

MEETING SUMMARY
Restoration Advisory Board
Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point
November 5, 2008

A meeting of the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at the Havelock Tourist Center in Havelock, North Carolina on November 5, 2008 at 6:00 PM. The following RAB members and attendees were present:

Patricia McClellan-Green	RAB Community Co-Chair
Robert Meadows	RAB Community Member
Neil Scarborough	RAB Community Member
Georgiana Bircher	RAB Community Member
Doug Bitterman	Contractor (CH2M HILL)
Jeff Christopher	RAB Installation Co-Chair
George Lane	North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Gena Townsend	US Environmental Protection Agency
Jan Nielsen	Naval Facilities Engineering
Erica DeLattre	Contractor (RHEA)
Bill Hannah	Contractor (CH2M HILL)
Tim Wenk	Contractor (CH2M HILL)

Jeff Christopher opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. by welcoming all attendees. Attendees introduced themselves. A brief overview of the agenda was provided.

Agenda Item	Topic	Topic Lead
Introduction	Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review	Jeff Christopher, MCAS Cherry Point
Presentation	Operable Unit 1, Sandy Branch Tributary 2 Removal Action Update	Eric DeLattre, RHEA
Presentation	Environmental Restoration Program Update	
Closeout	Open Discussion and Questions, Closing Statement and Adjournment	Jeff Christopher, MCAS Cherry Point

Operable Unit 1, Sandy Branch Tributary 2 Removal Action Update

Erica DeLattre (RHEA) presented an update of the removal action at Operable Unit 1 (OU 1), Sandy Branch Tributary 2. At the time of the meeting, the removal action was completed and the removal areas were restored to create a higher quality habitat than pre-excavation. The presentation provided a summary of the areas that were removed, efforts to rescue/preserve organisms in the stream bed and adjacent wetlands, and photos taken throughout the excavation and site restoration activities. The purpose of the presentation was to provide a brief description of the site, a summary of the removal action, and field any questions from the RAB.

The discussion following the presentation generally centered on how the site may have become contaminated. The group discussed that the contamination in the creek targeted by the removal action was a result of historic releases through the storm drains nearby and the discharge of the industrial waste water treatment plant. The discussion then turned towards the likelihood of future impacts to the site from the asphalt parking lots near the site and from pesticide use at the base. The RAB was told that polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) from the asphalt in the parking lots may be found in

future samples from the creek at low levels and that pesticides are not directly applied to the site (pesticides on the site will be from wide-spread spraying at the base to control mosquitoes).

Environmental Restoration Program Update

Jeff Christopher (MCASCP) provided a general update of the status of the environmental restoration program to the RAB. The presentation covered the following topics:

- **Site Management Plan (SMP)** - The final SMP for fiscal year 2009 was issued in November 2009. The SMP is a requirement of the Federal Facility Agreement for an annual review of the status of the various environmental sites and restoration activities.
- **Long-Term Monitoring (LTM) at OUs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 13** - LTM continues at OUs 2, 3, 4, 5, and 13. LTM activities at OU6 are no longer necessary, as the concentrations detected in the wells are protective of human health and the environment. Wells at the OUs that no longer sampled are being abandoned; 67 wells have been closed across all six OUs to date.
- **OU1 Path Forward** - The OU1 Remedial Investigation Addendum is in the process of being finalized. An additional investigation was conducted at Site 17 to resolve lingering questions and new monitoring wells have been installed to further refine the OU1 groundwater plume. The OU1 groundwater and OU1 Sites 14, 15, 16, 18, 40, and 83 are being addressed in Feasibility Studies.
- **OU2 Site 10 Soil** - An investigation was conducted to define the extent of the remaining hotspot at the site. A Focused Feasibility Study is planned for the site in late 2009.
- **OU6 Remedy Complete/Closeout** - The cleanup goals for OU6 have been achieved and the monitoring wells at the site have been removed. The State is working with the Craven County Deed office to get the Notice of Inactive Hazardous Substance or Waste Disposal rescinded.
- **OU14 Path Forward** - The final Remedial Investigation report and draft Feasibility Study are expected in early 2009. The current schedule is to have the Record of Decision for the OU signed in September 2009. During this portion of the presentation, the question was asked why it took so long to get a site through the remedial investigation phase and to the Record of Decision. The group discussed that data gaps are identified throughout the remedial investigation and subsequent steps that require additional investigations. These investigations require allocating funds, developing work plans, collecting and reviewing the data, and the review of any resulting report.
- **Bombing Target 11 (BT-11) Field Work** - Groundwater and soil samples will be collected from BT-11 in January 2009.
- **Munitions Response Program (MRP)** - The work plans for the Cat Island and Skeet Range #1 Site Investigations are expected in November 2008. Warning signs will be installed on Cat Island within two months of this RAB meeting.
- **Hotspots Newsletter** - A newsletter is anticipated in early 2009 that will cover six to eight topics.
- **SECNAV/SECDEF Awards** - The Base received three awards in this year's SECNAV award ceremony and one award in the SECDEF award ceremony. The RAB suggested that these awards be highlighted in the Hotspot Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.