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Minutes
NCBC Gulfport RAB Meeting
November 7, 1996
Naval Construction Battalion Center
Gulfport, Mississippi

Restoration Advisory Board Meeting
6:40 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board met in the Building 1 Conference Room at NCBC Gulfport on November 7, 1996

Gordon Crane
Edie Dreher
Art Holzweissig
Retha Longmire

Skip McDaniel
Joyce Shaw
Barbara Thomas

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

Donald Cooper
Bessie Currie
Sheila Currie
Gary Fitzpatrick

Luiz Vasquez
Mike Wells
Joseph Wells
Stephanie Williams

Support personnel attending the meeting included:

Penny Baxter, ABB Environmental Services
Nancy Brooks, NCBC Gulfport
Art Conrad, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Bob Fisher, ABB Environmental Services
Mike Smith, NCBC Gulfport
Nancy Rouse, ABB Environmental Services
Lt. Carol Womack, NCBC Gulfport

Welcome Gordon Crane was asked to run the meeting in the absence of the Co-Chairs. He welcomed the RAB and guests and opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Approval of RAB Meeting Minutes. Minutes for both the September and October RAB meetings were accepted as written

Administrative Order Workplans. Bob Fisher of ABB Environmental Services discussed the three workplans prepared in response to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's Administrative Order. The presentation outlined the technical approach used to develop the study plans and detailed how the plans would be executed. A copy of the presentation materials were provided to the attendees. Some of the questions and answers following the presentation are summarized below

Question: Has contamination already left the base?

Answer: Yes, executing these plans will tell us where it is, how it got there, and how we can keep it from happening in the future. Information on past sampling results is available in published fact sheets.

Question: Did TCDD (a constituent of dioxin) remain in the ash after the soil was incinerated in the late 1980's?

Answer: No, the ash was sampled and, for the most part, low or non-detectable levels of TCDD were found.

Question: What media will be sampling to comply with the Administrative Order?

Answer: Soil, groundwater, sediment, and surface water. Biological sampling will be conducted later.

Question: If dioxin is not soluble in water, why do you sample surface water and groundwater?

Answer: We are collecting very few water samples to make sure that dioxin is not present in the water. About one tenth of the total samples will be water samples.

Question: How deep are the monitoring wells on base?

Answer: About 15 feet deep.

Question: What were the detection levels for dioxin in soil and groundwater?

Answer: Detection levels are reported in parts per trillion for soil and parts per quadrillion for groundwater.

Question: Why aren't we sampling now?

Answer: Sampling will begin after approval of workplans by the state and when funding issues are resolved.

Question: When will the City of Gulfport be able to resume cleaning the ditches?

Answer: Information will be available in the middle of next year which can be used by the city to make decisions about whether or not ditch cleaning can resume.

Installation Restoration Program Update

- Terraprobe study: Investigation will begin the week after Thanksgiving on the former landfill sites.
- A new type of sediment recovery trap will be installed on base. Construction will begin next week.
- The community surveys were completed. Navy representatives knocked on over 1700 doors and interviewed over 800 residents.
- The exposure assessment report is currently being written.
- Draft Groundwater Monitoring Plan will be available on November 15. The RAB asked to have a copy placed in the library for review.
- Formal comments on the proposed RAB rule were submitted by Lt. Womack on behalf of the RAB.

Conclusion

Next month's meeting topic will be an update on the exposure assessment results. The meeting will be held on base in the Building 1 Conference Room.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.