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SEPTEMBER 14, 1995
GASTON-HEWES RECREATION CENTER
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

COMMUNITY MEETING
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board met in the Building 1 conference room at NCBC Gulfport on September 14. No members of the general public were in attendance.

David Albright
Gordon Crane
Jimmie Jenkins
Retha Longmire
Rudolph Merrell

Raymond Rose
Carolyn Rushing
Joyce Shaw
Bill Spalding
Barbara Thomas

The meeting was opened by Gordon Crane. Mr. Crane noted that the August meeting had been canceled because of the threat of the hurricane. He said that the Executive Officer and Steve Dickerson were not able to attend this meeting. Also, he told the RAB that Reverend Adams was recovering from surgery.

Mr. Crane gave a brief update on recent environmental activities at the base. The remediation system at Site 6 was in place and had been tested. The system is designed to recover free floating product from groundwater. The product will be sent for recycling. The length of time that the system will be running is estimated to be 3 to 4 years. The system is scheduled to be in full operation within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Crane told of the 28th Street sediment removal efforts. Low levels of dioxin were found at the fenceline and outside the base. The sediment in which the dioxin was found was removed from the ditches and placed on base in a lined pit. Bob Fisher/ABB Environmental Services was introduced to the RAB as having carried out the consulting oversight for the removal. The removal was completed in late July. The schedule for the road widening was not affected.

One RAB member asked when a report would be available describing the removal effort. Mr. Crane said a letter report and fact sheet would be produced by the next meeting. This led to a discussion about letter reports that are currently in the library and what information is now available. It was decided that a list of letter reports produced to date would be appended to these minutes.

Steve Sorgen of the Naval Environmental Health Center was introduced to the RAB. Mr. Sorgen gave a 45 minute training session on toxicology. Toxicology is the study of adverse effects to the body after exposure to a chemical. Mr. Sorgen covered basic terminology, ways exposure can occur, and how exposure relates to toxicity. Dr. Marland Dulaney/ABB contributed to a discussion of dioxins and furans. It was decided that the next training would be on risk assessment and would be presented in November.

New business was next addressed. Mr. Crane gave members of the RAB copies of a letter from the Gulf Coast Tenants Organization (GCTO) and the base's reply letter. The RAB members discussed the contents of the GCTO letter. One concern is the open ditches. The RAB discussed whether it would

be feasible to cover the ditches. Mr. Crane suggested that funding items requested by the GCTO, like independent scientific evaluations, would be difficult when the base cannot obtain funds to do the base's environmental work. He explained that general operating funds cannot be utilized for environmental work and that funding came from the Defense Environmental Restoration Administration (DERA). One RAB member noted that the base's reply letter invited the GCTO to this meeting but no representatives were attending.

The letter from the GCTO prompted the RAB to discuss ideas for better communication with the public. One member suggested making announcements at the PTA, local churches, and public service notices. The RAB next discussed the idea of having a community availability session. This session would include a series of posters of various environmental activities at the base that are currently being done or have recently been completed. It was decided that a session would be held within the next two months if possible.

The next meeting will be held on October 5 at the Gaston-Hewes Community Center. The agenda will include completion of the mission statement for the RAB.

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Letter Reports for NCBC Gulfport

The following letter reports can be found in the reference section of the Gulfport Public Library.

- Base-wide Groundwater, Surface Water, and Sediment Sampling Field Program and Analytical Results, NCBC Gulfport, Mississippi. March 1995
- Removal Action Technical Support, Contaminated Sediment and Surface Soil Sampling and Analytical Results in 28th Street Roadwork Area, NCBC Gulfport, Mississippi. May 1995
- Sampling Strategy Removal Action: Contaminated Sediments Route 28 Roadwork Area, NCBC Gulfport, Mississippi. April 1995
- Surface Soil Sampling Field Program and Analytical Results for Area A, Former Herbicide Orange Storage Area, NCBC Gulfport, Mississippi. June 1995
- Ash Sampling Field Program and Analytical Results for Area A, Former Herbicide Orange Storage Area, NCBC Gulfport, Mississippi. June 1995
- Interim Removal Action - 28th Street Road Construction, NCBC Gulfport, Mississippi. September 1995