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## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Completes Former Erie Army Depot Ordnance Removal Project**

**PORT CLINTON, OH** (July 1, 2008) –The US Army Corps of Engineers completed its cleanup of unexploded ordnance from the beach area near the Former Erie Army Depot last week. A total of 1,323 suspect items of munitions and explosives of concern were detonated or explosively vented. Photos of ordnance are available at:

<http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/eo%20photos.html>

The only two live items detonated and removed were high explosive 90 mm rounds that did not have fuses and were never fired. The contractor removed approximately 15,000 pounds of scrap metal from the area and posted warning signs before they demobilized.

This surface removal reduced the risk to the public and the environment from unexploded ordnance that washes up onto the beach from the former impact area in Lake Erie. This overall effort was fully coordinated with officials from the Corps, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio National Guard, and the affected property owners. The cleanup was addressed under the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) initiative of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS), to clean up properties which were owned, occupied or under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense (DoD) and transferred prior to 1986.

Residents are reminded to remember the three Rs of unexploded ordnance safety - recognize, retreat and report. In the unlikely event they recognize any type of old suspected military related metal objects, they should never touch or attempt to move the item but should note its location, safely retreat from the area and report it to local law enforcement or call 911.

More information about this clean-up project, including the schedule and project updates, may be found at [www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/ead.html](http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/ead.html) or by contacting the Army Corps of Engineers at 800 833-6390.

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