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**NCBC Gulfport RAB Meeting
Naval Construction Battalion Center
Gulfport, Mississippi
February 28, 2002**

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board met at the Gulfport Harrison County Library on February 28, 2002:

Gordon Crane
Edie Dreher
David Marshall
Skip McDaniel

Ron Schmidting
Joyce Shaw
Philip Shaw
Earl Whittemore.

Administrative and technical support for the meeting was provided by:

Art Conrad, Navy Remedial Project Manager
Robert Fisher, Navy Consultant
Mike Hawkins, Air Force Public Affairs
Jean Remley, NCBC Gulfport Public Affairs
Nancy Rouse, Navy Community Relations

LTJG Marcus Williamson, NCBC Gulfport Environmental Officer and Jason Bourgeois of TTNUS also attended the meeting.

Welcome:

Skip McDaniel opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to review and comment on the materials for the upcoming public meeting.

Public Meeting Planning

Nancy Rouse described the overall format for the April Public Meetings. The meetings would take place at four separate times. Each meeting would include an informal poster session. The last meeting would also include a formal presentation followed by a question and answer period. Ms. Rouse briefly described each of the posters and associated handouts.

Skip McDaniel was asked to serve as the moderator of the public meeting. His role would be to open the meeting and to manage the question and answer period.

The RAB chose to first review the content of the formal presentation prepared by Vergel Casunuran, an Air Force consultant. Detailed comments by the RAB follow.

General comments:

- ❖ Simplify.
- ❖ Find essence of what we're trying to say.
- ❖ Remember your audience.
- ❖ Don't use jargon.
- ❖ Need to create separate slide to show why Alternatives 1, 2, and 4 were not selected.

Page 1.

- ❖ Remove "IRP" acronym (i.e., Proposed Plan for Site 8).
- ❖ Create poster to describe process.

Page 2.

- ❖ Remove first bullet.
- ❖ Change second bullet to "Discuss the Proposed Plan and all evaluated alternatives"
- ❖ Remove "(i.e. EPA, MSDEQ, ATSDR) and Internet (with caution)" from last bullet.

Page 3.

- ❖ Go through slide VERY quickly and refer audience to a matching handout with the same information.

Page 4.

- ❖ End last bullet with "Installation Restoration Program"

Page 5.

- ❖ Point out that the bauxite pile is NOT related to Herbicide Orange.
- ❖ Change last bullet so that it does not end in a preposition.

Page 6.

- ❖ Delete first two bullets (too technical)
- ❖ Add a first bullet to read "manufacturing of Herbicide Orange."
- ❖ Change second bullet to add, in parenthesis after 2,4,5-T, "(which is on of the ingredients of Herbicide Orange.)" (Or add that comment to your talking points because the bullet is getting pretty long).
- ❖ Make the last comment into a bullet (i.e., Dioxins are very stable in the environment, not soluble, etc.)

Page 7.

- ❖ Delete

Page 8.

- ❖ Remove text in first box.
- ❖ Change graphic to show "your are here" graphically.
- ❖ Make the process larger and walk the audience through the process.

Page 9.

- ❖ Remove second sub-bullet under the first bullet (beginning with “approximately 8200 linear feet of drainage ditches”).
- ❖ Change last sub-bullet to read “AF and Navy investigations [AND CLEANUP ACTION]”.
- ❖ Do not use the picture of the leaking drum. It is a generic picture, not one from this site.

Page 10.

- ❖ Add text “Off-base area to be cleaned up.”
- ❖ Remove “IRP” acronym from page.

Page 11.

- ❖ Remove slide.

Page 12.

- ❖ Change figure. Make it clean and clearly highlight areas to be remediated. Remove all extraneous text and lines.

Pages 13 –15.

- ❖ Delete

Page 16.

- ❖ Delete existing slide.
- ❖ Salvage box on the bottom and move up from in the presentation.

Page 17.

- ❖ Replace with MDEQ’s site conceptual model (Bob Fisher is familiar with the model).

Page 18.

- ❖ Explain “ppt” here.
- ❖ Replace “PRG” with the word “goal.”
- ❖ Consider using the risk comparison of “x seconds in y years.”

Page 19.

- ❖ Remove extra text and use as talking points.

Page 20.

- ❖ Delete

Page 21.

- ❖ Simplify.
- ❖ Change first bullet to read “excavate and remove dioxin by mechanical excavator or mechanical dredging.”

Page 22-23.

- ❖ No change.

Page 24

- ❖ Simplify.

Page 25.

- ❖ Correct figure. Should be (from top to bottom) concrete cap, low permeability layer, and compacted material blend (i.e., no drainage layer).

Page 26.

No change.

Page 27.

- ❖ Add bullets to show why alternatives were not selected.

Page 28.

- ❖ Add bullets to show why not selected (i.e., cost, violates Delisting Agreement, and human health risks during transportation).

Page 29.

- ❖ Delete

The RAB was then polled for ideas on advertising for the meeting. In addition to the already planned flyer mailout and display ad in the Sun Herald, the RAB suggested that we approach WLOX to conduct an interview about the proposed cleanup prior to the meeting. Jean Remley proposed that the RAB members be interviewed by the media to share their views of the proposed cleanup. Some RAB members were willing to be interviewed and others declined.

Future RAB Meetings

The next RAB meeting will be held on the regular June schedule.

The meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.