

U.S. Army Fort Monmouth
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2014

The Quarterly RAB meeting was held at Building 455 at Fort Monmouth, Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, New Jersey.

At 7:04 p.m. the meeting was called to order by James Allen (Co-Chairman). Mr. Allen led the meeting members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RAB Members Present:

James Allen – (Pubic Co-Chair)
Wanda Green, (Army Co-Chair)
Linda Range, NJDEP Case Manager
Brian Charnick, Eatontown Representative
Edward Dlugosz, Eatontown Representative
Frank Barricelli, Oceanport Representative
Richard Gruskos, Oceanport Representative

Comments on old business:

Meeting minutes from January 9th, 2014:

Mr. Allen requested comments on minutes. Mr. Charnick notes the year is incorrect in the header. Mr. Allen requests for motion to approve the minutes as amended.

- Mr. Barricelli makes the motion
- Mr. Gruskos seconded the motion

Discuss new business – Wanda Green:

- Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Program update:
 - There are no reports finalized for public review. Several drafts have been completed by Parsons; however there is a continued discussion of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERLA) versus the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requirements. The Army's legal office (BRAC) is required to follow CERCLA regulations, which are different from the States.
 - Some of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) reports should be coming out soon. The 2013 Baseline Groundwater Sampling Report also had a lot of discussion between Ms. Green and the legal department, however an agreement has been reached and the report should be emailed out in the next week or two.

TAPP Grant Application Discussion

- A rejection letter regarding the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) application was received this afternoon. Everyone please take a moment to review the letter dated April 2nd, 2014.
 - Mr. Charnick will further review at a later time.
 - Mr. Charnick: A question for the record regarding the “IRP Program”. The TAPP was rejected because it says the work is outside of the scope of the IRP Program. So reviewing documents that are outside of the IRP Program are not considered for TAPP funding?
 - Ms. Green: Yes. Only documents created by the Army are considered part of the IRP Program. Other documents created by other sources such as the County Health Department are part of the meeting records, but not part of the IRP Program. The TAPP grant is for you to understand documents that were presented for our IRP Sites, not for you to bring reports from other entities and for the government to pay someone to come in here and explain those reports created those entities.
 - Mr. Charnick: You produced a sewer treatment plant report that said there were spills of heavy metals in the area and sludge was used on the golf course. NJDEP sampling did not show up anything. So the citizens of Eatontown would like to know where it went.
 - Ms. Range: A quick point of clarification, I am not aware of NJDEP conducting any sampling, it was the Army that conducted the sampling. There were no exceedances for metals in the samples collected.
 - Mr. Dlugosz: The report Bill Simmons put together for Monmouth County Health Department should be part of the record.
 - Ms. Green: It is part of the RAB Meeting records, not the IRP Program. I have provided a two page document (a type of cheat sheet), which outlines the decision and what you can submit as part of a TAPP application. I have also given you the Army’s TAPP guidance. If you are going to reapply, it will need to be on the correct form, within the Federal Guidelines, and the application and the actual scope of work must have language that matches.
- Mr. Allen requests for motion to have the TAPP rejection letter into the record of the RAB meeting.
 - Mr. Gruskos makes the motion
 - Mr. Dlugosz seconds the motion

Round Table Discussion – Ms. Green

- Mr. Dlugosz: In reviewing the sampling test plan and the presentation from the last meeting, it is unclear how many wells were sampled. Were all the wells tested?
- Ms. Green: Prior to closure we had a sampling plan which showed which wells should be sampled. All of the wells in the plan were sampled and there were a few additional wells

sampled that were newly installed at FTMM-68. In the report you will be getting in a couple weeks, you will see exactly which wells were sampled and the results.

- Mr. Dlugosz: My other question, specific to FTMM-2, it says there were not metals found. Is this just for groundwater or for the whole Site?
- Ms. Green: I don't have the report with me, so I don't want to comment without having it.
- Mr. Gruskos: What is the definition of sludge?
- Mr. Charnick: There are liquids and solids when you treat sewage. Anything other than liquids is referred to as sludge.

2014 Meeting Schedule – Ms. Green

- The following meeting schedule was confirmed by the RAB:
 - Tuesday, July 10, 2014 @ 7pm
 - Thursday, October 2, 2014 @ 7pm

Public Comments/Questions

Sara Breslow: (11 Lake Drive, Eatontown):

- Ms. Breslow: Ms. Green said the Army can't stand by reports that are presented by others, yet you expect the public to stand by reports that are created by the Army, prepared by companies that are hired by the Army, that are reviewed and altered by the Army before they are ever presented to the public. My question to the NJDEP, what is your job here? How are you protecting us from them?
- Ms. Range: My job is to receive the reports submitted by the Army, review them and compare them to the requirements of the technical regulations. I make sure that the areas of concern (AOC) have been identified based on Site history; I make sure each AOC is properly sampled, we make sure that minimal detection levels were met by the laboratory, and we review the analytical results and compare them to the clean-up criteria/standards to see what exceedances there are. The exceedances that are noted we make sure they are addressed in an appropriate manner. Written response to comment letters have been voluminous and not just accepting of the reports.
- Ms. Breslow: Where are they posted?
- Ms. Range: You need to submit an Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request to NJDEP. They are part of public record.
- Ms. Green: They are also in previous reports which are available on the RAB website.
- Ms. Breslow: So you are confident that only two or three places were sampled on the golf course, and nothing in the unnamed stream, that there is no contamination?
- Ms. Range: The samples were collected from areas which were most likely to be contaminated and metals did not exceed the standards at those locations. There were also a couple of samples in the unnamed stream, upstream and at the discharge point. There were no exceedances of these samples either.
- Mr. Mahedy: Has concerns that the State Troopers are being contaminated in their barracks by contamination in the air, soil, and water. He believed there is fraud, corruption, and a cover-up being committed. He feels he was cut-off from joining the Fort Monmouth

Economic Revitalization Authority (FMERA) because he was going to expose the contamination on the base.

- Mr. Mahedy: Have you tested the soil, the air, and the water at the barracks?
- Ms. Green: We have not tested the soil or air, we have tested the water and the results were fine.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Allen

- Mr. Baracelli makes the motion
- Mr. Charnick seconds the motion

At 7:55 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Allen.

Meeting notes taken by A. Kriney of Parsons on behalf of the RAB.