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## Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting 22 May 2019

### 1. Call to Order

The Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant (RVAAP) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting for the Installation Restoration Program was called to order by Mr. Tom Tadsen, Community Co-Chair, of Franklin Township at 6:02 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the Camp James A. Garfield Post Headquarters, 1438 State Route 534 SW, Newton Falls OH 44444.

Meeting attendance was recorded as 19 members present, 2 excused absent and 4 unexcused absent. Public attendance was recorded at 3.

### 2. Safety Minute

Following calling of the role Mr. Kevin Sedlak, ARNG Restoration Project Manager at Camp James A. Garfield (CJAG), gave the safety minute discussion. With recent flooding and severe storms, the safety minute discussed definition and importance of a bug out bag. PowerPoint slides of the presentation can be found at [www.rvaap.org](http://www.rvaap.org).

### 3. Solid Waste Management Plan Update and Overview, Sarah Gettier and Amibeth Salvatore, AECOM

Sarah Gettier and Amibeth Salvatore of AECOM presented an investigation update and overview of the Facility-Wide Solid Waste Management Plan (FWSWMP). To request a copy of the formal presentation please contact the RVAAP RAB Administrator at (330) 872-4411, [rmsheffler@chenega.com](mailto:rmsheffler@chenega.com) or visit [www.rvaap.org](http://www.rvaap.org).

Following the presentation Community Co-Chair Tom Tadsen (Franklin TWP) opened the floor for questions by RAB Members.

Bill Steiner, Randolph TWP, stated locally there is recycling and repurposing of materials available and asked if this was looked at to dispose of any debris on site.

Ms. Katie Tait, Environmental Specialist with the OHARNG, stated that the Ohio Army National Guard has a 50% recycling requirement for all projects. One of the primary missions is to reuse or recycle materials wherever possible. Repurposing or recycling is the preferred method for cleanup and disposal but prohibited in some cases for health and safety reasons.

Mr. Tom Tadsen, Franklin TWP, also added that many of the sites looked at for this project were originally established to store materials that were no longer being used with the intention of re-using them in future projects.

Mr. James Mayer, Garrettsville, stated Atlas Scrap Yard was used to stock pile concrete, rebar, rail road ties, and treated lumber. His question was if any of the soil was tested for

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contaminants associated with this type of debris. Ms. Gettier stated this study only looked at the solid waste present at each site, but Atlas Scrap Yard has undergone extensive testing under the IRP (Installation Restoration Program).

Kevin Sedlak, ARNG Restoration Project Manager at CJAG, told the board the area photographed for the presentation has been cleared. Much of the debris has been removed, and the soil has been sampled.

James Mayer, Garrettsville, asked if all 33 sites that met the criteria for management under this plan had any surface markers or for personnel safety or if they were planning on installing any.

Ms. Gettier stated there were no surface markers placed under this project. AECOM was only contracted to prepare the document.

Ms. Tait added most of the sites also were included in the IRP, MMRP (Military Munitions Response Program) or both. Any Land Use Controls needed (i.e. signage) are managed under these plans, not the FWSWMP.

Mr. Dan Spicer, Paris TWP, asked how large the mounds discussed in the presentation were (RVAAP-11 Load Line 4- See slide 14-16). Kevin Sedlak stated they did not have the exact size, but he believed each to be approximately 15-20' tall and cover about ½ acre.

Mr. Spicer commented he thought the method used to explore these mounds was like looking for a needle in a haystack. He then asked what exactly they were looking for during excavation?

Ms. Gettier stated they were looking for buried construction and maintenance debris, the thought was if the mounds were in fact buried solid waste that had been capped this would show up just below the surface level. There was nothing found in any of the 5 test pits.

Ms. Tait then explained to the board further research into historical records for this site revealed a site map of engineered barricades that were installed. The overlaying this map with the areal map of the mounds suggested the mounds were actually these engineering barricades. They were installed to minimize damage in the event of an explosion.

Mr. Kevin Palombo, Ohio EPA representative to the board, added that after seeing the historical site map it was obvious these mounds were engineered barricades. He also added this project started with the Group 2 propellant can tops. They were metal so needed picked up, and therefore defined as solid waste. Some sites evaluated just had baled wire, railroad spikes and ties, pallets, etc. The FWSWMP includes the 33 sites that pose the most concern. As these sites get addressed they will come off the list. In order to track this progression, the FWSWMP is included in the Property Management Plan (PMP). The PMP is a living document and gets reviewed yearly by the Army and the Ohio EPA. He further added the FWSWMP was a beautiful document, well written, and a good way to document these sites.

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Mr. Bill Irons, Newton Township, stated if materials could be used they are not “solid waste”. He then asked about the toe angle of repose and the natural run of the slope was considered when determining where to place the test pits?

Mr. Sedlak then indicated if these were solid waste disposal sites the point of the covering would be to grow grass on, not to hide the contents. But the historical records show the specifications and locations of the mounds, so they knew they were not debris piles.

Ms. Tait added some of the test pits were on the sides of the mounds as well as the top. No concrete or construction debris was found in any test pits.

Ms. Eileen Mohr, Kent City, recalled these various sites of unused materials had been brought up to the Army several years ago but was not pursued. She asked why the Army decided to pursue these sites now?

Ms. Tait cited a correspondence from the Ohio EPA on a report on the Atlas Scrap Yard Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) site. The report stated any materials that were determined to be Munitions Debris (MD) was removed, all other materials were put back into the ground. The Ohio EPA pointed out this would be considered solid waste and needed addressed. With this the next issue was just getting funding to clean up the materials.

Ms. Mohr asked if the funding was through the Installation Response Program (IRP) and only tracked through the PMP as an appendix? Ms. Tait’s answer was yes. Though some sites have multiple funding sources.

Ms. Mohr asked where the mounds of soil at RVAAP-04 Load Line 11 were in reference to the building and if the soil was sampled? Ms. Tait’s answer the mounds were in the same area as the building. Kevin Palombo of the Ohio EPA stated each waste area is also near a current AOC and monitoring wells. Off the top of his head he is not sure how many samples have been taken but the Ohio EPA is diligent in assuring there are no data gaps.

Ms. Mohr’s last comment was regarding the absence of legends to the maps and figures. She requested the presenters use legends so the audience can further understand what is being presented in the figure.

Community Co-Chair Tom Tadsen asked if there were any further questions or discussion. There was no response. This concluded the discussion of Solid Waste Management Plan Update presentation.

#### **4. General RAB Business**

Tom Tadsen of Franklin Township announced his resignation to the board. Mr. Tadsen is a disabled veteran, and is spending a considerable time at the VA. He feels it is time for him to shed the Community Chair responsibilities.

The board then discussed the credentials and suitability of the 2 candidates nominated to replace Mr. Tadsen as Community Co-Chair. The candidates were Mr. James Dipaola and Mr. Ryan Shackelford.

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The following members participated in the vote for Community Co-Chair: Ms. Rebecca Carter, Mr. James DiPaola, Mr. Don Jones, Ms. Sarah Lock, Ms. Irene Glavies-Lutz, Mr. James Mayer, Ms. Eileen Mohr, Mr. Ed Samac, Mr. Dan Spicer, Mr. Bill Steiner, Mr. George Tompkins, Mr. Joe Beutler, Mr. Roy Martin, Ms. Dorene Spicer, Mr. Bill Irons, and Mr. Ryan Shackelford.

Members that were present but did not participate in the vote for Community Co-Chair: Mr. Tom Tadsen, MAJ Shaun Robinson, Mr. Kevin Palombo.

After a tally of the ballots Mr. James DiPaola was named the next RVAAP RAB Community Co-Chair. Mr. DiPaola will assume Community Co-Chair responsibilities at the next meeting.

The next order of business was scheduling the next meeting. Tom Tadsen Community Co-Chair suggested next meeting be held in October. The third Wednesday in October, the 16th, was chosen at 6:00PM. The board had no objections or conflicts with this date. Ms. Dorene Spicer, Paris Township Representative, volunteered the Shearer Community Center as location of the next meeting. Meeting materials will be posted closer to the meeting date.

Community Co-Chair Tom Tadsen then opened the floor for any further general RAB business. Ms. Sarah Lock reminded the board they had been discussing updating the RAB Operating Policy. She suggested a committee be formed to take an in depth look at the Operating Policy so suggested changes could be voted on at the upcoming meeting in October. Mr. Tadsen asked for volunteers to the Operating Policy revision committee. Those on the committee: Ms. Sarah Lock (Chair), Mr. Bill Irons, Mr. Dan Spicer, Mr. Ryan Shackelford, Mr. Ed Samac, Mr. George Tompkins, Mr. James Mayer, Mr. James DiPaola, Mr. Bill Steiner and Mr. Tom Tadsen.

The last order of business was the review and approval of the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Tadsen asked the board members if they had any additions or corrections to the minutes. Ms. Eileen Mohr brought 2 minor changes of the minutes to the board. George Tompkins of Paris Township made a motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes and they be approved as amended. The motion was seconded by Bill Steiner of Randolph Township. Mr. Tadsen called the motion to question... "All those in favor please say 'Aye'", "All those opposed." There were no members opposed so the motion carried, and Tom Tadsen announced the minutes were approved as amended.

There were no further comments, discussion or general business topics.

The meeting was adjourned by Tom Tadsen at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Shreffler, RVAAP RAB Administrator