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### **Potential Human Health Risks at the former Lowry Air Force Base from Environmental Contamination**

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment uses nationally accepted risk guidance in developing its regulations, and to guide their management decisions at or near Lowry. The Department considers an unacceptable risk to the public as one in a million possible additional cancers. When unacceptable levels of environmental contamination have been discovered at Lowry, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has required that measures be put into place to limit risk to human health and the environment. These measures range from eliminating the public's exposure, to requiring cleanup of the contaminants in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

At Lowry, most of the environmental areas of concern have been identified, investigated, and are in various phases of cleanup. New information has recently been developed by the Air Force with the goal of ensuring that all necessary environmental investigations and cleanups have or will be taken at the former base.

In addition, there are several areas that are preparing for or currently undergoing active remediation, including several solvent ground water plumes, the old fire-training zone north of the golf course, the on-base landfill just north of Alameda, and asbestos in soils in the Northwest Neighborhood. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, along with the cities of Denver and Aurora, and the Environmental Protection Agency, continue to oversee this work.