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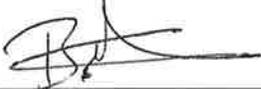
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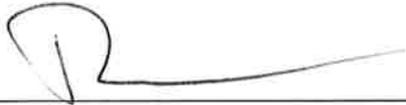
GEO Consultants, LLC has completed the Final Restoration Advisory Board Adjournment Report for the former Marion Engineer Depot and Scioto Ordnance Plant, Marion, Marion County, Ohio. Notice is hereby given that an independent technical review (ITR) was conducted that is appropriate to the level of risk and complexity inherent in the project. During the ITR, compliance with established policy principles and procedures was verified. This included review of procedures to be used to create a product that meets the customer's needs consistent with law and existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers policy.



Bret Watkins, P.G.  
Project Manager

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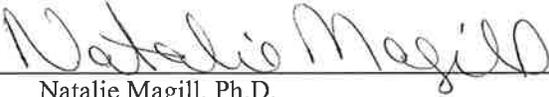
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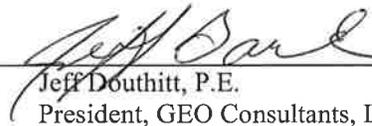
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Significant concerns and the explanation of the resolution are as follows:

None

As noted above, all concerns resulting from the independent technical review of the project have been considered.



Jeff Douthitt, P.E.  
President, GEO Consultants, LLC

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Date

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## ACRONYMS

AOC	Area of Concern
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act
CRP	Community Relations Plan
DERP	Defense Environmental Restoration Program
DoD	Department of Defense
EE/CA	Engineer Evaluation/Cost Analysis
Feb.	February
FUDS	Formerly Used Defense Site
FY	Fiscal Year
Jan.	January
LRL	Lakes and Rivers, USACE Louisville District
LTA	U.S. Army Reserve Marion Local Training Area
LTM	Long-term Monitoring
MED	Marion Engineer Depot
MW	monitoring well
Nov.	November
Ohio EPA	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
OU-1	Operable Unit-1
PAH	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon
PRGs	Preliminary Remediation Goals
RAB	Restoration Advisory Board
RVS	River Valley Schools
SOP	Scioto Ordnance Plant
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present adequate information in support of the adjournment of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the former Marion Engineer Depot (MED) and Scioto Ordnance Plant (SOP). This report cites reasons for the recommendation of RAB adjournment. The following documentation is provided which supports adjournment of the RAB:

- RAB meeting transcripts from Nov. 19, 2009 (stating that the RAB members voted to disband the board).
- Statements from the RAB members that concur with the RAB adjournment vote on Nov. 19, 2009.

A copy of the announcement in the newspaper for the 30-day public comment period, and the letter sent by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to the RAB members are provided in Appendix A. A summary of the remaining planned environmental restoration activities and their projected completion dates is provided in Section 3.

## 2. REASON FOR ADJOURNMENT

Many of the RAB members voluntarily served since the board's inception in August 1998. Those who consistently attended meetings have become more aware of the environmental investigations and have provided valuable input into the cleanup process. USACE recognizes these members' involvement and commitment over the past 12 years. The following are reasons for adjourning the RAB:

- The RAB members noticed a decline in community involvement and attendance at regularly scheduled RAB meetings.
- In November 2008, the elected community co-chair, Don Millard, passed away after an illness. Over the next year, USACE twice requested a replacement to fill the position of community co-chair. No one on the board stepped forward or agreed to serve in this role.
- The Charter and Operating Procedures stated that a member will be deemed to have resigned, if he/she misses four meetings in a 12-month period or three consecutive meetings without an excused absence. Over the last several years, four of the 10 RAB members stopped attending meetings.
- A quorum or majority of 51 percent of the community members must be present to vote. With five or fewer members in regular attendance, there was a lack of a quorum.
- USACE has made significant progress on the environmental investigation at MED-SOP. With oversight from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), USACE has successfully characterized all but a few areas of concern (AOCs), which are currently being addressed. The remaining areas of concern at MED-SOP are expected to be closed by June 2013.
- Acceptance of the motion to adjourn the RAB during the Nov. 19, 2009 RAB meeting by all members present.
- The communication on the RAB adjournment was approved as a "motion" at the November 2009 RAB meeting. This communication was disseminated to Ohio EPA for their concurrence. There were no comments opposing the adjournment of the RAB. Further, it was recommended that quarterly newsletters be used as the tool of communication.
- An announcement for the 30-day public comment period on the proposition to disband the RAB was published in *The Marion Star* newspaper on Jan. 10, 2010. The comment period ended on Feb. 8, 2010. No public comments were received by USACE.

### **3. FUTURE PLANNED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **3.1 RIVER VALLEY SCHOOLS (RVS) – OPERABLE UNIT – 1 (OU-1)**

The Graham Investment Company, which owns the Marion Industrial Center, purchased the River Valley School (RVS) property in 2008. The former disposal area, known as Operable Unit-1 (OU-1) consisted of approximately five acres of the 20 acres used for the disposal of materials from the MED operations. The five acres occupied the school's ball field and athletic practice areas.

In January 2005, USACE began implementation of the recommended alternative number five, which required removing 9500 cubic yards of contaminated soils with elevated levels of trichloroethylene; transporting, treating and disposing of the soils at an approved off-site landfill; placing a two-foot soil cover over the five-acre area; and enforcing deed restrictions and long-term monitoring (LTM). The cleanup took four months to complete. Currently, there is no change to the OU-1 area and deed restrictions are still enforced by the Ohio EPA. Ohio EPA concurs with the assessment of USACE-LRL that all of the Remedial Action Objectives set forth in the Decision Document have been met and the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment. There are however, sample fluctuations which are still above U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region IX Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRGs). Ohio EPA believes that while these fluctuations are present, they are unlikely to represent true site conditions. As such, Ohio EPA thus would support a decision by the USACE that further annual inspections are not warranted at this time. However, the success of the remedy as demonstrated by this first five year review does not eliminate continued obligations of the USACE or the current property owner to ensure that the remedy continues to remain effective for the potential Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) obligation of 30 years.

Ohio EPA recommends that the existing monitoring wells be maintained and that a single groundwater sampling event and accompanying visual inspection be conducted five years from this date, to confirm continued evidence of protectiveness.

Ohio EPA has received a USACE-LRL letter of Jan. 6, 2010, which provides USACE concurrence on maintaining monitoring wells (MWs) RVS-MW01, RVS-MW13 and RVS-MW15 at the former River Valley School property. Ohio EPA concurs with USACE-LRL proposed decommissioning of RVS-MW02S, RVS-MW02D, RVS-MW05, RVS-MW06, RVS-MW07S, RVS-MW07D, RVS-MW08, RVS-MW09S, RVS-MW09D, RVS-MW10S, RVS-MW10D, RVS-MW11S, RVS-MW11D, RVS-MW16; as these monitoring wells no longer provide a useful function in site monitoring.

Additionally, the LTM program for MED groundwater has been underway since 2004. USACE has conducted annual reviews of surface soil and associated groundwater. A five-year report for the LTM at OU-1 was completed in December 2009.

#### **3.2 MARION ENGINEER DEPOT (MED)**

Only a few AOCs remain to be completed on the former MED property.

In November 2008, an Engineer Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) was released for public comment on the recommendations for MED-N (Coal Pile). The EE/CA recommended alternative one, which involved removing soils contaminated with arsenic and lead, and disposing of the treated soils in an approved landfill. One public comment was received on the EE/CA and was addressed in the Action Memorandum.

The removal action at MED-N (Coal Pile) is expected to be implemented in August 2010. After the removal action, the CERCLA phases of the Proposed Plan, Public Meeting and Decision Document remain to be completed for this site. The projected completion and closure of this area is February 2012.

The MED-D, Maintenance Shop and Hardstands area, is following the CERCLA process and is in the Remedial Investigation stage. For MED-D, a multi-increment and discrete sampling approach has been completed to collect additional surface and subsurface samples across the site for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) analysis. The Feasibility Study, Proposed Plan, Public Comment Period, and Decision Document should be completed in September 2011.

### **3.3 SCIOTO ORDNANCE PLANT (SOP)**

Five AOCs require further action at the former SOP, two of which are reported in an EE/CA final report for SOP-M, (Burning Field) and SOP-Z, (Incendiary Fuel Disposal Area) (April 2009). Alternative one, the excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soils, was recommended at SOP-M and SOP-Z. A public notice was placed in *The Marion Star* in April 2009 to solicit public comments. USACE received no public comments before the public comment period ended. The remedial actions for areas SOP-M and SOP-Z are under contract to be completed the beginning of 2011. The final reports including the Action Memorandum and Decision Document will be completed by June of fiscal year (FY) 2013.

The other three AOCs are following the CERCLA process and are currently in the Remedial Investigation stage: SOP-B (Artillery Booster Load Line B-1), SOP-AG (Disposal Area north of Marion Williamsport Road), and SOP-T (Shop Area). In August 2009, multi-incremental<sup>®</sup> sampling was conducted at all three sites. Many of the multi-incremental<sup>®</sup> analysis results exceeded screening criteria (residential at SOP-B, industrial at SOP-T and SOP-AG). In November 2009, USACE presented the results to Ohio EPA and proposed background surface soil sampling to determine PAH soil concentrations in areas that were unlikely to have been impacted by Department of Defense (DoD) activity. The background locations were selected based on historical aerial photographs of the sites (locations away from historical SOP buildings as shown on photographs). Ohio EPA concurred with the sampling locations. In December 2009, background samples were collected from SOP-B, SOP-T and SOP-AG.

USACE expects to address all of the remaining AOCs at MED-SOP by June 2013.

## 4. SUMMARY OF RAB ACTIVITIES

Public participation is considered an important part of the CERCLA process. The RAB was created as a means of increasing public participation in the cleanup/restoration process for federal facilities. The RAB is not a replacement for other types of community outreach and participation activities required by law. Instead, it is a means of allowing the community more input into a process that has a direct effect on their lives.

The purpose of the RAB is to serve in an advisory role, not an adversarial one, in the cleanup program. This is achieved by increasing understanding and support for cleanup efforts, improving the accuracy of government decisions, and ensuring cleanups are responsive to community needs. The overall goal is to provide the community an opportunity to understand the remediation process and give input to the decision makers.

In August 1998, a RAB was established with 20 members and 10 alternative members who volunteered to serve for a two-year term. The community members of the RAB met monthly with the agency representatives from USACE, Ohio EPA, and Ohio Department of Health to discuss the progress of the environmental investigation of MED-SOP. The RAB was a diverse group, whose members represented various interests.

A community co-chair, David Bradford, was elected by the membership for a two-year term. Don Millard served as assistant co-chair. Don Millard became the community co-chair in January 2001 and served until November 2008. The project manager for USACE, Kevin Jasper, served as the agency's co-chair. In July 2006, the position of USACE co-chair transitioned from Project Manager, Kevin Jasper, P.E. to Project Manager Nathaniel Peters II, P.E., Ph.D. In November 2008, the USACE co-chair, Nathaniel Peters II, P.E., Ph.D, was replaced by USACE Project Manager for Ohio, Cindy Ries, P.E., CHMM.

Three RAB subcommittees were established which included the technical subcommittee, the charter/membership subcommittee, and the communications subcommittee. The regularly held meetings had a facilitator and followed an agenda. An action item list was developed to track tasks and their completion. The meetings, open to the public, were held at the Tri-Rivers Career Center on Marion Mt. Gilead Road and were advertised in *The Marion Star* newspaper prior to their occurrence. At each meeting, time was allotted for the public to make comments and ask questions. After the relocation of the RVS in 2003, public attendance at the RAB meetings diminished. The diminished public attendance at the RAB meetings reflected a trend in the lack of public interest after the new school was built and reinforces the decision to adjourn the RAB.

In July 2001, the U.S. Army Reserves elected to join the RAB which added a third co-chair. The other two co-chairmen positions were held by the USACE Project Manager and a representative of the community. The entire site was now represented by the MED-SOP and U.S. Army Reserve Marion Local Training Area (LTA) RAB. In 2008, after the Decision Document was completed for the Marion LTA, the Army Reserves chose to discontinue their activity on the RAB.

In November 2008, the USACE co-chair, Nathaniel Peters, was replaced by USACE Project Manager for Ohio, Cindy Ries. The community co-chair, Don Millard, passed away after an illness and no one from the board stepped forward to serve in this capacity. A number of original RAB members remained active on the board; however, the attendance has declined to five or fewer members.

On Nov. 19, 2009, a motion was made by RAB member, Ted Graham to disband the RAB and let the agencies continue to communicate the best way with the community. Chuck Blankenship, RAB

member, seconded the motion. Cindy Ries, USACE co-chair, asked for a vote on the motion to disband the RAB and implement quarterly newsletters and send periodic news releases to the media. The RAB members voted unanimously to approve the motion and disband the RAB. A copy of this transcript is provided in Appendix B.

The approved motion for RAB adjournment was communicated to Ohio EPA for their concurrence. There were no comments opposing the RAB adjournment from Ohio EPA. Additionally, the regulatory agencies were surveyed on the continued communication tool of quarterly newsletters, which they favored. Reports regarding MED/SOP Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) work will continue to be disseminated to Ohio EPA for concurrence.

A public notice was placed in *The Marion Star* newspaper on Jan. 10, 2010 requesting public comments on the adjournment of the RAB be submitted to USACE by Feb. 8, 2010. USACE did not receive any public comments.

## 5. SUMMARY

Over 90 reports have been completed since the start of environmental investigations at MED-SOP in 1997. All documents have been placed in the Information Repository at the Marion County Public Library for the community to review. An updated Community Relations Plan (CRP) was developed in Nov. 2009 and was finalized in May 2010. A final version of the CRP was distributed to the RAB members and placed in the Information Repository.

The RAB members agreed unanimously that other means of communication with the local community would be more effective than regular meetings. Ohio EPA had no comments opposing the RAB adjournment. USACE plans to distribute quarterly newsletters to the residents on the mailing list and send periodic news releases to the newspaper. USACE will also send updates for the ongoing environmental restoration/investigations of MED-SOP via e-mail to the former RAB members.

The primary reason for adjournment of the RAB is the absence of a quorum of RAB members for over three years; failure of the charter/membership subcommittee to remain active; and, no one stepping up to replace the community co-chair. Since the investigation is near completion, USACE will continue to communicate with the community through regular newsletters and editorials to the local newspaper. Community interest will be re-evaluated by USACE every two years until the end of the MED-SOP environmental investigation project.

## **APPENDICES**

## **APPENDIX A**

**RAB NOTIFICATION LETTER, CORRESPONDENCE, AND PUBLIC NOTICE**



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

U. S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, LOUISVILLE  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
P. O. BOX 59  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40201-0059  
<http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil>

MED/SOP Community RAB Members  
Attendees at the 19 Nov 2009 Meeting  
Marion, Ohio 43302 and 43325

Subject: Motion and Acceptance vote to disband the former Marion Engineer Depot and Scioto Ordnance Plant RAB; Marion, Ohio

Dear RAB Attendees:

Please recall at the 19 November 2009 RAB meeting Mr. Graham placed a motion before the Board to disband the MED/SOP RAB. Same motion was second by Mr. McGuire. The motion was opened for discussion of which none occurred. The motion was then voted on and all were yeas.

The approved motion to disband the MED/SOP RAB now has to align to procedures set forth in Army guidance. The first is receipt of your concurrence to this letter after which a public notice will be placed in the media announcing that the community members to the MED/SOP RAB voted to disband the RAB. A comment period will then ensue.

Sincerely,

Dr. David J. Brancato  
SME Risk Assessor  
Human and Ecological  
Chairperson CDSO Safety Committee  
USACE-LRL  
502 315 6494  
Board Certified Specialist in  
Integrative/Alternative Medicine & Natural Health Science

-----Original Message-----

From: Brancato, David J LRL [mailto:David.J.Brancato@usace.army.mil]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 3:30 PM  
To: Sopb1@yahoo.com; Derverd@adelphia.net; JLMcGuire@JLMcGuire.com; Ted  
Graham  
Cc: Jarrett, Gary L LRL; Domashevich, Jennifer S LRL; Kim Morris; Kimberlee  
Turner  
Subject: Your Response Requested  
Importance: High

Good Afternoon: Please reference the attached letter (14th of Dec 2009). An excerpt from the letter:  
"The first is receipt of your concurrence to this letter after which a public notice will be placed in the  
media announcing that the community members to the MED/SOP RAB voted to disband the RAB"  
No response was received, acknowledging that we could move forward with the public  
announcement.

The second attachment is your notification of the public announcement to disband the RAB. The  
solicitation was placed in the Marion Star 10 Jan 2010 (third attachment). The comment period  
pertaining to the announcement of RAB Adjournment for MED/SOP ended 08 Feb 2010. There were  
no phone calls or letters regarding the announcement.

USACE-LRL is now proceeding with the Adjournment Report that will require our Commander's  
signature after which it is moved through his chain-of-command for concurrence. Your concurrence  
is required to be part of the Adjournment Report to disband the MED/SOP RAB.  
Therefore as Technical Manager/SME Risk Assessor for the MED/SOP project, the USACE  
Co-Chair, Cindy Ries, has delegated to me the task of communicating with the RAB  
members to confirm their vote to disband the RAB. By responding to this email, this will  
acknowledge your affirmation that was made on 19 Nov 2009 to disband the RAB.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dr. David J. Brancato  
SME Risk Assessor  
Human and Ecological  
Chairperson CDSO Steering Committee  
USACE-LRL  
502 315 6494  
Board Certified Specialist in  
Integrative/Alternative Medicine &  
Natural Health Science

## E-MAIL CONFIRMATIONS

David,

I am confirming that I am agreement with the vote on November 19, 2009 to disband the MED-SOP RAB.

Ted Graham  
740-223-3505 Office  
740-262-5444 Cell  
[tgraham@micwarehouse.com](mailto:tgraham@micwarehouse.com)

From: Chuck Blankenship [sopb1@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 1:26 PM  
To: Brancato, David J LRL  
Subject: RE: Your Response Requested

This e-mail is to confirm that the MED/SOP RAB voted to disband 11-19-09

--- On Thu, 2/25/10, Brancato, David J LRL <David.J.Brancato@usace.army.mil> wrote:

From: Brancato, David J LRL <David.J.Brancato@usace.army.mil>  
Subject: RE: Your Response Requested  
To: "Chuck Blankenship" <sopb1@yahoo.com>  
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2010, 7:54 AM

Chuck: Sorry. All of our reports are scanned for viruses. Sometimes the version of MS Word will trigger the anti-virus.

I have received confirmation from Ted Graham without virus alert. All that I need is confirmation from you that an agreement was reached between you and the other Board members to disband the MED/SOP RAB at the 19 Nov 2009 meeting.

The other information attached in the previous email was the article placed in the Marion Star that announced the intent to disband the RAB.

Thank you  
Dr. David J. Brancato  
SME Risk Assessor

Human and Ecological  
Chairperson CDSO Steering Committee  
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Board Certified Specialist in  
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Natural Health Science

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Community Sports

### Basketball shooting contest at Grant

MARION — The Eagle-Eye HO-R-SE and 3-Point Shootout Tournament will be held Jan. 23 at Grant Middle School.

There will be several different age divisions, including grades K through 2, grades 3 through 5, middle school, high school, adults and seniors 50-and-over. Awards will be presented to the top five in each age group.

The entry fee is \$5 for every participant and proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Marion Education Foundation to support students through grants and field trips.

Applications are available at any Marion City Schools building or at the administration office at 910 E. Church Street.

For more information on the tournament contact 740-387-3300.

### Findlay to hold softball clinic

FINDLAY — The University of Findlay will host a softball clinic for girls in grades 3 through 12 on Jan. 16.

The clinic will emphasize offensive skills. A detailed registration form is available at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu) by entering the athletic link and selecting camps/clinics.

For more information, call the Findlay softball office at 419-434-6544.

### Winfield bowling tourney planned

MARION — The Brandy Winfield Memorial bowling tournament will be held on Feb. 21 and Feb. 28 at Southland Lanes.

The event will begin each day at 1 p.m. For more information, call Southland Lanes at 740-389-2519.

### Mighty Mite plans announced

MARION — The Mighty Mite wrestling program has its second session and it will conclude on Feb. 25.

The program is open to wrestlers ages 4 through 12, and junior high wrestlers are welcome to join after their season is over. The fee is \$25 per wrestler and \$15 for each additional sibling. The cost for the session is \$40 per wrestler and \$25 per each additional sibling.

All participants receive instruction, a T-shirt, and open tournament information. Practice times for beginners will be from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for advanced.

For more information, contact Shawn Miracle at [shawnmiracle@yahoo.com](mailto:shawnmiracle@yahoo.com) or at 740-361-0424.

### 700 Club bowling tourney scheduled

MARION — The Marion United States Bowling Congress Bowling Association-Dave Thomas-Budweiser 700 Club Tournament co-sponsored by DelMar Distributing will be held in January at Buckeye Lanes.

### Hoop Shoot winners



Photo submitted by Brad Smith

The Marion Elks Lodge 32 Area Hoop Shoot was recently held at Grant Middle School and six local winners were crowned. They are, from left, Krosbi Clark (girls age 8 to 9), Connor Rettig (boys 8 to 9), Arielle Anderson (girls 12 to 13), Fallyn Stephens (girls 10 to 11), Ronnie Rayburn (boys 12 to 13) and Ryan Kinetz (boys 10 to 11). The local winners in each age bracket advanced to the Elks North Central District Hoop Shoot to be held Jan. 17 in Wooster.

Shifts will be held at 1 p.m. on Jan. 23, 24, 30 and 31. Jan. 23 is an open shift. Jan. 24 is a Southland Lanes squad. Jan. 30 is a blufusion entertainment squad, and Jan. 31 is a Buckeye Lanes squad. Bowlers from those lanes who can't bowl on their squad dates can still bowl on any of the other dates.

Bowlers will roll four games across the house in the scratch tournament. The entry fee is \$11, and the event is open to any Marion USBCA member who has bowled a sanctioned 700 series.

Registration forms are available at any local bowling center. For more information, call Ivan Lanus at 740-382-3439.

### Umpiring classes begin Wednesday

MARION — Ohio High School Athletic Association baseball/softball umpiring classes will begin in January. The classes will be held on 10 Wednesdays begin-

ning Wednesday and ending March 17. They will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Delaware Area Career Center which is located on Ohio 521 east of Delaware and one-half mile east of Oakland Nursery. The cost is \$60 per sport.

For more information, contact Steve Whips at [ref4hire@webtv.net](mailto:ref4hire@webtv.net) or at 740-389-2022, or Joe McWilliams at 740-382-4094.

### Racquet club has special offer

MARION — The Marion Racquet and Health Club is taking registrations for its high school racquetball special.

The special includes 10 weeks of racquetball and two hours of racquetball lessons with teaching pro Randy Hensel. All equipment will be provided and the cost is \$25 per person.

To register visit the club at 1295 E. Center St. or call 740-382-8257.



On November 19, 2009, the volunteer community members of the Marion Engineer Depot/Scioto Ordnance Plant Restoration Advisory Board voted to dissolve the board. The board was established by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in August 1998 to provide a forum for the public to learn and discuss the environmental restoration activities.

Since the project is near completion, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting public comments for 30 days to gather input from the community on dissolving the board. The community is encouraged to provide comments on whether or not the board should be dissolved and offer suggestions on their preferred method of communication.



Send written comments by Monday, February 8, 2010 to: Dr. Dave Brancato, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, ED-E-E, 600 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Pl, Louisville, KY 40202. David J Brancato@usaace.army.mil

Visit The Marion Star online at [MarionStar.com](http://MarionStar.com)

## Persistent Asthma

Can Feel Like Breathing Through a Straw

If you have persistent asthma, physicians are currently conducting a research study of an investigational medication, combined with an already approved medication, to evaluate its effect on the symptoms of persistent asthma.

To qualify, you must:

- Be between 12 and 70 years of age
- Have a diagnosis of persistent asthma for at least 6 months
- Have used an inhaled corticosteroid steroid for at least 7 months

Your study related care will be provided at no charge, including physical exams, lab services and the study medication. Compensation for time and travel may also be available.

Contact us to learn more and see if you qualify!

R&R Research  
740-375-8140

There are additional entry requirements for this study that the research site will be discussed with you.

## Have you heard?

Our Marion Barks Rd. location is OPEN!

Join us for our Grand Opening & Open House

Tuesday, January 26, 2010  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Refreshments will be served

Starting January 4, stop at any of our locations and pick up an entry form to win fabulous prizes! Entry forms must be dropped off at 129 Barks Road East. The drawing will be held at Barks Rd. during the Open House on January 26 @ 5:45 pm.

### 1ST PRIZE

2 Basketball tickets OSU vs. Minnesota (January 31, 2010 @ 1:00)  
\$100 VISA Gift card

### 2ND PRIZE

\$25 Gift Certificate to The Warehouse  
\$50 Gift Certificate to The Palace Theater (Both locally in Marion)

### 3RD PRIZE

\$25 Gift Certificate to Payne's  
Pizza (Marion)



UnitedBankOhio.com  
740.383.3355



Don Stone  
President

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**APPENDIX B**

**NOV. 19, 2009 RAB MEETING TRANSCRIPT**

Below are the remarks from the official RAB transcript from the November 19, 2009 meeting pertaining to the adjournment of the RAB. RAB members present included Cindy Ries, USACE co-chair, Chuck Blankenship, Jim McGuire, Karen McCleary, and Ted Graham.

MS. RIES: The Corps feels that the community interest in the RAB has declined significantly in the past few years as evidenced by lack of attendance at the meetings and the non-presence of a Community Co-Chair for an extended period of time and that the RAB's primary purpose was to address the issues during the OU-I Investigation Remediation. And at this point, we believe that the major remedial activities have been completed or will be in the very near future. And given all those factors that we can communicate very well with the interested community and other stakeholders through other means such as mailings and fact sheets and the Web site. Any of those are options that we can implement as desired. And as Kim just mentioned, um, newspaper was -- or I'm sorry, mailings were the number one choice to stay informed at a quarterly frequency. We can do that. We issued these news releases and fact sheets just recently and Jennifer in our Public Affairs Office is available and can provide these on a quarterly basis and we can mail them out, post them on the Web site, whatever the preferred method is.

MR. MCGUIRE: Cindy, just for clarification, what did you say about the RAB Co-Chair?

MS. RIES: That, that we haven't had one for an extended period, Community Co-Chair, I understand you're the Technical Sub-Committee Chair.

MR. MCGUIRE: I understand. But I must say that it wasn't because the Community Co-Chair didn't want to be here.

MS. RIES: I understand that he was very ill.

MR. MCGUIRE: The Community Co-Chair was ill --

MS. RIES: I understand that.

MR. MCGUIRE: -- and has since passed.

MR. RIES: I fully understand that.

MR. MCGUIRE: But he was very much involved, so I just wanted to make sure that was on the record.

MS. RIES: And I understand that, but since that time we haven't received any communications or, or interest in who the new Co-Chair would be for the community.

MR. GRAHAM: It's got to be very frustrating for you and the Army Corps and the EPA for the -- looking at the results and, and you asking the question how are we doing and they say, Well, not very well because they obviously haven't been through what you've done. I believe all of the agencies have followed with the regulations and procedures to the letter and because of that things take much more time than people realize and this was a big issue anyway. So it took a lot of time and actually had they been taking the time to become informed, they would probably give a totally different outlook. I -- it's obvious that the RAB is not really communicating to the community. I think there's better ways of communicating. At this point, I'd like to make a Motion that we disband the RAB and that the Agencies communicate their activities in, in the most effective way, which I think the survey has pointed out. It is different, it would be a different venue then the -- other than RAB.

MR. BLANKENSHIP: Second.

MR. MCGUIRE: I would also second.

MS. MCCLEARY: I agree.

MS. RIES: Vote?

MR. MCGUIRE: No, we have discussion.

MS. RIES: Discussion?

MS. MCCLEARY: You know it's evident just by the lack of RAB members that are here and, you know, I don't even see how we can function anymore with no more of us that show up and is it really a necessity, you know, if we could get communication in some other way.

MS. RIES: We agree.

MR. MCGUIRE: As discussions has been -- we were trying to calculate whether it was 12 or 13 years that we've been involved and it was different at one time and, um, Cindy, I think we've lived through about four of you in that Chair. So I do agree that the parties have participated equally and correctly and there was oversight, but from the Ohio EPA to the Federal EPA and the school has always been involved, um, as a representative and, ah, the representative, Karen, also the District Superintendent, and I agree that there is other avenues for that at this time.

MS. RIES: May I ask what other avenues you would like us to pursue?

MR. GRAHAM: I would like to see a quarterly newsletter and then maybe a phone call or two to the newspaper with a story for them, because they'll print it and obviously that is a very large source of information.

MR. MCGUIRE: And if it's not difficult, if you could follow-up on E-mails like you have in the past, to the people who are concerned, we'd appreciate that.

MS. RIES: So do we want to take a vote then on adjourning the RAB and then implementing the quarterly newsletter and periodic news releases and E-mail communications?

MR. GRAHAM: Yes.

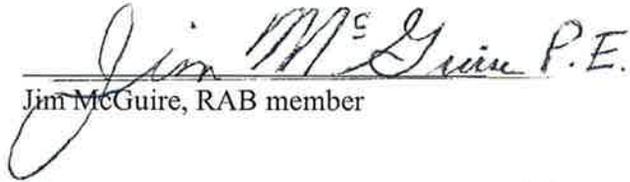
MS. RIES: All in favor?

THEREUPON, the RAB members said Aye.

**APPENDIX C**

**APPROVAL, SIGNATURE, AND DATE**

Upon approval of the RAB adjournment report, the USACE Project Manager will notify the RAB members, District Engineer, Louisville District and DERP-FUDS Program Manager.

  
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Ted Graham, RAB member

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Karen McCleary, RAB member

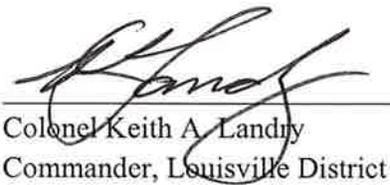
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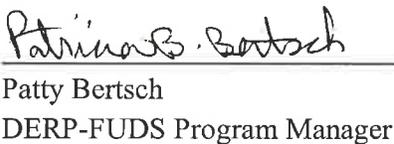
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Colonel Keith A. Landry  
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Patty Bertsch  
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