



# News Release

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## **Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant (RVAAP)**

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### **Public meeting to be held December 16, 2008 on U.S. Army Releases Proposed Plan to Present Recommendation for Soil and Dry Sediment at the Central Burn Pits**

**Ravenna** – The U.S. Army, in consultation with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, submits for public review and comments a Proposed Plan for soil and dry sediment associated with former national defense program activities at Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant (RVAAP) in Portage and Trumbull counties, Ohio.

On December 16, 2008, a public meeting will be held at the Newton Falls Community Center (52 East Quarry Street, Newton Falls, Ohio 44444) beginning at 6:00 p.m. with an informal open house when technical staff will be available to answer questions. At 6:30 p.m. the Army will briefly describe the AOC assessment, present the recommendation, and then request verbal comments from the public. Written comments regarding this recommendation may be submitted to the Army during the 30-day comment period that ends January 7, 2009. All written comments should be addressed to Mark Patterson, RVAAP Facility Manager; Building 1037, Conference Room; 8451 State Route 5; Ravenna, OH 44266-9297.

The *Proposed Plan for the Soil and Dry Sediment at the RVAAP-49 Central Burn Pits* recommends no further action for soil and dry sediment within the Central Burn Pits. The Proposed Plan provides the rationale for this recommendation. The Central Burn Pits is an area of concern (AOC) at RVAAP in Ravenna, Ohio.

This AOC is being addressed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

The Army has been working to develop cleanup alternatives for RVAAP since 1992 when the plant stopped producing and testing munitions. In accordance with CERCLA, the recommendation identified in the Proposed Plan is presented in earlier Remedial Investigations (RIs). The document is now available for public review with the RVAAP Information Repository at both the Reed Memorial Library (167 East Main Street, Ravenna) and the Newton Falls Public Library (204 South Canals, Newton Falls). Copies of the RIs and Proposed Plan are also available online at [www.rvaap.org](http://www.rvaap.org).

The RIs provide detailed assessments of AOC contamination. The final recommendation for the AOC will be selected based in part on public comments. The Army, in consultation with Ohio EPA, is recommending no further action for soil and dry sediment with respect to chemical contamination at the Central Burn Pits. Over 700 tons of contaminated soil and debris have been removed from the Central Burn Pits. Studies found that there are no remaining hazards or risk under the intended military land use.

In coordination with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army will select a final remedy after reviewing and considering all public comments submitted during the 30-day public comment period, scheduled to end on January 7, 2009. The U.S. Army encourages the public to review and comment on the recommendations presented in these documents.

The RVAAP Facility Manager, Mark Patterson said, “The Army encourages and appreciates public comments, suggestions, and feed-back. Community involvement is an important part of the decision-making process at the Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant.”

For more information or to participate in the review, please visit the RVAAP web site ([www.rvaap.org](http://www.rvaap.org)) or call (330-358-7311).

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