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Corps of Engineers to Begin Investigations of Old Trenches of Former Laredo Air Force Base

Beginning the week of June 23, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its contractors will begin collecting soil gas, soil and groundwater samples in certain Laredo neighborhoods (see the attached map for the exact location). These collections, part of the ongoing environmental studies at the former Laredo Air Force Base, are expected to be completed by the end of July.

Contractor's units and the Corps' large, white SCAPS (Site Characterization and Analysis Penetrometer System) rig will be used to collect the samples. Small holes, about 1 to 2 inches in diameter, will be punched in the ground. The sampling will be done in a manner that will minimize disruptions to residential and commercial property. Most samples will be collected in the city streets; however, a right-of-entry has been obtained for some vacant lots in the neighborhood.

For more information concerning this work, please contact Lisa Lawson with the Corps of Engineers in Tulsa, Oklahoma at (918) 669-7551 or Jose Flores with the City of Laredo, Texas at (210) 795-2000.