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## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Schedules Information Session Regarding the Former Erie Army Depot Ordnance Removal Project**

**PORT CLINTON, OH** (March 27, 2008) – 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. This project will reduce the risk of unexploded ordnance to the public and the environment. The informational meeting will be conducted on April 10, 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.

Cleanup is being 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. 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 and remove-destroy any partially exposed munitions and explosives. If discovered, the 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 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.