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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS INFORMATION SESSION SCHEDULED REGARDING THE FORMER ERIE ARMY DEPOT ORDNANCE REMOVAL PROJECT

PORT CLINTON, OH (August 17, 2009) – The public is invited to attend an information session being held by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Former Erie Army Depot Ordnance Removal Project. The objective of this project is to reduce the risk of unexploded ordnance to the public and the environment. Details will be provided regarding the upcoming beach clearance scheduled to begin. The informational meeting will be conducted on September 1st, at the Carroll Township Town Hall at 11080 West Toussaint East Road in Oak Harbor, Ohio, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

In 2007, the Corps signed an Action Approval Memorandum outlining surface removal for the beach area at the Former Erie Army Depot. This overall effort is being fully coordinated with officials from the Corps, Ohio EPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Ohio National Guard.

Unexploded Ordnance experts will use hand held ordnance detection devices to search the area. Should metal be indicated, the area will be excavated by hand to the extent necessary to fully identify, remove, or destroy any munitions and explosives. If discovered, any unexploded ordnance will be destroyed in place or in designated areas by detonation.

Residents are reminded to remember the three Rs of unexploded ordnance safety - recognize, retreat and report. In the unlikely event they see 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 leave the area and notify local law enforcement or call 911.

More information about this clean-up project, including the schedule and project updates, may be located at <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/ead/index.htm>, or by contacting the Army Corps of Engineers at 800-833-6390.

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