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Subj: MINUTES OF NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING OF 9 DEC 99

1. A meeting of the Naval Weapons Station Earle RAB was held on Thursday, December 9, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in Building C-2 (Conference Room), Naval Weapons Station Earle. The following Station and community representatives attended:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
CAPT Honey	Commanding Officer, NWS Earle
Kevin Bova	Executive Director, NWS Earle
Deborah Sciascia	Office of Counsel, NWS Earle
Gregory Goepfert	Environmental Engineer, NWS Earle
Nancy Eldridge	Public Affairs Officer, NWS Earle
Lester Jargowsky	Monmouth County Health Department
Vincent Moran	Leonardo
Jean Montgomerie	Howell Township Environmental Commission
Mary Lanko	Howell Resident
John Kolicius	NORTHNAVFACENGCOM
Russ Turner	Tetra Tech NUS
Merwin Kinkade	Tinton Falls
Robert Marcolina	New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection
Janet Coakley	Howell Township Environmental Commission
Michael Heffron	Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation
Rich Goldbeck	Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation
Larry Harris	Colts Neck
John Vasile	Association of Civilian Employees, NWS Earle
Cathi Trost	Colts Neck Journal
John Mayerski	Colts Neck
Thomas Hennessy	Colts Neck
Dennis Swalwell	Environmental Protection Specialist, NWS Earle

2. After introductions were made, the minutes of the September 9, 1999 meeting were reviewed and entered into the record without change. Mr. Mayerski and Ms. Montgomerie expressed interest in becoming community members of the RAB.

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3. Mr. Goepfert distributed copies of the RAB Charter. The charter requires review and update. Comments from members concerning the RAB Charter will be discussed at the next RAB meeting.
4. Community members reelected Mr. Lester Jargowsky of the Monmouth County Health Department to the position of RAB Community Co-Chair. The term of this position extends through July 2001. Mr. Merwin Kinkade will serve as the alternate RAB Community Co-chair.
5. RAB members were provided a tour of the new NWS Earle Hazardous Waste Storage Facility (Bldg. C-63). Mr. Swalwell explained the process of hazardous waste generation, segregation, storage and off shipment at NWS Earle.
6. Mr. Goepfert provided a video of completed work at Site 6 (bank stabilization for "Landfill west of Normandy Road") and Site 12 (lead soils removal at the "Battery Acid Spill Site"). A wooden guardrail was also installed at Site 17 (Landfill southwest of Bldg. R-22). These sites are all located at the waterfront area of the Station. Mr. Goepfert pointed out that there was an oily sheen discovered on standing water of the Site 12 excavation; water samples were taken from wells in the immediate area and were found not to contain fuel constituents. Floor drains from Bldg. R-10 leading into the excavation were cleaned and capped. Approximately 1500 feet to the south and west of Site 12 a gasoline/diesel fill station, no longer operated, had an underground leaking oil pipe. An underground heating oil tank was also found to have leaked at Bldg. R-12. Remediation using a skimmer system at Bldg. R-12 and groundwater monitoring in the vicinity of the closed gasoline/diesel station is in progress. By virtue of the well sampling results adjacent to Site 12, it appears that the oily sheen on excavation's standing water did not emanate from these incidences.
7. Mr. Goepfert provided an update as follows:
 - (a) Wayside Area: A passive recovery system successfully withdrew approximately 6.79 gallons of motor oil from the well at structure designated as T-8002; limited oil recovery into the well indicates the source may have been abated (source may have been well pump's lubricating oil). Limited additional investigation is planned in the area. The first phase of demolition and removal of Army structures is 60% complete. Electrical transformers (non-PCB) will be removed from the Wayside Area in February 2000.
 - (b) On December 1, 1999, Messrs. Koliccius, Turner and Goepfert met with EPA Region II representatives concerning the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) comments on the feasibility study for Sites 3, 10 and 13. EPA and NOAA will respond to the Navy by mid January 2000 regarding their concerns on the draft feasibility study such that the feasibility study can be made final by mid February 2000.

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- (c) Pesticide Shop: Clean up work has been awarded.
- (d) Site 26: Asbestos removal inside Bldg. GB-1 has been awarded. Bldg. GB-1 will house process equipment for the air sparging/soil vapor extraction remediation.

Mr. Marcolina questioned the involvement of NOAA in the feasibility study review process. Mr. Goepfert responded that NOAA, as an entity of the Department of Commerce, is a "trustee" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), and has commented on previous Navy documentation regarding remedial investigations, etc. at NWS Earle. The Navy has previously accepted NOAA commentary, although not always in their entirety, and has negotiated mutually acceptable follow-up actions. Mr. Kolicius advised that the December 1st meeting was primarily to get Ms. Mollin from EPA up to speed with the NOAA issues since she was not involved with the project when the NOAA comments were made.

Mr. Kinkade asked how long the remedial actions might take at Site 26. Messrs. Kolicius and Heffron answered that 3 to 5 years were the initial estimates, but perhaps a much shorter timeframe will be realized. Pilot data of May 1999 indicate that less remediation time may be required.

- 8. Mr. Jargowsky asked how the "bioslurpers" were doing at Site 16/F. Mr. Heffron responded that in August and November of 1999, bioslurper #1 recovered 100 gallons of oil from 16,332 gallons of groundwater; bioslurper #2 recovered 28 gallons of oil from 9,528 gallons of groundwater. Mr. Kolicius stated that Battelle Laboratory representatives will be making a visit to Earle to evaluate process data to see if any optimization is possible within the next 90 days.
- 9. Mr. Jargowsky thanked NWS Earle representatives for the tour of the new Hazardous Waste Facility.
- 10. Mr. Goepfert provided copies of the updated "Installation Restoration Site Summary" to all members present. Ms. Trost, of the Colts Neck Journal, received the updated copy of the NWS Earle Community Relations Plan for the Installation Restoration Program from Mrs. Eldridge.
- 11. The next RAB meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2000 at 7:00 P.M., NWS Earle, Bldg. C-2 (Conference Room).
- 12. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

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13. Milestones

- (a) All RAB members to review RAB Charter for discussion at next meeting.
- (b) Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation to prepare public notice documents for remedial action at the Pesticide Shop and arrange for publication in local newspaper.
- (c) EPA/NOAA to respond to Navy regarding feasibility study comments (Sites 3, 10 and 13) by mid-January 2000.
- (d) Mr. Kolicius to coordinate Battelle visit to evaluate bioslurper operations.

Submitted by:


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