

WEAPONS SUPPORT FACILITY (WPNSUPPFAC), SEAL BEACH
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)
AND COMMUNITY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 1998

Participants:

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Bettencourt, Philip
Bernitt, Captain Thomas (Commanding Officer WPNSUPPFAC, Seal Beach)
Campbell, Don
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Davis, Charles
Dick, Andrew/Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (SWDIV)
Embree, Melody/CH2M HILL
Fowler, Brad/City of Westminster
Hertfelder, Dana/Foster Wheeler
Johnson, Jeff/WPNSUPPFAC, Seal Beach
Kurtz, Adrienne
Lamond, Robert
Mingay, Marsha/DTSC
Peoples, J.P.
Rennis, Denise
Robinson, Rob/WPNSUPPFAC, Seal Beach
Sears, Terry
Sebring, Fred
Smith, Gregg/WPNSUPPFAC, Seal Beach Public Affairs Officer
Strong, Warren
Vessley, Gene
Voce, Mario
Wong, Bryant/CH2M HILL

WELCOME

At 7:00 p.m., R. Robinson welcomed the participants to the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting. R. Robinson introduced J. Johnson as a member of the Natural Resources Department at the base. He also introduced D. Baillie who explained that he was stepping down as the Navy Co-chair of the RAB, but that R. Robinson would be officially replacing him as the Navy Co-chair. D. Baillie commented that he has enjoyed his tenure as the Navy Co-chair for three years and that he would continue to be interested and stay involved with the RAB. In addition, he stated that RAB members are encouraged to contact him with questions or comments. R.

Robinson also introduced G. Smith, WPNSUPPFAC, Seal Beach, Public Affairs Officer (PAO) as another point of contact for the RAB.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

R. Robinson introduced A. Dick who provided the RAB with highlights of the WPNSUPPFAC, Seal Beach's Installation Restoration (IR) Program project status. Copies of the slide presentation were made available as a handout at the meeting. Questions and answers made during the presentation are summarized below:

Slide 10 - Questions:

Question: What is the difference between groundwater monitoring and groundwater sampling?

Answer: Groundwater monitoring refers to the three-week continuous monitoring of groundwater levels to determine the groundwater flow direction. Groundwater sampling refers to the collecting and analyzing of groundwater samples to determine if groundwater contamination exists.

Question: Why wait so long between monitoring events?

Answer: Groundwater monitoring is conducted quarterly (i.e., three months apart) to determine the seasonal effects on groundwater flow direction.

Question: Where is Site 4?

Answer: Site 4 is the perimeter road that surrounds much of WPNSUPPFAC, Seal Beach.

Comment/Question: A comment was made about the substance being used on the roads as dust control; the substance has a petroleum odor and is sticky to the touch (sticks to shoes). Is this substance recycled motor oil?

Answer: The substance recently applied to the unpaved roads on the base is intended to suppress the generation of wind-blown dust. This is being done in response to community complaints about wind-blown dust. The dust suppressant is an oil-like substance. A copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for this dust suppressant is attached to these minutes. The MSDS provides the physical and chemical characteristics of the substance.

Question: Is there a current vacant position at WPNSUPPFAC, Seal Beach that oversees the farmers' application of pesticides on the base's agricultural lands?

Answer: One of J. Johnson's duties as part of the base Natural Resource Department is to oversee the farmers' activities. Currently, there is one position vacant; however, they do not affect agricultural lands oversight.

Comment: A comment was made that requests for reports by regulatory agencies regarding pesticide use have not been responded to.

Answer: D. Baillie suggested that RAB members who are interested in obtaining more information regarding pesticide use on agricultural lands have a separate meeting with J. Johnson.

Question: A report stated that the background level for pesticides is zero at WPNSUPPFAC, Seal Beach; how is this possible when there are farming activities throughout much of the base?

Answer: The report being referred to is probably the Stationwide Background Study. The intent of this study was to determine statistically appropriate concentrations of "background" chemicals in soils and groundwater, including metals, pesticides, and nitrogen compounds. The study concluded that there was insufficient data to calculate a "95 percent upper confidence limit" for pesticides, and, therefore, the background level for pesticides was "not detectable." But you are correct, it would not be zero.

SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN (SMP) UPDATE

R. Robinson introduced B. Wong from CH2M HILL who provided the RAB with a presentation on the SMP update. Copies of the slide presentation were made available as a handout at the meeting. Questions and answers made during the presentation are summarized below:

Slide 10 - SMP Contents - Section 5:

Question: Table 5-1 contains the names of team members, but how can you tell if they are with the Navy? And is SWDIV the Navy?

Answer: Yes, SWDIV or Southwestern Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command is part of the Navy. Table 1-1 identifies the organization each team member is associated

with (i.e., SWDIV, CH2M HILL, etc.).

Question: Are there any active duty Navy personnel involved in this program?

Answer: Yes, Captain Thomas Bernitt is the current Commanding Officer for WPNSUPPFAC, Seal Beach.

Verbal Formal Comment on the SMP: Clearly identify the organization each team member is associated with. Also, differentiate between Navy military and Navy non-military (civilian) personnel.

Question: Has Bechtel National completed their part of the project and now CH2M HILL has taken over?

Answer: Actually, the Navy currently has three main contractors, CH2M HILL, Bechtel National, and Foster Wheeler. The three contractors interact together to support the Navy's Installation Restoration Program activities being conducted at WPNSUPPFAC, Seal Beach.

Question: Outside the RAB, is there formal circulation of the SMP?

Answer: Yes, besides the RAB, the SMP will be reviewed by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), California Regional Water Quality Control Board, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and various other agencies.

Question: Who formally closes or approves the SMP?

Answer: For the SMP, SWDIV will approve it. However, for major decision documents (such as action memos), the Commanding Officer for WPNSUPPFAC, Seal Beach, would sign-off on that document.

Question: Are RAB member comments addressed together or separately.

Answer: All individual RAB comments are addressed. A copy of the response to comments is sent to each RAB member who provided comments.

SITE 19 REMOVAL ACTION

R. Robinson introduced D. Hertfelder from Foster Wheeler who provided the RAB with a presentation on the Site 19 Removal Action. Handouts of the presentation were made available at

the meeting. Questions and answers made during the presentation are summarized below:

Slide 20 - Summary:

Question: Can you describe what Site 19 can now be used for after this removal action (i.e., school, housing, etc.)?

Answer: Site 19 has been cleaned up to below residential preliminary remediation goals (PRGs). Therefore, the site can be used without restrictions.

Question: Have any monitoring wells been installed at Site 19?

Answer: No. All data indicates that there is no need for further monitoring of the site.

Question: Thousands of yards of soil were removed, was that soil analyzed?

Answer: Yes, the soil was analyzed and all target cleanup goals were met.

Question: Is this soil currently being stored on base?

Answer: Yes, the soil has been stockpiled temporarily on the base, but it will be transported off-site for ultimate disposal.

Question: If the soil is non-hazardous, why ship it off-site?

Answer: The soil is being shipped off-site because it contains contaminant concentrations that pose a potential human or biological threat, although not strictly classified as a "hazardous waste."

Comment: M. Voce, Community Co-chair, commented that Site 19 has been covered with a light topsoil and that when it rains it will be easily eroded. He suggested that native grasses and vegetation be planted to help keep out evasive ragweed and to help with dust control.

COMMUNITY FORUM

R. Robinson asked if there were any general comments or questions as part of the community forum?

Question: Can we get more information on the substance that is being sprayed for dust control?

Answer: Yes. Copies of the MSDS will be sent out to interested parties. (Attached to these minutes is a copy of the MSDS for the dust control product.)

R. Robinson announced that there will be no RAB meeting in October 1998. The next scheduled RAB meeting will be held on Wednesday, **November 4**, 1998 (*please note that RAB meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month, but, because the second Wednesday of November 1998 [i.e., the normal day of the RAB meeting] falls on Veterans Day, the RAB meeting is being moved up one week*). Then in December, due to the holidays, there will be no RAB meeting. The next scheduled RAB meeting after the November 1998 meeting will be January 13, 1999.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Robinson thanked the participants of the RAB for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

AS REQUESTED BY RAB MEMBERS, ATTACHED IS THE MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET FOR THE LIQUID ASPHALT BEING APPLIED TO THE PERIMTER ROAD.