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MINUTES FROM 29 SEPTEMBER 1997 RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NAS
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NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND SOUTHERN DIVISION

**NAVAL AIR STATION KEY WEST
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY**

7:00 p.m.
September 29, 1997
Holiday Inn Beachside, Marquesa Room
Key West, Florida

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Members Present:

Ron Demes, Navy Co-Chair
Susan Loder, Community Co-Chair
Dudley Patrick, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Martha Berry, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IV
Jorge Caspary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Donna Perez, Community Member
Michael Ingram, Community Member

Other Navy and contractor personnel present who are directly related to the RAB:

Phillip Williams, Installation Restoration Manager, NAS Key West
Wayne Mishler, NAS Key West Public Affairs Officer
Eric Nuzie, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Roy Hoekstra, Bechtel Environmental, Inc.
Mark Speranza, Brown & Root Environmental
Chuck Bryan, Brown & Root Environmental

Others in attendance (who signed the attendance sheet):

W. H. Harrison, City of Key West, Local Redevelopment Authority
Steve Schroes, Citizen
Pete Paznokas, Citizen
Linda Crane, Marathon, Florida
Cecilé Daniels, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Marjorie Charpin, Florida Keys Audubon
Ann-Francis B. Ford, Citizen
John Carter, Florida Department of Health
Pat Valerga, Florida Keys Outreach Coalition for the Homeless
R. L. Blazevic, Key West, Florida

Welcome and Self-Introductions

Ms. Loder opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. RAB members introduced themselves.

Public Comment Management for this Meeting

Ms. Loder suggested that RAB members and the public could make comments and ask questions at the conclusion of each presentation. The RAB concurred with this suggestion.

Update of RAB Action Items

Ms. Loder asked for and received RAB approval of the July 28, 1997 RAB meeting minutes. She solicited and received input on the following action items:

1. NAS Key West environmental personnel continue to pursue publishing an article about the RAB in the local paper.
2. Mr. Patrick will continue to track the progress of FY 1998 funding. He will provide an update at the next RAB Meeting, which will hopefully include the amount of funding earmarked for NAS Key West environmental cleanup activities.
3. RAB members did not have comments on the 8-Site RFI/RI Report. This action item is considered to be closed.
4. The Navy responded in a letter to Bill Harrison on the environmental requirements for property that undergoes a federal agency transfer.

Two new items (Action Items 5 and 6) were added to the RAB Action Items list. These action items call for the RAB to comment on the corrective measure study (CMS) reports at Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) 1 and 2 by 29 October 1997. The Navy will present a summary of the CMS reports and responses to comments at the next RAB meeting.

Update of FY 1998 Base Realignment and Closure Budget

Mr. Patrick began by reviewing the current funding profile for all of Southern Division. He explained that NAS Key West will likely receive about \$2.5 million in FY 1998 funding for the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) properties requiring additional environmental study. Funding has already been approved for the five BRAC properties at Truman Annex. He expects to receive funding for the remaining BRAC properties at Poinciana Housing, Hawk Missile Site, East Martello Battery and Trumbo Point in November 1997. The timing for obtaining the funding is expected to allow for continuous field work on all BRAC properties. Remedial investigation work is currently scheduled to begin in August 1998. (Remedial investigations are the next phase of environmental study for those areas indicating chemical contamination during the site inspection process.)

Ms. Perez asked for clarification about any environmental barriers associated with the Commissary. Mr. Demes answered that no environmental barriers currently exist to

impede the transfer of the Commissary property. No environmental investigations are planned for this property.

Update of BRAC Site Studies

Mr. Bryan reported that the Data Quality Objectives (DQO) process was nearly complete and a majority of the Work Plan had been drafted. He expects to complete the DQO process, submit the Work Plan to the regulators and begin field activities at the five Truman Annex properties by the next RAB meeting.

Update of FY 1998 Environmental Restoration Navy Account Budget

Mr. Patrick reviewed the current funding profile for Southern Division. He then noted that NAS Key West is slated to receive nearly \$900 thousand. He also summarized the next major steps in the remedial action process for the 12 Environmental Restoration Navy Account (ERNA) sites at NAS Key West. The decision documents represent major milestones for these sites. For sites that are determined to be clean, the decision document will be the final action.

Mr. Ingram pointed out that closing a site without any restrictions on its use is the best solution. As an example, he asked if the institutional controls being proposed for SWMU 1 would interfere with the idea of joint military and civilian use of the Boca Chica airfield. Mr. Demes replied that institutional controls will be evaluated on a quarterly basis and joint use of the Boca Chica airfield would occur in the distant future, if at all. Mr. Ingram repeated his assertion that he prefers cleanup to levels that allow unrestricted use of the property and that he would like for this to be a priority at the NAS Key West sites. He then asked who determines the future use of a site and how is this use communicated to the public. Mr. Caspary responded that the Navy is responsible for determining the future use of Navy property (such as SWMU 1). He added that SWMU 1 is in an industrial use area of the base. Ms. Loder also noted that institutional controls could be applied to SWMU 1 even if the airfield becomes a mixed-use facility. The area in and around SWMU 1 would continue to be restricted to public access. Mr. Demes responded that the RAB is the primary communication tool for disseminating information from the Navy to the public. He added that the federal government has come to realize that the cost associated with cleanup to unrestricted use is too great. The current approach for hazardous waste sites is to clean up to levels appropriate for current or expected use. Mr. Ingram concluded this discussion by reiterating that he prefers to see the sites at NAS Key West cleaned to levels that would allow unrestricted use of the properties.

Update on the Environmental Restoration Navy Account Site Studies

Mr. Bryan presented the status of the 12 ERNA sites. He noted that the CMS reports for SWMUs 1 and 2 were distributed to members of the RAB on August 18, 1997. Following a discussion about these two reports, the RAB agreed that a presentation be given to the RAB on these two sites at the next meeting. The RAB also agreed to

review and comment on the reports by October 29, 1997 to allow Mr. Bryan to develop and discuss responses to comments at the next RAB meeting.

Mr. Bryan noted that all comments have been received on the 8-Site RFI/RI report. He noted that FDEP commented that a presumptive remedy would allow for a faster and cheaper final remediation at site IR 3. The NAS Key West Partnering Team will discuss this idea during its upcoming meetings.

Update on the Environmental Restoration Navy Account Site Cleanups

Mr. Hoekstra presented slides on the construction of the shoreline protection system at site IR 8. He noted that construction of the 1,800 linear-foot barrier system and revegetation are complete. He presented several pictures showing the various stages of construction through its completion.

Adjournment

Ms. Loder adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Attachments

The next page lists the current RAB action items.

Restoration Advisory Board Action Items

No.	Date Assigned	Action Item	Responsibility	Status
1)	01-28-97	Write newspaper article about RAB for local paper	P. Williams	Working
2)	01-28-97	Finalize FY 1998 execution plan	D. Patrick	Working
3)	07-28-97	Provide comments on the eight additional sites RFI/RI report	RAB	Closed
4)	07-28-97	Provide a written answer to Bill Harrison regarding funding priorities on environmental requirements for Federal agency to Federal agency transfers	R. Demes	Closed
5)	09-29-97	Provide comments on the corrective measures study reports for sites SWMU 1 and SWMU 2	RAB	Open
6)	09-29-97	Prepare responses to RAB comments on the corrective measures study reports for sites SWMU 1 and SWMU 2 and present a summary of the reports to the RAB at the November meeting	C. Bryan	Open