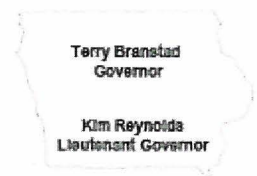




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**Office of the Adjutant General**  
*Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center*  
7105 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Johnston, Iowa 50131-1824



October 13, 2011

Mr. Daniel Cook  
Contaminated Sites Section  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
502 East 9th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Cook,

In support of the Army National Guard Munitions Response Site, Site Inspection effort, the Army has attempted to obtain rights of entry (ROEs) from the current property owners at 11 Iowa munitions response sites. Rights of entry have been obtained for a majority of the sites, but due to a non-response refusal, the Army will not be able to complete fieldwork at one site. For two other sites we have adjusted the proposed fieldwork approach. Although the field team has mobilized out of Iowa, they will return if the remaining ROE is obtained.

The issues at the three sites in question are summarized here and described in detail in the enclosures.

-NDNODS Ottumwa 500-yard Range. The ROE has not been received and, in accordance with our regulations, we are notifying your office that we are unable to conduct the site inspection on that property. We are seeking your assistance in gaining access in order to assess any potential risks related to munitions that may remain there. If we do not receive a signed ROE within 60 days of this notification, we will have to indefinitely suspend activities with regard to that property and redirect our resources to other work within the Army National Guard's Cleanup and Restoration Program. Please let us know of your intent to contact the property owner of the range. Please copy my office with any landowner communications so I may add them to our files.

-NDNODS Mount Pleasant Small Arms Range. A map depicting the alternative field work approach is enclosed, and upon concurrence from your department, change pages will be provided in the Final Historic Records Review/Work Plan.

-NDNODS Le Mars Small Arms Range. A visual survey transect has been proposed and a sample location has been relocated at the specific request of a parcel owner (Zachary D. and Jodi M. Sitzmann). A map depicting the revised field work approach at this site is enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding this request or would like further information, please contact me at 515-252-4557 or via e-mail at [curtis.madsen1@us.army.mil](mailto:curtis.madsen1@us.army.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis L. Madsen".

Curtis L. Madsen  
Environmental Program Manager  
Iowa Army National Guard

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**Table 1**

Summary of Critical ROE Refusals and Revised Sampling Approaches  
*Iowa ARNG Munitions Response Site, Site Investigations*

Site Name	AEDB-R Number	Field Work Possible?	Army Proposed Action
NDNODS Ottumwa 500-yard Range	IAHQ-008-R-01	No	ROE cannot be obtained by Army. Refer to IDNR for assistance in obtaining ROE. See site summary sheet.
NDNODS Mount Pleasant Small Arms Range	IAHQ-006-R-01	Yes	ROE access was granted for parcels where the former small arms range was located. Multiple ROE refusals were received for parcels in the SDZ area. Propose to focus visual survey and sampling in the former small arms range area.
NDNODS Le Mars Small Arms Range	IAHQ-004-R-01	Yes	An additional visual survey transect has been proposed and a sample location has been relocated to the Zachary D. and Jodi M. Sitzmann parcel at the specific request of the parcel owner.

**NDNODS Ottumwa 500-yard Range**  
**IAHQ-008-R-01**

**No Fieldwork Explanation**

Army is unable to obtain access to complete fieldwork on the former NDNODS Ottumwa 500-yard Range. Visual surveys and sampling can be conducted only on the parcels for which ROE access has been granted.

**MRS Description**

The NDNODS Ottumwa 500-yard Range was identified as a single 18-acre MRS used by members of the Iowa ARNG for small arms training from 1887 to 1938. The MRS is currently privately owned by a single parcel owner and used primarily for agricultural purposes.

**Property Owner**

**Matthew and Renee Heckart - ROE Refusal**

1004 Hamilton Street

Ottumwa, IA 52501

641-683-1899

Parcels: Wapello's No. 007072710439000; 007072820436000; 007072830435000

**Attempts to Gain ROE Matthew and Renee Heckart**

26-JAN-2011	Mailed ROE request to landowner
26-JAN-2011	Could not find a contact number for Matthew Heckart. The number was disconnected
11-AUG-2011	Mailed second ROE request to landowner
11-AUG-2011	Made multiple attempts to call parcel owner's possible place of business went without a response

## **NDNODS Mount Pleasant Small Arms Range IAHQ-006-R-01**

### **Work Plan Change**

No visual surveys or sample locations are proposed in the SDZ area of the MRS where ROE refusals were received. ROE access was granted for parcels that comprise the former small arms range. The visual survey transects and sample locations were revised to focus only in the former small arms range area.

### **MRS Description**

The MRS was identified as a single 742-acre small arms range used by the Iowa ARNG for small arms training from 1964 to 1987. The range was reportedly built in approximately 1964 for small arms practice involving M14 and M16 rifles and .45 caliber pistols. The NDNODS Mount Pleasant Small Arms Range is currently owned by 18 private entities. No ROEs were requested from of these eight parcel owners because only a small portion of their parcels were within the MRS boundaries; Seven of the parcel owners approved the ROE requests; and four parcel owners refused ROE requests. Each of the four parcel owners listed below that refused ROE requests own parcels that are located outside of the former range area.

### **Parcel Owners**

**Klindt Corp. - ROE Obtained**

**Leo L. and Laverne E. Hunting - ROE Obtained**

**Randy and Marsha Russell - ROE Obtained**

**Jacob and Jennifer E. Kruse - ROE Obtained**

**Jerry H. and Martha R. Mabeus - ROE Obtained**

**William J. and Laura A. Simon - ROE Obtained**

**Mahaska County Solid Waste Management Commission - ROE Obtained**

**Scott E. and Kayla Myers - ROE Refusal**

708 E. Monroe

Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

319-385-7579

Parcels: Henry's No. 230110720000300; 230110810000400

**Christine A. Mertens - ROE Refusal**

1702 287th Street

Salem, IA 52649

319-986-5160

Parcel: Henry's No. 230110810000100

**Marye E. Smith - ROE Refusal**

902 South Harrison Place

Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

Phone Not Listed

Parcels: Henry's No. 730110720000200; 230110720000400

**Betty Jean Leeper - ROE Refusal**

910 S Oakbrook Drive

Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

319-986-6559

Parcel: Henry's No. 210101210000400

**Attempts to Gain ROE Scott E. and Kayla Myers**

26-JAN-2011	Could not find contact number for Christine Mertens, her number was disconnected.
08-MAR-2011	Mailed out second Right-of-Entry document with updated map attached.

**Attempts to Gain ROE Marye Smith**

26-JAN-2011	Deed holder is Marye E. Smith but mailing address is Marye Sourwine. Could not find contact number.
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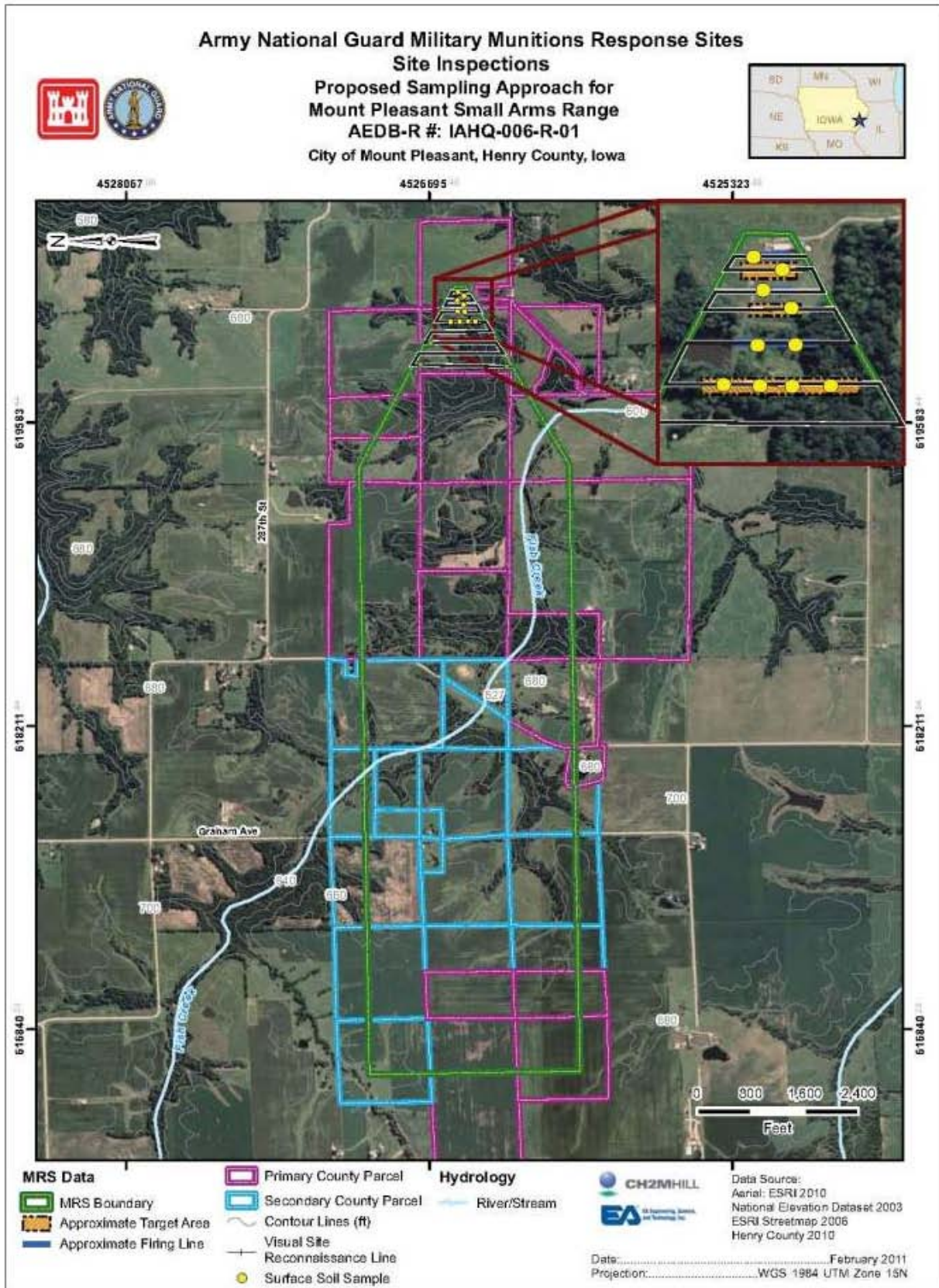
**Attempts to Gain ROE Betty Jean Leeper**

30-DEC-2010	Contacted Ms. Leeper on 12/30/2010 at 5:15pm to inform her that Right-of-Entry document will be mailed out.
06-JAN-2011	Right-of-Entry document was mailed out on 01/06/2011.
20-JAN-2011	Received letter from Jean Leeper stating three reason why she will not sign Right-of-Entry. 1. Does not believe any munitions are on property. 2. Liability. 3. Period for Right-of-Entry too long thus, may interfere with crops.

**Attempts to Gain ROE Scott E. and Kayla Myers**

30-DEC-2010	Spoke to Owner on December 30 2010 at 5:10 to inform them that Right-of-Entry document will be mailed.
06-JAN-2011	Right-of-Entry document was mailed out on 01/06/2011.
18-JAN-2011	Received letter from Scott Myers stating that; "he does not wish to participate in project".





**NDNODS Le Mars Small Arms Range  
IAHQ-004-R-01**

**Work Plan Change**

Visual survey transect added to the Zachary D. and Jodi M. Sitzmann parcel at the specific request of the parcel owner. No visual survey transects were removed from the field work approach proposed in the Iowa Work Plan. In addition, one sample was relocated from another area within the MRS to the Zachary D. and Jodi M. Sitzmann parcel.

**Affected Parcel Owner**

Zachary D. and Jodi M. Sitzmann

PO Box 143

Le Mars, IA 51031

712-541-2909

Parcel: Plymouth's No. 12-02-252-004



