



**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
RAVENNA TRAINING AND LOGISTICS SITE**

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**Subject: Intergovernmental and Interagency Environmental Planning Consultation  
Ohio Army National Guard, Ravenna Training and Logistics Site  
Supplemental Environmental Assessment of Range Development Plan**

Dear Mr. Mitch:

The Ohio Army National Guard (OHARNG) is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for its updated Range Development Plan (RDP) for the Ravenna Training and Logistics Site (RTLS). This EA supplements the August 2004 *Final Environmental Assessment of Enhanced Training and Operations at the Ravenna Training and Logistics Site* (OHARNG 2004). A Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the 2004 Final EA was signed on 23 August 2004.

The RTLS is located in northeastern Ohio within Portage and Trumbull Counties, approximately 3 miles northeast of Ravenna, Ohio (see **Enclosure 1**). The RLTS consists of approximately 21,683 acres, 20,403 acres of which the OHARNG is responsible for managing. The updated RDP provides a prioritized plan for constructing and operating needed training ranges at RTLS. In addition to training and support facilities identified and addressed in the August 2004 Final EA and the 2007 SEA for an Engineer School at the RTLS, the RDP identifies 14 additional required training ranges at RTLS, listed below in general order of priority:

<u>Range</u>		<u>Range</u>	
<b>OH-1</b>	Demolition Range	<b>OH-11</b>	Modified Record Fire 2/Zero Range 2
<b>OH-2</b>	Modified Record Fire 1/Zero Range 1	<b>OH-12</b>	Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range
<b>OH-3</b>	Combat Pistol Qualification Course/ Military Police Qualification Course	<b>OH-18</b>	Modified Multipurpose Training Range Tank Table IV upgrade
<b>OH-4</b>	Hand Grenade Familiarization Range	<b>OH-19</b>	Firearms Training System Simulator Building
<b>OH-8</b>	Urban Assault Course	<b>OH-20</b>	Live Fire Breach Facility
<b>OH-9</b>	Modified Combined Arms Collective Training Facility	<b>OH-21</b>	Modified Live Fire Shoothouse with Zero Surface Danger Zone Shoothouse
<b>OH-10</b>	Grenade Launcher Range	<b>OH-22</b>	Fire & Movement Range

Range construction will take place where firing points, targets and range support facilities are needed. The construction will consist of land clearing, road improvements, building earthen target berms and firing positions, range support facilities, fencing, general site improvements, and extending utilities. The bulk of land area occupied by the ranges consists in safety danger zones (SDZs), which are off limits areas around the ranges that extend to a distance equivalent to a one in a million change of a ricochet. These SDZs will be left undisturbed and will not be impacted by construction.

The actual disturbance area associated with the entire range development construction is expected to be less than 100 acres broken up into areas ranging from a couple acres up to 10 to 20 acres per range. Range construction will take place to the east of Greenleaf Road, south of Smalley Road and north of Newton Falls Road and between Wilcox-Wayland Road and George Road in the Group 4 area near Post 1 (main gate). **Enclosure 2** shows these general locations. The area shown does not correspond to the size of the disturbance but rather the general location of range development where specific smaller areas will be disturbed as previously described above.

The existing Natural Resources Management program at the RTLS will not be impacted by range development. Where practical the target areas of new ranges will be managed as grasslands. The forested areas within ranges and SDZs will continue to be managed under the forest management program. Flora and fauna surveys, wildlife management, and rare species management will continue as described in the RTLS Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP). The OHARNG has conducted a number of environmental, biological, and cultural resources surveys at RTLS over the last several years and has extensive baseline information about flora and fauna species (see **Enclosure 3**), plant communities, wetlands, surface water quality, topography, and cultural resources. For this SEA, we are seeking from your agency any new or additional information, new natural resource topics or issues of concern, updates on policies or regulations, updates on rare flora and fauna listings, identification of issues of regional concern, or other new information that your agency thinks would be of value in conducting this NEPA analysis. Generally, these data would be more recent than 2006, as data prior to 2006 have been previously requested from, and provided by, your agency.

We have coordinated with a number of agencies (see **Enclosure 4**). If you are aware of other individuals, groups, or resource agencies that may possess additional information or knowledge that may assist us in preparing this SEA, please either contact us or forward this letter for their review, and include any applicable returned comments with your response.

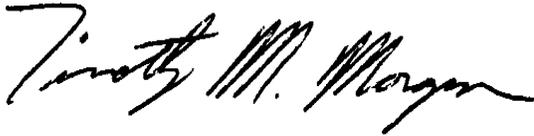
We look forward to and welcome your participation in this process, and request a written response on or before **28 April 2008**. The OHARNG has hired AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc. to facilitate the SEA preparation. Please send your correspondence directly to AMEC at the following address.

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Mr. Brian Mitch  
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If you have any questions concerning this request, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Sabraoui at (614) 430-0487 or the undersigned at (614) 336-6568.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy M. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'T' and 'M'.

Timothy M. Morgan, CF  
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Enclosure 1: Location Map

Enclosure 2: Project Footprint Map

Enclosure 3: Summary of Species Data

Enclosure 4: Contact List

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**From:** Mitch, Brian [Brian.Mitch@dnr.state.oh.us]  
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**ODNR COMMENTS TO Rebecca Sabraoui, AMEC Earth and Environmental, 960 Kingsmill Parkway, Suite 104, Columbus, Ohio 43229.**

**Location:** The site is located 3 miles southeast of the junction of County Route 225 and Smalley Road, Paris Township, Portage County, Windham Quadrangle.

**Project:** The project involves the construction of training ranges at the Ravenna Training and Logistics Site. The range construction will consist of land clearing, road improvements, building earthen target berms and firing positions, range support facilities, fencing, general site improvements, and extending utilities.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has completed a review of the above referenced project. These comments were generated by an inter-disciplinary review within the Department. These comments have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), the National Environmental Policy Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, Ohio Revised Code and other applicable laws and regulations. These comments are also based on ODNR's experience as the state natural resource management agency and do not supersede or replace the regulatory authority of any local, state or federal agency nor relieve the applicant of the obligation to comply with any local, state or federal laws or regulations.

**Rare and Endangered Species:** The ODNR, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Natural Heritage Database contains records of rare species near the proposed project. The map included with this message displays the locations of these records and corresponds with the attached list.

There are no unique natural features within the proposed project and there are no state nature preserves, state parks, wildlife areas, or scenic rivers in the vicinity of the site.

**Fish and Wildlife:** The ODNR, Division of Wildlife (DOW) has the following comments.

In addition to those listed in Enclosure 3, the project is within the range of the following state endangered species that may or may not be within the RTLS:

The project is within the range of the snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*), a state endangered mussel, and the eastern pondmussel (*Ligumia nasuta*), a state endangered mussel.

The project is within the range of the American emerald (*Cordulia shurtleffi*), a state endangered dragonfly, the frosted whiteface (*Leucorrhinia frigida*), a state endangered dragonfly, the brush-tipped emerald (*Somatochlora walshii*), a state endangered dragonfly, and the chalk-fronted corporal (*Ladona julia*), a state endangered dragonfly. Due to the mobility of these species, the project is not likely to impact these species.

The project is within the range of the pointed sallow (*Epiglaea apiata*), a state endangered moth. Due to the habitat used by this species and the type of work proposed, the project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the black bear (*Ursus americanus*), a state endangered species. Due to the mobility of this species, the project is not likely to have an impact on this species.

The Natural Heritage Database contains records near the proposed project for the sharp-shinned hawk (*Accipiter striatus*), and the smooth green snake (*Liochlorophis vernalis*), state species of concern. Due to the status of these species and the date of the records, the DOW believes the project is not likely to impact these species.

ODNR appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. Please contact Brian Mitch at (614) 265-6378 if you have questions about these comments or need additional information.

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