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Dear Mr. Shafer:

Enclosed are the minutes of the July 17, 1996 NETC RAB meeting.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at 508-658-7899.

Very truly yours,

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c: Dr. D. K. Abbass
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Hon. June Gibbs
Mr. Dennis F. Klodner
Mr. Joseph McEnness
Mr. Howard L. Porter
Mr. Paul D. Russell
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Ms. Claudette Weissinger
Mr. Paul Kulpa, DEM
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Mr. Tim Prior, USF&WS
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**NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTER
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JULY 17, 1996**

MINUTES

On Wednesday, July 17, 1996, the NETC Newport Installation Restoration Program Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met at the NETC Officers' Club in its first full session as an official RAB. The meeting began at 7:14 pm and ended at 8:10 pm.

Twelve of the 18 RAB community members attended: Kathy Abbass, Al Arruda, Liz Bermender, Mary Blake, David Brown, Tony D'Agnew, Joe McEnness, Howard Porter, Paul Russell, Chuck Salmond, John Torgan, and Claudette Weissinger. Also attending were: Paul Kulpa, the RIDEM Remedial Project Manager; Kymberlee Keckler, EPA Remedial Project Manager; Captain Jon Wyman, NETC Navy Co-chair; and Jim Shafer, NORTHDIV Remedial Project Manager. Other personnel attending included: Sarah White, EPA Community Relations Coordinator; David Sanders, NETC Public Affairs Officer; and Brad Wheeler, NETC Environmental Affairs. Special guests included: Captain Bogle, NETC Commander; Denise Crimmins, NUWC Environmental Affairs; and Bob Krivinskas, the former NORTHDIV Remedial Project Manager. Community members who provided notice of their absence included: Bob Belenger, Billy Fenton, and June Gibbs. Others absent were: Frank Flanagan, Dennis Klodner, and Keith Stokes.

Agenda items are denoted in the minutes by the underscored headings.

CALL TO ORDER

Joe McEnness, the Community Co-Chair, called the meeting to order and introduced the Navy Co-Chair, Captain Jon Wyman. Captain Wyman introduced the RAB to NETC's new Commander, Captain Bogle, who was installed on May 30. Captain Bogle is a Rhode Island native, who has spent most of his career at sea. He has had two tours at NETC and was most recently stationed at Norfolk.

APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Joe indicated that he had received no calls from community members about the minutes so he assumed they could be approved. A motion was made to adopt the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

HEAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joe discussed the listing of the committees' responsibilities and membership (provided as a handout) and asked each to report on its progress.

Project Committee Chair, Bill Fenton, was not present; however, he had discussed the current remediation schedule with Tony D'Agnew, who presented the committee's report. A June 7, 1996 timeline for activities at Melville Landfill, McAllister Point, Old Fire Fighter Training Area, Derektor Shipyard, and Gould Island exists and is on schedule, except for McAllister and Old Fire Fighter Training Area. These two sites are undergoing an ecological risk assessment that is the subject of an Ecological Advisory Board meeting on July 18. These deliberations may effect their schedules. Brad Wheeler will replace Jim Shafer as a member. A motion to accept the committee report was made, seconded, and carried.

Planning Committee Chair, David Brown indicated that although the committee had given their responsibilities a good deal of thought, they hoped to expand their committee to include concerned members with commercial or financial experience to assist in the planning process. Any RAB member interested in joining the Planning Committee should contact David. Jim Shafer will replace Brad Wheeler as a member.

Membership Committee Chair, Paul Russell, stated that they have created a list of possible candidates and have two people who have indicated interest. Joe suggested that the committee may want to redesign the RAB application form. A motion to accept the committee report was made, seconded, and carried.

Public Information Committee, chaired by (absent) June Gibbs, was represented by Mary Blake. Kathy Abbass reminded the RAB that area groups are now planning their 1997 speakers' schedules; she has been asked how to engage speakers to discuss the RAB. Joe suggested that Kathy contact June. Captain Wyman recommended that she speak to David Sanders, who maintains a speakers bureau at the NETC Public Affairs Office.

Joe suggested that the members think over the committee responsibilities and be prepared at the next meeting to talk about their expectations for the RAB.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

PRESENTATION ON HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES AT THE NEWPORT NAVAL COMPLEX

Brad Wheeler prefaced his presentation by circulating a draft of a document that will become NETC's Site Management Plan. The SMP will contain historic information about NETC activities and IR sites. Much of the information in the draft, as well as in Brad's presentation, was obtained from the Federal Facilities Agreement. [The FFA is a legal instrument, signed by the Navy, EPA, and RIDEM, that specifies each party's role in cleaning up NETC IR sites, their obligations, cleanup schedules, and other procedures to ensure timely remediation].

In the early 1950s, the focus of activities at the Complex changed from industrial activity and production, to R&D and education. Military production generated hazardous wastes; however, because these activities ceased so long ago, it was only relatively recently that the environmental consequences of the industrial activity came into focus.

The first torpedoes were built on Goat Island in 1869. Within thirty years, a coal depot was constructed to fuel steam engines. By the early 1920s, the facility made a transition to oil from coal. In 1940, eighty percent of all torpedoes were manufactured at Goat and Gould Islands, employing 13,000 people. Construction of the five tank farms (65 tanks) was initiated the following year. With the end of the war, operations began to change from industrial to R&D and education. Piers 1 and 2 were constructed in the mid-1950s to become the home for 55 destroyers and cruisers. The Naval War College expanded and the Naval Schools Command was restructured. However, by 1973, the Newport fleet was relocated and other area facilities were reduced. In 1980, the Navy developed the Navy Assessment and Control Program (NACIP) to identify and control hazardous waste at their installations. In 1984, the NETC NACIP survey identified 18 potential contamination areas. [Derecktor Shipyard has been added to the list. Since seven sites are Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS), NETC is investigating a total of 12 sites.]

The pace of addressing hazardous waste quickened when the Navy established the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) to promote and coordinate hazardous waste cleanup. The steps in this process include a preliminary assessment, a site inspection, remedial investigation/feasibility study, and remedial design/remedial action. NETC's Technical Review Committee was established in 1988. NETC was added to EPA's National Priorities List in 1989. Within the next two years, NETC established public information repositories in the three community libraries and signed the FFA with EPA and the state.

Brad reviewed selected remedial actions to date:

Tank Farm 5 has been cleaned, closed, and ballasted. A biological soil remediation process is underway. A groundwater treatment plant was constructed and the oil/water separator has been decontaminated.

At Tank Farm 4, the oil/water separator has been decontaminated and the tanks are being cleaned and closed. Demolition may occur.

Tanks Farms 1, 2, and 3 are undergoing a closure investigation by the Defense Fuel Supply Command. RIDEM is also a key player in the remediation.

McAllister Point Landfill is undergoing the final stage of cap construction to repel 2 to 6 million gallons a year of water (rain and melting snow) from entering the landfill from above and leaching out landfill contaminants into groundwater. The methane gas venting system is being constructed and monitored. NETC is still reviewing how to handle offshore sediments and control horizontal leaching.

Old Fire Fighter Training Area is being studied under a remedial investigation. The ecological risk assessment is pending.

Derecktor Shipyard has had a surface cleaning; a more comprehensive investigation of surface contamination was initiated this week. An ecological risk assessment is underway in Coddington Cove.

Brad reviewed the RAB member biography fact sheet (handout). Together with the text of the charter, it could serve as the basis for a newspaper article. Joe suggested David contact June Gibbs about it. The question of whether community members would prefer not to have their home telephone numbers published was another issue raised. It was agreed to table further action on the fact sheet until the next meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed on the need for coordinating remediation activities between IR sites and FUDS sites. Although these areas are not within the IR program, NETC does coordinate with the Army Corps of Engineers, under whose jurisdiction they are being remediated. Brad explained that the majority of FUDS sites are clustered near Melville or on Gould Island and have already undergone removal actions. Paul Kulpa stated that he was the state project manager for all the FUDS sites and would notify any RAB member that asks him about FUDS site activities. Paul is willing to conduct a presentation on those sites to the RAB. Jim Davis of the Corps could also participate.

Kathy Abbass mentioned that the Naval War College has an exhibit on historical activities at the Complex. She will speak to David Brown, the Planning Committee chair, about a RAB field trip.

NEXT RAB MEETING

The next RAB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21. Joe reminded the community members to contact him if they are unable to attend any RAB meeting.