

**Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Ramsey County Public Works Complex
Monday, 6 October 2008 – 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Tom Barounis, Mike Fix, Karie Mars, Lois Rem, Dagmar Romano, Lyle Salmela, and Kay Welsch

Members Absent: Paul Bloom, Jan Heaberlin, Keith Maile, and Robert Ramgren

Visitors Present: See attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Lyle Salmela at 7:03 p.m.

Review

- Agenda
No changes to the agenda.

- Minutes of the Last RAB Meeting
Minutes were approved.

Site C-2 Closeout Report

Additional field work was completed in August. The work consisted primarily of placing more soil cover over eleven grids (areas). The survey data is now available so the Army is working to complete the draft Closeout Report for Site C. The report will likely be ready for review by the MPCA, USEPA, and RAB sometime in November.

OU2 Record of Decision (ROD) Amendments and Explanation of Significant Differences (ESDs)

The public comment period for the two Operable Unit 2 (OU2) Record of Decision (ROD) Amendments ended on July 11, 2008, with no comments submitted relevant to the proposed actions. The Army signed the two Amendments on September 22, 2008, along with two Explanations of Significant Differences (ESDs). These decision documents are now with the MPCA and USEPA for signature.

Building 102 Groundwater Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA)

The Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) was approved on July 17, 2008. The EE/CA evaluated several remedial alternatives and recommended Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) for the groundwater at Building 102. The EE/CA was public noticed on July 18th for a 30-day comment period. No comments were received. The Army prepared an Action Memorandum, which serves as the decision document selecting MNA as the remedy. The Action Memo is in for Army signature. The next step will be to prepare a sampling and analysis plan to monitor the effectiveness of MNA. The details will be presented in an addendum to the Quality Assurance Project Plan for this site. It is expected that the document will be submitted to the MPCA, USEPA, and RAB by mid-November. The Army is only taking action for the groundwater. Soil contamination is the presumed source for the groundwater contamination, but the soil contamination has not been found. Since Building 102 is on the property proposed for transfer, it has been agreed to defer the soil issue to the developer with a reduction in the purchase price to cover the cost.

535 Primer/Tracer Area Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA)

Since the last RAB meeting, additional sampling was completed to characterize the extent of soil contamination at the 535 Primer/Tracer Area, which is on property now controlled by the National Guard. Next, an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) was prepared to evaluate alternatives to address the contamination. The EE/CA was submitted to the MPCA, USEPA, and RAB for review on September 18th and comments are due October 28th. The EE/CA recommends excavation and off-site disposal at a landfill for the soil. After regulatory approval of the EE/CA, there will be a public notice with a 30-day comment period, and then the Army will sign an Action Memorandum. The Army needs to get the funding to undertake the cleanup, and the goal is to perform the work next spring.

Site K Soils Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA)

The Site K Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) was approved on July 7, 2008. The EE/CA was public noticed at the same time as the Building 102 EE/CA and recommended excavation and off-site disposal at a landfill for contaminated soil at Site K. No comments were received. The Action Memorandum is in for Army signature. A Work Plan for the soil removal was submitted for review to the MPCA, USEPA, and RAB on September 15th and comments are due today. The Army and Alliant Techsystems hope to get approval of the Work Plan quickly, which would allow the cleanup work to be completed before winter.

Aquatic Feasibility Study

The Army is still working on revisions to the Feasibility Study for the aquatic sites.

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The Army maintains a mailing list for its periodic Update newsletters. On an annual basis, the Army checks with these people to see if they want to stay on the mailing list. The next time this check is performed, the recipients will be advised that the Update newsletters are posted on the RAB webpage, as an alternative to receiving a hard copy.

Committee Reports

- Technical Committee
 - No activity to report.
- Communications and Membership Committee
 - Lois Rem reported that she has a neighbor who may be interested in attending future RAB meetings and possibly joining the RAB.

Other

- When considering the agenda for the next RAB meeting, there was discussion regarding the timing for disbanding the RAB. The community members present commented that there seems to be less subject matter worth discussing, along with their desire to have a planned RAB termination strategy (versus “dribbling on”). With the primary purpose of the RAB to provide community input to remedial action decisions for work to be undertaken by the Army, it was pointed out that there are only two more decision documents planned. The first is the decision for selection of a removal action to address contaminated soil at the 535 Primer/Tracer Area. The alternatives evaluation report (EE/CA) is currently with the RAB for review and comment as discussed earlier in the meeting. The second decision will be for aquatic sites. As noted earlier in the meeting, the Army is in the process of revising the

Feasibility Study for the aquatic sites, after which, the RAB will have another opportunity for review and comment. For the property proposed for transfer to the City of Arden Hills and its developer, any remedial action decisions made after the transfer will be undertaken by the City and/or developer, not the Army, so such decisions are outside of the function of the RAB. It was suggested that the RAB could disband once the remedial decisions are made for the 535 Primer/Tracer Area and the aquatic sites, which is likely to be in the next two years. It was also suggested that the RAB does not have to meet on a quarterly basis, but instead, could meet to coincide with significant milestones in the remedial decision process for the two remaining Army decisions. The community members present expressed more interest in the aquatic sites than the 535 Primer/Tracer Area. It was suggested that there could be a RAB meeting after the review period for the revised draft Feasibility Study for the aquatic sites. The meeting could be useful to discuss community comments and input for the evaluation of remedial alternatives. The current schedule puts this milestone around the time of the next planned RAB meeting in January. There was a motion to coincide the next RAB meeting with the review period for the Aquatic Sites Feasibility Study. Tentatively, the next RAB meeting would be held on January 5, 2009; but approximately one month before confirming the meeting date, the aquatic sites schedule will be reviewed, and the RAB meeting date will be adjusted accordingly. The motion was seconded and passed.

- The primary agenda item for the next RAB meeting will be the Aquatic Sites Feasibility Study. It was agreed that the Army will also give reports on progress for the Site C Closeout Report, Site K Soil Removal, and 535 Primer/Tracer Area Soil Removal.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Lyle Salmela adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.