

**Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2002**

1. Call to Order and Reading of the Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Lt. Col. Tom Tadsen at the Paris Township Hall, Freedom, Ohio at 6:00 p.m. Secretary Denise Gilliam took attendance with 13 present, 3 excused and 8 absent (Mr. Floyd Banks, the Charlestown Representative, Mr. Kevin Cooper, Ms. Irene Glavies-Lutz, Mr. Howard Furl, Mr. Walter Landor, Mr. Milan Markov, and Dr. Courtenay Willis). Lt. Col. Tadsen made the motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes due to the fact that the last minutes were still in the review process.

2. Past Business

The RAB members welcomed Ms. Sarah Lock to the board. Lt. Col. Tadsen told the board about a new opening on the TAPP committee. Dr. Rachael Craig, who is the current chairperson of the committee has resigned from the RAB. Dr. Craig is leaving to accept an out of state grant. He told the board that her position needs to be filled. More information will be sent out regarding the position and at the September meeting a new chairperson will be appointed. Ms. Lock asked what is the purpose of the committee. Mr. Mark Patterson explained that the TAPP is an Army funded program. The total grant amount is \$100,000. These monies are for the RAB to hire an independent evaluator to aid them in reading and understanding the reports generated at the arsenal. He stated that the Ravenna RAB is on their second TAPP grant. The grant is doled out in increments of \$25,000. The Ravenna RAB TAPP fund currently concentrates most of its efforts on the Winklepeck Burning Grounds and the documents generated by that study. The current TAPP provider is URS. URS recently provided comments on a document concerning the ecological risk assessment performed at the burning grounds. Currently the RAB and URS are awaiting response comments from the Army.

Mr. Patterson told the board about a possible summer tour of the installation. Every year a tour is provided for the RAB members to introduce them to what is actually happening out in the field. The tours are not open to the general public, but the RAB members themselves act as contacts for their constituents. He stated that normally there is a moderate turn out. Generally, no RAB meetings are scheduled in the summer, so it is a perfect opportunity to schedule a tour. Information regarding the tour will be sent out to all of the RAB members to solicit their interest.

Mr. Patterson told the board that funding has been very unreliable this year, but there is a need to present these projects to the RAB this evening on the expectation that they will be funded. MKM Engineers, Inc. will be presenting to the public so that when the funds are released the projects can move forward as planned. At this point he introduced Mr. Rick Callahan, of MKM Engineers, Inc., to the board. Mr. Callahan is a familiar face to the board members since he has presented on numerous occasions. MKM Engineers, Inc. will conduct the Interim Removal Actions (IRAs) at various locations on the arsenal.

3. Discussion of the Interim Removal Actions for the RVAAP Pistol Range, Anchor Test Area, and C-Block Quarry. Mr. Richard Callahan, MKM Engineers Inc.

4. General Business

Lt. Col. Tadsen stated that he had recently attended a conference dealing with a lot of environmental subjects and that he was pleased to say that Ohio is one of the few states that geographically plots cancer data. He stated that we are blessed for that. Mr. Patterson reiterated that funding is very limited and that this is the worst year ever. Mr. Landor asked if the sites shown in MKM's presentation would be amongst those visited on the summer tour. Mr. Patterson replied that would be fine. Mr. Landor then asked Lt. Col. Tadsen if dust control methods were still being utilized on the facility. Lt. Col. Tadsen replied in the affirmative. Mr. Landor then asked if the Guard was still dropping parachutes to which Lt. Col. Tadsen replied in the affirmative. Lt. Col. Tadsen stated that the Army's issue has always been a UXO issue and not an environmental issue. Nationally the Army is adapting to provide a greater level of funding for UXO removal and is now moving up the dates on those processes. Mr. Patterson stated that the Army Environmental Center contacted RVAAP. There has been slow progress on trying to get an agreement or funding for UXO removal from firing ranges, but the funding is pending. He stated that all federal facilities were invited to submit projects for funding. A couple of them have come out of RVAAP. He stated that we were one of six to submit a proposal. Lt. Col. Tadsen told the board that Mark has been really good about getting projects funded. Mr. Landor had some more questions regarding base closures, various jets, and fighter planes.

5. Scheduling Next Meeting

Two tentative dates were proposed for the summer tour of the installation, Saturday July 20th or 27th. The next RAB meeting was scheduled for September 18, 2002. Paris Town Hall was suggested as a possible meeting location. More information regarding this will be sent out at a later date. Lt. Col. Tadsen adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise L. Gilliam

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