

**Minutes for the June 17, 2010 Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting  
Naval Submarine Base - New London (NSB-NLON)  
Best Western Olympic Inn, Groton, CT**

Jim Gravette, the Navy RPM, provided a presentation on the IR Program Site Status Update. A handout of the presentation slides was provided to the meeting participants. He reviewed a chart listing the NSB-NLON sites, color-coded by which sites are under investigation, long-term monitoring, or closed. J. Gravette also discussed specifics on the site status, such as optimization of the groundwater monitoring plan at Site 2. He showed a site location map and identified Site 2B and the Lower Subbase as still under investigation. A member of the public asked what "State RCRA UST" means. Dick Conant, the Environmental Restoration Program Manager at NSB-NLON, explained that the program is a Connecticut-lead program to address oil releases from underground storage tanks. He further explained that at some NSB-NLON sites (e.g., Lower Subbase) there are CERCLA contaminants co-mingled with petroleum and the Navy is conducting cleaning up activities under the CERCLA program.

Next, J. Gravette provided a presentation on the Non-Time Critical Removal Action at Pier 1. A handout of the presentation slides was not available for this presentation. He described Inner and Outer Pier 1 and the remediation efforts completed at each. J. Gravette showed photos of Inner and Outer Pier 1. He explained that after sediment was removed from Inner Pier 1, a device with a ruler was used to determine that greater than 4 inches of sediment remained at some locations. Sediment was again removed, and then Navy divers investigated Inner Pier 1 and determined that there was still greater than 4 inches of sediment at some locations. J. Gravette said the Navy is trying to decide what to do next. He explained that the remains of the marine railway and concrete piers make it difficult to remove all of the sediment. J. Gravette showed a map of Outer Pier 1 and explained that in the center section of the area, where the marine railway had been, they had to dredge deeper than planned to meet cleanup goals. Remediation at Outer Pier 1 has been completed. Moving forward, the Navy is considering hydraulic dredging from a platform, hydraulic dredging using divers, or capping to deal with the remaining sediment at Inner Pier 1. Because there is a potential that Inner Pier 1 sediment could migrate and re-contaminate Outer Pier 1, Outer Pier 1 will be re-sampled after completion of remediation of Inner Pier 1 to confirm that sediment in Outer Pier 1 is still below cleanup goals. A member of the public asked about this, and J. Gravette said that leaving turbidity curtains would not have been feasible, and the Navy does not expect the sediment to move and re-contaminate Outer Pier 1 because the Inner Pier 1 is a depositional area.

Next, D. Conant provided a presentation on control of phragmites and wetland enhancement at Site 2B. A handout of the presentation slides was provided to the meeting participants. He said the Navy partnered with USEPA, CTDEP, and USFWS, showed slides of the wetland before and after mowing, explained the remaining schedule for phragmites eradication, and described possibilities for future site enhancement.

D. Conant also provided a presentation on the Community Involvement Plan 2010 Update. A handout of the presentation slides was provided to the meeting participants. The old plan was completed in 1994. He generally described who was interviewed and what the results were. Although the interviewees described a general sense of trust in the Base, there was not much awareness of RAB meetings or ways to be involved in the Environmental Restoration Program. Some interviewees had misinformation regarding the Environmental Restoration Program and some were interested in more information. D. Conant said the Navy has started a quarterly newsletter and plans to create a website. The next quarterly newsletter is due to go out by the end of July. D. Conant invited anyone who was not on the mailing list to sign up that night.

After the meeting, several meeting participants stayed and talked informally with the meeting presenters (J. Gravette and D. Conant).