

Preface

Historical research is a vital part of every analysis of environmental hazards leading to the cleanup at former and current military sites. Such background information will help the researcher understand the processes, ordnance practices, and materials employed at these sites, and find ways to help mitigate the effects. *Note: references to ordnance and explosives in this guide also include chemical warfare material.*

This research guide focuses primarily on the historical records maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) located in the Washington, D.C. area and throughout the country. It also includes four military repositories maintained by the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The researcher should check with NARA for any changes in their procedures or holdings after the date of publication of this book.

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