

**Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2007**

1. Call to Order & Reading of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Community Co-Chair Tom Tadsen at 6:05 p.m. at the Shearer Community Center, Paris Township, Ohio.

Tom Tadsen introduced Glen Beckham as the U.S. Army Co-chairman for the Restoration Advisory Board.

Tom Tadsen asked the board members if they had any additions or corrections to the minutes. No comment from the RAB members present. Mr. Walter Landor made a motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stan Levenger. Tom Tadsen called the motion to question...."All those in favor please say 'Aye.' All those opposed?" The motion carried, and Tom Tadsen announced the minutes were approved as printed.

Secretary Christy Esler took a visual attendance with 13 members present with 3 additional members arriving after the meeting commenced, 8 excused and 1 absent (Mr. Charles Ramer)

2. General Business

The first order of general business, Tom Tadsen discussed the reasoning that we postponed two meetings during the winter months. Tom announced that when the decision is made to postpone a RAB meeting we issue a press release to the surrounding local newspapers. It is unfortunate but sometimes the newspaper decides not to print the postponement release. Tom suggested to the attendees that if they do not see the News Release announcements in the local paper please contact your local newspaper.

Tom Tadsen spoke about the recently held public comment meeting on March 13, 2007 at the Newton Falls Community Center. The public meeting was the Proposed Plans for Erie Burning Grounds and Open Demolition Area #2 at RVAAP. The second upcoming public meeting is April 10, 2007 at the Newton Falls Community Center. This public comment meeting topic was the Proposed Plans for Ramsdell Quarry Landfill, Load Line 12 and Fuze and Booster Quarry at RVAAP.

Tom introduced and welcomed Mr. Nick Bellas, newly assigned Trumbull County Commissioners Representative.

Tom covered the document request process and cost associated. Tom informed the audience that an outline for the information requests fees and restrictions handout in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552) is on the back table. Tom went over the fees as follows:

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Information permissible at no cost to requester-

- 6 CD's burned with label, case, and file index sheet.
- 100 pages of 8 ½ x 11 photocopies (black/white only)

Information chargeable to requester-

- After the first six CDs all following CD will be a charge of \$2.00 / each
- After first 100 pages of 8 ½ x 11 photocopies each following page will be a charge of \$.10 / each

Limitations / Restrictions-

- Fees can only be paid by check or money order
- Maximum of 1000 pages of 8 ½ x 11 photocopies (black/white only)
- All information requests are limited to current electronic versions (CDs) i.e. no new scanning of documents for requests

Pick-up / Delivery-

- Requesters may either pick-up or have their requested information delivered by the US Postal Service. Delivered information will have an additional charge of shipping and handling fees charged to the requestor at current postal costs.

Turn around time for information requests-

- Information requested will be processed as quickly as time permits.

Tom introduced Irv Venger, Acting Facility Manager and supplied the attendees with his office phone number (330-358-7311) for any document requests.

Glen Beckham, U.S Army Co-chair introduced the presenters for the evening.

**3. Presentation on the Update of the Remediation of Soils at Load Line 1-4 at RVAAP–
Mr. Dave Cobb, Shaw Environmental, Inc.**

After completion of the formal presentation, the RAB members proceeded with questions directed to Mr. Dave Cobb. (To request a copy of the formal presentation please contact Christy Esler, RAB Administrator).

Walter Landor- What does ROD stand for?

Dave Cobb- ROD is Record of Decision.

Kerry Macomber- Are you testing new wells or existing ground water wells and how many?

Dave Cobb- Shaw will be testing existing groundwater wells throughout the four load lines under our contract. The number of wells to be sampled is expected to be between 20 and 30 wells.

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Sarah Lock- What is the determining factor for length of time between ground water sampling events?

Dave Cobb- Currently, we will collect samples at six month intervals, We will be looking for significant spikes or changes in COC concentrations between samples collected before and after the remedial actions. Shaw will be working with Ohio EPA going forward in evaluating and determining any additional sampling.

Tom Tadsen asked Dave to explain to the audience what COC stands for?

Dave Cobb apologized for using the acronym and answered that COC stands for contaminant of concern.

Joe Beutler- Where is the soil being shipped to offsite?

Dave Cobb- We are going through the procurement process and looking at a number of facilities including evaluating facility permits for the acceptance of the material.

No other questions were fielded from the RAB members for Dave Cobb, Shaw Environmental. Tom Tadsen opened the floor to public attendees for questions.

Julie Smeiles (The Weekly Villager) - Will these trucks be covered to avoid soil, dust etc from contaminating the road ways?

Dave Cobb- We will conduct dust monitoring and the truck beds will be covered using tarps to minimize dust. Shaw will also decontaminate or remove soils from the truck wheels before leaving the site.

Julie Smeiles (The Weekly Villager) - So the trucks will be decontaminated before entering onto the road ways?

Dave Cobb- Yes that is correct.

Bill Krimmer (Paris Township Resident) – Are there plans for testing before the soil is brought in for capping?

Dave Cobb- After the soil removal is complete we will bring in clean fill that will be tested prior to bringing it on site to make sure it meets the required backfill criteria

Bill asked if the tires will be clean of soil and the material in the truck beds will have a tarp over it to avoid public nuisance.

Dave Cobb- Yes the trucks will go through a decontamination process with chunks of dirt removed from tire treads. This process will be completed about 3 times a day or as needed to ensure soil is not tracked on to the public roads. The trucks will be covered as well to minimize dust.

Tom Tadsen added that if they didn't complete this process it would be a violation of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regulations and laws.

Mike Sever (Record Courier) - How many approximate truck loads will be removed?

Dave Cobb- approximately 20 yards per truck, so around 750 truck loads.

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Bill Krimmer (Paris Township Resident) - After excavation, did Shaw discuss with DOD biological remediation instead of 10 -12 feet of soil removal?

Dave Cobb- Bioremediation was evaluated in the FS portion of the CERCLA process in selecting the remedial approach, but it was decided that off-site disposal would be the selected remedy and safest for human health and future use of the site.

Bill Krimmer (Paris Township Resident) - At other closing facilities, bioremediation has decreased very high levels of lead. The vegetation removes the lead content from the soil.

Dave Cobb- This process would not serve the future use of the land (National Guard Training) and asked Tom to explain further.

Tom Tadsen said that the intended re-use is armored vehicle maneuver, so vegetation would not survive such training. A dig and haul process serves as the best choice for this area.

No other questions were fielded from the audience members. Tom reminded the attendees that Dave will be available after the meeting is adjourned for any further questions.

Tom discussed the RAB member tour and asked the members to be thinking about a time frame they would like to attend for this year.

Tom announced that RVAAP plans to conduct another public tour for early or late June. The previous tour was during July and it was very warm for the participants. We will discuss the process to attend the public tour at our next scheduled RVAAP RAB meeting. The tour will accommodate the first 200 public individual requestors. RAB members will also be invited to the public tour but will not count against the 200 public attendees.

At this time Tom introduced Glen Beckham to take the floor.

Glen announced to the RAB Members and public that he has decided to resign as the RVAAP RAB U.S Army Co-chair. Glen said that as a number of you know in August of 2005 Mark Patterson (RVAAP Facility Manager) announced that he was accepting a position at Fort Wingate Depot Activity Installation in Gallup New Mexico. I had worked with Mark for many years and he was an excellent manager here at Ravenna. The BRAC office told me they would have a replacement within 6 months or possibly as long as a year. We are at a year and a half and I am already spread thin at my position with the Corps of Engineers. I am very happy to have been able to work with such amazing people. Glen said that he appreciated the opportunity to have celebrated the RAB members 10 year anniversary with them. I am hoping with my resignation this will expedite the process for BRAC to name a permanent U.S. Army co-chair. Glen assured the audience that he will stay involved in the Ravenna projects but just not as the RVAAP RAB U.S Army Co-chair. Glen thanked the RAB members and public members for always being considerate, polite, honest and patient.

Tom thanked Glen for all of his dedication throughout this process and his participation.

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Tom also added that the U.S Army needs to announce a permanent U.S Army Co-chair to serve on the RVAAP RAB. Hopefully by our next scheduled RAB meeting we will have a permanent representative here.

Tom announced that the next scheduled RAB Meeting will be 6:00 pm May 16, 2007 at Freedom Township Hall. The specifics regarding the RAB Public Tour are still being discussed but we will have a decision to announce by the next RAB meeting.

Julie Smeiles (The Weekly Villager) - asked if the requests will be done by phone calls again.

Tom turned over that question to Christy Esler- I said that we are trying to determine the best way to handle the requests. Phone call requests are a possibility again.

Bill Krimmer (Paris Township Resident) - Said that he has new information regarding the electrical storage shed fire.

Tom Tadsen said that the bldg. is 848 and this is on record, but please contact us with the new information. We would appreciate any new information. Tom explained to the audience members what bldg. and incident Bill is speaking of. This happened in the late 60's early 70's. This building was a small building that caught fire including a power pole transformer that contained polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

JJ Leet- Asked if we had a quorum tonight to vote on the TAPP topics.

Christy Esler- No, we did not have a quorum when the meeting started tonight.

Tom Tadsen read over the TAPP Topic list summary to all members. Tom asked if I could send out the list of topics and the voting ballot by the following Friday (March 30th).

Christy Esler- said that I would make sure the members received the voting ballots prior to this deadline.

Glen reminded everyone again about the upcoming Public Meeting that is scheduled on April 10, 2007 regarding the Proposed Plans for the Fuze and Booster Quarry and Ponds, Ramsdell Landfill and Load Line 12. Glen announced the public comment period for the subject proposed plans are April 4th thru May 3rd, 2007.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Esler
Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant
Restoration Advisory Board Administrator