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MEMORANDUM

From: Installation Co-Chair
To: Restoration Advisory Board Members
Subj: RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING
Encl: (1) August 5, 1997 RAB Meeting Minutes

Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center (NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane) conducted, on center, a RAB meeting on August 5, 1997. Enclosure (1) is a copy of the minutes from that meeting.

The next NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane RAB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 1997. The meeting will take place on Center at Building 3241 in conference room B-C from 1200 to 1600. A reminder and an agenda will be sent out about two weeks prior to the meeting. Your ideas and input for additional topics to, or presentations for, the agenda would be especially welcome. Currently, the proposed agenda for the August meeting includes:

- Presentations concerning results of the contaminated soil pilot scale operations at the Bioremediation Facility
- Status of interim measures work being performed at the Dye Burial Ground (SWMU 02/11)
- Continued comment and revision of the NAVSURFWARCENDIV Installation Restoration Community Relations Plan
- An update on the NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane Risk Assessments, including the progress of the Indiana Bat surveys
- Update on the progress of NAVSURFWARCENDIV Subpart X Permit Renewal

For questions, comments, or information, please contact NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane POC, Ms. Christine D. Freeman, Code 09511, telephone 812-854-4423.

James M. Hunsicker, Director,
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Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Minutes August 5, 1997

Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center (NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane) conducted a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting, Tuesday, August 5, 1997, on Center in Crane, IN, at Building 3168 in conference room C. From 1215 to 1530 hours an informal meeting was called to order. See Attachment (1) for the list of attendees. Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions during and after each presentation. The meeting was opened by Mr. Jim Hunsicker, Installation Co-chair and Environmental Protection Department Manager, who went over the agenda of the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was presented by Mr. Tim Callahan from the Public Affairs Office. He addressed the review and update of the Installation (IR) Program Community Relations Plan (CRP) for NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane. Information from the RCRA Public Participation Manual as well as comments and suggestions from many of the meeting attendees were used to update the IR CRP. It was decided to eliminate the community RAB members names from the Contact List.

After a brief break, Mr. Hunsicker introduced Mr. Tom Brent who presented an update on the Indiana Bat food chain surveys for the NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane Risk Assessment. Mr. Brent indicated that NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane along with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterways Experiment Station would be collecting insects in the area where the Indiana Bat was found last summer. He discussed the study of nighttime insects that are found in the area where an Indiana Bat was observed in July of 1996. The study involves using both light traps and malaise trap and was conducted three nights each in June and July of 1997. A third round is expected to start on August 5. There will possibly be a fourth round for a background study away from the Ammunition Burning Ground. The insects will be sent to an offsite laboratory where they will be sorted into aquatic and terrestrial categories, ground, and analyzed for explosive and metals content. Mr. Brent indicated that, if there is a presence of contaminants in the insects, a surrogate bat will then be collected and a tissue sample from that bat studied.

Mr. Hunsicker then introduced Mr. Dave Beall, Project Manager, from Morrison Knudsen Corporation (MK). Mr. Beall presented a status report for the Dye Burial Grounds Remediation (SWMU 02/11). Mr. Beall discussed background information concerning the site. The site has been monitored daily to assure the plastic remains intact over the cap area and to assure no leaks have developed in the tanks. Mr. Beall stated that MK plans to start capping the site in mid-August and hopes to have the cap done in mid-October. The contract is in place. Mr. Beall reported that MK is currently working with the U.S. Navy and the U.S. EPA dye experts to characterize the dye found in the water and the soil. It is expected that the contaminants will be characterized by comparing the dye material to a set of forty-five standards of dye which have been used at NWSC Crane. A Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and a Work Plan are being prepared for SWMU #02/11.

After a brief break, Mr. Beall presented an update and overview on the status of pilot scale operations and the schedule for full scale operations of the Bioremediation Facility. He stated that the clean soil pilot study is going well and explained charts showing temperature and oxygen levels for seven mixes being used. He also had samples of each of the mixes to show the different textures and colors.

A general business discussion followed Mr. Beall's presentation.

- Mr. Hunsicker announced Mr. Larry Hazelwood's resignation from the RAB. He is moving to Evansville.
- Pictures of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Bioremediation Facility held June 17, 1997 were available for viewing.
- In a pre-RAB discussion, NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane Office of Council made a determination that any Crane employee who wishes to represent his/her community on the RAB may do so only after clocking out. Failure to clock out would be considered a conflict of interest.
- The question of changing the RAB meeting time was raised. It was felt that there could possibly be more community participation if the RAB meetings were held at a different time. Late afternoon or early evening were suggested as possibilities. RAB members will be polled for their opinions on this matter.
- Finally, Mrs. Carol Witt-Smith from the U.S.EPA Region V announced that she will be on maternity leave beginning in February. During her absence, Mr. Rob Hoschear will take over her duties.

The RAB meeting was adjourned at 1530 hours.

