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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES 3 OCTOBER 1996 NCBC
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Minutes
NCBC Gulfport RAB Meeting
October 3, 1996
Naval Construction Battalion Center
Gulfport, Mississippi

Restoration Advisory Board Meeting
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board met in the Gaston-Hewes Recreation Center in Gulfport, Mississippi on October 3, 1996.

Gordon Crane
Steve Dickerson
Joe Halasz
Art Holzweissig
Retha Longmire

Joyce Shaw
Bill Spalding
Barbara Thomas
CDR J. W. Zink

In addition, the following guests were welcomed from the community:

Coy Burney
Bessie Currie
Suellen DeForest
Harry Doo
Jane Estrada
T.J. Eure
Robert Hancock
Sadiem Keller-Bey
Muriel Lang
Rich May
Kenneth Necaie

Lorean Necaie
Kimberly Olier
George Page
Cherie Schulz
Vauncile Switzer
Mike Wells
Joseph Wells
Ramona Wilson
Flora Windham
Henry Windham

Support personnel attending the meeting included:

Penny Baxter, ABB Environmental Services
Nancy Brooks, NCBC Gulfport
Art Conrad, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Marland Dulaney, ABB Environmental Services
Nancy Rouse, ABB Environmental Services
Lt. Carol Womack, NCBC Gulfport

Welcome: Steve Dickerson, RAB Community Co-Chair, welcomed the RAB and guests and opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Installation Restoration Program Update

Gordon Crane discussed the progress being made in responding to the State's Administrative Order. He noted the following accomplishments:

- Three written plans for environmental studies were submitted to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MSDEQ).
- Two additional plans (groundwater monitoring and long-term biological monitoring) are being written to document the next steps of the environmental studies.
- Samples will be collected from closed landfills on the base in mid November.
- Community surveys are being conducted to as part of the ongoing exposure assessment.

Exposure Assessment Update

Dr. Marland Dulaney of ABB-ES provided an overview of the on-going community survey being conducted. The community survey is the first part of the exposure assessment, an environmental investigation currently being conducted. The exposure assessment report is due to the MSDEQ on January 15, 1997. He explained where the survey was being done and the general types of responses received. Some of the questions asked by the audience included:

- Will my neighborhood be surveyed? (Answer: In all cases the answer was "yes").
- What about contamination off of the base? (Answer: The survey is the first step in a larger study to determine if there is a problem outside of the base).

Concerned citizens were invited to speak with Dr. Dulaney after his presentation.

RAB Charter

A quorum of RAB members was not available to vote on the RAB Charter. Nancy Rouse was asked to prepare a final version of the charter for signature at the November RAB meeting.

RAB Rule

Comments on the proposed regulation concerning RABs were solicited from the RAB. Art Holzweissig stated that the proposed rule did not explicitly define when the RABs should dissolve. Lt. Carol Womack compared the proposed rule with the current NCBC Gulfport RAB charter. She stated that the rule was consistent with the way that NCBC Gulfport RAB has decided to operate. Lt. Womack volunteered to prepare an official letter to summarize comments from the RAB.

Conclusion

The next meeting will include a discussion of NCBC Gulfport plans to comply with the Administrative Order.

Gordon Crane expressed concern that the RAB has not "taken on a life of their own" with respect to community outreach. He asked the RAB to think about how they could take information received in the RAB meetings back to their clubs and organizations. Steve Dickerson volunteered to contact the Superintendent of Schools to determine their interest in what the RAB is doing as a first step in improving community outreach.

The meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.