

**IOWA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 1999**

The Restoration Advisory Board meeting was held at 4:30 p.m. on October 21, 1999 at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant's cafeteria.

Call to Order

Member Jeff Bergman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He proceeded to introduce the board members to the public and explained that Community Co-Chairman Larry Orr would be there as soon as he could.

Rodger Allison pointed out the Board should consider invoking Roberts Rule's of Order at this point in the agenda. He asked if we needed a member to motion it. Michael Boyle made the motion and Eric Orth seconded it. Discussion: There was a concern if there had been a problem with the way meetings had been run in the past. Rodger Allison explained that LTC Elliott sent a letter to Larry asking about it. Mark Hagerla felt that the meetings were already run that way. Mark Hagerla felt that the meeting should be open and the public should have a chance to voice their opinions. Jeff Bergman called for a vote on always running RAB Meeting in compliance with Roberts Rule's of order. The vote was 5 Aye, 1 nay. The motion carried.

Minutes Review

Mark Hagerla moved the minutes be approved as written and Eric Orth seconded. Jeff Bergman called for a vote on the approval of the minutes. All members present were in favor.

Agenda Review

Rodger Allison explained that Larry Orr wanted to add new business before any public comments. He asked if anyone else wanted to add anything. Nothing else was added.

Operating Policy

Rodger Allison explained that article 10 of the Operating Policy was modified due to the change in meeting days. A corrected page was provided to the members. He explained the third Tuesday was simply changed to the third Thursday. All he needed was a vote to accept the change as written. Dean made the motion and Mark seconded it. The members present unanimously agreed to change the policy as written. It was signed and a new operating policy will be provided at the next meeting.

Public Health Assessment

Ben Puesta from Kansas City, Kansas explained what ATSDR does and spoke about the Public Health Assessment being open for response. He asked the RAB if they had any concerns about the Public Health Assessment? He explained he was here to ask if we needed more time to review the document, if he could answer any question, or if we wanted the Atlanta people to come and answer our questions. He was asked if they have received any responses. They have just received responses from EPA. Rodger Allison

then explained that two members had made responses to him and he simply hasn't relayed those responses yet. Mark Hagerla asked what would be done about the radiological contamination. Ben Puesta explained that ATSDR would finalize the assessment on TNT and RDX and then prepare an addendum that would look at radiological issues. Mr. Puesta asked if we needed to extend the comment period any longer. The RAB felt that as long as there was going to be an addendum the comment period should be cut off in 10 days. Mark made the motion and Eric seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Guey, of the Iowa Department of Public Health explained that if the RAB still wanted ATSDR to come in November Mark Weber would like to switch it to November 30. Mark also asked that he have all of the RAB'S comments prior to him coming to the meeting. The RAB felt it wouldn't be necessary for Mark Weber to come in November.

Members of the public were encouraged to send their comments to a RAB member so their comments could be forwarded to the proper person. They were informed they get read a copy of the report at the Burlington Public Library, Danville City Hall, or at IAAAP Visitor Welcome Center.

Eye Article

Rodger Allison wrote two articles for The Eye. The first Article states we are looking for any activity that may require clean up. He listed the areas that have already been identified and the names of the members. He asked if they would mind if he put their phone numbers on it also. Mark Hagerla, Mike Boyle, Dean Vickstrom, Marjorie Fitzsimmons, and Jeff Bergman all agreed it would be o.k. to include their numbers. Rodger Allison said he would contact the members who were not there. He explained the second article was basically just a call for members. He asked if there were any comments from the members. The RAB decide to go ahead with the articles as written.

Spring Activity

Don Kuechmann was not at the meeting, but he had sent a brief E-mail to Rodger Allison stating he thought about including auto or self-guided tours with before and after photos of each site. He said he would try to meet with Dean Vickstrom and Marjorie Fitzsimmons before the next meeting.

News Release

The RAB members all agreed Eric Orth did a good job. The RAB members had a brief discussion on how they would sign the release. Dennis Carroll, from the Hawkeye explained that it was important to have someone signature on it so that it isn't anonymous. He felt the chairman of the board should sign it. The board agreed to have Larry sign it. They also decided to send the letter to all of the area newspapers not just one.

Ad Development

Larry Orr agreed to help Rodger Allison in this area.

Outside Agency

Rodger Allison explained he spoke with Tim Howard and he said the best way to canvas the community would be to use RAB funding. If we use the Community Relations Plan it will need to go on the list to compete with funding. Rodger Allison provided a copy of the plan to each of the members and left the subject open for discussion at the January's meeting. Rodger added that we were hobbling along with funding and we would have to take it one month at a time for now. Tim Howard did indicate that the bill that included restoration funding has been signed.

RAB Presentation

Jeff Bergman explained that he and Rodger Allison put together preliminary plans for the RAB presentation. Their goals were to make a presentation that anyone on the RAB could give to any audience. Their goal is to make it ten to fifteen minutes. They planned to speak about before and after status of each site and lastly a recruitment plug. Rodger felt they could shoot for a first draft run during the January meeting then they could take comments from the RAB and adjust the presentation from there.

Membership Committee

Membership committee had nothing to report so far. Mike Boyle felt they should wait and see what kind of response the press release and eye articles received. He suggested the members keep an eye out for prospective new members.

Project Update

Kevin Howe gave a detailed project update. He started with speaking about Phase 2 of the Focused FS Soil Removal Project. He explained that they had hoped to get phase 2 done this year, but they got a late start due to lab problems. There were over 1400 soil samples taken from lines 5A and 5B. The data from these samples showed that there was less contamination than expected. This produced a very significant cost under run. They started excavation at line 5B at the beginning of October and were finished in the first half of October. Next they moved onto line 5B. They started excavation on October 20th and plan to be done within three to five weeks.

Based on data provided by American Ordnance we went out and took over 178 soil samples at the Roundhouse. We tried to take samples from the exact locations as the contractor. We didn't find levels of contamination above action levels anywhere. The only thing that we found were very low levels of PCP's which are not worthy of excavation.

On October 12, 1999 Environmental Chemical Corporation excavated the soil from around a sump at line 800 because American Ordnance was replacing the sump. Two additional sumps will be excavated in spring of 2000 from line 1. We are taking advantage of the fact that we have easier access to the contaminated soil surrounding these sumps as AO replaces them.

Next Kevin spoke about the off site groundwater investigation. He explained phase 1 was completed in June or July and Phase 2 fieldwork would be completed by mid

October. The results from phase 1 showed that contamination was limited to the Brush Creek area. Even then low levels of contamination were found. Phase 2 sample data will be available in mid November. The data from both phase one and two will be used to determine fixed monitoring well locations.

Phase 3 of the Focused FS Soil Removal Project was planned to be completed next year. It includes the West Bun Pads/Cages and associated landfills. However we have enough contract under run money to go ahead and complete this area this winter. The ITR has impacted their ability to get going on this, but the Army and Industrial Operations Command have endorsed our basic plan. We do not want to get caught in the spring rain so we are trying to minimize our risks by doing the excavation in the winter. This will limit our exposure to runoff problems.

The question was asked if we would have enough space in the landfill for all of the contaminated soil. Kevin explained that the five acre site in front of the landfill site is mildly contaminated so instead of digging it up and moving it 200 feet they are planning on extending the cap of the landfill which will adequate space for all of the soil.

He concluded with explaining that line 1 and the main 800 lagoon area has had non-detectable levels of contamination all summer long.

Department of Energy Records/Info.

Robert Griswold from the Department of Energy talked briefly about the plant's nuclear weapon making history. He explained that Earl Whiteman contacted him on the 15th and he established a tasking team to look through their records. They found 85 boxes at the Pantex plant and 10 in Albuquerque. Only six to twelve boxes contain information related to the environment or worker health issues. Next week he plans to send copies of the info to Rodger Allison, Kevin Howe, and Scott Marquess

He explained that DOE wants to support Army cleanup efforts, address former workers under the current legislation and/or the proposed legislation, and getting this information out to the public.

He clarified that former Middletown nuclear weapons workers could be enrolled in the Pantex plant worker health-monitoring program. He explained that former plant workers who have chronic beryllium disease would be compensated for lost wages and medical expenses. He also stated they could be entitled to a proposed \$100,000 survivor cash award. Legislation only exists now to cover workers with chronic beryllium disease. Consequently illnesses from radiation or asbestos would not be covered.

It is his plan to set up a series of open houses during the week of November 29 to get the former employees out here and enrolled in the proper health monitoring study.

Kevin Howe asked if he could locate the aerial photos taken during the time AEC was here because the photos help us locate areas with possible contamination. Mr. Griswold explained he hasn't seen anything like that yet.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 2, 1999 at 4:30 p.m. at a location to be determined.

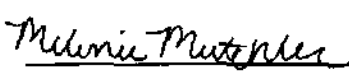
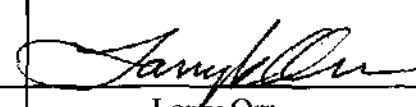

Public Comments

Matt Edwards, Senator Harkin's aide told everyone how happy Senator Harkin was with DOE rapid response to this issue. He explained he brought copies of correspondence on the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55.

Action Items

- Submit Articles to the Plant NewspaperRodger Allison
- Submit letter to the Editor.....Larry Orr
- Provide copy of changed pages to members.....Rodger Allison
- Spring ActivitiesDon Kuechmann
Dean Vickstrom
Marjorie Fitzsimmons
- Ad Development.....Larry Orr
Rodger Allison
- RAB Presentation.....Jeff Bergman
Rodger Allison
- MembershipMike Boyle

		
Melenie Mutchler Secretary	Larry Orr RAB Co-Chair	Rodger Allison IAAAP Co-Chair

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EXHIBIT 1

RAB MEMEBRS PRESENT

Jeff Bergman
Michael Boyle
Marjorie Fitzsimmons
Glen Fullhart
Mark Hagerla
Larry Orr
Eric Orth
Dean Vickstrom

RAB MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Raymond Hall
Don Kuechmann
Richard Wiele

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS

Rodger Allison
Captain Davis
Larry Johnson
Kevin Howe

PUBLIC

Robert Griswold
Alice Dahlston
Melva Dustman
Matt Edwards
Robert Whistine
Mike Guely
Benjamin Puesta
Greg Hayes
Melenie Mutchler