

**FINAL
OPERATIONAL RANGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
PHASE I QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT REPORT
ILLINOIS STATE FAIRGROUNDS TRAINING AREA
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The United States (U.S.) Army is conducting qualitative assessments at operational ranges to meet the requirements of Department of Defense policy and to support the U.S. Army Sustainable Range Program. The operational range qualitative assessment (hereinafter referred to as Phase I Assessment) is the first phase of the U.S. Army Operational Range Assessment Program. This Phase I Assessment evaluates the operational range area at Illinois State Fairgrounds Training Area (TA) 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 pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. In conducting the Phase I Assessment, MCOC sources, potential off-range migration pathways, and potential off-range human and ecological receptors are evaluated as appropriate.

According to the Army Range Inventory Database-Geodatabase (2006), Illinois State Fairgrounds TA consists of one operational range (light training and maneuver area), which encompasses approximately 42.27 acres in Sangamon County, Illinois. The operational range is composed of three noncontiguous parcels of land. The property, owned by the State of Illinois, is located approximately two and one-half miles west of Interstate 55 just south of Spring Creek in Springfield, Illinois.

Light maneuver training activities have been conducted at Illinois State Fairgrounds TA; the Illinois Army National Guard (ILARNG) currently is not using the range for training. A review of available records and background data, as well as interviews with ILARNG personnel, indicates that training activities at Illinois State Fairgrounds TA do not involve, and historically have not involved, the use of military munitions (including small caliber blanks). Potential sources of MCOC were not identified at Illinois State Fairgrounds TA; therefore, potential off-range migration pathways and potential off-range human and ecological receptors were not evaluated. The training and maneuver area at Illinois State Fairgrounds TA is categorized as Unlikely.

TAs with operational ranges where no munitions or only small caliber blanks have been utilized are categorized as Unlikely. That is, based on a review of available information, there is sufficient evidence to show that due to the lack of munitions use there are no known releases or source-receptor interactions that could present an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. Ranges categorized as Unlikely are required to be re-evaluated at least every five years. Re-evaluation may occur sooner if significant changes (e.g., change in range operations or site conditions, regulatory changes) occur that affect determinations made during this Phase I Assessment. **Table ES-1** summarizes the Phase I Assessment findings.

Table ES-1: Summary of Findings and Conclusions for Illinois State Fairgrounds TA

Category	Total Number of Ranges and Acreage	Source(s)	Pathway(s)	Human and Ecological Receptors	Conclusions
Unlikely	One operational range; 42.27 acres	No source—no current or historical use of live-fire military munitions	Not evaluated (no source identified)		Re-evaluate during the five-year review.

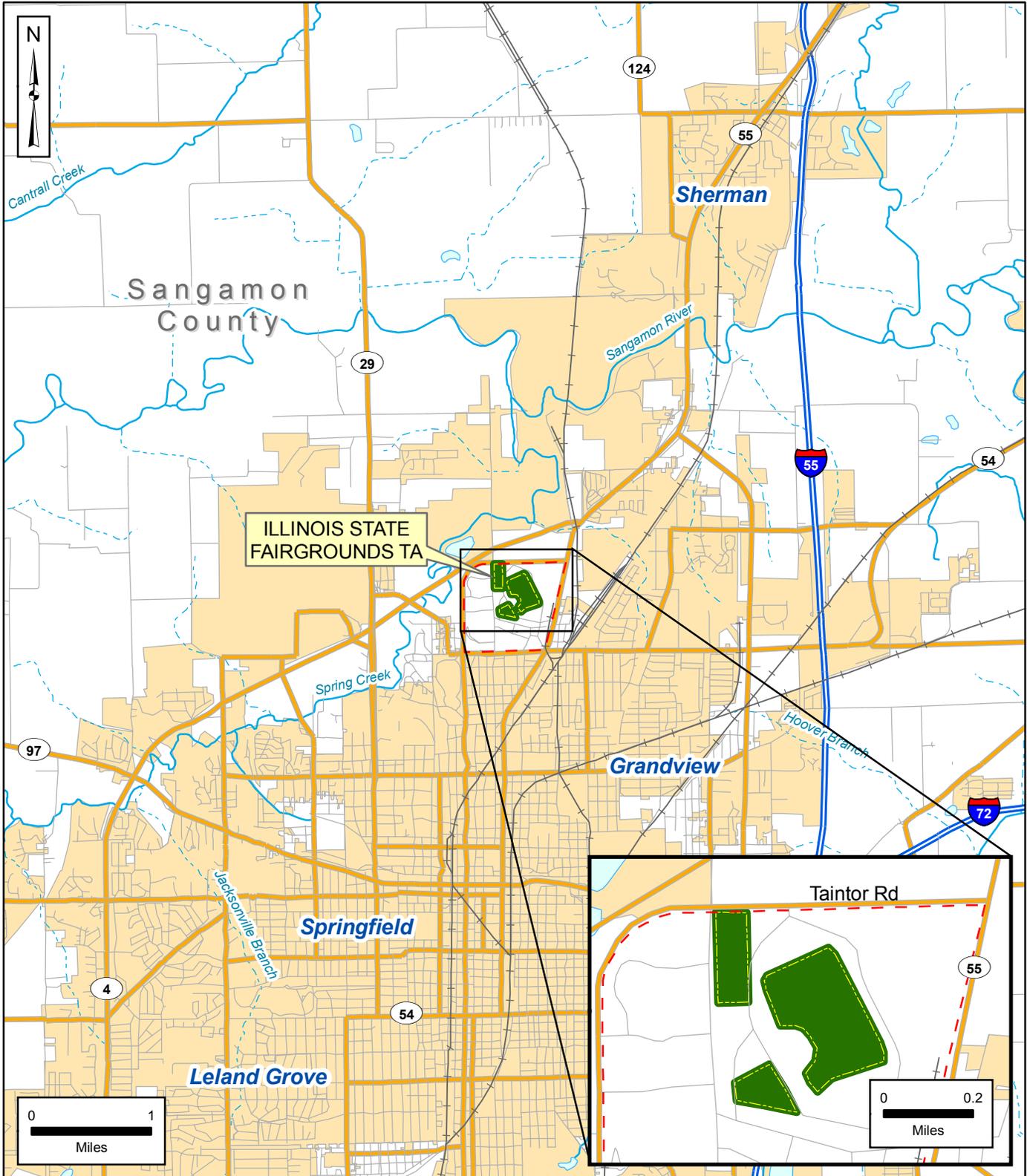
ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

ARID-GEO	Army Range Inventory Database-Geodatabase
CSM	Conceptual Site Model
DoD	Department of Defense
GIS	Geographic Information System
ILARNG	Illinois Army National Guard
JFHQ-IL	Joint Force Headquarters-Illinois
MCOC	Munitions Constituents of Concern
ORAP	Operational Range Assessment Program
TA	Training Area
U.S.	United States
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers



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Figure 2-1
Illinois State Fairgrounds TA
Location and Operational Range Area**



Installation

- Training Area Boundary
- Operational Area
- Illinois State Fairgrounds

Hydrology

- River/Stream (Perennial)
- Stream (Intermittent)
- Water Body

Transportation

- Interstate
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Railroad

Administrative

- Urbanized Area

Data Sources:

AEC, ARID-GEO, 2006
ESRI, StreetMap USA, 2005

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