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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

Place: U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters Building (Bldg 710), Richards-Gebaur

Date: Thursday, Jan. 14, 1999

**Attendance:**

Bill Powell, Belton, RAB Co-Chairman

Mike Nicklow, AFBCA/Rickenbacker, RAB Co-Chairman

Peter Barrett, CH2MHILL

Dale Cira, CH2MHILL

Guy Frazier, MDNR

John Fringer, AFBCA

Alan Friedstrom, AFBCA

Kay Grosinske, AFCEE/ERB

Tom Keeney, Belton

Bob Koke, EPA Region 7

David Malecki, KCAD

Bill McFarland, USACE

Norman Onnen, Belton

Syd Courson, CCI

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Item 1 (Update on the Evaluation & Consolidation Study)

Mike Nicklow, RAB Co-Chairman and BEC, reviewed the purpose of the ECS, pointing out that it is designed to be a road map, or guide, for the BCT to bring closure to the remediation by the Air Force of the Richards-Gebaur sites under BCT purview. He said the Air Force is reviewing the final draft of the document, and that some of the work would begin in FY99. He said the ECS review period should be completed by May, and then contracts could be awarded.

Item 2. (1200 Area and UST Sites)

Nicklow also discussed the 1200 area and the Underground Storage Tank (UST) sites where tanks had been removed earlier. He also told the audience that sampling was being done around the runway tarmac area to determine whether there had been any underground pipeline leaks.

Responding to Powell's request made at the October RAB meeting, reported that to date the Air Force had spent approximately \$5.5 million on the Richards-Gebaur sites under the jurisdiction of the Base Closure Team (BCT).

Item 3 (Corps of Engineers Briefing)

Bill McFarland of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers briefed the audience about the status of cleanup of the Formerly Utilized Defense Sites for which the COE is responsible. He said the COE would like to complete all of the studies and decision documents within one year from now so it could move forward on final remediation. He said the COE has completed its remedial investigation and would begin its feasibility study phase Friday, Jan. 15. He estimated that a draft report would be completed some time in February, at which time a 45-day review period would start. He said the Corps was planning on having a final draft by September 1999.

McFarland said the COE already has removed some plastic bags of pesticides that had been buried by the Air Force in 1971 near the south end of the runway. He said the bags were intact, and that the COE has recommended that a No Further Remedial Action Planned (NFRAP) document be approved.

He also said two landfills on the former Air Force base are being investigated and that it probably is going to cost about \$2 million to clean them up to acceptable levels.

McFarland also handed out copies of the COE timetable for accomplishing its mission at Richards-Gebaur.

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Item 4 (Discussion)

Powell complained that it was taking a long time to clean up Richards-Gebaur, and said he could not understand it. He also repeated a statement he had made in the past -- that R-G was one of the cleanest former military bases in the country.

Several members of the audience, including Powell, said they had not been receiving RAB meeting minutes. The CCI representative responsible for the minutes said he would check the mailing list to ensure the addresses were correct.

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