



## Belen Regional Airport

The Belen Regional Airport is a general aviation airfield serving Belen and Valencia County, New Mexico. It is located on a mesa top three miles west of Belen and 30 miles south of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The airport handles most type of general aviation activity as well training for the United States Air Force's 58<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing from Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. Aircraft such as C-130's, UH-60's, and CV-22 Ospreys all practice takeoffs and landing at the Belen Regional Airport.

The Belen Regional Airport was established in 1979 as Goebel Airfield named for Col. Arthur C Goebel, a famous pilot born in Belen that set many records during the early days of aviation. Within two years the airport was renamed to Belen Alexander Airport for Mayor Neel Alexander who served as mayor for the city of Belen on three separate terms between 1956 and 1980. The airport name was changed once again in the early 2020's to the current Belen Regional Airport at which time the code for the airfield was changed from E80 to BRG. In the late 1980's the single runway was extended from a length of 4800 ft. to 6600 ft and a parallel taxiway was constructed for the entire length of the runway. A second runway was opened in 2015.



Ramp at the Belen Regional Airport in 2016.



Aerial view of the Belen Regional Airport prior to the recent name change.