

## News from the Corps

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Hello from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District,

The Buffalo District completed field investigative work during August 2010 on the Lewiston-Porter School District property to evaluate the potential for chemical and radionuclide impacts on school district property from former activities by the Department of Defense, Manhattan Engineering District, and the Atomic Energy Commission. The sampling plan and strategy was developed with the assistance and input of the Lewiston-Porter School District Board of Education and their environmental consultant, Dr. Joseph Gardella.

The Corps performed this field investigative work to address school board concerns on some areas within the school property that had not been investigated by the Corps. In response, the Corps secured supplemental funding specifically to address these concerns. Three general areas were investigated, including soil disturbances identified from historical aerial photographs, the southwest drainage ditch, and a soil mound near the school campus and west of the southwest drainage ditch.

No chemicals or radionuclides were detected at concentrations that would pose a risk to human health and the environment. The Lewiston-Porter School District property has been thoroughly tested and no risk to human health and the environment was identified. As a result, there is no need for further investigations or action by the Corps of Engineers on the school district property.

The results and conclusions of this investigation were presented to the Lewiston-Porter School District Board of Education Tuesday, July 26, 2011. The presentation provided an overview of the selection of the sampling locations and the extensive sampling and results obtained during this investigation. In his role as environmental consultant to the Lewiston-Porter School District, [REDACTED] was also in attendance and he provided a historical perspective on the sampling conducted on the school property. It should be noted that [REDACTED] also provided valuable input into the Corps' presentation prior to the meeting. [REDACTED] concurred with the Corps' conclusions that there is no risk to human health and the environment and no additional action is required by the Corps on the Lewiston-Porter School Property. The presentation along with the investigation reports are on the Buffalo District website.

The report for the chemical investigation performed under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites is available in the environmental investigations section of:

<http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/loow/index.htm#Documents>

The report for the radiological investigation performed under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program is available in the environmental investigations section of:

<http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/nfss/index.htm#Documents>

This investigation was coordinated thoroughly with the school district and their environmental consultant, Dr. Joseph Gardella, and we wish to thank all involved in bringing this study of the Lewiston-Porter School District property to a successful completion.