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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SESSION REGARDING PHASE 1 DIOXIN SAMPLING
RESULTS AND SEDIMENT RECOVERY TRAP IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN 22
SEPTEMBER AND 23 SEPTEMBER 1997 NCBC GULFPORT MS
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Environmental Information Sessions:

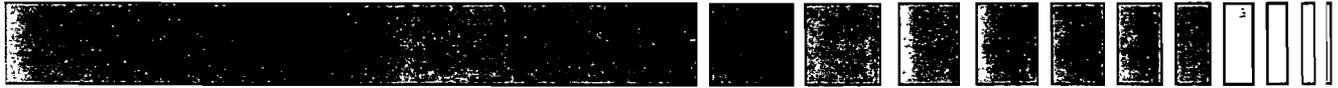
*Phase I Dioxin Sampling Results and
Sediment Recovery Trap Improvements*

September 22 - 23, 1997



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Phase I Dioxin Sampling Results



- The Seabee Center completed the first phase of dioxin sampling. The purpose of the first phase was to sample a large area and determine where further study was needed. During the second phase, scientists went back to selected areas for additional sampling.



Scientists sampling offbase for dioxin.

- Two Environmental Information Sessions, sponsored by the Restoration Advisory Board, were held September 22 and 23, 1997 to discuss the dioxin sampling results from Phase I with the community. Phase II results are currently being evaluated and will be shared with the community upon completion.
- The information sessions presented the results of the dioxin sampling that took place on base and along ditches outside of the Seabee Center. Upcoming improvements to the sediment recovery traps in the ditches on base were also presented.

Advertisements

- The Public Affairs Office issued a press release to the local media. The story was picked up by the local radio and television stations.
- Display advertisements were published in the *Sun Herald* on September 19, 21 and 22, 1997.
- A story was run in the *Seabee Center Courier* on September 12 and 19, 1997.

**Environmental
Information Session**
Open House Format

Sponsored by the Seabee Center Restoration Advisory Board

The Seabee Center's Restoration Advisory Board cordially invites you to attend our next Environmental Information Sessions. The sessions will present the results of dioxin sampling that took place on base and along ditches outside of the Seabee Center. Upcoming improvements to the sediment recovery traps in the ditches on base will also be discussed.

The workshops will be held at three separate locations for your convenience.

Isiah Fredricks Community Center
3312 Martin Luther King Boulevard
Gulfport, Mississippi
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 22, 1997

NCBC, Gulfport Community Center
Building 335
NCBC, Gulfport, Mississippi
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Gulfport Harrison County Public Library
Highway 60
Gulfport, Mississippi
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 23, 1997

For more information, please call
Nancy Brooks, the Seabee Center's Public Affairs Officer
at (601) 871-2393

- Flyers advertising the event were developed
 - over 500 flyers were handed out at 28th Street Elementary School
 - over 500 flyers were handed out to onbase and offbase housing
 - flyers were placed at the public library and the community center
 - flyers were mailed to everyone on the NCBC Gulfport community relations mailing list (approximately 800 people)

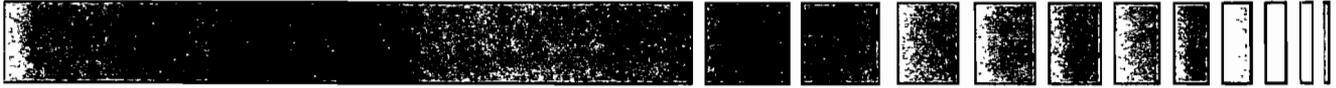
Environmental Information Session



Gordon Crane, the Installation Restoration Program Manager, reviews the offbase sampling results with members of the community at the Gulfport Harrison County Public Library.

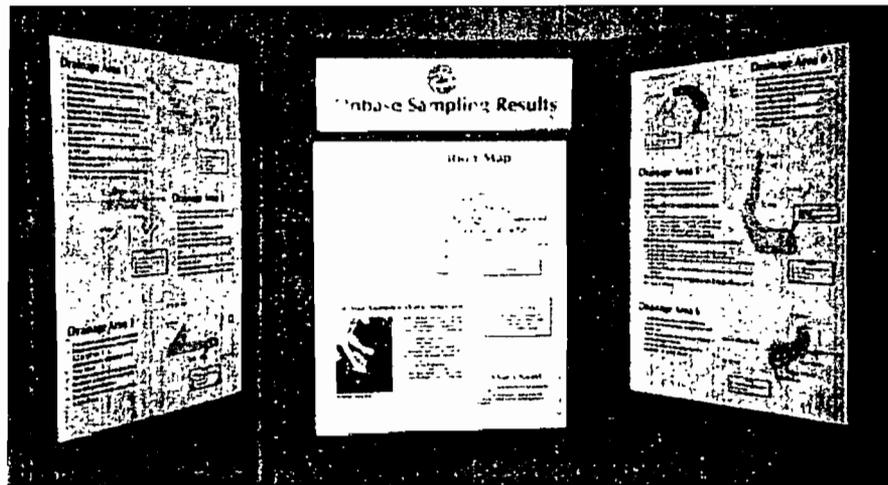
- Three information sessions were held:
 - Monday, September 22, 6:00 pm, Isiah Fredericks Community Center
8 attendees
 - Tuesday, September 23, 11:30 am, NCBC, Gulfport Community Center
7 attendees
 - Tuesday, September 23, 6:00 pm, Gulfport Harrison County Public Library
16 attendees

Displays and Handouts



- Five presentation boards were on display at the information sessions. In addition, fact sheets were available that further discussed the information on each display.
 - There was a display on the on base sampling results which included a map of where the samples were taken and how soil samples were selected.
 - There was also a display on the off base sampling results which also included a map of where the samples were taken and how soil samples were selected.
 - There was a display on sediment recovery traps (SRTs) which included how the SRTs work, the planned improvements to the SRTs, data on how well they work at slowing the movement of dioxin, and a map of the SRT locations.
 - There was a display presenting facts on dioxin.
 - A board describing the Restoration Advisory Board and its members was also on display.

The onbase sampling results display board.



Information Session Evaluation

- An exit poll was conducted to get feedback from the attendees.
 - Attendees heard about the information session from the flyers and the newspaper advertisement.
 - Suggestions from attendees included:
 - Advertising on television and advertising earlier.
 - Adding yacht clubs, senior citizen clubs, and the Long Beach Library to the mailing list
 - One attendee had difficulty finding the building on base and suggested providing directions when advertising.
 - All replied that they received answers to all of their questions.



Community members at the Isiah Fredericks Community Center information session.