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SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS 14 MAY 1997  
REGARDING PETITION TO DELIST ASH NCBC GULFPORT MS  
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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

# Environmental Awareness Community Workshops: *Petition to Delist Ash*

May 14 - 15, 1997



Sponsored by  
the Seabee Center Restoration Advisory Board

November 1997

# Background Information

- The Seabee Center petitioned to delist ash stored on base. The ash was created by burning soils that contained dioxin.



*Ash created from burning soils that contained dioxin is stored in a fenced area within Site 8.*

- Delisting is the petition process to exclude a waste from oversight under RCRA Subtitle C. Some substances continue to be labeled “hazardous” even after the hazardous part is removed. Delisting is the EPA’s way of “relabeling” these substances after it is shown that they are no longer hazardous.
- Two Environmental Workshops, sponsored by the Restoration Advisory Board, were held on May 14 and 15, 1997 to discuss the delisting petition with the community.
- The meetings were widely advertised by placing display advertisements in the *Sun Herald* and the *Seabee Center Courier*, mailing over 700 flyers, and contacting the local radio and television media.

# Environmental Workshop



*Dr. Marland Dulaney, the project's toxicologist, reviews the delisting display with a member of the press at the Charles Walker Community Center.*

- Two workshops were held for the convenience of the community:
  - Wednesday May 14, 5:00 pm, Charles Walker Community Center
    - » 4 attendees
  - Thursday May 15, 4:30 pm, 28th Street Elementary School Gymnasium
    - » 6 attendees

# Workshop Format

- The workshops offered the community a variety of ways to learn about the delisting process
  - A poster session provided an opportunity for community members to come and go as they pleased and ask questions on a one-on-one basis.
  - The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality was available to explain the delisting process.
  - Continuous site tours of the ash storage site were given.

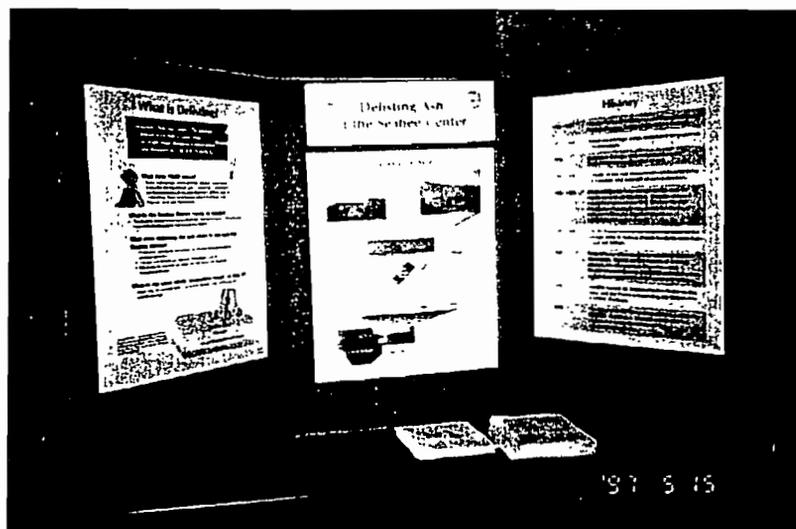


*A community member receives a tour of the base and the ash storage site.*

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# Displays and Handouts

- Three poster stations were on display at each of the workshops. Display topics included:
  - The delisting petition process, which discussed the history of the delisting process as applied for the ash at the Seabee Center and a map of the ash location. A fact sheet on the delisting process was made available as a handout to provide more detailed information on the delisting petition.
  - Facts about dioxin, with the same information provided as a handout.
  - The Restoration Advisory Board and its members, again, with the same information provided as a handout.

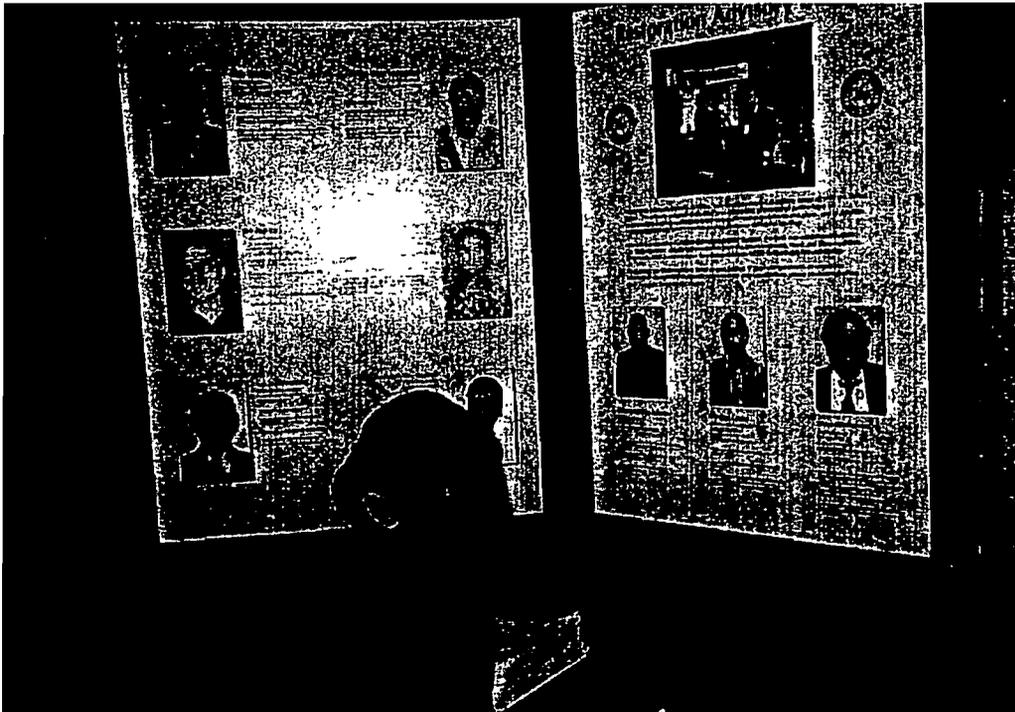


*The delisting petition process display board.*

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# Workshop Evaluation

- An exit poll was conducted to get feedback from the attendees.
  - Attendees heard about the meeting from friends/colleagues and the newspaper advertisement.
  - One attendee suggested broader and earlier advertising.
  - All replied that they received answers to all of their questions.



*A community member at the 28th Street Elementary School open house.*