

**Restoration Advisory Board  
Defense Supply Center Richmond  
Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 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 March 11, 2002. Attendees were:

**Voting RAB members**

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| Richard John (Rich) Richezza (Community Co-chair) |                 |
| George A. Beadles                                 | Lonnie W. McCoy |
| Terrance K. Berrean                               | Janet Mauro Moe |
| Sarah K. Clarke                                   | Robert Williams |
| Richard McCollim                                  |                 |

**Ex-officio Non-voting Members**

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| Charles R. Carrell, Government Co-chair | Jack Potosnak, US EPA |
| Eric Salopek, Virginia DEQ              |                       |

**Advisors**

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| Tom Owens, Public Affairs     | Jimmy Parrish, Environmental Office  |
| Andrew Gootee, Public Affairs | Adrienne Moore, Environmental Office |
| Frank Dipofi                  |                                      |

**February Minutes**

Draft of the February minutes were approved with correction: Lonnie McCoy's questions should have been reported as follows: With regard to the recent 15,000 gallon spill drinking water release, 1) why was it important enough to be reported and 2) how was the volume determined. Regarding the spill in July, were any tests performed to determine if there were any chemicals?

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM (TAPP)**

Andrew Gootee explained that there are several types of grants available, but the TPP is the only one from the Department of Defense. It is intended to provide technical assistance on the documents given to the RAB. There is a \$25,000 per year limit with a total lifetime maximum of \$100,000. Annual reports are required. The Public Affairs Office requests the bid and the RAB participates in the selection process. Getting other funding sources, such as a TAG, does not preclude obtaining TAPP funding, but other funding would be taken into consideration during the TAPP review process. A copy of the Technical Assistance for Public Participation booklet will be provided to RAB members.

Motion: DSCR will continue to provide information on TAPP and procurement procedures. This information can be included in the minutes as a handout. Carried.

### **BRIEFING BY DR. BILL NELSON**

Dr. Nelson, Director, Chesterfield Health District, updated the RAB on the cancer risk study of the residents of Rayon Park that began last summer. The study seeks to determine if cancer risk in that particular area is abnormally high. Approximately 350 residents past and present were surveyed. (There are currently 275 current residents.) At present the data are being evaluated and compared to cancer rates at the regional, state, and county level. The Chesterfield Health District report on cancer risk is anticipated during Summer 2002.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Membership Committee reviewed existing applications and invited Susan Young to attend the meeting in consideration of RAB membership. The Committee will continue its search for two additional candidates for RAB membership.

Motion: With one exception, all applications submitted to date will be discarded. The Committee will notify applicants of the membership process and extend the RAB's appreciation of their interest. Carried.

Motion: To invite Susan Young to become a member of the RAB as soon as possible. Carried.

### **RECORD OF DECISION PROCESS**

Jimmy Parrish described the process for establishing a Record of Decision (ROD).

Lonnie McCoy asked how systems are evaluated for effectiveness and requested a presentation of the recent results from OU-6.

Public meetings are held for open presentation and discussion of the proposed Record of Decision (ROD). All public comments are reviewed. During the meetings, members of the RAB may comment only as individuals not as a RAB unit. During RAB meetings, member comments are addressed to the regulators, the DEQ, the EPA and the Corps of Engineers.

The purpose of the RAB is to disseminate information between the DSCR and the community and vice versa. The RAB also tracks progress of the cleanups, and ensures that information from the DSCR reaches the community. Further, the RAB serves as a direct line to the DEQ and EPA from the community.

The Letter of Agreement between DSCR and the DEQ is part of an enforcement action and therefore the information included in it cannot be released until it is final.

Press releases from the DSCR are posted on the website.

### **ZONE 3 BRIEFING**

Adrienne Moore, Environmental Office Chief, presented an overview of Zone 3 and the history and status of its 5 OUs. Additional information will be presented, particularly with respect to a proposed ROD for OU-12.

## **WEBSITE**

The DSCR website, located at [www.nao.usace.army.mil/Projects/DSCR/DSCR.html](http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Projects/DSCR/DSCR.html), went online March 8, 2002.

## **AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Newsletter and information output
- Releases to the newspaper
- Zone 2
- Risk assessment
- Remedies
- OU 12

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

- The DSCR website is available for viewing and questions.
- Since the summer 2001 when OU 6 occurred, 4 samples were taken in addition to routine monitoring wells. One sample of 34 to 40 ppb has never been replicated. Consistent levels for TCE have ranged from 2 to 6 ppb in a very small part of a ditch leading to the creek.
- A recent Richmond Times Dispatch article failed to accurately depict the current DSCR situation. Tom Owens supplied information that was given to the Times Dispatch and outlined discrepancies in the recent headline article. Mr. Charles Vernon confirmed that the remarks and quotations attributed to him were taken out of context.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

Two articles and supporting material including a press release from the DSCR.

## **FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

- Andrew Gootee will supply potential RAB funding sources such as the EPA's TAG. Copies of the TAPP handbook will be supplied to RAB members.
- Jimmy Parrish will supply information on who determines the clean up process for off-base contamination.
- The DSCR will e-mail all releases to members of the RAB.
- Frank Dipofi will work with Sara Clarke to determine if her water well should be tested as part of the OU13 evaluations.
- Frank Dipofi will find out if the activated carbon used to clean the vapor from the system on OU 4 was tested for TCE.
- Charles Carrell will supply information for the minutes on whether OU 4 was capped and when it was tested.
- Adrienne Moore will check to see if Agent Orange has ever been stored at DSCR.
- The next newsletter to be mailed out at the end of March will include the names and phone numbers of RAB members.
- Frank Dipofi will find out what metals were in the 1978 leak of OU 13.

- For April discussion of Zone 2: George Beadles asked when the central zone was first tested and how many tests have been performed in the interim.