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NCBC GULFPORT RAB MEETING
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GASTON-HEWES COMMUNITY BUILDING
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

6:40 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board met at the Gaston-Hewes Community Building, Gulfport, MS on April 4, 1996.

Gordon Crane
Edie Dreher
Retha Longmire
C.A. McDaniel

Bob Merrill
Carolyn Rushing
Joyce Shaw
CDR John Zink

The meeting was opened by CDR Zink by welcoming the attending members. Penny Baxter/ABB-ES gave a brief update on the activities associated with meeting the May 1 requirements of the NCBC Administrative Orders. Three workplans are due to the MSDEQ on May 1. These include: (1) Interim Corrective Measures for Site 8; (2) Onsite Delineation Workplan; and (3) Offsite Delineation Workplan. Ms. Baxter reported that work on all three workplans was well underway and that the team was on schedule to meet the deadline.

CDR Zink told the group that a meeting was held with the MSDEQ on March 21 to clarify some stipulations in the Administrative Order. The outcome of the meeting defined items to be included in the May 1 workplans and the Base felt the meeting was constructive.

One RAB member asked if the Air Force had accepted responsibility for their part of actions to be taken at Site 8. Art Conrad/Southern Division said that it was not yet clear how funding would be decided. He stated that the Navy had asked the Air Force for funding. However, the whole picture of environmental funding for the Department of Defense was not yet decided. CDR Zink said that no formal agreement had yet been reached between the two armed forces but the Air Force was involved in reviewing the workplans. CDR Zink introduced Diane Glass from the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence. Ms Glass said that the funding situation had been summed up well.

Marland Dulaney/ABB-ES talked about an exposure assessment that the Navy is in the process of funding. Dr. Dulaney will conduct a screening to identify populations in the NCBC area and how each could be in contact with dioxin and pathways by which exposure may occur. Specifically, he will look at fishing activities, including kinds of fish eaten and how often people in the area fish. Other areas of concern will include the possible use of sediment in

ditches being utilized in gardens. Dr. Dulaney stated that he will be looking for the RAB for knowledge about the above activities in the community. The approximate timeframe in which the assessment will begin is mid- to late May. The knowledge gained from the exposure assessment will be used in planning the biological monitoring plan required by the administrative order.

One RAB member asked what actions should be taken now about fishing and other related activities. Dr. Dulaney stated that no actions such as posting no fishing signs are warranted at this time because it is not yet known if there is a risk. It is inappropriate to raise an alarm prior to having identified a problem. If a risk is identified, then State and local county health officials would be notified and they would take the appropriate actions.

Gordon Crane described the conference held by the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice. LT Carol Womack, Mr. Crane and Dr. Dulaney manned an NCBC poster station during the meeting on March 30. The meeting was the first in a series of meeting on environmental justice that the Deep South Center is holding. The perception of that group is that cleanup activities occur more quickly in affluent neighborhoods than in poorer ones. One RAB member asked if the Keesler Air Force Base RAB participated in the meeting. Yes, there were some members present. Approximately 60 community members were present at the conference.

The next item discussed was replacement of RAB members. Mr. Crane stated that he had the RAB applications that had been received. The request for membership applications has been put before the public two times. Also, Mr. Crane noted that he had hand-carried membership applications to Ladner Homes and had received no response. Four members of the RAB have been lost since its beginning. CDR Zink stated that he would talk with Steve Dickerson, the RAB co-chair, about how to proceed and that he would head the search for the replacement for the onbase housing representative.

The next RAB meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm. May 2, 1996 and will be held in the Building 1 conference room at NCBC. Items on the agenda will include an update on Administrative Order activities and further RAB training needs.

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