

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 5, 2002

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Camp Lejeune's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the Installation Restoration (IR) Program met at Coastal Carolina Community College on Tuesday 5 March 2002 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The following individuals attended:

Jim Swartzenburg	RAB Community Co-Chair
Rick Raines	Camp Lejeune, Installation Co-Chair
Thomas Burton	Camp Lejeune, EMD/IRS
Kirk Stevens	LANTDIV
Gena Townsend	USEPA, Region IV
Dave Lown	NC DENR, Superfund Section
Scott Bailey	CH2M Hill
Richard Mullins	RAB Community Member
Ray Humphries	RAB Community Member
Laura Bader	RAB Community Member
Myron Cross	RAB Community Member
James Banks	Prospective Community Member
Tom Mattison	Prospective Community Member
Marvin Powers	Prospective Community Member
Bonnie Powers	Prospective Community Member

Welcome and Introductions (Mr. Rick Raines / Mr. James Swartzenberg)

The meeting minutes from the December 2001 RAB meeting are posted on the Camp Lejeune/RAB Web site.

RAB Orientation (Mr. Rick Raines)

Due to a decrease in Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) participation, MCB, Camp Lejeune ran a newspaper advertisement attempting to increase membership. Because of the outstanding response to this add, this RAB Meeting will involve an introduction to the RAB and the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) at Camp Lejeune. An information packet has been provided to each of you and we will go through the information together and try to answer any questions you may have.

The RAB Brochure provides basic information regarding the IRP and RAB. The RAB Charter outlines the purpose and function of the RAB, membership requirements, and the structure and operating processes. Note that the copy included is not signed, however, a

signed copy is on record at the Installation. An application for membership is also attached. Please fill it out and send it in. Membership will be determined by the current RAB members.

A general information sheet is attached. It provides information on the Environmental Management Division, the IRP, and the RAB. It also spells out the roles and responsibilities of all the key representatives including: the DOD Co-Chair (Mr. Rick Raines), the Community Co-Chair (Mr. Jim Swartzenberg), RAB Community members, the Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (LANTDIV) representative (Mr. Kirk Stevens), the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) representative (Mr. Dave Lown), the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) representative (Ms. Gena Townsend), and also provides a brief description of contractor representatives including: BAKER Environmental (Mr. Rich Bonelli), CH2M Hill, Mr. Scott Bailey, and IT/OHM Corporation (Mr. Jim Dunn).

Mr. Swartzenberg: Highlights participation in the RAB indicating that his original mindset was one of us vs them. Concerns regarding lead in the New River from continued use of the Rifle Range training area, led to the Wilson Bay Study, which answered his concerns. After participating in the RAB workshop in Denver, CO last year and recognized that RABs were a big program and Camp Lejeune's RAB and IRP were running pretty smoothly. There are some real problems on Camp Lejeune involving hazardous waste and only so much money is budgeted for cleanup. As community co-chair, it is his responsibility to coordinate between the Installation and the community, field public concerns, and provide comments to the Installation. He also advised that all members speak up and air their concerns.

Mr. Raines: We need to avoid the us vs them attitude. He emphasized that he and the other base employees are part of this community. He encouraged RAB members to ask questions and participate to keep the information circle flowing. There are still problems on the Base and we are still identifying sites. A large number of contaminated sites are addressed under other programs such as the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program, the Solid Waste Management Unit Program, or the Range Rule. DOD agreed with the USEPA and the NCDENR on how to handle each contaminant.

Dave Lown: One selection criteria for CERCLA vs RCRA is based on the time-frame the operation took place. CERCLA is associated with environmental contamination arising from activities that took place in the past, prior to regulation. RCRA Corrective Action is used to address problems arising from current operations.

Gena Townsend: Congress decided that Department of Defense (DOD) could be the lead agency at Federal Installations, however, the USEPA and State regulatory agencies must be involved and by-in to remedial actions.

Rick Raines: We are also required to have the public's buy-in on remedial actions. There are required public review and comment periods. Thus you as community members also have to buy-in on the remedial actions. If you look at the next page in the packet, you have a write up of all the IR sites taken from the Site Management Plan. It highlights the

investigations, remedial actions, current status, etc of each IR Site. As you read through this you'll develop questions, bring those to Jim and we'll try to answer them.

Tom Mattison: Is there any private side to this?

Dave Lown: Through superfund, the USEPA can force clean-up. If the liable parties are willing, they can use State programs to foster clean-up. IF there is no willingly responsible party, then the EPA will lead clean-up and can charge any parties determined to be "liable" for the contamination.

Myron Cross: Has the Camp Davis area been investigated? In the 1940s it included 100,000 people, aircraft, and rockets. Are there any problems out there?

Scott Bailey: The majority of propellants used in that era were alcohol based and of great value. Thus due to the expensive nature of the propellants, it would not be wise or expected for a large quantity of these propellants to have been simply disposed. Also, once in the natural environment these compounds tend to break down very quickly.

Thomas Burton: The site Investigation performed on the Camp Davis Landfill was completed in 1990. It was of very limited scope and involved only a handful of soil and groundwater samples. We are currently evaluating the Camp Davis area and an Environmental Baseline Study (EBS) will most likely take place in the area in the next year. We will provide a follow up at next meeting to include a history of operations and contamination at the Camp Davis Installation.

Rick Raines: Getting back to the information packet, the next page shows the Installation and Environment Departments organizational chart. Note that Mr. Paul, the former Facility Co-Chair now has cognizance over water, wastewater, air, solid waste, underground storage tanks, as well as the installation restoration section. Due to this increase in responsibilities, he relinquished his co-chair position. Although this is not the avenue for discussion related to all these topics, we will be happy to coordinate and provide information related to these fields as well. There are several sources of information available for your use. The administrative record is available on-line, at the Onslow County Public Library, and on base. It contains all documentation that involves or leads to a decision affecting CERCLA remedial actions. The Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) program grants the community members access to funds for outside consultation. This program is extensive and is a very valuable tool, however, it will require an increased workload for community members. There is a 2002 Agenda attached that shows a rough schedule of RAB meeting times and places. Notice that a field trip will be planned in September.

Jim Swartzenberg: The field trips have been wonderful and very informative. We've seen the fire training pit and a mock sampling event.

Rick Raines: Getting in the field allows one to see the full scale and magnitude of these operations. It will help you realize what is involved with our remedial systems and what is behind the investigations that are performed. We appreciate everybody coming out

and hope to see you all again next time.

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