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Over the past 13 years, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Louisville District has been conducting an environmental investigation and cleanup 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.

Documents Under Review or Approved

- An erratum, a list of corrections, has been written for the Remedial Investigation (RI) for SOP, Artillery Booster Load Line B-1, SOP-T, Shop Area, and SOP-AG, Disposal Area North of Marion Williamsport Road. Additional documentation confirms previous use and land disturbance occurred after DoD activities. The information revealed that SOP-AG and SOP-T are ineligible for inclusion in the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) program.
- A recommendation of No Department of Army Action Indicated for the SOP-M, Burning Field Area, received concurrence from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) on September 19, 2011. The Proposed Plan was released for public comment in October 2011.
- Historical photographs of MED-D, Maintenance and Hardstands Area from 1959 through 2010 indicate that the source of the PAHs identified in surface soil is from industrial activities after DoD ownership. Because of this, MED-D is ineligible for inclusion in the DERP-FUDS program. An erratum will be added to the Remedial Investigation Report for MED-D indicating the new findings, along with supplementary figures. The PAH soil levels remaining at MED-D do not present a human health risk provided the land is retained as industrial/commercial. Ohio EPA concurrence to the erratum to the RI was received August 29, 2011., confirming that the project is ineligible for the Formerly Used Defense Site Program.
- Site restoration at MED-N, Coal Pile Area, was completed June 2011 after the backfill was hydroseeded to allow grass to grow and control erosion in the area. A Remedial Action Construction Report was approved by USACE-Louisville District and received concurrence from Ohio EPA October 3, 2011. A Proposed Plan recommending No Further Action will be released for public comment in October 2011.
- Once all documents are finalized, they will be available for viewing at the Marion County Library.



Lagoon at SOP-Z prior to performing the Time Critical Removal Action.

Remediation Work

- The Time Critical Removal Action Addendum for SOP-Z, Incendiary Fuel Disposal Area, was approved by USACE on July 11, 2011, and received Ohio EPA concurrence on July 19, 2011. The USACE Huntsville Munitions Center of Expertise is currently reviewing the Explosive Safety Submission (ESS). Once the ESS passes the review from Huntsville, then it will be sent to DoD Explosives Safety Board for approval. Following approval of the ESS, a Time Critical Removal Action will be performed at SOP-Z to remove the shell casings found on the property and excavation of PAH soils will resume.

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) 315-6770 or Kenneth.E.Beyer@usace.army.mil.