

Proposed Plan for Central Burn Pits

Where is Central Burn Pits?

Central Burn Pits (CBP) is approximately 20 acres in the east-central portion of Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant (RVAAP) in Ravenna, Ohio.

How was CBP Used?

It was originally used as a lumber and building materials storage area and then was later used for open burning of non-explosive wastes, electrical components, wooden boxes and other combustible scrap. Operation of the burn pits is believed to have started shortly after RVAAP began operations and continued until the mid-1970s, although actual dates are unknown. In addition, disposal of non-hazardous waste material (e.g., concrete, metal, excess fill dirt and gravel) occurred at CBP; these materials were placed in various piles and elongated berms throughout the AOC.

How is the U.S. Army going to clean up the site?

The U.S. Army conducted a removal action in the spring of 2008. This removal action resulted in the excavation and off-site disposal of 50 tons of characteristically hazardous debris and soil and 653 tons of non-hazardous debris and soil.

Following the removal action, there were no contaminants or chemicals of concern posing a human health risk in the soil and dry sediment remaining at CBP. Therefore, no further action is needed to provide protection of human health and the environment, based on the current and reasonably foreseeable future use of the area.

What is the Proposed Plan?

In a Proposed Plan, the key factors that lead to the selection of the preferred alternative are discussed. The CBP Proposed Plan provides a brief summary of Remedial Investigation findings and conclusions and the Removal Action results.

In the Proposed Plan, the key factors that lead to the recommendation for no further action with respect to chemical contamination of soils and dry sediment are discussed. The CBP Proposed Plan is available for public comment.

What is the purpose of the Proposed Plan?

The purpose of a Proposed Plan is to encourage public participation in the remedy selection process and to ensure that the statutory requirements of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) section 117(a) are fulfilled. The Proposed Plan describes the recommendation for CBP soil and dry sediment in order for the public to gain a better understanding of the entire remedy selection process.

How will CBP be used in the future?

The U.S. Army intends to transfer CBP to the National Guard Bureau. The NGB will in turn license the area to the Ohio Army National Guard (OHARNG) for National Guard training.



The U.S. Army has implemented many sampling activities at the Central Burn Pits to investigate and identify contamination within the area of concern.



The U.S. Army removed over 700 tons of contaminated soil and debris from the Central Burn Pits.

What does the U.S. Army recommend?

The U.S. Army, in consultation with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), recommends no further action because there is no chemical contamination remaining in the soil and dry sediment at CBP that poses a risk to human health or the environment.

Why is public input needed?

The U.S. Army encourages the public to review the Proposed Plan for CBP and related documents to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the current cleanup plans. During the 30-day comment period from December 8, 2008 to January 7, 2009, you can read about the proposed action, ask questions, and make recommendations. The U.S. Army, in consultation with Ohio EPA, will select the final remedy for CBP after reviewing and considering all input submitted during the 30-day public review period.

Information about CBP and the Proposed Plan is available online at www.rvaap.org or at

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Where do I send my responses to the Proposed Plan?

Please send your questions, comments, and suggestions about the Proposed Plan to:

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The last day to postmark your responses to the Proposed Plan for CBP is January 7, 2009.



The U.S. Army has collaborated with the Ohio EPA and consultants throughout the investigation and remediation efforts at the Central Burn Pits.