

**IOWA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
January 17, 2002**

The Restoration Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Jeff Bergman at 5:10 p.m. on January 17, 2002 at the Burlington Ballroom located in the Burlington Apartments. He introduced Alison Hart from Senator Harkin's office and Piper Sullivan from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Minutes Review

The minutes were accepted as written.

Agenda Review

The Off Post Groundwater Well Survey was deleted from the agenda due to the absence of Scott Marquess. A discussion on joining the IDNR'S Environmental Protection Commission was added under the informational section.

Mike Guely announced to the RAB that he would be retiring on January 31st. He told the RAB that it was a pleasure serving with them. He also informed that RAB that his replacement would be Dan McGhee. He announced that Ben Puesta from ATSDR was also leaving. Ben introduced his replacement, Lt. Shawn Blackshear to the RAB.

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

FUSRAP Preliminary Assessment

Sharon reported that the Preliminary Assessment had been completed. It is at their headquarters right now. Once their headquarters approves the Preliminary Assessment, it will be sent to the Assistant Secretary of the Army Civil Works. From there it will go to the Office of Management and Budget and then to Congress. The Preliminary Assessment did include the information from Howard Rief and Vaughn Moore from the last meeting. Sharon explained that she has not worked on a budget and will not until the site has been designated. She also reported that they have not received the last box of documents. However, if anything is found in those documents it can be added to the Preliminary Assessment. The response to Congress about the site wide survey is currently at the Assistant Secretary of the Army Civil Works level.

IDNR'S Environmental Protection Commission

Jeff explained to the RAB that the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors was looking for two people to sit on the IDNR'S Environmental Protection Commission because they have received an application from Advanced Environmental Technologies (AET). This permit will allow AET to treat hazardous waste from other sites at the Iowa AAP. Richard Johnson and Dean Vickstrom showed interest, however they wanted to speak with Des Moines County Board of Supervisors first. Rodger explained that AET could be used to treat some of the soil in the CAMU. He also suggested having someone from AET attend the next meeting and explain what they will be doing.

Rab Funding

Rodger Allison briefed the RAB from briefing charts. See Exhibit 3 for his presentation.

A member of the RAB asked if the budget was use or lose. Rodger explained that it was. The budget has a start date of October 1 and an end date of September 30.

ER.A Project Status

Kevin Howe briefed the RAB from briefing charts. See Exhibit 4 for his presentation. A RAB member asked Kevin if there were many homes near the area across the Skunk River where the RDX hit was found. From what Kevin knows now there are no homes in the area. Alison Hart asked how the information being collected off site is used. Kevin explained that the contractor will develop a groundwater model which will help predict the future. During the spring of this year more monitoring wells will be installed. A member of the RAB asked if the contamination plume was moving or standing still. Kevin explained that he didn't think that plume was moving and if it was it was moving slowly. However the permanent monitoring wells will help to determine whether the plume is moving or not.

Earth Day

The RAB agreed to either have the display or a table at Earth Day. Jeff Bergman said the planners of the event were meeting soon and he would have more specific information at the next meeting. There was general discussion about the date and Mr. Bergman thought it was 20 April 2002. Action was postponed until the next meeting.

Site Visits

Rodger Allison explained that the RAB will no longer be allowed to go on small group site visits. However, there will be a RAB tour held sometime in the spring. He asked the RAB members for the time and day that would be best for them. The RAB agreed that sometime during the week of May 6th would be best. At the next meeting a firmer date and time will be established.

Jeff asked the RAB members to fill out the RAB Member Contact Information form and leave it with Melenie. See exhibit 5 for the form. He also asked the members to replace their old copy of the Community Relations Plan Update with the copy they received. He told the RAB that Don Flater brought an article regarding the University of Iowa survey. See exhibit 6 for the article.

Marketing Strategy

Jeff told the RAB members that the marketing strategy could be found in section 5 of their books. He explained that new dates need to be developed. He asked the RAB if they wanted to proceed with filling in the dates now or have the committee do it. The RAB agreed to wait and do it at the next meeting when the members of the marketing committee would be present.

Committee Reports

Marketing

There was no report at this time.

Training

If anyone has any ideas for work sessions they should contact Don Kuechmann.

Recruiting

Larry Orr reported that if membership begins to fall he would like to see a more diverse membership.

Budget

There was no report at this time.

RAB Recognition

Jeff explained to the RAB that Lieutenant Colonel Yolanda Dennis-Lowman had put together a policy relating to recognition for RAB members. See exhibit 7 for the policy. LTC Dennis Lowman explained that she built in wiggle room in the policy so that special circumstances would be covered such as resignations. This would also provide flexibility for any changes in the future. Standard nominations will be accepted at the next meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

TAPP Submission

Jeff explained that the RAB has the opportunity to use TAPP funds to obtain a better understanding of scoping survey methods. Before the form can be processed it must be approved at an official meeting. See exhibit 8 for the TAPP application. Mike Guey pointed out a spelling error and questioned the use of "Government" in two places. He thought the term may be misleading since the intent was "US Army" and not all levels of Government such as State or Local Governments. He felt the term "Government" was too broad. Corrections will be made. The next step is to write the Scope of Work and submit it to the Commander and then send it to be contracted. General discussion ensued about contracts and contractor selection. Sharon cautioned that it was important to find an objective party. She pointed out that some people/contractors might promise things they cannot deliver. Mark Hagerla asked who would make the decision on which contractor to hire. Rodger explained that the contracting officer at HQ would make that decision. Alison suggested that the RAB ask someone from the University of Iowa. She said they may be interested in providing the information for no charge. Dan McGhee suggested contacting Ken Kerns from the U of I at 515-294-0746.

Discussion concluded and a vote was called for. Jeff explained that only the community members of the RAB are to vote on the application. All of the community members were in favor of submitting the application. Rodger explained that it might be at least two meetings before someone could attend the RAB meeting and present the information since the process to get someone on contract may take that long.

Installation Action Plan

Rodger asked the RAB if anyone would be interested in attending the Installation Action Plan meeting to be held at the Lake of the Ozarks, MO on 5-7 March 2002. Anyone who is interested in attending should contact Rodger or Jeff.

Next Meeting/Draft Agenda

The next meeting will be held March 28, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. at the Burlington Apartments. Agenda items will include: Off Post Groundwater Well Survey Update, Marketing Strategy

Update, Election of Community Co-Chair, Site Visit Date, FUSRAP Status Update, Earth Day Discussion, and RAB Member Recognition Nominations.

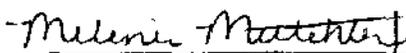
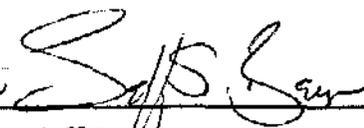
Work Session Topics

Rodger suggested having someone from AET come and describe what they do. Larry Orr suggested having someone come and explain how further contamination is being prevented. Phytoremediation was another suggested Work Session topic.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Work Session

Rodger Allison conducted a work session on the CERCLA process.

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

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EXHIBIT 1

RAB MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Bergman
Glen Fullhart
Richard Johnson
Don Kuechmann
Dan Nelson
Larry Orr
Dean Vickstrom
Mark Hagerla

RAB MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Joel Behne
Marjorie Fitzsimmons
Eric Orth

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS

Rodger Allison
LTC Yolanda Dennis-Lowman
Piper Sullivan
Mike Guely

PUBLIC

Kevin Tiemeier
Leon Baxter
Don Flater
Howard Reif
Lou Dell'Orco
Sharon Cotner
Benjamin Puesta
Shawn Blackshear
John Carroll
Jean Brewster
Alison Hart
Debra Wallin
Kevin Howe
Melenie Mutchler