

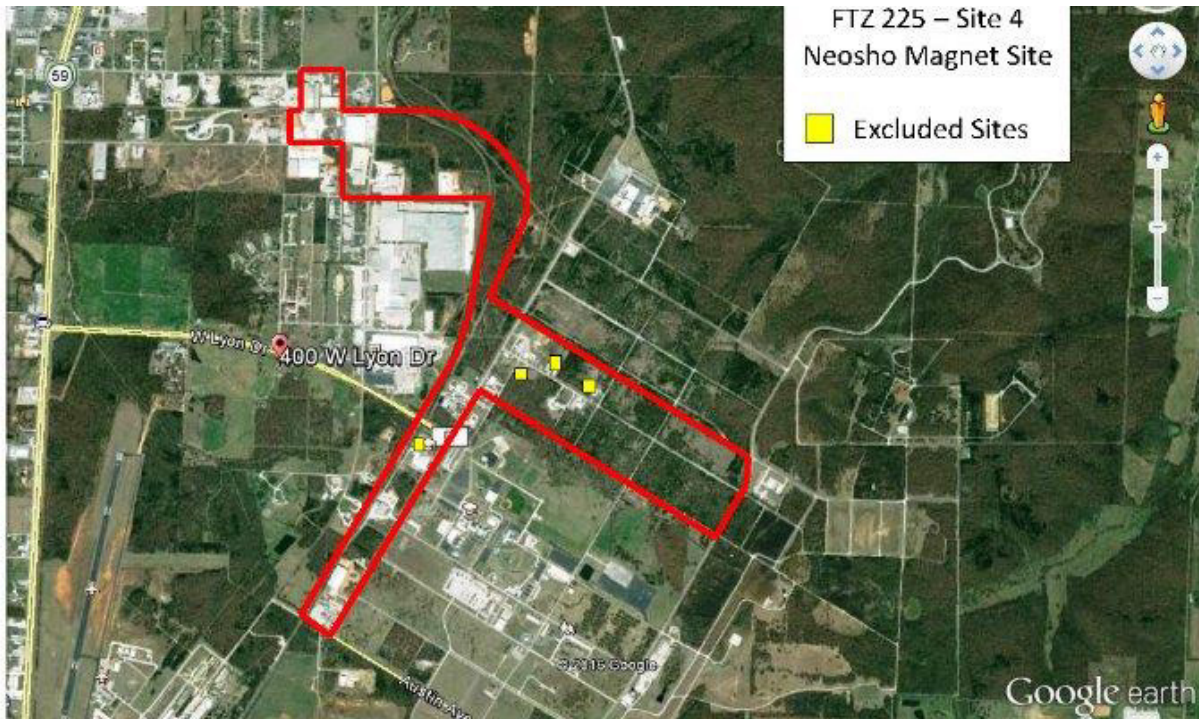
FOREIGN TRADE ENTERPRISE ZONE

A foreign-trade zone is a designated location in the United States that is outside of Customs territory for purposes of collection of US Customs duties and fees. Foreign goods and merchandise admitted duty-unpaid to a Foreign Trade Zone where they can be stored, processed, repackaged, transformed, destroyed, or otherwise handled by company employees providing value-added work before they leave the FTZ (when a formal entry is filed) or exported. FTZ users enjoy many cost-saving benefits in cost of goods stored, produced/assembled in FTZ's as well as cost reductions in transportation, distribution and other components of their supply chains.



Southwest Missouri Foreign Trade Zone

The Southwest Missouri Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ No. 225 Springfield) can help businesses avoid some of the frustrations of international trade by reducing U.S. Customs delays, and high Customs' duties (taxes). The Southwest Missouri Foreign Trade Zone can include any business in a 23-county region in Southwest Missouri including the MOKAN Partnership counties of Barton, Jasper, Newton, & Vernon.



America's Newest Foreign Trade Zone Magnet Site is in Neosho, Missouri. 236 acres of utility served, pre-zoned sites in the Neosho Industrial Park. Neosho is a center of distribution, as it is served by the Kansas City Southern Railway System, and two major interstates (I-49 North/South and I-44 East/West).