

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from the Fort Detrick Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting,
October 7, 2004

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2. AttendanceMembers Present:

Ms. Linda Robinson, Community Co-Chair
 Mr. Robert Craig, Chief, Environmental Management Office Fort Detrick
 Mr. Joe Gortva, Environmental Restoration Manager, SEIPO
 Mr. Michael Kurtianyik, Community Member
 Mr. Thomas Meyer, Project Manager, US Army Corps of Engineers,
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Ms. Helen Miller-Scott, Community Member

Mr. Paul Offutt, Program Manager, Frederick County Health Department

Mr. Dennis Orenshaw, US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region III

Mr. Douglas Scarborough, Restoration Oversight Manager, US Army Environmental
Center

Mr. Thomas Wade, Community Member

Dr. Gary Pauly, Community Member

Dr. Henry Erbes, Community Member

Others Present:

Mr. Curtis DeTore, Maryland Department of the Environment

Mr. Keith Hoddinott, USACHPPM

Mr. Butch Dye, MDE/WAS/HWP

Mr. Dennis Beissel, Community Member

Mr. David Iseri, Shaw Environmental

Mike Fitzgerald, Shaw Environmental

Ms. Robin Buck, Community Member

Mr. Doug Mayles, Analytical Services, Inc. (Recording Secretary)

Members Absent:

Lieutenant Colonel Donald Archibald, Director, SEIPO (Installation Co-Chair)

Colonel John Ball, Commander, US Army Garrison, Fort Detrick

Mr. Charles Billups, Ph.D., Community Member

Mr. Larry Bohn, Frederick County Health Department

Mr. William Effland, Ph.D., Community Member

Mr. Gerald Toomey, Community Member (Community Co-Chair)

Mr. Stewart Taylor, Community Member

Mr. Craig Toussaint, Community Member

Mr. Daniel J. Patton, Community Member

3. Meeting Opening

Mr. Robert Craig convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 7, 2004 in Conference Room 3, 810 Schreider Street, Fort Detrick, Maryland. He expressed regret on behalf of Colonel Ball and Lieutenant Colonel Archibald as they were unable to attend due to conflicting schedules.

4. Opening Remarks

Mr. Craig welcomed all and requested meeting attendees introduce themselves. Mr. Dave Iseri was then introduced and presented Performance Based Contract (PBC) information for Fort Detrick. Three contractors submitted bids for the Fort Detrick PBC. Shaw Environmental was awarded the contract.

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The PBC covers restoration efforts in Areas A and B with the exception of sites being closed out in Area B. They include B-Skeet, B-Ammo, B-Grid, and B-20-North. The contract award is worth approximately 8 million dollars and runs through May 2014. The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) will be the Environmental Restoration Manager, Mr. Joseph Gortva.

The PBC states that a Remedy In Place (RIP) must be achieved by September 30, 2008 for B-11 Landfill, B-2 Landfill, B-3 Inactive Landfill; including trenches currently part of B-20 North, B-6 Landfill, B-8 Landfill, B-10, B-10 Grove, B-18 Landfill and Area B Groundwater. B-1 is closed out and awaiting final documentation. Long Term Monitoring (LTM) is included through the end of the contract. LTM and long term operations to commence at the following sites in January 2005: Building 568 TCE spill site and the North, South, and West water towers. LTM and long term operations will continue through the duration of the PBC. Exit strategies and five-year reviews will be developed for all sites in the PBC.

5. Area B-11 Status

The Area B-11 Interim Removal Action is complete. Final site inspection took place in July 2004. The close-out report was completed in September 2004. Follow-on work at this site, including a Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study, will be included in the PBC.

6. Area A Update

Area A LTM sampling took place in September 2004 and validation data will be available in November 2004. A Semi-Annual Sampling Report is due in March 2005.

7. Area A Water Levels

Groundwater levels are comparable to October 2003 data. Groundwater level drawdown continues to occur around Building 568 groundwater pumping operations.

8. Area B Update

Area B-11 Close-out Report was completed in September 2004. B-Grid, B-Skeet, B-Ammo, and B-20 work plans and data reports are pending completion in November 2004. The quarterly sampling event was completed in September 2004. Data for this event will be available in November 2004. Field sampling of B-20 North, B-Grid, B-Ammo, and B-Skeet will occur October through November 2004. These sites are currently proposed for close-out pending final testing. Work tasks managed by the Army Corps of Engineers should be completed within a year. Shaw Environmental is under contract to perform this work.

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9. Area B Water Levels

Groundwater elevations lost approximately five feet from October 2003.

10. Area C Update

Fort Detrick's Nuclear Regulatory Commission license has been decommissioned. A landfill permit modification is being pursued that would allow sewage sludge from the wastewater treatment plant to be disposed of in the Fort Detrick Landfill. The projected annual savings to the Government, due to this action, is two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

11. Open Comments

The group discussed revisions to the RAB Charter including replacing the position title of "RAB Administrator" with "Restoration Program Manager" within this document. The Community Co-Chair will make revisions to the RAB Charter and forward to the Restoration Program Manager for electronic revision.

The Restoration Program Manager will coordinate research and resurrection of the RAB mailing list. Revisions to the current mailing list will be discussed at the next RAB meeting.

RAB participation through review and discussion of technical documents will increase in the near future as restoration work moves into a planning phase. The Restoration Oversight Manager of the Army Environmental Center discussed the schedule of the PBC. The RAB will not have input on this schedule as it is a contract item already in place. However, the selection of a remedy must be acceptable to the Army and the Regulators and will continue going through the CERCLA process allowing for public comment.

A discussion took place concerning future possible change of allowable limits of contamination within restoration sites. If this ever occurs, Fort Detrick has a five-year review mechanism in place to review restoration sites if they have not been released for unrestricted re-use. This mechanism reviews the remedy in place ensuring that it is protective of human health and the environment.

The group discussed means of electronic information exchange, including e-mail, website, and CD-ROMs.

RAB membership and current member participation was discussed. Follow-up with current members who have not regularly attended RAB meetings was discussed. The Restoration Program Manager will research attendance records and forward this

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information to the Community Co-Chair. The Community Co-Chair will contact RAB members who have not regularly attended RAB meetings to discuss their future participation. If RAB members are no longer interested in participating in this process, they will be dropped from the RAB. This information will be recorded in the RAB Meeting Minutes. If the RAB decreases in size, new members will be recruited.

The Restoration Program Manager will coordinate with the local education community to gauge interest for RAB participation. Recruitment from local communities including installation residents was discussed. The RAB also discussed producing and placing articles in local papers prior to the next RAB meeting.

Mr. Craig discussed new construction projects at Fort Detrick including delays in the Commissary project and the opening of the new PX prior to the next RAB Meeting.

12. Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting date is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2004, in Conference Room 3 of Building 810 at Fort Detrick.

13. Meeting Closing

Mr. Craig adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Reviewed by:



Donald F. Archibald
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army
Co-Chairman

Approved/~~Disapproved~~



John E. Ball
Colonel, US Army
Deputy Installation Commander

Enclosures:

Fort Detrick Installation Restoration Program Handout

DISTRIBUTION:

Each RAB Member (w/o enclosure)

Each Meeting Attendee (w/o enclosure)