



Phase I Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA)

Rocket Ridge Area of Open Demolition Area #2 (ODA2) Ravenna RAB Presentation May 20, 2009





Site Description

- Rocket Ridge is a steep embankment along Sand Creek within Open Demolition Area #2 (ODA2).
- ODA2 was used for detonation of large caliber munitions for demilitarization purposes.
- Rocket Ridge slope was used for disposal of the demilitarized munitions at ODA2; although not all munitions appear to have been completely demilitarized.
- Rocket Ridge was used during late 1940's to early 1950's.
- The site is approximately 90 feet long by 80 feet wide.





Site Location Within the RVAAP







Rocket Ridge Site Location







Overview of Rocket Ridge Site







Close-up of Existing Munitions Related Debris







Existing Components of White Phosphorus Rifle Grenades







Fuzed 105mm HE Projectile







Buried 500lb General Purpose Bomb







Rocket Ridge Site History

Discovered in 2004.

- Surface Water and Sediment Samples indicate no impact to the water quality.
- June 2007 White Phosphorus Rifle Grenade Incident identified the need for Time Critical Response Action (TCRA).





1st Interim Step - Sand Creek Barriers



- Installed July 2008 approximately 2700 feet downstream from Rocket Ridge.
- Installed to stop any munitions-related materials that may migrate downstream of the Rocket Ridge Area.
- Inspected once a month.
- No munitions-related items recovered to date.





2nd Interim Step - TCRA at Rocket Ridge Area

- USACE, Louisville District is lead agency responsible for project completion.
- PIKA International, Inc. is the selected Contractor to implement the project May 7, 2009.
- Objectives:
 - Verify the status of the 500 lb bombs for removal.
- Remove the fuzed 105mm HE projectile.
- Investigate extent and volume of Munitions-Related Items.
- Document findings in a Removal Action Report (RAR) to aid in scoping future removal actions at Rocket Ridge.





Summary of TCRA Scope of Work

- Task 1 Prepare Work Plans
- Task 2 Conduct Access Road Improvement
- Task 3 Remove Vegetation
- Task 4 Coordinate Public Involvement
- Task 5 Determine if 500lb Bombs are fuzed
- If un-fuzed, remove items and store in designated RVAAP storage igloo.
- If fuzed, provide recommendations on how best to address the munitions based on observed site conditions. All stakeholders will come to a mutual agreement for proposed treatment if unacceptable to move.





TCRA Scope of Work (Continued)

- Task 6 Remove the fuzed 105mm projectile by Open Demolition using sandbag mitigation.
- Task 7 Conduct Instrument-Assisted Munitions Related Density Survey of the Rocket Ridge Area.
- Use metal detectors to determine site boundaries and GPS device to map the extent.
- Evaluate concentrated area of white phosphorus rounds to estimate nature and extent and level of effort required for safe removal.
- Hand Dig nine test pits across the site to determine approximate depth of contamination.
- Collect soil samples from bottom of test pits to assess potential contamination.
- Task 8 Prepare TCRA Report to aid in scoping future Removal Action at Rocket Ridge.