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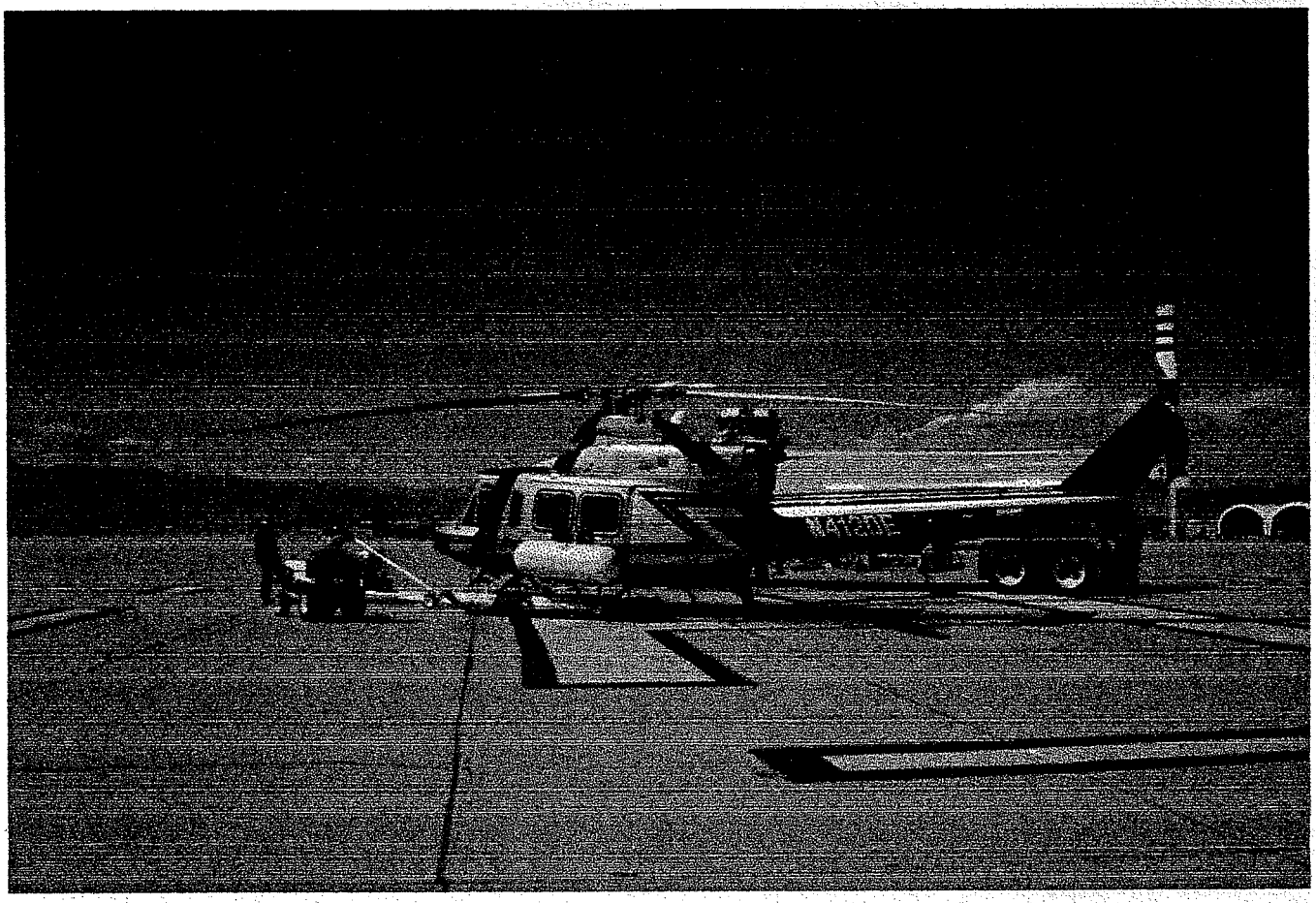
Iowa Army Ammunition Plant Aerial Survey
Set for Week of October 21

The U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) will conduct an aerial radiological survey over the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAAP) beginning Wednesday, October 23, 2002. This survey is being conducted by the US Army in conjunction with an ongoing IAAAP site-wide radiological investigation.

The US Army will publish an environmental radioactivity report detailing the results of this survey. The report will be available to the public in the June-July 2003 time frame.

A Bell 412 helicopter, tail number N412DE, silver/gray in color with black and blue trim, will fly at an altitude of 100 feet above the ground in a grid pattern during daylight hours.



Horses and sheep are particularly troubled by the noise generated at this altitude. Noise exposures to residents should be of relatively short duration. The aerial survey will require 4 to 6 days of flying between the dates October 23, 2002 and October 29, 2002. The flights are coordinated with the Federal Aviation Administration and other appropriate government agencies. Flights will extend beyond the current installation boundary. The Spring and Brush Creek watershed basins south of the installation will also be part of the flyover.

The helicopter and crew are part of an NNSA research and environmental monitoring program. During the past 39 years, NNSA has conducted hundreds of similar aerial surveys to determine the radiological status of areas near sites where Atomic Energy Commission [AEC] operations were conducted.

A flight crew from the Remote Sensing Laboratory, Nevada (operated by Bechtel Nevada for the NNSA's Nevada Operations Office) will perform the survey.

Media opportunities will not be available at the plant. The aircraft will stage from the Burlington Regional Airport.