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Program and Project Management
Environmental Branch

Dear Resident,

Since 1994, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has been conducting an environmental investigation and remediation at the former Kincheloe Air Force Base. The former base, operated by the Department of Defense from 1942 to 1977, served as a refueling stop and maintenance area for aircraft flying to Alaska. The environmental investigation discovered the presence of trichloroethylene (TCE), a nonflammable, colorless liquid used mainly as a solvent or degreaser to clean metal parts in the groundwater. TCE was detected in two of the five water wells in the Kinross Township. In response, USACE designed and installed new water wells for the Township to ensure a safe water supply for the community. In addition, USACE has also conducted remediation at the fire training and fuel storage areas where releases of petroleum products and solvents occurred during the former base's operation prior to 1977.

In 1999, a Restoration Advisory Board was formed, consisting of community members, and federal and state government representatives, which provided the public involvement in the environmental process. The Restoration Advisory Board was in existence until 2004 and contributed greatly to the environmental work that was accomplished.

Currently, the investigation is approaching the final phases of the environmental process where community input is essential. A Restoration Advisory Board is forming again to promote discussion and the exchange of project information. Community participation is an important part of the environmental process. Your participation on the Restoration Advisory Board is encouraged.

The first meeting will be held on August 15, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Kinross Charter Township Hall in conjunction with the Township Board Meeting. Restoration Advisory Board meetings are open to the public, and are planned to be held at least every six months to update members of the ongoing activities and to solicit input into the environmental process.

If you are interested in joining the board and have a few hours a month to donate to review documents and participate in regularly scheduled meetings, please complete the enclosed application and mail to my attention by August 31.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wandell Carlton".

Wandell Carlton
Project Manager