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Over the past 12 years, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Louisville District has been conducting an environmental investigation and clean up of areas formerly used by the Department of Defense (DoD) in Marion, Ohio. Additional information is available on the Corps' Web pages http://bit.ly/Marion_OH and http://bit.ly/Scioto_OH.



Surface soil samples were collected at SOP-AG, Disposal Area north of Marion Williamsport Road, to confirm Site Inspection results in March 2010.

Documents Under Review

- The Remedial Investigation at MED-D, former Maintenance Shop Area and Hardstands Area, has received concurrence from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Using information gathered during the Remedial Investigation, the Louisville District is working on designing a final plan of action for MED-D in the Draft Feasibility Study.
- The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Adjournment Report for the former MED/SOP has been finalized and signed by the Louisville District and the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division. An announcement of the RAB's official adjournment was placed in *The Marion Star* on Aug. 20, 2010. USACE will continue to provide the community with quarterly updates.
- The Explosive Safety Submission (ESS) for Load Lines at the former SOP was approved by the Department of Defense Explosive Safety Board Sept. 14, 2010. The board concurred that there is an absence of potential explosive hazards at the SOP Load Lines.
- The Draft Final Remedial Investigation for SOP-B, Artillery Booster Load Line B-1; SOP-T, Shop Area; and SOP-AG, Disposal Area north of Marion Williamsport Road, was reviewed by Ohio EPA. Currently Ohio EPA's comments are being addressed. The final Remedial Investigation is expected to be complete by late October 2010.
- The Action Memorandum for SOP-M, Burning Field, and SOP-Z, Incendiary Fuel Disposal Area, was signed by the Louisville District Commander Aug. 24, 2010 and concurrence was received from Ohio EPA Aug. 30, 2010. Remedial work at SOP-M and SOP-Z is scheduled to begin in late October 2010.
- Once all documents are finalized, they will be available for viewing at the Marion County Library.

Public Comment Period for Proposed Change to Remedial Action Goal

- No comments were received during the Public Comment Period held Aug. 6 - Sept. 4, 2010, on the proposal to increase the remedial action goal for arsenic background at the MED-N, Coal Pile site. USACE has prepared an Action Memorandum for MED-N increasing the arsenic background from 18 parts per million (ppm) to 25 ppm and will be submitting it to Ohio EPA for concurrence. Increasing the arsenic background amount will assure that all site-related arsenic impacts are removed while also reducing the number of trucks carrying contaminated soil on local roads. The change in values will not have an impact on risk, since both factors are essentially the same.

These updates will be distributed on a quarterly basis. If interested in being added to the direct mailing list, contact the Louisville District Public Affairs Office at (502) 315-7452 or jennifer.s.domashevich@usace.army.mil.