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NCBC Gulfport
Tier I Quarterly Partnering Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2003

A: Meeting Details

Dates: April 3, 2003

Location: NCBC Gulfport, MS

Team Leader: Art Conrad

B: Meeting Attendees

Jason Brown	Prime Contractor (TtNUS)
Art Conrad	Navy NAVFAC
Gordon Crane	CBC Gulfport IRP Manager
David Evon	HQ AFCEE/ERD
Bob Fisher	Prime Contractor (TtNUS)
Michel Gielazyn	NOAA
David Hadden	GEITA Consultant
Art Hatfield	AFCEE/ERDD
Lloyd Inman	USF&W
Paula Loht	EPA Consultant (Ganett Fleming)
James McClain	AFCEE/ERDD
Bob Merrill	MDEQ
Nancy Rouse	Navy Consultant (EnviroComs)

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m.

TIER I MEMBERSHIP

Definition of Core Member: Representatives of organizations that are directly related to the IRP for most sites.

Proposed Roles and Responsibilities for Core Members

- All new core members need to be voted in by the existing core members.
- Existing core members can designate their replacements.
- Core member has full voting rights.

- Core members are required to attend all meetings.
- Core members cannot be voted off.
- Anything that is consensed can be backed out of with a written document.

Four core members: MDEQ, Navy RPM, IRP Manager, Prime Contractor

Definition of Adjunct Member: Representatives of organizations that are directly related to the IRP for specific sites or subject areas.

Proposed Roles and Responsibilities of Adjunct Members:

All new adjunct members need to be voted in by the existing core members.

Existing adjunct members can designate their replacements.

Adjunct members have voting rights on issues related to their sites or subject areas.

Adjunct members are required to attend all meetings related to their particular sites or subject areas.

Definition of Guests: People brought in by core or adjunct members for support or presentations.

Rob Pope of EPA wants to review all of the documents. He does not want to be a member of the team. Rob also would like to have his name added to the document mailing list.

Decisions:

- The team will look further into who should be invited and to revisit the list at the next meeting.
- A draft charter will be prepared and circulated to the members by e-mail for review and consolidation prior to the next meeting.

Action Items:

- Bob Fisher: Add Rob Pope to the mailing list for all documents.
- Air Force: Forward any documents that they produce to Rob Pope.
- Bob Merrill: Contact Philip Weathersby to determine if State Department of Fish and Wildlife and Parks should be invited to participate in the Tier I.
- Gordon: Contact Department of Marine Resources and the Corps of Engineers to determine their preferred level of involvement.

TIER II UPDATE

Art stated that Tier II will have an ATSDR person at the next meeting to explain their role.

SITE UPDATES

Site 8: Bob Fisher reviewed the history and conditions of Site 8. Specific points raised in response to questions included:

- Approximately 13 acres of swampland is contaminated and will be remediated under Brownfields.
- Sediment samples under 30 or so feet of water did not contain TCDD.

Site 10: A small PCB site, currently under remedial investigation.

Site 5: Extensive investigation has been completed at this site. We have found no dioxin related to HO, some metals, a couple of small hits of herbicide (not HO). However, this site was elevated in concern when base housing was built right next to it.

Site 4: A trench and cover site containing Hurricane Camille debris. No evidence of HO was found. A seep was found in 1997. Morrison Knudsen installed a gabion filled with activated charcoal that appears to be working well.

Site 7: A construction rubble site. Issue of dioxins has been put to rest at this site. Four years ago one hit of dioxin was found in the groundwater. The same well has been resampled three times and the finding was never reproduced. It is not believed to be the result of lab contamination.

Site 3: Incineration pit was there. Not much work has been done yet.

Potential new site. There is a site close to the transformer storage area that may be a PCB spill. The Navy will look at the IAS and will consider the need to do a Preliminary Assessment. Concern about this "site" was raised by the community at the RAB meeting. Bob said that we have lots of high-resolution data from the north part of the base. For example, a full suite sample was collected at Outfall 4.

Decision: Between now and the next RAB meeting we will need to review information about the old transformer storage area and come up a plan to resolve questions.

Action Items:

- Gordon: Review local concerns and information.
- Bob Fisher: Look at the off-base sampling report and the basewide sampling report to review results of dioxin and full-suite samples taken on the north side of base from 1997-98.

Site 6: Fire training pit currently being remediated with a bioslurper.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Michel and the Lloyd are interested in the ecological risk assessment. Michel is specifically interested in off-site transport.

Discussion Points:

- The area to be remediated under Brownfields had the highest concentrations. That area has been set aside and was not addressed in the risk assessment.
- All other off-base sediments were below MDEQ screening levels.
- Jerry Banks of MDEQ is not happy with the off-base ecological risk assessment work.
- Bob Merrill has suggested that we break of the areas north of the base into smaller parcels for the purpose of the ecological risk assessment.
- TCDD was not found in Turkey Creek.
- We cannot yet "footprint" Agent Orange (i.e., we have not determined the percentage of TCDD needed to be in the sample before it is considered Agent Orange).
- TCDD has been found almost to Highway 49.
- Michel needs the original data. She cannot use the averages.
- Paula stated that she can use the 95%UCL for the human health risk assessment.
- It may not be possible to use the 95% UCL for the ecological risk assessment.
- The State Brownfields program is not the same as the Federal program. The State program only releases the property owner from further state responsibility.
- Lloyd recommended that we do some modeling for some sensitive mammals like mink.
- The Brownfields area was delineated at 25 ppt.

Action Items:

- Bob Fisher: Review the offbase ecological risk assessment to determine what percentage of TCDD is in the samples and review the extent of contamination.
- Art Conrad: Provide copy of Bob Merrill's comments to Michel.
- Art Conrad: Forward all formal comments on the ecological risk assessment to Michelle and Lloyd.
- Michel: Determine if the 95% UCL can be used.
- Art Conrad: Provide Michel a complete document of the screening level Eco Risk Assessment. Art for action
- Michel and Lloyd: Review the list of documents and see what they need.
- Michel will look at the state Brownfields number to see if it is acceptable to NOAA.

Next meeting

July 9th 9-4 Wednesday

July 10th 8:30 – 12:30 Thursday

The meeting closed at 2:50 pm.