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Minutes

**NCBC Gulfport RAB Meeting
Naval Construction Battalion Center
Gulfport, Mississippi
January 9, 1997
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board met at the Isiah Fredericks Community Center in Gulfport, Mississippi, on January 9, 1997.

Reverend Lee Adams
Gordon Crane
Steve Dickerson
Joe Halasz
Art Holzweissig
Retha Longmire

Skip McDaniel
Rudy Merrell
Bob Merrill
Joyce Shaw
Barbara Thomas

In addition, the following guests were welcomed from the community:

Arshad Bahl
Gayle Frings

Diane Glass

Support personnel attending the meeting included:

Penny Baxter, ABB Environmental Services
Nancy Brooks, NCBC Gulfport
Art Conrad, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Robert Fisher, ABB Environmental Services
Nancy Rouse, ABB Environmental Services
Lt. Carol Womack, NCBC Gulfport

Welcome: Steve Dickerson welcomed the RAB and guests and opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Approval of RAB Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the December RAB meeting were accepted as written.

RAB Charter: The RAB charter, developed during the October RAB meeting, was signed by all members present.

Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Update: Art Conrad and Gordon Crane provided an update on the IRP as summarized below:

- The exposure assessment report was delayed due to funding. The report is now expected be submitted in mid-March of this year.
- Approval for the first three Administrative Order workplans was received from the MSDEQ dated January 7, 1997.

RABs Role in the Navy Funding Process: Art Conrad and Gordon Crane discussed the Navy's process for determining how funding is allocated for environmental cleanup at Navy bases. They explained how each of the bases are scored then prioritized for funding. They proposed that the RAB draft a letter to the Navy to indicate their interest and support of the environmental cleanup at NCBC Gulfport. The RAB agreed that the letter was a good idea. A draft of the letter will be prepared prior to the next meeting and finalized at the meeting. Steve Dickerson offered to discuss the process with Gulfport city officials and possibly have them write letters to the Navy with the thought that a large number of letters would have a more positive impact. We will discuss the draft letter and have it ready to sign by the end of the February RAB meeting.

Administrative Order (AO) Workplans: Bob Fisher of ABB Environmental Services provided an overview of the AO workplans for a second time. Some of the questions and answers that followed include:

Q: Does dioxin absorb onto clay?

A: Yes, but it bonds more strongly with organic material.

Q: Does the fabric in the SRTs stay in place?

A: Yes, but you need to remember that the SRTs are not designed to filter surface water. Filtering the water would restrict flow in the stream too much. Instead, the SRTs are designed to slow down the mud in the bottom of the stream.

Q: When we had previous SRTs did we test the membranes for dioxin?

A: No, but it's a good idea that we will be implementing with the new SRTs.

Q: This is a new technology, isn't it?

A: It's actually a new application of an existing approach.

RAB Year in Review: Nancy Rouse and Penny Baxter presented cleanup program progress and the corresponding RAB activities for 1996. Following the presentation, the RAB began brainstorming how they would like to conduct the RAB during the remainder of 1997. The results of the first part of the brainstorming were provided to the RAB in the mail. The RAB will complete the brainstorming during the February meeting.

Conclusion: Next month's meeting will be held on February 6, 1997.

The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.