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Minutes
NCBC Gulfport RAB Meeting
Naval Construction Battalion Center
Gulfport, Mississippi
November 17, 2008

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met at The Harrison County Health Department Conference Center on November 17, 2008:

Gordon Crane	Skip McDaniel (Community Co-Chair)
Edie Dreher	Joseph Mitchell
Marie Hansen	Bill Neimes
Belinda Head	Joyce Shaw
David Marshall	

Administrative and technical support for the meeting were provided by:

Bob Fisher, Tetra Tech NUS
Mike Hawkins, AFCEE
Yarissa Martinez, Tetra Tech NUS
Nancy Rouse, Tetra Tech Technical Services

Welcome

Gordon Crane, the acting Navy RAB Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 6:40 pm. Bill Neimes was introduced as Art Conrad's replacement and the future Navy Co-Chair. Bill will assume his role in upcoming meetings. Gordon Crane announced that he will serve as a temporary Navy Co-Chair.

Sampling North of 28th Street and East of Canal Road

Bob Fisher of Tetra Tech provided an overview of sample results collected north of 28th Street and east of Canal Road and an update on the additional samples planned in the area.

The first phase of sampling within this area occurred between September and November of 2007. This phase identified six areas of concern (AOCs):

- AOC 1 – Drum Disposal Area
- AOC 2 – Turkey Creek Excavation Piles
- AOC 3 – Trench Disposal Areas
- AOC 4 – Soil and Sediment Disposal Area
- AOC 5 – Turkey Creek Sediment
- AOC 6 – Landfill Drainage System

Sample results from the first phase are provided as attachments to these minutes. Of particular interest, TCDD, the dioxin associated with the Herbicide Orange stored at NCBC Gulfport, was not found in the drainage at AOC 6, therefore it has not been linked with the Herbicide Orange stored at NCBC Gulfport. Further, it was noted that the samples collected at AOC 6, because of its location adjacent to and downgradient of the landfill, would be a good indicator of the conditions within the landfill. Mr. Fisher further explained the difference between the way dioxins were reported in this

The components of the presumptive remedy for municipal landfills include a cover to minimize rainfall passing through the landfill and to prevent contact with the waste and to prevent movement of the waste by wind and water and a venting system to prevent exposure to landfill gases.

The objectives of the remedial action include preventing direct exposure to contaminated soil and waste disposed at Site 5, therefore eliminating unacceptable human exposure to those contents, reducing the movement of contaminants to groundwater, preventing residential use of groundwater, and complying with federal and state legal requirements and guidelines, referred to as Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs).

To meet these objectives the remedial action will include waste containment with a cap to prevent direct contact with contaminated wastes, minimize rainfall passing through the soil (infiltration) that could carry contaminants to groundwater, and prevent transport of contaminants from the landfill site to the ditch due to erosion. A final grass cover would allow recreational uses of the site.

Installation Restoration Program/Administrative Order Update

Gordon Crane, the acting Navy Co-Chair of the RAB, provided the following overview of all of the environmental restoration projects currently underway at NCBC Gulfport:

Site 1 – Disaster Recovery Disposal Area: Site 1 is an inactive landfill where a mock disaster recovery training area is currently located. The landfill was used from 1942-1948. A Remedial Investigation is near completion and the report is underway. A Feasibility Study is underway and funds have been requested for the Proposed Plan, Decision Document and Remedial Design.

Site 2 – World War II Landfill: Site 2 is an inactive landfill where general refuse generated at the base was disposed. The landfill was used from 1942-1948. A Remedial Investigation is planned to begin early 2009.

Site 3 – The Northwest Landfill and Burn Pit: Site 3 is an inactive landfill that was the primary disposal area from 1948-1968. A burn pit on site was used for fire-fighting training from the mid-1950's to 1966. A Remedial Investigation has been completed and the report is in review. A Feasibility Study is underway and the Proposed Plan, Decision Document and Remedial Design are funded.

Site 4 – Golf Course Landfill: Site 4 operated as a landfill from 1966-1972. A Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study have been completed and the reports are in review. The Proposed Plan, Decision Document and Remedial Design are underway but waiting for RI/FS approval and planned for FY09.

Site 5 – Equipment Training Area Landfill: The landfill located at Site 5 operated from 1972 to 1976. The site was used for heavy equipment training. A Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study are complete and awaiting final approval. The Proposed Plan and Public Comment Period are complete and the Decision Document and Remedial Design have been completed. The contract to clean the site was awarded and work is scheduled to begin in December 2008.

Once new members are identified training should be provided on the Roles and Responsibilities of the RAB members, an orientation the cleanup process and the various sites under investigation. In addition, the new members should be taken on a tour of the sites and a glossary of terms, a map of the sites, and a list of acronyms should be provided. The RAB further suggested that we provide a list of acronyms with each presentation and/or handouts.

Conclusion

The attending members agreed to change the meeting day to the second Monday evening of November, February, May, and August. The next RAB meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2009.

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm.