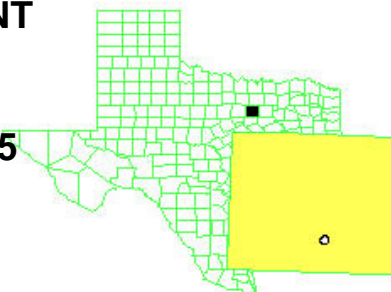


**AIR FORCE PLANT 4  
FORT WORTH, TARRANT  
COUNTY, TEXAS**

**EPA REGION 6  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 12**

**EPA ID# TXD7572024605  
Site ID: 0603610**



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## **Current Status**

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AFP4 is currently in the Remedial Action phase of the Superfund process. EPA concurred on the Second Five-Year Review for AFP4 on September 25, 2009.

A Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) System in Building 181 has been operational since 1994. The SVE System has been expanded, as information is obtained.

A Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (DNAPL) Electrical Resistive Heating (ERH) System has proven to be effective in lowering contamination in Building 181. The USAF installed an indoor application of subsurface heating to enhance the recovery of TCE. An approximate 22,000 sq. ft. area beneath Building 181 was heated to ~90 degree C, by 73 electrodes placed at depths of 35 feet for eight months.

A vacuum enhanced vapor/groundwater recovery system was operational from 1993 - 2002.

A full-scale ground water pump and treat system has been installed at the east parking lot. The system is presently operating successfully.

The USAF installed a 1,170 foot long, 2 foot wide, 35 foot deep Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB) Wall across the leading edge of the southern lobe of the TCE plume in 2002. The leading edge of this plume, as defined by the TCE maximum concentration limit (mcl) of 5.0 ug/L, has since retracted approximately 1,500 feet.

EPA concurred on the first Five Year Review for AFP4 on September 28, 2004.

AFP4 achieved construction completion on September 15, 2006.

## **Benefits**

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Cleanup of the contamination from AFP4 will protect the drinking water resource for 13,000 people living within one mile of the site, as well as an important recreational area used by many Tarrant County residents.

## **National Priorities Listing (NPL) History**

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NPL Proposal Date: 10/15/84

NPL Final Date: 08/30/90

## **Site Description**

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**Location:** Air Force Plant 4 (AFP4) is located in North Central Texas in Tarrant County, six miles

northwest of Fort Worth, Texas. The communities of White Settlement, Lake Worth Village, Westworth Village, River Oaks, and Samson Park Village lie within a 3-mile radius of AFP4. Naval Air Station Fort Worth (formerly Carswell Air Force Base) is located adjacent to AFP4 to the east.

**Population:** Approximately 13,000 people reside in White Settlement, Texas.

**Setting:** AFP4 is a government-owned, contractor-operated facility consisting of 760 acres. The facility has manufactured military aircraft since 1942 and is currently operated by Lockheed Martin Corporation. Approximately 15,000 people are employed at AFP4.

The manufacturing operations and associated processes at AFP4 have resulted in the generation of waste oils, waste fuels, paint residues, used solvents, and process chemicals.

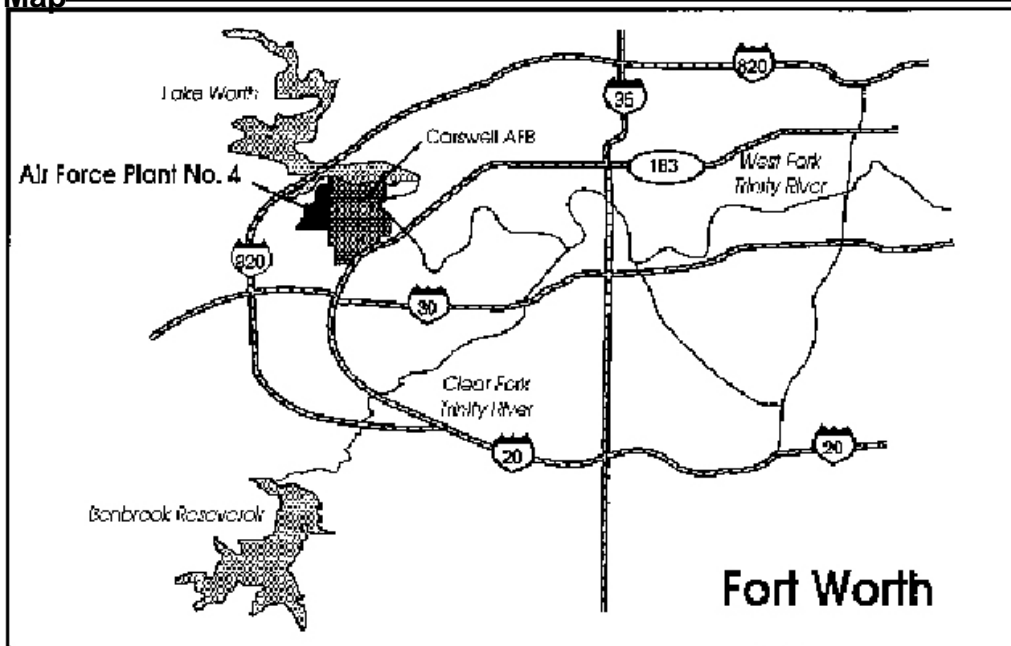
Six schools are within a 2-mile radius of AFP4; the closest school is located 1/2 mile south of the facility. The areas south, west, and west-northwest of AFP4 are mainly residential. Lake Worth, bordering AFP4 to the north, provides recreational boating, fishing, and water skiing. This lake also furnishes municipal water to the city of Fort Worth, Texas and is a recharge source to the underlying Paluxy Aquifer. The city of White Settlement, Texas, receives municipal water supply from wells completed in the lower Paluxy aquifer.

Contaminants have been detected in surface water samples collected from two creeks on USAF property.

The nearest drinking water well is located approximately 1/4 of a mile up-gradient from the site. Contaminants have not been detected in this well.

Contaminants have been detected beneath AFP4 in the shallow Terrace Alluvium Aquifer, the Upper Sand ground water of the Paluxy Aquifer, and in the upper Paluxy Aquifer above safe drinking water levels. The lower Paluxy Aquifer is used for drinking water and is not contaminated.

## Site Map



## Wastes and Volumes

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The principal pollutant at AFP4 is trichloroethylene (TCE).

TCE is a metal cleaning solvent used in the past at most Defense sites. TCE is not used presently at AFP4.

Historic releases of TCE have contaminated the ground water beneath AFP4.

## Health Considerations

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The site is owned by the U.S. Air Force (USAF) and operated by Lockheed Martin Corporation.

The plant has been operational since 1942.

In the past, the plant produced approximately 5,500 to 6,000 tons per year of spent process chemicals.

Past spills of TCE have reportedly occurred within the Chemical Process Facility (Building 181) of the Assembly Building/Parts Plant.

Major potential sources of contaminants were the degreaser tanks located in Building 181, where a documented TCE release was reported in June 1991. The exact amount of TCE released is not known.

Currently, through waste minimization techniques, the offsite disposal of waste is less than 2,500 tons per year.

The lower Paluxy Aquifer is used by the city of White Settlement as a drinking water source, up-gradient of the ground water flow direction.

Contaminants have been detected on-site in the Upper Sand ground water of the Paluxy Aquifer and in the upper Paluxy Aquifer above safe drinking water levels.

A Long Term Monitoring Program has been in place since 1991. Contaminants of concern have not been detected in the lower Paluxy Aquifer.

## Record of Decision (ROD)

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EPA signed the Record of Decision on August 26, 1996.

An Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the ROD was issued October 2002 for the east parking lot Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) System; and April 10, 2007, for the BRAC property transfer.

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A joint Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) has been established for AFP4 and Carswell Air Force Base. A community co-chair has been elected and the RAB holds regular public meetings on a bi-annual basis.

EPA, USAF, and TCEQ have entered into a Federal Facility Agreement. EPA signed the agreement on August 31, 1990.