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NCBC Gulfport RAB Meeting
Naval Construction Battalion Center
Gulfport, Mississippi
November 6, 1997
6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board met in the Building 1 conference room at Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, Mississippi on November 6, 1997:

Gordon Crane	Retha Longmire
Edie Dreher	Joyce Shaw
Joe Halasz	CDR John Zink
Art Holzweissig	

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

Victor B. Andrews
Betty Jo Dowdy
Edward Dowdy

Support personnel attending the meeting included:

Penny Baxter, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.
Art Conrad, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Marland Dulaney, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.
Bob Fisher, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.
Nancy Rouse, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.
LT Matthew Haupt, NCBC Gulfport

Welcome: CDR Zink, the RAB Navy Co-Chair, welcomed the RAB and opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. LT Matthew Haupt was introduced as LT Womack's replacement.

Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Update: Art Conrad provided an overview of the IRP. A copy of the *IRP Update*, passed out during the meeting, is attached.

Questions and answers generated from the presentation are summarized below:

Q: Are we funded for PCB removal?

A: Not yet, but we are required by law remove PCBs, so we are confident that the funding will be forthcoming.

Q: What about an order from the State? Would that help secure the funding?

A: At this time, we think that the funding will be made available without an additional State order.

Overview of the Recent Outreach Activities: Penny Baxter distributed summaries from the last two public availability sessions and pointed out highlights of each of the meetings. Comments on the meeting included: "I like the poster session meeting format"; and "It's disappointing that the sessions are not better attended."

Ideas for broader advertising included:

- Pass out flyers in more heavily traveled locations such as supermarkets, shopping malls, etc.
- The Gulfport library is well used and was a good place to distribute flyers. We may want to access the Long Beach Library as well.
- Advertising on cable television community news.

Dr. Dulaney noted that attendance typically improves on the second day, after local media coverage of the first day's program has occurred. Guests from the community, who had attended the last availability, stated that they appreciated the program and that as a result, they stayed longer than intended.

Status of Phase II Sampling: Bob Fisher summarized the recently completed Phase II sampling program. The sampling was part of the original plan to first identify areas where further sampling was needed (Phase I) then to sample those areas to gain a further understanding of the those areas. Mr. Fisher used the posters from the availability session to show where and why additional samples were collected. Phase II data will be available in early 1998.

Dr. Marland Dulaney discussed the sampling of two private wells just west of the base. Owners of these wells permitted the Seabee Center to test their wells as a quick check to see if the solvent (or breakdown products from the solvent) found in the groundwater at Site 4 could have moved outside of the base. The water from the private wells was found to be clean. However, the Navy is continuing to make progress toward implementing the groundwater monitoring plan. A few deep wells have been added to the groundwater program to investigate any possibility of movement of the solvent or solvent breakdown products from Site 4. These additional wells were added in response to the information found at Site 4 during the Phase I investigation.

Membership Selection: Membership selection was postponed until next month. The installation will develop a more complete list of candidates, and the members will be selected from that list. Members expressed concerned that the new members receive a good orientation to help them develop a commitment to the RAB.

Co-Chair Term: Confusion about the community co-chair term was discussed. The RAB decided that the community co-chair term began with the signing of the charter, which occurred in December 1996. Steve Dickerson's current term will therefore expire in December 1998.

Long Range RAB Planning: Long range planning was postponed until next month.

RAB Logo: The logo shown in the header was selected.

Conclusion: The next meeting will be held on base. Meeting topics will include membership selection, biological monitoring and long range planning. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Membership Selection: Ten new members were selected from a list of interested community members. The list of eligible applicants was developed from a previous list of applicants from earlier recruiting efforts. The list was updated by first calling and/or mailing information to each of the applicants to determine if they were still interested in the RAB. The list indicated those who returned updated applications and those who expressed continued interest during telephone conversations. The RAB members were each given an opportunity to comment on the list of applicants, which was followed by an open vote. The 10 applicants receiving the most votes were selected for the RAB. The RAB members also noted that a quorum was present and decided to amend the charter by increasing the number of community members from 17 to 19. The following new members (in alphabetical order) were selected at the meeting.

Jim Atchison	Patricia Ramos-Membrado
Joseph Ford	Ron Schmidting
Andy Guerra	Philip Shaw
David Marshall	Jeff Stawowy
Robin Rafferty	Earl Whittemore

An eleventh new member was selected to serve as an alternate "base employee" representative.

Conclusion: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Membership Selection Postscripts: Several membership selection issues surfaced immediately after the meeting:

- ◆ The day following the RAB meeting, an application was received from a base resident. Although the application period had passed, the applicant was considered for selection because of the importance attributed to having base housing represented on the RAB.
- ◆ It was discovered that the person selected to act as a representative of base employees had retired from the Seabee Center.
- ◆ The total number of new community members had inadvertently been raised to 21 (including the base employee alternate), rather than the agreed upon 19. By adding the base resident and not adding an alternate base employee, the total number of community members was still be 21 -- two members more than approved through the charter amendment.
- ◆ However, Joyce Shaw reviewed the charter after the meeting and noted that two thirds of the RAB membership (rather than a quorum) is required to hold a vote to amend the charter, and therefore a vote had been taken without enough members being present.

All of these issues were resolved by a telephone "vote" of more than two thirds of RAB members who were eligible to participate in the new member selection. The vote resulted in the approval to increase in the maximum number of RAB members to 21 and the selection of Carolyn Mueller as the Seabee Center base resident representative.



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Site 1 - Disaster Recovery Disposal Area

- ◆ Groundwater monitoring plan being finalized.

Site 2 - World War II Landfill

- ◆ Groundwater monitoring plan being finalized.

Site 3 - Northwest Landfill and Burn Pit

- ◆ Groundwater monitoring plan being finalized.

Site 4 - Golf Course Landfill

- ◆ Groundwater monitoring plan being finalized.
- ◆ Planning corrective action for groundwater seep.

Site 5 - Heavy Equipment Training Area Landfill

- ◆ Groundwater monitoring plan being finalized.

Site 6 - Fire-Fighting Training Area

- ◆ Continuing pumping and treating groundwater to remove free product.

Site 7 - Rubble Disposal Area

- ◆ Groundwater monitoring plan being finalized.

Site 8 - Former Herbicide Orange Storage Area

- ◆ Phase I sampling completed. A report of the findings is being finalized.
- ◆ Public open houses were held on September 22 and 23, 1997 to discuss the results of Phase I dioxin sampling and the newly designed sediment recovery traps.
- ◆ Five new sediment recovery traps (SRTs) were installed during the last two weeks in October 1997.
- ◆ Phase II sampling completed. Samples currently being analyzed in a laboratory. Initial results will be available early next year.
- ◆ Site 8 ash was formally delisted in October 1997.
- ◆ Groundwater monitoring plan being finalized.

Miscellaneous

- ◆ Planning cleanup of PCB-contaminated soil.
- ◆ The Seabee Center's community relations plan will be revised in early 1998.
- ◆ A plan for biological monitoring has been drafted and is currently in review.