

U.S. Army Fort Monmouth
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2013

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

At 7:01 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
Timothy Rider, PAO Picatinny Arsenal
Brian Charnick, Eatontown Representative
Edward Dlugosz, Eatontown Representative
Rosemary Brewer, Little Silver Representative
Frank Barricelli, Oceanport Representative
Richard Gruskos, Oceanport Representative

Comments on old business:

Mr. Allen indicated there was not a quorum of members based on attendance at that last meeting; therefore, there are two separate sets of minutes up for vote during this meeting.

Meeting minutes from April 4th, 2013:

Mr. Allen requested comments on minutes. No comments from board members. Mr. Allen requests for motion to approve the minutes.

- Mr. Barricelli makes the motion
- Ms. Brewer seconded the motion

Meeting minutes from July 11th, 2013:

Mr. Allen requested comments on minutes. Mr. Charnick would like to know if the Health Department Report will be added as part of the record. A reference to the report will be made that it was included.

Mr. Allen asks for motion to approve the minutes.

- Mr. Barricelli makes the motion
- Mr. Charnick seconded the motion
- Mr. Dlugosz abstains as he was absent from the last meeting
- Ms. Brewer abstains as she was absent from the last meeting
- Mr. Gruskos abstains as he was absent from the last meeting

Discuss new business – Wanda Green:

- Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Program update:
 - Parsons is working on Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Reports for each of the IRP Sites. We currently have drafts for Landfills M-3, M-4, M-5, and M-8, which are currently being reviewed by the USACE, the Army, and Calibre.
 - Parsons has submitted the RI/FS Report for M-66 (Building 886). This report is currently being reviewed by the Army's legal office, BRAC.
 - These reports will begin to be finalized and then they will be submitted to the board for review around the beginning of next year. Reports will then be coming out around every three weeks. The information in these reports will not be new to you, just in a new format for CERCLA.
 - Parsons or the USACE will be here to present each report to the board.
 - Parsons is currently preparing the RI/FS Reports for the remaining landfills including M-12, M-14, M-18, and M-25. There was discussion with the legal office regarding the remedial action and CERCLA requirements and if we have to follow state risk assessment or CERCLA risk assessment. The legal office needs to look out for our requirements, so it has not been finalized. What they have finalized is the RI/FS Work Plan (WP) for the nine landfills; you should have received a CD with this information as well as for RI/FS WP for M-22, M-53, M-59, and M-68. If you did not receive one, they are on the back table.
 - Parsons completed a round of baseline groundwater sampling in August 2013. There was a misunderstanding in the type of report Ms. Green wanted to receive from Parsons. Parsons was working on an extended report. We just need what are the current analytical results and historical analytical results for each Site. Ms. Green is hoping to receive that before the next meeting in January.

Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study/Decision Documents Project – Presenter, James Moore, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New York District

- Objective of the Work Plans is to summarize the site history and data
- Locations of the Sites
- Historical uses of landfills
- Primary Contaminants of Concern and Media
- Proposed Sampling Plans
 - Mr. Dlugosz: How are the wells to be sampled decided?
 - Mr. Moore: By reviewing historical data to which wells will provide the best data.
 - Mr. Charnick: Is that why there were four additional monitoring wells?

- Mr. Moore: Yes, if the delineation was not complete new wells would be added.
- Mr. Dlugosz: Prior to Sandy there was some additional testing of the landfills and the extent, but we have never seen any documentation. Will those additional areas be included in these studies?
- Mr. Moore: Parsons has been given a wealth of information. But he is not sure if that information was provided.
- Ms. Green: We did perform trenching on the boundaries for some landfills, but then we closed and the reports were incomplete. We are now completing several RI/FSs, so that information will be included in the new reports.
- Mr. Dlugosz: Since I missed a meeting. Has there been anything that documents the results of any further testing of the landfills following Sandy?
- Ms. Green: At the last RAB meeting it was discussed. The USACE and Calibre performed a terrain walk of the areas after the storm. There were trees down, but that was the extent. There were no soil samples taken. Only the groundwater samples collected in August, 2013. All of the flooding occurred along the waterfront.

Discussion regarding CW-1 VOC and other contamination detailed test results – Ed Dlugosz

Ed belongs to both the RAB and Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority (FMERA) Environmental Advisory Committee. At the last FMERA meeting there was discussion of reusing the Charles Wood Area. FMERA made the announcement they are going to demolish the Hexagon building as part of their plan instead of reusing the building. FMERA is trying to combine parcels. FMERA also plan to remove the foundation. My question is will that planned removal of the foundation change the findings for the CW-1 Site?

- Ms. Green: The active IRP sites are carve-outs, which means the Army is still responsible for them. FMERA has a plan to demolish the Hexagon, however they need the money to do so. In regards to CW-1, FMERA has said they recommend removing the slabs then we could possibly get to any possible contamination. Which, if everything was removed and there was no contamination, FMERA could possibly receive a No Further Action (NFA). In the past, the slab which is 10ft thick was difficult to remove and machinery was damaged in the process. However that was 15 years ago so there may be new technology to consider. FMERA cannot make plans for the Army to do any type of remediation. FMERA can give their suggestions just as you can. The RI/FS WP will lay out the decisions following approval by the state.

Round Table Discussion – Ms. Green

- Mr. Dlugosz: What Findings of Suitability to Transfer (FOSTs) or Findings of Suitability to Lease (FOSLs) will be on the horizon we should be looking for.
- Ms. Green: Whenever one is sent to the library Joe Pearson notifies you it has been sent. There has been one sent for the Charles Wood Area. FMERA can provide which ones will be transferred.
- Mr. Gruskos: It was mentioned earlier there are a series of reports coming out, about every three weeks. Can you summarize that?
- Ms. Green: You will be getting landfill RI/FS Reports once legal and the state review. The landfills will be boilerplate. Small difference in contaminants. They will come back to back. We are hoping to have the first one out before the next meeting in January 2014. If it is completed, there will be a Presentation for it.
- Mr. Dlugosz: I started to review a landfill RI/FS WP and I came across a new presentation called "Preliminary Conceptual Site Diagram for FTMM-02". Could you explain what this says?
- Ms. Green: This is just giving you an example of what type of sampling needs to be performed.
- Ms. Range: It's to show what media needs to be further investigated.
- Ms. Green: This is Rosemary Brewers last meeting. She has been with us since the beginning in 2007. We thank you for all that you have done and wish you well.
- Ms. Brewer: The administrator is looking into a replacement.
- Ms. Green: Provided a reading from the Site Manager to Ms. Brewer

2014 Meeting Schedule – Ms. Green

- The following meeting schedule was confirmed by the RAB:
 - Thursday, January 9, 2013
 - Thursday, April 3, 2014
 - Thursday, July 10, 2014
 - Thursday, October 2, 2014

Public Comments/Questions

Public comment period changed from 3 minutes to 5 minutes

- Mr. Dlugosz motioned
- Mr. Charnick seconded
- All in favor

Lenny Segal: California Center for Public Environmental Oversight:

- I am working on a project funded by the Defense Department on Community Perspectives on Vapor Intrusion Investigations at military facilities across the country. This Site is not necessarily a part of that group, but I am available for conversation on how that has been addressed here at Fort Monmouth. My role is to help develop public input for people in the military.

Sara Breslow: (11 Lake Drive, Eatontown):

- Will they be determining if there are any issues with the groundwater from Fort Monmouth?
 - Ms. Green: That is what the results will show from the groundwater sampling that was and will be performed. If needed additional sampling will be conducted, and we will perform such. Monitoring wells are 4" diameter slotted PVC which are installed permanently and where groundwater samples are collected from.
- Has the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) been resubmitted?
 - Ms. Green: That has not been resubmitted to the Army. The initial application was not approved and a response letter was submitted to the RAB. I will resend the letter.
 - Mr. Charnick: The original TAPP was submitted to the Army. It was formally rejected, but not with a signature. Re-submitting was held up over language. Currently it is in review with the Eatontown Environment Commission to refine before it is re-submitted to the Army.
- Tonight's meeting is a conflict with Eatontown's Town Council Meeting. Since Eatontown is a part of this, the town schedules should be checked before changing dates. How do you find out about these meetings? The last agenda is from February.
 - Ms. Green: The minutes and the agenda had not been approved till tonight. We only meet quarterly and there was not a quorum at the last meeting. The agenda is normally located at the RAB website and was not this time, however it normally is.

Mr. Allen requests an updated list of RAB members.

At 8:24 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Allen.

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