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MINUTES FROM 8 JULY 1995 RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NTC  
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**Meeting Summary  
Restoration Advisory Board  
Naval Training Center, Orlando  
June 8, 1995**

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The fifth RAB meeting was held on June 8, 1995 in the cafeteria of Glenridge Middle School in Winter Park. The agenda for the meeting is provided as Attachment A. RAB Members present are listed below. The RAB member sign-in sheet is provided as Attachment B. The 1995 RAB attendance record is provided as Attachment C.

LCDR Catherine Ballinger  
Ben Breedlove  
David Clowes  
Gina Edwards  
Penelope Felger  
Don Fuller  
Wayne Hansel  
Nancy Maloney

Thomas Nelson  
Blanche Parrott Olson  
Nancy Rodriguez  
Di Silkwood  
Todd Sorrow  
Geraldine Wojeck  
Thomas Yost

Support personnel present included:

Amy Daniel, Southern Division, NAVFACENCOM  
Jim Manning, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.  
Shannon Buckley, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.  
Bill Kollar, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.  
Carol Brinati, Todd Persons Communications, Inc.

LCDR Ballinger, the Navy Co-Chair, welcomed the RAB and the community. Ballinger called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., noting that there was not a RAB quorum at that time. Approximately ten members of the community were in attendance. The community sign-in sheet is provided as Attachment D.

Co-Chair Ballinger announced the impending retirement of Captain Thomas Lagomarsino, Commander Naval Training Center, Orlando. Ballinger thanked Capt. Lagomarsino for his years of dedicated service to the Navy and the Orlando community, and added that his successor will be Capt. Gregg Southgate. Capt. Lagomarsino thanked the Navy Co-Chair for her remarks and commended the RAB on the work they are doing. Co-Chair Ballinger then noted for the record that a RAB quorum had been reached and turned the meeting over to Community Co-Chair Todd Sorrow.

## RAB Administration

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of the May 3, 1995 RAB meeting were accepted without modification.

**RAB Membership:** Co-Chair Sorrow asked for the RAB's concurrence on rescheduling the next meeting for July 12 and heard no objections. He also verified that members receive a copy of the 1995 RAB attendance record in the mail. Sorrow noted the meeting attendance provisions in the RAB charter, and asked the members to be aware of their attendance responsibilities.

Mr. Sorrow addressed the vacancy in the RAB's Vice Community Co-Chair position, noting that RAB member Diane Silkwood had volunteered for the post. Other volunteers for the position were solicited and, none being heard, Ms. Silkwood was elected Vice Community Co-Chair by show of hands.

The next administrative matter addressed was procedures for replacing other recently-resigned RAB members. Co-Chair Sorrow asked for suggestions from the RAB, which included:

- review of applications from the original membership solicitation
- solicit membership from community members who recently became aware of the RAB
- any new applicants are subject to the same selection process that was originally used

Navy Co-Chair Ballinger asked if another membership solicitation by mail was necessary. The RAB decided that, given the number original applicants (approx. 150) and the subsequent list of screened candidates (approx. 40), another mailing was not required. It was resolved that the existing list of screened candidates, combined with any individuals who have since come forward and expressed interest in the RAB, would form the new applicant pool. A two-week period was established for additional new applicants to make their interest known to the RAB. A RAB subcommittee was also formed to coordinate the membership selection process.

The RAB also agreed to change the August meeting date from August 2 to August 1 to accommodate a member's schedule conflict.

## BRAC Accomplishments to Date/Upcoming Activity

Mr. Wayne Hansel, BRAC Environmental Coordinator for the Navy, provided an update on ongoing and upcoming work at NTC, Orlando. Key points included:

### **Field Investigations:**

- Main Base Landfill (OU 1): all surface investigations have been completed; the BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) has discussed the findings and identified permanent monitoring well installation locations; well installations are scheduled to begin on June 12.
- Area C (Group II): a draft screening report on Area C sites is due on July 24.

- McCoy Annex (Group III): all sampling has been completed; a draft screening report on McCoy sites is due in late September.

Workplans to investigate two areas at McCoy Annex, as recommended by the Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Survey, are scheduled for review at the July BCT meeting.

- Herndon Annex: Cone-penetrometer testing (CPT) of a benzene plume was completed on May 25; the benzene contamination is thought to be associated with past fire-training activities at the site and with civilian airport operations of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA); the BCT reviewed the CPT results and decided to discuss the benzene issue further with the GOAA.

Surface water sampling at Herndon is yet to be performed. No permanent decision on cleanup of Herndon Annex landfill is expected before the fall, after analytical results are in.

- Petroleum Tank Management Program: ABB, an environmental consultant to the Navy, has begun assessments at tank sites. Bechtel, the Navy's remedial contractor, is expected to begin removing tanks in late July.

#### **Property Transfers:**

Three new parcels have been added to the transfer list (RTC Parks Area, McCoy Parks Area, and Buildings 7236 and 7241) for lease to the City of Orlando Redevelopment Authority; Environment Baseline Surveys (EBS) for each parcel started on June 5; the EBS for Transfer of Naval Hospital Property to Veterans Administration was completed during May.

In response to questions from the RAB, Mr. Hansel did not foresee any difficulties associated with the property transfers. He noted that under a leasing arrangement, the government retains property title under a one-year renewable lease. Upon completion of a Record of Decision on cleanup for a particular property and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the base, the new owner then takes title to the land. Hansel added that Federal government to government transfers can be made before completion of the EIS.

#### **RAB Feedback: Report from the City of Orlando Naval Training Center Reuse Commission**

The RAB was generally appreciative for the information provided in the presentation, and responded favorably to the Reuse Plan. Members specifically noted proposals for recreational facilities and space as a positive aspect of the Reuse Plan. Mr. Hansel commended the Reuse Commission's work thus far, and stated that the Commission has been especially innovative in its coordination with Federal policies regarding base closure.

Several RAB members mentioned the proposed French-American boarding school, potentially a major component of base reuse plans. The EBS for that property was completed in mid-May, and the project sponsors continue to develop financial information as requested by the City. A

decision on the project is possible in four to five months. If the project does not materialize, residential housing is the planned back-up for the property in question.

### Special Topic: Overview of U.S. Air Force Records Search

Shannon Buckley of ABB Environmental Services made a presentation on research of past U.S. Air Force (USAF) and predecessor activities at NTC, Orlando. The program consisted of:

- Purpose of the records search
- History of USAF activities at NTC, Orlando
- Overview of the records search
- Summary of the records search findings

Results of the records search were provided as follows:

- 19 new areas identified for site screening, UST investigation, or BRAC classification (9 Main Base, 9 McCoy Annex, 1 Area C)
- new areas will be addressed in future investigations
- information sources accessed during records search can be recontacted if necessary

### Questions from the RAB on BRAC Cleanup Activities:

(Note: Questions and answers are paraphrased.)

*Why was the Air Force records search conducted?*

Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law requires research into historical operations like the USAF activities which may have included potentially harmful waste disposal practices. Also, the USEPA requested the Air Force records search. Regulators will address any areas identified through the search and subsequent work which require quick response actions.

*Is there any evidence of UXO at NTC, Orlando, especially at the McCoy Annex?*

There are several areas under study where magnetic anomalies have been detected and may indicate the presence of UXO. Workplans for two of these areas (one at the north end of the base and one at the south end) are currently being prepared, and more detailed investigations will be performed after these workplans are approved. Other potential UXO sites will be addressed in similar fashion as they are reported.

*What investigative techniques are typically used at UXO sites?*

Investigative techniques are identified in the workplan for the particular site(s) and typically include ground penetrating radar and magnetometry tests to detect buried metal objects. An investigator with special expertise in UXO studies is also onsite during these tests.

The RAB meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. and the floor was opened to the public for questions and comments.

### Questions from the Community

*An official from the City of Winter Park commented on difficulty in hearing the RAB proceedings and the generally poor acoustics of the meeting room. He suggested use of a public address system for future meetings.*

RAB members apologized for any acoustical problems experienced by those in attendance and suggested that the issue be further discussed after the public portion of the meeting was closed. Navy Co-Chair Ballinger also invited suggestions on alternate meeting sites to resolve the problem.

*A community member asked about the long-term benefits of environmental investigations at NTC, Orlando?*

Environmental laws applicable to NTC, Orlando require that properties meet specific cleanup standards before property transfers can occur. The investigations, especially those of a preliminary nature, allow the BCT to determine which sites fall within these standards and which require further exploration.

*A community member described muddy conditions in a nearby lake and asked if these were associated with activities at NTC, Orlando.*

Investigations at NTC, Orlando are designed to identify and address chemical contamination on the base. The studies also address offsite contamination associated with the base. Conditions like those described by the commenter are likely the result of uncontrolled runoff from local sources. Issues such as surface runoff may be addressed in future reuse planning activities of the City Reuse Commission.

**AGENDA**  
***NTC, Orlando Restoration Advisory Board Meeting***  
***June 8, 1995***

Opening Comments	RAB Co-Chairs
RAB Administration	RAB Co-Chairs
BRAC Update	Wayne Hansel BRAC Environmental Coordinator
Feedback - City Reuse Commission Report	RAB Members
Special Topic - Report on Former U.S. Air Force sites	Shannon Buckley ABB Environmental Services
Close RAB Meeting	RAB Members
Community Questions and Answers	RAB Co-Chairs



**Attachment C**  
**NTC Orlando**  
**RAB Meeting Attendance 1995**

RAB Member	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
C. Ballinger-NTC	X		X	X	X	X						
B. Breedlove-Community	X		X	X		X						
D. Clowes-FDEP	X		X	X	X	X						
G. Edwards-Community	X				X	exc.						
P. Felger-Community	X		X	X	X	X						
D. Fuller-Community	X		X	X	X							
W. Haneel-SouthDiv	X		X	X	X	X						
T. Kennedy-Community	X		X			X						
N. Maloney-Community			X	X	X	X						
T. Nelson-Community	X		X		X							
B. Olson-Community	X		X	X	X	X						
N. Rodriguez-USEPA	N/A		X	X		X						
D. Silkwood-Community	X		X	X	X	X						
M. Solomon-Community	X		X									
T. Sorrow-Community	X		X	X	X	X						
G. Wojack-Community	X		X	exc.	X	X						
T. Yost-Community	X		X	X	X	X						
<b>X = attended meeting</b> <b>exc. = excused absence</b>												

