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**Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting
Former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads
Ceiba, Puerto Rico**

Meeting #33 –November 5, 2014

Note: This meeting summary is based on informal notes taken at the meeting. It is not intended as a verbatim transcript. Portions of some discussions may not have been captured. If comments or additional notes are provided within 30 days of distribution of these minutes, they will be considered and potentially added as an attachment to this summary.

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 6:07 p.m. Thuane Fielding (Navy) welcomed everyone. The attendance list is provided as Attachment 1. Thuane reviewed the agenda and provided a summary of the various solid waste management units (SWMUs) visited earlier that day during the site visit. Attachment 2 provides the list of attendees to the site visit.

Thuane reviewed the agenda for the meeting and reminded the public to keep ideas in mind for topics they would like to discuss in the next RAB meeting. Thuane also requested the community members discuss ideas and questions of interest for the next meeting with Ramón Figueroa, RAB Community Co-Chair.

II. New and Ongoing Action Items

The following summarizes the status of action items, including new and ongoing action items that will be carried forward to the next RAB meeting.

Action Item Description	Status as of 11/5/2014
Naida Dávila (RAB Community Member) requested a visit by the Community RAB members to the areas where the Navy has been working the last few months. Naida to coordinate transportation options with the municipality of Ceiba; Navy to provide coordination of the sites to be visited and Ramon to assist in coordinating with the RAB members for attendance and sites they have interest in visiting.	COMPLETED SWMU 77 could not be visited due to weather. Naida will coordinate directly with the Navy for an alternate date weather permitting.

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Meeting participants asked about the status of archeological artifacts from Roosevelt Roads and how archeological studies are performed. Stacin Martin (Navy) stressed that Navy archeologists work with archeologists from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico on historic preservation. Thuane said the report that describes the boundaries of the Petroglyph site will be posted to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) BRAC Program Management Office (PMO) web site and the link to the report included in the next flyer.	COMPLETED Due to sensitivity, the documents will not be posted to the BRAC web site with a link provided in the flyer. However, documents related to archaeological surveys that show delineation of archaeological sites were researched and information was shared with Ramón. RAB members may contact Ramón directly for additional information.
Navy will provide handouts of the map showing the sites under cleanup for the next meeting.	IN PROGRESS Laminated hand out maps will be provided at the next RAB meeting.
Ramón will help Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) establish contact with the LRA regarding a new date to finish the site inspection of the Waste Water Treatment Plants and answer outstanding regulatory questions.	IN PROGRESS. Ramón is working with Wilmarie (PREQB) on scheduling the meeting.
NEW: Navy will provide the public health contact information in the next monthly flyer for community members to contact if they have health concerns from when the facility was operational.	
NEW: Navy will coordinate a human health risk assessment workshop at the next RAB meeting.	

III. Ongoing Work Status Update (Highlight of SWMU 27, 28, 29, and Pico del Este)

Stacin discussed the corrective actions (removal actions) completed at SWMUs 27, 28, 29 and Pico del Este. Soil removal actions were completed at SWMUs 27, 28, and 29 to address potential ecological risk. Confirmation samples were collected to ensure achievement of cleanup goals. Backfilling is planned and in progress for each of the SWMUs. As Stacin reviewed the presentation he discussed the volume of soil removed at each of the SWMUs.

Pico del Este is a Navy radar site that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) uses. The Navy has completed a corrective action (removal action) to remove petroleum contaminated soils from leaks at fuel tanks and associated fuel lines.

Naida asked where all the soil removed from SWMUs 27, 28 and 29 was disposed. Stacin responded that it was transported to Peñuelas, to an industrial landfill owned by Waste Management. Pedro Tejada from Rightway added that the industrial landfill is allowed to accept this type of material and that laboratory analysis was completed to certify the planned disposal method and location was acceptable before the soils were transported and disposed of in the landfill. Naida also asked how the soils were transported. Stacin responded that soils were transported offsite in appropriately covered trucks.

Ismael Velázquez noted that they took pictures during the site visit at the wastewater treatment plants (SMWUs 27, 28, 29) and the holding tanks still have water in them. He feels this should be a major priority for PR considering the issue with disease caused by mosquitoes. He would like to see this resolved the next time the RAB meets. Stacin responded that the property has been transferred and at the time of transfer the tanks were empty and that any activity associated with current water in the tanks would be the responsibility of Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA). Ismael asked who he could talk to about the water in the tanks and Thuane responded that LRA is present and they are going to check into it and maybe during the next monthly flyer can provide a response. She also clarified that in property transfer and conveyance, if contamination is discovered that is attributable to past Navy activity, there is language in the deed that allows for the Navy to respond accordingly.

Rafael Montes asked if broken sewer lines are being addressed across the facility. Stacin responded that the removal actions at the wastewater treatment plants (SMWU 27, 28, and 29) were a result of use of the facility and not a result of broken sewer pipes.

With respect to the removal action at the wastewater treatment plants, Rafael Montes is concerned with how the metals in the soil that was removed potentially impacted human health and the environment, including the ocean. Naida asked Gloria if these contaminants are always in the environment. Gloria responded that metals are always present in the environment, but that some types of contaminants can change with nature and time. For example, volatiles do regularly react and degrade over time. However, because metals can also be associated with contamination, PREQB asked the Navy to perform a risk assessment and determine what risk they pose to human health and the environment. Rafael noted the material is contaminated and that is why it had to be removed. Stacin responded that the soil samples delineated the area that was contaminated and subsequently removed. Additional soil samples were taken after the soil was removed to confirm it was removed to an acceptable level.

Naida asked if the results could be presented. Stacin responded that the data collected is available in the administrative record which is available to the public once the document is finalized. Ismael commented that he would like to understand what harm these metals may cause. Stacin suggested a workshop to help the RAB understand the risk assessment process.

IV. 2015 Planning: Corrective Action Implementation and SWMU Closeout Activities

Stacin discussed corrective action implementation planning and public review documents for 2015 with the RAB members. Luis Velasquez asked about who removed the vegetation at the landfill. He noted that the removal of the vegetation has caused puddles with rainwater and asked when the landfill is going to be covered. Stacin responded that installing the landfill cap has been initiated and cutting down the trees is necessary in order to install the cap.

Thuane asked the RAB how they would like to be informed when documents are available for public review. Stacin suggested at each RAB meeting, the Navy will notify the RAB of upcoming public comment review documents.

V. Current and Planned Field Activities

Stacin discussed the status of the ongoing field activities that are being conducted on different areas of the former base.

- Area of Concern (AOC) E (Piñeros) – RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) soil sampling.
- AOC F, Site 520 – soil petroleum delineation
- SWMU 3 – landfill cap material deliver/stockpile and site setup
- SWMU 7/8 – operations and maintenance sampling
- SWMUs 27, 28, 29 – backfill and site restoration
- SWMU 55 – operations and maintenance sampling
- SWMU 77/UXO 1 – soil removal
- Basewide – sign maintenance

VI. Closure

Thuane indicated that the next RAB meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 4, 2015 and the only topic will be a human health risk assessment workshop. The monthly flyer will have updates on upcoming activities. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 1 - Meeting Attendees – November 5, 2014

RAB Community Members Present	RAB Community Members Absent
Ramón D. Figueroa, Community Co-Chair	Samuel Caraballo
Naida Dávila	José Julio Díaz
Rafael Montes	Jorge Fernández Porto
Luis A. Velázquez Rivera	William Lourido
Ismael Velázquez	Lirio Márquez D'Acunti
Agustín Velázquez	Debra McWhirter
	Ramón M. Ríos
	Michael Dalton

Community Members Visiting

Manuel Jose Martinez	Alida Ruiz
Pedro Tejada	
Santiago Oliver	
Emerito Flores	

RAB Agency Representatives

Thuane Fielding, Navy Co-Chair	Navy – Deputy Base Closure Manager
Stacin Martin	Navy – Remedial Project Manager
Doug Pocze	Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
Wilmarie Rivera (absent)	Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) - Federal Facilities Coordinator
Gloria M. Toro Agrait	PREQB – Hazardous Waste Permit Division

Other Agency Representatives

Malú Blázquez	Executive Director – Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA)
Freddy de Jesús	LRA

Support Staff

Pedro Ruiz	Navy
Dan Waddill	Navy
Jamie Butler	CH2M HILL, Inc. (Navy contractor)
Carmen Mangual	CH2M HILL, Inc. (Navy contractor-facilitator)
Andrew Bogdanski	CH2M HILL, Inc. (Navy contractor)
Tom Beisel	CH2M HILL, Inc. (Navy Contractor)

ATTACHMENT 2 – Site Visit Attendees – November 5, 2014

RAB Community Members

Naida Dávila
Ismael Velázquez
Agustín Velázquez

Community Members

Douglas Meléndez	Paul Martinez
Maritza Torres	César Meléndez
Myrianel Martínez	
Raymond Hernández	

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