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Subj: MINUTES OF NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING OF 3 JUN 99

Encl: (1) "Naval Weapons Station Earle Installation Restoration Program Update (FY99-02+)" prepared by Mr. John Kolicius, Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 3 June 1999.

1. A meeting of the Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held on Thursday, 3 June 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in Building C-2 (Conference Room), NWS Earle. The following Station and community representatives attended:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
CAPT Robert M. Honey	Commanding Officer, NWS Earle
Deborah Sciascia	Office of Counsel, NWS Earle
Gus Hermanni	Safety Director, NWS Earle
Gregory Goepfert	Environmental Engineer, NWS Earle
Mike Brady	Public Affairs Office, NWS Earle
John Vasile	Association of Civilian Employees, NWS Earle
Lester Jargowsky	Monmouth County Health Department
John Kolicius	NORTHNAVFACENCOM
Russ Turner	Tetra Tech NUS
Merwin Kinkade	Tinton Falls
Alida Karas	EPA Region II, Project Manager
Mary Lanko	Resident, Howell Township
Michael Heffron	Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation
Bill Monahan	Tinton Falls

2. The minutes of the 11 Mar 99 meeting were reviewed and entered into the record.

3. Mr. Jargowsky complimented the amount of progress that has been evidenced in this Program, with specific mention of Mr. Kolicius of NORTHNAVFACENCOM and the support of the Command at NWS Earle. Mr. Kolicius was recently featured in the Department of the Navy's Environmental Restoration report for Fiscal Years 1999-2003 as a Remedial Program Manager that has achieved significant clean up progress.

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4. Mr. Goepfert reviewed the milestones in paragraph 5 of the 11 Mar 99 minutes.

a. The well used by the U.S. Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.) in the Wayside Area is properly constructed. Maintenance work was performed on the metal plate and the data logger box was painted.

b. A plan of action has been assembled for the clean up of the Wayside Area, previously used by the Army.

c. Previous to the meeting, Mr. Marcolina of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, provided a copy of the "Letter of Interpretation" extending the wetland determination in the vicinity of the Monmouth County Pistol Range.

d. A copy of the draft Record of Decision for the eight sites for which no further action is recommended will be forwarded by Tetra Tech (Mr. Turner) to NWS Earle and Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command for final review.

e. Mr. Kolicius will arrange a meeting between the Navy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

5. Mr. Jargowsky requested a separate meeting with the NWS Earle Command to discuss the reopening of the County's Pistol Range. He mentioned that the use of lead-free bullets were being considered. CAPT Honey said that a meeting would be arranged.

6. Mr. Goepfert provided a pictorial presentation of the current status of the Installation Restoration sites at NWS Earle, categorized by: completed sites, sites for which clean up actions are underway, and sites that will require further study and/or remedial action. At this juncture, 62% of the sites are completed or underway. A video depicting the pilot study at Site 26 was also presented.

a. Regarding Site 26 (Bldg. GB-1, trichloroethylene (TCE) disposal area), Mr. Heffron remarked that during the pilot study conducted during 18-20 May 99, there wasn't any appreciable concentration of TCE vapors detected during the air sparging work. Mr. Goepfert opined that perhaps some natural degradation of the contaminant had already taken place. Mr. Jargowsky asked if a slurry wall was being constructed or considered. Mr. Goepfert advised that a subsurface clay layer exists, eliminating the need for a slurry wall. However, Mr. Goepfert did mention that one of the remedial options that was considered for this site was the "iron wall," whereby contaminants would gradually pass through, and be purified. This option was declined by the regulatory agencies, preferring a more active remedial approach.

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b. Mr. Jargowsky noted that the NWS Earle's newly opened hazardous waste storage facility (constructed in the vicinity of Site 29) is a vast improvement over the previously used facilities.

7. Mr. Goepfert advised that a meeting of the New Jersey Chapter of the Certified Hazardous Materials Managers group would be held at NWS Earle's Windjammer Club on 22 June 1999. Please advise Ms. Chris Wolenski at (908) 928-9800 if you would like to attend. The topic of the dinner meeting will be "Applications of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)."

8. Enclosure (1) is forwarded to complement the presentation presented by Mr. Goepfert. The next meeting of the RAB will be Thursday, 9 Sep 99 at 7:00 P.M., NWS Earle, Bldg. C-2 (Conference Room).

9. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

10. Milestones:

a. Mr. Kolicius will arrange a meeting between the Navy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) by the end of July 1999.

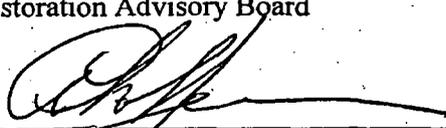
b. A meeting between representatives of Monmouth County and NWS Earle will be scheduled to discuss reopening of the County's Pistol Range.

c. Ms. Karas will be provided with a NWS Earle administrative area security pass.

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