

**Restoration Advisory Board
Defense Supply Center Richmond
Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2002
Chester, Virginia**

The meeting for the Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at the Quality Inn, Chester, VA on June 24, 2002. The meeting began at 6:30 PM with a quorum present. Attendees were:

Voting RAB members

George A. Beadles
Sarah K. Clarke
Janet Mauro Moe
Brian Collings
Lonnie W. McCoy

Joyce Jackson
Susan Young
Richard McCollim
Emmet Alexander
Clarence Brooks

Robert Williams

Ex-officio Non-voting Members

Charles R. Carrell, Government Co-chair
Jack Potosnak, US EPA
Joan Salvati, Chesterfield County

Eric Salopek, Virginia Department of
Environmental Quality

Advisors

Andrew Gootee, Public Affairs
Dr. Bill Nelson, Chesterfield Co.
Lt. Col. Daniel Welch

Jimmy Parrish, Environmental Office
Katie Hanks, ATSDR

May Minutes

The May minutes were approved as presented.

Phone Number

When RAB members are going to be late for a meeting, or if unable to attend, they were asked to call (804)687-1836. Since RAB by-laws require that a quorum of members be present for an official RAB meeting to take place, we need to know members are coming so that a meeting is not cancelled prematurely due to lack of attendance.

Cancer Cluster Study

Dr. Nelson, Director, Chesterfield Health District, discussed the results of his Cancer Cluster Study of Rayon Park. He briefly outlined study methodology, sample selection criteria, and statistical analysis of the data. When demographically adjusted and compared to Virginia Cancer Registry (VCR), study results show that Rayon Park residents develop cancer at the same rate as the rest of Chesterfield County. While residents of Rayon Park are no more likely than other county residents to develop cancer, there is a higher incidence of lung and colon rectal cancer. At the same time, Rayon Park

residents showed a lower incidence of other cancers. Dr. Nelson will provide additional demographic and statistical information to RAB members. Dr. Nelson and his staff are available to answer additional questions and to conduct a community meeting if desired.

Horne Monies

Through a negotiated agreement, Horne Engineering provided a first installment of \$50,000 to Chesterfield County. The monies will be administered by Dr. Nelson's office. The community will decide how it is to be used. Dr. Nelson discussed the importance of the trust relationship and the need to have decision making accomplished in a public fashion so that everyone knows how decisions were made, what options were considered, when and where decisions were made, and an official record kept of the entire process.

After much discussion, a motion was passed that the Community RAB members would poll their constituents to develop a plan to be discussed during the August RAB meeting. While the DSCR RAB cannot participate in the decision process, community members of the RAB will convene separately to work with Dr. Nelson and their community on the process. Time will be provided on future RAB meeting agendas for a community report on this issue.

Janet Mauro Moe is responsible for community coordination.

Community Questions to the RAB

The community voiced concerns regarding the purpose of the RAB and the view of some residents that the RAB was "...being run by the DSCR and the EPA." Andrew Gootee explained that the RAB was formally chartered as an information exchange forum. Consequently, the RAB was charged to provide community information and concerns to DSCR that would be included, along with EPA and DEQ information and guidance, in DSCR decision-making.

Janet Mauro Moe explained that RAB members were responsible for advising DSCR based on community concerns. She explained that RAB members have two main responsibilities: 1) to present a unified voice in raising concerns from the community to DSCR and 2) for transferring information and explanations from DSCR back to the community. She said, "if we are honorable, we will represent you, but the community has a part – and that is to give us your ideas..." She believes that DSCR wants to "clean up their image" and that the communication lines are finally open. George Beadles concurred.

Community concerns were raised regarding justification of past expenditures in DSCR clean-up efforts. Janet Mauro Moe explained that she had developed new understanding of the testing procedures, the number of sites, the number of pathways (groundwater, air, soil) and the complexities of remedy selection and could understand the amount of the expenditures. Charles Carrell reiterated the complexities involved and stated that, while the damages were done years ago, DSCR is working very hard to clean them up. He further stated that DSCR is constantly looking for ways to improve how the sites are cleaned up and the cost effectiveness of remediation activities.

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Report

Katie Hanks discussed ATSDR findings from the 2001 study designed to look at health related issues of upstream, downstream, and storm water in area creeks. (No Name Creek was sampled twice in 5 locations; Kingsland was sampled in 3 locations.) The study concluded that the creeks presented no health hazards to adults or children. This study was performed only on water samples. (In 1993 , ATSDR studied all possible pathways and found no public health hazards.) Copies of the 1993 report will be provided to RAB members.

Remedial Process Optimization

Lt. COL Daniel Welch described the optimization process as a top-to-bottom review of remediation methodology selection and application processes. Goals of the review are threefold: 1) to assure that the best science is being applied, 2) to assure that taxpayer dollars are expended to achieve the best results possible, and 3) to assure that current EPA standards are met.

August Agenda

Possible topics for the August meeting include:

TAPP Procurement

Horne Money - use of available funds

Attendance – mid-meeting check

RAB training needs