

Restoration Advisory Board

April 27, 2004
Newport Lions Club
Newport, IN 47966
5:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

COR Staff:

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph F. Marquart
Cathy Collins
Tom Kutz

M&H Staff:

D. A. Lichtenberger
L. A. Helt

Community Members:

Tom Milligan
Leonard Akers
Keith Hollingsworth

SAIC:

Lisa Jones-Bateman

IDEM:

Doug Griffin
Pat Ralston

Absent:

Loretta Smith
Larry Bemis

Visitors

Robert Nilsson TVA
Rick Card SEMA
Chris Sundeen Shaw E&I
Leonard C. Rowe

Introduction:

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph F. Marquart welcomed the attendees to the 2004 Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting held on April 27, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. in the Newport Lions Club Building, Newport, Indiana.

Cathy Collins called the RAB meeting to order and passed out minutes from the previous June 2003 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Leonard Akers, this motion was seconded by L. A. Helt. Ms. Collins then discussed the upcoming agenda in which updates would be provided on the work that is being conducted at the Newport Chemical Depot. Speakers on the agenda were, Mr. Leonard Rowe - PMNSCM & Ms. Lisa Jones-Bateman-SAIC.

First on the agenda was Mr. Rowe from PMNSCM to make a presentation with slides and handouts. He gave the definition and history of the Non-stockpile and how it pertains to the depot. Mr. Rowe explained to the attendees that the disposal of the Non-Stockpile Chemical Material is being done in the most environmentally sound and cost effective way. Destruction of portions of the plant, Steps 0, I, and II, started in 1998. The facilities used in Steps 0, I, II have been destroyed. The facilities used in Step III still remain but are the next area to be dismantled. The Step III destruction is planned to be completed by April 2007 in order to meet the CWC treaty deadline. Storage and Treatment will be required for the waste generated during the destruction of Step III.

Areas of concern include; NAAP-6 & 7 Settling Basins 30031 & 30025, NAAP-13 through 20 Bulk Agent Storage Tanks (BASTs), and Building 143. The individual tanks and vessels for these units were not monitored according to the "current" Army criteria. They must be monitored and, if necessary, decontaminated to meet updated Army requirements. A request was submitted to IDEM to reopen these units for additional RCRA corrective action to assess their contamination status before disposal or recycling. The corrective action activities will be conducted under an Interim Measure. General Interim Measure activities include; air monitoring, decontamination, verification of decontamination level, dismantling, disposing or recycling of each BAST, specialized and standard tank or vessel. The proposed completion date for all Interim Measure Activities is January 2007.

Next on the RAB meeting agenda was Ms. Lisa Jones-Bateman from SAIC to give an update on the bioremediation of soil from the RDX Manufacturing Area, the soil capping at the Construction Debris Dump, on construction of an engineered barrier at the Decontaminated Waste Burial Ground and an update on the development of the NECD Geographic Information System (GIS).

The composting of the RDX Manufacturing area started in March 2003. All soil (approximately 6,700 cubic yards) has been remediated. Final grading & seeding are now in process. A completion report will be submitted to IDEM for final approval.

Next Lisa reported on the Construction Debris Dump (CDD) site located along the east back of Little Raccoon Creek. Approximately 1.2 acres of land was determined to have unacceptable levels of contaminants in September 2003. A soil cap was constructed after removing surface debris. The cap consisted of 2 feet thick compacted clay, in 6 inch lifts, with 6 inches of topsoil on top. These materials were brought in from off-site. The topsoil placement and seeding process is nearing completion. Monthly inspections will be conducted for 1 year with semiannual inspections to follow. At this time a completion report will be submitted to IDEM for approval.

The Decontamination Waste Burial Ground consists of approximately 0.8 acres of soil that was contaminated with mercury at levels of concern. This required construction of an engineered exposure barrier. Construction began in September 2003. The barrier consists of 6 inches of compacted clay and 6 inches of topsoil. These materials were purchased off site. The topsoil placement and seeding is nearing completion. Monthly inspection will be conducted for 1 year after completion, with annual inspections to follow. A completion report will then be submitted to IDEM for approval.

The NECD Geographic Information System (GIS) combines layers of information about a place to give you a better understanding of that place. Data for an entire installation or area can be brought together and viewed simultaneously. The GIS presents a user with "smart maps" with data behind the graphics. The maps were done by satellite imagery. The Army and regulators feel this will be a powerful tool in making decisions about further action on property transfer and city planning. It will be completed by the end of May 2004. The question was asked at what point would the public be able to utilize the GIS? Mr. Tom Kutz answered that "We will need to look at what we have, and release based on security concerns."

Mr. Rick Card with SEMA introduced himself and informed RAB members that Pat Ralston would no longer be a member of the Restoration Advisory Board.

Commander Marquart thanked everyone for coming. Mr. Akers moved to adjourn the RAB meeting and Mr. Milligan seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 6:30 P.M. The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

LAH:rjh