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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
QUALITATIVE RANGE ASSESSMENT  
PROJECT NO. 38-EH-041E-05  
CAMP BOWIE, TEXAS  
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**1. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Qualitative Assessment Report is to evaluate the Camp Bowie range complex to assess whether further investigation is needed to determine if potential Munitions Constituents of Concern (MCOC) are, or could be migrating off range at levels that may impose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. Information for this report was gathered from various centralized data sources and the site visit.

**2. CONCLUSIONS.** Based on the available munitions usage data, installation interviews, and assessment of each range it is concluded that metals from small arms fire are the only potential MCOC of concern for Camp Bowie. The use of high explosive munitions are prohibited on Camp Bowie and munition usage records for FY04, FY05, and FY06 indicate that perchlorate containing munitions have not been used, and if so, not in quantities that would pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. Potential MCOC source areas have been identified at small arms ranges within Training Areas I, IV, and VI. However, relatively small quantities of munitions have been used.

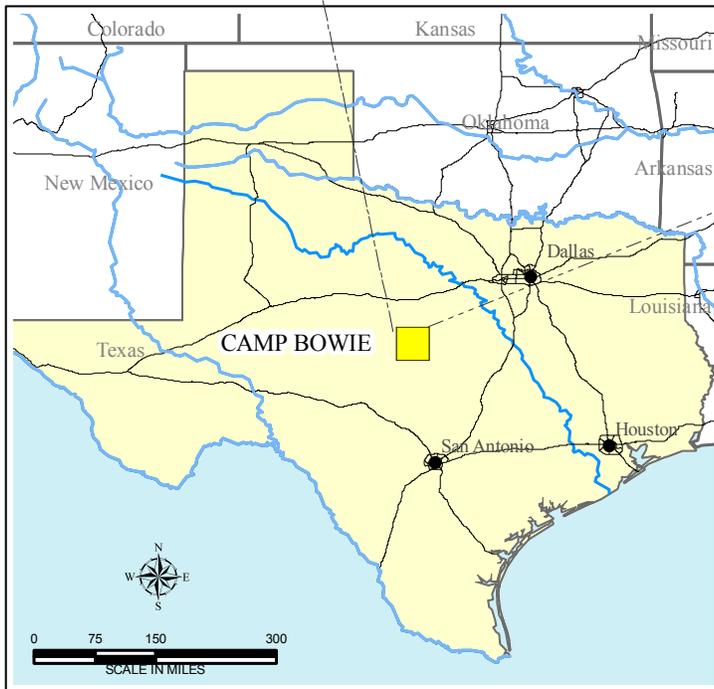
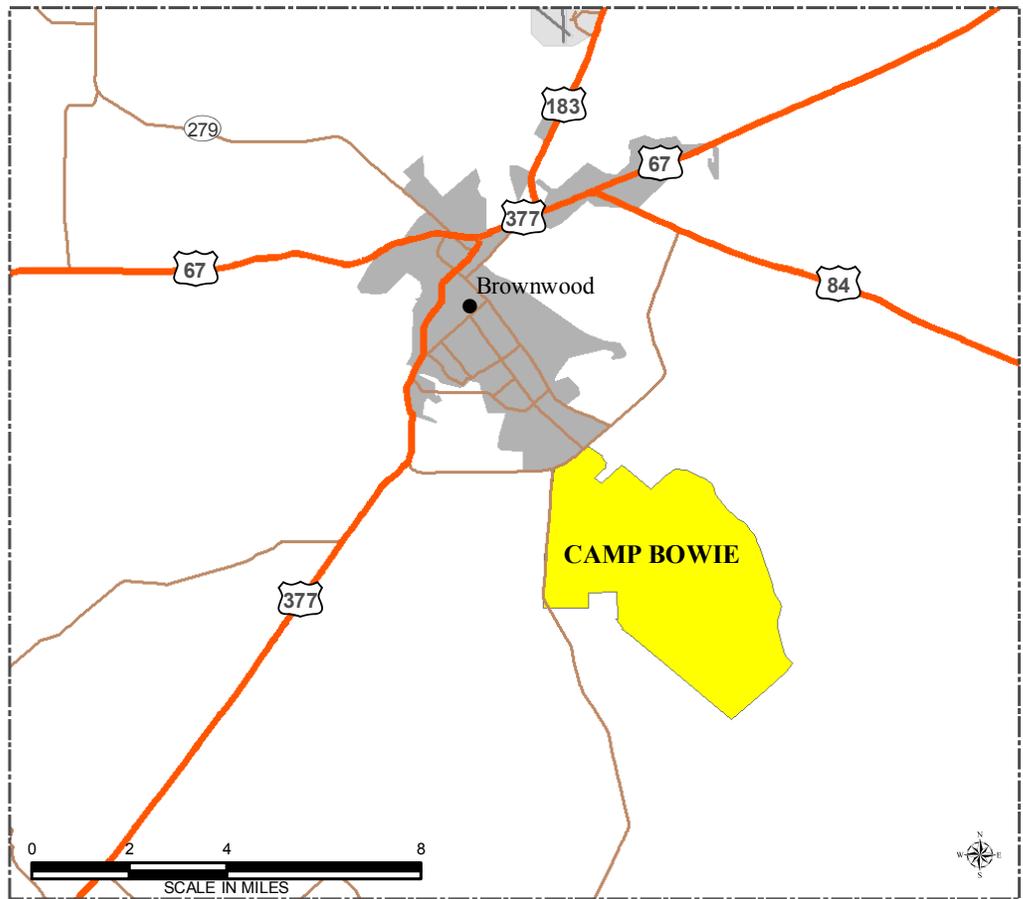
No potential surface water receptors have been identified within 15-miles downstream of any potential MCOC source area. Based on the limited number of munitions fired, surface gradient, vegetative cover, soil types, and distances between potential MCOC source areas to the surface water pathways, there appears to be no potential release mechanism for an off-range release of MCOC.

Potential ground water receptors have been identified within a 4-mile radius of Camp Bowie. However, a source receptor interaction with potential MCOC from Camp Bowie is unlikely for a number of reasons. Explosives and perchlorate bearing munitions are not known to have been used and the mobility of MCOC-related metals from small arms ranges is very limited due to the low permeability and moderate alkalinity of the native soils present in the range areas that tends to bind metals with the surrounding soils and retard the vertical migration to groundwater. These factors combined with the limited MCOC source and distance to potential off-range groundwater receptors suggests that the migration of MCOC, at levels of unacceptable risk, to be an unlikely release mechanism.

**3. RECOMMENDATION.** It is recommended that Camp Bowie be placed in the “unlikely” category because there is sufficient evidence to show that there are no known releases, or source-receptor interactions that present an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment based on a review of the information available.

## ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

|          |  |
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| BCV      | Black Capped Vero  |
| BSL      | Below Surface Level  |
| CSM      | Conceptual Site Model  |
| DZ       | Drop Zone  |
| FY       | Fiscal Year  |
| FCC      | Facility Classification Code   |
| GIS      | Geographic Information System  |
| GKO      | Guard Knowledge Online   |
| GPM      | Gallons Per Minute   |
| ID       | Identification Number  |
| INRMP    | Installation Natural Resource Management Plan                            |
| ITAM     | Integrated Training Area Management                                      |
| MC       | Munitions Constituents   |
| MCOG     | Munitions Constituents of Concern  |
| MM       | Military Munitions   |
| MPTR     | Multi-Purpose Training Range   |
| ORAP     | Operational Range Assessment Program                                     |
| RFMSS    | Range Facilities Management Support System                               |
| SWPS     | Surface Water Pathway Segment  |
| TA       | Training Area  |
| TWDB     | Texas Water Development Board  |
| TXANG    | Texas Army National Guard  |
| USACE    | United States Army Corps of Engineers                                    |
| USACHPPM | United States Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine |
| USAEC    | United States Army Environmental Center                                  |
| USDA     | United States Department of Agriculture                                  |



**FIGURE 1**  
**LOCATION MAP**  
**CAMP BOWIE, TEXAS**

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