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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING SUMMARY 15 MARCH 2000 NSY  
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## RAB Members Present

Jay Boisseau	NNSY Co-chair
J. Brewer Moore	Community Co-chair
Tim Riordan	LANTDIV
Devlin Harris	Virginia DEQ
Mark Stephens	USEPA
Morris Roberts Jr.	VIMS
Janette Whitely	Community Rep
Jim Gildea	City of Portsmouth
William Copeland	Community Rep
Raleigh Harsley	Community Rep
Carlton Carrington	Community Rep
Carl Fisher	Community Rep
Ed Giles	Community Rep
Ross Worsham	Community Rep
Margaret Lordi	Community Rep

Louis Whitehead	Community Rep
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## RAB Members Absent:

George Harlow Jr.	US Geological Survey
Tamitha Evans	US ACOE

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## Others Present

Jeff Barba	Community Rep
Jennifer McCarthy	Community Rep
Melody Repaisek	Community Rep
Russell Chantry	NNSY
Mike Host	NNSY
Steve Milner	NNSY
Kathy Mooney	NNSY
Dominic O'Connor	NNSY
Stewart Barnes	CH2M HILL
Lynette Bennett	CH2M HILL

FROM: Stewart Barnes/CH2M HILL-HRO

DATE: May 16, 2000

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the Norfolk Naval Shipyard was called to order on Wednesday, March 15, 2000 at 5:10 PM at the Craddock Community Center, Portsmouth, Virginia

After brief introductions, the Navy co-Chair, Mr. Jay Boisseau/NNSY, notified the RAB that he was leaving the Norfolk Naval Shipyard for a new job in another area of the county. Mr. Dominic O'Connor /NNSY will be Jay's replacement managing the Installation Restoration Program for the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Mr. Mike Host/NNSY will serve as the Navy co-Chair for the RAB until Dominic has completed his transition into his new responsibilities.

Mr. Tim Riordan/LANTDIV notified the RAB of his upcoming transfer to Spain. This is scheduled for late April. Mr. Tim Reisch/LANTDIV will be assuming his responsibilities managing the Installation Restoration Program for LANTDIV.

Mark Stephens/USEPA discussed transition of new Navy personnel on to the NNSY Installation Restoration Program from the EPA's perspective. Mr. Stephens expressed his gratitude for the commitment and service of the outgoing personnel as well as his confidence in the new Navy staff.

The RAB discussed the addition of Mr. Ross Worsham (environmental engineer for Atlantic Woods Industries Inc.) and Mr. Edward Giles (Community Representative) to the RAB. The RAB members present endorsed the addition of these individuals to the RAB. [NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting, on March 16, 2000 the Commander of the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, CAPT Schieb, approved these individuals for membership on the RAB and they are now members]

The RAB then discussed the normal term for service for a RAB community representative, and the process for re-appointing or removing members when their terms expire. It was decided that information on the start date for each of the RAB members would be assembled. Any RAB member who has been on the board for more than 2 years would be contacted to determine if they are still interested in serving. If a member wishes to continue, their next 2 year term would begin on the date in which they decided to continue serving on the RAB. If they do not wish to continue, they will be dropped from the board.

## Update on Senate Resolution

Mr. Brewer Moore gave the RAB an update concerning Virginia Senate Resolution SJ-167, sponsored by Senator Quayle, which proposes to commit state funding resources to study the options for creating a public park out of the Paradise Creek landfill areas. The bill is currently in the review committee and was carried over until the next legislative session. Mr. Moore reported that he had discussed this initiative with the City of Portsmouth Planning Committee, and asked the RAB if there were any objections to his approaching the Hampton Roads Partnership. No objections were raised. Mike Host, Dominic O'Connor and Brewer Moore will attend this meeting when it is scheduled.

Dr. Carl Fisher expressed interest in the project and stated that the Elizabeth River Project has a wetlands specialist who would like to examine the site. Tim Riordan/LANTDIV informed the RAB that the Navy has a natural resources specialist that has been to this site and may be available for technical support. Members of the Craddock community in attendance expressed their support for having a park or preservation area in their community.

Mr. Steve Milner/PAO Norfolk Naval Shipyard reminded the RAB that if the Navy should determine that the property is no longer needed, it will be turned over to the General Services Administration (GSA). GSA, not the Navy, will make the government's final determination regarding transfer of the property to the community.

There was a general interest for community members to make a visit to the site. A list was circulated for RAB members to indicate if they would like to make a visit. This list is included as Attachment A to these meeting minutes.

## New Gosport Landfill Update

Tim Riordan/LANTDIV gave an update of the work currently underway at the New Gosport Landfill site. The following are highlights of this discussion.

Investigation has indicated that there was more abrasive blasting material buried on site than originally expected. Initial indications are that the volume is close to 20,000 cubic yards. This is significantly higher than the original estimate of 6,500 cubic yards. Tim also indicated that it appears that in the past the grit eroded into the marsh areas along the banks of Paradise Creek. The grit in that area is currently covered by a layer of approximately 12 inches of sediment. Lead levels at the site appear to be consistent with those already disclosed via the previously distributed community fact sheet. The site now has a fence around the perimeter to limit pedestrian access. The volume and location of the material involved means the Navy may not be able to simply dig up and dispose of the buried blast grit as had previously been discussed with the RAB. The Navy will now need to make a more detailed study of the site and explore other alternatives for remediation. A phased approach for remediation of the site is currently planned. Contaminated areas close to the Youth Center and the end of Stack Street will be removed and disposed as a removal action. The Navy hopes to award the contract for this work by the end of March 2000. The remedy for the remainder of the site will be selected by a process in accordance with the National Contingency Plan to determine the most effective means for closing the site.

Mr. Copeland asked if the contamination at the site was still spreading. Tim Riordan explained that it was not. The blast grit eroded into the marsh area as the filling was being conducted. Once the site was stabilized and a soil cover established, erosion was effectively halted.

Mark Stephens urged the RAB members to start thinking about the upcoming remediation and the fact that work will be conducted in the community. They need to start formulating any concerns they may have. Concerns or comments should be routed to the Navy through the community co-chair, Mr. Brewer Moore.

Mr. Copeland stated that he remembers "red lead" being removed with sand, and asked whether this sand was deposited at the New Gosport site. Tim responded that it appeared not, in that if significant quantities of such material had been deposited at the site the data would have indicated this by elevated concentrations of lead.

Tim Riordan also responded to a question asked by Ms. Whitley at an earlier RAB meeting, regarding blast grit filling near the former ball fields. Based upon the investigation, it did not appear that any blast grit was deposited in the ball field areas.

Mr. Whitehead stated that there used to be a lake on the other side of Paradise Creek, opposite from the New Gosport Landfill area. He stated that the lake was originally built by McClean Industries as a borrow site for various construction projects in the area. The lake was commonly referred to as "the hole." This lake was later filled in as Frederick Boulevard was constructed across the site. While the fill material was likely from multiple sources in the area, Mr. Whitehead recalled that one source may have been fly ash from the NNSY power plant (now out of service). The Navy representatives were unaware of this activity

and indicated that they will examine the aerial photographs of this area to determine the time period that this activity may have occurred. It was noted that this area was never Navy property and is currently private property. This fact will affect the process followed for any investigations on this site.

## Update on Other Site Issues

Tim Riordan/LANTDIV gave the RAB an update of some of the other sites at the NNSY. The following is a summary of this update:

- A report will be issued soon on the Site 4 DNAPL investigation.
- A status of the Site 5 Oil Recovery Area was provided. Tim explained that the system was actually removing very little oil, and the plume does not appear to be moving. Since the pumping operation appears to be generating no real improvement at the site, the Navy plans to cease operation of the system pending further evaluation. Ross Worsham asked if this situation resulted from a problem with the selected remediation technology. Tim responded that it appears more likely to be caused by the underground oil bonding tightly with the soil, making removal more difficult.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

**ATTACHMENT A**  
RAB Members and Others Interested in a Site Tour of  
Paradise Creek

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<b>Name</b>
Jeff Barba
Janette Whitley
Melody Repaishek
Carl Fisher
Jennifer McCarthy
Raleigh Harsley
William Copeland
Carlton Carrington
Jim Gildea (with 1 associate)
Louis Whitehead
Margaret Lordi
Ed Giles
Lynette Bennett

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