

APPENDIX D
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH REVIEW

The following provides a summary of potential issues observed from a review of historical aerial photographs conducted for the Hazardous Materials baseline analysis.

- 1937 The far western end of the project area was not covered by the 1937 aerial photograph. Development in the project area was limited to what appeared to be Camp Withycombe. The camp was a grouping of what appeared to be 13 buildings ranging in size from shed-sized to warehouse-sized buildings southeast of SE Mather Road, northeast of SE Clackamas Road, and east of SE 102nd Avenue. There were various unpaved roads at Camp Withycombe that circled or transected the property.
- 1944 The 1944 aerial photograph included partial coverage of the project area from the western end to approximately SE 122nd Avenue. The general land uses were unchanged from the 1937 aerial photograph. There appeared to be an equipment (unknown type) storage area at the northwestern corner of the Camp Withycombe complex.
- 1953 The far western end of the project area was not covered. Some commercial/industrial development was apparent along SE Mather Road, but other properties still maintained a rural agricultural appearance. Camp Withycombe had constructed three new warehouse buildings on the eastern side of the complex. A new long and narrow building had been constructed in the center of the complex, together with additional smaller buildings. The equipment storage area noted in 1944 was no longer visible.
- 1969 I-205 had been constructed. An overpass had been constructed over I-205 for SE 82nd Avenue. Some commercial/industrial-type buildings were apparent along SE 82nd Avenue from the overpass to “downtown” Clackamas. Some industrial development had occurred between SE Lawnfield and SE Mather roads, east of the UPRR tracks. One of the facilities appeared to be a junkyard. Another business appeared to be a lumber mill. Some agricultural fields were still present, but the change from agricultural and rural residential land uses was well under way by 1969. Camp Withycombe appeared to be relatively active, based on a large materials storage area (north of the buildings), a dirt airstrip, and a bermed firing range. The firing range was located northeast of the complex of buildings and at the foot of the northern hills. Areas of Camp Withycombe appeared to have been used for vehicle maneuvers based on ground ruts and other related land disturbances. A trailer park had been constructed southeast of Camp Withycombe. Agricultural and rural land uses were still apparent from the 11800 block of Highway 212 to the eastern end of the project area.
- 1979 The western end of the project area (Highway 224/Milwaukie Expressway) showed retail-type commercial development (Kmart and Levitz). The major interchange was visible in this photograph, which showed the connections of SE 82nd Drive, Highway 224, and I-205. Industrial land uses were present between the UPRR line, SE Lawnfield Road, and SE Mather Road. Many businesses had large outside storage areas for equipment and materials. Numerous warehouse buildings were located within this area. Camp Withycombe’s complex of buildings and the location of equipment and materials storage were generally unchanged from the 1969 aerial photograph. A straight section of asphalt was apparent in the north-central portion of the camp.

Another firing range appeared to be east of the asphalt. New commercial/industrial development was present between Camp Withycombe and Highway 212 to the south.

Land uses from Camp Withycombe to the eastern end of the project area had undergone some redevelopment along new streets, such as SE 118th Avenue, SE 122nd Avenue, SE 125th Court, and For-Mor Court. A mobile home park was situated between Highway 212 and the Clackamas River bend.

1983 The project area appeared generally unchanged from the 1979 aerial photograph.

1996 An area at the northeastern corner of the railroad track and SE Mather Road intersection had apparently been cleared of buildings and equipment storage. A concrete slab remains where a building once stood. This slab was likely the location of the former Northwest Pipe & Casing company, which is currently listed on the National Priorities List (Superfund). Camp Withycombe appeared to be still in use. Additional materials and equipment storage was apparent to the north of the complex of buildings. An additional firing range was also present at the eastern end of the property. Between Camp Withycombe and the Clackamas River bend there was evidence of increased industrial/commercial development, with some large outside materials/equipment storage areas. Land use from the Clackamas River bend to the eastern end of the project area appeared to be undeveloped land, mobile home parks, or agricultural land.

1999 Land uses in the project area were generally unchanged from the 1996 aerial photograph, although additional development was apparent north of Highway 212.

2002 Land uses of the project area were generally unchanged from the 1999 aerial photograph, although additional development was apparent north of Highway 212.