

**U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Monmouth
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
MINUTES
July 9, 2009 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order on July 9, 2009, by Wanda Green at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Joe Fallon, Joel Grimm (for William Simmons), Tim Rider, James Allen, Rosemary Brewer, Edward J. Dlugosz, Frank Barricelli, and Brian Charnick. Larry Quinn, Dan Levine, Dianne Crilly, and Jim Modlin were absent.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes from April 1, 2009 were approved by the board.

NEW BUSINESS

Wanda Green reviewed the operating procedures for the RAB meeting to ensure that the board is in line with the mission. Ms. Green stated that RAB members are to contact Mr. Jim Allen, the Community Co-Chair, to submit agenda items to be considered for the next meeting.

Jeff Gaul from Princeton Hydro, presented the Stream Bank Stabilization update. Mr. Gaul discussed the overall goals of the project, the design approach, permits issued and the construction progress to date for the stream bank areas of M3, M4, M8, and M12. Mr. Gaul also presented photos depicting the 1999 biologic failure of the previous soft stabilization approach for these areas. Mr Gaul demonstrated the status of the existing rip-rap stabilization at the M2 Landfill stream bank. A handout of the presentation was distributed. There were a few corrections needed to be made to the handouts. Ms. Green will distribute an update of the handouts at the next RAB meeting.

Harold Hornung from Tecom Vinnell Services presented an update of the Unregulated Heating Oil Tanks (UHOT) and Underground Storage Tank (UST) removals.

Parcel #14 - No tanks were found.

Parcel #28 – One 550 gallon steel UHOT was removed. No contamination was found in the excavation.

Building 556 – No tanks were found. A concrete vault with a steel lid was found. This part of an abandoned natural gas distribution system. A test pit was investigation in the parking lot. No tank was found in the test pit. An additional test pit was installed to look for fuel lines. No pipes were found.

Building 1203 – Removed the tank and replaced it with an Above Ground Tank (AST).

Parcel #51- Removed two leaking tanks. Currently removing contaminated soil and sampling the area. Will backfill with clean soil. Will continue to investigate the remaining suspected tank sites.

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ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Ed Dlugosz inquired when will the Army finish reviewing the Environmental Assessment (EA) public comments and how will the decision of a FNSI or EIS be presented. Ms. Green stated that there were several public comments presented and the Army is still reviewing the comments. Ms. Green briefly described the process of the EA in accordance with 40 CFR 1500-1508 and 32 CFR 651. The Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs) gives the definition, process and the requirements of the contents of the report. Rosemary Brewer asked if the RAB will be informed of the status for the remaining tanks. Ms. Green stated that she will keep the board informed and will have a presentation given at the RAB meetings until all of the areas have been investigated.

Mr. Dlugosz asked when will we see the 2nd phase landfill capping plans. Ms. Green stated that the installation is continuing to seek approval and funding for the landfill capping project, which would include funding for the design phase. No further information is known at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Thomas Menapace asked, what are the work hours for the stabilization project, because has a problem with the loud construction equipment making noise very early in the morning. Joe Fallon stated that the work should not start before 7:00 AM. Mr. Menapace stated that the work has started before 7:00 AM. Mr. Fallon said that he will make sure that that does not happen again. Mr. Gus Fingado also expressed his concerns regarding the lack of notification to the residents prior to the start of the stabilization construction.

Robert Ward stated that he could not get his kayak out of the creek because of stabilization container barrier. Mr. Ward asked when will the barrier be removed. Mr. Gaul stated that the barrier will remain until the projects is complete in approximately 2 to 3 months.

Mr. John Sheild stated his objection of changing the name of the Streambank Stabilization project name from the Landfill Stabilization project, which was on the original permit. He also objected to the removal of the Birdsall's comments from the agenda.

Ms. Green announced the next RAB Meeting for October 7, 2009 in Gibbs Hall at 7:00PM.

The meeting was adjourned.