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**Naval Air Station Whiting Field
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting Summary
April 28, 1998**

RAB members attending:

Craig Benedikt
Anita Breeding
Garnett Breeding
Ken Brooks
Jim Cason

Pat Durbin, Navy Co-Chair
Karin Garvin
Linda Martin
Nellie Parker
Willie Parker (guest)

NAS Whiting Field representatives:

LCDR Jim VandeVoorde, Public Works Officer
Jim Holland, Public Works Department

Contractor support personnel:

Terry Hansen, ABB Environmental Services (ABB-ES, currently Harding Lawson Associates)
Bill Kollar and Gerry Walker, ABB-ES
Phil Ottinger, Brown & Root Environmental (BRE)
Tom Conrad, Bechtel Environmental

Pat Durbin opened the meeting at 5:38 p.m. and welcomed the RAB and others in attendance. Ms. Durbin noted that one item in the March RAB meeting minutes required further clarification. The minutes will be mailed to the members shortly, and then offered for approval at the next RAB meeting.

Presentation: The Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Program

Pat Durbin briefed the RAB on the TAPP program that was recently adopted by the Department of the Navy. She described TAPP as a program to provide RABs with independent assistance for interpreting scientific and engineering issues with regard to the nature of environmental hazards and restoration activities at an installation. Its purpose is to enhance the public's ability to participate in the cleanup decision-making process by improving their understanding of overall conditions and activities. Other key points of the TAPP presentation included:

- history of Installation Restoration (IR) program public participation
- funding sources
- eligibility requirements
- existing sources of technical support

- TAPP application process
- using TAPP project results

RAB Questions on the TAPP Presentation

Once a TAPP application has been submitted by a RAB, how long does the evaluation process typically take? The Navy's evaluation of a TAPP application may take several months. However, once an application is approved, the contract with the technical assistance provider should be in place within 30 to 45 days.

Presentation: Remedial Investigation (RI) Field Activities for Sites 3, 4, 30, 32, and 33

Phil Ottinger of BRE provided an update on field studies at several of the industrial area sites at NAS Whiting Field. A total of 16 groundwater monitoring wells have been installed at Sites 3, 4, and 32. Soil, water (as needed), and geotechnical sampling is nearly complete at all five sites, and samples are currently being analyzed. Mr. Ottinger estimated that all sampling will be completed in two weeks, with analytical results available in six to eight weeks. Specific field activities that have been completed include:

- **Site 3 (Underground Waste Solvent and Waste Oil Storage Area):** four soil borings installed, one surface and six subsurface soil samples taken
- **Site 4 (North Aviation Gas Tank Sludge Disposal Area):** 11 soil borings installed, 11 surface and 31 subsurface soil samples taken
- **Site 30 (South Field Maintenance Hangar):** six soil borings installed, one surface and seven subsurface soil samples taken
- **Site 32 (North Field Maintenance Hangar):** 11 soil borings installed, 21 surface soil and 53 groundwater samples taken
- **Site 33 (Midfield Maintenance Hangar):** seven soil borings installed, one surface and eight subsurface soil samples taken

Mr. Ottinger added that one deep monitoring well at Site 32 has been completed to a depth of 310 feet below land surface. Information on subsurface conditions at this well will be evaluated with similar data from another deep study well in the South Field Hangar area and a third deep well installed inside the East Gate by the Northwest Florida Water Management District. This evaluation will help investigators identify the physical conditions to the base of the sand and gravel aquifer beneath NAS Whiting Field. The aquifer base is considered to be the Pensacola clay, approximately 300 feet below land surface.

Mr. Otinger then summarized upcoming field work as follows: install and sample 18 additional monitoring wells at Sites 3, 4, and 32; survey the monitoring well and soil boring locations; collect and dispose of investigative-derived waste (waste material generated by the field investigations); and demobilize field equipment and crews.

Presentation: Installation Program Update

Linda Martin of Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command reported on overall IR program status, first covering the Perimeter Road sites. She noted that draft RI reports for Sites 9, 10, 11, and 14 have recently been completed, and the draft RI report for Site 12 is expected in a week. Summary material from these reports will be mailed to the RAB members shortly, and Ms. Martin asked the members to review the material and provide input at the next meeting. Several additional draft RI reports, along with evaluations of potential cleanup options for certain sites (known as feasibility study reports) will also be completed by that time.

Ms. Martin then discussed IR program funding at NAS Whiting Field. She stated that the budget is in good shape for fiscal year (FY) 1999 (October 1998 through September 1999), and that the basewide groundwater study remains a funding priority. She added that work at Sites 17 and 18 (two Crash Crew Training sites in the North Field) and Site 31 (Sludge Drying Beds and Disposal Area) is also funded for FY 99. Finally, funding for seven interim removal actions (or targeted cleanups to address contamination of immediate concern) is also in place.

RAB Administration

The next RAB meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Santa Rosa County School Board Administration Complex, 603 Canal Street, Milton. Potential agenda items for the meeting include:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Technical Assistance Grant program
- Summary of Site Recommendations from Completed RI Reports
- The Cleanup Process After RI Completion

Ms. Durbin asked the members to contact her with additional agenda suggestions. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.