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**NAS WHITING FIELD  
RAB ORIENTATION MEETING  
22 AUGUST 1995  
MEETING SUMMARY**

- **Members Attending:**
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| Jeff Adams (Southern Division) | Jim Cason (FDEP)               |
| Craig Benedikt (US EPA)        | Pat Durbin (NAS Whiting Field) |
| Anita Breeding                 | Logan Fink                     |
| Garnett Breeding               | Robert Fowlkes                 |
| Ken Brooks                     | Diane Butts                    |
| Sam Buckman                    |                                |
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- The meeting was adjourned and a social hour followed.

# **Meeting Minutes**

## **Planning Meetings for Community Interviews and RAB Meeting Debrief NAS Whiting Field**

### **Planning Meeting for Community Interviews**

Planning meetings for community interviews were held on Tuesday, August 22 and Wednesday, August 23. The first meeting was attended by:

Mr. Jeff Adams, SouthDiv  
Ms. Pat Durbin, NAS Whiting Field Public Works  
Mr. Terry Hansen, ABB-ES  
Mr. Jim Holland, NAS Whiting Field Public Works  
Ms. Ashley Power, ABB-ES  
Ms. Nancy Rouse, ABB-ES  
Mr. Gerry Walker, ABB-ES

August 23 meetings were held between Lt. Paula Dunn (NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs) and Ms. Durbin, respectively.

The following decisions were made:

- Community interviews will be held during the week of September 25, 1995.
- Ms. Durbin, Mr. Holland, and Lt. Dunn will accompany ABB-ES personnel on the interviews.
- Lt. Dunn will set up interviews from the Public Affairs Office. Ms. Durbin will provide input into the selection of interviewees.
- Ms. Rouse will draft up a press release to announce the meeting and to invite interested citizens to call Lt. Dunn if they would like to be interviewed. This news release will serve as a "trial balloon" to determine if paid display advertisements are needed to announce the RAB meetings.
- Ms. Rouse will develop a postcard to solicit interest in the interviews from the community relations mailing list.

### **RAB Meeting Debrief**

A meeting was held on the morning of August 23 to discuss the previous evening's RAB meeting and to plan the upcoming meetings. Because of scheduling conflicts, separate meetings were held between Ms. Power and Ms. Rouse (of ABB-ES) and Lt. Dunn and Ms. Durbin, respectively. Input from Mr. Holland, Mr. Adams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Hansen was received immediately after the RAB meeting.

The consensus of the team was that the RAB meeting was a success. The site tour, video, presentations, and social hour were all well received by the community members. The next few meetings will focus on establishing RAB procedures and introducing the RAB to the CERCLA process and progress at NAS Whiting Field. Topics for the next three RAB meetings are:

September 28	Funding Issues	Jeff Adams
	RAB Procedures (including development of the RAB mission statement and charter)	Pat Durbin
November 2	Regulatory Overview	Craig Benedikt (EPA) Jim Cason (FDEP)
December 7	Technical Overview	Gerry Walker

Additional ideas for RAB meetings included:

- Develop series of technical posters to "flesh out" the video. Topics could include hydrogeology, sampling and other field techniques. One poster and topic would be addressed at each meeting.
- Borrow the Florida Geological Survey hydrogeological model and groundwater sampling props (e.g., water level meters, PIDs, bailers, etc.) to further explain how groundwater is characterized.
- Advertise RAB meetings through the base newspaper, mailing notices to the smaller (approximately 125 entry) mailing list, and sending news releases to the Milton and Pensacola newspapers. If it is found that the news releases are not being printed, we should consider placing a paid display advertisement in the local papers
- Ms. Durbin suggested investigating the Milton Depot Days and Christmas Bazaar as an opportunity to get information to the community about RAB activities. Other "advertising" ideas included:
  - ✓ Using public service announcements for RAB meetings.
  - ✓ Accessing "blab TV" to discuss the RAB.
  - ✓ Use a portion of NAS Whiting Field's Wednesday afternoon time (30 minutes) on the local radio station to discuss the RAB.

Action Items for the September RAB Meeting:

- Lt. Dunn will provide the most recent mailing list to Ms. Power.
- Ms. Power will draft a news release for NAS Whiting Field approval and distribution.
- Mr. Adams will prepare a presentation of the status of funding for NAS Whiting Field environmental investigations and cleanup.
- Ms. Power will send a copy of the RAB notebook to Pat Durbin for placement in the Information Repository.

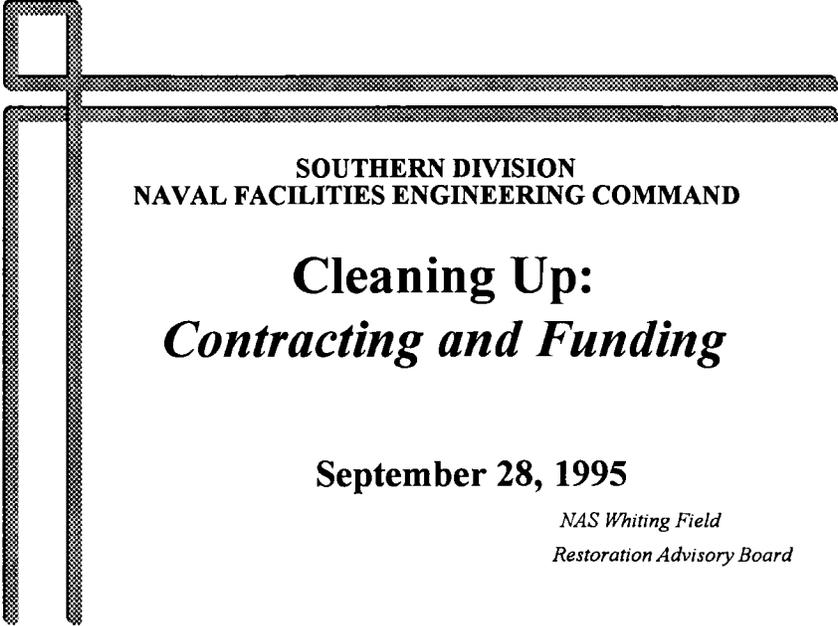
**Other Issues**

- ABB will develop a small sign to place at the Information Repository. The sign will mount on the newly purchased library cart.
- The Administrative Record should be updated. Community outreach materials should be added to the Information Repository. The Information Repository appears to be up to date with respect to technical documents.

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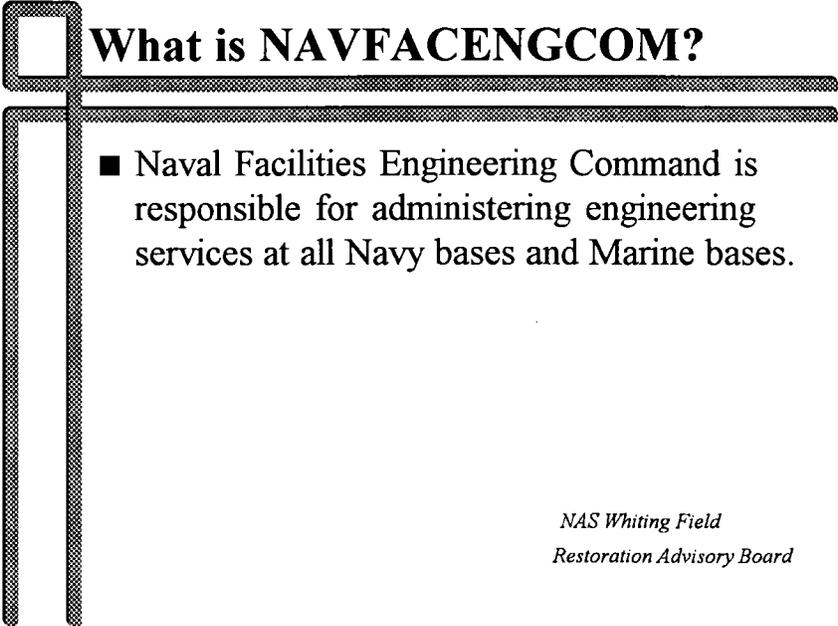


**SOUTHERN DIVISION  
NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND**

**Cleaning Up:  
*Contracting and Funding***

**September 28, 1995**

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**What is NAVFACENGCOM?**

- Naval Facilities Engineering Command is responsible for administering engineering services at all Navy bases and Marine bases.

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## What is SOUTHDIV?

- The Southern Division, known as SOUTHDIV, is based in Charleston and is responsible for bases in 26 states, from Florida to Illinois, including NAS Whiting Field.

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## How does SOUTHDIV help?

- NAVFACENGCOM provides the oversight and administration of the cleanup program.
- NAVFACENGCOM is responsible for procuring funds for base cleanup through the Defense Environmental Restoration Account (DERA).

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## How is money spent?

- The environmental cleanup at Navy bases is divided into **two** parts.
  - *Environmental Investigation and Remedial Design*
  - *Remedial Action*

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## How is money spent?

- The first part of the environmental program is the:
  - *Environmental Investigation and Remedial Design*: Scientific study of the site to determine the location and extent of any contamination, and if required, develop a plan for cleaning up the site.

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## How is money spent?

- The second part of the environmental program is the:
  - **Remedial Action:** Construction of the selected cleanup alternative

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## How are contracts set up?

- There are **two** separate contracts, one for investigation and one for cleanup
- Money comes from DERA through SOUTHDIV to the contractors which are performing the work.

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## How are investigations managed?

- Environmental Investigations: **CLEAN**
  - *Comprehensive Long-term Environmental Assessment Navy*
- Two contractors were selected to perform environmental investigations throughout SOUTHDIV: ABB Environmental Services, Inc. and Ensafe.

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## Who is our CLEAN contractor?

- **ABB Environmental Services, Inc.**, based in Tallahassee, is performing environmental investigation activities at *NAS Whiting Field*, as well as many other Navy bases throughout SOUTHDIV.

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## Who performs the cleanup?

- Remedial Action : **RAC**
  - *Remedial Action Contract*
- **Bechtel**, based in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is the RAC contractor for *NAS Whiting Field*, and is also performing cleanup at other Navy bases, including NAS Pensacola.

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## How is the work completed?

- The CLEAN and RAC contracts are set up to allow the contractor to address situations over a substantial period of time, as long as 10 years. This allows them to develop an in-depth understanding of the base.

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## How does funding work?

- SOUTHDIV estimates the amount of money it will need for the upcoming fiscal year (from October 1 to September 30) based on what work needs to be completed at each base.

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## How does funding work?

- These estimates are then submitted to Naval Facilities Headquarters, which presents them to Congress. Congress evaluates the request for funds and allots money to DERA.
- Naval Facilities Headquarters reallocates money to SOUTHDIV, which then determines the amount of money each base **can** have for investigations and cleanup.

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## How is the money spent?

- The DERA funds are allotted based on specific needs at each individual base. Need is determined by:
  - Risk Ranking Program
  - Regulatory requirements

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## How much money has NAS Whiting Field received?

- To date, SOUTHDIV has invested \$11 million in the environmental investigations at NAS Whiting Field and OLF Barin combined.

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## How much money is NAS Whiting Field projected to receive?

- SOUTHDIV is anticipating that \$4.5 million will be spent in the next five years for environmental investigation and \$cleanup at NAS Whiting Field.

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