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Minutes
NCBC Gulfport RAB Meeting
Naval Construction Battalion Center
Gulfport, Mississippi
June 26, 1997
6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board met in the Building 1 conference room at Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, Mississippi on June 26, 1997:

Gordon Crane

Joe Halasz

Steve Dickerson

Retha Longmire

In addition, the following guest was welcomed from the community:
Paul Raymaud, Sr.

Support personnel attending the meeting included:

Arshad Bahl, Booz-Allen and Hamilton

Penny Baxter, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.

Art Conrad, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Marland Dulaney, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.

Nancy Rouse, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.

Ricky Ryan, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.

Mike Smith, NCBC Gulfport

Lt. Carol Womack, NCBC Gulfport

Welcome: Steve Dickerson, the RAB community co-chair, welcomed the RAB and opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Because a quorum of members was not present, the minutes of the May meeting were not approved.

Overview of the Recent Outreach Activities: Gordon Crane summarized the community outreach activities conducted to support the public comment period for delisting ash at the Seabee Center. Activities included holding two public availability sessions and preparing and distributing a fact sheet.

Dioxin Field Sampling Status Report: Dr. Marland Dulaney presented information about the field sampling that was being conducted at the Seabee Center. He explained that 254 samples had been collected for laboratory analysis and analyzed for dioxins and other constituents. All samples were analyzed using the highest level of data quality, resulting in a large package of quality control documentation. Data is currently being received from the laboratory. The next step is to independently "validate" the data as an additional quality control check. Dr. Dulaney explained the quality control samples and the laboratory methods that were used to further ensure data quality. When the quality

control procedures are not followed, the sample results are rejected. He explained that some of the Phase I results were resampled because the laboratory did not meet all of their data quality requirements. As a result, 10 locations were resampled and reanalyzed. In addition, 20 new samples were collected between locations where there was an abrupt drop from high to low concentrations. Because of the data quality problem, the laboratory paid for the resampling and reanalysis.

The next step in the process is to complete the Phase I report and begin Phase II sampling. Meetings will be held with the RAB, the Seabee Center, the Air Force, and MSDEQ prior to beginning Phase II activities.

Sediment Recovery Trap Update: Mr. Rick Ryan briefed the RAB on progress being made towards redesigning and updating the sediment recovery traps (SRTs). He explained the Navy's process of solving problems as they are identified. The SRTs were conceived to solve the problem of dioxin moving off base through drainage ditches that leave Site 8, the original storage site for Herbicide Orange. The SRTs are designed to collect sediment before it leaves the base. Current activities include:

- Sampling on either side of the SRTs to determine their effectiveness. The sediment on the side closest to Site 8 should contain the higher concentrations of dioxin.
- Studying stormwater to see how it flows in the ditches.
- Checking the velocity of water in the ditches.
- Surveying the site to aid in designing the SRTs.

Results of the sampling should be available to discuss at the next RAB meeting. Gordon Crane added that the new SRT has stayed in place, despite numerous storms.

Mr. Raynaud, a community member, stated that there is a lot of sediment in Canal No. 1 and that the canal often overflows. Mr. Raynaud lives on the west side of the base and the lot next to him frequently floods. He expressed a concern about the limited number of samples being collected on the west side of the base.

Installation Restoration Program Update: Mr. Art Conrad of Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, provided an update on the Installation Restoration Program. The attached *Installation Restoration Program Update* summarizes the events of the previous month.

Question: Mr. Raynaud stated that it would be quite expensive for the installation's neighbors to test their own water wells. Will the government be sampling their wells?
Answer: Mr. Conrad responded that if the Seabee Center's sampling program leads to private property, then those properties will be sampled at the government's expense. In addition, dioxins from a variety of different sources can be distinguished from each other using a process called "fingerprinting". Because dioxin is a commonly found contaminant, and because it's important to find and address every possible "source" of dioxin, the Seabee Center is fingerprinting the analyses as part of each sampling event.

Membership: Letters signed by Gordon Crane and Steve Dickerson were sent out to RAB members who had missed more than three meetings in a row. The members were asked if they wanted to continue their involvement in the RAB. No response had been received at the time of the meeting. Membership issues will be discussed at the next RAB meeting.

Long Range RAB Planning

Because of the low attendance, this topic was delayed until a later meeting. Steve Dickerson noted that we should strongly consider setting up a speaker's bureau. RAB members were asked to consider the long range planning ideas in preparation for a later meeting.

Conclusion

Possible topics for the next meeting include Phase I results, the biological monitoring plan, planning for the next community meeting, and progress toward delisting the ash at Site 8. The next RAB meeting was planned for August 7, 1997

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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