

BROWNFIELDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEMORIAL AIRPARK

May 2015



Property Information

Address 22022 S. Old Price Rd.

Chandler, AZ 85248

Maricopa County

Size 1,320 acres

Technical Assistance Recipient

Gila River Indian Community www.gilariver.org

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Community

The Memorial Airpark is located approximately one mile south of Queen Creek Road and west of Old Prince Road on the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) in Maricopa County, Arizona. The property is home to members of the Akimel Oʻodham (Pima) and Pee-Posh (Maricopa) tribes. The EPA is committed to supporting technical assistance to disadvantaged communities, including tribes.

Property Information

The property is approximately 1,320 acres and is owned by GRIC. The property was previously leased by various businesses for maintenance and storage of aircraft and associated parts. The property currently consists of two runways configured in a "V" shape and connected by Airfield Lane. Prior to 1978, fuel pads, a tower footing and electrical vault existed on the west side of the airport between the west runway and the taxiway. Since 1978, several structures and storage buildings were constructed on the property for tenant uses.

Technical Assistance

EPA provides technical assistance to research historic property uses, conduct environmental sampling and identify cleanup options and costs. An EPA-funded environmental assessment was conducted to assess the property for contaminants of concern that included metals, pesticides, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and gamma radiation. Contaminants of concern were not detected in property soil samples above environmental levels of concern. If demolition of the property structures is to occur, each structure will require assessment of asbestos-containing materials and lead-based paint prior to demolition or refurbishment. Recommendations: The underground storage tank and aboveground storage tanks on the property should be removed with soil testing completed, and debris should be removed from the property and disposed of in an appropriate, permitted landfill. They should either be rehabilitated or removed, after first determining whether the structures contain asbestos-containing materials or lead-based paint.

Future Use

At this time, GRIC does not have specific redevelopment plans for the property.

