

Restoration Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2004

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met 7:00-8:00 p.m. January 20, 2004 at 407 Pershing Court, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Mr. Chuck Otte, Community Co-Chairperson; and Mr. B. Craig Phillips, Installation Co-Chairperson and Chief, Operations and Management Division, Directorate of Environment and Safety (DES); opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

Mr. Phillips began by introducing Ms. Kathleen Romalia, guest from Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. Ms. Romalia was there to evaluate Fort Riley for performance-based contracting.

Mr. Phillips asked if there were any administrative remarks. Mr. Robert Warfel stated that RAB member Mr. Steve Higgins sent an e-mail that he would not be able to attend. In addition Mr. Larry Denver sent word of his absence. Mr. Phillips asked that when a board member makes a motion or a statement that they state their name to assist in preparing the minutes.

Dr. Richard (Dick) Shields made a request to drop the Clay Center document repository due to lack of interest from Clay Center area residents. Fort Riley will maintain repositories in the cities of Manhattan and Junction City. Ms. Florence Whitebread made a motion to discontinue the Clay Center document repository. Mr. Irwin Hoogheem seconded the motion. Mr. Phillips added a caveat to the motion that, if there were a legal requirement, the Clay Center document repository would be continued. Mr. Harry Hardy said that Fort Riley could reinstate the Clay Center document repository, if necessary. The motion was approved.

Mr. Phillips requested a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Whitebread, seconded by Mr. Hoogheem, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Phillips asked if there were any additions or deletions to the current agenda. There were none.

Dr. Shields summarized upcoming public documents including the Marshall Army Airfield Draft Proposed Plan, due February 28, 2004; the 354 Area Solvent Detections Draft Feasibility Study, due October 11, 2004 if not sooner; and the Marshall Army Air Field Draft Record of Decision, due December 4, 2004.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. John Shimp, Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Project Manager, presented information about Fort Riley's Dry Cleaning Facility Area (DCFA), regional contaminated sites, and other contaminated dry cleaning sites in the state. Mr. Wayne Henson asked, if contamination passed through a sewer plant, would it require a legitimate clean-up and could sewer operators tell that contamination was in the water. If contaminants were to come through the water, Mr. Phillips said it probably would kill many of the bugs used in the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Biological Oxygen Demand would be altered. If that happened, Mr. Phillips said the plant operators would know. Dr. Shields explained that the study of other sites was undertaken to provide Fort Riley information about migration pathways of the contamination and methods to solve the DCFA problem.

PROJECT UPDATES

Dr. Shields reported that the soil remediation effort for the 354 Area Solvent Detections would begin on March 1 when asphalt will be cut out from the parking lot at building 367. Mixing equipment (the Lang tool) will be brought in for potassium permanganate soil treatment in the upper 10 to 15 feet. Additional permanganate will be added to reduce ground-water contamination as well. In another action, the number of monitoring wells for sampling will be decreased to 16. Decreasing the number of monitoring wells will reduce sampling costs from \$160,000 to a dollar amount ranging from \$60,000 to \$80,000.

Mr. Oral Saulters stated that a follow-up to the annual inspection performed for Southwest Funston Landfill (SFL) will be a prescribed burn planned for the spring to enhance the native vegetation. Additionally, the bank stabilization structure showed no signs of erosion. The results of the last sampling event indicate that vinyl chloride still is the primary contaminant of concern in ground water. Currently, Fort Riley is working on the 2003 Long-Term Monitoring Report that will be finalized in March. In regard to Marshall Army Airfield (MAAF), as part of the proposed land acquisition, the boundary survey was completed and indicates there is only one landowner. Department of Army Headquarters recommended purchase of the property with environmental funds. Fort Riley will be working with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding for this property. The approach used will facilitate multipurpose benefits including military training, natural resource protection, and recreational use. Another major development for the MAAF project is the preparation of the draft Proposed Plan (PP). Discussions with Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggest that the preferred alternative (remedy) may be Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA). The MNA would be consistent with current conditions occurring at the site. The RAB members were asked to review the PP when it becomes available during the public comment period.

Mr. Shimp reported that the Remedial Investigation Report Addendum for the Dry Cleaning Facilities Area is due to the regulators January 31, 2004 with a final report due by May 1, 2004. The feasibility study will be initiated after acceptance of the Remedial Investigation Report Addendum.

Ms. Andrea Austin commented that currently she is working on the Camp Funston's Long-Term Monitoring Report. Results indicated no contaminants of concern in the ground water. Free product continues to be bailed from the Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants Tank Farm. A sampling event will occur in February 2004.

Dr. Shields said Fort Riley would sample the Open Burning/Open Detonation ground water in the spring for perchlorate and dioxin in addition to the current sampling protocol. Perchlorate is found in solid fuel rockets and other munitions. Dioxin is generated by incomplete combustion. KDHE will take split samples.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Ms. Whitebread asked about Fort Riley's discharge points for wastewater. Mr. Phillips explained that Fort Riley recently received its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for wastewater discharges. The new Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) will be operational in 2005. Currently, the Camp Forsyth WWTP discharges into the Republican River, while the Main Post WWTP discharges into the Kansas River.

Mr. Henson inquired about the feral pig population. Mr. Phillips explained that they are located mainly in the impact areas, but very few are left on Fort Riley.

Mr. Phillips explained the reorganization of DES, his new position in the Conservation Division, and the move of IRP to that division.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be conducted from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on April 20, 2004 at 407 Pershing Court, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Ms. Whitebread made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hoogeem seconded the motion.

Meeting handouts included:
January Agenda
October Meeting Minutes

Table of RAB Member attendance at the last four meetings: "P" signifies the member was present at the meeting, "EA" signifies an excused absence, and "UA" signifies an unexcused absence. "R" indicates the member has resigned.

RAB Members		Jan 20, 2004	Oct 21, 2003	Jul 29, 2003	Apr 15, 2003
1.	B. Craig Phillips	P	P	P	P
2.	Chuck Otte	P	P	P	EA
3.	Bryant Burnett	P	P	N/A	N/A
4.	Rob Weber	P	P	P	P
5.	Harry Hardy	P	EA	P	P
6.	Larry Denver	EA	EA	P	EA
7.	Wayne Henson	P	P	P	P
8.	Steve Higgins	EA	P	UA	P
9.	Irwin Hoogheem	P	P	P	P
10.	Peter Kulakow	UA	UA	P	UA
11.	Florence Whitebread	P	P	P	EA

IRP Members attendees at January 20, 2004 meeting:

Dr. Richard Shields
 Oral Saulters
 John Shimp
 Andrea Austin
 Robert Warfel

Non RAB member attendees at January 20, 2004 meeting:

Kathleen Romalia