

**Former Walker Air Force Base  
Restoration Advisory Board  
18 April 2002**

**RAB Members Present:**

Kathleen Aisling	EPA
Ron Courts	City of Roswell
Kay Havenor	Local Geologist, Co-Chair
David Henry	USACE, Project Geologist
Julie Jacobs	NM Environment Department
Leroy Lang	NM Farm Bureau
Ethel Logan	Citizen, Y-O Acres
Joe Sedillo	ENMU-R

**RAB Members Absent:**

Eva Gomez	Citizen
Steve Harris	Chavez County
Ken Hirst	NM National Guard
Kerry Hunter	Citizen
Raymond Prescott	Citizen
Mary Kay Samples	Citizen
Dick Smith	Citizen

**Facilitator:**

Jim Morris	Tecumseh Professional Associates, Inc.
Jeanette Miller	Note Taker

**Guests Present:**

Brent Bullock	Citizen
John Forslund	USACE, Tulsa District
Cecilia V. Horner	Civil Engineer, USACE
Frank McStay, Jr.	USACE, Southwestern Division
Morgan Nelson	Citizen

The RAB meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

**MEETING SUMMARY REVIEW – JANUARY 17, 2002**

David Henry explained that the new facilitation contractor is Tecumseh Professional Associates, Inc. He asked members present to review, and comment on minutes from the January 17, 2002 RAB meeting. Minutes will be finalized and posted after receipt of comments.

## **UPDATES**

### **U S Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District – John Forslund**

John Forslund presented an update of activities by the Tulsa District, USACE. The following is a summary of that update and relevant discussions.

As a follow up from the last meeting, relative to responsible parties, Tulsa District has contracted with a firm that will conduct the site operation operational history (SOOH) investigation.

Negotiations are underway with the City of Roswell to amend the cost sharing agreement to have the city install two more monitoring wells near the east corner of Hanger 58. The agreement is being modified to authorize payment for installation of the additional wells, to be installed by Adkins Engineering.

Although new areas with high levels of contaminants have been located, no additional types of contaminants have been detected.

Julie Jacobs asked that this remediation investigation be coordinated with the regulatory agencies to obtain “buy in” on the work plan for the new monitor wells prior to the work being done. Kathleen Aisling felt that regulatory coordination should be through NMED, but asked that she be copied with the work plan, and technical data relative to this matter.

A question was raised relative to what party is responsible for collating and assimilating data from all the sites at WAFB. David Henry stated that work is underway to consolidate responsibilities and processes for management of projects and data for WAFB. He will report to the RAB when that planning is complete.

David Henry did ask that the City of Roswell get the NMED involved in the plan to drill the two new wells before work begins. John Forslund said they would keep both NMED and EPA informed.

Julie Jacobs suggested that a letter be written to the NMED indicating that the two new wells will be added to the original abatement plan, and that they will be included in future quarterly monitoring reports.

In response to a question, it was stated that site records and information are available at the ENMU-Roswell library. Kay Havenor reported that citizens have accessed those resources in the past, and that he will check on the status of the files.

## **U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District - David Henry**

### *TCE Plume*

TCE level at PH7- SW16 dropped from 440 ppb last quarter to 110 ppb this quarter. TCE levels at the remainder of the monitoring wells throughout the project remained relatively unchanged.

David Henry included in his handout to the RAB a table indicating the TCE monitoring results for last quarter and the current quarter for wells at Y-O Acres.

### *Pump House #7*

Two additional monitoring wells were installed adjacent to Pump House #7. One was to replace a damaged well which was abandoned (PH7-SW2). The other was placed across the street from the site. Five soil samples were collected from each well, with no contamination exceeding EPA or State regulatory standards. In the groundwater samples from those wells, TCE was detected at 4.2 ppb, which is below EPA maximum contaminate level. Although individual naphthalene components were each below standards, the total of the three naphthalene components was marginally above the State regulatory limit.

Quarterly sampling of the other six monitoring wells At Pump House 7 was conducted, with no significant changes from last quarter. MTBE was detected in a couple of wells closest to the pump house. MTBE presence is significant because it was not a fuel additive until after 1967, and may indicate a later additional responsible party. Non-aqueous phased petroleum (free product) was not detected this quarter.

### *Waste Oil Disposal Area*

Field investigation at the Waste Oil Disposal Site (WODA) has not been completed. Drafts and comments have been received and the final phase of the work plan is being completed. Field work should start the first two weeks in May.

Kay Havenor complimented David Henry relative to providing information and data to the RAB.

## **State of New Mexico - Julie Jacobs**

### *Waste Oil Disposal Area*

There is a suspected waste oil disposal area (WODA) under Earl Cummings Road where it curves to the north. The Corps has submitted a work plan for this site, including 15 soil

borings. Subsequent work, including possible installation of two monitoring wells, will depend upon the results of the borings. The State and Corps have agreed upon a work plan. David Henry mentioned that this has been a known site and is designated as FUDS WAFB Project # 14. It was low priority project and has become active because of the City's need to perform road and sewer construction in the area.

#### *Additional Potential Sources of Contamination*

The State is continuing to look at additional potential sources of contamination. One of those possible sources is off site. NMED is investigating files, including those from the Corps, to determine potential off site sources.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Kathleen Aisling reported that there is a new superfund site designated the McGaffey & Main Groundwater Plume. The responsible parties are no longer viable, and the site is eligible for federal funding under EPA. A contractor is currently preparing cost estimates for the site. Although there is shallow ground water, the surrounding residents are on city water. The first meeting relative to the site will be in June 2002. More information can be obtained on the EPA website. That web address is available on the RAB website.

David Henry indicated that he is "webmaster" for the RAB site, and that maintenance of the website will be provided quarterly by Tecumseh.

### **PUBLIC INPUT OR QUESTIONS**

There was neither input nor questions from the public at this time.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### *RAB Charter*

Kay Havenor indicated that he would check for a copy of the original charter for the RAB and forward it to Jim Morris.

#### *Meeting Notifications for RAB Members*

RAB members indicated that in the past, they had been reminded of meetings by e-mail, or letters for those without e-mail. About a week prior to the meeting, RAB members were given a phone call as follow up. Notifications went to the RAB members and to a few other parties, such as the Tulsa USACE or other governmental agencies.

Jim Morris will update material regarding addresses and phone numbers for all RAB members.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 23, 2002, Room 110 of the ENMU Campus Union Building**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.