

LRL awards largest environmental contract to date for Lockbourne Landfill cover

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The Louisville District awarded a \$9.2 million contract—the largest environmental construction contract ever awarded by the district— on July 31 for construction of a landfill cover at Lockbourne Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio.

The highly-anticipated contract was awarded to Cape Environmental, Inc. out of Chicago, IL. Cape will be working with Burgess and Niple, and Environmental Management Specialists, Inc., both out of Columbus, OH.

The contract at Lockbourne Air Force Base includes construction of a soil cover over the landfill; long-term management, which includes groundwater monitoring, landfill gas monitoring, inspections, and maintenance; and an environmental covenant which will restrict the future use the landfill area in a manner to prevent exposure to onsite groundwater, intrusive activities, and contact with waste. The contractor is preparing a detailed work plan and schedule, which will be released soon.

“So many things came together to make this happen,” said Dave Dierken, Louisville District FUDS Program Manager. “I want to spread the love around. We can’t thank everybody enough for all of their work on this.”

Great Lakes and Ohio River Division echoed those praises during the August Project Review Board (PRB) meeting because the high-priority Lockbourne contract impacted the environmental program nationwide. “Everybody was so happy when we got the word,” said Patti Bertsch, Division Program Manager, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division. “Thank you contracting.”

“There are simply too many people to thank,” said Carla Heck, Project Manager. “The Louisville District, LRD Division, USACE Center of Expertise, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and contractor CH2MHill spent countless hours making this happen. We are very thrilled.”