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## U.S. Air Force Begins Review of Ellsworth's Environmental Cleanup

In late 2024, the Air Force kicked off a Five-Year Review to confirm cleanup remedies are functioning as intended and continue to be protective of public health and the environment. Aerostar, an Air Force contractor, is assisting with the review.

The review focuses on remedies in place in accordance with signed Records of Decision (RODs). The RODs are available on the Administrative Record (see *instructions on the left*) by selecting from the list on the right under "RODs".

The Five-Year Review report will mention per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). However, it will not address PFAS in detail because a final remedy is not yet in place for PFAS impacts so there is no PFAS remedy to evaluate at this time.

The review includes inspection of each site and cleanup technologies; review of monitoring, performance, and maintenance records; and evaluation of any new relevant regulatory requirements established since the cleanup decision was finalized.

In support of the review, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), S.D. Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Air Force participated in a site visit the week of November 18, 2024. During the site visit, the team inspected the Operable Units (OUs) shown on **Figure 1 (reverse)**. The

OUs include closed landfills, the former fire training area, the former weapons storage area, and the petroleum and solvent groundwater contaminant plumes.

This is the sixth Five-Year Review for Ellsworth AFB and covers the timeframe between June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2025. The first Five-Year Review for Ellsworth was completed in September 2000. Past Five-Year Review reports are available on the Administrative Record:

- 2000 (First): AR# 1798
- 2005 (Second): AR# 3057
- 2010 (Third): AR# 6715
- 2015 (Fourth): AR# 8524
- 2020 (Fifth): AR# 8685

The sixth Five Year Review Report is scheduled to be finalized no later than September 30, 2025. The report will include a summary of activities and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented remedies. It will also identify deficiencies found during the review, if any, and will provide recommendations on how to address them.

The final report will be posted to the Administrative Record and a public notice will be published in the Rapid City Journal when the report is available to the public.

For questions, please contact the Ellsworth AFB Remedial Project Managers (*contact information on the reverse*).

## Next Town Hall Meeting Tentatively Scheduled for March 25, 2025

Mark your calendars! The next community town hall meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 25, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Pennington County Administrative Building in Rapid City.

The Air Force, S.D. Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, EPA, and S.D. Ellsworth Development Authority plan to participate.

The meeting will once again be hosted by the Pennington County Commission and Mr. Travis Lasseter has graciously agreed to continue his role as meeting moderator.

The focus of the meeting will be the progress of the new waterline construction and the results of the PFAS Remedial Investigation.

Details will be announced in the March 2025 newsletter.

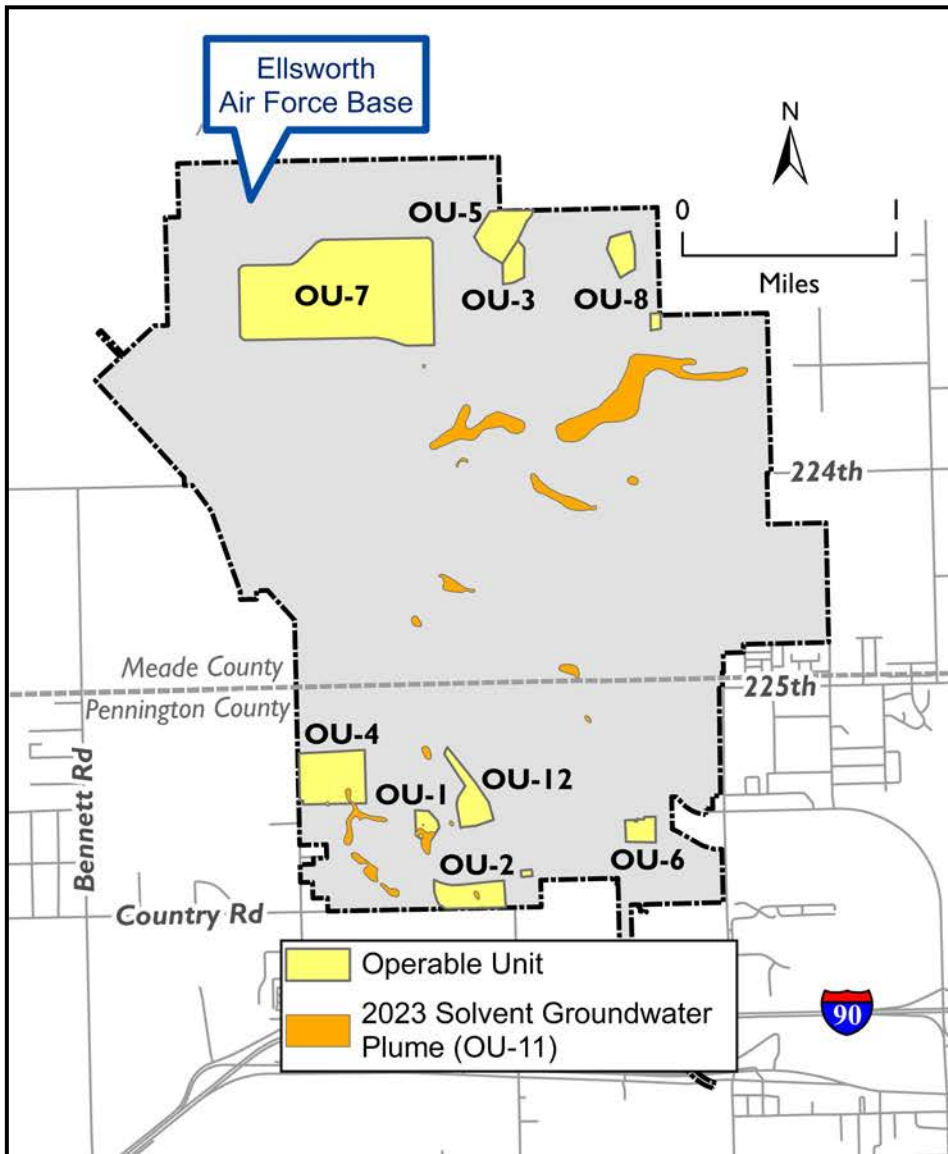


Figure 1. Operable Units (OUs) under evaluation in the Sixth Five-Year Review.

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