

February 11, 2003
Technical Review Subcommittee (TRS)
For the Kelly Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

Mr. Sam Murrah, RAB Community Member
Dr. Gene Lené, RAB Co-Chair, Community Member
Mr. Buddy Ploetz, RAB Community Member
Mr. Sergio Rodriguez, RAB Community Member
Ms. Bernadette Peña, RAB Community Member
Mr. Jim Clarly, CH2MHill
Mr. Nanda Namjundappa, CH2MHill
Mr. Nick Rodriguez, Bexar Metropolitan Water District
Mr. Gary Martin, Greater Kelly Development Authority (GKDA)
Mr. William Ryan, Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA)
Ms. Norma Landez, AFRPA
Mr. Robert Tijerina, AFRPA
Ms. Vanessa Musgrave, AFRPA
Ms. Linda Kaufman, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD)
Ms. Kyle Cunningham, SAMHD
Ms. Nicole Rodgers, SAMHD
Ms. Blanca Hernandez, SAMHD
Mr. Gary Miller, US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
Mr. Mark Weegar, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Mr. Tim Sueltenfuss, Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH)
Ms. Megan Mabee, BAH
Mr. Eddie Martinez, BAH
Ms. Lisa Hassell, BAH
Mr. Hugh Farr, BAH
Dr. David Smith, Facilitator Smith/Associates

The meeting began at 6:31 p.m.

Dr. Smith introduced himself as the facilitator and welcomed all the RAB members and meeting attendees.

Norma Landez
Site E-1 Interim Remedial Action Update

Mr. William Ryan preceded the Site E-1 Interim Remedial Action update with a brief introduction of Site E-1. He stated that Site E-1 was located in Zone 2, adjacent to Leon Creek. The site was a former waste evaporation pit that was used for disposal of plating and solvent wastes beginning in 1944 through the 1970s. Mr. Ryan added that in 1992, the Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA) installed an interim measure to collect groundwater along the northwestern boundary of the site. Eventually the AFRPA conducted a series of technology evaluations, including a technical peer review of the proposed remedies.

Ms. Landez stated that the objectives were that the thermally enhanced Soil Vapor Extraction technique required further evaluation in the Zone 2 and 3 Corrective Measures Study (CMS).

Additionally, the AFRPA concluded that the repair and extension of the existing trench would provide complete groundwater containment. Ms. Landez also said that upon the evaluation of the existing trench's condition, the AFRPA elected to install a new groundwater trench up gradient from the existing trench, chromium contamination would also be removed from the off site soils and that construction would begin in mid-February 2003.

Robert Tijerina

Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Application

Robert Tijerina introduced himself as the Contracting Officer for AFRPA at Kelly and gave a brief explanation of the TAPP process and the process for requesting funds for the upcoming ATSDR project. He stated that the first step is to complete the TAPP Application. He informed the TRS members of the manner in which providers (contractors) are selected and how their qualifications are verified.

Mr. Tijerina advised the TRS members that the University of Maryland had been awarded TAPP contracts to review previous ATSDR reports. Mr. Tijerina and the TRS reviewed the draft TAPP application and all attachments. The group voted to accept the application and all four attachments without revision. The TRS members also requested to solicit a proposal for review of the ATSDR study from the University of Maryland only.

Dr. Lené informed the group that the University of Maryland has provided very detailed reports in the past. He stated that RAB members had been very satisfied with their work. Dr. Smith reminded the TRS members that they had chosen to review the TAPP contract process and that they needed to review the material and decide if they wanted to continue with the current TAPP contract process.

Mr. Tijerina introduced the Statement of Objective (SOO) to the TRS members. He informed the group of the purpose of the SOO and he indicated that he would solicit from the providers (contractors) the requirements that the TRS members agreed to request. Mr. Tijerina informed the committee members that AFRPA could solicit proposals from Geomatrix, Clearwater Revival, and Neathery Environmental Services for the Zone 2 and 3 CMS TAPP report. The subcommittee agreed to solicit all three providers.

A TRS member asked if the contract would be awarded to the low bidder. Mr. Tijerina briefly described the Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) process and explained that, based on BPA rules, contracts are not always awarded to the lowest bidder. Award of a BPA contract can be rotated among any of the three contractors.

Mr. Tijerina provided an overview of the SOO and asked the TRS members to review it thoroughly and decide if any changes were required. Mr. Tijerina suggested the TRS conduct this review for 10 to 15 minutes in order to discuss issues and make a decision concerning the content of the SOO. After a short time of deliberation, the TRS decided not to alter the SOO. The subcommittee also decided to solicit the three providers mentioned above.

Mr. Mark Weegar asked if the new TAPP contract was already awarded to the University of Maryland. Mr. Tijerina responded that it had been previously awarded to the University of Maryland, but that no new funds had been awarded. Mr. Ploetz inquired about the amount of the TAPP grant to the RAB. Mr. Tijerina stated the maximum grant was \$100,000, and

approximately \$22,000 remained in the account. Mr. Ryan explained that the TAPP was an award that was funded through the Department of Defense (DOD) to help community groups study cleanup issues. He added that the Kelly RAB had already spent approximately \$78,000.00 on third-party oversight studies.

Mr. Weegar asked if the other TAPP contractors had the same expertise as the University of Maryland to provide review. Mr. Ryan stated that the other contractors had been selected by the RAB and that the reason the University of Maryland has been chosen was due to the contractor's group's expertise in health issues.

Mr. Ploetz asked if TAPP contractors could engage subcontractors to assist in conducting TAPP reviews and, if so, did any mechanisms exist to ensure the soundness of their work. Dr. Lené stated that the results from TAPP contractors have thus far been favorable. Mr. Ryan said that the upcoming TAPP work consisted of items that the RAB had already selected. Mr. Ploetz stated he wanted the RAB to be notified before TAPP contractors engage the services of any subcontractors.

Mr. Sergio Rodriguez asked if there were sufficient funds to conduct reviews, and what other funding options existed. Mr. Tijerina said a waiver could be requested for additional TAPP funds. Mr. Murrah added that the waiver would only work when all the funds had been exhausted. Dr. Lené suggested that the AFRPA compile a list of previous TAPP projects and awards. Mr. Rodriguez asked who would provide any additional funds in the event they might be needed. Ms. Vanessa Musgrave explained that TAPP funds and waivers must be approved through several levels of the Air Force; a waiver is granted only for a specific project and a specific dollar amount. Multiple requests for waivers can be prepared for multiple projects as needed. The TRS approved the scope of work for TAPP contractors. Mr. Eddie Martinez advised the TRS that the next step would be to submit a request for proposals to TAPP contractors.

**Administrative
BCT Update
William Ryan**

Mr. Ryan described the BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) meeting process as a forum in which state environmental regulators and the Air Force gather to discuss base closure issues. He said that today's BCT meeting dealt with the Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) for parcels to be deeded to the GKDA. He said the Calgary Units and the Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) club area comprise the parcels, which will be transferred next. Mr. Ryan said that in each case, the parcels had to be fully cleaned prior to transfer and that the AFRPA was still waiting for final approval. He added that the AFRPA was also investigating two additional parcels.

Mr. Ryan advised the TRS that AFRPA had recently received comments from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) concerning the Zone 5 Corrective Measures Study (CMS). He stated that Zone 2 and 3 activities include remediating Site D-10, which consisted of an acid tar pit. Mr. Ryan said the site was under excavation and that sample results were being taken. He also said that Site E-1 work would begin soon and that Building 360 and 301 would see a PRB installed in March.

Mr. Ryan added that in Zone 5, in 34th Street north of Growdon Road, 30 borings over 900 feet were being taken to collect design data for an eventual PRB installation project in the area later this year. He added that Zone 4 soil borings are also being gathered to help with design data for remedial actions there. Mr. Ryan concluded saying that if there were any questions he would be willing to answer them.

Spill Report **Dr. Gene Lené**

There were no spills reported

Semi Annual Compliance Plan **Mr. William Ryan**

Mr. Ryan said that the Semi-Annual Compliance Plan identifies reporting requirements and operation of remedial systems. This plan constitutes a comprehensive report the Air Force uses to describe operations at Kelly. He added that the plan is one document that contains a tremendous amount of information. Ms. Musgrave added that the documents were also available at the Kelly library or at the Central Library in the Government Documents Section.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that if the RAB members could get copies of correspondence between the regulators and AFRPA. Mr. Weegar replied that upon the completion of a given review, the TCEQ copies the RAB Co-Chair, who then is responsible for disseminating the information to RAB members who request it. Mr. Ryan said the question was not new and that the previous existing agreement among RAB members was to provide the information in a common location, hence the establishment of three Kelly information repositories. Mr. Weegar stated that the RAB needed to obtain documents by contacting the RAB Co-Chair, as in the process established previously. He added that by providing it to the RAB Co-Chair, it was provided to the RAB. Ms. Musgrave asked what sort of materials the RAB wanted to review. Ms. Peña said that new RAB members would not necessarily know to ask specific questions. She also asked if there was a reference sheet or an index of reports. Mr. Martinez said that this material existed and that it could be added to the materials packet that the new RAB members would be provided in their orientation. Ms. Musgrave also indicated that more information would soon be available on the Kelly Web site.

Mr. Rodriguez asked if TAPP monies could be used to hire a RAB member to perform additional oversight. Ms. Musgrave stated that TAPP funds could not be used for new research, but rather perform review existing documents. Mr. Martinez added that the TAPP already provided for this.

TRS Action Items

- Draft a summary of past and proposed future TAPP contract projects
- Request that TAPP contractors notify the RAB before to engaging any subcontractors
- Designate The University of Maryland as the TAPP contractor to review the past air emissions study

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.