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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes of the Richards-Gebaur BCT

Place. 15471 Hangar Road, Kansas City, Missouri

Date Thursday, October 2, 1997

Attending:

John Fringer, Interim BRAC Environmental Coordinator (BEC)

Guy Frazier, MDNR

Kay Grosinske, AFCEE/ERB

Don Kerns, MDNR

Robert Koke, EPA Region 7

Robert Lodato, AFBCA/OLQ

David Malecki, KCAD

Bob Zuiss, AFBCA/OLQ

Syd Courson, CCI

AGENDA ITEMS

(Bold face highlights action items, persons responsible and applicable due dates.)

Old Item (Review of July minutes corrections offered by Robert Lodato, OLQ)

Lodato called them language changes and nothing substantive. They were accepted. (See attachment)

Item 1 (Approval of minutes of September 4, 1997, BCT meeting)

Approved.

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Item 2 (Radiation Survey Report)

Bob Zuiss of OLQ reported that the radiation survey at 1200 and 1600 areas and Building 828 was completed in July and that the **final report is expected by late October**. He said no radiation contamination was found.

Item 3 (October Quarterly AFBCA budget meeting and training session October 7-10)  
**MDNR doesn't plan to attend the Quarterly meeting.**

John Fringer, interim BEC, said this will be the first such meeting that will include a training session and that he believed it would be very useful.

Don Kerns of MDNR said he thought it might be beneficial but that the Air Force had to provide more detailed information and an expression of its importance for MDNR officials to approve the travel. He said it probably was too late for this meeting.

**Bob Koke of EPA asked if EPA and MDNR staff could participate in part of the program via telephone conference call on October 7 and Fringer said he would look into this.**

Item 4 (New Business/Comments)

- Kerns said the DSMOA training session in Denver in September was very enlightening and gave MDNR some insight into how the various DoD agencies differ in what they expect. Fringer asked if MDNR found the session comprehensive enough in explaining the cooperative agreement. Kerns said he found the guide fairly self-explanatory.
- Fringer brought up the stressed vegetation Areas of Concern (Steam Line Bleeder Release) that was listed under OU2 in the Operable Unit plan presented by the TAV and adopted by the BCT in September. Fringer said he thought the stressed vegetation areas were part of OU1 (NFRAP). He said the consensus was that the dead and stressed vegetation was caused by hot steam rather than contamination. Guy Frazier of MDNR agreed that once the steam line was shut down the vegetation came back. Koke said the fact the vegetation has come back indicated there was nothing herbicidal there, and that the stress was the result of temperature. Kerns and Koke wanted to know what chemicals were used in the pipe. **OLQ said it would provide that information. Deadline not set.**

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The BCT discussed the Operable Unit numbering sequence because Koke said the EPA computer system will not recognize them unless the numbering is changed. **The BCT agreed to make OU1 (NFRAP sites) OU3. The BCT agreed to change OU2 (soil contaminant sites) to OU1, and OU3 (Site Specific Ground Water) to OU2.**

- Fringer renewed the September discussion about the difference between Record of Decision (ROD) and Decision Document (DD). Fringer said he did not see much real difference and that the IRP manual doesn't really explain the difference as to how they are used. He and Kay Grosinske of AFCEE/ERB said it essentially says that if it is an NPL site a ROD is required and if it isn't an NPL site a DD is used. **Koke said he will ask EPA attorneys for their views on the difference.**

Kerns said MDNR has found that the various Department of Defense agencies all have developed their own policies and procedures and, though they all are somewhat parallel to CERCLA, they do not follow CERCLA. He said the Air Force policy, for example, follows CERCLA but is not CERCLA. Fringer concluded that it doesn't seem to make much difference as long as the documentation provides a thorough explanation of the decision-making process that led to the remediation at a specific site.

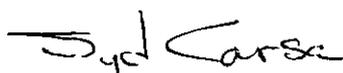
- The issue of NFRAPs and the documentation was discussed. Fringer said each NFRAP needed to be a stand-alone document, detailing every step taken to reach the NFRAP. Kerns asked if a NFRAP now requires MDNR concurrence or just a review by MDNR. Frazier asked who has liability if MDNR signs off. Fringer replied that the Air Force would still have liability if a problem arose later. Grosinske and Zuiss both pointed out that if contamination was found on a closed site in the future, and it was determined that it was caused by a new user, the new user would bear the responsibility. Grosinske used an example at a Navy installation in Hastings, Neb., where contamination was found, but it was from a dry-cleaning establishment, not from the Navy.
- Lodato pointed out that MDNR's Bob Geller was going to make written comments to the October 2, 1996, BCT minutes, and said he had not seen Geller's response. Frazier said Geller questioned the recommendation of Dames & Moore that the acceptable TPH level should be raised to 2,500 ppm instead of the 500 ppm the Air Force had initially approved. Fringer said this is one of the issues that will be addressed in the Evaluation and Consolidation Study.

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- Lodato brought up Dr. Harris' schedule for reaching closure. He said that at the quarterly meeting in Springfield, Va., the schedule will be presented again. He said headquarters asked that MDNR and EPA sign concurrence of the revised (Gant Chart) schedule. Koke and Kerns said they were not prepared to sign it at this time. Fringer called it a "worst case" schedule. Kerns said it differed night and day from the schedule in MDNR's DSMOA business plan. Koke said if this were farther down the road and the sites had been characterized, it might be possible to sign off, but not at this point.
- In the final comment, Kerns asked what projects the OLQ would like MDNR to review first so that work could continue. Zuiss recommended they start by reviewing a work plan that would abandon oil/water separator 965. **Kerns said they would start on that.**

**The next regularly scheduled BCT meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 6, at 10 a.m., in the OLQ conference room, at 15471 Hangar Road, Kansas City, Mo.**

Minutes compiled and submitted by:

  
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- 1. Agenda
- 2. July 1997 BCT Minutes Corrections

**BCT PROJECT TEAM MINUTES**  
**Oct. 2, 1997**  
**1 p.m., AFBCA Conference Room, Building 926**

ITEM	TOPIC	DESIRED OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	ACTION
1	Review Minutes	Approval	OLQ	Approved. Robert Lodato also offered some language changes for the July 15 BCT minutes. They were accepted.
2	Radiation Survey Report	Status	OLQ	Bob Zuiss reported the final report of the radiation survey team is expected in late October. No radiation contamination was found by the team.
3	Oct. 7-10 Quarterly AFBCA Budget Meeting and 2-day Training Session	Preview	OLQ	MDNR said it would not attend, but that if possible it would participate in some discussion via a conference call October 7.

4	New Business - Comments			<p>MDNR and EPA agreed in principle to John Fringer's request to place the stressed vegetation Areas of Concern under the Operable Unit for NFRAP because the consensus was the situation was caused by hot steam rather than contamination. <b>OLQ said it would determine what chemicals were used in the pipe.</b></p>
A. Stressed Vegetation Areas of Concern	Place under Operable Unit for NFRAP	BCT	BCT	<p>The BCT agreed to change the numbering of the Operable Units to have OU1 be for soil contamination sites, OU2 for site specific groundwater and OU3 for sites proposed for NFRAP. This change was made to accommodate an EPA computer issue.</p>
B. Operable Unit Designation Changes	Change in Operable Unit Meanings	MDNR Approval	OLQ/MDNR	<p>Kerns asked OLQ what projects it would like to see reviewed next by MDNR. <b>Bob Zuiss recommended review of the work plan to abandon OWS965. Kerns agreed.</b></p>
C. Project Review Priority				

4. Cont.	Distinctions between Record of Decision and Decision Document for documenting actions.	Determination of which to use	BCT	Consensus was that both were so similar it didn't seem to make much difference as long as CERCLA was used as the guideline. <b>Koke said he will ask EPA attorneys for their views on the difference between DDs and RODs.</b>
5	November BCT Meeting	Schedule-Agenda Items	OLQ	November meeting: 10 a.m. Thursday, November 6, OLQ Conference Room.

Oct. 29, 1997

The following corrections to the July 15, 1997, BCT meeting were proposed by Robert Lodato and accepted by the BCT at its meeting Oct. 2, 1997:

**1. Item II (Long Term lease):** Change to read as follows.

a) Fourth sentence: MDNR suggested that if OLQ remediated each site to the "Any Use" level, it would save both time and money in the long run.

b) Fifth sentence: BCT members also said a re-use change could affect environmental closure by September 1998.

c) Sixth sentence: Meanwhile, the Air Force will extend the cooperative agreement to pay the city for grounds and facility maintenance.

**2. Item III: Change to read as follows.**

a) (MDNR Business Plan/Priorities List)

b) First sentence: Frazier reported that he and Lodato had discussed a schedule of document review detailing a two-year (FY-97-FY98) work plan and a six-year follow-up work plan (FY99-FY2005).

c) Seventh sentence: Lodato will present the document review/schedule to Mr. Reeves.

**3. Item IV: Change to read as follows.**

a) Second sentence: Three groundwater samples were obtained at Disposal Sites 1 and 3 and the Burning Training Area.

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**4. Item V: Change to read as follows.**

- a) Delete subject and first two sentences.
- b) Delete first two sentences.
- c) Fifth sentence: Frazier mis-spelled.
- d) Eighth sentence: The BCT agreed to minor changes MDNR requested in the original work plan, including starting work near Building 942 and working out to the ends of the Hydrant Line.

**5. Item VI: Change to read as follows.**

- a) (Status of IRP Site ST007--Leaking USTs site). delete Marks Pond.
- b) First sentence: Lodato said the remediation draft work plan has been reviewed.
- c) Fourth sentence: Frazier said if the business plan (see Item III) is approved, the review comments will be on the way.
- d) Sixth sentence: D&M proposed hauling out the contaminated soil (between 300-400 cubic yards), and backfilling with clean soil.
- e) Ninth sentence: Frazier said as long as the contamination is removed, the MDNR has no objection to not raising the excavation to surface level.

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# BCT PROJECT TEAM MEETING AGENDA

Nov. 6, 1997

**10:00 a.m., AFBCA Conference Room, Building 926**

ITEM	TOPIC	DESIRED OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	ACTION
1	Approval of October Minutes	Approval	BCT	
2.	Old Business		BCT	
3	Radiation Survey Report (1200/1600 Areas and Bldg 828)	Approval of Findings	BCT	
4	Report on Quarterly AFBCA Meeting	Informational	OLQ	
5	AOC Stressed Vegetation (Steam Bleeder Line)	Provide requested information about chemicals in pipe to MDNR/EPA	OLQ	
6	EPA Legal Staff Views on Decision Documents and Records of Decision	Informational, to help BCT determine which will be used	EPA	
7	New Business/Comments		BCT	