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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Memphis

Subj: RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Encl: (1) Minutes from 29 November 1994 RAB Meeting

1. Minutes from the previous meeting are forwarded as enclosure (1). A complete transcript of the previous meeting will be placed in the public repositories and the RAB Library.
2. The next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, 24 January, 7:00 p.m., at the Baker Community Center, 7942 Church Street. Agenda items include a discussion of the results from the environmental investigations conducted in November and December, as well as a status report on the airport master plan from the Millington Municipal Airport Authority.
3. Thank you again for your participation and work as a member of this Board. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Ms. Sue Hosmer, Public Affairs Office, at 873-5761.

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Naval Air Station Memphis
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 29, 1994

Baker Community Center
Millington, Tennessee

Attending:

Captain T. Lamar Willis, Co-Chair
Frieda M. Ellerbrook
Norman LaChapelle
Russell Neighbors
Tom Seale
Charles Smith
John Smith
David Porter
David Watt
Clint Willer
David Williams

Captain Willis opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. He began with introductions of the members of the Restoration Advisory Board in attendance. Members of the audience were also asked to introduce themselves.

With no comments or changes to last month's meeting minutes, they were accepted by the Board. Captain Willis then proposed to the Board that, as documents become final, any draft versions of the same document found in the repositories or RAB Library be replaced by the final version. This was suggested in the interest of maintaining the library with the increasing number of documents being generated by the investigation.

Captain Willis then introduced Mr. David Porter of Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command for the BRAC Cleanup Team status update.

Mr. Porter began by mentioning that fieldwork investigations had begun on the "Gray" areas and used a base map to identify those sites. All the sampling has been completed, but the results are not yet back from the laboratories. They will be available for the January meeting. Results were available from testing at the edge of an apron, indicating what is potentially a petroleum discharge. Mr. Porter said that more investigations will be needed along the edge of the apron.

Mr. Porter also noted that the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) has also begun; the first phase of which is being done using Direct Push Technology (DPT). The RFI began at Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 3, the plating shop dry well at North 121. At this site, all soil and water samples were below the limits of detection with the exception of the very first water sample taken (methylene chloride at 12 parts per billion). Because this was the very first sample, another hole was pushed next to the first to verify the

sample. That result came back as below detection limits. Work was then finished at North 121.

Work at Hangar North 126 had then begun, ending on November 28. This was the site that some of the community members of the RAB visited during the tour on November 28. Results were not available on the North 126 investigations, although these and all other Assembly A results would be available for discussion at the January RAB meeting.

Mr. Porter said that the new site (SWMU 66 - the disposal area near the radar facility), will be the subject of a removal action, hopefully in April 1995. The removal contractors will soon be working on a work plan for the investigation there, with a draft ready in February.

Mr. Porter also said that work on the RFI work plan for Assembly B, the next set of SWMUs, had begun. A draft version should be available to all RAB members by the end of December.

Mr. Porter reminded the RAB that the members of the BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) would be attending a course on risk assessment in Cincinnati during mid-December.

Mr. Porter mentioned that a potential new site was discovered north of the riding stables, similar to SWMU 66. It contains miscellaneous debris such as trash, wood debris, scrap metal, some drums and metal tanks. Mr. Porter then made a slide presentation on DPT for the RAB members unable to attend the previous day's tour. He also distributed photographs of the tour.

Clarification was requested of the term "gasoline" as it pertains to the fueling pits in the Gray Areas. The concern was the suggestion of possible presence of lead or other lubricant contamination. Results from these investigations were not yet available from the laboratory.

Clarification was also requested on how rotosonic drilling would be used for sample collection. The concern was that vibrations from the drilling could interfere with drilling procedure. In response, it was said that rotosonic drilling only drills the hole and installs a casing. The samples are taken from within this casing, which is stationary at the time of sampling.

At a question about the results from drums found at the new site, SWMU 66, the response was that no results were back from the labs yet.

A request was made for the BCT to provide some type of briefing to share information from the risk assessment course with the other members of the RAB. This was agreed upon.

The concern was expressed that there may be an excessive oxygen demand on surface water bodies as a result of runoff from the horse

stables. The response was that samples are being taken from lakes and, although no results are yet available, that should be able to be determined from those samples. It was also mentioned that the base has applied for a storm water permit for the entire facility.

Mr. Porter then introduced Mr. Larry Hughes of EnSafe/Allen & Hoshall to describe the geophysical surveys that were used at SWMU 8 (Cemetery Landfill) and SWMU 60 (western portion of the North Side Landfill).

Mr. Hughes described the technology used in geophysical surveys and the results from surveys at both areas. He described the technology as a way to identify underground sources where contamination might be found, enabling teams to focus their investigation efforts. One of the main advantages is that it is not invasive; no dirt is displaced. He likened it to a glorified metal detector. The survey completed at SWMU 60 (North Side Landfill) was able to reduce the area to be investigated to about one half the original size because anomalies were discovered in the data in one section although the surface reveals nothing. Sampling will be done to verify this conclusion. The survey from SWMU 8 (Cemetery Landfill) showed no anomalies, which Mr. Hughes had expected to find. This information will be used to focus sampling efforts.

A concern was expressed that, as part of the construction/demolition debris identified at SWMU 60, asbestos might be present and could pose a hazard to future users of the site. The response was that water and soil samples would be taken and, based on that information, an appropriate remedy selected. If contaminants are found leaching from this landfill, it is likely that a cap will be placed on the area and a leachate collection system put in place. In addition, a restriction might be placed in the deed that would not allow certain uses of this property after its transfer.

Captain Willis inquired about the next step to be taken at the cemetery landfill, due to the fact that the geophysical work showed no anomalies. Mr. Williams responded that DPT would take some more samples, and monitoring wells would be installed to verify the absence of contaminants. It was suggested that the information indicating that this site might be contaminated could have been mistaken.

Captain Willis then asked if Frieda Ellerbrook and Russell Neighbors would like to report on their efforts in distributing flyers for this month's meeting.

Mr. Neighbors began by asking if anyone in attendance had come to the meeting because of the flyers. There was no response. He continued to say that he and Ms. Ellerbrook had distributed 1500 flyers on the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding the meeting. The people he spoke with seemed apathetic about the value of their input and seemed convinced that the Bureau of Naval

Personnel would never come to Millington. He added that one-third of the cars on which he placed flyers had Navy base stickers.

Ms. Ellerbrook reported similar apathy among shoppers. She also reported that many people seemed to be leaving the entire closure program and its oversight to the RAB and the BCT. Ms. Ellerbrook also said that this opinion could change and the group should be prepared.

Captain Willis thanked Mr. Neighbors and Ms. Ellerbrook for their efforts and asked if they had additional or more effective ways of reaching the community. Ms. Ellerbrook suggested television and radio. Mr. John Smith suggested Channel 11.

Mr. Neighbors asked if quarterly, rather than monthly, meetings might be more of an advantage. The response was that this might be a good idea, especially when the investigation process gets fully underway because there will be a lapse in time that will not allow results to be relayed quickly. Meetings would likely be longer, and information would continue to go out to RAB members regularly if meetings were switched to a quarterly basis, perhaps after April.

The point was raised that a speakers' bureau, for technical members to be available for groups, had been suggested at one time and should still be pursued. Mr. Porter reminded the community members of the RAB that Sue Lawley (Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command) had sent them a letter requesting a meeting during the week of January 9, 1995. This would be the opportunity for community members to discuss what they would like to see in a presentation, and then begin to put the presentation together. Captain Willis said that the speakers' bureau could operate out of the NAS Memphis Public Affairs Office.

Captain Willis then introduced Mr. Phil Whittenberg to present an update on the Millington Municipal Airport Authority and the base's reuse plan.

Mr. Whittenberg began with details on the reuse plan. He said that advertisements for drawing up the reuse plan were placed, and ninety-five direct mail solicitations were sent out. Of the thirty-nine firms and eight individuals that responded, four firms were selected to submit proposals, due December 5, 1994. He said that they hope to have a contract in place by January and the plan can begin.

The consultants for the airport master plan have been on board since spring of this year and recently visited the area again. A public hearing on their tentative alternatives will be held on December 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Millington City Hall. The study should be complete by the end of December and will be included in the reuse plan, which will begin shortly thereafter. At that point, the reuse plan will begin to be affected by environmental considerations.

Captain Willis opened the floor for questions. As there were no questions from the audience, Captain Willis suggested that a date be set for the next meeting. This was established as Tuesday, January 24, 1995. It was requested that the following items be included in the next meeting: report from the BCT on risk assessment training, a community report on progress made on the RAB briefing, and inclusion of soil sample, DPT, and Gray Area results in the BCT status update. Mr. Whittenberg suggested that the RAB contact Mr. Frank Ryburn to give a presentation from the airport authority, as their master plan should have been completed by then. It was suggested that the next RAB advertising should mention the airport briefing, as a topic to generate interest in the community.

The issue of a computer bulletin board system was reintroduced, and Captain Willis said that it would be looked into further, although it was generally agreed upon that it would require resources, mostly manpower, to operate. The suggestion was made to look into existing environmental bulletin boards, such as through DOD or the EPA. There is even a BRAC bulletin board.

The question of information on CD-ROM was also approached. Mr. Porter said that the disks should be ready by the end of the week. Commander Mason said that, as soon as the CD-ROM disks were ready, they could be viewed on a computer in the office in South 1 on the first deck at any time during business hours.

With no further comments, Captain Willis thanked all participants and wished everyone happy holidays before adjourning this meeting.

Items distributed:
Agenda
BCT Update
