

Assessment of Community Interest in Establishing a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) at the former West Virginia Ordnance Works (WVOW)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is currently conducting environmental investigations at the former WVOW, a Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) located in Point Pleasant, Mason County, WV. The site was acquired in 1942 as a government-owned, contractor-operated plant to manufacture TNT for the Army in WWII. Military munitions were produced or demilitarized at the site. An Ordnance and Explosives Archives Search determined there was no explosive hazard. The site was declared excess 16 April 1946 and deeded to the State of WV as a wildlife preserve for migratory birds.

Multiple environmental restoration projects have been identified within the FUDS property that require further environmental investigation to identify potential hazard, define extent of contamination, where found, and mitigate potential risks.

As part of any environmental restoration project, the Department of Defense (DoD) encourages community involvement through Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs). A RAB provides an interactive opportunity for stakeholders to have early involvement in the environmental restoration process.

There is currently no RAB at the former WVOW. USACE Louisville District welcomes public feedback regarding interest in establishing a RAB. If there is sufficient and sustained community interest, the Louisville District will consider establishing a RAB for this property. Inquiries should be directed to Charles Delano, Louisville District Public Affairs Office at (502) 315-769 or email fudslrpubliccomments@usace.army.mil by April 7, 2025.

The information repository, which contains the project documents, is housed at the Mason County Library, 508 Viand Street, Point Pleasant, WV 25550.