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NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND SOUTHERN DIVISION

NAVAL AIR STATION KEY WEST
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

7:00 p.m.
July 29, 1996
Holiday Inn Beachside, Tortuga Room
Key West, Florida

Restoration Advisory Board Members Present:

- Jorge Caspary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Ron Demes, Navy Co-Chair
- Susan Loder, Community Co-Chair
- Robin Orlandi, Community Member
- Dudley Patrick, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
- Dent Pierce, Community Member
- Jim Smith, Community Member
- Mimi Stafford, Community Member

Other government or contractor personnel present:

- Chuck Bryan, Brown & Root Environmental
- Scott Flickinger, Brown & Root Environmental
- Roy Hoekstra, Bechtel Environmental, Inc.
- Lt. Jonathan Hupp, NAS Key West Public Affairs Officer
- Rachel Layman, Brown & Root Environmental
- Mac McNeil, Bechtel Environmental, Inc.
- Helen Stanley, NAS Key West Public Works Office
- Kevin Walter, Brown & Root Environmental
- Phillip Williams, NAS Key West Public Works Office

Members of the public present (who signed the attendance sheet):

- Donald Catala, Monroe County Sheriff's Office
- R. L. Blazevic, Key West, Florida
- James G. Cruz, Key West, Florida
- Ann-Francis R. Ford, Key West, Florida
- Lisa Gordon, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Homer Herrick, Key West, Florida

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Loder opened the meeting and introduced Ms. Orlandi as a new community member of the RAB. Ms. Orlandi replaces Cindy Creech.

Old Business

The RAB generated questions about the relative risk site ranking model that Mr. Patrick presented at the May 1996 RAB meeting. Mr. Demes distributed written responses to these questions to the members, and will mail a copy of the responses to Martha Berry, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, who could not attend this meeting. In addition, four copies of the responses were available at the meeting for public review and the Navy will place one copy in the Information Repository at the Monroe County Library in Key West.

Public Comment Management

Mr. Demes stated that the public could make comments and ask questions at the conclusion of each presentation.

Action on New RAB Member

Mr. Demes noted that Reef Relief nominated Ms. Orlandi for RAB membership. The Commanding Officer, NAS Key West, has given verbal approval for Ms. Orlandi's appointment to the RAB. The CO will provide written approval for the appointment on her return from travel.

Changes to Relative Risk Rankings

Mr. Patrick thanked the RAB members for their comments and questions on the Navy's relative risk model. Based on this input, the model has changed. The Navy conducted a tour of the cleanup areas for RAB members in mid-June, which helped answer several of the questions raised by the RAB. Mr. Patrick asked that any additional questions or comments on the Navy's relative risk model be submitted within 30 days to allow the Navy to prepare responses before the next RAB meeting.

Cleanup Budget Update

Mr. Patrick explained the funds allocation process for the cleanup of NAS Key West sites. He also explained the variances between the amounts budgeted for these activities and the amounts actually spent. In particular, a windfall of funds from other Naval engineering field divisions caused an increase in the Fiscal Year 1996 budget from \$800,000 to \$2,189,000. This enabled NAS Key West to implement the investigation of seven RFI/RI sites and additional seawall construction at IR-8. Mr. Patrick also described the budget predictions and listed NAS Key West sites marked for action during Fiscal Year 1997.

Update on Interim Remedial Activities

Mr. McNeil reviewed the status of interim remediation and contaminant removal activities at NAS Key West sites. He described the installation of the groundwater pump and test system at Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU)-9 and the proposed installation of a shoreline protection system at IR-8.

Review of Data from Supplemental RFI/RI

Mr. Walter described the preliminary conclusions from the investigation and sampling performed during January 1996. Four sites (SWMU-1, -2, -3, and -9) were the focus of the January efforts. Preliminary analysis of the data from SWMU-1 indicates a potential risk; however, the Navy's plans for the future use of this site will influence the need for further remediation. SWMU-2 probably will not need additional cleanup; however, monitoring might be required at this site. SWMU-3 probably will require no further action. Continuation of the groundwater treatment and remedial evaluation is appropriate for SWMU-9.

Potential Topics for Next Meeting

Ms. Loder led the RAB members in a discussion of the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Demes will collect comments on the draft Background Report; RAB members were asked to submit comments within 30 days. In addition, the RAB will hear updates on the progress of remedial actions and investigations.

Adjournment

Ms. Loder adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m. and invited members of the public to discuss issues with the RAB members and other participants.

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) COMMENTS

Naval Air Station Key West
Key West, Florida
Community Relations Plan (CRP) - 1996 Update
(page references for final CRP are in bold face)

RAB Member Cindy Creech

1. **General comments:**

- (a) "The (CRP) document should be printed on both sides of each sheet of paper."
- (b) "Copies of this (CRP) document and others should be made available to the public upon written request, either free or, in instances where the thickness of the document would make free distribution cost prohibitive, at cost. Copies of the written request forms should be on file at the site of the information repository. Time constraints may prohibit members of the public from thoroughly reading a document at the library during restricted hours of operations. This restriction may be viewed as a barrier to information flow."

Responses:

- (a) The final document will be produced as suggested.
- (b) As indicated in Appendix A of the CRP, the Information Repository is located in the Monroe County Public Library in Key West. The library has a varied schedule of day, evening, and weekend hours to accommodate the public. Photocopying equipment is also available at the library at a nominal fee if community members need copies of specific Information Repository materials. Also, many of the materials in the Information Repository will be discussed at Restoration Advisory Board and other meetings which are advertised and open to the public. The Navy believes that these opportunities for public information review are sufficiently flexible to meet the informational needs of the community.

2. **Specific Comments:**

- (a) Page 13: "To the list of recommended media outlets, add the following: *Solares Hill*, a weekly publication distributed to local businesses at no charge."
- (b) Pages 19-22: "To each site description, add a brief discussion of the contamination explaining the specific contaminants suspected and/or demonstrated to be present; the range of concentrations; the extent of contamination (e.g., surface water, sediment, top soil, groundwater, or all of the above); potential for migration; seriousness of the threat, etc. Some of this information is provided in Table 2. However, many members of the general public will fail to make the link between the table and the text."
- (c) Page 23, paragraph 2, line 5: "Add a sentence explaining how to obtain a copy of a document through a written request."
- (d) Page 23, paragraph 3, line 6: "Add a sentence stating that the minutes of the RAB meeting(s) are to be part of the administrative record."
- (e) Page 24, paragraph 1, line 4: "Tell the interested members of the public how to have their names added to the mailing list."

- (f) Page 26, Table 3, Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan Activities block: "Change the word "should" to "shall" in the following sentence: **Note:** Required public notices and advertisements should be placed in local Spanish-language media outlets."
- (g) Appendix B, Page 29: "The following acronyms were used in the document and not listed in this appendix: CMI, CMS, PA, ROD, and RI/FS. IR is defined as Installation Restoration; the word 'program' is not needed."

Responses:

- (a) The suggested text will be added (**page 13**).
- (b) The referenced text will be modified to include a brief discussion of the contamination and associated issues at each site (**pages 20-24**).
- (c) See response to comment 1 (b).
- (d) The suggested text will be added (**page 25**).
- (e) The referenced text will be revised to include the NAS Key West Public Affairs Office mailing address and telephone number as a contact point for members of the public wishing to join the mailing list (**page 26**).
- (f) Table 3 lists recommended community relations activities for the IR program. Consequently, the use of the word "should" is appropriate for the note on Spanish-language notices. The Navy will undertake to identify the need for complete translations of public notices and information materials on a case-specific basis.
- (g) Appendix B will be revised as suggested (**page 31**).

RAB Community Co-Chair Susan Loder

3. General Comments:

- (a) "More should be said about the status of the sites. Table 2 states the status of interim cleanup and investigations, but the plan does not describe what action is being implemented, i.e., dig and haul, etc. Maybe the "Site Descriptions" section on pages 19 through 22 should include the type of action being conducted or that has already been completed."

Responses:

- (a) The referenced text will be modified to include information of site status (**pages 20-24**).

4. Specific Comments:

- (a) Page 7, last paragraph, third sentence: "a opportunity" should be "an opportunity".
- (b) Page 11, first sentence under "Community Interviews" heading: "sentence is long and confusing and its intent is not clear."
- (c) Page 21, first sentence is repeated from page 20.

Responses:

- (a) The phrase "a opportunity" does not appear in the referenced text.
- (b) The referenced text will be revised as follows: "In accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection (USEPA) community relations guidance, area residents and representatives of interested organizations participated in a series of interviews designed to identify community concerns regarding cleanup activities at NAS Key West." **(page 11)**
- (c) The referenced text will be deleted.

RAB Member Dent Pierce

Mr. Pierce had no comments on the CRP.

RAB Member James Smith

Mr. Smith had no comments on the CRP.

RAB Member Mimi Stafford

Ms. Stafford had no comments on the CRP.