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Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 1997

1. Call to Order & Reading of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Community Co-Chair Adrian Stefanish at 6:02 p.m. at the Windham Township Hall, Windham, Ohio

Secretary Becky Carter read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved with the addendum by Tim Morgan to clarify several points.

Attendance was taken with 20 present, 1 absent and 3 excused. (Absent was Thomas Smith.)

Co-Chair Stefanish reminded members to get their copy of the approved RAB policy and asked for one more volunteer for the policy review committee.

2. Missing Phostoxin

Army Co-Chair Tim Morgan explained the events surrounding the missing Phostoxin which is used to control pests. Investigations and interviews are being held by several officials to find out where it went as the material is highly toxic and all are very concerned about the health and safety of whoever has it. Tim described the canisters stating there are four approximately quart size aluminum and have a paper label.

3. History of RVAAP

Army Co-Chair Tim Morgan showed the group examples of the various war heads, fuses, casings, etc., of items made on the site and answered questions about what and how the raw materials are stored in the igloos. He then presented a slide show of the various buildings and aerials of the site and thoroughly explained the facility.

4. RVAAP Preliminary Assessment Review

Todd Boatman^{Nashville Corps of Engineers,} introduced members of the PA^{Company} engineers including Steve Selecman, Samantha Pack and Kevin Jasper, with the ^{that did the PA (SAIC)} ~~the~~ Louisville Corps Engineers.

Steve Selecman explained the PA review of the RVAAP as the initial investigative activity which was established by CERCLA. USEPA guidebooks are used as standards for testing. The engineers reviewed the old records, talked to those who worked at the facility and others who are currently working there in order to gather as much background information as possible. 31 AOC's had been identified and by the time their PA was complete 38 total AOC's had been found.

The Site Conceptual Model was explained with the components of shallow ground water, wells, deep ground water, wildlife, ecosystem and the various training facilities at the RVAAP. Heavy metals are part of the contaminants. This Site Conceptual Model is used to score and prioritize

the various AOC's. Included on the AOC's are waste explosives, heavy metals, solvents, greases, oils, herbicides, etc. The only waste treatment plant still open is on Load Line 12. The various landfills, burning grounds, surface impoundments, waste tanks and buildings were located and explained. The various waste tanks have been removed according to EPA standards.

The evaluation of the AOC's was explained using USEPA Hazard Ranking System finding the high priority, medium and low priority sites and was reported in the RVAAP Facility Action Plan.

Various questions were fielded including:

Question: How long did the PA take? Answer: it began in May, 1995 through February, 1996.

Question: How many former employees were contacted? Answer about 12 at the facility and between 15 to 20 former employees.

Question: Is the assessment scoring arbitrary? Answer: The High, Medium and Low priority status was reached relative to the contaminant, receptor and the pathway which was explained at an earlier meeting. Health risks are determined high priority.

Question: What danger are these AOC's? Answer: they will eventually get all this data and present it as this would be a health risk assessment.

Question: There are many settling ponds on the site, was the effluent of these ponds tested? Answer: yes both the inlet and outlets evaluated. The CERCLA process was outlined as requested.

Questions from the audience were addressed mainly concerning cancer risks and health.

5. Scheduling of next meeting and topics to be covered.

→ Army Co-Chair Tim Morgan reported the ^{Phase I ~~PA~~ Remedial Investigation (RI)} information may not be ready for presentation at our April meeting and at the May meeting he has scheduled a presentation on the manufacturing processes which will be video taped for future use.

Suggestions for topics to be covered included an EPA assessment on ground water from Phase 1, toxicological studies, wetlands of the area, water well sampling and results. Eileen Mohr stated the well sampling is a part of the Phase 1 work and would be covered in detail.

→ Army Co-Chair Morgan explained that ^{if} ^{Phase I RI} the ~~PA~~ is ready we could address the above topics at a later date.

Community Co-Chair Stefanish reported the next meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Charlestown Town Hall, 6375 Rock Spring Road (intersection of Rock Spring and Newton Falls Roads).

Army Co-Chair Morgan asked all RAB members wanting a ground tour of the

facility to meet with him before leaving.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Rebecca L. Carter, RAB Secretary