



Fort Detrick Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

September 22, 2010



Fort Detrick Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Ground Rules

- The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is limited by its Charter to discuss business relevant to the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) at Fort Detrick. Matters that are not associated with the IRP are not appropriate for this forum.
- Health-related concerns should be directed to the Frederick County Health Department. The next public meeting of the FCHD is scheduled for October 4th at Winchester Hall.
- All questions and comments are to be limited to the agenda item at hand. Once all RAB members have had an opportunity to voice their questions, the general public will then have an opportunity to voice their questions.
- Once the business items on the agenda have been completed, there will be an opportunity for the general public to raise other questions and concerns that are relevant to the IRP.



Responsible Detrick

Installation Restoration Program Emerging Topics

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Archival Record Search

- The Army is conducting a historic records review for Fort Detrick past activities to determine if there may have been releases to the environment at Fort Detrick that have not already been addressed.
 - Review will also determine if there are gaps in previous research performed for the existing restoration sites.
 - A preliminary report on the use/testing of 2,4,5 - T for all areas of Fort Detrick is anticipated in Oct 2010.
 - The full Archive Record Search Report in February 2011
 - If the search reveals new areas of potential contamination, the Army will evaluate the need for further response actions in consultation with EPA, MDE and the local community.



Phase 1 Herbicide/Dioxin Sampling

- A historical record recently obtained from the Department of Veteran Affairs Website indicates that a herbicide mixture containing 2,4,5-T was applied to two one acre plots within Area B in June/July 1953 at a rate of 0.05 lbs per acre.
 - A Draft Phase 1 Sampling Work Plan for this site has been submitted to MDE and EPA.
 - The sampling plan includes the collection of background samples.
 - Details on the sampling plan will be presented at the next RAB.
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- As more information on other test sites become available, additional sampling plans will be developed as needed.



Interview Project

- The Army is interested in interviewing former employees and individuals that have historic knowledge of past activities at Fort Detrick. A contract is underway to arrange and conduct interviews.
- A Public Website and Hotline Telephone number is planned to be available around October 1, 2010.
- A contractor will be conducting interviews in person as well as by phone beginning roughly November 1 thru November 30, 2010 or longer as needed.
- A draft report is tentatively scheduled for mid December 2010.



Other Activities

- A Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) is currently under negotiation that will outline U.S. EPA and U.S. Army consultation procedures for the Army's restoration actions in Area B.
 - The Army is committed to working with EPA to complete the FFA in December 2010.
 - Negotiations are being coordinated by the EPA Headquarters and the Department of Army.
- A comprehensive groundwater monitoring initiative underway.
 - Preliminary results may be available at the next RAB meeting.
- Contracts to implement the Area B Groundwater workplan are being currently being finalized.