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**Former Naval Surface Warfare Center-White Oak (NSWC-WO)
Federal Research Center (FRC)
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Update
December 2000**

This update is based on a meeting between Walter Legg of EFACHES and the Community Co-chairs (Dr. Richard Price and John Tino) on 11 December 2000 at the WO-FRC regarding the December update. The update does not represent the Navy position on these tasks but it is a summary/interpretation by John Tino, one of the Community Co-chairs.

2001 Election.

By the RAB charter, the Community Co-chair is elected to serve for one year. The 2001 election of the Community Co-chair will be held at the January 2001 RAB. If any RAB member is interested in being the Co-chair, please call Walter Legg (202-685-0061) before the January RAB meeting.

FDA Union.

John Tino has volunteered to meet with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) employees to share with them the type of Research and Development (R&D) that occurred at the White Oak Laboratory. He would use the new Legacy book to discuss the R&D and show the location at the site where specific work was done. The union will select a date in January 2001. Dr Price and John Tino have also volunteered to address FDA employees on their perspective of clean-up at WO site as RAB Co-chairs. The union will arrange a separate meeting for the restoration meeting in January 2001.

The Navy and (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) USEPA sent a letter to Maryland Senator Ida Ruben at her request in response to a letter that the union had sent her on environmental issues at WO. The letter was signed out on 4 December 2001. The concern for risk assessment processes at WO was carefully answered.

WSSC.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Navy and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), which is necessary to permit the Navy to pay and have their contractors install water for the Irby's/Charlton, is almost in final form and should be signed in the near-term. Once signed, the installation of the water line can begin. Initial bids are higher than anticipated due to the "blasting" required to get the line through the bedrock of the Paint Branch tributary by the nursing home. WSSC has agreed to pay the extra cost for the larger line to support potential future nursing home needs and the hydrant that will be installed.

Budget/Schedule.

BRAC funding has been cut in the Department of Defense (DOD) for 2001, but the Navy had only a small cut and the WO project is not known to have any decrease. In fact, funding should be available to accomplish most of the remaining "field" work at WO.

The BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) developed a priority list for current tasking. The Navy will distribute these priorities at the January RAB meeting. Also, the Navy has begun to update the Base Clean-up Plan, which is done annually.

BRAC Clean-up Team.

The team met on 15-16 November and will meet again on 17-18 January 2001. An update of the tasks follows.

Site 33. No change, awaiting the Record of Decision (ROD).

AOC-2. All comments were received on the study and will be used to publish the study; the required field samples will be taken in 2001.

Explosive Survey. Work to resolve issues at the two drop towers and other clean-up tasks will be done in 2001.

Sewer/Storm Drain Study. The contractor is expected to begin to take field samples, to ensure no issues exist in the drain system, in December 2000.

Site 11. Deep well samples are being analyzed by the BCT. The initial look would indicate that more characterization is necessary. For example, the flow may not be in the direction intuition and experience has suggested. The data/analysis will be briefed to RAB in January. The ROD for the site is on schedule and will be available before construction of the first FDA lab is complete.

Site 28/47. Site 28: no change and the soil will be removed. Site 47: characterization is complete and the contaminated sediment along the streambed will be removed (for about 2000 feet).

Site 3. Site clean-up is finished. More landscaping of the site is planned in 2001.

Site 10/14. Still plan to remove soil at these sites. Paperwork with the state of Maryland is now being prepared to define the amount of soil being removed, and whether this removed soil will or will not count against the Maryland quota for radioactive waste disposal.

Site 1&2. Now up to 65% design of cap. Digging trenches at Site 2 to make sure of the limit of the landfill. Work is still planned to begin in May or June of 2001.

Site 46/OU-1. The hope of this study was to define and understand the groundwater system of the "300 Area" of the site. The Navy believes there is enough information to define a remediation plan for Site 46. The BCT is reviewing the data to understand the extent of the knowledge of the groundwater system; it may not be to the level anticipated. The RAB's groundwater committee is also currently reviewing this study. The Navy will provide a briefing on the Site 46 Study at January RAB meeting.

The Irby well water sample data in October had a trace of trichloroethylene (TCE), but the amount is was below the maximum contaminant level (MCL). All samples taken in this area had a low and same level of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH); Navy is determining if there was a lab contamination issue in October. They are also considering a change to the sampling process in the future to provide a means to analyze such issues.

Web Site.

Site continues to be improved and data added. Navy will brief RAB on status of Web Site at the January RAB meeting.

Upcoming RAB Meetings.

The next RAB meeting will be on Tuesday, 9 January 2001 at 4:00 pm at the WO-FRC. Please enter the South Gate and use the side entrance to Building 1 (Main Building). We will plan to finish by 6:00pm. Please note that there will be a brief tour of environmental restoration activities prior to the RAB meeting on 9 January. If you are interested, please notify Walter Legg (202-685-0061 or <mailto:walegg@efaches.navfac.navy.mil>) so that we may arrange for adequate transportation. We will meet for the tour at the South Gate at 2:30 PM.

At the January meeting, we will have a discussion/vote on the RAB continuing to meet every two (2) months or go to a quarterly set of meetings. If quarterly, an update like this would be prepared for each of the months in which we do not meet. Think about these options and be prepared to discuss them.

So, the RAB meeting following our January meeting will be:

**Tuesday, 13 March 2001 at 4:00pm if every two months
or
Tuesday, 10 April 2001 at 4:00pm if every three months**