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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Bob Krivinskas

FROM: Betsy Horne

DATE: April 25, 1996

REFERENCE: CLEAN Contract Number N62472-90-D-1298
Contract Task Order Number 218

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Meeting Summary
April 17, 1996 RAB Meeting

Enclosed is a copy of the summary of the RAB meeting held on April 17, 1996, pursuant to subtask 0750. David may want to use it as the basis for a press release announcing Joe's election.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact me at (508) 658-7899.

Very truly yours,

Betsy Horne
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Enclosures

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**NETC RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
ELECTS COMMUNITY CO-CHAIR AND
LEARNS HOW ECOLOGICAL RISKS ARE DETERMINED**

On Wednesday, April 17, 1996, the NETC Newport Installation Restoration Program Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met for another in a series of training sessions. The meeting goals were electing a Community Co-chair and learning how EPA conducts ecological risk assessments.

After reviewing the roles and responsibilities of a RAB Community Co-chair, the community members elected Joe McEnness, a 65-year resident of Newport, to a one-year term as their co-chair. Joe represents the Navy League on the RAB. He spent 35 years with Texaco Marine, retiring as the senior chief engineer, U. S. Fleet, in 1994. Joe has seen first hand what damage pollution can cause and wants to use that knowledge and his position as a director of the Newport Council of the Navy League to help the public better understand NETC's restoration program. As Community Co-chair, Joe joins Captain Jon Wyman, the RAB's Navy Co-chair, in administering RAB meetings and ensuring that the RAB plays a meaningful part in advising the Navy on its NETC Installation Restoration process.

The RAB also agreed on a series of administrative decisions. As long as the training phase of the RAB continues, they agreed that the RAB should meet from **7 TO 9 PM, MONTHLY, on the THIRD WEDNESDAY** of the month, at **THE NETC OFFICER'S CLUB**.

An EPA representative briefed the RAB on how an ecological risk assessment (determining whether critters, referred to as "receptors", have the potential to be harmed by contaminants at a specific site) is conducted and its role in the restoration process. The information derived from the ecological risk assessment is used to develop clean-up levels for contaminated media (soil, surface water, sediment, and groundwater) that will protect these receptors. (EPA conducts a separate human health assessment to identify what impact a site may have on people.)

Agenda items for the next RAB meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, May 15 include adopting RAB ground rules and the charter. Dr. John King of URI will also conduct a presentation on the geology of the NETC area. Experts on biology and water chemistry will be scheduled for future meetings.