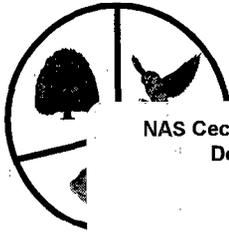


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NAS Cecil Field Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 1997

The monthly meeting of NAS Cecil Field's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) began at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 1997. The meeting was held in the Eisenhower Room in the Bachelor Officer's Quarters at NAS Cecil Field.

The following RAB members were present:

Community Members

Diane Peterson, Community Co-Chair
Lisa Chelf
Richard Darby
William Dike
Margaret Day Julian
Iran Maisonet
David Scott
Lewis Shields

Navy, Regulators, and Officials

CDR Scott Morrison, Navy Co-Chair
Mark Davidson
Mike Deliz
Richard Donoghue
Dave Kruzicki
Debbie Vaughn-Wright

The following members were absent:

Community Members

Lynette Browning
Keith Daw
Becky Hogan
Tom Mackin
Skip Renckley

Navy, Regulators, and Officials

Julie Cochran
David Farrell
Keith Halford
William Wilson

The following support personnel were present:

Sandy Faraldo, Willard Murray, David Porter, Lisa Routhier, Bob Simpson, Kimberly Stacy, Al Stodghill, and Chuck Underwood.

The following community guests were present:

Priscilla Bowers, Judy Cherico, Traci Davison, and Jessie Kurz (representatives from the Jacksonville Interfaith Environmental Concerns Group).
Steve Berry (RS&H), Izzy Bonilla (Jacksonville Port Authority), Mark Roberts (City of Jacksonville), and Chip Seymour (RS&H).

Administrative

Diane Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by asking for an introduction of the guests present at the meeting. She then asked for corrections or additions to the minutes from last month's RAB meeting. The August meeting minutes were approved as written (an error in the minutes was discovered after the September RAB meeting).

Base Update

CDR Morrison announced that the S3 Squadron move has been delayed until October 1997. He also mentioned that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the F18 move to Oceana has been released for comment. He also discussed some articles regarding base closure that had recently appeared in the newspaper.

Sites Update

Mark Davidson reviewed each of the sites at NAS Cecil Field using the *Sites Update*. Updates on issues at several of the sites included:

- **OU1:** Collecting second round of ecological samples in late September. These sampling events are conducted quarterly to study the variance from season to season.
- **OU2:** Site 5 pilot study was completed in August. Second round of groundwater monitoring for Site 17 was completed in September.
- **OU3:** The final Remedial Investigation (RI) report was submitted in August.
- **OU4:** The Record of Decision (ROD) was finalized.
- **North Fuel Farm:** Free product is still being collected.
- **Day Tank 2:** The tank was removed and the direct push technology is currently being utilized.
- **BRAC:** Began preparation of the Final Close-out Radiation Survey Workplan for the Yellow Water Weapons Area (YWWA). An initial scoping survey was performed in 1994. Even though the scoping survey did not indicate any particular areas of concern (i.e., radiation levels considerably higher than normal background radiation levels), a final close-out survey is still required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the State of Florida Bureau of Radiation Control, and the Navy's Radiological Affairs Support Office.

Some questions and answers from the discussion are summarized below.

Q: Is the 103rd Street fuel pipeline still being used?

A: No, the Navy will not pump fuel through it again. The pipeline will have to be closed according to all Federal and State regulations. The logistics are still being discussed.

Q: Who will pay for the pipeline closure?

A: The Station is responsible for the closure.

Reuse Update

Bob Simpson reported that the Florida Department of Transportation has endorsed the Reuse Feasibility Study which states that a large portion of Cecil Field should be used for aviation in the future. For Cecil Field, this opens some doors to obtaining funding to convert the military aviation areas to civil aviation areas.

He also announced that the NAS Cecil Field Air Show will be October 31 through November 2, 1997. Potential future users of the base property have been invited to display how they envision the future use of NAS Cecil Field.

Bob's office is starting the Airport Master plan and their consultants may want to get in touch with some of the RAB members to learn more about the base. Bob also mentioned that he will be giving a presentation to the Southwest Citizens Planning Advisory Committee on November 11, 1997 and would also like to share the presentation with the RAB so that they are informed about what his office is doing and their process.

Sandy Faraldo invited the RAB to participate with their "Cecil Field 2000 Exhibitors" and have a display at the Air Show. Her office would need to know by September 30, 1997.

Site 5 Groundwater Pilot Study

Willard Murray discussed the results of the groundwater pilot study which was conducted at Site 5. The purpose of the pilot study was to gather site information on the performance, ease of implementation, and cost effectiveness of air sparging at Site 5. Based on this information, the Navy could determine if air sparging is a viable groundwater treatment technology for the site. The data received from the pilot study indicated that air sparging is a promising technology for treating the groundwater at the site which is contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs). In addition the data received from the pilot study shows a decrease in contamination from data that was collected in 1995. This may indicate that natural attenuation is also occurring at the site.

OU3 (Sites 7 and 8) Remedial Investigation

Al Stodghill presented the findings from the OU3 RI report. He mentioned that the media of concern (i.e., surface soil, groundwater, etc.) were sampled to determine chemical concentrations which may be present. He also briefly discussed the human health and ecological risk assessment that was conducted for OU3. Next, a Feasibility Study will be prepared to evaluate the different alternatives to cleanup the contaminated media. The following are some questions and answers from the discussion.

Q: Site 7 is not currently being used, what could it be used for in the future?

A: The property will probably be transferred to the Army National Guard. Based on the risk assessment, there is a potential risk if the groundwater is used as drinking water. Therefore, the area cannot be used as a residential area.

Q: Site 8, although historically used as an old fire fighting range, also contained a large earthen backstop used to "site in" airplane guns. It seems like the concentrations of lead found near the backstop would be higher.

A: The Navy considered that and found lead objects (bullets) on the surface of the ground, but it does not appear that the lead leached into the soil.

Gray Sites Update

Mark Davidson provided an update on the Gray Sites at NAS Cecil Field. He stated that the Navy conducted an Environmental Baseline Survey in 1993 which identified 638 total sites at NAS Cecil Field for property transfer. Of those sites, 208 were classified as gray. Since that time, through the performance of environmental investigations, the number of gray sites has been reduced to 115. Of the 115 sites currently classified as gray, the majority of them have been evaluated and are awaiting finalization of a status report that would then move the facility into another color category. Another significant group which are included in the gray sites are underground storage tanks. At this time, 143 tanks have been removed. Of the removed tanks, 59 have clean assessments while the

remainder require additional investigation. Ninety-two mission critical tanks remain in operation and will be removed upon tank closure.

Conclusion

Diane Peterson reminded everyone to complete their evaluation forms and announced a correction to Rich Donoghue's email address.

Rich Donoghue announced that the Community Outreach Committee should get together to discuss the Air Show and what they want to do. Anyone who wants to volunteer to participate in the Air Show should call or email Rich.

The next RAB meeting will be October 21, 1997.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.