

**IOWA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT  
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2000**

The Restoration Advisory Board meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. on September 21, 2000 at the Starr's Cave Nature Center.

**Minutes Review**

The word "excepted" was changed to "accepted" on the first and fifth page. Under the DOE monitoring section the sentence that read "No contamination was found above waist level." was changed to "Radiation was not found above waist level." Kevin Howe is going to get with Melenie to correct the wording under the Project Update section. "The" was added to the first sentence on page three. The minutes were unanimously approved with the corrections.

**Agenda Review**

Accepting changes to the mission statement was added under old business after committee reports.

**Public Comment**

No comments were made at this time.

**Video**

Rodger Allison showed the RAB an example of a RAB video from the Milan AAP.

**West Burn Pads**

Kevin Howe briefed the RAB from briefing charts. (See Exhibit 3) One of the RAB members asked what was happening to the debris that was being sifted from the soil at the West Burn Pads? Kevin explained that some of it had to be cleaned up first, but it was taken to the inert landfill. Larry Orr asked why there was a need for additional funding. Kevin explained that more soil needed to be treated than what they had originally thought.

**Groundwater/Surface Water Impacts**

Kevin Howe briefed the RAB from briefing charts. (See Exhibit 3) During Kevin's presentation he indicated there may be an approximate 3000-foot path where a groundwater contamination plume may exist. Dennis Carroll, a reporter from the Hawkeye, asked how many households were in the 3000-foot path. Kevin Explained to him that he did not know for sure but he tried to count them from the map. He counted about five to ten. Scott Marquess added that some of the residents already know about it. In 1994, 154 residents were hooked up to Rathbun water. Only five of them were impacted back then. Mark Hagerla asked that since some of this information is new as far as severity would it allow for a new statute of limitation regarding submitting claims to the Army. Kevin could not answer that question and explained someone from legal would have to answer that for him. Larry Orr asked where the deep well that Kevin discussed in his presentation would go? Kevin pointed it out to him on the map. It is land that we have had access to in the past. Larry also asked if there was a way that the well could be dug with out creating a pathway between aquifers or beyond the protective clay layer that the suspected contamination sits on. Kevin explained that it can be done, it just has to be done more carefully.

Dennis also asked if the contamination could have leached into the Skunk River. Kevin told him that it could have happened in the past. However, when the Skunk River was sampled in the past nothing was found.

Kevin explained to the RAB that he didn't want this to come out that the problem is getting worse. In fact it is getting better through natural means and the fact there is no more contamination being introduced. We are now finding some areas that we didn't know existed before. He concluded his presentation by explaining that groundwater has not been being ignored, but we can't clean it up until we understand the problem.

### **DOE Monitoring**

Bob Haines explained to the RAB that the progress on the survey has been slowed down because the effort has been deemed eligible for Formerly Utilized Site Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). FUSRAP was a program run by DOE, but USACE has recently received control of the program. They are now in the process of doing literature studies that may take them into the snowy season, which would mean the sampling would have to wait until the spring of 2001. The goal is to make sure everything is done right so it doesn't have to be redone later. The EPA has mandated the Army to do additional monitoring at the Firing Site and Line 1. Currently we are trying to make these programs gel so they are efficient. He introduced Dave Bourne, Ray Foley, and Michael Murray, who are representatives from DOE and their contractor, to the RAB.

### **AO Literature**

Larry Orr explained that at the RAB tour last summer, he picked up some of the literature American Ordnance had in the conference room. He had a quibble with one of the brochures. American Ordnance was inviting people to come into the plant and make land mines. He explained that if American Ordnance wanted to solicit new business of this sort they shouldn't use RAB activities as a way of doing it.

### **Committee Assignments**

Jeff Bergman made the following committee assignments:

Annual Report Committee - Eric Orth & Richard Johnson

Budget Committee - Dean Vickstrom & Joel Behne

### **Community Relations Plan**

Gale Smith explained to the RAB that she does not have a final draft of the plan put together. She thanked the members who provided input. She then asked the RAB if they had any additional objectives to add to the plan that would talk about the RAB's role. She explained she was removing objective number 11 dealing with RCRA, because it doesn't apply to the IAAAP. If the members have any ideas later they can e-mail them to Gale or get them to Rodger.

General discussion ensued which led to the topic of how the land restored would be used. It was generally agreed that land reuse was not a topic for the RAB but if there was interest in forming a group with that focus Gale said she would look into that.

time and the people who wanted to be there would make the time to be there. Richard suggested devoting a half-hour of the meeting each month to some kind of training.

The RAB members felt the most important part of the meeting was Kevin's presentation. Scott explained to the RAB that he doesn't see that as training. He sees training as generic things such as treatment technologies or explaining what a solvent does. The RAB members explained they wanted to be able to explain the general concepts to someone if they ask a question.

Scott suggested to the RAB that they do training with a combo of workshops and updates. He can do the generic stuff himself, but workshops would be more difficult. He didn't feel everything needed to be done in a group setting.

Finally, the group decided that training should be included at each meeting for 30 minutes. The first topic for the next meeting will be Landfill Design. A back up topic will be Radiological Toxicology.

### **Recruiting**

Larry explained that he and Mark haven't worked on recruiting. Jeff pointed out to the RAB that Kevin had the Website put up. Kevin told the members they could stay after the meeting and look at it closer.

### **Mission Statement**

Jeff explained that the proposed change to the mission statement was made to clarify the wording. (See Exhibit 4) Dean Vickstrom moved to accept the change. Richard Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Everyone was in favor of the change.

### **Public Comment**

No comments were made at this time.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be November 16, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. at a place to be determined.

### **Agenda Items**

Report on the DOE Building Survey

Training-

    Landfill Design

    Or

    Radiological/ Toxicological

Community Relations Plan

### **Closing Comments/Adjournment**

Jeff suggested approving the fact sheet before adjourning the meeting. (See Exhibit 5) Richard Johnson made the motion to approve the fact sheet and Eric Orth seconded the motion. Scott made a change to the EPA's division title. The fact sheet was approved with the change.

Scott Marquess asked the other RAB members if there was a specific element they want to specifically address in the plan.

Gale explained that the plan will be finalized in November and she would like to have the RAB's in put by the second week of October. Then she will go through the formal staffing process.

Joel Behne suggested that the RAB should meet to finalize their decision. He felt there would not be a free flow of thoughts over the phone or through e-mail. Everyone should come to the meeting with his or her thoughts. Is it possible to use the November meeting? Gale doesn't know how time critical the plan is. Scott explained he feels correctness is more important than timeliness. She explained it is Iowa's plan and headquarters is just providing assistance. Larry asked how much time at the next meeting could be devoted to the plan. The group held general discussion about how much time would be necessary.

The RAB decided to get their comments to Gale by the second week in October. Gale will then compile their comments and distribute them to the RAB before the meeting. At the November meeting the RAB will finalize their comments.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Marketing**

Eric Orth asked all of the members to give him their comments on what they would do similarly or differently from the video that they had seen earlier in the meeting. He told the RAB that Rodger had completed the fact sheet for him. He is currently working on technical sheets. Jeff Bergman told the RAB that Mr. Taylor purchased two display boards and two tables from the RAB budget for the traveling display.

#### **Training**


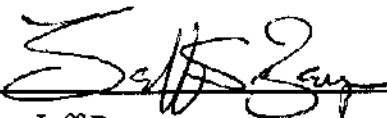

Don explained that it has been hard trying to find a time when all of the new members can meet with him. Jeff explained to the RAB that Joel had put together a nice binder. He created the book because everything that he had received had been in bits and pieces. He suggested it would nice for each member to have two binders. They could take one home and have one for the meeting. That way all of the members would have the same information in the same order. Joel also inquired as to when he and Dean would be trained on the budget.

Jeff told the RAB that he had a meeting with LTC Elliott. In the meeting LTC Elliott explained his staff could help with the training process. Jeff told the RAB members that he would meet with LTC Elliott to talk about the binders. He feels it is the best use for the money.

Scott Marquess asked the members what they would like to be trained on. The RAB responded with things like how is the clean up done, what are the methods, what is RDX and what does it do. The RAB wants something generic that can be used whenever they get a new member. Joel explained a terminology list would help him.

Jeff asked the RAB what they thought about having mini training workshops as updates. He asked when people would be available to attend. Eric explained it would be best to just pick a

Joel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Richard seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

		
Melenie Mutchler Secretary	Jeff Bergman Community Co-Chair	Rodger Allison Army Co-Chair

- Exhibits:
- 1 Attendees
  - 2 Agenda
  - 3 West Burn Pads/Groundwater Presentation
  - 4 Mission Statement
  - 5 Fact Sheet

## **EXHIBIT 1**

### **RAB MEMEBRS PRESENT**

Joel Behne  
Jeff Bergman  
Marjorie Fitzsimmons  
Mark Hagerla  
Richard Johnson  
Don Kuechmann  
Dan Nelson  
Larry Orr  
Eric Orth  
Dean Vickstrom

### **RAB MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Eric Japsen  
Glen Fullhart

### **GOVERNMENT MEMBERS**

Rodger Allison  
Scott Marquess  
Mike Guely  
Don Flater

### **PUBLIC**

Vaughn  
F. Huffman  
Howard Reif  
Benjamin Puesta  
Michael Murray  
Ray Foley  
Dave Bourne  
Fred W. Taylor Jr.  
John Carroll  
Kevin Howe  
Larry Johnson  
Rick Larkin