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NCBC Gulfport RAB Meeting
Naval Construction Battalion Center
Gulfport, Mississippi
June 3, 1999
6:40 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board met at the Building 1 Conference Room at NCBC Gulfport, Mississippi, on June 3, 1999:

Gordon Crane
Edie Dreher
Al Holzweissig
Andy Guerra

David Marshall
Joyce Shaw
Philip Shaw
Earl Whittemore

Note: The following RAB members had notified the RAB that they could not attend this meeting: Steve Dickerson, Jim Atchison, Jeffery Stawowy, and Lt. Matt Haupt.

Support personnel attending the meeting included:

Penny Baxter, Harding Lawson Associates
Art Conrad, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Robert Fisher, Harding Lawson Associates

Welcome: Gordon Crane opened the meeting at 6:40pm and made welcoming comments and introductions.

Art Conrad gave the Agreed Order/Installation Restoration Update. The following work at the Base was discussed:

- Groundwater Investigation. Mr. Conrad said that the laboratory data was being evaluated by the HLA team and the preliminary draft groundwater report is in the final stages of production. This report will be due to the Navy by mid-June.
- Swamp/Southern Branch of Turkey Creek Investigation. Final samples were collected where the Swamp joins the main channel of Turkey Creek. The swamp results letter report is due to the Navy in July.
- Biological Monitoring. The first round of biological samples was completed in April. The letter report of the laboratory results will be completed in June. The creel study was completed and will be included in the letter report. Although the team planned to collect crawfish samples, no crawfish could be found.
- The cleanup of the PCB site in the southern part of the Base is funded. The remedial action contractor is preparing the schedule for the cleanup.

Penny Baxter presented the RAB with a tally of RAB member attendance for the last six RAB meetings and pointed out that P. Ramos had not attended any of these meetings. Andy Guerra took the action item to talk with Reverend Adams about a possible replacement for the Gaston Point representative.

The RAB discussed various ideas to raise public awareness of and attendance at the RAB meetings. After deciding not to drop the RAB mailing list, the decision was made to also get flyers to local churches and community centers. The idea of using newspaper notices/articles to alert the public of upcoming meetings was also discussed.

One RAB member suggested that senior citizens of local neighborhoods were interested in environmental concerns at the Base but may be intimidated about coming onto the Base. The RAB discussed again taking the meetings off the base. Gordon Crane took the action item to find a suitable meeting place in the community for next meeting.

Robert Fisher presented the Groundwater Investigation Results to the RAB. He discussed how Phase I was conducted using direct push technology to collect groundwater samples without installing monitoring wells. Using data from the Phase I sampling enabled the team to make decisions about where to properly place monitoring wells during the Phase II sampling. Maps of the various sites were presented and discussed. The wells were sampled for all chemicals, called a full suite.

Site 4 did not have Herbicide Orange related dioxins. The low levels of dioxins observed are probably due to past practices of burning waste solvents. A small chlorinated solvent plume was found at this site and the recommendation was made that additional sampling be conducted to delineate the plume.

Site 5 did not have Herbicide Orange related dioxins. As with Site 4 dioxins found at this site are probably due to past practices of burning waste solvents. One well did exceed the Maximum Contaminant Level for dioxin.

Dioxin found in groundwater at Site 8 was reconfirmed as being sourced by Herbicide Orange. The contamination was fully delineated and was shown to be limited to the local boundaries of the site.

Generally groundwater was not found to contain either chemical or dioxin contamination at Sites 1, 2, and 3. One well in Site 7 had contained dioxin exceeding the MCL and it was recommended that the well be resampled.

Following the groundwater discussion a map of the Swamp/Southern Branch of Turkey Creek was presented. A brief discussion of the presence of dioxin in this area followed.

Gordon Crane took the action item to notify the RAB members when the Groundwater Investigation report was ready for review.

Conclusion: The RAB agreed to hold its next meeting in September. This meeting will also include a Public Availability Session presenting groundwater results to the public.