

**Meeting Minutes, Community Interest Group
Ricochet Area Munitions Response Site in State Game Lands 211, Pennsylvania
October 27, 2011 • East Hanover Township Building, Grantville, PA**

Community Interest Group Members and Project Staff Attendees

Dennis Coffman	Jim Rice	Jo Anderson, Pennsylvania Army National Guard
Debra Deis	John Rossey	Scott Bills, Pennsylvania Game Commission
Larry Herr	Dorman Shaver	Kim Harriz, Army National Guard Directorate
Randall Hurst	Paul Shoop	Emily Schiffmacher, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District
Donald Kleinfelter	Joseph Smith Jr.	Major Edward Shank, Pennsylvania Army National Guard
Mike Kneasel	Ruth Smith	LTC William Yearwood, Pennsylvania Army National Guard
Joan Renninger		Greg Daloisio, Weston Solutions, Inc.
		John Gerhard, Weston Solutions, Inc.
		Deb Volkmer, Weston Solutions, Inc.

Other Attendees

Peter Fisher	Jay Megonnell
Jan Sieger-Fisher	Dreama O'Neal, Pennsylvania Army National Guard
Sandy Herr	Tom Powers
David R. Keefer	Shirley Shoop
Galen D. Kleinfelter	Sharon L. Southall, Lebanon Valley Hiking Club
JoEllen Litz, Lebanon County Commissioner	

Handouts from the Meeting

1. Draft Meeting Minutes, Community Interest Group, Ricochet Area Munitions Response Site in State Game Lands 211, PA, June 30, 2011
2. Fact Sheet October 2011: Final Remedial Investigation Report Summary (Appendix A)
3. Community Interest Group/Public Meeting Evaluation Form

Welcome

Jo Anderson, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, welcomed the group, introduced the project team. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the June 30, 2011 meeting minutes. Kim Harriz, Army National Guard Directorate, explained the tickets, drawing procedures, and prize (\$30 gift certificate to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy store).

Jim Rice asked if the Department of Defense (DoD) provided support to clear munitions when building the fire break on Second Mountain.

LTC William Yearwood affirmed that the 756 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Unit provided surface clearance prior to construction of the fire break on Second Mountain. And although the EOD Unit did not preclear the subsurface, it did respond to munitions finds that were uncovered as the road was being constructed.

Jim Rice asked for clarification of when the Pennsylvania Army National Guard knew munitions were in the Ricochet Area.

LTC William Yearwood indicated that about six years ago when DoD began its historical records review for the Military Munitions Response Program identified the area and notified the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. What was found during the records review was the fact that the U.S. Army Garrison, in its 1986 edition of its range regulation, identified the portion of State Game Lands 211 under the restricted airspace as a "ricochet area for spent ordnance leave Fort Indiantown Gap." That, along with

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past UXO (unexploded ordnance) finds in the area, prior to the formal investigation, validated that area now termed the Ricochet Area contained Munitions and Explosives of Concern.

John Rossey asked if in the last 50 years anybody has been hurt by UXO in Stony Creek Valley.

LTC Yearwood responded that he has been at Fort Indiantown Gap since 1998 and there have been no injuries from UXO in State Game Lands 211 reported to the installation.

Open House

Attendees were invited to visit each display area, review the posters, and visit with project technical staff about five remedial alternatives. The posters displayed at the open house are provided in Appendix B and photos of the open house are provided in Appendix C. The Feasibility Study identified and evaluated five remedial alternatives for the Ricochet Area Munitions Response Site. The following provides a brief description of each alternative.

- **Alternative 1 – No Action.** A continuation of current site uses. No changes for recreational users and Pennsylvania Game Commission personnel and contractors. Responses to future munitions discoveries handled on a case-by-case basis. No actions taken to locate, remove, or dispose of munitions items. No implementation of programs to inform the public of potential explosive hazards.
- **Alternative 2 – Containment and Controls.** Explosive risk is managed through public outreach and awareness programs. A public awareness campaign may include educational and printed materials, signs, notifications with permits and contracts, websites, and safety videos.
- **Alternative 3 – Surface Removal of Munitions with Containment and Controls.** Explosive risk is mitigated primarily by removing and disposing of munitions and other metal debris on the surface across the entire site acreage.
- **Alternative 4 (*Preferred*) – Focused Surface and Subsurface Removal of Munitions with Containment and Controls.** Explosive risk is mitigated by focused removal and disposal of munitions and other metal debris in both surface and subsurface. Surface removal is focused in specific areas of munitions density (Greater than 0.5 item per acre) and along trails. Subsurface removal is focused in areas where subsurface activities are planned (e.g., wild game food plots) and on-site unexploded ordnance construction support during road building for timber harvesting.
- **Alternative 5 – Surface and Subsurface Removal of Munitions with Containment and Controls.** Explosive risk is mitigated by removal and disposal of all munitions and other metal debris in both the surface and subsurface throughout the site.

Drawing and Adjournment

Attendees placed tickets in corresponding remedial alternative envelopes to indicate their preferred alternative. The result of the envelope contents was:

- Alternative 1 – 3 votes
- Alternative 2 – 2 votes
- Alternative 3 – 1 vote
- Alternative 4 – 3 votes
- Alternative 5 – 10 votes

Mrs. Ruth Smith was the winner of the drawing

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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List of Appendices

Appendix A – Fact Sheet October 2011: Final Remedial Investigation Report Summary

Appendix B – Posters

Appendix C – Open House Photographs