

**IOWA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 1999**

The Restoration Advisory Board meeting was held at 3:00 p.m. on September 23, 1999 at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant's cafeteria.

Don Kuechmann welcomed everyone and explained he was sitting in for the Community Co-Chair, Larry Orr. He commented we have recent interest generated in the RAB and it is a public forum and everyone is welcome.

SENATOR HARKIN'S MEETING

Mr. Kuechmann went on to say Senator Harkin's visit on September 11, 1999 brought a full house. The Senator's visit also brought understanding to people and has turned up missing records. Rodger Allison said he had been in contact with representatives of DOE and they had a list of 80 boxes of records found at the Pantex plant. These boxes contain information on the weapons operations side as well as environmental information. There was information on swipe testing and Beryllium testing, but there were no conformation samples found for the environmental restoration. However, some of the information is marked classified. This information could be declassified, but the process will take time. Scott Marquess of the EPA said they should have someone who has the clearance to look at the classified data. The Pantex plant agreed to include Burlington workers in their health testing program. The senators' visit was focused around public and worker health. The Senator was very pleased with the restoration efforts at the IAAAP.

During Senator Harkin's meeting it was explained that even though previous plant workers signed secrecy agreements they are allowed to speak about health and environmental concerns. They just can not speak about weapons design. The RAB members felt that the previous workers should be contacted in some way or given a chance to tell what they know. The group brainstormed ways this could be done. Some ideas were the IAAAP community relations plan, contacting the community through an outside agency, or through an ad in the paper giving them a person to contact with information. LTC Elliott recommended that the Department of Energy send a sensing group to speak with past workers.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/AWARENESS

Next the board moved onto a discussion about the community interest forms previously used to organize the RAB. Rodger asked if there were any questions that should be added or deleted. The board decided they would look over the form and bring their comments to the next meeting. Once the form is reprinted it can be used as an insert in newspapers, placed in local business, taken to other groups who may have an interest, or mailed to people who live around the plant. Mr. Guely of the Iowa Dept of Public Health suggested we add a question about health concerns.

RAB recruitment was the next topic brought up for discussion. Scott Marquess believed the best way to get new members would be through the media. Rodger asked if the members would be comfortable with an ad with their pictures, names, and addresses.

Al Kam brought up the point of hiring a consultant to canvass the community for new members as well as information about previous operations. The consultant would do everything from ads to a report of their findings. They have a central clearinghouse of questions so everyone is asked the same things. Someone indicated that not everyone stayed in the area. Fifty years ago was a long time. Rodger is going to explore with IOC to get a firm to manage this effort. It was felt that it would be most useful if a past employee would like to join the RAB. Mark Hagerla pointed out that Iowa State University has performed surveys for communities in the past.

Rodger was then asked if the Community Relations Plan would be the vehicle to execute the search for new members and information on whether or not the updating of the Community Relations Plan would be funded. He explained that could be an avenue but the plan had a low chance of receiving any funding because it competes with higher priority projects. The Community Relations Plan was prepared in 1991 and there is a requirement to update it every 5 years. He added that if we wanted to make it a RAB effort (newspaper ads, community questionnaire, etc) and not use the Community Relations Plan approach we could use RAB administrative funds. They do not appear to be covered under TAPP. Don Kuechmann questioned how such a little plan could cost so much money. Not too many things have changed between now and then. Don would like to see the plan go ahead with it, but without spending a lot of money. The RAB decided they would review the plan and recommend changes to it themselves. A RAB member was afraid they would start the process and then lose interest along the way.

Kevin Howe felt we should contact the Hawkeye and ask them to print a story word for word so nothing is lost in the translation. It could be used for recruitment and operation information. Dennis Carroll, a reporter from the Hawk Eye, explained the only way to get something printed word for word would be to take out an ad. He asked Rodger for a number he could put in his article for anyone who had information to call. Rodger gave him his number and Scott Marquess gave him the EPA's number.

Eric Orth plans to write a letter to the editor, about the previously discussed items on behalf of the RAB. He plans to send the letter through Rodger so he can check the factual information.

Scott Marquess questioned what is the goal of all these efforts. After some discussion, the RAB came up with two goals:

1. Canvass the community for new RAB members.
2. Gather information about past practices and potential clean up sites that has not been identified yet.

LTC Elliott asked who was going to take the action on the developing a press release, the activities for spring, and the article for the eye. Eric Orth and Marjorie Fitzsimmons agreed to take the lead on the news release, Don Kuechmann agreed to take the lead on the spring activities, and Rodger agreed to write the article for The Eye.

The RAB discussed awareness activities. Rodger passed around a booklet previously used on a bike tour and a certificate used at a science fair held at the plant. The Colonel would like to see a bus tour, bike ride, or walk. Rodger explained that the army would support it but the RAB would have to take the lead in organization. No actions were assigned.

CONTACTS WITH OTHER GROUPS

The topic of contacts with other groups came up. Joe Haffner felt that members of conservation clubs are newspaper oriented so he didn't think we would cover any ground that hadn't already been covered by directly contacting those groups. However, we could put an article in The Eye, because it is still mailed to various retirees.

Jeff Bergman pointed out that we have not been marketing the RAB to the community. It was planned to do this through a video, but situations arose and the video had to be delayed. Mark Hagerla explained to LTC Elliott that he too was disappointed that the video was canceled because he doesn't feel comfortable giving a presentation without it. Debra Hunt asked if any members would be willing to give a presentation without the video. She felt we should not wait. Jeff Bergman agreed to begin working on a RAB presentation with Rodger. This presentation would only cover the RAB and would not really include anything technical in nature.

ATSDR

Rodger gave a brief update on the ATSDR Public Health Assessment. He explained they would be able to come on either the 15 or 29 of November. ATSDR asked if the RAB could give them their comments prior to their visit. Rodger explained that the comments don't need to be anything formal.

MEETING TIMES/FREQUENCY

Rodger asked the RAB if it would be necessary to have a meeting in October. They felt that it would be, because they have so much to do. Rodger explained he may have trouble spending any money since it will be a new fiscal year. Which means we wouldn't be able to advertise or send any mailings. It all depends on the continuing resolutions to be passed by Congress and the President.

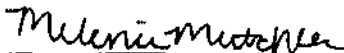
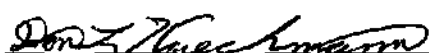

The RAB decided to hold the meeting Thursday, October 21, 1999 at 4:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. They also agreed to meet with ATSDR on November 29, 1999 at 4:30 p.m. in the Army's Cafeteria.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CLOSING REMARKS

Mike Guely from the Iowa Department of Public Health formally introduced himself and explained he is not usually involved with an Army (Federal) installation as Federal Health agencies usually take care of installations like the IAAAP. However, Senator Harkin asked Mr. Guely's office to make themselves available to the installation and the people from the surrounding communities for any help they may need from them. Mr. Guely passed information regarding how to reach him out to everyone.

Lastly, Kevin Howe gave a brief project update. He explained the results from the off-site investigation done this summer were back. He said they found a plume of contaminants in a band that tends to follow Brush Creek. Next week they plan to start phase two of the sampling. Phase three will begin in November. He stated that we should be able to work around the Miller's and Pleasant's properties and do a reasonable job. He moved onto the Line 1 & 800 lagoon. He told the RAB the water has been below action levels since June. He concluded with the FS Project. He explained they got a late start due to a lab problem, but it should start in the next two or three weeks and should be completed before the winter.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

		
Melenie Mutchler Secretary	Don Kuechmann RAB Deputy Co-Chair	Rodger Allison IAAAP Co-Chair

Exhibits: 1 Attendees
 2 Agenda
 3 Community Interest Form

EXHIBIT 1

RAB MEMEBRS PRESENT

Jeff Bergman
Michael Boyle
Marjorie Fitzsimmons
Glen Fullhart
Mark Hagerla
Don Kuechmann
Eric Orth
Dean Vickstrom

RAB MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Raymond Hall
Richard Wiele
Larry Orr

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS

Rodger Allison
LTC Elliott
Scott Marquess
Kevin Howe

PUBLIC

Melcnie Mutchler
Mike Guely
Robert Anderson
Howard Rief
Alan Kam
Jim Nelson
Darlene Norton
Christine Shirey
Judi Morgan
Dcbra Wallin
Greg Hayes
Joe Haffner
Debra Hunt