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### Eagle River Flats Remediation Project Comprehensive Bibliography - 1998 to 2003

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**Abstract:** **White phosphorus** (WP) has been implicated in the deaths of thousands of waterfowl annually at Eagle River Flats (ERF), an estuarine salt marsh located on Fort Richardson near Anchorage, Alaska. The source of WP contamination at ERF was the firing of WP-containing munitions into the area by the U.S. military. WP is a well known toxicant and is lethal to a wide range of species. However, WP contamination at ERF is the first documented case of a U.S. Army munitions impact area contaminated with WP particles. This has led to the designation of ERF as a Superfund site by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Army must follow the guidelines of remediation set by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Numerous studies have been conducted to better characterize the nature and the extent of WP contamination, and treatability studies for remediation processes are currently being implemented. This comprehensive bibliography provides all publications related to WF contamination remediation project at Eagle River Flats through 2003.

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