

**LONG BEACH NAVAL COMPLEX
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
FINAL MINUTES FROM 17 NOVEMBER 1998 MEETING**

The Long Beach Naval Complex held a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting on 17 November 1998, at the Navy Caretaker Site Office, off Navy Way and Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California.

RAB ATTENDANCE:

Alan Lee - Present
Martin Hausladen- Present
Alvaro Gutierrez - Present
Henry Brice - Present
Mary Butler - Absent
Carol A. Churchill - Absent
P. James Drake - Absent
Harold Ellis - Absent
John Essington - Present
Betsy Foley - Absent
Howard Hargrove - Present
Bob Kanter - Present
Joseph Petway - Present
Darwin Thorpe - Present
Karl A. Tiedemann - Alternate
Anna Ulaszewski - Absent
Maria Vargas - Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle L. Gallice, CDM Technical Support
Thomas Macchiarella, SWDIV
Aaron Yue, Cal-EPA DTSC
Craig O'Rourke, Foster Wheeler
Rick Sauerwein, Battelle
Greysen Edward Cooley
Anthony Caldwell, Roosevelt Base Foundation
Ron Johnson - Present

MEETING BEGAN AT 7 PM – John Essington, Community Co-Chair, presiding as Chair.

The Chair welcomed the RAB members, and members of the audience, and reminded everyone to please sign in (PRINT LEGIBLY) - *"The sign-in sheet is the official record of attendance for each RAB meeting. It is the responsibility of each and every RAB member to sign into the official record. If you do not sign in, you did not attend the meeting"*.

Mr. Essington reminded the RAB members that the meeting was being tape recorded. No objections were voiced from the floor.

Administrative Issues

Mr. Essington asked for comments on the 15 September 1998 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved with no corrections. Mr. Essington stated that a copy of the meeting minutes are maintained at the LBNC Information Repository located in the Government Documents section of the Long Beach Public Library.

Presentation of the Status of the LBNC Installation Restoration (IR) Program

Mr. Macchiarella the Lead Remedial Project Manager for LBNC, SWDIV, presented an update of the status of the IR Program at LBNC. Mr. Macchiarella stated that he works on all 14 IR sites at LBNC.

IR Sites 1 and 2

IR Site 1 is Mole Solid Waste Operations and IR Site 2 is Chemical Materials and Waste Storage Area. The Navy is currently preparing the "finishing touches" on the Feasibility Study (FS) for these sites. The public comment period for the Proposed Plan (PP) for these sites is scheduled for December 16 - January 29, 1999. A public meeting on the PP will be held on January 20, 1999 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the RAB meeting. The Record of Decision (ROD) is scheduled to be completed in March 1999 and the Remedial Action for IR Sites 1 and 2 is scheduled for Summer 1999.

IR Sites 3 through 6A

IR Site 3 is Industrial Waste Disposal Pits, IR Site 4 is Mole Extension Operations, IR Site 5 is Skeet Range Solid Waste Fill Area, and IR Site 6A is Boat Disposal Location. The public comment period for the PP occurred in May and June of 1998. The regulatory agencies are currently conducting their final review of the ROD, which is scheduled to be signed in December 1998. Groundwater monitoring and institutional controls (i.e., deed restrictions) will be instituted for these sites.

IR Site 7

IR Site 7 is Harbor Sediments. The FS is currently underway and the Draft FS Report is scheduled for February 1999. The PP is scheduled to be completed during Summer 1999 and the ROD is scheduled for completion in Winter 1999.

IR Sites 8, 10, and 11

IR Site 8 is Building 210 - TCE Disposal Site, IR Site 10 is Parking Lot H, and IR Site 11 is Hillside East of Drydock No. 1. The FS for these sites is currently underway. The PP/ROD process is scheduled to be completed by Summer 1999 and the preferred alternative will likely be institutional controls.

IR Sites 9, 12, and 13

IR Site 9 is Building 129 Operations, IR Site 12 is Parking Lot X, and IR Site 13 is Tank Farm near Building 303. The Supplemental Groundwater Investigation (SGI) for IR Sites 9, 12, and 13 is currently being finalized. The Draft FS Report is scheduled for delivery in February

1999. The PP and Draft ROD are scheduled for review in Summer 1999. IR Site 9 has a contingency plan for drydock pumping.

IR Site 14

IR Site 14 is Building 46 – Dry Cleaning Operations. The Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) and Action Memorandum (AM) are currently underway. The public comment period for the EE/CA is scheduled for December 16 – January 29, 1999. A public meeting will be held to present the EE/CA on January 20, 1999 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the RAB meeting. The Final AM is scheduled for March 1999 and the Removal Action based on the EE/CA is scheduled to begin in Summer 1999.

Questions

Mr. Cooley asked what was done at IR Site 7 at the end of October. He questioned how far down the sediment samples were taken and when the results would be available. Mr. Macchiarella responded that the soil sediment samples were taken down to approximately three meters as part of the field work for the FS for IR Site 7 and the Draft FS Report is scheduled for February 1999. Ms. Tiedemann asked if the samples were core samples and Mr. Macchiarella responded that they were core samples.

Mr. Hargrove asked if IR Site 11 is where the sandblast grit was covered over and what is being done at this site. Mr. Macchiarella stated that IR Site 11 was capped during the Removal Action and the risk numbers for the sandblast grit are falling within regulatory acceptable ranges so institutional controls are being recommended at IR Site 11. Mr. Lee added that the Removal Action conducted at IR Site 11 is described in the FS. Mr. Hausladen stated that the Port of Long Beach (POLB) will probably bury this area during their construction project. Dr. Kanter added that the drydocks will stay working but there is always a chance that the POLB will fill this area.

Ms. Vargas asked why there are no excavation activities planned for IR Site 13. Mr. Macchiarella explained that this is because the main issue is at the groundwater table. The risk issues and location do not lend themselves to excavation.

Mr. Thorpe asked if the IR Site 9 groundwater monitoring is being performed to ensure that the plume is not moving. Mr. Macchiarella stated that the groundwater monitoring is being conducted to make sure the plume is not leaking into the drydock.

Discussion of RAB Questions/Comments

Discuss of Questions Received from Mr. Darwin Thorpe

Mr. Thorpe stated that all of his questions had been answered prior to the meeting with the exception of question #3 – what will happen to the RAB if the covenant deferral request (early transfer) goes through. Mr. Lee stated that it would take approximately one year to complete the

early transfer and the process will not begin until January 1999. The first parcel begins in January 1999 and the second parcel transfer will not happen until the year 2000. The RAB's role will be continued for at least two more years and even longer if the cleanup is not complete by then.

Mr. Hausladen asked if the Navy has an estimate when the cleanup will be complete and Mr. Lee and Mr. Macchiarella stated that it is scheduled to be done by 2002. Mr. Thorpe asked for a clarification of whether the Navy is still responsible for the cleanup after the deferral transfer goes through. Mr. Lee stated that this is true, with the exception of IR Site 7, for which the POLB has agreed to take the responsibility for cleanup.

Mr. Hargrove asked how long after the ROD is signed does the actual cleanup have to be done. Mr. Hausladen stated that the cleanup must be done within 18 months after the signing of the ROD. Mr. Hargrove questioned who makes the decision for the Final ROD. Mr. Lee responded that the Navy makes the final decision with concurrence from the regulatory agencies and input from the RAB and the public.

Mr. Thorpe asked about the removal action information presented in Fact Sheet #2. He asked what determines if a removal action is time critical or non-time critical. Mr. Lee clarified the information presented in the fact sheet to explain the difference between the types of removal actions.

Discussion of Future RAB Meeting Day

Ms. Vargas requested that the RAB meeting day be moved because the Long Beach City Council meets on Tuesdays. Mr. Essington proposed that the meetings be moved to the third Wednesday of the month instead of the third Tuesday. The RAB voted and agreed to move the meetings to Wednesday.

Discussion of RAB Meeting Location

Ms. Gallice explained to the RAB members that the Long Beach Water Department has changed their mind and will not allow the RAB to regularly meet at their meeting facility. Ms. Gallice contacted the Long Beach Gas Department. The Gas Department will only allow City of Long Beach employees to use their meeting location. The City of Long Beach Community Room at 200 Pine Street will accommodate the RAB and their meeting schedule. The RAB voted and agreed to hold future RAB meetings at the City of Long Beach Community Room at 200 Pine Street.

Discussion of Need for New RAB Members

Mr. Essington stated that it had been a year since the RAB had gone out for new members. He asked if the RAB would like to post an ad to solicit new members. The RAB agreed that new members should be allowed to apply. Mr. Essington stated that a committee would be needed to review the applications. The member selection committee will be as follows: Jennifer Rich

- Cal-EPA DTSC, Alan Lee - Navy Co-Chair, John Essington - Community Co-Chair, Maria Vargas - RAB member, Joseph Petway - RAB member, and Henry Brice - RAB member. The ad will run on January 13, 1999, the committee will meet in February to review the application and select new members, and the new members will attend the March meeting.

Open Forum for RAB Members and Members of the Audience

Ms. Vargas asked who receives the RAB meeting notices. Ms. Gallice explained the LBNC mailing list which is composed of almost 150 people. The list contains the Cal-EPA DTSC mandatory mailing list, LBNC project related personnel, RAB members, Long Beach City Council members, state legislators, and any other interested persons that have attended RAB meetings or requested to receive information related to LBNC.

Mr. Hargrove asked about how the MTBE at IR Site 9 got there. Mr. Macchiarella stated that the Navy is not sure but they believe it is from an adjacent property.

Mr. Cooley asked what is being done with the hoists at LBNC. Dr. Kanter stated that they are being removed and tested like an underground storage tank (UST). The fire department in the lead agency in Los Angeles county for this type of work.

Mr. Caldwell asked if the fire department was performing training exercises on the Mole. He asked about the asbestos abatement of the buildings as well. Mr. Hausladen stated that the POLB is removing asbestos prior to allowing any buildings to be burned. Dr. Kanter said that the fire department should be dealing with this as part of their training procedures. Mr. Essington stated that the fire department usually determines which buildings can be used for training when the demolition permits are issued. Dr. Kanter added that the POLB has air permits for the demolition project. If anyone has any questions they should contact the fire department directly.

Having no additional comments, the RAB meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

The next LBNC RAB meeting is scheduled for **20 January 1999** at the City of Long Beach Community Room at 200 Pine Street.

These minutes were recorded by Michelle L. Gallice of CDM Federal Programs Corporation acting as the RAB Technical Support at 619-268-3383, and reviewed and approved by all members of the Long Beach Naval Complex Restoration Advisory Board.

Approved meeting minutes for the Long Beach Naval Complex (LBNC) RAB can be found at:

- (1) The LBNC Information Repository located at the Long Beach Public Library, Government Publications Department; and*
- (2) The Internet at the Southwest Division Naval Facilities Command Web page at <http://www.efdswest.navy.mil/DEP/ENV/default.htm> - SWDIV Point of Contact: Mr. Lee Saunders (619) 532-3100.*