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**Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting  
Former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads  
Ceiba, Puerto Rico**

**Meeting #38 -February 10, 2016**

*Note: This meeting summary is based on informal notes taken at the meeting. It is not intended as a verbatim transcript. Rather, it is intended to summarize the overall discussions. If comments or additional notes are provided within 30 days of distribution of these minutes, they will be considered and potentially added as an attachment to this summary.*

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting began at approximately 6:19 P.M. See Attachment 1 for meeting attendees.

Thuane Fielding (Navy) welcomed everyone. She expressed thanks to those in attendance supporting the cleanup program at the former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads including representatives from the Navy, Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB), Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) and the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA). She indicated Madeline Almodovar was unavailable to facilitate the meeting but welcomed Daniel Concepcion in her place to support facilitation of the meeting. In addition Doug Pocze (EPA) was unable to attend this meeting but hopes to be able to attend at some point in the future.

**II. New and Ongoing Action Items**

The following summarizes the status of action items, including new and ongoing action items that will be carried forward to the next RAB meeting.

<b>Action Item Description</b>	<b>Status as of 2/10/2016</b>
Navy will prepare a presentation to show the data and results as investigations are complete for future RAB agenda topics.	<b>Ongoing:</b> As investigations are completed, this information will be presented to RAB members at the next available meeting.
Navy will develop a presentation for the RAB members when a Statement of Basis is developed summarizing the investigation history and planned cleanup activities.	<b>Ongoing:</b> As Statements of Basis are issued for public review and comment, a presentation will be provided for the community members at the next RAB meeting.

Action Item Description	Status as of 2/10/2016
Navy will research the providers for the fill material used at SMWU 3 (three sources, clay, fill, and topsoil).	<b>NEW- Information provided to Co-Chair Figueroa on 2/11/2016.</b>

### III. SWMU 45 Work Planning Process

Stacin Martin (Navy) presented the sampling approach and rationale for upcoming investigations at Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 45. He specified that this presentation was developed to highlight an upcoming investigation at Naval Activity Puerto Rico (NAPR) as a result of an action item from the previous meeting.

#### Questions/Comments from the Public

- Manuel Martínez (Community member) asked about the status of the cooling water tunnel at SWMU 45.
  - Stacin replied that the cooling water tunnel has been cleaned and grouted in place. In addition, the tanks associated with the site have been cleaned and closed.

### IV. Status Update on Planned/Ongoing Activities

Stacin Martin (Navy) provided a brief update of the status of the sites under investigation or corrective measures stage.

#### Questions/Comments from the Public

- Ismael Velázquez (Community RAB member) asked if the status of the SWMU 78 transformer site has changed.
  - Stacin indicated that sampling was performed around the vicinity of SWMU 78 and risk assessment process was completed. The RCRA Facilities Investigation report is under regulatory review and although not finalized, preliminary findings are that there is no unacceptable risk. The site is not yet closed, but it is believed to be of minimal risk.
- Luis Velázquez (Community RAB member) asked about the providers of the different fill material types that are being used at the site.
  - Pedro Ruiz (Navy) responded that the fill materials including soil, clay and others come from several local sources. Stacin indicated that the Navy's contractor contracted and negotiated directly with the suppliers. Thuane added this as an action item to include for the next RAB meeting.
- Manuel Martínez (Community member) is interested on the drawings and plans for Parcel 18 and the location where these are archived.
  - Thuane Fielding (Navy) responded that the Navy only kept historical building drawings, and other drawings were provided to the new owners when the property was transferred. Thuane indicated that the Public Works office kept all drawings and she saw some of them; however, she cannot confirm that all the drawings were transferred. She suggested Manuel and his team contact the LRA with regards to the drawings of interest.
  - Malú Blázquez (LRA) indicated that the Land Redevelopment Authority (LRA) keeps many of the building drawing records.

- Ismael Velázquez (Community RAB member) said that he thought that blue prints for all buildings were stored and archived while NAPR was operating, and he believes that they were disposed of during base closure.
  - Thuane appreciated Ismael's input but she cannot corroborate those statements. Thuane indicated that the NAPR facilities followed standard operating procedures for Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) to transfer the plans and blueprints to the LRA.
  - Malú said that when property was transferred, they acquired, scanned, and uploaded the drawings to a website, but she cannot confirm they have all the drawings. The LRA has drawings for all the buildings at Parcel III, but cannot confirm the same situation for Parcel I or II.
  - Ramón Lizardi (LRA) suggested that Manuel checks with Ft Buchanan as they may have kept certain drawings.
- Ramón Figueroa (Community RAB Co-Chair) indicated that the Navy internally developed the plans and built what they needed without contractors or separate architects. Ramon disagreed that NAPR was closed the same way as all other bases that go on BRAC procedure as he believed that it was expedited.
  - Thuane clarified that the process of closure was under special legislation that designated NAPR to be closed in accordance with the BRAC process.
- Luis Velázquez (Community RAB member) wanted to know if environmental and health studies would be performed before a proposed ship dismantling operation starts at the NAPR site.
  - Thuane indicated that the property has been transferred to LRA and there are no additional environmental investigations planned by the Navy concerning the use of transferred lands.
  - Malú confirmed that LRA signed short and long term contracts with a company that seeks to dismantle ships and recover ferrous materials. The company is required to get all appropriate environmental permits to work in this area. These permits are currently under review.
- Ismael Velázquez (Community RAB member) stated that he is concerned that friable asbestos may be found on the engine rooms of older vessels, and that may bring health risks to the community.
  - Ramón Figueroa clarified that they should place trust in the local and federal environmental agencies, and that citizens will have access to the information concerning the regulatory process.
- Luis Velázquez (Community RAB member) expressed that the agencies responsible for contracting businesses coming to NAPR and the agencies involved in granting permits ensure that these businesses are not detrimental to the community and follow the applicable regulations.
  - Malú stated that this is a company that intends to do work complying with regulations and regulatory agencies will review the environmental documentation and applicable permit applications submitted by the company.

## **V. Closure**

Thuane thanked all the participants for attending the RAB meeting. The next RAB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 11, 2016. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:27 PM.

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**Meeting Attendees – February 10, 2016**

<b>RAB Members</b>	
<b>RAB Community Members Present</b>	<b>RAB Community Members Absent</b>
<b>Ramón D. Figueroa, Community Co-Chair</b> Rafael Montes Ismael Velázquez Luis A. Velázquez Rivera	Samuel Caraballo Michael Dalton Naida Dávila José Julio Díaz Jorge Fernández Porto William Lourido Lirio Márquez D'Acunti Ramón M. Ríos Agustín Velázquez
<b>Community Members Visiting</b>	
Tom Cherri	Marilyn del Manzano
<b>RAB Agency Representatives</b>	
<b>Thuane Fielding, Navy Co-Chair</b>	Navy – Base Closure Manager
Stacin Martin	Navy – Remedial Project Manager
Doug Pocze (absent)	Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
Vicente Quevedo	Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER)
Gloria M. Toro Agrait	Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) – Hazardous Waste Permit Division
<b>Other Agency Representatives</b>	
Malú Blázquez	Executive Director – Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA)
Freddy de Jesús	LRA
Carlos Vivoni	LRA
Adelbad Molina	LRA
Ramón Lizardi	LRA
Manuel Martínez	Alianza Pro Desarrollo Económico de Ceiba (APRODEC)
Craig Lilyestrom (absent)	Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources
Santiago Oliver	Puerto Rico Conservation Trust (Para la Naturaleza)
<b>Support Staff</b>	
Pedro Ruiz	Navy
Daniel G. Concepción	CH2M (Navy contractor – facilitator)
Jamie Butler	CH2M (Navy contractor – project manager)