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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

CELRD-ET (200- 1c) 20 July 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Huntington District, ATTN: CELRH-PM-P

Subject: Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) - Revised Inventory Project Report (INPR) for Site No. G05OH001800, Plum Brook Ordnance Works, Sandusky, Ohio

1. References:

a. CELRH-ED-CE memorandum, 14 December 1998, SAB (Encl 1).

b. Findings and Determination of Eligibility for subject project, signed 24 December 1992 (Encl 2).

2. The following recommended projects have been approved:

a. HTRW project G05OH001813 (TNT Area A)

b. HTRW project G05OH001814 (TNT Area B)

c. HTRW project G05OH001815 (TNT Area C)

d. HTRW project G05OH001816 (TNT Rail Car Loading Area)

e. HTRW project G05OH001817 (Wastewater Treatment Plants No. 1 and 3)

f. HTRW project G05OH001818 (Wastewater Treatment Plan No. 2)

g. HTRW project G05OH001819 (Pentolite Area Waste Lagoons)

h. HTRW project G05OH001820 (Red Water Ponds)

i. HTRW project G05OH001821 (Ash Pits No. 1 and 3)

j. HTRW project G05OH001822 (Powerhouse No. 2 Ash Pits)

k. HTRW project G05OH001823 (Acid Areas 1, 2 and 3)

l. HTRW project G05OH001824 (Lower Toluene Tanks)

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m. HTRW project G05OH001825 (Garage Maintenance Area)

n. HTRW project G05OH001826 (Groundwater)

2. Please ensure that FUDSMUS is updated, that a copy of this INPR is provided state and federal regulators, and that landowner notification is done.

2 Encls

PAUL D. ROBINSON, P.E.
Director of Engineering and Technical Services

CF:
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

14 DEC 1994

CELRH-EC-CE (200-1c)

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Lakes and Rivers Division, ATTN: CELRD-PM-M

SUBJECT: Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) - Revised Inventory Project Report (INPR) for Site No. G05OH001800, Plum Brook Ordnance Works, Sandusky, Ohio

1. This memorandum transmits the revised INPR for the subject DERP-FUDS site. The site was formerly used by the Army. The revised Findings and Determination of Eligibility was signed on 20 April 1994. A revised Site Survey Summary Sheet is attached at Encl 1.

2. We determined there is hazardous waste at the site eligible for clean-up under DERP-FUDS. The category of hazardous waste is HTRW. The Project Summary Sheets are at Encls 2 through 15.

3. I recommend that you forward a copy of this INPR to CEMP requesting approval for the HTRW projects.

15 Encls
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DANA ROBERTSON
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Commanding

Encl 1

PLUM BROOK
INPR

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314-1000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CEMP-RF (200-1a)

13 JAN 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR

COMMANDER, OHIO RIVER DIVISION, ATTN: CEORD-DL
COMMANDER, HUNTSVILLE DIVISION, ATTN: CEHND-PM-OT

SUBJECT: Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) - Plum Brook Ordnance Works, Sandusky, Ohio (Site Number G05OH001800)

1. This memorandum authorizes:

a. A hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste (HTRW) project (project number G05OH001803) as described in the Inventory Project Report (INPR). Subject to availability of funds, the next phase of the HTRW project shall be a remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS). The RI/FS, however, shall be of lesser scope than that required for a National Priority List site.

b. An ordnance and explosive waste (OEW) project (project number G05OH001806) as described in the INPR. Subject to availability of funds, the next phase of the OEW project shall be an engineering evaluation and cost analysis (EE/CA) to determine removal alternatives at the site. Please note that the approved project number is consistent with the number assigned by CEORD, rather than the one used by CEHND-PM-OT.

2. Execution of the HTRW project is assigned to a designated HTRW design district in accordance with the recent USACE reorganization. Execution of the OEW project through the removal design phase is assigned to the Huntsville Division. The subsequent removal action phase of the OEW project is assigned to CEORD.

3. We request:

a. CEORD, within 60 days of the date of this memorandum, ensure the landowners are notified of the decision and provide copies of the notification letters to CEMP-RF. CEORD also ensure that either CEORH or the HTRW design district updates the DERP-FUDS database within 30 days after the database is functional.

b. CEHND must periodically screen the DERP-FUDS database to ensure that geographic divisions/districts have provided the required update.

CEMP-RF (200-1a)
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c. Both CEORD and CEHND must ensure that the respective projects are programed in the appropriate fiscal year workplans.

4. POC: T. Julian Chu, (202) 504-4695.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF MILITARY PROGRAMS:

for Christopher L. Bond LTC, EN

MICHAEL H. FELLOWS
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Chief, Environmental Restoration Division
Directorate of Military Programs

CF:
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

CEORD-DL-MS (200-1c)

DEC 24 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR CDRUSACE, ATTN: CEMP-RF/Chu, 20 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000

SUBJECT: DERP-FUDS Inventory Project Report (INPR) for Site No. G05OH001800, Plum Brook Ordnance Works, Sandusky, Ohio

1. I am forwarding the INPR for Plum Brook Ordnance Works for appropriate action. The site is eligible for DERP-FUDS and the proposed HTRW (G05OH001803) and OEW (G05OH001806) projects are eligible for DERP-FUDS.

2. I recommend that:

a. CEMP-R approve the proposed HTRW project and assign it through this division to Huntington District for inclusion in the FY94 Workplan.

b. CEMP-R approve the proposed OEW project and assign it to CEHND for further investigation.

Encl

ALBERT J. GENETTI, Jr.
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

CF:
CEHND-PM-OT
CEHND-PM-EP

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:
CEORH-ED-DC (1110)

1 APR 92

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Ohio River Division, ATTN: CEORD-DL-MS

SUBJECT: DERP-FUDS Inventory Project Report (INPR) for Site No. G05OH001800, Plum Brook Ordnance Works, Sandusky, Ohio

1. This revised INPR reports on the DERP-FUDS preliminary assessment of the Plum Brook Ordnance Works. A site visit was conducted on 8 May 1985 and a Confirmation Study was conducted in February 1990. The site survey summary sheet, site map and Chemical Contamination Summary are attached as Enclosure 1.

2. We determined that the site was formerly used by the Army. A recommended Findings and Determination of Eligibility is attached as Enclosure 2.

3. We also determined there is hazardous waste at the site eligible for clean-up under DERP-FUDS. The category of hazardous waste at the site is HTW and OEW. The Project Summary Sheets are attached as Enclosures 3 and 4.

4. I recommend that you:

a. Approve and sign the Findings and Determination of Eligibility.

b. Forward a copy of this INPR to CEMRD for a determination of the need for further study of the HTW project.

c. Forward a copy of this INPR to CEHND for the PA file, and for a determination of the need for further study at the site.

Encl
as (6 cys ea)

Wayne R. Reynolds, LTC
for JAMES R. VAN EPPS
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Commanding

Encl 1

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM
FOR
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES
FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

PLUM BROOK ORD WORKS

Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio

Site No. G050H001800

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Plum Brook Ordnance Works consisted originally of 9,071.06 acres of land [9020.66 acres fee, 50.40 acres easement] acquired by purchase and condemnation from various owners in 1941. The site, located 4.7 miles south of Sandusky, Ohio, and 59 miles west of Cleveland, lies in the townships of Huron, Milan, Perkins, and Oxford, in Erie County, Ohio.

2. The Plum Brook Ordnance Works was used by the Trojan Powder Company for the manufacture of explosives during World War II. The works was constructed by the U. S. Army in 1940 and operated by the Army until 1945. The works included production lines for TNT, DNT, and pentolites.

3. The Plum Brook Ordnance works ceased operations in 1945, and the area was renamed the Plum Brook Depot. Portions of the depot were operated as an ammunition storage facility for Erie Ordnance Depot. The Plum Brook Depot was placed in inactive status in 1961.

The land disposal occurred in several, fairly complicated, stages. At the end of World War II, continued use of the works by the Department of War was not contemplated, so the entire facility, except for 52.74 acres which was previously quitclaimed to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company on 27 March 1943, was declared excess. Later, the Department of the Army decided that it was best to withdraw the magazine area [2800.46 acres fee] from excess, and on 11 March 1946 this withdrawal was approved. The War Assets Administration accepted custody of the remainder on 6 September 1946.

In 1947, the magazine area, 2800.46 acres fee, was redesignated The Plum Brook Depot Activity [hereinafter PBDA]. It was to become known also as the "retained area" and was not a part of the surplus to WAA. This acreage was also referred to as the Erie Ordnance Depot, and was utilized for powder storage.

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DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the site has been determined to be formerly used by DoD. It is therefore eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program - Formerly Used Defense Sites established under 10 USC 2701 et seq.

9/20/94
Date

ALBERT J. GENETTI, Jr.
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NASA-Lewis Research Center remains a 3685.977 acre installation owned by the United States, and as such, is not eligible for DERP-FUDS under existing program guidelines.

DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the site has been determined to be formerly used by DoD. It is therefore eligible [with the exception of the active installation] for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program - Formerly Used Defense Sites established under 10 USC 2701 et seq.

24 Dec 92
Date

ALBERT J. GENETTI, Jr.
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
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PROPERTY SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET
DERP-FUDS PROPERTY NO. G05OH0018
PLUM BROOK ORDNANCE WORKS
SANDUSKY, OHIO
6 OCTOBER 1999
(REVISED FROM 20 MAY 1999)

FUDS PROPERTY NAME: Plum Brook Ordnance Works (PBOW)

CURRENT PROPERTY NAME: Approximately 6,400 acres of the original 9,100 acres acquired for the site is now owned by the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) and has been renamed *Plum Brook Station*. Remaining portions are owned by the General Services Administration (used by Ohio National Guard), Perkins Township Board of Education (used as a bus transportation center) or privately owned and used for farmland.

LOCATION: Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio. Latitude: 41° – 23' – 06" N, Longitude: 82° – 40' – 03" W (approximate site entrance) See attached site map.

SITE HISTORY: The Department of Defense (DoD) acquired the 9,100-acre site in 1938 to manufacture 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), dinitrotoluene (DNT), and pentolite. Production began on December 16, 1941 and continued through late 1945. In December 1945, custody of PBOW was transferred to the U.S. Army Ordnance Department, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers assumed responsibility for maintenance and custodial duties. In 1956, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (now known as the National Aeronautics Space Administration, NASA) began leasing portions of PBOW from the Army. On March 15, 1963, NASA acquired approximately 6,400 acres of PBOW and presently utilizes the site aerospace research activities.

SITE VISIT: Robert P. Johannsen, CEORH-ED-D, conducted the initial site visit, 8 May 1985.

CATEGORY OF HAZARD: HTRW

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Investigation of the Plum Brook Ordnance Works for Project No. G05OH001803, HTRW, has been separated into various areas of concern, and the following new HTRW projects are recommended or are currently in progress:

a. Project No. G05OH001811 Additional Burning Grounds. During operation of the PBOW facility from 1942-1945, burning grounds were used for destruction of off-specification TNT, explosives, acids, solvents, asbestos, and waste oil. The Additional Burning Grounds include the G-8, Taylor Road, Snake Road, Fox Road, and the "Additional" burning grounds. Records indicate that the Taylor Road, Fox Road, and Snake Road burning grounds were used by NASA for waste disposal and a fire training area was located at the Snake Road Burning Ground. A Site Investigation (SI) of the G-8 Burning Grounds has been accomplished and the final report was issued 14 March 1997. The SI discovered impacts from polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) and metals, recommended further evaluation of

constituents that were above Risk-Based Concentrations (RBCs), and the installation of one-bedrock monitoring well.

A SI of the Additional Burning Ground has been accomplished and the final report was issued 23 December 1997. PAH, PCB, nitroaromatics, and metals exceeded RBCs, and risk assessments were recommended. A Remedial Investigation (RI) is recommended for these five sites to obtain additional information to fill identified data gaps from the previous SI's, and complete the risk assessments. Previous investigations at the Fox Road, Taylor Road, and Snake Road burning grounds should be reviewed to identify data gaps and obtain the data necessary to prepare risk assessments for those sites. The need for and type of remedial actions at the five burning grounds will depend on the risk assessments' results.

b. Project No. G05OH001812 Reservoir No. 2 Burning Ground. During operation of the PBOW facility from 1942-1945, the Reservoir No. 2 Burning Ground was used for destruction of off-specification TNT, explosives, acids, solvents, asbestos, and waste oil. A SI has been accomplished and the final report was issued 23 December 1997. Semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), PCB, nitroaromatics, and metals were discovered above RBCs. Additional sampling was recommended to determine the extent of contamination. Based upon the SI recommendations, a RI should be conducted, which would involve soil sampling and analysis to define the extent of site contamination, and preparation of human health and ecological risk assessments. The need for and type of remedial action at the Reservoir No. 2 Burning Ground will depend on the RI recommendations and risk assessment results.

c. Project No. G05OH001813 TNT Area A. The Department of Defense (DoD) utilized the Plum Brook Ordnance Works (PBOW) from 1941until 1945 for the manufacture of 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), dinitrotoluene (DNT), and pentolite. During this period, the PBOW facility housed operations for the manufacture of TNT and DNT in three primary areas, referred to as TNT Area A, TNT Area B, and TNT Area C. The project consists of the preparation of a RI/FS for TNT Area A. Objectives of the RI/FS would be to determine physical site characteristics; the nature and extent of site contamination; if contamination is attributed to former DoD activities; threats to human health and the environment; and potential remedial actions. The four-step RI/FS study for TNT Area B should be reviewed and used as a template for the investigation of TNT Area A. Previous investigations of this site should be reviewed to eliminate duplication of effort and identify any data gaps from those investigations.

d. Project No. G05OH001814 TNT Area B. From 1941 until 1945, the DoD utilized TNT Area B at the PBOW for the manufacture of TNT, DNT, and pentolite. A RI of surface and subsurface soil was accomplished in October – November 1998, and the draft report was submitted for regulator review in June 1999. Nitroaromatic contamination was discovered in various locations throughout the site, typically limited to the immediate vicinity of buildings or process areas. VOC, SVOC, and metal contamination were present, but not attributed to DoD activities. PCB contamination was also discovered, however, its use has not been documented at PBOW. Remaining work involves preparation of Human Health and Ecological risk assessments, and a focused Feasibility Study of potential remedial actions.

e. Project No. G05OH001815 TNT Area C. The DoD constructed and utilized TNT Area C at the Plum Brook Ordnance Works (PBOW) for the manufacture of TNT, DNT, and pentolite from 1941 until 1945. The project consists of the preparation of a RI/FS for TNT Area C. Objectives of the RI/FS would be to determine physical site characteristics; the nature and extent of site contamination; if contamination is attributed to former DoD activities; threats to human health and the environment; and potential remedial actions. The four-step RI/FS study for TNT Area B should be reviewed and used as a template for the investigation of TNT Area C. Previous investigations of this site should be reviewed to eliminate duplication of effort and identify any data gaps from those investigations.

f. Project No. G05OH001816 TNT Rail Car Loading. It is assumed that when the DoD utilized PBOW, TNT was loaded onto rail cars for shipment from the site and to on-site storage areas. The locations of these areas are unknown; however, remnants of blast-protection walls at TNT Area B suggest the possible location of one area that is referred to as TNT Rail Car Loading Area 1017. A limited SI has been accomplished and the draft report was submitted September 1999 for state regulator review. The investigation determined that there has been no significant environmental damage. Further project work includes SI finalization and coordination with state regulators for the preparation of a No Action Decision Document for this project.

g. Project No. G05OH001817 Wastewater Treatment Plants No. 1 and 3. When the DoD utilized PBOW, process wastewater ("red water") from TNT production was transported to WWTP No. 1 – TNT Area A, or WWTP No.3 – TNT Area C. The wastewater was then discharged through wooden flumes and elevated discharge pipes to settling ponds, known as the West Area Red Water Ponds A-1 and A-2, and the Pentolite Road Red Water Pond. A limited SI has been accomplished and the draft report submitted for review in September 1999. Further investigation will depend on the SI results and regulator review comments.

h. Project No. G05OH001818 Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2. When the DoD utilized PBOW, process waste water ("red water") from TNT production was transported to Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 - TNT Area B, and then discharged through wooden flumes and elevated discharge pipes to settling ponds, known as the West Area and Pentolite Road Red Water Ponds. A Site Investigation of WWTP No. 2 has been accomplished, and the final report was issued 23 December 1997. It was determined that surface and subsurface soil contained PAH, PCB, and metals at concentrations that exceeded RBCs. The SI recommended additional soil sampling to establish the extent of site contaminants. A RI of WWTP No. 2 is recommended. Presently, a SI of WWTP Nos. 1 and 3, Project No. G05OH001817 is in progress. Any lessons learned from that SI should be incorporated into this project, as well as the recommendations from the December 1997 SI for WWTP No. 2, to prepare human health and ecological risk assessments. The need for and type of remedial action will depend on the RI recommendations and risk assessment results.

i. Project No. G05OH001819 Pentolite Area Waste lagoons. The DoD utilized PBOW to manufacture pentolite from March 1943 through August 1945. During this period, wastewater was generated and disposed of into two (2) wastewater lagoons, or settling basins. The lagoons have since been removed and the pentolite area re-graded by NASA for the construction of the Plum Brook Reactor Facility. A limited SI has been accomplished and the report submitted for regulator review in September 1999. At this time, there is no indication of DoD contamination. Further investigation of the Pentolite Area waste lagoons may depend on regulator review comments.

j. Project No. G05OH001820 Red Water Ponds. The DoD discharged TNT process wastewater, referred to as "red water", into two (2) settling ponds, the West Area and the Pentolite Road, Red Water Ponds. In 1997, a focused RI determined that explosives were present in soils, and that explosives, metals, and nitrates were present in overburden groundwater, at both red water pond areas. The RI also noted that explosives might be present in the bedrock groundwater. A Direct Push Investigation and Risk Assessment has been conducted and the draft report was submitted March 1999. The human health risk assessment (HHRA) determined that cancer risks or hazard indices did not exceed Ohio EPA limits; however, data was insufficient on metals in surface water. The report noted that the HHRA would be completed when the bedrock groundwater RI is completed. The Ecological RA predicted relatively high hazard quotients for some receptors; however, there were noted data gaps. Further investigation is recommended to eliminate these data gaps.

k. Project No. G05OH001821 Ash Pits No. 1 and 3. The DoD constructed and utilized three (3) coal-burning power plants in support of the PBOW activities. Ash pits served as disposal areas for ash that was generated from the power plants. Based on past site activities, heavy metals are the likely contaminants of concern at the ash pits. A limited SI has been accomplished for these ash pits the draft report submitted for regulator review in September 1999. There is indication that these areas may have been negatively impacted by DoD activities. Metals' contamination may be consistent with background metal concentrations; however, the concentrations are high enough to warrant further investigation. The focus of any additional work will also depend on regulator comments to the draft SI.

l. Project No. G05OH001822 Powerhouse No. 2 Ash Pits. The DoD constructed and utilized coal-burning Powerhouse No. 2 in support of the TNT production activities at PBOW. Ash that was generated from the plant was disposed in an adjacent pit. Heavy metals are the likely contaminants of concern at the ash pit. A SI of this ash pit has been accomplished and the final report issued 23 December 1997. It was determined that surface soil contained SVOCs and metals, and that subsurface soil contained metals, all at concentrations exceeding RBCs. The SI stated that soil sampling was adequate, and that risk assessments should be prepared. It is therefore recommended that human health and ecological risk assessments be prepared to determine the need for and any type of remedial action.

m. Project No. G05OH001823 Acid Areas No. 1, 2 and 3. The DoD constructed and utilized three (3) acid areas to manufacture nitric and sulfuric acids, for use in TNT and pentolite manufacture. Based on past site activities, the acid areas were likely to be contaminated from nitric and sulfuric acids. A SI has been completed and the final report was submitted 18 December 1998. The SI determined that surface soils at all areas have SVOC and PCB contamination. All areas had metals' contamination that was comparable to background concentrations, and an isolated occurrence of 2,4-DNT was found in Acid Area 3. The SI recommended that human health and ecological risk assessments be prepared. Additional investigation may be required if unacceptable risks are found.

n. Project No. G05OH001824 Lower Toluene Tanks. The DoD constructed and utilized the Lower Toluene Tanks to store toluene for use in the production of TNT and DNT. The DoD decommissioned the tanks in 1945. NASA removed one tank and uses it for fuel oil storage. A limited SI has been accomplished, with no indication of release from the USTs. The draft report was submitted for regulator review in September 1999. Additional project work involves seeking regulator concurrence on no further action and preparation of a No Further Action Decision Document.

o. Project No. G05OH001825. The project is the Garage Maintenance Area (GMA). During the period that DoD occupied PBOW, it constructed and utilized the GMA for the general maintenance and washing of equipment, vehicles, and railcars. Areas of concern at the GMA include the Locomotive Shop and Rail Car Washing Area. NASA presently occupies the Locomotive Shop, and the Rail Car Washing Area is an open field. A limited SI has been accomplished and the draft report submitted for regulator review in September 1999. Elevated levels of PCB and arsenic were discovered in the Locomotive Shop building's maintenance pit, and high levels of 2,4 DNT and arsenic were observed at the Rail Car Washing Area. Further investigation may be required to determine contamination extent and the need for remediation.

p. Project NO. G05OH001826. The project is site-wide groundwater. DoD utilization of the former PBOW for the manufacture of TNT, DNT, and pentolite may have led to groundwater contamination from leaks and spills, and decommissioning of the PBOW site. A SI is underway, which consists of a site-wide groundwater investigation. Sampling has been conducted, and additional monitoring wells have been installed. Further investigation, RI/FS, is recommended which involves sampling and analysis of existing wells throughout the site to determine the nature and extent of contamination. Additional wells may need to be installed, and supplementary groundwater background data may be required for risk assessment preparation. A hydrologic model should be developed to predict contaminant fate and transport.

AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS:

An Administrative Record has been established for the Plum Brook Ordnance Works FUDS property. The documents are located at the Huntington District Corps of Engineers and the following library near the PBOW site:

Firelands College Library
901 Rye Beach Road
Huron, Ohio 44839

Some of the available reports include:

a) War Department Industrial Facilities Inventory, 3/44, US Army Corps of Engineers
b) Site Management Plan, Plum Brook Ordnance Works, 9/95, ICI, Inc.
c) TNT Areas Site Investigation-Recommendations, 5/96, Author-Dames & Moore, Inc.
d) Report for the Site Investigation at the G-8 Burning Ground, 3/97, IT Corporation
e) Sitewide Groundwater Investigation - Final Report, 4/97, Dames & Moore, Inc.
f) Red Water Focused Remedial Investigation-Final Report, 4/97, Dames & Moore, Inc.

g) TNT Areas Site Investigation-Final Report, 4/97, Dames & Moore, Inc.
h) Site-Wide Groundwater Investigation, 9/97, IT Corp.
i) Site Investigations of the Reservoir No. 2 Burning Ground, Additional Burning Ground, Wastewater Disposal Plant No.2, and Powerhouse No.2 Ash Pit, 12/97, IT Corp.
j) Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment and Ecological Risk Assessment Work Plans – Red Water Ponds, 9/98, IT Corporation
k) Site Investigation of Acid Areas, 12/98, IT Corporation
l) Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment and Ecological Risk Assessment Work Plans – TNT Area B, 5/99, IT Corporation
m) Summary Report Site-Wide Groundwater Monitoring (1997-1998), 6/99, IT Corporation

USEPA REMEDIAL PROJECT MANAGER: A RPM from Region V EPA has not been assigned to the Plum Brook Ordnance Works FUDS property. The Ohio EPA is the lead regulatory agency at this time.

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SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET
FOR
DERP-FUDS SITE NO. G05OH001800
PLUM BROOK ORDNANCE WORKS, OHIO
21 NOVEMBER 1998

SITE NAME: Plum Brook Ordnance Works (PBOW)

LOCATION: Sandusky, Ohio

SITE HISTORY: The site was acquired by the Department of Defense (DoD) in 1938 to manufacture 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), dinitrotoluene (DNT), and pentolite. Production began on December 16, 1941 and continued through late 1945. In December 1945, custody of PBOW was transferred to the U.S. Army Ordnance Department, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers assumed responsibility for maintenance and custodial duties. In 1956, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (now known as the National Aeronautics Space Administration, NASA) began leasing portions of PBOW from the Army. By 1963, approximately 6,400 acres of PBOW had been acquired by NASA for various aerospace research activities. NASA is the current major owner.

SITE VISIT: The initial site visit was conducted on 8 May 1985 by Robert P. Johannsen, CEORH-ED-D.

CATEGORY OF HAZARD: HTRW

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Investigation of the Plum Brook Ordnance Works for Project No. G05OH001803, HTRW, has been separated into various areas of concern, and the following new HTRW projects are recommended:

a. Project No. G05OH001813. The project consists of the preparation of a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for TNT Area A.
b. Project No. G05OH001814. The project consists of the preparation of a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for TNT Area B.
c. Project No. G05OH001815. The project consists of the preparation of a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for TNT Area C.
d. Project No. G05OH001816. The project consists of the preparation of a Limited Site Investigation for the TNT Rail Car Loading Area.
e. Project No. G05OH001817. The project consists of the preparation of a Limited Site Investigation for Wastewater Treatment Plants No. 1 and 3.
f. Project No. G05OH001818. The project consists of the preparation of a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2.
g. Project No. G05OH001819. The project consists of the preparation of a Limited Site Investigation for the Pentolite Area Waste Lagoons.
h. Project No. G05OH001820. The project consists of the preparation of a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Red Water Pon

i. Project No. G05OH001821. The project consists of the preparation of a Limited Site Investigation for Ash Pits No. 1 and 3.
j. Project No. G05OH001822. The project consists of the preparation of a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for Powerhouse No. 2 Ash Pits.
k. Project No. G05OH001823. The project consists of the preparation of a Site Investigation for Acid Areas 1, 2 and 3.
l. Project No. G05OH001824. The project consists of the preparation of a Limited Site Investigation for the Lower Toluene Tanks.
m. Project No. G05OH001825. The project consists of the preparation of a Limited Site Investigation for the Garage Maintenance Area.
n. Project NO. G05OH001826. The project consists of a site-wide groundwater investigation (Site Investigation).

AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS:

a. Site Investigations of the Reservoir No. 2 Burning Ground, Additional Burning Ground, Wastewater Disposal Plant No.2, and Powerhouse No.2 Ash Pit, 12/97, IT Corp.
b. TNT Areas Site Investigation-Final Report, 4/97, Dames & Moore, Inc.
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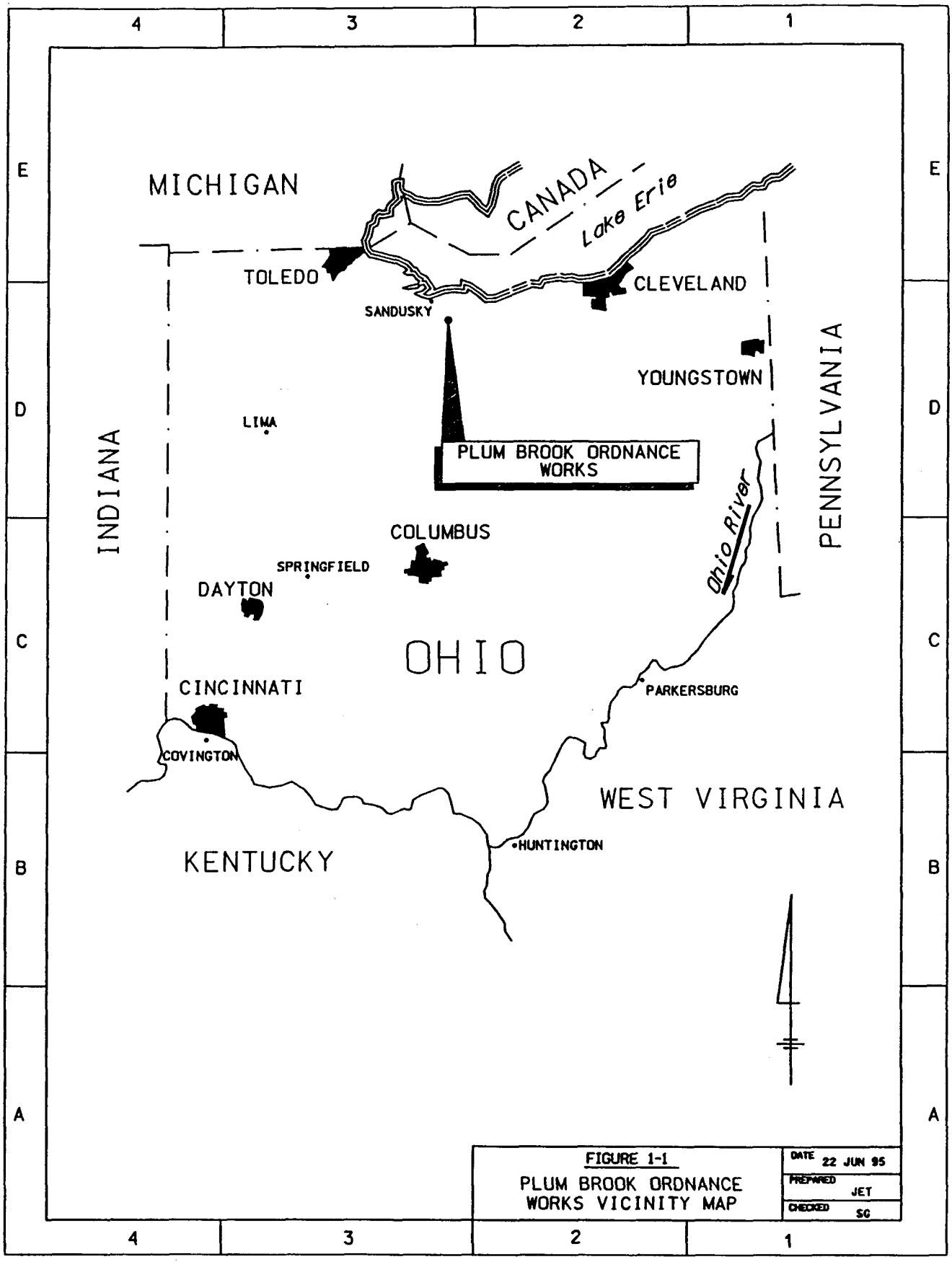

FIGURE 1-1
PLUM BROOK ORDNANCE WORKS VICINITY MAP

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SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET
FOR
DERP-FUDS SITE NO. G05OH001800
PLUM BROOK ORDNANCE WORKS, OHIO
20 March 1992

SITE NAME: Plum Brook Ordnance Works

LOCATION: Sandusky, Ohio

SITE HISTORY: Property was acquired in 1941 by purchase and condemnation for the construction and operations of an ordnance works. The site was excessed to GSA in various phases. The current major owner is NASA.

SITE VISIT: A site visit was conducted on 8 May 1985 by Robert P. Johannsen, CEORH-ED-D.

CATEGORY OF HAZARD: HTW and OEW

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

a. HTW. The project consists of the preparation of a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for contaminated areas such as TNT deposits on the site.

b. OEW. Work involves a site inspection and preparation of a report on potential ordnance and explosive waste hazards that may exist at the site.

AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS: Confirmation Study by CEORN, February 1990. The Chemical Contamination Summary is attached.

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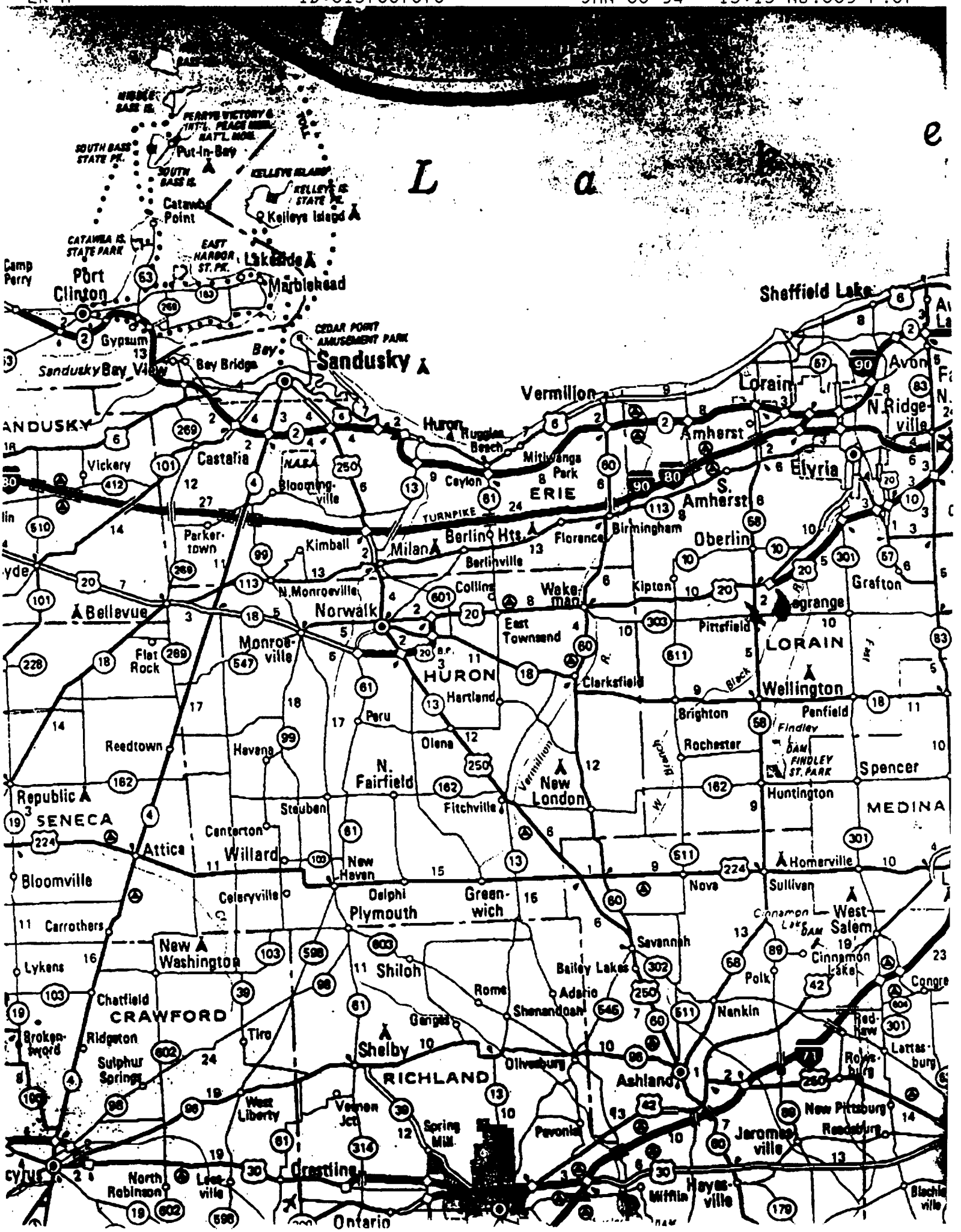
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CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION SUMMARY
FOR
THE FORMER PLUM BROOK ORDNANCE WORKS
SANDUSKY, OHIO

1. A confirmation study was conducted at the former Plum Brook Ordnance Works, Sandusky, Ohio, to determine if chemical contamination from previous DOD-related activities was present and if groundwater degradation was resulting. The scope of the contamination evaluation included a records review and evaluation; visual site inspection; development of a site specific safety plan, sampling/analysis plan, monitoring well installation plan, and QA/QC plan; soils sampling during the monitoring well installation for geotechnical characterization; installation of four monitoring wells for ground-water sampling, chemical characterization, and in-situ permeability testing; collection of 20 composite soil samples from soil borings for chemical characterization; collection of four surface water samples from the streams at the site for chemical characterization; a site survey; and completion of hazardous ranking forms.

2. A summary of significant chemical concentrations found during this study is provided in Table 1. The overall hazard ranking score for chemical contamination is 0 since no users of this aquifer were found in the area. This score may not be accurate, as it was done using the Navy's HRS scoring method instead of the EPA's HRS scoring method. This study was begun before the EPA's HRS scoring method was required for confirmation studies.

3. Analytical results of the nitroaromatic analyses indicates extensive soil contamination at both waste disposal areas and minor soil contamination at the Sheid Road Burning Ground. Nitroaromatic contamination was also found in the groundwater at Waste Disposal Area 2. This contamination is directly attributable to past DOD actions at this facility.

4. Results of the volatile organics analyses indicated acetone in the soil and groundwater samples. This can be attributed to the decontamination procedures used during the contamination survey.

5. Analytical results of the metals analyses indicate significant concentrations of manganese in the soil at Waste Disposal Area 2. Elevated sodium levels were also found in the soil at both waste disposal areas. One soil sample from the Scheid Road burning ground also exhibited elevated levels of lead. Substantial concentrations of chromium were found in the groundwater samples. Elevated concentrations of Barium were also found in one groundwater sample. One soil sample from Waste Disposal Area 2 contained a elevated concentration of chromium. All of this contamination is a result of past DOD activities at the site.

6. Elevated sulfate concentrations were found in the groundwater and the soil at the waste disposal areas. Surface water and soil samples from the waste disposal areas exhibited elevated nitrate concentrations. All of this contamination probably resulted from DOD activities at the site.

7. A discrepancy between the contract laboratory results and the Quality Assurance laboratory results for explosives arose during this study. Analytical results were in question from a previous study conducted by the same laboratory. The contract laboratory did not detect TNT while the QA laboratory did. As a result of this conflict, all nitroaromatic analyses for all studies performed by this contractor were examined in detail. Based on this examination, it was determined that the nitroaromatic results for Plum Brook were low. Therefore, the nitroaromatic contamination found during this phase is probably more extensive than the results of this study show. This decision was based on discussions with CEMRD-ED-GL, CERL, and the contract laboratory.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that an Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) be conducted at this site. This study should include:

- Installation and sampling of additional monitoring wells to determine the extent of explosives, metals, sulfate, and nitrate contamination.
- Collection of additional soil samples to determine the extent of the explosives and metals contamination at the waste disposal areas and metals contamination at the Scheid Road burning ground.
- Collection of sediment samples from the pond at Waste Disposal Area 2.
- Evaluation of preliminary hazards and a survey of sensitive receptors to determine if immediate action is required at the site.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CONCENTRATIONS FOUND
IN SAMPLES COLLECTED AT THE FORMER PLUM BROOK ORDNANCE WORKS

Constituent	Location	Standard	Concentration (ppb)
Barium	MW02B	1,000 ppb	214,000
Chromium	MW02B		20,000
	SB-07		17,000
	MW-02 (dup)	50 ppb	120
	MW-06		120
1,3 - DNB	SB-12		590
	SB-13		620
	SB-14		3,700
	SB-16		550
	SB-16 (4-6')		6,400
	SB-18		5,000
2,6 - DNT	SB-14		1,700
	SB-16		1,500
	SB-18		1,000
	MW-02		27
	MW-02 (dup)		25
2,4 - DNT	SB-07		230
	SB-12		910
	SB-13		2,200
	SB-14		20,000
	SB-16		3,200
	SB-16 (4-6')		16,300
	SB-17		1,100
	SB-18		19,000
	MW-02		160
	ME-02 (dup)		140
Lead	SB-03		50,000
Manganese	SB-01		300,000
	SB-02		180,000
	SB-03		71,300
	SB-05		35,000
	SB-06		129,000
	MW02B		2,600,000
	SB-07		530,000
	SB-09		104,000
	SB-10		271,000
	SB-11		211,000

TABLE 1 (con't)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CONCENTRATIONS FOUND
IN SAMPLES COLLECTED AT THE FORMER PLUM BROOK ORDNANCE WORKS

Constituent	Location	Standard	Concentration (ppb)
Manganese	SB-12		262,000
	SB-13		263,000
	SB-14		146,000
	SB-15		181,000
	SB-15 (4-6')		244,000
	SB-16		78,200
	SB-16 (4-6')		435,000
	SB-17		141,000
	SB-18		97,600
	MW-01	50 ppb	310
	MW-02		2,800
	MW-02 (dup)		3,000
	MW-06		93
Nitrate	SB-01		2,000
	SB-05		2,000
	SB-09		12,000
	SB-11		5,000
	SB-12		7,000
	SB-16 (4-6')		1,800,000
	SB-18		2,500,000
	SW-01		15,000
Nitrobenzene	SB-16		480
Nitrotoluene	SB-16		480
Sodium	SB-02		110,000
	MW02B		578,000
	SB-07		1,360,000
	SB-09		205,000
	SB-10		174,000
	SB-11		539,000
	SB-12		1,660,000
	SB-13		2,590,000
	SB-14		3,420,000
	SB-15		96,900
	SB-15 (4-6')		125,000
	SB-16		1,040,000
	SB-16 (4-6')		2,820,000
	SB-17		1,240,000
	SB-18		1,980,000

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CONCENTRATIONS FOUND
IN SAMPLES COLLECTED AT THE FORMER PLUM BROOK ORDNANCE WORKS

Constituent	Location	Standard	Concentration (ppb)
Sulfate	SB-12		2,000,000
	SB-13		16,000
	SB-14		15,000
	SB-16		9,000
	SB-16 (4-6')		120,000
	SB-17		10,000
	SB-18		190,000
	MW-01		130,000
	MW-02		950,000
	MW-02 (dup)		950,000
	MW-06		60,000
	SW-01		100,000
	SW-02		110,000
	SW-03		110,000
	SW-04		180,000
	SW-04 (dup)		180,000
1,3,5 - TNB	SB-03		93
	SB-07		410
	SB-12		3,400
	SB-13		730
	SB-14		14,000
	SB-16		1,200
	SB-16 (4-6')		15,000
	SB-17		670
	SB-18		10,000
2,4,6 - TNT	SB-12		680
	SB-16		740

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET
DERP-FUDS HTRW PROJECT NO. G05OH001811
ADDITIONAL BURNING GROUNDS
PLUM BROOK ORDNANCE WORKS
PROPERTY NO. G05OH0018
4 OCTOBER 1999

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE:

Fox Road Burning Ground - Latitude: 41° – 22' – 23" N; Longitude: 82° – 40' – 09" W
G-8 Burning Ground - Latitude: 41° – 21' – 54" N; Longitude: 82° – 42' – 52" W
Taylor Road Burning Ground -Latitude: 41° – 21' – 55" N; Longitude: 82° – 41' – 38" W
Snake Road Burning Ground - Latitude: 41° – 21' – 43" N; Longitude: 82° – 40' – 25" W
Additional Burning Ground - Latitude: 41° – 22' – 22" N; Longitude: 82° – 40' – 19" W

LOCATION: Erie County, Sandusky, Ohio

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 5

NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST SITE: The property is not listed on the NPL.

FORMER USE: War Department

ELIGIBLE: Yes

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project areas are burning grounds, designated as the Fox Road, Taylor Road, Snake Road, G-8, and the Additional Burning Grounds. The Department of Defense (DoD) utilized the former Plum Brook Ordnance Works (PBOW) from 1941 until 1945 for the manufacture of 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), dinitrotoluene (DNT), and pentolite. During operation of the PBOW facility, burning grounds were used for destruction of off-specification TNT, explosives, acids, solvents, asbestos, and waste oil. Records indicate that the Taylor Road, Fox Road, and Snake Road burning grounds were used by NASA for waste disposal and a fire training area was located at the Snake Road Burning Ground. Previous investigations have determined that these areas have elevated levels of nitroaromatic compounds, acetone, SVOC's, and metals present in surface soils. Contamination may also be present in surface water, groundwater, and sediments.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY: Records indicate that the DoD utilized these burning grounds for disposal of off-specification TNT, explosives, acids, solvents, asbestos, and waste oil.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS: Current DoD policy dictates eligibility for remediation of DoD generated hazardous and toxic waste even though there was no evidence of a hazard when the property was transferred from DOD. There may be nitroaromatic, SVOC, or metals contamination present at the Additional Burning Grounds that could be attributed to DoD use.

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PROPOSED PROJECT: A Site Investigation of the G-8 Burning Grounds was accomplished between December 1995 – May 1996. The final report was issued 14 March 1997. The objectives of the SI were to define the location/extent of the burning grounds; determine the presence of contamination in sediment and soils; and determine the need for further investigation. The investigation discovered that soil and sediment were impacted by one PAH and seven metals. The report recommended further evaluation of constituents that were above Risk Based Concentrations and the installation of one-bedrock monitoring well.

A Site Investigation of the Additional Burning Ground was accomplished September – October 1996. The final report was issued 23 December 1997. The objectives of the SI were to define the location/extent of the burning grounds; determine the presence of contamination in shallow soils; determine threats to human health; and determine the need for further investigation. The SI determined that surficial soils contained polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, PCB, nitroaromatics, and metals that exceeded Risk Based Concentrations, and recommended that a risk assessment be performed.

Based upon the results and recommendations from the two previous SI's, it is recommended that a Remedial Investigation be conducted at the Additional Burning Grounds (5 total sites). Additional information should be obtained to fill identified data gaps from the G-8 and Additional Burning Ground Site Investigations to complete risk assessments for those sites. Previous investigations at the Fox Road, Taylor Road, and Snake Road burning grounds should be reviewed to identify data gaps and obtain the data necessary to prepare risk assessments for those sites. The need for and type of remedial actions at the five burning grounds will depend on the results of the risk assessments.

EPA Form 2070-12: Attached.

DD Form 1391: Attached.

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1. COMPONENT ARMY	FY 2001 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT DATA	2. DATE OCT 2000

3. INSTALLATION AND LOCATION Plum Brook Ordnance Works Sandusky, Ohio	4. PROJECT TITLE DERP-FUDS HTRW RI/FS

5. PROGRAM ELEMENT DERP-FUDS	6. CATEGORY CODE HTRW	7. PROJECT NUMBER G05OH001811	8. PROJECT COST ($000) $1,973.64

9. COST ESTIMATES

ITEM	U/M	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	COST ($000)
Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)				$ 349.51
Contract Administration and Supervision (CELRN)				$ 70.00
Project Management (CELRH)				$ 42.00
Sub-Total				$ 461.51
Remedial Design (RD)				$ 35.98
Contract Administration and Supervision (CELRN)				$ 10.00
Project Management (CELRH)				$ 7.00
Sub-Total				$ 52.98
Remedial Action (RA-C)				$1,351.07
Contract Supervision/Administration (8%) (CELRH)				$ 108.08
Sub-Total				$1,459.15
TOTAL PROJECT COST TO COMPLETE (estimates prepared with *RACER 2000*; see Note 2)				**$1,973.64**

10. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

1. Prepare a RI/FS for the Additional Burning Grounds; work will include:
- Installation of monitoring wells.
- Soil borings.
- Sampling and chemical analysis of soil and water samples.
- Prepare a Risk Assessment.
- Preparation of Feasibility Study that will identify alternatives for cleanup and their costs.

2. In-house labor for RI/FS and RD phases per recommendations of the LRH Project Manager and the LRN Technical Coordinator.

3. Remedial Design is calculated at 3.5% of the RA-C cost.

4. Remedial Action was assumed to be ex-situ removal and off-site treatment or disposal of contaminated soils at the burning grounds; assumed 1/10 of total 4 acres excavated to 2-foot depth and disposed.