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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SESSION REGARDING PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF
HUMAN HEALTH AND ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENTS BETWEEN 2 AUGUST AND 3
AUGUST 2000 NCBC GULFPORT MS
8/2/2000
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Environmental Information Sessions:
*Preliminary Results of the Human Health and
Ecological Risk Assessments*

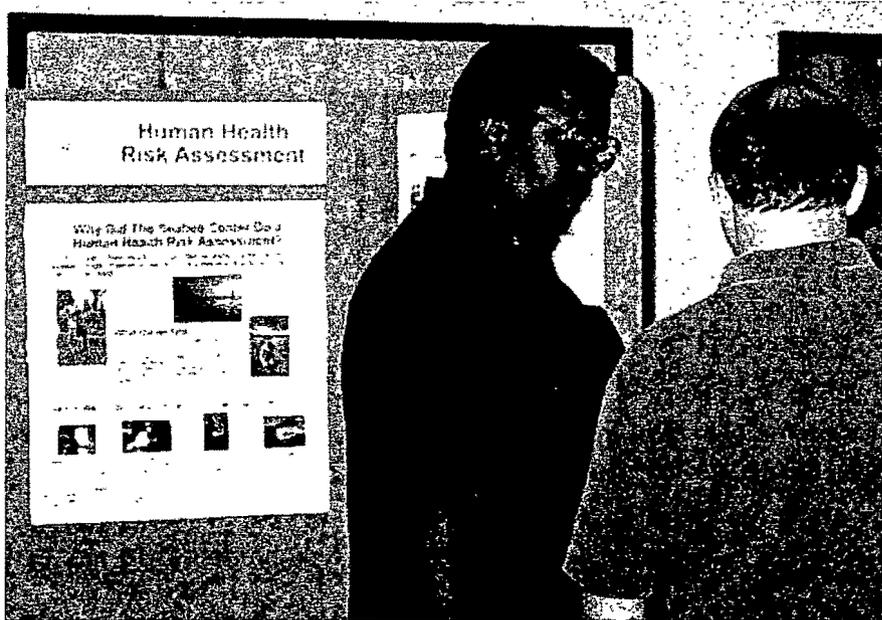
August 2-3, 2000



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The Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment



- ❖ Three Environmental Information Sessions, sponsored by the Restoration Advisory Board, were held on August 2 - 3, 2000 to discuss the results of the human health and ecological risk assessments.
- ❖ NCBC Gulfport's Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment was the main topic of the August 2000 information sessions.
- ❖ The meeting was held when the report was in the preliminary stage to provide results to the community at the earliest time possible.

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Advertisements

- ❖ The Public Affairs Office:
 - issued a press release to the local media
 - mentioned the meetings at the Coast Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting
- ❖ The local television station, WLOX, broadcasted an interview with Gordon Crane, the Seabee Center's Installation Restoration Program Manager, on the morning of August 2, 2000.
- ❖ Display advertisements were published in the *Sun Herald* on Sunday, July 30 and Monday, July 31.
- ❖ Color flyers were posted on 20 bulletin boards throughout the base.
- ❖ Flyers advertising the event were distributed:



You Are Invited to the Seabee Center's Environmental Information Sessions

Topic: Preliminary Results of the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments

The Seabee Center's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) cordially invites you to attend one of our upcoming Environmental Information Sessions. We will be discussing:

- human health risk study to determine if the presence of dioxin could cause harm to people and
- ecological risk study to determine if the presence of dioxin could cause harm to the environment (plants and animals).

These are informal open house meetings. Please come at any time during the sessions and talk to our experts about these studies. These sessions will be held three different times and locations for your convenience.

Gulfport Harrison Public Library
Highway 90
Gulfport, Mississippi
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 2, 2000

Navy Family Service Center
Room 121
(Across from Child Care Center and Commissary)
NCRIC Gulfport, Mississippi
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, August 3, 2000

Islah Fredricks Community Center
3312 Martin Luther King Blvd.
(Corner of 34th Avenue and Martin Luther King Blvd.)
Gulfport, Mississippi
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 3, 2000

For more information, please call Nancy Brooks, the Seabee Center's Public Affairs Officer, at (210) 871-3393

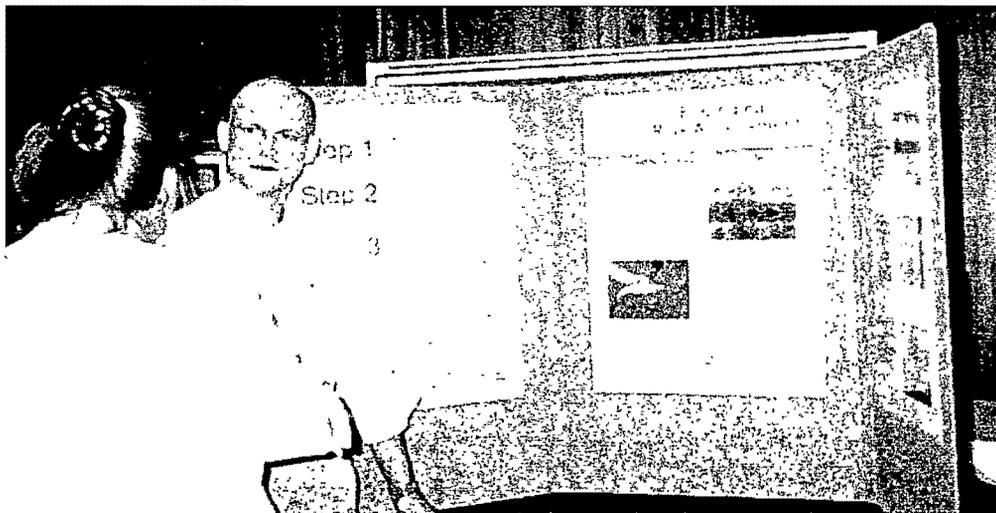
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- By and advance mailing to all Restoration Advisory Board members and local churches
- To everyone on the Installation Restoration Program's mailing list (approximately 800 addresses).
- To Seabee Center's base housing (250 copies).
- To the Seabee Center's three Monday morning staff meeting attended by all commanding officers and officers-in-charge, the staff meeting attended by all department heads, and the 20th NCR staff meeting attended by all department heads.
- To the Center's family service center for posting.

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Environmental Information Session



Joyce Shaw, Restoration Advisory Board member and Norm Richardson, primary author of the Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment, discuss results presented in the report at the Seabee Center's Navy Family Service Center.

- ❖ Three information sessions were held:
 - Wednesday, August 2, 2000, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Gulfport Harrison County Public Library.
 - ↳ 6 attendees
 - Thursday, August 3, 2000, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., NCBC Gulfport's Navy Family Service Center
 - ↳ 8 attendees
 - Thursday, August 3, 2000, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - ↳ 3 attendees

- ❖ Two topics were discussed:
 - Preliminary results of the Human Health Risk Assessment
 - The Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment

Displays and Handouts



Dr. Marland Dulaney, the primary author of the Human Health Risk Assessment, discusses the report with member of the community.

- ❖ Five presentation boards were on display at the information sessions.
 - Two new boards:
 - ↳ Preliminary Results of the Human Health Risk Assessment
 - ↳ The Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment
 - Three previously displayed boards providing background information:
 - ↳ Facts About Dioxin
 - ↳ Off-Base Sampling Results
 - ↳ On-Base Sampling Results
- ❖ Two new fact sheets were prepared for the meeting:
 - Fact Sheet 24: The Human Health Risk Assessment for Dioxins
 - Fact Sheet 25: The Screening Level Risk Assessment

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Information Session Evaluation

- ❖ An exit poll was conducted to get feedback from the attendees.
 - Attendees were asked how they heard about the information session:
 - 43% received a flyer
 - 29% saw the television interview
 - 14% saw the newspaper advertisement
 - 14% heard by word-of-mouth
 - When asked if all of their questions were answered:
 - one attendee stated that not all questions could be answered in the time frame provided, but that he was satisfied that he would be working with the project team to share his findings.
 - All other respondents stated that all of their questions were answered.
 - When asked if there was anything we should do differently:
 - One attendee stated that the government should be more frugal; that there is "a risk to everything."
 - All other attendees said "no."



Art Conrad, NCBC Gulfport's Remedial Project Manager and Penny Baxter, the consultant's project manager, share concerns expressed by meeting attendees.