

# TCAAP RAB Meeting – July 20, 2021









## **Agenda – July 20, 2021 at 7PM**

- Review/Approve minutes of last meeting
- Questions on the Supplemental RI/FS
- Explanation of Round Lake Proposed Plan
- Questions on the Proposed Plan
- Official Public Comments for Round Lake
   Proposed Plan





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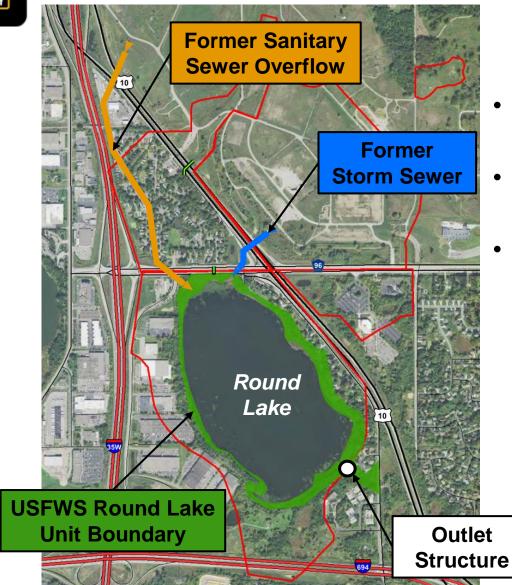
# **Questions on Supplemental RI/FS**







## Round Lake - Background



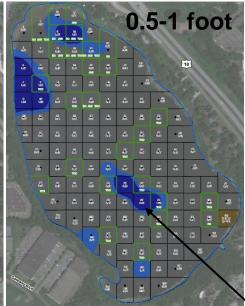
- Round Lake formerly part of TCAAP
- Transferred to the U.S. Fish
   Wildlife Service in 1974.
- Historical releases of hazardous substances from TCAAP to Round Lake were associated with the discharge of industrial processing wastewater, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer discharges.





## Round Lake - Background









#### **Contaminants of concern**

- Metals (cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, silver, vanadium, and zinc) and
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)

Concentrations that require remediation shaded in blue

Contaminants generally limited to the upper foot of sediment





### **Round Lake – CERCLA Process**

#### Step 1: Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspections

- · Site Inspection
- Personnel Interviews
- Records Review
- Data Evaluation

## Step 2: Remedial Investigations

- Data Collection
- Define Nature and Extent of Contamination
- Evaluate Site Risks

### Step 3: Feasibility Study

- Screen
   Potential
   Remedial
   Alternatives
- Develop
   Alternatives
- Evaluate Alternatives
- Evaluate Risks

### Step 4: Proposed Plan

- Present Site
   Information to
   the Public
- Identify
   Preferred
   Remedial
   Alternative
- Solicit Public Comments

### Step 5: Record of Decision

- Document the Selected Remedial Alternative
- Explain Why the Alternative Was Selected
- Address Public Comments

### Step 6: Remedial Action

- Engineering
   Design and/or
   Controls
- Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan
- Construction/ Implementation/ O&M/ Enforcement Activities
- Closure Report

Currently soliciting public comments on Proposed Plan





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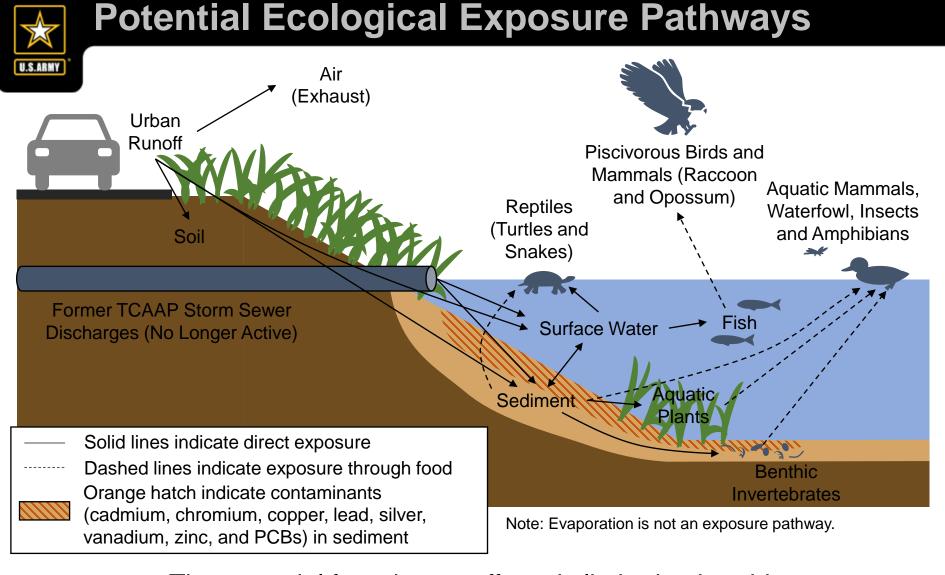
- Because there is a mixture of contaminants, and to provide a general depiction of metals concentrations in sediments at various sediment depths, a mean probable effect concentration quotient (mPEC-Q) is used to measure success.
- The Remedial Investigation (RI) was conducted between 1987 and 2011.
- USEPA requested a Feasibility Study (FS).
- Supplemental RI/FS accepted by MPCA and USEPA in March 2021. Available to the community for review.





### **Risk Assessment**

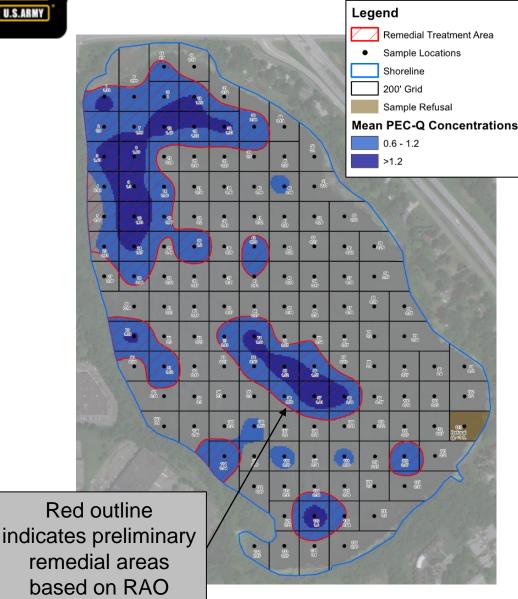
- Remedial investigations collected sediment data to inform evaluation of risks
- Human Health Considerations
  - Current and future use is as a unit of the Minnesota Valley NWR
  - Exposure for site workers
  - Potential for future fish consumption
- Ecological Considerations
  - Benthic invertebrates
  - Fish
  - Aquatic invertebrates
  - Amphibians
  - Piscivorous birds and mammals
- Human Health Risk Assessment identified no risk to humans.
- Ecological Risk Assessment concluded ecological risks were low.



The potential for adverse effects is limited to benthic invertebrates and waterfowl that ingest them.



### Round Lake – Remedial Action Objective



 Preliminary Remedial Action Objective (RAO):

To minimize the potential for adverse effects to benthic populations and the waterfowl that ingest them from exposure to the contaminated sediments from TCAAP-related discharges by achieving an mPEC-Q of 0.6.

 Final RAOs will be established in the Record of Decision (ROD)





### Identifying, Screening and Selecting Alternatives

Identify General Response Actions and Technologies

Screen Technologies Develop Alternatives

- Broad classes of responses or remedies that may be implemented.
- Initial screen based on effectiveness, implementabilty, and cost.
- Retained technologies combined into alternatives that can address all components of the site.

### **Key General Response Actions and Technologies**

Removal/ Dredging Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD)

Land Use Controls

**In-Situ Treatment** 

In-situ Covering

Monitored Natural Recovery

Monitoring

Green – retained for further evaluation





## **Round Lake – Remedial Alternatives**

| Alternative | Remedy  | Retained |
|-------------|---|----------|
| 1           | No Action   | Yes*     |
| 2           | Monitored Natural Recovery                                | No       |
| 3           | Enhanced Monitored Natural Recovery                       | No       |
| 4A          | Removal and Disposal Offsite                              | Yes      |
| 4B          | Removal and Disposal at TCAAP Impoundment                 | Yes      |
| 5           | In-Situ Cover   | Yes      |
| 6A          | Removal, Disposal Offsite, and In-Situ Cover              | Yes      |
| 6B          | Removal, Disposal at TCAAP Impoundment, and In-Situ Cover | Yes      |
| 7           | Near Shore Confined Aquatic Disposal                      | Yes      |
| 8           | Deep Water Confined Aquatic Disposal                      | Yes      |
| 9           | Deep Water Confined Aquatic Disposal and In-Situ Cover    | Yes      |

<sup>\*</sup>No Action retained for comparison only





## Round Lake – Alternative Comparison

Nine criteria established by CERCLA for evaluation of remedial alternatives:

| Threshold<br>Criteria | Overall protection of human health and the environment                      |
|-----------------------|---|
|                       | Compliance with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) |
| Balancing<br>Criteria | Long-term effectiveness and permanence                                      |
|                       | Reduction of toxicity, mobility, and volume through treatment               |
|                       | Short-term effectiveness  |
|                       | Implementabilty   |
|                       | Cost  |
| Modifying<br>Criteria | State acceptance  |
|                       | Community acceptance  |





## **Round Lake - Evaluation of Alternatives**

|  | Alt 4A<br>Removal | Alt 4B<br>Removal | Alt 5<br>Cover |       | Alt 6B<br>Removal and |     |     | Alt 9<br>Deep Water<br>CAD and |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
|  | Itemovai          | Removal           |                | Cover | Cover                 | CAD | CAD | Cover                          |
| Protectiveness – HH short term             | •                 |                   | •              |       |                       | •   | •   | •                              |
| Protectiveness – HH long term              | •                 | •                 | •              | •     | •                     | •   | •   | •                              |
| Protectiveness – Eco short term            | •                 | •                 | •              | •     | •                     | •   | •   | •                              |
| Protectiveness-Eco long term               | •                 | •                 | $lackbox{0}$   | •     | •                     | •   | •   | •                              |
| ARARs                                      | •                 | •                 | •              | •     | •                     | •   | •   | •                              |
| Long Term Effectiveness                    | •                 |                   | •              | •     |                       | •   | •   | •                              |
| Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility and Volume | •                 | •                 | •              | •     | •                     | •   | •   | •                              |
| Short-Term Effectiveness                   | •                 |                   | $lackbox{0}$   | •     |                       | •   | •   | •                              |
| Implementability                           | •                 | •                 | •              | •     | •                     | •   | •   | •                              |
| Cost                                       | •                 | •                 | •              | •     | •                     | •   | •   | •                              |
| State Acceptance                           | •                 | •                 | 0              | 0     | 0                     | 0   | •   | 0                              |
| Community Acceptance                       | TBD               | TBD               | TBD            | TBD   | TBD                   | TBD | TBD | TBD                            |
| USFWS                                      | •                 |                   | 0              | 0     | 0                     | 0   | 0   | 0                              |

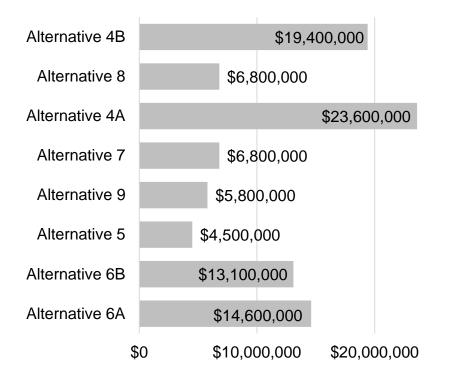
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## Cost Comparison and Ranking

#### **Estimated Remedial Cost**



#### **Alternative Ranking:**

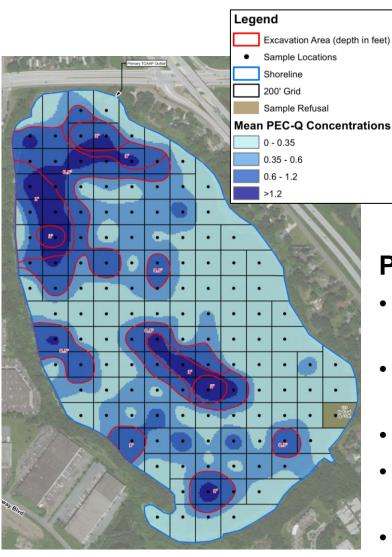
- 1. Alternative 4B Removal and TCAAP Disposal
- Alternative 8 Deep Water CAD
- 3. Alternative 4A Removal and Offsite Disposal
- 4. Alternative 7 Near Shore CAD
- 4. Alternative 9 Deep Water CAD, In-Situ Cover
- 6. Alternative 5 In-Situ Cover
- Alternative 6B Removal, TCAAP Disposal, and In-Situ Cover
- 8. Alternative 6A Removal, Offsite Disposal, and In-Situ Cover
- 9. Alternative 1 No Action
- Alternatives 4B and 8 not implementable based on available site conditions.
- Alternative 4A is the highest ranking alternative that is implementable.





## Round Lake - Preferred Alternative

## Alternative 4A – Removal and Offsite Disposal





### **Primary Design Elements**

- Mechanical or hydraulic dredging to remove 82,000 CY of sediment
- Hydraulic transport of sediment as a slurry to Ben Franklin area
- Dewater in geotextile tubes
- Onsite treatment of water prior to discharge to Round Lake or municipal sewer
- Off-site disposal at landfill.



### **Round Lake – Preferred Alternative**

## Alternative 4A – Removal and Offsite Disposal

#### **Implementability**

- Access required for launching equipment near shore
- Pipeline may require access agreements and dedicated utility conduit
- Water management at dewatering area, including treatment and potential discharge to lake or sewer
- Traffic and trucking implications for offsite disposal

#### **Effectiveness**

- Highly effective for long-term remediation of lake sediments
- Relatively high constructionrelated impacts
- Offsite transport has relatively high impacts to the general public and workers due to construction and trucking

#### **Total Cost**

Alternative 4A - \$23,600,000

Timeframe: 2 – 4 years







## **Round Lake – Next Steps**

- Supplemental RI/FS Complete
- Proposed Plan Available for public comment
- Record of Decision will document selected alternative
- Remedial Action will include remedial design, construction and reporting





### **More Information**

Public Comment Period – July 9 – August 13, 2021

Administrative Record and Information Repository available at:

- Arden Hills Army Training Site 4761 Hamline Avenue North Arden Hills, MN 55112
- Please call (651) 282-4420 for an appointment.

Electronic copies of the Proposed Plan can be provided by email and are available for download at:

https://tcaaprab.org

#### **Point of Contact**

- Linda Albrecht, Department of the Army Remedial Project Manager, TCAAP
  - Email Linda.B.Albrecht.civ@mail.mil
  - Phone (210) 861-4050





# Questions







### Next Meeting Agenda – September 21, 2021 at 7PM

- Review/Approve minutes of last meeting
- Old Business
- Cleanup status update
- New business
- Next meeting agenda
- Establish next year of meetings
- Public comments





## **How to Submit Comments on Proposed Plan**

The 30-day public comment period is open beginning **July 9, 2021**.

Written comments and questions should be submitted no later than **August 13, 2021**, and directed to:

U.S. Army Environmental Command 2455 Reynolds Road, Mailstop 112 ATTN: Linda Albrecht, TCAAP PP JBSA Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-7558

Email - Linda.B.Albrecht.civ@mail.mil

We are going to adjourn this RAB meeting and you may submit oral comments for the record.

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# Questions







### Round Lake - ARARs

- Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs)
  - Federal, state, and local
  - Action, chemical or location specific
  - Additional "to be considered" guidance

#### **Activities with Potential ARARs**

In-Water Work

Water Treatment and Discharge

Noise and Dust

Waste Management

Wildlife and Wetland
Conservation

