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**NAS Jacksonville
Restoration Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 20, 1996**

The regularly scheduled meeting of NAS Jacksonville's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 1996 at the Timucuan Elementary School Library. The following RAB members were present:

Henry Anner
John Barnard
Ron Hoenstine
Diane Lancaster, Navy Co-Chair
Lois Lowe
Margo Latham, RAB Community Co-Chair
Curtis McLemore
Mark Turnbull
Capt. Bob Whitmire, Commanding Officer
Jerry Young

Support Personnel Present:

Larry Blackburn, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction - NAS Jacksonville
Bill Dougherty, NAS Jacksonville Public Affairs Office
Lissa Miller, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.
Laura Morey, St. John & Partners Advertising and Public Relations

RAB Community Members Absent:

Phyllis Hunter

Visitors:

John Baty
Marianne Gruber

I. Review of the January 16, 1996 Minutes

The meeting was opened by Diane Lancaster, RAB Navy Co-Chair. The group reviewed and approved the minutes from the last RAB meeting, January 16, 1996.

II. Town Meeting Review

Several RAB members thought the meeting was refreshing and informative. Jerry Young thought Capt. Whitmire's overview, especially about budgets, was good. Curtis McLemore thought it was short and concise.

Bill Dougherty said approximately 25 people attended the Town Meeting; five were RAB community members. Postcards, newspaper ads and announcements in the *Stakeholder's Report* newsletter were used to announce the meeting. One possible reason for low attendance could be because of the Cecil Field meeting the night before. 800 people in attended the meeting. There are less volatile issues identified in the NAS Jacksonville cleanup, compared to the Cecil Field situation, so people are not as motivated to attend.

Jerry Young said the town meeting for the Record of Decision (ROD) for Operable Unit One will most likely have more community members attending and comments.

The group then began a brief discussion on what are newsworthy stories that could be brought to the attention of local news media.

Capt. Whitmire asked Diane Lancaster how many sites will be closed out this year as no further action. She stated that there should be 11 sites for no further action. Capt. Whitmire thought that would be newsworthy information to share with the press and to cover in a town meeting.

Bill Dougherty noted that a positive item is that the Navy is "turning dirt" even with budget cuts.

Jerry Young thought that activity (such as the "Egg Beater" - high tech digging) at PSC 42 would be a great visual story for the local news media.

III. Reintroduction of Lissa Miller

For those individuals who were not at the January RAB meeting, Diane Lancaster introduced Lissa Miller, the new senior project manager for NAS Jacksonville at ABB Environmental Services, Inc.

IV. Recommendations for Alternatives for Operable Unit One

Diane Lancaster asked the group for their recommendations on alternatives. At the January RAB meeting, details on each alternative were presented. Each RAB member was asked at that time to provide their alternative selections to Diane Lancaster or Laura Morey by January 26. As of the February meeting, only three RAB members had responded with their selections.

Several people had additional questions about the various alternatives. The group asked for another brief review of the alternatives. Diane Lancaster and Lissa Miller reviewed each alternative.

Lissa Miller explained that a remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) will be published in mid-March and will be made available for public review and comment. There will also be public comment ads, as well as a public meeting in conjunction with the public comment period to solicit any and all comments.

After the public comment period, a final decision will be made on the selected alternative through partnering and consensus building. This decision will be made based on input from the state, Environmental Protection Agency, and RAB Members (including the community). The final decision is put into the Record of Decision (ROD) and then is signed by Captain Whitmire. This will be the first ROD for NAS Jacksonville.

Lois Lowe asked how the land will be used after the cleanup is completed. Diane Lancaster explained that there is no land use plan for this site. It was also noted that the Navy is required to test the area every 5 years to make sure the cleanup worked. This periodic testing will go on for 30 years beyond the time frame for cleanup.

Each RAB member was asked to write their recommendations on a sign up sheet. When asked by a member, Diane Lancaster stated that the State prefers alternative 2.

V. RAB Member Training: Groundwater

Using handouts and diagrams, Diane Lancaster explained how groundwater flows, how to determine the direction of groundwater flow, and how the various soil layers affect how and where the groundwater moves.

She also provided contour maps of groundwater for NAS Jacksonville and the three Operable Units, as well as explained how the wells collect groundwater and LNAPL (light non-aqueous phase liquid).

One diagram showed how groundwater under a landfill can create a contamination or "leachate" plume that moves with groundwater flow. Diane noted that this is similar to the Child Street Area, except that there is a "detached" plume because NAS Jacksonville stopped dumping things there many years ago.

One groundwater monitoring diagram helped to illustrate the groundwater extraction process at Building 780.

VI. Site Status Update

CHILD STREET AREA (OPERABLE UNIT 1)

Final Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) will be provided for public comment March 15, 1996. An alternative will be selected and the proposed plan will be finalized.

LNAPL (Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid) Removal - Pumping of LNAPL continues, averaging approximately 55 gallons per month.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AREA (OPERABLE UNIT 2)

Preliminary groundwater data has been received and indicates minimal contamination is present. Additional verification sampling has been requested by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

PSC 42 (Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Polishing Pond) - Mobilization of Bechtel for construction of in-situ stabilization is scheduled for the end of February.

NAVAL AVIATION DEPOT - NADEP (OPERABLE UNIT 3)

An engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA) will be developed to remove the most heavily contaminated pockets of groundwater. Funding for this is anticipated first part of 1996.

PSC 48/Building 106 -- Air Sparging (blowing air into the groundwater), and soil vapor extraction (vacuum of vapors from soil) is awaiting funding, which is anticipated in the first part of 1996. Bechtel's work plan is being written.

Building 780 -- Soil vapor extraction (vacuum of vapors from soil) and groundwater extraction (removing contaminated water from underground) is awaiting funding, which is anticipated in the first part of 1996. Bechtel's work plan is being written.

PSC 18 (Mulberry Cove - Radioactive Waste Disposal Area) -- Approximately 3,000 cubic yards of soil was removed. The area is fenced, and the Navy's Radiological Affairs Support Office (RASO) is reviewed laboratory results of the excavation. RASO concurred with NAS that the excavation site can be backfilled with a plastic liner and clean soil. A wetland permit is required for the final shoreline cleanup. The Army Corps of Engineers permit should take 30 days. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit should take 6 months.

VII. RAB Membership Recruitment Status

John Barnard and Phyllis Hunter will review additional RAB applications received at the Town Meeting, and will present results at the March RAB meeting.

VIII. Confirmation of Next RAB Meeting

The group confirmed March 19 as the next RAB meeting. Representatives from the state and EPA will be attending the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.