

## MEETING MINUTES

### KELLY AFB TECHNICAL REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE (TRS) TO THE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)

12 February 2002  
SAMHD Health and Wellness Center  
Dr. Gene Lené, TRS Community Co-chair

#### **Attendees**

Dr. Gene Lené, Community Co-chair  
Dr. David Smith, Facilitator  
Mr. William Ryan, AFBCA  
Mr. Dan Zatopek, AFBCA  
Ms. Rhonda Hampton, AFBCA  
Mr. Doug Karas, AFBCA  
Mr. Larry Bowman, Community Member  
Mr. Sam Murrah, Community Member  
Mr. Nazarite Perez, Community Member  
Mr. Armando Quintanilla, Community Member  
Mr. Robert Silvas, Community Member  
Mr. George Rice, Community Member  
Ms. Katherine Ramos, Community Member (alternate for Mr. Quintanilla)  
Mr. Nicholas Rodriguez, Community Member  
Mr. Mark Weegar, TNRCC  
Ms. Abbi Power, TNRCC (alternate for Mr. Weegar)  
Ms. Linda Kaufman, SAMHD  
Ms. Kyle Cunningham, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) (alternate for Sam Sanchez)  
Mr. Jeff Neathery, Neathery Environmental Services  
Mr. David Fleming, Thermal Remediation Services, Inc.  
Mr. Jim Cleary, CH2M Hill  
Ms. Lynn Myrick, Booz Allen Hamilton (Booz Allen)  
Mr. Eddie Martinez, Booz Allen  
Mr. Hugh Farr, Booz Allen  
Mr. Scott Courtney, Booz Allen

**I. Introduction:** The meeting began at 6:34 p.m.

Mr. Quintanilla asked when Dr. Katherine Squibb would be returning. Dr. Gene Lené indicated that Dr. Squibb would return this March for the next TRS meeting at which time she would deliver a draft Technical Assistance TAPP report on Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). Ms. Lynn Myrick indicated that January TRS meeting minutes have been compiled but are still awaiting approval. They will be in the February RAB materials package on the 19<sup>th</sup>, next Tuesday.

**II. TAPP Report:** During the presentation, Mr. Quintanilla asked about contamination appearing to flow upgradient. Mr. Ryan explained that contaminants could spread in the vadose zone without regard to ground water flow direction. Mr. Sam Murrah asked if the report examined estimates of the cleanup time. Mr. Neathery responded that the modeling time was based on a 55-year model and that the model matched the conditions of the area covered in the report. Mr. Neathery ended his presentation by adding that the most reasonable recommendation made were continuous monitoring, although no conclusions were reached.

Mr. Quintanilla also asked if MW-125 was considered on base since the source is off site. Mr. Neathery and Mr. Ryan both replied that yes the site was on base. Mr. Quintanilla also asked if the refineries north of MW-125 were where the contamination was located despite the fact that the water flow is east. Mr. Ryan responded by saying that contaminants move through the soil and that this had been determined by testing of soils at Tropicana and the base boundary. Mr. Neathery added that groundwater flow for varying reasons, including drought and the changes of season.

Following the presentation, Mr. Quntanilla and Mr. Malone had questions about potential off-site sources of contamination. Mr. Neathery responded by saying there was no discussion of the off-site sources in the report. Mr. Weegar explained that the Air Force was looking for sources of contamination and in the process located other potential non-Kelly sources such as Tropicana and R&H Oil. If the Air Force can provide a specific source, The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) can force the responsible party to address the issue. However, if contaminants from off-site sources have commingled with the Air Force plume, the Air Force will address the cleanup of those contaminants. Mr. Weegar did however add that some contaminants have no apparent Air Force source.

Mr. Quintanilla questioned Mr. Weegar regarding Dense Non-aqueous Phase Liquids (DNAPLs). Mr. Weegar explained that DNAPLs sink to the bottom of water and follow old paleochannels and that the term refers to free phase product found at the site. Site MP is contained in slurry wall and that only the dissolved phase plume is past that wall. The source of the contamination is contained by a slurry wall and is not contributing to the larger plume. Plume contaminants that are offsite are materials had migrated before the installation of the slurry wall.

Mr. Quintanilla asked about two unauthorized landfills in the area of Highway 90 and Zarzamora. Mr. Quintanilla said he did not recall those two landfills. Ms. Power's explained that that term refers to any dumpsite that is not officially authorized or recognized. She added that it could be an empty lot where the community placed unusable items. Information associated with these findings came from the Alamo Area Council of Governments (ACOG) database. These sites are on maps located in Volume 3. Mr. Neathery stated that the report did not go into detail, but simply mentioned the sites. Mr. Weegar added that the contractor used many databases to identify sites that could be potential sources of contamination.

Mr. Quintanilla mentioned our editorial correction to Mr. Neathery's report.

### **III. Thermally Enhanced SVE Briefing**

Ms. Rhonda Hampton announced the public information period for next week. Two of those sites have Thermally Enhanced technology proposed.

Mr. Fleming of Thermal Remediation Services, Inc. gave a presentation entitled, Electrical Resistance Heating.

**IV. Charter Review Subcommittee Update:** Mr. Larry Bowman, Mr. Armando Quintanilla and Mr. George Rice have volunteered to be on the Charter Review Subcommittee. This charter review will follow an aggressive schedule, and the committee will prepare recommendations for the April RAB. Mr. Rice asked what changes were being proposed for the RAB Charter. Mr. Karas replied that first he envisioned a general review of the charter followed by some needed clarification of the election language. Mr. Karas later asked for volunteers willing to participate in the charter review subcommittee. Mr. Rice volunteered. Mr. Karas said that he believed the subcommittee should expect to meet by late February or early March timeframe. Mr. Quintanilla asked that since AFBCA would have an attorney present, could he also have an attorney. Mr. Quintanilla expressed his feeling that the community would be at a disadvantage without legal counsel present. Mr. Karas replied that if Mr. Quintanilla wanted legal counsel present during the meeting, that that would be fine. Ms. Katherine Ramos volunteered to be present at the RAB Charter Review Subcommittee meeting, however she never acknowledged if she herself was legal counsel in some capacity.

### **V. Administrative**

- A. BCT Meeting Update No BCT meeting was held today. There was a BCT last month on 15 January. The BCT included comments from the TNRCC and EPA on the 2001 Semiannual Compliance Plan. Air Force responses were submitted this week.
- B. Spill Summary Report: There was a Groundwater Treatment Plant (GWTP) spill in late November. The Air Force tested water and soils. The AFBCA notified the state, which determined that no further actions were needed.
- C. Documents Delivered to TRS: Provided to Dr. Lené.
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- D. Action Items. Mr. Quintanilla requested that a briefing on the Zephyr report be given to the RAB. He requested that the City of San Antonio or Zephyr provide this information. Mr. Quintanilla expressed interest in learning more about the relationship between Zephyr and the City of San Antonio.
- E. Agenda/ Location/Date Time The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Squibb's report will be presented at the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.