

MINUTES FOR TRC MEETING
OF APRIL 21, 1994
NAVAL WEAPONS STATION (NWS) EARLE
COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY

1. The meeting was opened at 10:00 AM by Mr. John Kolicius, the Remedial Project Manager for NWS Earle. CDR Skudin, the NWS Earle Executive Officer, was introduced to the committee. Minutes of the December 2 TRC meeting were discussed.
2. LCDR Smith asked about the status of the removal action for the blasting grit at Site 20. Mr. Kolicius said little progress had occurred since EPA's comments on the Workplan and Health & Safety Plan were received in October. The extent of the comments as well as the need for an Action Memorandum and an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis had caused the delay. LCDR Smith reiterated Earle's desire to accomplish some removals. It was agreed that NORTHDIV and NWS Earle would work together to develop the needed documents. Paul Ingrisano agreed to forward copies of plans from other facilities.
3. Mr. Kolicius stated that the Draft Remedial Investigation workplan for 17 sites was delivered to the regulators on January 5. A site visit was conducted for members of EPA's Biological Technical Assistance Group (BTAG) on January 12. The BTAG members suggested that grouping of sites might be appropriate and a meeting was scheduled for February 17. At that meeting, the Navy offered a proposal to group sites based on watersheds. Some members of the BTAG expressed concerns that other pathways should be considered in determining site groups. The consensus was that a grouping decision could not be made until additional data and habitat information was gathered. Mr. Marcolina from NJDEPE suggested incorporating the 11 existing R.I. sites into this workplan so that a unified plan would be available which addressed the entire Earle program. Although the Navy was concerned this could delay fieldwork at the 17 sites, Mr. Kolicius agreed to consider this option.
4. CDR Skudin asked why the investigation was proceeding in different phases. Mr. Kolicius explained that the Navy had conducted its initial study in 1983 which identified 29 sites but concluded that only 4 warranted further investigation. In consultation with NJDEPE, this was expanded to 11 sites. Upon nomination of Earle to the National Priorities List, the EPA requested a Site Investigation at the remaining 18 sites and identified 17 more in a study performed by the Environmental Photographic Interpretive Center. Three of the 18 sites were removed from the study because they were being addressed under RCRA. CDR Skudin stated that a matrix chart showing significant dates and milestones for each site would be helpful.
5. Mr. Kolicius said a meeting would be scheduled to try to resolve EPA's 3/18 comments regarding the Health & Safety and Quality Assurance sections of the R.I. workplan. CDR Skudin recommended that the Navy and the regulators meet more regularly in between the TRC meetings to prevent bottlenecks from building up. A working meeting of this type was scheduled for May 26.
6. The next meeting of the Technical Review Committee was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 1994 at 10:00 AM in the Public Works Conference Room in Building C-29 at NWS Earle.