

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

28 May 2002

San Antonio Metropolitan Environmental Health and Wellness Center

Attendees

Dr. Gene Lené, Community Co-Chair
Ms. Katherine Ramos, Community RAB Alternate
Ms. Esmeralda Galvan, Community RAB Member
Mr. Doug Karas, Air Force Base Conversion Agency (AFBCA)
Ms. Rhonda Hampton, AFBCA
Mr. Charlie Mathews, AFBCA
Mr. William Ryan, AFBCA
Mr. Mark Hemingway, Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Contractor
Ms. Graciela Fernandez, Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence (AFCEE)
Mr. Keith Matowitz, AFCEE
Mr. Scott Lampright, Bexar County Fire Marshall – Environmental Management
Ms. Abigail Powers, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC)
Mr. Mike Chapa, Roy F. Weston Inc.
Ms. Kyle Cunningham, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD)
Ms. Deborah Martinez, SAMHD
Ms. Blanca Hernandez, SAMHD
Mr. Curtis Pearson, SAMHD
Ms. Olivia J. Armentu, Community Member
Ms. Sofia A. Reyna, Community Member
Mr. Jim Clay, Community Member
Mr. Eddie Martinez, Booz Allen Hamilton (Booz Allen)
Mr. Tim Sueltenfuss, Booz Allen
Mr. Hugh Farr, Booz Allen
Dr. David Smith, Smith & Associates (Facilitator)

The meeting began at 6:54 p.m.

Administrative

Dr. David Smith welcomed the TRS members and outlined the agenda for the evening's meeting. Mr. Eddie Martinez addressed the status of the April 16 RAB meeting minutes and said they would be sent out to RAB members soon. Dr. Gene Lené then began to discuss with the TRS members their preferences concerning upcoming presentations of reports and RAB budgetary issues. He asked if anyone on the TRS would like to address Mr. Mark Hemingway with any specific items that they would like addressed in his forthcoming presentation. Mr. Armando Quintanilla stated that he wanted Mr. Hemingway's presentation to be easily understandable to the layperson. He also said the

presentation needed to be independent, and include findings and recommendations. Dr. Lené added that the purpose of the report is to provide an independent review from outside the Air Force to determine if any information has been omitted.

Dr. Lené asked Mr. Hemingway to remind the TRS where Zone 5 is located. Mr. Hemingway responded by saying that Zone 5 referred to the majority of Kelly, and that Zone 4 is also known as East Kelly. Mr. Hemingway explained that the Draft Corrective Measures Studies (CMSs) are formally performed evaluation instruments that take the widest selection of possible cleanup methods for addressing environmental concerns by utilizing the same standard criteria. Mr. Hemingway also said that the CMS examines each measure individually with the goal of providing the most informed judgement on the cleanup options involved. He continued by saying that the CMS process also seeks to determine cleanup and cost effectiveness, as well as ensure that the applicable regulatory requirements have been met.

Dr. Smith asked the TRS members if they wanted to maximize the effectiveness of Mr. Hemingway's effort by having him review both Zone 4 and Zone 5. Dr. Lené then stated that the TRS agreed that both the Zone 4 CMS Draft Final and the Zone 5 CMS Draft Final would be reviewed concurrently under two separate contracts. Mr. Patrick Lynch, with Clearwater Revival, stated that he would be producing a review of the Site MP Remedial Feasibility Investigation Draft Final and would have it by August 27, 2002, for distribution to the RAB members. He added that by the September 10, 2002 TRS meeting, he would make a preliminary presentation of the review and take questions.

Mr. Quintanilla asked Mr. Hemingway what constituted the remedy selection process. Mr. Hemingway said the criteria follows good science, is sensible, and ensures that all the remedies are evaluated accordingly. Mr. Quintanilla asked if the cleanup of Zone 5 evaluated the remedial alternatives to determine if they were all appropriate. Mr. Hemingway said yes, but that his presentation would characterize a variety of options.

In an attempt to capture a schedule of upcoming presentations, Dr. Lené outlined the forthcoming schedule for Mr. Hemingway and Mr. Lynch. Mr. Hemingway's schedule is as follows.

- July 15, 2002: Draft reviews of both the Zone 4 and Zone 5 Draft Final CMS.
- August 13, 2002: Draft preliminary presentation of both reviews will be due to the members of the RAB.
- October 1, 2002: Final versions of both reviews will be due to members of the RAB.
- October 15, 2002: Final presentation of both reviews at October RAB meeting.

Dr. Lené also outlined Mr. Lynch's reporting schedule. Mr. Lynch's schedule is as follows.

- August 27, 2002: Draft version of the review will be due for distribution to members of the RAB.
- September 10, 2002: Preliminary presentation of review at TRS meeting (questions from TRS members regarding the review will be forwarded to Mr. Lynch at that time).

- October 29, 2002: Final version of the review will be due for distribution to the RAB.
- November 12, 2002: Final presentation of the review will be made at a special RAB meeting.

Ms. Abigail Powers interjected that she feared that so many reports might be too much for one meeting. Mr. Quintanilla responded by saying that he felt the TRS would be able to absorb the reporting schedule. He also added that the TRS felt sooner was better than later, and that he feared too much time would be wasted if the reports were delayed. Mr. Quintanilla suggested that the RAB elections would be the most appropriate time to hear all remaining reports. Mr. Keith Matowitz introduced himself to the TRS and said he was taking over for Mr. Dan Zatopek.

Mr. Quintanilla stated that the slurry wall was not working. Mr. Ryan stated that the slurry wall at Site MP is working. He added that it was installed as an interim action and that the monitoring wells installed there were also working.

Mr. Doug Karas proposed that an extra RAB be conducted instead of a TRS in November to accommodate the presentation of reports. Mr. Quintanilla said he thought the RAB Charter Review Subcommittee could deliver its final report at the same time as elections. Mr. Karas also spoke to the TRS about the reports that are scheduled for release and asked the TRS to provide input concerning what the TAPP contractors should review in the future. Mr. Quintanilla stated he wanted the TRS to apply for a waiver. Mr. Karas said that would be done. Mr. Karas added that the Agency For Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is scheduled to release a study on air emissions, and the Corrective Measures Inventory (CMI) workplans on Zone 4 and Zone 5 should come out next year. He added that the SAMHD was also scheduled to release the findings of the fruit and nut study later this summer. Mr. Curtis Pearson from SAMHD added that the fruit and nut study had been contracted out to Dr. Casey Donnelly. Mr. Quintanilla then asked how long the presentation was. Mr. Pearson said the presentation was only 15 minutes long. Mr. Pearson reminded the TRS that Dr. Donnelly would be giving his final report later this summer. Ms. Esmeralda Galvan then asked if the RAB could request more testing. Mr. Pearson replied yes. Mr. Karas then asked the TRS if they wanted to use TAPP monies to review more reports. He added that both Zone 2 and Zone 3 CMSs were also due out soon. Mr. Quintanilla stated he wanted a review of the air emission study to be done because the TRS has not heard these presentations and they are very important.

Charter Review Subcommittee Meeting

Mr. Karas announced that the charter review subcommittee reports would be mailed out to community members for dissemination and comment. He said he hoped all would be pleased with the progress that has been made. Mr. Karas concluded by saying that the RAB would have an opportunity to vote on the new charter. Dr. Smith asked the TRS to review and comment on the document as quickly as possible so that all the changes can be integrated to facilitate a vote on the charter. Ms. Katherine Ramos encouraged the TRS to carefully examine the charter to see if each of the concerns had been fully

addressed within the document. Dr. Smith said that track changes would be left in the document so that changes can be made more easily.

Delivery of Documents

Mr. Martinez said the documents concerning the Zone 4 CMS would be available in the information repository at the Environmental Health and Wellness Center (EHWC). He said the hazard ranking system and the fuel spill response from Boeing would also be available in the information repository.

Action Items

The risk-based numbering system used by the ATSDR is included in the TRS packet.

Community Comment

Mr. Quintanilla addressed his concern that the work performed on Site S-4 was ineffective at reducing contamination levels. He stated that during the Site S-4 construction, the city installed a storm water culvert, which is similar to putting a dam in the middle of a lake. Ms. Galvan asked if the construction activities at Site S-4 were similar to those on Nogalitos Street. Mr. Ryan stated no, and added that the AFBCA had no activity on that property. Mr. Quintanilla stated that his only concern was that the digging of the trench within the community would disturb residents. He asked why the AFBCA did not do it right the first time.

Mr. Pearson said there was some confusion with regard to SAMHD's involvement in the cleanup activities. He explained that the Public Center for Environmental Health (PCEH) is the policy arm for the Health Department. He said that the EHWC answers the concerns of the community directly and is administered by Ms. Linda Kauffman, an environmental health nurse. He said she sees individuals in the community and performs environmental health screenings for the community. Mr. Pearson said that his boss, Mr. Sam Sanchez, and the SAMHD are pleased to be a part of the cleanup effort. Ms. Galvan said she did not believe the center was very sincere. She said the center does no advertising of its services. Mr. Quintanilla added that the Air Force did not provide enough money to the PCEH to perform adequate community outreach. Ms. Kauffman said that Ms. Tanya Huerta, a RAB member, was administering an environmental justice grant that was designed to publicize the center's mission and role. Mr. Quintanilla and Ms. Galvan said they both have little faith in the AFBCA's willingness to help the community.

The February 12, 2002 TRS meeting minutes were approved. The next TRS meeting is scheduled for 11 June, 2002. Mr. Quintanilla stated that he wanted to hear what had become of the Community Involvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Tim Sueltenfuss responded by saying that the AFBCA was currently in the process of updating the CIP. He added that the AFBCA had just completed five focus groups comprised of members of the community and RAB members. Mr. Sueltenfuss said many suggestions had emerged out of the focus group sessions. He said the AFBCA is in the process of conducting

interviews to augment information gathered via the focus group participants. Mr. Sueltenfuss added that a focus group and interview debrief session will occur July 10, 2002, to share results and allow participants to ask questions. He stated that this would complete one portion of the CIP, which is tentatively scheduled for completion by the end of the year. Mr. Sueltenfuss stressed that it was too early to make any recommendations.

Mr. Pearson asked if the TRS wanted to have a full hour to view the posters. He recommended that the poster viewing time should be reduced to half an hour to keep the meeting on schedule.

Dr Lené asked if an updated RAB member list was available. Mr. Martinez said that the updated member list does exist and that a copy would be forwarded to Dr. Lené. Mr. Quintanilla asked if letters had been sent to RAB members that have repeatedly been absent from scheduled meetings. He stated that this was an issue that the RAB would soon have to address.

Mr. Eddie Martinez stated that the TRS meeting times would revert to their original schedule. The only change this time, he said, was due to the public comment period on Zone 4.

Ms. Galvan asked if air monitoring would continue into the summer. She added that she thought it should continue. She said it is important that soil monitoring be conducted throughout the summer. She added that she knew of children that had smelled the air and had fainted as a result. Mr. Ryan said soil gas monitoring would continue during the summer. The decision to conduct monitoring over the summer was made in February and it would happen based upon that recommendation

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.