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Reference: CLEAN Contract No. N62472-03-D-0057
Contract Task Order 041

Subject: Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2006
Former Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC) Warminster, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Monaco:

Enclosed please find the minutes from the RAB meeting held on November 1, 2006. Copies of the minutes are being sent to the individuals identified on the distribution list.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Orient
Project Manager

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Enclosure

c: Ron Sloto (USGS)
April Flipse (PADEP)
Tony Sauder (Pennoni)
Dave Fennimore (Earth Data)
Garth Glenn (TiNUS)
Pat Schauble (ECOR)
Kathy Davies (U.S. EPA)
Carolyn Ohart (Battelle)
Norm Kelly (RAB Co-Chair)
Dennis Orenshaw (U.S. EPA)
Bob Lewandowski (Navy BRAC PMO)
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**FORMER NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER (NAWC) WARMINSTER
MEETING MINUTES**

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING NO. 105

REFERENCE: CLEAN CTO NO. 041

1. Meeting Date and Time: November 1, 2006, 9:35 AM to 11:55 PM
2. Location: Warminster Municipal Authority Board Room
3. Attendees: See Attachment 1 (attendance list)
4. Summary of Meeting Discussions: See below.

Introduction and Administrative Update

Mr. Lonnie Monaco, the Navy's Remedial Project Manager (RPM) for the project working out of the Navy's Base Realignment and Closure Program Management Office (BRAC PMO) in Philadelphia, opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and providing an agenda for the meeting (Attachment 2).

Comments were solicited on the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Dave Fennimore (Earth Data) asked if a decision had been made yet regarding potentially switching the OU-4 remedy to natural attenuation. Mr. Monaco indicated that no decision had been made yet. Mr. Fennimore also asked about the statement in the minutes regarding the possible shutting down of extraction wells whose concentrations had flat-lined. Mr. Monaco suggested that the topic be revisited for clarification.

Optimization Study Status Update

Mr. Russ Sirabian (Battelle) provided an update of the status of Battelle's optimization study (see handout, Attachment 3). For Area A, the primary recommendation is to begin pumping extraction wells EW-A5 and EW-A9, which had been shut down to minimize potential redistribution of high levels of contamination (including DNAPL) in the vicinities of extraction wells EW-A6 and EW-A7. Mr. Fennimore asked about PCE concentrations in these wells. Based on the recent TEG memo distributed in regards to potentially pumping from the area of HN-69D, PCE concentrations in the extraction wells in question typically range from nondetect to several hundred ug/L. Mr. Tony Sauder (Pennoni Associates) asked about the proposed increase in the pumping rate of EW-A7 from 0.3 gpm to 1 gpm – Mr. Sirabian indicated that it could probably be achieved by changing the level switch depth settings. Mr. Sauder also asked for a summary report for O&M activities to

show the effects of the proposed system changes once they are implemented – Mr. Monaco affirmed that this would be provided. Mr. Jeff Orient (Tetra Tech NUS) asked why extraction well EW-A13 was recommended for shutdown since it has PCE at 93 ug/L (2006 data). Mr. Sirabian agreed that it should continue to be pumped in light of this. Mr. Monaco indicated that a revised draft report would be out shortly for review and comment.

For Area D, Mr. Sirabian indicated that all monitoring wells are below 10 ug/L of TCE and most extraction wells have flatlined in regards to contaminant trends over time. Battelle is recommending the shutdown of extraction wells EW-D1, EW-D4, and EW-D5 [Mr. Pat Schauble (ECOR) pointed out that EW-D5 was shut down in 2004 based on TEG recommendation and as per RAB agreement]. Mr. Sauder questioned some of the trend lines drawn, especially in light of the use of the trend lines as tools for making extraction well shutdown decisions. Ms. Kathy Davies (U.S. EPA) indicated that extraction wells should also have low levels of contamination along with an asymptotic concentration trend over time to be considered for shutdown.

For the groundwater treatment system, Battelle is recommending elimination of the metals removal pretreatment components (with the exception of keeping the ion exchange unit online), as the sand filter in particular is a problem in regards to limiting the treatment plant capacity. Ms April Flipse (PADEP) indicated that the discharge permit requirements should be considered prior to making any final decisions about what treatment processes can be eliminated.

For the LTM program, Mr. Sirabian indicated that Battelle is recommending the TEG recommendations be implemented with the exception of extraction well EW-A18. Since the pump and piping will be removed from this well, Battelle is recommending semiannual sampling for awhile, with a PDB sampling method employed. Other recommendations include sampling the Area A extraction wells quarterly for awhile after pumping rate modifications are made (including new extraction well EW-HN69D once it is installed and operating) and reducing the frequency of water level measurements in hydrogeologic unit A and C wells (in Areas A and D) to annual. Mr. Sauder asked if formal recommendations had ever been sent out by the TEG in regards to changing sampling frequency – he is concerned about the lower frequency of sampling in several offsite wells (HN-52S, HN-69, HN-67) in light of the recent increases in contaminant levels in some offsite wells (including WMA-26). Mr. Monaco indicated that the TEG will consider whether the sampling frequency should be changed in light of the new data and make a recommendation one way or the other.

Area C Source Assessment Status

Mr. Monaco established a due date of November 20, 2006 for review comments on the draft work plan. Mr. Chris Candela (ATC Associates, representing Erickson retirement Communities) asked if Erickson could comment on the work plan – Mr. Monaco indicated that comments were welcome. Some initial concerns expressed by Mr. Candela include the proximity of some of the proposed wells to nearby buildings, the high number of soil vapor points proposed to be drilled through a paved parking area, and potential damage to some large, high-value oak trees located in the area. Ms. Davies suggested that a “building floor slab” approach be taken to the soil gas survey that would include a more limited number of holes hand-drilled through the pavement, which Mr. Candela indicated that he was in favor of. Bob Lewandowski (Navy BRAC PMO) assured Mr. Candela that the Navy is very sensitive to the fact that the units in the retirement village are now occupied and that, although the Navy has reserved the right to conduct necessary remedial activities, the Navy will work closely with Erickson to minimize the disturbance to the property and any inconvenience to the residents during the conduct of the investigation. Mr. Jim Burke (PADEP) asked about underground lines running across the parking lot area, as the sand/gravel bedding around them can be preferential conduits for vapor accumulation and migration. Mr. Candela is to provide as-built drawings of underground utilities in the area, as well as information regarding the nearby stormwater pond and the locations of the high-value trees. Mr. Sauder asked about a reference in Section 1.2 of the work plan about the nearest active well being within 500 feet of the base, as his impression was that all nearby wells had been closed by the Navy and public water provided to the residents. Mr. Orient indicated that he would check the statement for accuracy.

Act II – 905 Louis Drive

Mr. Monaco indicated that Mr. Mike Nines was not available today for an update regarding his firm's Phase II site assessment activities related to 905 Louis Drive. Mr. Dennis Orenshaw (U.S. EPA) provided an update of EPA efforts to identify potential sources for the increased levels of contamination recently found in groundwater in the Louis Drive/WMA 26 area. A project manager (Charlene Kramer) has been assigned to the project by EPA. Thirteen potential sites have been identified in the area, and the EPA is now in the process of attempting to narrow down the number of sites through additional data gathering. Funds are being set aside for an EPA investigation of the area. Mr. Sauder asked what the basis was for sites being identified, and Mr. Jim Krueger (Warminster Township) indicated that he had four specific sites of concern relative to potential contaminant releases. Mr. Monaco asked Mr. Orenshaw to provide a list of the 13 sites to the RAB and invite Ms. Kramer to the next RAB meeting.

Post-ROD Monitoring at OU-10

Mr. Monaco inquired about the status of reviews for the draft work plan for sediment sampling at OU-10 that was submitted on October 6. Ms. Davies indicated that the Region III BTAG needed to review the document and that she would forward her copy to the BTAG tomorrow. Mr. Sauder asked about the status of stream sampling in Area A – Ms. Flipse and Mr. Orient indicated that 8 rounds of sampling had been completed and no further sampling was required or needed. Mr. Monaco established a due date of November 29 for work plan review comments and Mr. Orenshaw indicated that he would push BTAG to provide comments by then.

Update on Status of Wells 13 and 26

Mr. Monaco indicated that the stripper upgrade for Well 26 and addition of a stripper to Well 13 that were proposed by Mr. Tim Hagy in the last technical meeting are considered by the Navy as part of future response costs and will be reimbursed as appropriate, thus WMA can proceed with the modifications. Mr. Dave Fennimore (Earth Data) indicated that he had not yet determined whether Well 26 had been sampled for 1,4-dioxane but would prioritize this action item and would provide the information to the Navy. Mr. Schauble indicated that monitoring wells had not yet been sampled for 1,4-dioxane as PDBs are not appropriate for this contaminant. He proposed a three-volume purge or low-flow sampling technique for the wells targeted for 1,4-dioxane sampling – Ms. Davies indicated a preference for the conventional purge approach versus low-flow purging/sampling. Mr. Schauble stated that the treatment plant influent and effluent had been sampled for 1,4 dioxane with no detections at a detection limit of 3.5 ug/L, and briefly described available treatment technologies for this contaminant (see handout, Attachment 4).

Second Five Year Review Report Status

Mr. Orient indicated that Tetra Tech NUS is in the process of providing responses to comments to the U.S. EPA comments received on the draft report, in addition to the Pennoni comments received and responses provided at an earlier date. No additional comments were offered by the RAB participants.

Extraction Well Near HN-69D

Mr. Orient summarized the TEG evaluation and recommendations provided to the RAB via email on October 26. In summary, the TEG recommends installing and operating an extraction well

adjacent to HN-69D. Ms. Davies suggested the installation of transducers in nearby wells during drilling operations to identify hydraulic interconnections among the wells. Mr. Monaco asked for any comments on the evaluation – no one voiced any objections or concerns. Mr. Sauder asked whether a timeframe had been established for this work – Mr. Monaco indicated that the work was not yet funded, but may be a spring 2007 activity.

Miscellaneous Topics and Issues

Mr. Schauble asked if anyone was aware of where the treatment plant outfall into the receiving stream is located, as this information is needed for a NPDES permit that he is working on. No one was aware of the location other than it is some distance to the north and follows the railroad tracks at least part way from the treatment plant.

Action Items

The following action items were identified at the wrap-up of the meeting:

- The TEG is to provide recommendations for any adjustments to the LTM program sampling frequency that they feel is appropriate.
- Mr. Candela is to provide as-built drawings for utilities relative to where Area C source assessment work is under consideration.
- Mr. Orenshaw is to provide a list of the 13 sites EPA is investigating in the Louis Drive area.
- Mr. Nines is to provide sampling results and water level data for his investigation of 905 Louis Drive.
- Mr. Fennimore is to research and provide any 1,4-dioxane results for Well 26.
- Mr. Orient is to recommend wells for transducer monitoring during the drilling of the extraction well near HN-69D.

Next Meeting Date

The next RAB meeting date was set for February 7, 2007 at 9:30 AM in the WMA Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 AM.

**NAWC WARMINSTER
TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE/RAB MEETING**

01 November 2006 9:30 AM

WMA Board Room

415 Gibson Ave

Warminster, PA

MEETING AGENDA

Administrative Update

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Area C Source Assessment

- Status of comments on Sept 06 Draft

Post-ROD monitoring at OU-10

- Status on draft review

Update on Status of Wells #13 and #26

1,4 Dioxane

- Sampling status at HN-16S, HN-52S, G/W treatment plant influent/effluent

2nd 5-Year Review

- Status on response to comments

Act II – 905 Louis Drive

- Status Update from property owner

- EPA Update on Offsite Preliminary Assessment

Extraction Well near 69D

- TEG update

Optimization Study Status

- Update from Battelle

Miscellaneous Topics and Issues – Action Items

Time and Location of Next Meeting: - Date to be determined.