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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING MINUTES 17 OCTOBER 1995 NAS
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**NAS Jacksonville
Restoration Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 1995**

The regularly scheduled meeting of NAS Jacksonville's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 1995 at the Timucuan Elementary School Library. The following RAB members were present:

Henry Anner
John Barnard
Bob Brody
Terry Carr - for Gerry Young
Ron Hoenstine
Phyllis D. Hunter
Diane Lancaster, Navy Co-Chair
Margo Latham, Community Co-Chair
Curtis McLemore
Mark Turnbull

Support Personnel Present:

Bill Dougherty, NAS Jacksonville Public Affairs Office
Philip Georgariou, ABB Environmental Services, Inc.
Laura Morey, St. John & Partners Advertising and Public Relations

Guests from the Community:

Lois Lowe

RAB Community Members Absent:

Perry Byron
Anne Marie West

Margo Latham, RAB Community CoChair, opened the meeting by explaining that the two CoChairs, she as the Community CoChair and Diane Lancaster as the Navy CoChair, will take turns leading the meetings each month. Ms. Latham asked each attendee to introduce themselves to the group. Lois Lowe, a guest of Phyllis Hunter, was interested in applying to the RAB.

I. Approval/Revision of September 19 Minutes

Ms. Latham led the RAB in a discussion about the September 19 meeting minutes. Section II of the minutes, referring to the proposed alternatives for the Child Street Area, were questioned; specifically the pump and treatment of groundwater (as listed in alternative 3).

Diane Lancaster was asked why, in alternative 3, the Navy would not fully treat the groundwater on the station. She explained that the station's waste treatment plant currently does not have the permits to be an industrial waste treatment plant. The station would be required to apply for several permits. Instead of going through that lengthy process, the station would either pretreat the water or send it off site for treatment, if those alternatives were selected.

After that clarification, John Barnard asked that a revision of his comments in Section II of the September minutes be reflected in the minutes for October 17. The revision follows:

"John Barnard thought the Timuquana Country Club could be irrigated with the groundwater from Operable Unit 1, *with pretreatment as required.*"

It was noted that under the "pump and treat" method, groundwater is automatically "treated."

The RAB accepted the minutes with the revision.

II. Discussion of Member Replacements

At the September meeting, RAB members asked for flyers they could hand out to prospective members, as well as extra copies of the RAB applications. At this meeting, Margo Latham noted that flyers are now available, as well as applications. Copies of these items were set at each RAB member's seat, with extra copies at the front of the room.

It was noted that Phyllis Hunter sent out an e-mail to people in her company (Barnett Bank) about the RAB. Lois Lowe was interested and decided to visit the group. She submitted her application to the RAB to become a member.

Henry Anner discussed his work situation. He was recently selected to work in the Hazardous Waste Division at NAS Jacksonville, and he was concerned that the RAB may view it as a conflict of interest. He is still interested in being a RAB member. Several people noted that it would be an advantage to the group to have a well-informed member. The group agreed that Henry Anner could remain as a RAB member.

III. Revised Proposed Alternatives at the Child Street Area

Diane Lancaster led the group in a discussion about the revised alternatives for the Child Street Area (Operable Unit One). The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has reviewed the final proposed alternatives and is recommending revisions.

John Barnard stated that he thought it was too late for the FDEP to reevaluate the alternatives. Mark Turnbull explained that the FDEP is concerned that NAS Jacksonville has not found all the sources of contamination.

Philip Georgariou explained the situation further. Due to budget cuts, the FDEP doesn't have time to review all the drafts of proposed alternatives. They review the final copies and then provide their comments.

Mr. Georgariou explained that the FDEP's concern was centered around two primary areas. The first is the potential increase to stormwater run-off that would be caused by an impenetrable cover being placed over the site. The second concern deals with the potential for other, unknown source areas still remaining in the landfill.

FDEP recommended that their initial concern, the excess stormwater, be resolved by removing the impenetrable covering planned for the site, except for over the area containing the radiologically-contaminated soils. The unknown source areas could be flushed out, FDEP felt, by pumping groundwater back over the site. ABB is reviewing these comments and will develop new/modified remedial alternatives accordingly.

Another FDEP input regarding remediation at the Child Street Site is that they are willing to accept natural attenuation of the contamination in the groundwater. This will remove the need for an active remedial system for the water, thus reducing the overall costs significantly. This input will also be considered in the revising of the alternatives.

Ron Hoenstine asked about the EPA's (Environmental Protection Agency) reaction to the proposed alternatives. Mr. Georgariou said he thinks they are happy as long as the Navy is trying to do something about the sites.

Terry Carr asked if the RAB will have input on the revised alternatives. It was explained that the RAB will be able to review the revised alternatives at the November 21 RAB meeting, but that realistically, a decision will need to be made on the alternative by the end of January.

IV. Site Status Update

In addition to the discussion of the revised proposed alternatives for the Child Street Area, Diane Lancaster led the RAB through a discussion of other sites on the station.

Child Street Area - LNAPL (Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid) Removal - The pumping of LNAPL continues, averaging approximately 55 gallons per month. Ms. Lancaster also noted that LNAPL pumping is not the only thing being done -- they also are planning a cleanup action for the soil, which is heavily contaminated by oil, at the site.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Area (Operable Unit 2)

Groundwater data has been received, and the preliminary data indicates there is minimal contamination present. The FDEP made the recommendation that there be no further action for groundwater at this site. The next step in this process will be to write a report explaining why it is to be a no further action site, to be reviewed by the FDEP and EPA. This will have a 45 day review process.

John Barnard asked for a graphic or handout detailing this situation, so he can share it with the Timuquana Country Club.

Curtis McLemore asked that if the station is in mid-project, can they ask for more money for the cleanup. Mark Turnbull stated that groups submit what they need for that fiscal year. Some of them don't get around to using all of the money, so it is then re-dispersed. That is the only potential for additional funding.

PSC 42 (Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Polishing Pond) - The final drafts of the design and workplan for in-situ ("in its place") stabilization are being revised. They are set for pretreatment of the water on-site, should the sludge on the bottom of the pond get stirred up and adversely affect the top layer of water. Funding is anticipated for this in the first part of 1996.

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 contamination. Funding for this design is anticipated in the first part of 1996.

PSC 13 (Radium Paint Disposal Pit) -- The excavation has been completed and the site has been filled with clean soil. A new building, a storage facility for parts for NADEP, will be constructed on the site. Bechtel will be testing as the construction continues, to ensure the excavation of contamination was complete.

Building 106 (The Base Laundry) -- Air Sparging (blowing air into the groundwater), and soil vapor extraction (vacuum of vapors from soil) remedial plans are awaiting final comments from NAS Jacksonville. Funding is anticipated the first part of 1996. The engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA) was advertised for the 30 day public comment (until September 23, 1995). No comments were received from the general public.

Building 780 (Solvent Recycling Facility) -- Soil vapor extraction (vacuum of vapors from soil) and groundwater extraction (removing contaminated water from underground) remedial plans are awaiting final comments from NAS Jacksonville. Funding is anticipated for the first part of 1996. The EE/CA was advertised for 30 day public comment; no comments were received from general public.

PSC 18 (Mulberry Cove - Radioactive Waste Disposal Area) -- 6,150 cubic yards of soil will be removed. The area will be fenced from access during the excavation to prevent trespassing; the fencing will begin October 23, 1995.

V. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date

The RAB confirmed the next meeting for November 21. The December meeting was cancelled by the group, due to the holidays, and the January meeting was confirmed for January 16.

VI. Question and Answer Period

One RAB member requested that the overheads be made with bigger type.

Ms. Lancaster was asked if there is a storm water treatment facility on the station. She stated there are stormwater retention/detention basins throughout the station.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.