

**IOWA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
September 19, 2002**

The Restoration Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Richard Johnson at 5:00 p.m. on September 19, 2002 at the Burlington Ballroom located in the Burlington Apartments.

Minutes Review

The minutes were accepted as written.

Agenda Review

There were no changes made to the agenda.

Public Comment

Richard Johnson read a letter from Jack Polson and asked if any members of the RAB or the public had comments about his letter. See exhibit 2 for a copy of Mr. Polson's letter. He specifically requested comments regarding Mr. Polson's statement about not providing adequate information to address or allay the concerns and fears of this community. Dan Nelson asked if any of the wells north of the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAAP) had been tested. Scott Marquess explained that groundwater generally flows southeast so it is unnecessary to test wells north of the IAAAP. He also explained that as he read the letter he felt there were concerns with current contamination at the plant. He feels that the Army, EPA and the State should work to address those concerns. Rodger Allison asked Mr. Polson what areas the Army has not addressed. Mr. Polson suggested that airborne contamination to outlying areas has not been addressed. Rodger wasn't sure if that type of testing or assessment of prevailing wind patterns could be done, but he will check into it. Scott didn't feel there would be airborne releases present now from past practices.

Nancy Cawavit-Harman, a member of the Community Advisory Board for The Burlington Atomic Energy Commission Former Workers Program, explained that she used to live on the plant in the 50's and 60's. She is trying to get a study for the people who lived on the plant during that time. She hoped that her committee and RAB could work together. Richard agreed that it would be possible to work together as long as their goals coincide.

Mark Hagerla asked if it was possible to get information on the current plant emissions. Currently the emissions are permitted and open burning is not allowed like it was in the past. He then asked if there were any sites set up to test the air. During a restoration project there are air-monitoring devices placed around the perimeter of the site to test air quality. A member of the RAB asked if it would be possible to have a report on current air monitoring. Richard Johnson suggested putting that on the November's agenda. Mark explained that he periodically sees black smoke coming from the plant. Leon Baxter explained that the smoke is coming from the heating plant. All of the stacks on the heating plant have a monitoring requirement. While most of the effluent must be

clear, there are times during emergency conditions or start-up/shutdown operations that allow the effluent to be opaque or smoky.

FUSRAP

Sharon Cotner briefed the RAB from briefing charts. See exhibit 4 for her presentation.

Flyover

Rodger briefed the RAB from briefing charts. See exhibit 5 for his presentation.

Nancy Cawavit-Harman asked if Middletown and the former plant residential area would be included in the flyover. Rodger explained that only the IAAAP will be included but if something was found it will be trailed. The creeks were selected because if any contaminants left the installation it is likely to have been via surface/groundwater. The former on-plant housing area will be included in the flyover because it is contiguous with the plant boundaries on three sides. The city of Middletown is not. It is possible that some of the city will be flown as the helicopter turns around. Sharon will check with the contractor however she feels it is unlikely that they will avoid the square and rectangle areas on the map. These areas represent Middletown and the National Guard. Rodger will explore flying over Middletown with the contractors if there are no additional costs.

Dan Nelson asked if it would be possible to fly on the other side of the fence. Rodger explained that there were concerns about flying at 100 feet height off the plant. Brian Harcek explained that there is a distance outside of the boundaries that the helicopter will need to turn around. If they see something offsite they will investigate further. Mark Hagerla asked what affect foliage has on the flyover. Rodger explained that it would have little or no affect. A member of the RAB asked how far south the creeks will be flown. Rodger explained that both of the creeks would be flown to Skunk River.

ER,A Project Status

Kevin briefed the RAB from briefing charts see exhibit 6 for his presentation.

Jack Polson asked what the by-products of the permeable reactive barrier would be. Kevin explained that the technology has not been used on explosives yet so they have chosen not to use it. Vaughn Moore asked if the leaking sump trucks that used to take liquids to the Line 800 Lagoon would be addressed. Kevin explained that the material in the lagoon had been excavated but anything that could have leaked onto the roads was not addressed. Vaughn asked if there was a chance that the off-post plume would reach the quarry. Currently the plume is not moving in that direction. Jack asked how the metals contaminated soil was treated. Kevin explained it was done through a solidification process.

Byran Rundell explained that TechLaw created maps of all of the well owners south of the plant. The maps show the well owners and whether or not the well has been sampled. He placed the maps on a table so they could be looked at as people were leaving.

Richard Johnson told everyone that Rodger and LTC Dennis-Lowman had provided the refreshments. He requested that everyone make a contribution to help with the cost.

Committee Reports

Marketing

Richard Johnson asked how often the website was updated. Melenie Mutchler explained that new agendas are added as they become finalized and the minutes are added when they are signed. Richard told the members that he visited the website on September 12 and found that the accomplishments section has not been updated since 1999. The meeting dates are listed incorrectly and they do not list a location. Many of the pictures are over two years old and only one press release is listed. The Installation Action Plan link goes to the 2001 Installation Action Plan. Rodger explained that the accomplishments section was an oversight on his part. The meeting dates will be changed and he will see what can be done about the Installation Action Plan. Larry Orr requested that the RAB members receive the press releases by e-mail before they are released. Rodger will check with the Commander and the Public Affairs Officer to see if that is possible.

Richard also visited two other RAB websites. In both cases they had links to their partners in the restoration process as well as their complete administrative record. He asked if it would be possible to have links to relevant sites at the IDPH, IDNR and EPA. Rodger explained that he didn't think there was anything site specific at the Army Environmental Center. The EPA doesn't have anything site specific to the IAAAP. Richard suggested putting a link to the EPA's CERCLA website. Rodger also told the RAB that some of the administrative record documents are not available electronically. Two of the administrative record locations do not have computer access so scanning the documents is not planned.

Training

There was no report at this time.

Recruiting

Larry Orr told the members that he had a gentleman approached him about joining the RAB. He is the Battalion Chief at the Burlington Fire Department. Richard asked what the policy was for adding a member to the board. When the last new members joined they were just asked if they wanted to join. There were no objections to adding another member to the board. Larry Orr will contact Mr. Workman to invite him to join. Larry will contact Rodger and Richard with his response.

Budget

There was no report at this time.

Project Priorities

Rodger briefed the RAB from briefing charts. See exhibit 7 for his presentation.

Larry Orr suggested that when the project is an ongoing effort they shouldn't be ranked. Rodger agreed with Larry and will list the projects that way next year. Currently only the FFA schedule and operations and maintenance fall into that category. Eric asked where the money for the flyover came from. Rodger explained that the money came from the overall ER,A program and not from the IAAAP FY02 ER,A budget. A member of the RAB asked if we received all of the money we requested last year. Rodger explained we did receive all of the money that we requested and we currently have requested an additional million over and above our budgeted amount. If we receive that money, we may be able to get by with the 5.2 million for next year.

Public Comment

Kevin Howe wanted to be sure that everyone was aware that some of his presentation was prepared by URS.

Next Meeting/Draft Agenda

The next meeting will be held November 21, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. Agenda items will include a Flyover Update.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Melenie Mutchler Secretary	Richard Johnson Community Co-Chair	Rodger Allison Army Co-Chair
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Exhibit 1

RAB MEMBERS PRESENT

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

RAB MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

All members were in attendance.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS

Rodger Allison
LTC Yolanda Dennis-Lowman
Dan Cook
Dan McGhee
Scott Marquess

PUBLIC

Lou Dell'Orco
Sharon Cotner
Brian Harcek
Dennis Chambers
Michael MacInerney
John Carroll
Leon Baxter
Sharon Wagner
Thurman Huffman
Vaughn Moore
Kevin Howe
Al Kam
Dennis Carroll
Jack Poulson
Howard Reif
Dorothy Reif
Donald Flater
Shawn Blackshear
Kristina Venzke
Melenie Mutchler
Nancy Cawavit-Harman