

U.S. Army Fort Monmouth
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Meeting Minutes
October 02, 2014

The Quarterly RAB meeting was held at Building 455 at Fort Monmouth, Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, New Jersey.

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Wanda Green (Army Co-Chair). Ms. Green led the meeting members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RAB Members Present:

Wanda Green, (Army Co-Chair)
Linda Range, NJDEP Case Manager
Brian Charnick, Eatontown Representative
Edward Dlugosz, Eatontown Representative
Frank Owens, Tinton Falls Representative
Frank Barricelli, Oceanport Representative
Richard Gruskos, Oceanport Representative
Joel Grimm, Monmouth County Health Dept.

Ms. Green acknowledges Mr. Allen will not be in attendance for today's meeting and she will be serving as Chair for the meeting.

Comments on old business:

Meeting minutes from July 10th, 2014:

Ms. Green requested everyone read and provide comments on minutes.

- Mr. Barricelli directs the board to page 1. Requests revision to James Allen's position to "Community" Co-chair.
- Mr. Dlugosz mentions having numerous comments and would like to postpone approving until he has had a chance to read the transcript of the proceedings. Some of the items don't coincide with his memory. There were a couple items also to be added following his Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request in regards to a presentation discussed.
- Mr. Charnick mentions there were changes made to the minutes by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) since the last meeting and was not aware changes could be made between meetings. Ms. Green reminds the board the minutes are sent out for the purpose of review and comments.
- Mr. Charnick was reviewing some of Mr. Motter's key points. There were some conclusions made regarding the Monmouth County 20 Lakes Study and conclusion where he said the lake is within standards. NJDEP mentioned the County study and graph was improperly done because the contaminants were added together which was incorrect and the conclusion was Wampum Lake is not any worse off than any of the

other lakes within the study. That statement doesn't seem to be in the notes along with several other items of importance. I would like to add a sentence to the minutes that discusses this.

- Ms. Range does not recall the way Mr. Motter phrased it.
- Mr. Dlugosz agrees but would still like to table the minutes from last meeting.
- Mr. Gruskos would like to receive a copy of the amended 20 Lakes Study from Monmouth County.
- Mr. Grimm mentions there are no plans to amend the report. The original report is on the website.
- Mr. Barricelli mentions the corrections to the data errors were made but no corrections to graphical depictions. The inclusion of the hydrocarbons with the metals was the real issue; creating higher results than were there. The contamination of Wampum Lake was consistent with the other 20 urban lakes in the report.
- Ms. Green – I will send the transcript and the minutes will be amended.

Ms. Green agrees to table approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

Parsons Presentations:

Overview of FTMM-04 RI/FS Report - Parsons; Mr. Paul Feshbach-Meriney

Questions:

- Mr. Dlugosz – In general are Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) standards which are mentioned; are they less stringent than NJDEP Standards?
- Mr. Feshbach-Meriney – I would answer that by saying they are different not more stringent. CERCLA allows you to perform a risk assessment specific to the site along with its own set of assumptions. NJDEP standards are not site-specific they are general standards for sites across the state of New Jersey.
- Mr. Gruskos – On slide 13 it mentions vegetated cover, does this include trees?
- Mr. Feshbach-Meriney – I believe there are no trees being proposed.
- Mr. Gruskos – Can this property be used for residential use or just free open space?
- Mr. Feshbach-Meriney – The property is slated for passive open space use. So no residential or agriculture.
- Mr. Barricelli – I believe FTMM-04 goes into North Drive, unlike how it is depicted on the figure because there is a 10 foot patch across the road, and when they dug that area up old bottles and such were discovered.
- Mr. Dlugosz – That could also be from FTMM-03.
- Mr. Gruskos – Will the stream bank stabilization remain in place and will the surface just be grassy vegetation?
- Ms. Green – Presentations will be given on the site restoration for each landfill to discuss the plan with the board and allow time for comments.
- Mr. Barricelli – How much vegetation was disturbed during the stream bank restoration? Is there enough native vegetation left that we could get someone from our town well versed in this type of thing, and get a tour set up to have a better forum for discussion?

- Ms. Green – The stabilization has not been disturbed. If you would like a tour of the areas, you may put in a request.
- Mr. Gruskos – Might be beneficial to wait for the fall and the foliage to drop. To Linda Range – Have you reviewed the report and do you have comments ?
- Ms. Range – I have reviewed it and have very little comments. I am waiting back to hear from a couple other bureaus on comments. There were a lot of samples collected from the site, well over the required amount so it provided answers to a lot of our questions.
- Mr. Dlugosz – In the past there was trenching performed, was trenching done as part of this task?
- Mr. Feshbach-Meriney – No, not since 2008.

**Addendum 1 ECP Report – Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Investigation Report – Parsons;
Mr. Rich Simun**

Questions:

- Mr. Dlugosz – The first slide on the Summary of Findings mentioned potentially 376 demolished buildings with potential underground heating oil tanks (UHOTs).
- Mr. Simun – We believe there are 376 building locations with potential for UHOTs at this point in time
- Mr. Dlugosz – Over what period of time will it be determined if they are UHOTs?
- Ms. Green – According to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) legal office we are not required to remove the UHOTs in accordance with CERCLA law or investigation them.
- Mr. Dlugosz – If I had a UHOT in my yard, NJDEP would require me to remove it. Is that not true with the assumption it is leaking?
- Ms. Range – If we know there is a discharge, you are required to address the discharge.
- Mr. Dlugosz – So are we not going to drill or investigate, we are just going to say these do not require any further investigation?
- Ms. Green – That is correct. Our BRAC office is saying we are not required to investigate since there is no evidence of a leaking tank.
- Mr. Barricelli – At this point then the two members of this board who are on the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority (FMERA), you should be prepared to ask FMERA what they plan to do. You as FMERA should be likely dealing with this not this RAB board.
- Mr. Gruskos – FMERA may not want the property or it could affect the selling price. Will FMERA have access to this information to do their own due diligence?
- Ms. Green – Yes the UHOT information is part of the public record and can be found on the website.
- Mr. Dlugosz – I know Eatontown does not smile upon leaving underground storage tanks (USTs) abandoned in place. We had this issue in 2008 and 2009 when we obtained the magnetic findings with 24 USTs found. They were asked to leave in the ground and that decision was overturned.

- Ms. Green – There was originally 24, but 25 were later found. They were removed under Installation Management Command (IMCOM) because Fort Monmouth Garrison also wanted to remove the tanks. BRAC didn't really have authority over the installation until after September 15th, 2011. So the IMCOM commander said he would perform the removal.
- Mr. Dlugosz – This lack of termination of the tanks seems counter-productive towards selling the sites. It would provide the best return on the properties to remove them. So Linda – how do you relate to this decision?
- Ms. Range – Obviously it is not ideal for NJDEP, but it is understood BRAC follows CERCLA and they do not regulate UHOTs and do not have funds for such a program. NJDEP does not have the regulations to be involved if there is no evidence of a discharge. We can hope this is a pessimistic number and there are less tanks than suspected.
- Ms. Green – The numbers of possible tanks came from old maps and white cards which provide details on every building on-site. Heating sources, year built, etc were referenced on the cards. This led to several areas where old barracks were identified. Fiberglass tanks were removed from this area; however steel tanks would have been associated with these older barracks. Geophysical surveys were conducted with Enviroscan in several areas of the site; however tanks were not found. The installation went out with metal detectors and located the tanks, which were then removed.

Discuss new business – Ms. Green:

Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Program up-date:

- We are continuing to move forward and look at the risk assessment for the site. Reports are currently in review. We do not have another remedial investigation/feasibility study for review at the moment.

Round Table Discussion – Ms. Green:

- Mr. Barricelli – Regarding having town folk to come at look at the landfill ecological growth, how should we coordinate that?
- Ms. Green – Send me an email and we will get it scheduled for after the leaves drop.
- Mr. Barricelli - We want to get the right people to show up by giving them enough time.
- Mr. Dlugosz – During Mr. Barricelli's presentation of Metallurgy Industries last meeting I did not see the levels of contamination you mentioned.
- Mr. Barricelli – Most of the data was related to the cleanup activities. I did not see any readable evidence of measurements in the stream when they were dumping, only during remediation later on.
- Mr. Dlugosz – Most of this information seems anecdotal. Is this just a summary of what is there that is just what was in the box?
- Mr. Barricelli – What I found is listed verbatim using a scanner. You are free to review the documents and borrow the scanner when you visit Trenton during an OPRA request.

2015 Meeting Schedule – Ms. Green

- The following meeting schedule was confirmed by the RAB:
 - Thursday, January 8th 2015
 - Thursday, April 2nd, 2015
 - Thursday July 9th, 2015
 - Thursday, October 1st, 2015
- Ms. Green – Please respond to the e-mail I send letting me know if you cannot attend to ensure we have a quorum for votes.

Public Comments/Questions

Sara Breslow: (Redacted - Privacy Act):

- NJDEP and Mr. Barricelli's presentation was a pre-planned ambush to discredit previous presentations. Mr. Barricelli's presentation was hidden under the guise of a round table discussion which it was not. Congress Smith's rep was the recipient of the dog and pony show put together by Mayor Tarentola, Mr. Charnick, and Mr. Dlugosz. There are several heavy metals in Wampum Lake not associated with Metallurgy Industries.
- Mr. Charnick makes the motion
- Mr. Dlugosz seconds the motion

At 9:47 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Ms. Green.

Meeting notes taken by A. Kriney of Parsons on behalf of the RAB.

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October 2, 2014 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order – Jim Allen

 2. Comments old business – Jim Allen
 - Discuss July 10, 2014 meeting minutes.

 3. Presentation Parsons –
 - Fort Monmouth ECP Addendum 1 – Unregulated Heating Oil Tank (UHOT) – Mr. Rich Simun
 - RI/FS FTMM -04 Landfill – Mr. Paul Fesheachmeriney

 4. Discuss IRP Status – Wanda Green




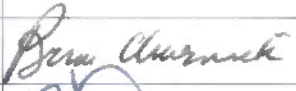



 5. Round table discussion – Jim Allen

 6. Discuss 2015 meeting schedule. – Jim Allen
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- *** Please note, RAB meeting announcements will continue to be forward to the media for news release. See website - <http://www.pica.army.mil/FtMonmouth/>.
The Army will not send personal emails to the public for notification of the meetings.
7. Public comments/questions. – Jim Allen
 - *** Please limit all comments and questions to five (5) minutes per public member.

 8. Meeting adjourned. – Jim Allen

2014 Fort Monmouth Restoration Advisory Board

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