

MEETING MINUTES

Anniston Army Depot Restoration Advisory Board (ANAD RAB) Meeting
 Courtyard Marriott, Oxford, AL
 8 September 2014
 6:00 – 7:30 CDT

Meeting Participants:

Name	Affiliation/Title	Organization
Bolander, COL Brent T.	RAB Member, Co-chair	Anniston Army Depot
Baucom, Dr. Thomas	RAB Member	Community
George, Donald	RAB Member	Community
Frazier, Walter	RAB Member	Community
Landholm, Dawn	RAB Member	East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission
Seales Marvin	RAB Member	Community
Turner, Ed	RAB Member	Anniston Water Works and Sewer Board
Thornton, Michelle	RAB Member	USEPA Region 4

Name	Affiliation/Title	Organization
Bentkowski, Ben	Meeting attendee	USEPA, Region 4
SGM Deborah Buie	Meeting attendee	Anniston Army Depot
Curley, Kristina	Presenter	US Army Environmental Command
Council, Rudolph Jr.	Meeting attendee	Community
Howell, Deanne	Presenter	Anniston Army Depot
Kothari, Dilip	Meeting attendee	Anniston Army Depot
Russell, Polly	Meeting attendee	Anniston Army Depot
Starling, Mickey	Meeting attendee	Anniston Army Depot
Trued, Phillip	Meeting attendee	Anniston Army Depot
Williams, Tracy	Meeting presenter	Anniston Army Depot
Williams, Bruce	Meeting attendee	Anniston Army Depot

Welcome, Roll Call and Approval of Minutes

Since RAB community co-chair Mr. Ronald Grant was absent Ms. Tracy Williams opened the meeting by introducing herself and providing an overview of the meeting agenda. Ms. Williams informed the RAB that Ms. Patsy Goldberg of US EPA Region 4 and has retired and resigned from the RAB and Ms. Michelle Thornton will be taking her position. Ms. Thornton has submitted her application for the RAB membership and it was e-mailed to the RAB members and was also included in the package. Ms. Williams proceeded with the roll call of the RAB members.

Ms. Williams determined that a quorum of RAB members were present. Ms. Williams asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September, 9 2013 meeting. The RAB members approved the minutes. The audience was then invited to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

Introduction of Visitors

The audience was comprised of individuals from Anniston Army Depot, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), US Army Environmental Command and concerned citizens.

RAB Administrative Issues

Ms. Michelle Thornton's RAB membership was reviewed and approved by the RAB. RAB congratulated and welcomed her.

Ms. Williams asked if the RAB members had a chance to complete their review of the revised RAB charter, as discussed during the September 2013 meeting. The motion was made to approve the revised charter, seconded and the motion was passed by raised hand vote. Revised charter was circulated for signatures.

Following completion of RAB business, Ms. DeAnn Howell, of Anniston Army Depot made a present on Remedial Investigation Strategy for the Western Industrial Area (OU-5) at the Anniston Army Depot. She also provided status update for the Southeast industrial Area Groundwater (OU-1) Interim record of Decision (IROD) Amendment and Ms. Kristina Curley of US Army Environmental Command made a presentation on the technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP).

Anniston Army Depot OU-5 Remedial Investigation Strategy

DeAnn Howell, Anniston Army Depot

Ms. Howell made a presentation using PowerPoint slides. The presentation summarized field activities for Remedial Investigation in two phases. Phase one field activities were completed between August 18 and August 29, 2014. Phase I field activities included full round of measuring groundwater levels in existing wells, groundwater sampling in selected wells, soil sampling, surface and sediment sampling near Building 290, DRMO and ANAD fish ponds and Alabama State Fish hatchery. Phase I also included a habitat survey and biological evaluation site walk. Previous and current sampling locations were shown on maps in the slides.

Phase II remedial investigation is planned for spring 2015 and will include installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells, full round of water level measurement, sampling of newly installed wells, slug testing of select wells in each aquifer to determine the groundwater flow rate in direction and site wide surface and sediment sampling. Phase II investigation will be modified as necessary based on the results from the Phase I study.

Ms. Howell also summarized the schedule for the remedial Investigation. Final Remedial Investigation Report is anticipated in March 2016.

Following her presentation Ms. Howell opened for questions. Mr. Frazier asked what the current contaminant levels are. Ms. Howell said she does not remember on the top of her head but based on previous investigations, some of the contaminants at some of the locations exceeded the regulatory standards and need to be investigated. She also added that we will not know the contaminant levels until we get the analytical results back. Mr. Kothari explained that previous investigations were targeted to determine the presence or absence of the contaminants. Current Remedial Investigation is to determine the nature and extent of the contamination.

Southeast Industrial Area Groundwater Remediation Interim Record of Decision (IROD) Amendment Status

DeAnn Howell, Anniston Army Depot

Ms. Howell updated the RAB on the status of the Interim record of decision amendment for Southeast Industrial Area Groundwater. She stated that the Army and regulators have selected the remedy proposed in the Proposed Plan discussed during the October 2012 meeting. Regulators have provided comments on the draft IROD and the Army is working with the regulators to resolve the comments. Army is anticipating that IROD Amendment will be completed by December 2014.

Mr. Frazier expressed his concern that he does not like Army doing bioremediation at the Coldwater Spring. Ms. Williams explained that the Army is not doing any bioremediation at the Coldwater Spring. Air strippers are already in place at the Coldwater Spring. Army is planning to do bioremediation in the source areas within the Depot boundary.

Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)

Kristina Curley, U.S. Army Environmental Command

Ms. Culey made a presentation using PowerPoint slides. TAPP grants RAB members funding to get technical assistance to help them better understand the scientific and engineering issues concerning restoration activities. TAPP rule sets policies and procedures for the Army to accept and evaluate TAPP applications. RAB members should first seek assistance from local free sources such as EPA, State regulators, Army Public Health Command, local health departments etc. Installation co-chair and regulatory agencies can assist in obtaining these resources. If RAB members feel need for additional assistance, they may submit TAPP request. Maximum available grant is lesser of \$25,000/year or 1% of total restoration cost not to exceed \$100,000 lifetime limit. TAPP is not a blank check to use at RABs discretion. It cannot be used for sampling, public outreach etc. which is already done by the installation. Eligible projects are review of restoration documents, review of remediation technologies, participation in relative risk evaluation and some technical training. Ineligible projects are work not related to restoration issues, litigation, political activity and lobbying, disputing remedy selection, reopening Army decisions, epidemiological studies and community outreach activities.

Application process involves determining all readily available resources are used, agree for need for technical assistance, identify single RAB member to work with the installation to work on TAPP procurement process and obtaining approval of entire RAB and certify it meets TAPP eligibility guidelines.

Application process involves completion of DD Form 2749. Application should specify type of assistance required and identify one or more providers and cost estimate. Installation co-chair reviews the application for completeness. Army in coordination with the RAB prepares the draft Statement of Work and forward to Defense Environmental restoration Program (DERP) Project Manager for approval. If the TAPP application is denied by the DERP Manager, the RAB can appeal the decision. TAPP contracts are awarded on the basis of competitive bid among the Central Contractor Register who meets the requirements in the SOW. Procurement process is accelerated process. Army Procurement Office is the contract manager and the installation co-chair serves as a liaison between the RAB and the procurement office.

The presentations were followed by question and answers from the audience.

Mr. Frazier asked if TCE from the Depot is getting into Coldwater Spring, why we don't fix it. Ms. Landholm stated that the Army has completed dye studies in the past and was not able to trace the pathway to the Coldwater Spring.

Mr. Frazier questioned what would happen if the Air Strippers are damaged if the area was hit by natural disaster such as a tornado. Mr. Turner assured that there is plenty of redundancy and if the Air Strippers were damaged, there is alternate water supply from Hillabee Reservoir and associated treatment plant. Mr. Frazier asked why Coldwater Spring was used for water supply if Hillabee reservoir is available. Mr. Turner responded that it is much cheaper to use Coldwater Spring for water supply compare to the Hillabee reservoir because Hillabee treatment plant requires addition of several chemicals such as Lime and Alum because of the nature of the water. Mr. Seales also reminded that in case of natural disaster there is extra storage capacity at the Coldwater Spring so water supply would not be disrupted even if the Air Strippers are out of service.

Mr. Frazier continued to express his displeasure for new highway 202. He thinks that the vibrations from the highway are responsible for increase of TCE concentration at the Coldwater Spring. Mr. Frazier stated that the Depot is a horrible neighbor. Ms. Howell stated that the Army has taken the responsibility for contribution of TCE to the Coldwater Spring and has been working hard to resolve the issue with best available technology.

Mr. George asked about the frequency of sampling at the Coldwater Spring. Mr. Turner and Mr. Kothari responded that the Coldwater spring is sampled monthly and finished water TCE concentration is non detect. Mr. Turner stated that in addition to monthly the Anniston Water Works is required to sample and submit reports to the State in accordance with their permit requirements.

Ms. Williams asked if there are any more questions. She also asked if anyone has topics they want to see at the next RAB meeting? There was no response. Ms. Williams stated the next meeting will be on Second Monday of December 2014 if there is new information available to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.