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Date : July 22, 1993
To : Hubert Chan
From : Wayne Hauck
Re : July 9, 1993 Agency Meeting Minutes

This memorandum summarizes the items discussed in the monthly regulatory agency meeting for Mare Island Naval Shipyard (NSY) relating to Installation Restoration Program (IRP) activities being conducted at the site. The meeting was held at the Department of Toxic Substances and Control (DTSC) office in Berkeley. The following people attended:

Paul Cloud	Mare Island NSY	(707) 646-6371
Marvin Hillstrom	Mare Island NSY	(707) 641-1320
Laura Kemp	Mare Island NSY	(707) 641-1328
Hubert Chan	WESTDIV	(415) 244-2562
Mark Kwasikpui	WESTDIV	(415) 244-2557
Wayne Hauck	PRC	(415) 543-4880
Tom Shoff	PRC	(415) 543-4880
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Jeff Werter	PRC	(415) 543-4880
Jan Baxter	RWQCB	(510) 286-1287
Chip Gribble	DTSC, Region 2	(510) 540-3816

1. Status of the Remedial Investigation (RI)

Jeff Werter (PRC) informed the group that the subcontract with the vacuum excavation company had ended. Vacuum excavation activities will start again in approximately 2 weeks; PRC is awaiting field screening radiation equipment before working in the controlled industrial areas (CIA) at Mare Island NSY. Geoprobe activities continued during the month of June. Mr. Werter notified Chip Gribble (DTSC) that PRC will fax him weekly field schedules.

It was noted that the Section 7 Consultation meeting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service scheduled for July 14, 1993, was cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled.

An ecological risk assessment meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Regional Quality Control Board (RWQCB) in Oakland on July 14, 1993.

Mr. Werter stated that the steam cleaning and sampling of the ammunition bunkers at IR Site 22 will begin in 1 to 2 weeks.

2. Status of Quantitation Limit Dispute

Hubert Chan (WESTDIV) stated that the quantitation limit dispute will not be reconciled by July 14, 1993. Jan Baxter (RWQCB) will write a letter placing the dispute into the formal resolution process.

3. Community Relations Plan Update

Mr. Gribble said that community relations efforts at Mare Island NSY need to be increased. Laura Kemp (Mare Island NSY) proposed several approaches to increase community involvement. One of these would be 5-minute presentations at City of Vallejo council meetings to update the public on the environmental work being done at Mare Island NSY. Ms. Kemp noted that these meetings are televised and are an effective way to reach the community. She suggested setting up poster displays at public events, handing out fact sheets at banks, and having more open houses at the facility to inform people and broaden community involvement in the environmental cleanup process. The group concurred with Ms. Kemp's proposals. Mr. Gribble told the group that he will discuss the ideas with the DTSC public relations expert, Shirley Bulford.

To increase the frequency of technical review committee (TRC) meetings, Ms. Kemp proposed to include TRC members in every eighth regulatory meeting, which would be held at Mare Island NSY. Paul Cloud (Mare Island NSY) told the group that he believes the schedule for TRC meetings should be event driven. To Mr. Gribble's question as to how many community members are on the TRC, Ms. Kemp replied that there is one. In explanation of that, Marvin Hillstrom (Mare Island NSY) pointed out that the intent was to keep the TRC at a manageable size. Ms. Baxter asked if City of Vallejo officials attend the TRC meetings, and Ms. Kemp said that members from the city planning board attend them.

Mark Kwasikpui (WESTDIV) stated that from his experience on the Hunter's Point project, if the base closes the "reuse committee" will generate the most public participation.

Wayne Hauck (PRC) pointed out that Environmental Update #3, the fact sheet on removal actions at Building 225, was distributed last week. Mr. Hauck also informed the group that Environmental Update #4, the fact sheet on the IR Program, will be distributed next week. Mr. Hauck will send Ms. Baxter a copy of the text for review and will send WESTDIV copies of the Environmental Update #3 fact sheet.

4. Groundwater Monitoring Status

Mr. Werter told the group that some wells still need to be discussed to decide if they should be sampled or abandoned for the July 1993 groundwater sampling quarter. Groundwater sampling is scheduled to begin the last week of July 1993. Mr. Werter informed the group that PRC will check all water levels and well structures. Mr. Werter will provide the group with a list of wells to be abandoned. He also noted that a full suite of analyses will be run on all confirmation samples.

There was some discussion regarding regulations for groundwater monitoring programs at Navy facilities. Ms. Kemp mentioned that according to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 265.93 (40 CFR 265.93) of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Section 67194 of Title 22 California Code of Regulation (CCR), the Navy is required to perform quarterly groundwater sampling and analysis at the Facility Landfill at Mare Island NSY. Others at the meeting were under the impression that a comprehensive groundwater monitoring plan is sufficient to meet the requirements.

PRC will review groundwater monitoring regulations for the next monthly regulatory meeting.

5. Other

Ms. Baxter asked PRC why a 2-foot sampler is being used with the Geoprobe instead of a 3-foot sampler because a foot of stratigraphy data is thereby missed. Tom Shoff (PRC) said he proposes sampling at 2-foot depths and using cone penetrometer data to fill in the gaps while PRC looks into having a 3-foot sampler custom made. Ms. Baxter also noted that the holes from the Geoprobe need to be filled with a tighter material. Mr. Shoff replied PRC has tried several grouting methods that take less time but PRC will probably end up using a grout pump system. Mr. Shoff told Mr. Gribble that PRC will notify the regulators when they have a system that works.

Ms. Baxter asked if data for IR Site 14 has been analyzed. Mr. Werter responded that PRC is awaiting computer diskettes from the surveyor company; with the computer files, PRC can plot the data to show spacial relationships at the site and to better analyze the data.

Ms. Baxter asked what percentage of the Industrial Waste Treatment Pipeline (IWTP) has problems with contamination. Mr. Werter responded that the contamination is randomly distributed.

Mr. Gribble and Ms. Baxter asked Mare Island NSY for an 8-1/2- by 11-inch photo print for each IR site at Mare Island NSY.

Ms. Baxter asked Mr. Chan if he could summarize the Navy's position on the quantitation limits dispute. Mr. Chan stated that he could not answer her request.

6. Next Monthly Meeting

The next monthly regulatory meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., Friday, August 13, 1993, at Mare Island NSY, Building 755.