

RAB NEWSLETTER

Your official community voice for the clean-up of the former Titan 1-A missile site

How this entire process works

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Where are we in the cleanup process and how much longer will it take?

That's one of the most common questions I am asked as the community co-chair of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). And it's understandable, since many of us living nearby are shaking our

heads as we've seen ongoing activity on the former underground missile site over the last several years — and now.

Simply put, the answer is this: The road to restoration is paved in a process that is mandated by federal law. Each mile that is traveled on this road is outlined in the law and backed up with scientific data.

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Titan 1-A Missile Site RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) QUARTERLY MEETING

Time: October 24, 2024, 4PM-6PM

Place: Presentation Hall, Kilaga Springs Lodge, 1187 Sun City Blvd, Lincoln, CA

Participants: RAB Board Members; Tyler Stalker, moderator, public affairs officer for US Army Corps of Engineers; Tracy Craig, Craig Communications (on behalf of US Army Corps of Engineers)

Purpose of Meeting: Inform the RAB and public of activities and progress leading to the cleanup of TCE on the Titan 1-A missile site. The meeting is open to the public.

Please note: Meeting will be recorded

AGENDA

Call to order

Roll call

Approval of meeting minutes from previous quarterly meeting

Group reports:

1. Community RAB - Ranny Eckstrom, community co-chair
2. Chemical badge testing results - RAB member Sandi Dolbee
3. US Army Corps of Engineers report (USACE) - Tim Crummett, project manger
4. Message from Arianna Raymundo, chief military and environmental branch, USACE Sacramento District
5. Field sampling update - Tim Crummett with input from Rob Fagerness, California Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVWB)
6. Field sampling completed in spring 2024 - Tim Crummett
7. Upcoming current monitoring of existing existing soil vapor and groundwater sample wells - Tim Crummett
8. How CVWB uses the data as part of oversight and review – Rob Fagerness
9. CVWB report - Rob Fagerness, including the three projects the water board is performing regulatory oversight on (brief discussion); explanation of what stage each project is at; who is paying the water board for its time to oversee these projects; posting of information on GeoTracker; and organization chart.
10. Placer County lead clean-up schedule - Eric Findlay, Placer County

Public Comments

The road to a clean-up plan is paved in musts



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Currently, the site is in the investigation stage, which determines what contaminants may be on the site, where they are located (soil, water and/or vapor), and how much is the concentration level. In this case, trichloroethylene (TCE) was found to be the primary contaminant of concern from the site in concentrations that warrant continued investigation and evaluation.

The USACE is drilling wells to take water and soil vapor samples to learn how much TCE there is at the Lincoln site and where it is located. Once it has been analyzed, then the next stages of the project can proceed. As the EPA nears completions of this rigorous investigative stage, then the next stages of the project can proceed. The good news is they are almost done with this investigation stage, which means you can look forward now to a series of reports that will move this project farther down the road toward the finish line. The USACE has informed the RAB of these reports and expected dates:

Remedial Investigation — Expected to be completed before the end of this year, this report will summarize the amount, location and risks of TCE. It also projects these findings into the future to predict what may happen to the TCE over time.

Feasibility Study — Expected to be completed early next year, this report will look at several possible cleanup alternatives and discuss the pros and cons of those alternatives, including relative costs and effectiveness.

Proposed plan — Expected about early 2026, this is the next big phase, coming up with cost-effective and timely cleanup alternatives.

Remedial Design — Expected about 2027, this is the designing and construction of the cleanup plan after it's determined.

Remedial Action — Expected about 2027-2028, this is the actual cleanup phase, which will continue until cleanup goals are met. Completion and site closure will depend on the alternative(s) selected.

So are we there yet? No. But at least we see this finish line — and have a better understanding of how and when we are going to get there. The USACE will review this process in more detail at the Oct. 24 RAB public meeting, set for 4-6 p.m. in Presentation Hall at Kilaga Springs Lodge. Questions? Contact the RAB at RABTitan1A@sclhca.com.