

**EPA Superfund  
Record of Decision:**

**PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE  
EPA ID: NY4571924774  
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PLATTSBURGH, NY  
03/31/1995**

Text :

DECLARATION FOR THE RECORD OF DECISION

SITE NAME AND LOCATION

Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB)  
Pesticide Storage Tank, ST-020  
Plattsburgh AFB, New York

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

This Record of Decision (ROD) presents the final remedial decision, no-f Pesticide Storage Tank, Site ST-020, on Plattsburgh AFB in Plattsburgh, was developed pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Comp Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) as amended by the Superfund Amendments an Act (SARA) of 1986, and the National Contingency Plan. This decision is Administrative Record for this site which is available for review at Pla

This decision has been selected by the United States Air Force in conjun States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) with the concurrence of t Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) pursuant to the Federa Agreement (FFA), Docket Number II-CERCLA-FFA-10201, which Plattsburgh AF with the USEPA and NYSDEC under Section 120 of CERCLA.

DESCRIPTION OF DECISION

Site ST-020 was a 1,000-gallon storage tank that was used to store waste pesticides. In November 1992, Plattsburgh AFB conducted a removal actio contents, the tank itself, and the surrounding soils were removed. Plat soils and the tank to West Sand Lake Landfill in West Sand Lake, New Yor (wastewater) were taken to CIBRO's wastewater treatment facility in Alba completion of the removal action, Plattsburgh AFB collected confirmatory this sampling indicate that the removal action was fully effective in ac health and the environment..

DECLARATION

This no-further-action decision is consistent with the National Continge additional risk to public health or the environment from hazardous subst

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1.0 INTRODUCTION:

3.0 SITE NAME, LO  
DESCRIPTION:

This Record of Decision (ROD) documents Plattsburgh AFB's final decision, no-further-action, for the Pesticide Storage Tank, Site ST-020, at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) in Plattsburgh, New York. This is the United States Air Force's final remedial action since no site contaminants remain at Site ST-020.

Plattsburgh AFB is located in Plattsburgh County in northeastern New York (Figure 1), bordering the western shore of Plattsburgh and Champlain. It lies south of the Canadian border and north of Albany.

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This ROD is being published in accordance with Section 117(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Its purpose is to summarize the results and conclusions of previous studies and summarize the information that Plattsburgh AFB used in the no-further-action decision. This decision has been selected by the United States Air Force in conjunction with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) with the concurrence of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

## 2.0 STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE:

This decision document states the basis for the Plattsburgh AFB decision to end all additional remedial actions, including investigations, at ST-020, the Pesticide Storage Tank Site. ST-020 is listed as an area of environmental concern in Attachment II of the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA), Docket Number II-CERCLA-FFA-10201, which Plattsburgh AFB entered into with the USEPA and NYSDEC under CERCLA Section 120. This decision was made in accordance with CERCLA as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) and Section 300.430 of the National Contingency Plan (NCP).

Site ST-020, the Pesticide Storage Tank Site, is located in an industrial area bounded by an Engineering building to the north, a fenced area on the east, and hydrology to the south. The ST-020 site are situated near the Entomology Shop, SS-019 CES P Building 508 Open Building. Approximately 600

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Pesticide Storage Tank Site is located on the western shore of Lake Champlain.

The storage tank was a standard 1,000-gallon, below-grade, concrete storage tank that received wastewater from the Entomology Shop (that worked out of an office located in the basement of Building

508). The tank was used to store malathion, and several other pesticides, which have been discharged to the lake. The tank has been working since 1983. The tank was cleaned by cleaning the equipment used to apply pesticides and by using this staff member,

426) through a floor drain and sink. According to the design drawing, the tank walls were two and one-half inches thick and the floor and ceiling were four inches thick. The tank was accessed through a top manhole and had no other outlets. The bottom of the tank was almost nine feet below ground surface. (The design drawing is included in the Removal Action Memorandum which provided the basis for removal of the tank in November 1992.)

4.0 SITE HISTORY:

A Records Search, conducted by E. C. Jordan, reported that in October 1986, this tank was found to be leaking (Reference 1). According to this report, the tank was installed in 1972 and received rinse water, which typically contained dursban, bendiocarb, bleach, ammonia, thoric acid, and chlordane. The rinse water discharged to the underground storage tank through a floor drain inside the shop. The floor drain was closed off in 1987. (According to the as-built, the tank was installed in 1982 as opposed to 1972, as reported by E. C. Jordan. Plattsburgh AFB believes that the 1982 date is accurate.)

According to a pesticide program staff member, rinse water containing dursban, bendiocarb, pyrethin, bygon, boric acid,

temporarily store arrangements could however, the fluid point that the tan pesticide shop sto or 1986, and the s same time.

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On 15 October 1992 submitted an actio USEPA and NYSDEC p X, paragraph D, of memorandum stated for conducting a t at this site. The the action memoran AFB to properly di the tank itself, a soil surrounding t

TABLE 1

SUMMARY OF ANALYTES DETECTED IN WASTEWATER  
ST-020 SITE - RECORD OF DECISION

ANALYTE	EPA METHODOLOGY	FREQUENCY OF DETECTION
Chlordane	8080	ND
Endrin	8080	ND
Heptachlor	8080	ND
Lindane	8080	ND
Methoxychlor	8080	1/1
Toxaphene	8080	ND
Heptachlor Epoxide	8080	ND
Bendocarb	632	ND
Dursban	8080	1/1

Results are reported in ug/L (ppb)  
 ND - Not Detected  
 \* - Sampled 27 April 1992  
 \*\* - Sampled 17 Nov 1992

5.0 REMOVAL ACTION:

In November 1992, Plattsburgh AFB conducted the removal work at this site. The tank contents, the tank itself, and the surrounding soils were removed. Plattsburgh AFB transported the soils and the tank to West Sand Lake Landfill in West Sand Lake, New York. The tank contents (wastewater) was taken to CIBRO's wastewater treatment facility in Albany, New York.

After the completion of the removal action, Plattsburgh AFB collected five soil samples from the bottom of the open excavation, approximately three feet beneath the former location of the tank floor, and backfilled the open excavation with clean soils. Four of the samples were analyzed for eighteen (18) pesticides and seven (7) PCBs (Table 2). All five soil samples were analyzed for dursban and bendiocarb. The sample results did not identify any of these constituents except for dursban at a concentration of 134 parts per billion (ppb) in one sample out of five.

In addition to samples collected by Plattsburgh AFB, the contractor, Jo-Ja Construction, collected samples prior to disposing of the tank and the tank contents. Jo-Ja collected five samples from soils remaining in the open excavation approximately three feet beneath the former location of the tank floor, one sample from the tank contents (liquid), and one sample from the soils that had been excavated. Toxicity Characteristic Leachate Procedure (TCLP) analyses were conducted on all six soil samples. The analyses for pesticides conducted on the six soil samples included the seven pesticides initially tested for in the sample taken from the tank contents by Plattsburgh AFB staff in 1992. The tank contents sample collected by Jo-Ja was analyzed for dursban and bendiocarb. The only contaminant identified in the seven samples taken by Jo-Ja was dursban, at a concentration of 0.7 ppb, from the liquid tank contents sample.

Plattsburgh AFB does need to install monitoring groundwater samples contamination was not underlying the tank and because dursban Plattsburgh AFB believes contaminant migrate approximately 15 to would also be detected to the groundwater. groundwater downgradient (Figure 3) was investigated Site Investigation Engineering Paint Site performed at the Bu Area (SS-028), and Investigation (RI) Hobby Shop Site (Site Target Compound List were detected in groundwater the monitoring well

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

Dursban was the only one of the five samples collected from the (concentration 134 detected in the liquid collected by the contractor concentration of 0

TABLE 2

SUMMARY OF ANALYTES DETECTED IN SOIL  
ST-020 SITE - RECORD OF DECISION

ANALYTE	EPA METHODOLOGY	FREQUENCY OF DETECTION
Arsenic	7060	4/6
Aldrin	8080	0/5
Barium	7080	6/6

Bendiocarb	639	0/5
Benzene	8240	0/6
a BHC	8080	0/5
b BHC	8080	0/5
g BHC	8080	0/5
y BHC	8080	0/5
Cadmium	7130	0/6
Carbon Tetrachloride	8240	0/6
Chlordane	8080	0/11
Chlorobenzene	8240	0/6
Chloroform	8240	0/6
Chromium	7190	0/6
Total Cresols	8270	0/6
2,4-D	8150	0/6
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	8240	0/6
1,2-Dichloroethane	8240	0/6
1,1 Dichloroethylene	8240	0/6
2,4-Dinitrotoluene	8270	0/6
DDD	8080	0/5
DDE	8080	0/5
Dieldrin	8080	0/5
DDT	8080	0/5
Dursban	8140	1/5
Endosulfan I	8080	0/5
Endosulfan II	8080	0/5
Endosulfan Sulfate	8080	0/5
Endrin	8080	0/11
Endrin Aldehyde	8080	0/5
Heptachlor	8080	0/11
Heptachlor Epoxide	8080	0/11
Hexachlorobenzene	8270	0/6
Hexachlorobutadiene	8270	0/6
Hexachloroethane	8270	0/6
Lead	7420	2/6
Lindane	8080	0/6
Mercury	7470	0/6

Results are reported in mg/kg (ppm)  
ND - Not Detected

TABLE 2 (CONTINUED)

SUMMARY OF ANALYTES DETECTED IN SOIL  
ST-020 SITE - RECORD OF DECISION

ANALYTE	EPA METHODOLOGY	FREQUENCY OF DETECTION
Methoxychlor	8080	0/6
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	8240	0/6
Nitrobenzene	8270	0/6
Pentachlorophenol	8270	0/6
Pyridine	8270	0/6
PCB-1016	8080	0/5
PCB-1221	8080	0/5
PCB-1232	8080	0/5
PCB-1242	8080	0/5
PCB-1248	8080	0/5
PCB-1254	8080	0/5

PCB-1260	8080	0/5
Selenium	7740	6/6
Silver	7760	4/6
Tetrachloroethylene	8240	0/6
Toxaphene	8080	0/11
Trichloroethylene	8240	0/6
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol	8270	0/6
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	8040	0/6
2,4,5-TP	8150	0/6
Vinyl Chloride	8010	0/6

Results are reported in mg/kg (ppm)  
 ND - Not Detected

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The active ingredient in Dursban, known as chlorpyrifos, is not a known or suspected human carcinogen. The only known effect from inhaling or ingesting chlorpyrifos is temporary reduced cholinesterase levels in plasma, red blood cells, and nerve endings. The National Academy of Science has recommended a 24-hour exposure guideline for inhalation of chlorpyrifos of 10 micrograms per cubic meter of air for an adult. This is equivalent to 200 micrograms per day based on an average adult inhalation rate of 20 cubic meters of air per day. Published data with respect to No-Observable-Effect Levels (NOELs) for ingestion of chlorpyrifos were not available. The level that dursban was detected at in the remaining soils, however, is not expected to have any significant adverse impact on human health or the environment. The entire excavation has been backfilled and is protected by clean soil.

7.0 SITE STATUS:

Plattsburgh AFB was proposed for the National Priorities List in July 1989 and was promulgated on 21 November 1989. On 12 September 1991, Plattsburgh AFB entered into the FFA with the USEPA and NYSDEC pursuant to Section 120(e)(1) and (2) of CERCLA; 42 U.S.C. Section 9620(e)(2), Sections 3004(u) and (v), 3008(h) and 6001 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Sections 6924(u) and (v), 6928(h) and 6961, Executive Order 12589, the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 4321; and the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) 10 U.S.C. Section 2701.

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8.0 STATUTORY DETERMINATIONS:

The lead agency, P determined that th decision is consis of the National Oi Substances Polluti (NCP). The remova to be protective o environment, compl state action, chem requirements that relevant and appro action (ARARs), an The chosen remedia Further Action. T from the decision Plan.

9.0 STATE ROLE:

NYSDEC, on behalf York, has reviewed results from the v risk. NYSDEC conc action decision. declaration of con Appendix A.

10.0 RESPONSIVENE SUMMARY:

Plattsburgh AFB he

The purpose of the FFA is to ensure that environmental impacts on public health, welfare, and environment associated with past and present activities at Plattsburgh AFB are thoroughly investigated and appropriate remedial or removal actions are taken as necessary to protect the public health, welfare, and environment. Site ST-

period from 27 Aug  
September 1993. T  
public comment per  
Plattsburgh Press-  
August 1993. No w  
the Proposed Plan  
the 30-day comment

In addition to holding a public comment period on the Proposed Plan, Plattsburgh AFB held a public meeting on this Proposed Plan on 7 September 1993. Representatives from the NYSDEC, USEPA, and Plattsburgh AFB were on hand to answer questions on this Proposed Plan. At the public meeting, one attendee asked why Plattsburgh AFB analyzed the samples for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Plattsburgh AFB's Project Manager responded by saying that PCBs were part of the pesticide analysis.

#### SITE ST-020

#### REFERENCES

- 1.0 Phase II/IV Installation Restoration Program (RI/FS) at Plattsburgh Site Confirmation 5329-07; Prepared by ABB (Formerly E. C. Jordan); Augu
- 2.0 Action Memo - SS-020; Prepared by Plattsburgh AFB; 25 September 199
- 3.0 Sample Collected by Plattsburgh AFB; Analyzed by CTM Laboratories, 1992
- 4.0 Samples Collected by Plattsburgh AFB; Analyzed by Endyne, Inc; 17 N
- 5.0 Samples Collected by Jo-Ja Construction; Analyzed by Hudson Environ 17 November 1992.
- 6.0 95 Percent Completion Memo; Prepared by Tom LaBombard; 11 December
- 7.0 Contract Closeout Letter; Prepared by Tom LaBombard; 26 March 1993.
- 8.0 Nonhazardous Waste Manifests for West Sand Lake Landfill and CIBRO; Plattsburgh AFB; 2 March 1993.
- 9.0 Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund, Volume I, Human Health Eval (Part A); Prepared by USEPA, December 1989. (Available from the USEPA)
- 10.0 Chlorpyrifos Toxicity and Health Hazards and Studies on Human Expo Chlorpyrifos; Prepared by Dow Elanco.
- 11.0 Proposed Plan; Prepared by Plattsburgh AFB; Final August 1993.
- 12.0 News Release Opening Public Comment Period; Prepared by Plattsburg 1993.

13.0 Site Investigation Report Attachment II Sites (CES Paint Shop, Sit Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.; Draft Final January 1994.

14.0 Remedial Investigation Report Attachment I Sites (Auto Hobby Shop, Prepared by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.; Draft Final September 1994.

15.0 Sample Taken by Plattsburgh AFB (MW 28-002); Analyzed by CTM Labor 7 February 1995.

## GLOSSARY

AAFES	Army and Air Force Exchange Service
AFB	Air Force Base
AFBCA	Air Force Base Conversion Agency
AFCEE	Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence
AFGE	American Federation of Government Employees
AFOSI	Air Force Office of Special Investigation
AGE	aerospace ground equipment
AGST	aboveground storage tank
AMC	Air Mobility Command
ANSC	area of no suspected contamination
AOC	Area of Concern
ARAR	applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements
ARS	Air Refueling Squadron
ARW/CC	Air Refueling Wing Commander
BCP	BRAC Cleanup Plan
BCRP	Base Comprehensive Reuse Plan
BCT	BRAC Cleanup Team
BEC	Base Environmental Coordinator
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
BRCA	Base Realignment and Closure Act
BTEX	benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene
BX	Base Exchange
CAA	Clean Air Act
CE	Civil Engineering
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liabil
CES	Civil Engineering Squadron
CEV	Environmental Management Flight
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
COE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
CR	Community Relations
CRP	Community Relations Plan
CRQL	Contract Required Quantitation Limit
CWA	Clean Water Act
DCA	1,1-dichloroethane
DCB	dichlorobenzene
DCE	dichloroethene
DD	Decision Document
DDD	dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane
DDE	dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene
DDT	dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
DERA	Defense Environmental Restoration Account
DOD	Department of Defense
DPM	Defense Priority Model
DRMO	Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office
DRP	Disposal and Reuse Plan

DSMOA	Defense-State Memorandum of Agreement
EBS	Environmental Baseline Survey
ECL	Environmental Conservation Law
EE/CA	engineering evaluation/cost analysis
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ENVEST	Environmental Cost Engineering Model
EOD	explosive ordnance disposal
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPC	Environmental Protection Committee
FEMA	Federal Engineering Management Agency
FFA	Federal Facility Agreement
FOSL	Finding of Suitability to Lease
FOST	Finding of Suitability to Transfer
FS	feasibility study
FY	fiscal year
HARM	Hazards Assessment Ranking Method
HQ	Headquarters
ILS	instrument landing system
IRA	interim remedial action
IRP	Installation Restoration Program
LTM	Long-Term Monitoring
LTO	long-term operation
IRPIMS	Installation Restoration Program Information Management System
MCL	maximum contaminant level
mg/l	micrograms per liter
MOGAS	leaded motor gasoline
NA	not applicable
NCP	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan
NDI	nondestructive inspection
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFA	no further action
NFRAP	No Further Response Action Planned
NOI	Notice of Intent
NOx	nitrous oxide
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPL	National Priorities List
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NTU	normalized turbidity units
NYCRR	New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations
NYSDEC	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
OL	Operating Location
OU	operable unit
OWS	oil/water separator
PA	preliminary assessment
PAH	polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons
PA/SI	preliminary assessment/site inspection
PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl
PCE	tetrachloroethylene
pci/l	picocuries per liter
PHC	petroleum hydrocarbons
PIDC	Plattsburgh Intercommunity Development Committee
PID	photoionization detector
POI	Points of Interest
POL	petroleum, oil, and lubricants
POTW	publicly owned treatment works
PP	proposed plan

ppb parts per billion  
 ppm parts per million  
 ppt parts per trillion  
 RA remedial action  
 RAB Restoration Advisory Board  
 RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act  
 RD remedial design  
 RI remedial investigation  
 RI/FS remedial investigation/feasibility study  
 ROD Record of Decision  
 RPM Remedial Project Manager  
 SAP Sampling and Analysis Plan  
 SB site background  
 SDWA Safe Drinking Water Act  
 SG/CC Support Group Commander  
 SHPO State Historic Preservation Officer  
 SI site investigation  
 SIUP Significant Industrial User's Permit  
 SOV soil organic vapor  
 SPDES State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System  
 SVOC semivolatile organic compound  
 SWMU Solid Waste Management Unit  
 TACAN tactical air navigation  
 TBD to be determined  
 TCA trichloroethane  
 TCE trichloroethylene  
 TCLP Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure  
 TPM Technical Project Manager  
 TRC Technical Review Committee  
 TSCA Toxic Substances Control Act  
 USAF U.S. Air Force  
 VOC Volatile Organic Compounds  
 UST underground storage tank  
 WSA Weapons Storage Area  
 WIMS-ES Work Information Management System-Environmental Subsystem

ROD FACT SHEET

SITE

Name : Plattsburgh Air Force Base  
 Location/State : Plattsburgh, New York  
 EPA Region : 2  
 HRS Score (date) : 11/21/89  
 Site ID # : NY4571924774

ROD

Date Signed: 3/31/95  
 Remedies: tank removal, contents to offsite treatment plant; soil  
 excavation w/ landfill disposal  
 Operating Unit Number: OU-9  
 Capital cost: \$ 330,000 (in 1992 dollars)  
 Construction Completion: November 1992  
 O & M in 1995: 0  
 1996: 0  
 1997: 0  
 1998: 0  
 Present worth: \$330,000 (in 1992 dollars)

LEAD

Remdial/Enforcement: Remedial  
EPA/State/PRP: PRP (Federal Facility)  
Primary contact (phone): Robert Morse (212) 637-4331  
Secondary contact (phone): Bob Wing (212) 637-4332  
Main PRP(s): United States Air Force  
PRP Contact (phone): Michael Sorel (518) 563-2871

WASTE

Type (metals, PCB, etc.): Pesticides  
Medium (soil, g.w., etc.): Soil, tank contents (liquid)  
Origin: washing of storage containers  
Est. quantity: 50 gal, 100 cu yd