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Minutes
NCBC Gulfport RAB Meeting
Naval Construction Battalion Center
Gulfport, Mississippi
June 20, 2011

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met in the Isiah Fredericks Community Center in Gulfport, Mississippi on June 20, 2011:

Charles Cook (Navy Co-Chair)
Gordon Crane

David Marshall (alternative Community Co-Chair)
Ron Schmidting

Administrative and technical support provided by:

Bonnie McGerr, NCBC Gulfport
Bob Merrill, MDEQ
Alexandra Meyers, Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center
Bill Olson, Tetra Tech
Greg Roof, Tetra Tech
Nancy Rouse, The Management Edge
Christine Wallace, Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center

Guests:

Truck Casey, Gulfport City Councilman
Marie Hansen, Citizen
Belinda Joan Head, Citizen
Richard K. Mark, Citizen
Arnie Olsen, NAVFAC SE

Welcome and Introductions

Dave Marshall, Alternate Community Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Administrative Order/Installation Restoration Program Update

Charles Cook, NAVFAC SE, provided a brief update on key initiatives in the Environmental Restoration Program as follows:

In response to an MDEQ requirement, the Navy is developing a base-wide Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will identify the Land Use Controls (LUCs) for all Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) sites where the remedial action has been completed. A LUC Implementation Plan will be written for each site and will contain a map depicting the site and the LUC boundary.

Per Gordon Crane, all of the landfill sites will be capped in one form or another. Gordon proceeded to describe different types of caps that have been used at landfill sites. The LUCs will keep people from digging or accessing shallow groundwater at the landfill sites.

Question: Will the public be allowed to review the MOU before it is issued as final?

Response: Because this is a legal document as opposed to a technical document, it may not be made available for review. Gordon Crane will look into the Navy's protocol for finalizing legal documents to determine if public review is possible.

The landfill cap construction is mostly complete. During construction monitoring wells in the cap area were abandoned. The next phase of work is to prepare for the long term monitoring, which will include replacing the necessary Site 4 monitoring wells. Tetra Tech has prepared a work plan for this and will begin work after the documents are finalized.

Site 2 Preliminary Remedial Investigation Field Results

Greg Roof, Tetra Tech, provided the update. Site 2 was the World War II Landfill. The last reported use of the landfill was in 1948. Tetra Tech is in the process of investigating the site in order to design a cleanup strategy. A work plan for Site 2 is being written.

The first phase of investigation, which involved geophysics, has been completed. Landfill gas monitoring was to be conducted in March; however, the water table was too high at the time, and the monitoring was rescheduled. As a result, landfill gas monitoring results were not available at the time of this RAB meeting. Grid sampling (100-foot-by-100-foot grid) was also conducted during the first phase. Benzene, toluene, ethylene, and xylene (BTEX) (commonly associated with gasoline) was detected in two locations. TCE, chloroform, and TPH were also detected in the grid at the site. Metal material appears to be buried at Site 2.

Question: Is contamination at Site 7 and Site 2 linked.

Response: Tetra Tech will be able to answer the question after sampling is concluded at both sites (in about 6 months) and the results are analyzed. The sampling is being conducted along the boundary of Site 2. Step-out sampling will be performed to define the plume (down to non-detect).

After the area of contamination is defined, a Feasibility Study will be conducted followed by the Proposed Plan and Record of Decision.

Site 7 is currently under investigation. A work plan has been developed and is being reviewed. After the work plan is approved, sampling will begin.

Community Relations Plan Update

Alexandra Meyers and Christine Wallace, Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, provided the update. Chris and Alex have been asked to help update the Community Involvement Plan. Chris provided a presentation as to what a Community Involvement Plan is and how they plan to update it. The plan is being updated because regulations that drive cleanup requirement community involvement and the EPA required the involvement be documented. A Community Relations Plan was developed in 2008, but it was never finalized. CERCLA requires outreach and community involvement, but only recommends that a plan be developed.

Reasons to update the plan include the following:

- Changes in community concerns
- New stakeholders
- New or different ways to get information to community (get community involved)

The first step will be interviews with community members. Face-to-face and telephone interviews will be conducted. Ninety-five letters were mailed to members of the community. Sixteen phone interviews have been conducted, with nine face-to-face interviews scheduled to date. Any recommendations for other people to interview would be greatly appreciated. It was suggested to interview citizens who live along the boundaries of the Naval Base, namely Paul Francis. Alex stated that attempts have been made to contact Mr. Francis.

Conclusion

The next meeting will tentatively be held on September 12 at 5:30 p.m. (poster session) and 6:00 p.m. meeting presentations. A future RAB meeting date of December 5 was also tentatively scheduled. The agenda topics for the September meeting include an update on the Community Involvement Plan, a field trip (dependent upon security requirements – Gordon will find out), Site 2 update, and a MOU update.

The meeting closed at 7:15 p.m.