

**IOWA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
NOVEMBER 20, 2003**

The Restoration Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Richard Johnson at 5:00 p.m. on November 20, 2003 at the Burlington Ballroom located in the Burlington Apartments.

Minutes Review

The minutes were accepted as written.

Agenda Review

A section was added under marketing for Melenie Mutchler to give the RAB a brief run through of the Iowa AAP Restoration Website. The agenda was accepted with the change.

Public Comment

Alison Hart gave the RAB a copy of comments for ATSDR's Health Evaluation entitled Environmental Pathway Evaluation for Beryllium and Depleted Uranium. See exhibit 3 for a copy of the letter.

FUSRAP Status

Sharon Cotner briefed the RAB from briefing charts. See exhibit 4 for her presentation. Eric Orth asked if the new FFA would take the place of the old one. Sharon explained that the new FFA would only apply to the FUSRAP sites. Vaughn asked if anyone had sampled Long or Spring creek. Lou stated that Brush Creek was sampled for RAD. Rodger stated ER,A had completed sampling on Long and Spring Creek. Sharon stated that FUSRAP took advantage of the ER,A sampling along Brush Creek and off post to be cost effective. Mark Hagerla asked why remediation goals are set after samples have been taken. Sharon stated the detection limit of samples has to be lower than the remediation goal or they will never be able to determine whether or not the goal was met. Sharon explained that the remediation goals are set before the sampling takes place. Mr. Hagerla indicated it did not appear that was what was happening based on what he read and heard but he will keep paying attention and maybe it will become clear to him.

Alison asked how FUSRAP decides what locations need to be sampled. Sharon explained that historical information is used. Allison asked if sampling was limited by historical documentation. Sharon stated that FUSRAP had received information from former workers such as Vaughn Moore. At sites where there is a concern samples will either be taken or a walk over will be done.

Dan McGhee stated that finding RAD that requires action in water is not easy. There will be detectable levels of RAD no matter what because of the geologic profiles in the area. We need to be careful and not go chasing things that are really background. He offered to do a training session on it for the RAB. Sharon stated that background will need to be established which will be a challenge.

Vaughn told LTC Rory Tegtmeier that he was at a meeting where Dr. Fuortes gave a presentation. A contractor who worked at the plant was unaware that he was working in an area

that had a potential for Depleted Uranium or Beryllium. Vaughn stated contractors should be told before going into those areas. LTC Rory Tegtmeier said it was his understanding that all of the contractors were notified of potential hazards when they came on site. He thanked Vaughn for telling him and stated that the Army will make contact with each contractor to be sure they have been informed.

Formal Dispute/Contracting

Roger Walton from AEC briefed the RAB from briefing charts. See exhibit 5 for his presentation. Rick Johnson asked how the contractor was bearing the risk if the government was paying for the insurance. Roger Walton stated that if the Army doesn't offer insurance the bids would be high. If the site is clear cut then there will not be insurance. If the contractor fails and we had fixed costs the Army would have to pay for anything over the contracted amount. With insurance the Army will not have to pay the contractor extra if additional contamination is found. Roger stated that if the contractor tries a method and it fails the contractor has to try something new and the Army's price doesn't change. LTC Rory Tegtmeier stated that if the contractor uses an untried remedy at a site the insurance may not cover it and the contractor would be responsible for paying for an alternate remedy. Rick Callahan stated that the contractor would have to pay a deductible if the insurance was going to be used so it isn't as if the contractor has no risk. Vaughn asked what would happen if the contractor went bankrupt. Roger stated that for a contractor to be considered for the award the company must be in good financial health. Alison stated that the point was to get the facility cleaned up not to get out. She has concerns about the quality of the clean-up. She asked what history AEC had with insurance. Roger stated that to his knowledge no claims have been made. Dan Nelson asked if the contractors would be forced to hire local or union workers. Roger didn't know the answer to that question, but he said he would get the answer. Rick Johnson asked Roger to bring the answer next time.

Thermal Destruction of Excess Production Lines

Rick Callahan briefed the RAB from briefing charts. See exhibit 6 for his presentation and exhibit 7 for fact sheets about the lines being considered for thermal destruction. Mark Hagerla asked if air monitoring had been done during the burns. Rick explained that monitoring was done at Cornhusker and nothing was found within ¼ to ½ of a mile away from the burn site. Rick Johnson asked what was in the air. Rick explained that nothing was found that isn't found when someone burns wood in a fireplace. A member of the public asked what was done with the remainder of the building. Rick stated that the brick and block must be torn down because it was no longer structurally safe. What ever is still under the building will need to be addressed. The ash has been classified as non-hazardous waste. He also asked how many buildings would be done at a time. Rick stated that the burn can be designed to burn 35 buildings at a time with time in between before the next set of buildings are burned. LTC Rory Tegtmeier stated there were fact sheets back at the table that included the areas under consideration.

Larry asked what would happen if the EPA or the IDNR didn't want the building burned. LTC Rory Tegtmeier stated that the Army would need to get the green light from all of the parties before an action like this could be taken. Eric Orth asked if UXO concerns will complicate things. Rick stated that the UXO problem would have to be solved first.

Committee Reports

Marketing

Rick Johnson and Eric Orth thanked Rodger and Melenie for putting the display together. Rodger explained that it was a good time to get the RAB member's faces out there since there are new members. He stated that different projects will be highlighted on the project side of the board as time passes and the display completes the circuit of places to be displayed.

Melenie Mutchler gave the RAB a brief run through on the Iowa AAP website. The address is www.iowaaap-irp.com. Rick Johnson asked if the documents will be placed on the site. Rodger explained the documents are too large to be placed on the website. Risk suggested adding the executive summaries.

Recruiting

Larry stated he would like to see students on the RAB. He hopes to have a list of potential new members by the next meeting.

Budget

Joel stated that Rodger had sent him a copy of the budget that he sent to headquarters.

Training

There was no report at this time.

Public Comment

Mark Hagerla asked if anything was being done with the site across from the pistol range. Rodger stated that the site is being evaluated. Vaughn said he knew that the Swedesberg (Swedish) Cemetery was moved. He asked if any others were moved. LTC Rory Tegtmeier stated that none of the other cemeteries were or will be moved. Rick asked if the records of the cemetery removal were kept at the repositories. Rodger stated that the information was not kept in the repositories.

Next Meeting/Draft Agenda

The next meeting will be held January 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. at the Burlington Apartments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Melenie Mutchler Secretary	Richard Johnson Community Co-Chair	Rodger Allison Army Co-Chair
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Exhibits:	1	Attendees	5	Formal Dispute/Contracting
	2	Agenda	6	Thermal Deconstruction
	3	Comments to ATSDR Report	7	Fact Sheets
	4	FUSRAP		

Exhibit 1

RAB MEMBERS PRESENT

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

RAB MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Glen Fullhart
Bruce Workman
Jeff Bergman

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS

Rodger Allison
LTC Rory Tegtmeier
Dan Cook
Dan McGhee

PUBLIC

Melenie Mutchler
Don Flater
Deborah McKinley
Roger Walton
Alison Hart
Leon Baxter
John Carroll
Vaughn Moore
Morris Ridehour
Shawn Blackshear
Lou Dell'Orco
Sharon Cotner