix. The 4,043 acre base served as a flight training school since its construction in 1941. In 1993, Congress enacted the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law that identified Williams for closure.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) listed

Williams on its National Priorities List in 1989. Since then the Air Force has been cleaning up hazardous waste at Williams under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) with oversight from the EPA and the State of Arizona represented by ADEQ and the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR).

## Site Descriptions and Preferred Alternatives

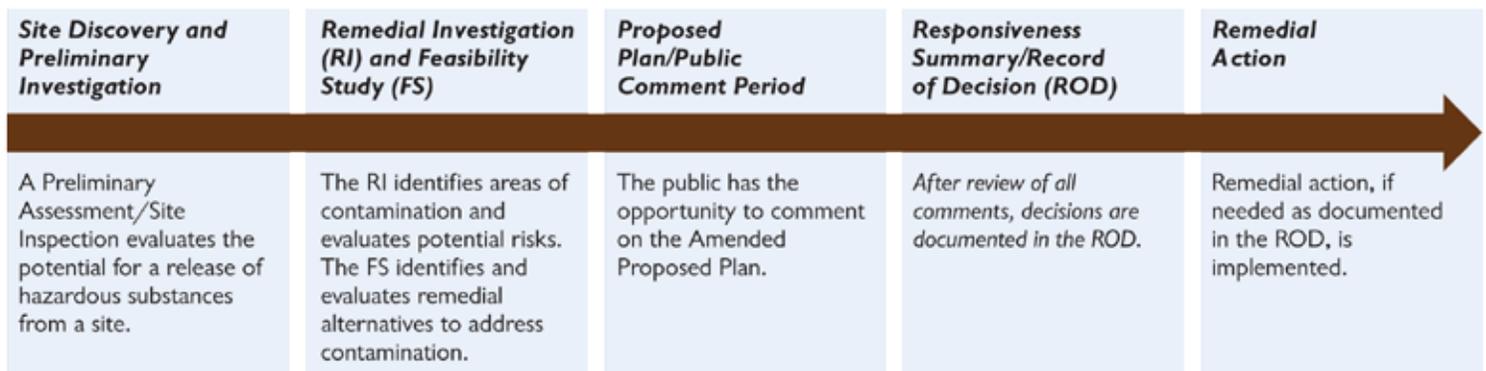
OU-6 includes four sites: the Old Pesticide/Paint Shop (SS017), Base Production Well 6 (BPW6), Decontamination Pad at Bldg. 1069, and Investigative Waste Facility.

A Removal Action was implemented in 2001 at SS017 due to the presence of the pesticide dieldrin in the soil. The action was taken to reduce potential health risk to the adjacent population and to reduce the potential for migration of contaminants to the groundwater.

The Amended Preferred Alternative for SS017 is to continue groundwater monitoring and implement institutional controls to ensure protectiveness of human health and the environment, both of which can be terminated if it is demonstrated that the site no longer poses a potential adverse risk.

To reduce the potential health risk to the adjacent population, a Removal Action also was implemented in 2001 at BPW6 to removed soils contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). PCBs were widely used in transformers, capacitors, and coolants. Post-excavation sampling verified that cleanup levels allowing for unrestricted use were achieved by the removal actions. As such, the Air Force's Amended Preferred Alternative for BPW6 is No Further Action.

The preferred alternatives for the other two OU-6 sites (Decontamination Pad at Building 1069 and Investigative Waste Facility [IWF]) is No Further Action (NFA), as presented in the March 2000 Proposed Plan; summary information on these sites is also provided in this Amended Proposed Plan.



**The Air Force has issued the Amended Proposed Plan for four sites in Operable Unit 6 (OU-6) at the former Williams Air Force Base. The Air Force presents this Amended Proposed Plan to encourage public involvement with the cleanup decisions at Williams.**

**The Amended Proposed Plan may be viewed at:**

Administrative Record Location:  
 Arizona State University (ASU) Library  
 300 East Orange Mall  
 Tempe, Arizona 85287  
 (480) 965-3417  
 ASU Library Hours: 7:00 a.m. - Midnight (Open 24 Hours with ASU ID)

**How you can participate:**

Mail (or e-mail) your written comments by 19 October 2011 to:  
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**Or, online at:**

<http://www.afrpaar.lackland.af.mil/ar/docsearch.aspx>  
 For additional information or to obtain another copy of this Amended Proposed Plan, call Michelle Lewis, Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment (AFCEE) Program Manager, at (210) 395-8236.

**Public Comment Period:**

19 September 2011 through 19 October 2011

**Public Meeting:**

4 October 2011, 7:00 p.m.  
 Arizona State University Polytechnic Campus  
 Peralta Hall  
 7171 E. Sonoran Arroyo Mall  
 Mesa, AZ 85212

The Air Force will conduct a presentation on the Amended Proposed Plan. You will be able to ask questions and tell Air Force representatives what you think about the cleanup alternatives. The Air Force will accept written and oral comments and respond to them in the final decision document.