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Teleconference: November 18, 2002

Participants:

**Art Conrad, IRP Manager, NAVFAC
Gordon Crane, EPM, NCBC Gulfport
Don Ficklen, Team Chief, AFCEE
David Evon, AFCEE/JA
Bob Mertz, Senior (Lead) Engineer, Tetra Tech NUS
Jason Brown, Deputy Task Order Manager, Tetra Tech NUS
David Hadden, GEITA Consultant, Portage Environmental
Nancy Rouse, Public Relations Consultant**

Objectives: Maintain an open dialog among the Navy, the Air Force and affected contractors on the restoration activities at Site 8, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport Mississippi.

1. Remedial Design Technical Memorandum Comments. All three of the Tech Memos were discussed at length. The bullets below summarize actions pending on each.

- **Stormwater Detention.** Based on the current Technical Memorandum, TtNUS stated that a detention basin constructed by excavating approximately 4-feet deep over a 1-acre area would be required to manage the increased surface water flow from the site. TtNUS will recalculate the detention volume required because of hard-capping Area A - using a more realistic CN number considering that Area A was previously stabilized with soil cement. They will also calculate the holding capacity of affected on-base drainage ditches assuming that the ditches have been dredged and deepened. TtNUS will conduct further research into the Federal, State, and/or local environmental regulations that drive engineered stormwater detention systems. Gordon will present the three listed stormwater detention alternatives to base officials to scope the most acceptable alternative from NCBC's perspective. The Navy indicated that the DRMO located north of the site will be removed and the resultant area could be used as a detention basin if a detention basin is required. **Item open – Action: TtNUS and Gordon.**

- **Excavation of Sediment.** This tech memo mainly dealt with the construction of a haul road for the off-base Brownfields area. Alternative 4 (haul road not in contaminated area, with drainage ditch) seemed to be favored by most. Gordon will coordinate the alternatives with affected base personnel. TtNUS stated Alternative 4's feasibility is contingent on existing grades being conducive to channel construction. Alternative 4's feasibility will be determined upon receipt of the

topographic survey. Also Alternative 3 is the same as Alternative 4 without the drainage channel. **Item open – Action: Gordon.**

- **Grading Alternatives.** This 38-page memo presents design alternatives for the Area 8A cap and discusses possible cap footprints and sloping alternatives. The cap footprint and construction design will impact stormwater detention requirements and will be the major cost driver variable in the planned Remedial Action. Art Conrad cautioned all to carefully reread the options and supportive data. Gordon will also provide the consolidated NCBC position on this important technical design. **Item open – Action: Navy and Air Force.**

- **Follow-up Teleconference.** Art, Don, David, Gordon and Nancy will participate with TtNUS personnel in a follow-on teleconference on Monday, November 25, 2002 at 1400 hours EST (1300 hours CST) for a final discussion on the three technical memos. The objective of this teleconference will be to select from the alternatives presented so that the Remedial Design may move forward. The fifteen (15) validated off-base community samples results (see paragraph 2, below) will also be discussed during this teleconference.

2. Status of Community Sampling Results. Jason stated that another ten (10) sampling results would be validated not later than COB Friday, November 22, 2002. That leaves five (5) samples awaiting results - three (3) tap water samples and two (2) sediment samples. Jason stated that these last five validated sample results will be available not later than COB November 28, 2002 (a Thursday). **Item open – Action: TtNUS.**

3. Edwards Consent Letter and Road Repair. This issue had to be put on hold until Gordon has one final talk with Mr. Edwards to present some alternatives. The most viable alternative, considering the requirement to stay within the strict definition of a DERA-related project, seems to be to lease the road on Mr. Edwards' property. **Item open – Action: Gordon.**

4. Status of projects:

- **Site 8, Areas B and C Action Memo Report.** TtNUS is waiting for the RAC contractor, CCI, to provide them with the results of the interim removal action. Then TtNUS will begin crafting the IRA closeout report. **Item open – Action: TtNUS.**
- **Decision Document (DD).** Three pending actions will have an impact on the DD – the off-base sampling results, the December 2002 RAB, and the responsiveness summary. It was decided that, while other actions such as the FS/HHRA amendments and stormwater detention are significant, they don't really alter the remedial alternative chosen and documented in the Proposed Plan and need not be incorporated in any detail in the DD. **Item open – Action: David, Art, Gordon, Mike.**

- **Feasibility Study and Risk Assessment Amendments.** TtNUS is pushing to get the first draft reports out on both the FS and the HHRA not later than December 31, 2002.
Item open – Action: TtNUS.

5. Other Issues Discussed.

- **Landfill Cap Material.** The PP identified a 4-inch asphalt cover while the RD points to the need for an 8-inch reinforced concrete cover. Art discussed the possibility of using a “rubberized concrete” cover (actually a modified asphalt blend). Jason stated that he has some familiarity with the material and that he will research it. **Item open – Action: TtNUS.**
- **Brownfields Application.** Don asked about the status of the Brownfields Application. Art stated that he has a signed copy of the application and that all he needs to push the application forward is to get a commitment from MDEQ on how they intend to account for the expenditure of the funds provided – i.e. how will MDEQ invoice NAVFAC for the review work until the funds are spent. Art will develop a cover letter to accompany the application asking for MDEQ to clarify their accounting procedures.
Item open – Action: Art.

6. Future conference calls are scheduled for November 25, 2002 (see paragraph 1, bullet 4, above), December 16, 2002 (changed from December 9) and January 13, 2003.

The next teleconference is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2002 at 1400 EST (1300 CST). Art will send prospective participants an outline of the issues to be discussed.

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