

**Minutes of the
Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting**

Location: NWS Earle, Colts Neck, New Jersey

Time: 13 August 1991, 10:00 a.m.

Objectives: Discuss Agenda Items (Attachment I)

Attendees: See Attachment II

Chairman: Mr. Jerry Hoover (NAVFAC)

Agenda Item 1 - Opening Remarks and Introduction

J. Hoover
(NAVFAC) Mr. Hoover opened the meeting by asking all the participants to introduce themselves while he distributed the agenda (Attachment I). Mr. Hoover asked if there were any questions on the minutes of the last meeting. There were no comments.

J. Hoover
This morning we will discuss those items on the Agenda beginning with a presentation by Mr. Steve Aoyama from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

Agenda Item 2 - Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

At this point Mr. Steve Aoyama (ATSDR) gave a presentation of the Agency's goals and activities, and what their role was with respect to the facility's program.

Congress mandated that all Federal Facilities listed under SARA, RCRA, or CERCLA requires a Health Assessment. It is ATSDR's

job to generate the health assessment; to evaluate existing data, health outcome information, and community concerns. ATSDR is not directly a regulatory agency, but a public Health Assessment Agency. We are not involved in the current progress of the Remedial Investigation. We are a group Separate from the Center For Disease Control. ATSDR works closely with regional representatives in all ten EPA regions. ATSDR's point of contact/regional representative for this project is Lisa Joyce.

The authorizing statutes that ATSDR operates under are, CERCLA, SARA, and RCRA.

ATSDR takes a two-pronged approach. We develop a assessment of the site on a substance specific approach (from toxicological profiles) and on a site specific approach. ATSDRs assessments differs slightly from EPA as follows:

<u>ATSDR</u>	<u>EPA</u>
Health Assessments	Risk Assessments
Used to determine	Used for Remediation
Health Problems	

ATSDR has an emergency response team on call 24 hours. They can be contacted at (404)-639-0615.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Aoyama introduced Ms. Lisa Joyce, the regional representative and line of contact for this project to give a brief overview of their role.

L. Joyce
(ATSDR)

We can be available for health consultations, from a community relations standpoint. We will work with the Local and State agencies, and with Atlanta (CDC). Our visit has no bearing on the timing or stage of the RI. We are here as an advisory agency.

G. Goepfert
(NWS EARLE)

We have had extensive contact with the community and local authorities and have kept up with community involvement from the standpoint of health.

L. Voyce

We are in close contact with EPA; we review all documents submitted to the EPA from the Work Plan to the Record of Decision (ROD).

At this point in the meeting ATSDR concluded their presentation and J. Hoover continued to the next agenda item.

Agenda Item 3 - Site 11 (Potential occurrence of Endangered Species)

Tom Gentile (Wildlife Biologist-NWS Earle) discussed the presence and concerns of the "Beak-rush" (*Rhynchospora Knieskernii*), a grasslike plant species identified at Site 11 (Contract Ordnance Disposal Area). The plant was identified in a study conducted in 1989 by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. It has been listed as a Federally Threatened Species.

Site conditions resulting from past activities at Site 11 (i.e., presently a wet meadow/previously a dense wooded area) may have actually favored the occurrence of the Beak-rush.

T. Gentile

In the meantime, any future activity at the site such as sampling will require advanced notice to Tom Gentile (Wildlife Biologist NWS Earle), and Robin Burr or Dana Peters (Fish and Wildlife Commission, 609-646-9310).

Agenda Item 4 - Status of Site 8 (Landfill East of S-186)

J. Hoover gave an overview of the site issues, Navy's construction plans and a discussion of Work Plan.

Navy wishes to construct a long term parking lot at site for seamen on ship. The Agencies have approved our Work Plan to conduct a test pit investigation at Site 8 to "fast track" the assessment of the site to facilitate the construction schedule.

P. Ingrisano

EPA will split samples with WESTON.



G. Goepfert

Site 8 Test Pit Investigation and Sampling is scheduled to be conducted next week, 20 August 1991. We expect a six to eight week turnaround on the results.

Can EPA give us a relatively reasonable quick review?

P. Ingrisano

Agreed that this should be "doable."

J. Freudenberg
(DEP)

Wants a narrative report regarding the test pit investigation, not just results summary.

G. Goepfert

Construction is scheduled to start fiscal year 1992; starting in October (1991).

K. Petrone

NJDEP requested that Navy submit military construction plan along with the report.

Agenda Item 5 - Site Investigation (SI)

A meeting was scheduled for 29 August 1991 at Building C-29 to discuss the SI.

A target date was set for the completion of the SI Work Plan. It was agreed that, 30 days from a general agreement of the SI sampling matrix between Navy, Agencies and WESTON the final SI Work Plan will be submitted. (It was expected that a general agreement could be reached at the meeting scheduled for 29 August 1991.)

F. Sulak

Presented NOAAs general overall concern that the areas Natural Resources are being addressed.

Head water of south branch of Manasquan and Shark Rivers originate in the vicinity of the station as shown on the surface water drainages maps.



We do not feel that adequate sampling has been included in the RI and SI to define extent of contamination.

J. Hoover

Your request for additional sampling appears to be more general than site specific.

J. Sulak

Yes. That's correct. Contaminants travel away from source. Hockhocks drainage is downgradient of SI sites.

Our recommended sampling points are not directly site specific.

Manasquan and Shark Rivers are municipal water sources.

Previous studies and surface water sampling have been conducted by the State and may be referenced.

This additional sampling should not hold up the SI.

Agenda Item 6 - Remedial Investigation (RI)

RI work is progressing according to the schedule. Result of first round of sampling have been reviewed and a sampling matrix of proposed analytes for the second and third rounds have been submitted.

Agenda Item 7 - Federal Facility Agreement (FFA)

The FFA is continuing according to schedule.

Agenda Item 8 - Conclusions and Discussion of Next TRC Meeting

J. Hoover asked if there were any final questions or issues to be addressed. There were no further comments.

A date of 8 October 1991 was established for the next TRC meeting, then at approximately 12:20 hours, the meeting was adjourned.

AGENDA FOR TRC MEETING
AUGUST 13, 1991
NAVAL WEAPONS STATION (NWS)
EARLE, NEW JERSEY

TRC Opening Remarks and Introduction

- * Introductions
- * Comments on previous meeting minutes

Jerry Hoover
NORTHNAVFACENGCOM

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

- * Site Visit
- * Health Assessment

Stephen Aoyama
ATSDR

Site 11

- * Potential occurrence of Endangered Species

Tom Gentile
NWS Earle

Status of Site 8 (Landfill East of S-186)

- * Revised SI Work Plan
- * Field Work & Sampling (August 20th)

Jerry Hoover
NORTHNAVFACENGCOM

Site Investigation (SI)

- * Revised Site Maps
- * Schedule Review Meeting
- * Target Date for Work Plan
- * National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Open for Discussion
Jerry Hoover
NORTHNAVFACENGCOM

Remedial Investigation (RI)

- * RI Data Tables
- * RI Site Maps
- * Proposed Groundwater Sampling
- * Schedule for Additional Sampling
- * Disposal of Purge Water

Open for Discussion
John Williams
WESTON

Federal Facility Agreement (FFA)

- * Schedule Completed

Open for Discussion
Paul Ingrisano
EPA Region II

Conclusion and Discussion of Next Meeting

- * October 8, 1991

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