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NCBC Gulfport RAB Meeting
Naval Construction Battalion Center
Gulfport, Mississippi
January 14, 1999
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board met at the Harrison County Public Library in Gulfport, Mississippi, on January 14, 1999:

Joseph Ford
Andy Guerra
Joe Halasz
Lt Matt Haupt
Art Holzweissig

David Marshall
Joyce Shaw
Philip Shaw
Earl Whittemore

In addition, the following guest was welcomed from the community:

Lucy Brown

Support personnel attending the meeting included:

Penny Baxter, Harding Lawson Associates
Art Conrad, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Marland Dulaney, Dulaney Toxicology

Welcome: Matt Haupt opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with welcoming comments and an introduction of all attending guests.

Agreed Order (AO) and Installation Restoration (IR) Program Update: Art Conrad provided an overview of the AO and IR programs. Highlights of the presentation are summarized below:

AO Highlights:

- Swamp sampling, Phase V, completed between December 9-16. Included survey of 4,000 foot channel and collection of 15 samples.
- Reports/work plans at MSDEQ include:
 - Biological Monitoring Plan
 - Swamp Letter Report – Phases III and IV
 - Surface Water and Sediment Delineation Report
- A letter proposing placement of groundwater monitoring wells is scheduled to be sent to MSDEQ the week of January 18.
- Installation and sampling of monitoring wells is scheduled to start the week of January 25.
- In early February there will be a survey of fishermen to determine species of fish being caught and eaten. This is called a creel survey.
- The first round of fish/crayfish sampling is scheduled to begin in late February.

IRP Highlights:

- Continuing to undergo pump and treat of the groundwater to remove free product at Site 6, the Fire-Fighting Training Area.
- PCB-contaminated soil at Site 10 has been tasked for workplan development and cleanup is planned for 1999.

Ms. Baxter gave a brief presentation of the RAB Caucus. A meeting of the National Caucus of RAB Community Members will be held January 30-February 1, 1999 in San Francisco, CA. This is a purpose of the meeting is to bring together RAB members from across the country and provide them with education and technical training. Ms. Baxter provided the RAB members with a handout of the Caucus and told them about the availability of travel scholarships.

Dr. Marland Dulaney gave the second of four training sessions on dioxin, toxicology and risk assessment. This session was about dioxin and what is known and not known about its cancer-causing effects. Dr. Dulaney explained about how cancer occurs in general. He discussed animal dioxin studies and studies of human exposure to dioxins. Dr. Dulaney told RAB members how to interpret cancer studies and questions to ask about them. The conclusions on cancer studies are that cancer effects do occur in animals but that there is conflicting evidence that cancer occurs in humans as a result of exposure to dioxin.

Two additional training sessions are planned for future RAB meetings. These will include the toxicology and risk of dioxin (non-cancer effects) and risk assessment/ risk communication.

Conclusion: The RAB agreed to hold its next meeting on February 4 at the Harrison Public Library. The meeting concluded at 8:00 pm.

NOTE: The Library room was not available and the meeting will be held at NCBC Gulfport, Building 1, 2nd Floor.