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MINUTES FROM TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING ON 3 MARCH 1993
REGARDING OUTLYING LANDING FIELD BARIN NAS WHITING FIELD FL
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March 9, 1993

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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes for the TRC Meeting - 3 March 1993
Remedial Investigation
Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Barin, Foley, Alabama
Navy CLEAN District I
Contract N62467-89-D-0317**

Dear Kim:

Enclosed are the minutes from the March 3, 1993 Technical Review Committee meeting, held at the Foley City Hall, Foley, Alabama. The meeting was held to inform interested parties representing the general public as to the upcoming Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study to be conducted at the OLF Barin facility.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the minutes please call me at 904-656-1293.

Very truly yours,

ABB ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC.

Rao V.R. Angara
Task Order Manager

cc: Jim Holland, NASWF
File: 7541-01

Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting Minutes
Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Barin
March 3, 1993
10:00 a.m.

Introduction

The meeting began with Captain Eckart, Commanding Officer (CO), Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field, Milton, Florida welcoming all participants. Captain Eckart discussed future plans for both NAS Whiting Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Barin. He expressed his desire to have helicopter and fixed wing training remain at NAS Whiting Field.

Captain Eckart also stated that this was a public disclosure meeting required by government regulations specifically the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA). The purpose of the meeting was to let the public know what is being done to environmentally clean up OLF Barin. He, then, turned over the meeting to Ms. Kimberly Queen, Engineer-in-Charge (EIC), Southern Division (SDIV), Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

Status of Installation Restoration (IR) Program

Ms. Queen began by stating her role as a representative of SDIV which is the organization responsible for conducting the Installation Restoration (IR) program in the Southeastern United States. Ms. Queen continued by stating the purpose and authorizing legislation which authorized the initiation IR program. Ms. Queen briefly explained the three components of an IR Program: 1) Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection, 2) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, and 3) Remedial Design/Remedial Action and Long-term Monitoring. Ms. Queen then stated that SDIV had subcontracted the services of ABB-ES to conduct the Remedial Investigation at OLF Barin, and introduced Mr. Rao Angara, ABB-ES, Task Order Manager for OLF Barin.

Organization of Meeting

Mr. Angara discussed the agenda (attached). He explained that Mr. Gerry Walker, ABB-ES, the Technical Leader on this project, would provide a general overview of the facility and brief update on the status of events at OLF Barin, the following short break, continue with a more technical discussion of the RI Field program. Questions and comments would be entertained at the end of the meeting. Mr. Angara summarized the project organization team and channels of command, as depicted in a project organization diagram and clarified that Ms. Pat Durbin was in fact the Environmental Coordinator contact person for this project. He further explained that the agenda had been modified, and that Ensign Ron Steiner, NAS Whiting Field Public Affairs Office (PAO), would present the Community Relations summary at this time.

Community Relations Activity

Ensign Ron Steiner gave a brief presentation concerning the status of OLF Barin community relations activities. Prior efforts on his behalf consisted of coordinating with Pat Durbin and Jim Holland of the NAS Whiting Field Public Works Office (PWO), to distribute questionnaires and conduct informational surveys in the Barin community. He stated that the City of Foley Public Library had been forwarded a copy of the facility Administrative Record which was now available in the reference section for public review. Additional copies were in the possession of Pat Durbin, Kim Queen and himself. The TRC was informed that in order to maintain public informed, the NAS Whiting Field PAO would continue distribution of program fact sheets concerning events transpiring throughout the duration of clean up efforts at OLF Barin. Any questions concerning the project or the Administrative Record can be directed to his office, at (904) 623-7651.

OLF Barin Site History and Phase I RI Field Program

To present the technical details of the OLF Barin Remedial Investigation program, Mr. Angara introduced Mr. Gerry Walker, ABB-ES. Mr. Walker began with a brief history of the OLF Barin facility operations and previous investigations at the site including: a preliminary assessment, a site inspection and a Hazard Ranking System II Scoring. Mr Walker also briefly discussed interim remedial measures completed at the site and provided an overview of the current investigation.

Following a short break, Mr Walker proceeded with site-specific discussions for the 10 sites previously identified at OLF Barin. The site-specific discussions included historic data summaries, proposed sampling locations and the proposed analytical summary. Mr Walker concluded with a discussion of the investigation activities common to multiple sites and a summary of the Baseline Risk Assessment.

Questions and Comments

Mr. Angara in his introductory discussion, indicated that any questions, comments or suggestions, even at a later date, would be most welcome. Several questions were asked both during and following the conclusion of Mr. Walker's presentation. The individual questions, in the order they were asked, and the technical responses to the questions are detailed below:

- Captain Eckart asked if mercury which was detected in the groundwater sample at Site 20B, The Abandoned Underground Storage Tank and Fuel Pit Areas, was a common contaminant of fuels or AVGAS.

Mr Walker indicated that mercury is not a contaminant typically associated with petroleum products including AVGAS. Mr. Jim Holland (NAS Whiting Field PWO) answered that no mercury was found in the Site Investigation.

Mr. Joe Downey commented that naturally occurring mercury concentrations have been reported throughout the region and the difficulties in completing the analysis for mercury can cause inaccuracies.

- Mr. Robert Pope (EPA - Region IV) asked where fire fighting training activities are conducted now.

Captain Eckart responded that they now occur at NAS Whiting Field.

- Captain Eckart commented that OLF Barin previously consisted of two air fields and an Administrative area. He asked whether sampling would be conducted on the former base properties.

Ms. Kim Queen answered that sampling would only be conducted on currently owned and operated Navy property. She further explained that an entity called "FUD" - Formerly Utilized Defense sites had authority on the other properties.

- Mr. Jim Holland (NASWF PWO) asked when the program is scheduled to begin.

Mr. Walker responded that the RI program would commence in mid April of 1993, with an expected completion time of March, 1994.

- ABHC Willie Poole (OLF Barin) inquired about the dump area at OLF Barin and what could be done to secure the area.

Mr. Jim Holland responded that he was investigating into the possibility of installing a fence around the perimeter to deny public access. He had already discussed financing the fence with Ms. Kim Queen.

Mr. Arthur A. Holk (Mayor City of Foley) commented that if OLF Barin secures the area, either the city police or county sheriff's department could be contacted to assist in patrolling the area.

- Mr. Joe Downey (ADEM) made a closing comment that this type of investigation targets the lowest detectable contaminant concentrations, thus a very thorough investigation is completed. After seeing this presentation and the concentrations previously reported, he is assured everything possible is being done to assure the clean-up of any contamination. He also stated that clean-up operations associated with RI/FS investigations typically run many years in length. He is encouraged by the schedule projected for this project and the initiation and effort put into the proposed cleanup of the site.

Adjourn

Captain Eckart closed the meeting.

Site Visit

Immediately following the TRC meeting a site visit was conducted at the OLF Barin facility. The site visit was attended by ABB-ES personnel, Ms. Kim Queen (SDIV), Jim Holland and Pat Durbin (WHF PWD), Joe Downey (ADEM) and Robert Pope (USEPA).

PRE-TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

March 2, 1993

2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Captain Eckart	NASWF
CMDR John Ball	NASWF Public Affairs Office
Ron Steiner	NASWF Public Affairs Office
Rao Angara	ABB-ES
Eric Blomberg	ABB-ES
Gerry Walker	ABB-ES
Kathy Hodak	ABB-ES
Kim Queen	SDIV
Jim Holland	NASWF - Public Works Dept.
Pat Durbin	NASWF - Public Works Dept.

A synopsis of the discussions conducted at this meeting is given below.

- Rao Angara, ABB-ES, went over how the meeting will run in terms of the agenda: 1) Captain Eckart will do a basic introduction, 2) Ms. Kim Queen (SDIV) will briefly explain the Installation Restoration (IR) program, 3) Ensign Ron Steiner (NASWF PAO) will provide a brief discussion on community relations, and then 4) Mr. Gerry Walker (ABB-ES) will give a slide presentation covering general and site-specific aspects of the Phase I Remedial Investigation.
- Captain Eckart asked if the clean up program consisted of just "the basics" or a total package. Ms. Kim Queen explained that the program consisted of an Remedial Investigation (RI) followed by a Feasibility Study (FS). The RI may consist of, hopefully, a few "No Further Action" site which would remove them from the program. The remaining sites would be included in the FS which would consist of an identification of alternative methods of cleanup.
- Captain Eckart asked why we make this public disclosure. Ms. Kim Queen stated that public disclosure is required under CERCLA in order to keep the community involved. There has been contamination in public wells near the base and the Navy does not want the public to think the Navy is trying to hide anything.
- Captain Eckart expressed his desire to have the meeting shortened, the previous TRC meeting he attended was excessively long. He suggested that the meeting be broken into non-technical and technical segments with a break between the two segments. That way non-technical people could leave if they wanted. All participants agreed.

- Captain Eckart asked if ABB-ES had a separate project field team for OLF Barin. Mr. Rao Angara responded that, yes, a separate team was being assembled and that work at Nas Whiting Field would not be interrupted.
- Mr. Jim Holland commented that Mr. Robert Pope of EPA - Region IV had said OLF Barin was not a high priority for EPA, but rather, that previously listed NPL sites were more important. Ms. Kim Queen said work at OLF Barin will continue regardless of EPA involvement and EPA can choose to review or not. She further noted that NAS Whiting Field will probably be proposed for NPL in June 1993.
- Mr. Jim Holland initiated a discussion of the investigation of Sandy Creek and the findings of Pesticides and VOCs in previously collected sediment samples. He speculated that it could be runoff from farms or possibly old, previous use/dumping of materials in that area.
- Ms. Queen further stated that drilling activities at OLF Barin would start in Mid-April 1993 and that the private wells north of the base would be sampled since that was previously owned Navy land. She also noted that the old Tank Removal Site at OLF Barin, which received 6 Notices of Violation from ADEM, would likely remain under the IR program.

The discussion then centered on the NAS Whiting Field FloodPlain investigation. The drum removal operations are scheduled for early April and preliminary investigations of the site will begin by mid-March.

Meeting was adjourned.