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MINUTES FROM 8 DECEMBER 1997 RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NAS
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NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND SOUTHERN DIVISION

**NAVAL AIR STATION KEY WEST
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY**

7:00 p.m.

December 8, 1997

Holiday Inn Beachside, Marquesa Room
Key West, Florida

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Members Present:

Ron Demes, Navy Co-Chair
Susan Loder, Community Co-Chair
Dudley Patrick, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Robin Orlandi, Community Member
Donna Perez, Community Member
Mimi Stafford, Community Member

Other Navy and contractor personnel present who are directly related to the RAB:

Phillip Williams, Installation Restoration Manager, NAS Key West
Vince DeArmas, NAS Key West Public Works Department
Karen Snodgrass, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Barbara Eller, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Regina Dixon, Brown & Root Environmental
Marty Ray, Brown & Root Environmental
Thomas G. Nicotera, Brown & Root Environmental
Barbara Anderson, CAPE Environmental
Chuck Bryan, Brown & Root Environmental

Others in attendance (who signed the attendance sheet):

Linda Crane, Marathon, Florida
Cecilé Daniels, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Pat Valerga, Florida Keys Outreach Coalition for the Homeless
R. L. Blazevic, Key West, Florida

Welcome and Self-Introductions

Ms. Loder opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. RAB members introduced themselves.

Public Comment Management for this Meeting

Ms. Loder suggested that RAB members and the public could make comments and ask questions at the conclusion of each presentation. The RAB concurred with this suggestion.

Update of RAB Action Items

Ms. Loder received one comment on the previous meeting summary. The date by which RAB members agreed to submit comments on the Corrective Measures Study (CMS) Reports for Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) 1 and 2 ~~should~~ be corrected to October 29, 1997. Hearing no other corrections, the RAB ~~accepted~~ the previous meeting's minutes pending the date correction. Ms. Loder gave an update of the RAB's action items:

1. NAS Key West environmental personnel continue to pursue publishing an article about the RAB in the local paper.

2. The FY 1998 Execution Plan has been finalized. Mr. Patrick will present a summary of the Key West funding portion later in the meeting.
3. RAB members have provided comments on the CMS Reports for SWMUs 1 and 2.
4. The Navy provided responses to the RAB's comments on the CMS Reports for SWMUs 1 and 2.

Update of FY 1998 Budget

Mr. Patrick began by reviewing the final FY 1998 funding profile for the NAS Key West Environmental Restoration, Navy Account (ERNA) sites. About \$900 thousand has been earmarked for performing CMSs, developing proposed plans, holding public comment periods, conducting public meetings, and producing decision documents. The Navy is currently in the process of obligating this funding so work can begin during January 1998.

Mr. Patrick then reported that he has successfully obtained additional money for Base Realignment and Closure Work. The final budget amount is \$6.9 million, which is about \$4.5 million more than originally planned. To date, about \$500 thousand of the \$6.9 million has been obligated. He emphasized that the challenge before the Navy is to execute these funds to allow for the expeditious investigation and (when necessary) cleanup of the NAS Key West BRAC properties.

Update of Base Realignment and Closure Site Studies

Mr. Bryan reported that the Data Quality Objectives (DQO) process and the BRAC SI Work Plan were completed. Field activities began at the Truman Annex Zones on November 13, 1997. Initial field activities include surface soil and groundwater grab sampling. He also reported that the Navy has obligated funding for the BRAC Zones at Trumbo Point, Poinciana Housing, East Martello Battery, and Hawk Missile Site as of Friday, December 5, 1997. Thus, the field effort will begin in these zones during the week of December 8, 1997. The Navy will also begin drafting a BRAC Closure Plan and developing an environmental geographical information system.

In response to a question from the audience, Mr. Bryan explained that lead in soil was the primary concern and focus for the investigation at Poinciana Housing. He added that four surface soil and nine groundwater grab samples are planned for this zone. The most likely source for lead in soil at Poinciana Housing is from lead-based paint chips.

In response to another question, Ms. Dixon (Field Operations Leader for the BRAC Site Inspection work) provided additional details regarding the current status of field work at the Truman Annex BRAC Zones. The field crew expects to be finished with all soil and groundwater grab samples at the five Truman annex BRAC Zones by December 12, 1997. Data obtained from the analyses of these samples will be used by the NAS Key West Partnering Team to locate permanent monitoring wells, which will be sampled and analyzed to help identify the environmental condition of these properties.

Update on the Environmental Restoration Navy Account Site Studies

Mr. Bryan presented the status of the work being performed at the 12 ERNA sites. He noted that the Navy has finalized Revision 2 to the Corrective Action Management Plan, which is the overall management document for the ERNA

sites that are being studied under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Mr. Bryan reported that verbal approval has been obtained from the regulators on the Rev. 2 RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Report for the Four Sites on Boca Chica Key (SWMUs 1, 2, 3, and 9). In addition, all regulatory agency comments on the CMS Reports for SWMUs 1 and 2 have been resolved. The Navy is working on Rev. 2 of the CMS reports, which will be the final version.

Mr. Bryan reported that all comments have been received on the RFI/RI Report for Eight Sites. The final version of this report is currently being produced. In addition, the NAS Key West Partnering Team has agreed to implement a presumptive remedy (paving over the site with asphalt) at IR3, and institutional controls at IR7 and AOCB. The next major step for the ERNA sites is to begin the decision-making phase, which should lead to a final decision at each site.

Discussion on Corrective Measure Study Documents

Mr. Bryan provided a brief summary of the RCRA CMS and the CERCLA FS processes, and he noted that there were many similarities between the two processes. He then summarized the environmental condition of SWMUs 1 and 2, concluding each summary with a review of the CMS report conclusions for each site.

Schedule of 1998 Restoration Advisory Board Meetings

The RAB agreed to the following meeting dates during 1998:

- March 30, 1998
- May 18, 1998
- July 27, 1998
- September 28, 1998
- November 16, 1998

Adjournment

Ms. Loder adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Attachments

The next page lists the current RAB action items.

Restoration Advisory Board Action Items

No.	Date Assigned	Action Item	Responsibility	Status
1)	01-28-97	Write newspaper article about RAB for local paper	P.	
		Williams	Working	
2)	01-28-97	Finalize FY 1998 execution plan	D. Patrick	Closed
3)	09-29-97	Provide comments on the corrective measures study reports for sites SWMU1 and SWMU2	RAB	Closed
4)	09-29-97	Prepare responses to RAB comments on the corrective measures study reports for sites SWMU1 and SWMU2 and present a summary of the reports to the RAB at the November meeting	C. Bryan	Closed
5)	12-08-97	Follow up with LRA (Bill Harrison) regarding public access to the NAS Key West Base Reuse Plan (e.g., placing a copy in the Monroe County Library)	R. Demes	Open

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