



**Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting
Former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads
Ceiba, Puerto Rico**

Meeting #32 – August 6, 2014

Note: This meeting summary is based on informal notes taken at the meeting. It is not intended as a verbatim transcript. Portions of some discussions may not have been captured. If comments or additional notes are provided within 30 days of distribution of these minutes, they will be added as an attachment to this summary.

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 6:10 p.m. Thuane Fielding (Navy) welcomed everyone. Attachment 1 provides the attendance list.

Thuane reviewed the agenda and mentioned a couple of changes to inform the public that Gloria Toro from the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) and Doug Pocze from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have no pending reports to discuss during the meeting.

Thuane revised the agenda and reminded the public to keep ideas in mind for topics they would like to discuss in the next RAB meeting. Thuane also requested that the public discuss ideas and questions of interest for the next meeting with Ramón Figueroa, RAB Community Co-Chair.

II. New and Ongoing Action Items

The following summarizes the status of action items, including new and ongoing action items that will be carried forward to the next RAB meeting planned for November 5, 2014.

Action Item Description	Status as of 8/6/2014
NEW Naida Dávila (RAB Community Member) requested a visit by the Community RAB members to the areas where the Navy has been working the last few months. Naida to coordinate transportation options with the municipality of Ceiba; Navy to provide coordination of the sites to be visited and Ramon to assist in coordinating with the RAB	NEW

members for attendance and sites they have interest in visiting.	
NEW Navy will provide handouts of the map showing the sites under cleanup for the next meeting.	NEW
Meeting participants asked about the status of archeological artifacts from Roosevelt Roads and how archeological studies are performed. Stacin Martin (Navy) stressed that Navy archeologists work with archeologists from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico on historic preservation. Thuane said the report that describes the boundaries of the Petroglyph site will be posted to the BRAC PMO web site and the link to the report included in the next flyer.	IN PROGRESS Documents related to archaeological surveys that show delineation of archaeological sites are being researched but certain information within documents may be restricted due to cultural resource regulations. They will be posted once they become available and are evaluated.
Ramón will help PREQB (Wilmarie Rivera) establish contact with the LRA regarding a new date to finish the site inspection of the Waste Water Treatment Plants and answer outstanding regulatory questions.	IN PROGRESS. Ramón has been working with Wilmarie on scheduling the meeting. Ongoing.

III. Current and Planned Field Activities – Stacin Martin (Navy)

Stacin discussed the status of the ongoing field activities that are being conducted on different areas of the former base.

- SWMU 7/8 – Continued operation and maintenance, and groundwater monitoring.
- SWMU 9 – Ongoing truck activity associated with demolishing fuel tanks and concrete tanks. Tom Beisel (CH2M HILL) provided more details in his presentation.
- SWMUs 28, 29 (WWTP) – Soil removal and sampling were performed.
- SWMU 55 – Operation and maintenance; area near the bioreactor continues under groundwater monitoring.
- SWMU 67 – Sampling performed where the tennis court is located. Area is under the RFI Phase.
- SWMU 69 – Air field sampling and evaluation of removal action.
- UXO 2 (SWMU 1) – Activity discussed during the RAB meeting on May 7. Specific details on the geophysical investigation results were discussed, as the work was completed.
- More signs identifying environmental areas have been installed. Since the property has been transferred, a sign installation program is necessary to provide awareness of the various environmental sites.

IV. SWMU 9 Tank Removal – Tom Beisel/CH2M HILL

- The SWMU 9 Old Tank Farm was built by the Navy in the 1940s. It includes two tanks of 50,000 gallons and four tanks of 250,000 gallons. Three different areas of the base are included as part of SWMU 9 (shown on map). The areas are identified as Area A, Area B, Area C, also an Old Gas Station (AOC F 124) was included in the removal contract. The area of concern is the Gas Station where three tanks were constructed 14 years ago. The concrete houses present on SWMU 6 site contained lead-based paint. Removal and disposal of lead-based paint was conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Photos of

the paint removal process were shown to inform the public. Fencing was installed and erosion controls were implemented to keep sediments on the site. The public was informed on how the tanks were demolished and the rubble from the demolition was disposed of at an approved landfill. The Navy assured that there is no hazard in the area and no issues with erosion. PREQB implemented mechanisms as part of their regulation to assure the Navy took the samples in appropriate places and in a correct way. PREQB confirmed that no leak was detected and that appropriate sampling occurred. The project took three months to complete.

V. Questions and comments from the Public on Work Status and Tank Removal at SWMU 9

- Naida wanted to confirm if the excavation work at the archeological site performed during the last period continues. Stacin clarified that the work on the archeological site that Naida mentions was completed prior to May. The work was finished and no more excavation is necessary.
- Naida asked where wastes or debris extracted were disposed by the Navy. Tom Beisel indicated that all the debris of this project went to landfills (Allied Salinas, Allied Ponce) approved by the agency (PREQB).
- Naida asked if recycling was considered for the concrete debris from the tank removal. Stacin explained that the metal and concrete materials were not recycled. Tom Beisel added that recycling was considered, but that the metal and concrete were so commingled due to the structure of the tanks that segregating the materials and recycling them was not possible. Stacin noted that closure reports were approved by PREQB for the concrete tanks and the fiberglass tanks removal.
- Naida asked if PREQB had witnessed the demolition and removal of wastes on this area. Gloria Toro from PREQB discussed that Puerto Rico underground storage tank regulation requires that PREQB personnel be present during removal. Pedro Ruiz (Navy) and Tom Beisel confirmed that PREQB personnel were present to witness soil and water testing.
- Additionally, Pedro confirmed with Carmen Mangual (CH2M HILL) that all the concrete proposed for disposal was taken out of the site in compliance with the regulations. For these purposes the Navy obtained the applicable permits. Pedro emphasized that these documents are available for public review in addition to the manifests that he signed.
- Ismael Velázquez (Community RAB Member) asked if the removal was related to the fuel farm. Pedro said the Navy recognizes three areas of the fuel farm at the Base. These three areas were described again as follows: Concrete tanks, SWMU 7 and the tanks behind the former Fire Department. The tanks behind the former Fire Department were removed as part of the project scope of work for SWMU 9.
- Pedro added to the discussion that tanks where leaks of diesel were registered or detected at SWMU7 (close to the pump house) have not been touched by the Navy. The Navy will not remove those tanks. The removal is decision of the LRA.

- Ramón explained that the Puerto Rico Government requested proposals (from three companies) for the reuse of several tanks at the former base. Notwithstanding clarified that he doesn't know where these tanks are physically located. Thuane confirmed that the February RAB meeting minutes show that information with regard to SWMU 7/8 was discussed.
- Luis Velázquez (RAB Community Member) presented a concern about the use of lead-based paint in the dog houses and tanks. Luis indicated that the Navy had a rule to use lead-based painting during the 40-60's
- Luis asked if the Navy disclosed to the government of Puerto Rico or to the LRA during the transfer of the property that these structures were painted with lead-based paint. Stacin explained the Navy performed a Lead-Based Paint Assessment. According to Puerto Rico laws, this information shall be disclosed in the property deed.
- Thuane said that the Lead-Based Paint Assessments were part of the closing documents to transfer the deed and also were part of the environmental documents. The finding of the material and disclosure of the information does not prohibit the transfer of the property.
- Ramón said that in the case of the former base Roosevelt Roads, any proposal published has an environmental section and it is the obligation of the Agency to inform the bidders about environmental conditions in which they may contract the tenderer.
- Ramón emphasized that for small business or artisans with the intention to rent or buy the space, the Government, who is the new owner, should disclose the information. Thuane emphasized that the Navy has no ownership responsibility. Ramón will request a presentation from the LRA regarding the government responsibility to disclose information concerning asbestos and lead materials.
- Naida asked about the reason why site visits have not happened in a while. Thuane explained that site visits were not being requested and that the Navy is willing to do a site visit with the RAB members. Stacin added that they are typically performed the same day of the RAB meeting. An action item has been added to coordinate a site visit.
- Doug Pocze (EPA) suggested that the Navy prepare maps to show where the cleaned sites are located.

VI. Closure

Thuane indicated that the next RAB meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2014. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 1 - Meeting Attendees – August 6, 2014

RAB Community Members Present

Ramón D. Figueroa, Community Co-Chair
 Naida Dávila
 Rafael Montes
 Luis A. Velázquez Rivera
 Ismael Velázquez

RAB Community Members Absent

Samuel Caraballo
 José Julio Díaz
 Jorge Fernández Porto
 William Lourido
 Lirio Márquez D'Acunti
 Debra McWhirter
 Ramón M. Ríos
 Michael Dalton
 Agustín Velázquez

Community Members Visiting

Marilyn del Manzano	
Pedro Tejada	
Santiago Oliver	
Emerito Flores	

RAB Agency Representatives

Thuane Fielding, Navy Co-Chair

Stacin Martin
 Doug Pocze
 Wilmarie Rivera (absent)
 Gloria M. Toro Agrait

Navy –Base Closure Manager
 Navy – Remedial Project Manager
 Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
 Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) -
 Federal Facilities Coordinator
 PREQB – Hazardous Waste Permit Division

Other Agency Representatives

Malú Blázquez (absent)
 Freddy de Jesús (absent)
 Carmen Guerrero (absent)
 Luis Negrón

Executive Director – Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA)
 LRA
 Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental
 Resources (DNER)
 EPA Caribe

Support Staff

Pedro Ruiz
 Madeline Almodovar
 Carmen Mangual
 Brett Doerr
 Tom Beisel

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