

**MEETING MINUTES  
NAVAL AIR STATION SOUTH WEYMOUTH  
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)  
8 NOVEMBER 1995**

A Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting for Naval Air Station South Weymouth (NAS SOWEY) was held on 8 NOV 95 at the Weymouth Junior High School in Weymouth, MA to implement the RAB, introduce the RAB members and other key people, and provide a summary of the RAB process. This was the second RAB meeting; the first RAB meeting, which was held on 7 SEP 95, provided an introduction to the RAB process.

Mark Krivansky, representing Navy Northern Division, opened the meeting. Mr. Krivansky is the Navy's Remedial Project Manager for the Remedial Investigation to be conducted at NAS SOWEY under the Navy Installation Restoration (IR) Program.

Mr. Krivansky introduced the other Navy and environmental agency representatives sitting at the front table:

- Tom Papoulias - NAS SOWEY Base Environmental Coordinator and RAB Co-Chair
- Patty Marajh-Whittemore - U.S. EPA, Region 1 Remedial Project Manager
- Gail Colaiacomo - Massachusetts DEP

Other Navy representatives in attendance were:

- Gary Evans - IR Project Manager, NAS SOWEY Environmental Department. Mr. Evans will provide the RAB with support from NAS SOWEY.
- CDR Glenn Doten - NAS SOWEY Base Transition Coordinator, representing the office of the Secretary of Defense. CDR Doten will provide a link between the RAB and the local reuse authority and will serve as a resource to the RAB for questions on the military system.
- LT. Pat Hagan - NAS SOWEY Public Affairs Officer. LT Hagan will work with Gary Evans and will advertise RAB meetings and announcements in the local newspapers.
- LCDR Mike Hayes - Environmental Attorney for the Navy Reserve Center. LCDR Hayes will assist with legal and environmental issues.
- Dave Murphy - Regional Environmental Coordinator/Environmental Compliance Officer
- Glenn Zitka - Environmental Specialist, NAS SOWEY Environmental Department
- Mike Worthy - Project Manager, Brown & Root Environmental Team

Mark Krivansky briefly discussed the environmental projects planned for NAS SOWEY:

- A Remedial Investigation (RI) of seven sites at NAS SOWEY will be conducted as part of the Navy IR Program. A Preliminary Assessment was performed in 1988 and a Site Investigation (SI) was performed by Baker Environmental, Inc. in 1991. Mobilization activities have started for the RI; initial surface soil, sediment and surface water sampling will begin shortly. A definitive schedule for the subsurface investigations has not yet been finalized.

An Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) of the entire facility, including the Base, the Navy housing in Quincy, No Mans Land Island. Phase I (data gathering) of the EBS commenced 2 months ago. A draft report of findings from the EBS will be available for public review and comments in mid-January 1996.

Gary Evans, the IR Project Manager at NAS SOWEY, gave a slide presentation that covered topics including an overview of the RAB and the RAB process; definition of a RAB and why it is important; responsibilities of the RAB; the RAB charter; selection of the RAB members; changes in membership; scheduling, attending and conducting the meetings; and possible topics for the agenda of the next RAB meeting.

Gary Evans provided further discussion on how the RAB members were chosen. He explained that the method of selection was decided by the NAS SOWEY Commanding Officer (Captain Robert Duetsch), the EPA and DEP. The Town and City Halls of the five affected communities were contacted and requested to appoint a selection committee, who reviewed the RAB applications and made selections according to requirements to provide balance and diversity within the RAB. The selection board decided that 10 community representatives would provide sufficient diversity from the communities.

The following individuals and the community/group they represent were selected to become members of the RAB:

- James Lavin - Abington
- Stephen Powers - Abington
- Charles Rizzotto - Hingham
- Richard Meade - Quincy
- Theresa Buffum - Rockland
- Charles Kimball - Rockland
- Thomas McGrath - Weymouth
- Karen Scerra - Weymouth
- Debbie Lenahan - North/South Rivers Watershed Association
- George Mutch - Back River Committee (representing Hingham and Weymouth)

Tom Papoulias, the NAS SOWEY Base Environmental Coordinator (BEC) and RAB Co-Chair, handed out an example of a RAB charter to the RAB members. This example of a charter is one that is currently being used at a Navy facility which is not closing. The Navy, EPA and DEP agree that it is one of the better charters. The RAB members were asked to review this example as a guide in preparing the charter for NAS SOWEY.

Tom Papoulias discussed the three major programs for environmental clean-up at NAS SOWEY:

- A contractor will perform a lead and asbestos survey at the base and the Navy housing in Quincy starting on November 13, 1995. Lead testing will be conducted at the Navy housing and not at the industrial sites. XRF portable equipment will be used during the lead survey. A previous asbestos survey was performed at the base and the Navy Housing in Quincy; approximately 1,000 samples were collected. Reports on the survey will be made available to the public for review and comments in approximately 3 months.

Stone & Webster is performing the EBS, which will last approximately four months (see discussion above).

- ENSR Consulting, Engineering and Remediation, under subcontract to Brown & Root Environmental, will perform a RI of the seven IR sites. The RI is an extensive continuation of the previous investigation conducted by Baker Environmental, Inc. A four-month field investigation program will include surface and subsurface soil sampling, excavation of test trenches, drilling of soil borings, installation of groundwater monitoring wells, groundwater sampling, in-situ hydraulic conductivity testing, surface water and sediment sampling, stream gauging, installation of piezometers, a geophysical survey, and a soil vapor survey.

**Questions:**

- Is all the information that has been collected to date on the seven IR sites contained in the Baker studies?

**Response:** Yes. Additional information will be collected during the RI.

- Have any radon surveys been performed?

**Response:** A radon survey was completed; results indicated that radon is not a problem at NAS SOWEY.

- Are existing studies available to the RAB?

**Response:** All existing reports and related information are available at the NAS SOWEY Environmental Office and at information repositories in the community libraries. All future reports and information will be added as they are collected.

- Is the Coast Guard facility going to be tested?

**Response:** The Coast Guard Buoy Depot is an ongoing operation located on land near the West Gate (adjacent to the West Gate Landfill) which has been leased from the Navy for 25 years. The Coast Guard has requested 5 additional acres once the base closes. Operations at the facility include gathering of buoys and sandblasting them with glass beads in an enclosed, closed-loop system. Paint chips derived from the process are disposed of through Clean Harbors, Inc. Since the Coast Guard facility is an ongoing operation, it is not being considered under the IR program, which focuses on former waste sites. The facility is being examined as part of the EBS, and results of the Phase I EBS will include a determination of cleanliness recommendation.

- Will the Navy provide the RAB with site maps of the areas to be investigated as part of the RI?

Response: The Navy agreed to provide the RAB with copies of the site maps. In addition, site maps are included in the SI reports prepared by Baker Environmental, Inc. and the RI Work Plan prepared by the Brown & Root Environmental Team, both of which are available for review. The Environmental Office at NAS SOWEY has also prepared a binder with information and photos of the seven IR sites. Approximate locations of future sampling locations are shown on site figures in the RI Work Plan. The Navy and the regulators will walk the sites and determine more precise sampling locations in the next few weeks.

It was suggested that the RAB attend a site visit of NAS SOWEY and the seven IR sites. A van and walking tour is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 1995 at 9:00 AM.

The following information is in response to other questions raised during the meeting:

- A Title V restrictive emissions permit for the boiler plant and testing of jet engines has just been approved.
- NAS SOWEY has eliminated PCB sources from the base. There may be traces of PCBs at some of the IR sites; the Navy will investigate those during the RI.
- There is asbestos present on the base; however, it is not friable and not of concern.
- The FAA (and not the EPA) controls deicing/glycol systems; however, plans are being designed to capture it.
- French's Stream and the area near the landing lights are being investigated as part of the RI and the EBS.

Gary Evans mentioned that a Community Co-Chair needs to be selected by the RAB. The Co-Chair should be a resident or be employed in one of the affected communities, have a local knowledge, be outgoing and a good facilitator. The Co-Chair responsibilities are to organize and host the RAB meetings, prepare the agenda, and help keep the RAB process moving forward. A description of duties of the Co-Chair is included in the example charter.

Two members expressed an interest on their RAB applications in the position of Community Co-Chair. Since one of the RAB members was absent, Gary Evans suggested that the RAB members read through the applications of the two candidates and mail in their vote. The RAB members decided by a majority vote to nominate and vote for a temporary Community Co-Chair during this meeting. Charlie Kimball was nominated and presented his background and qualifications for the position. The motion was passed to elect Charlie Kimball as temporary Co-Chair. A permanent Community Co-Chair will be elected when all RAB members are present.

As decided by the RAB, future RAB meetings will be held at NAS SOWEY to allow for easier access to available reports and other information. The agenda of the next meeting will include getting organized,

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**electing a permanent Community Co-Chair, and working on the charter. The Navy and EPA mentioned that the Co-Chair will prepare future meeting agendas to include any issues, topics or ideas that the RAB would like to be discussed or clarified by the Navy, EPA or DEP.**

**The next RAB meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 27, 1995 at NAS SOWEY.**