

***Final Minutes
Restoration Advisory Board
Former Lowry and Gunnery Range
September 20, 2000***

The September 20, 2000 meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at the Doubletree Hotel 13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora, Colorado 80014. The meeting started at 6:15 p.m. (A copy of the agenda is attached.)

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mrs. Bonnie Rader, Community co-chair for the RAB opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Mrs. Rader asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Attendance

The following RAB members were present:

- Jerry Hodgson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, Co-Chair
- Jeff Swanson, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
- Bonnie Rader, Community Co-Chair
- Mike Bower, City and County of Denver
- Tom Butts, Tri-County Health Department
- David Denton, John Laing Homes
- Fred Esposito, Office of Naval Research
- Joe Freund, Citizen
- Mark Harding, Rangeview Metropolitan District
- Bob Hastings, Colorado Countryside, Inc.
- James Ives, City of Aurora
- Bill Killip, State Land Board
- Ed Lohr, Department of Navy
- Pete Pagano, DTH#2 General Partner

Other attendees:

- Laura Bishard, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Tim Blume, Army Environmental Center, Western Regional Office
- Jim Emery, CH2M Hill
- Darrell Frey, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII
- Kishor Gala, CH2M Hill
- Dennis Guadarrama, Air Force
- Amy Lange, CH2M Hill
- Andrew McVeigh, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District
- John Mullen, Stone & Webster
- Tom O'Hara, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District
- Laura Pajet, CH2M Hill
- Doug Plack, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, HTRW Branch
- David Rathke, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII
- Rex Raymond, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Monica Sheets, CO AGO
- General Carl Strock, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division
- Dan Tosoni, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division
- Keith Wegner, Correlations Corp., Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) for RAB
- Ed Wilson, Stone & Webster

GENERAL RAB ITEMS:

An application to join the RAB was submitted by Pete Pagano. The application was approved.

Mrs. Rader (Community Co-chair) asked if everyone on the board had had an opportunity to review the minutes. The July 19th minutes were approved without discussion.

Property Disclosure Issues Associated with Lowry

(handout attached)

Ms. Monica Sheets gave a presentation regarding Colorado Property Disclosure issues associated with the Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range. Only about 200 acres of the range fall under the CERCLA 120(h) requirements. Also, notification of the existence of hazards on the property is not necessarily required in the transfer of property. For more information regarding property disclosure requirements pertaining to your property, contact a real estate attorney.

Discussion: RAB Case Study

A discussion was held concerning the Lowry RAB case study being performed by the Army Environmental Policy Institute (AEPI) for Huntsville. Ms. Donota Renfrow from the AEPI was not present for the discussion.

Mrs. Rader commented that the RAB was to be brought along during every step of the process, and that has not been happening. Mrs. Rader felt that her interview was not objective, but rather was focusing on what mistakes the RAB has encountered. Mrs. Rader also felt that the focus was on Huntsville, and that the case study needs to be a complete picture of the RAB, not just what mistakes have been made.

Mr. Jeff Swanson stated that the initial findings of the case study weren't good. His concern is that Ms. Renfrow gave preliminary findings to Huntsville, but could not release her findings directly to the RAB. Mr. Swanson also commented that Ms. Renfrow has not lived up to her commitments to the RAB.

Mr. Tom Butts agreed to draft a letter to Ms. Renfrow from the RAB expressing concerns over the study. Ms. Rader will review the draft and send it.

LOWRY TRAINING ANNEX

Navy Report

(presentation attached)

Mr. Fred Esposito and Mr. Ed Lohr narrated a presentation focusing on the DRI Site and Ammo Storage Areas. The presentation included a summary of the soil sampling findings, a discussion of the geophysical study results, and the future outlook schedule. Nothing was found in the soil samples from the ammo storage area, which means that no soil samples were above acceptable risk levels. Only four sites are left that require any action.

Air Force Report

(handout attached)

Mr. Dennis Guadarrama narrated a presentation including the UXO investigation and cleanup agenda, the geophysical grid study results, budget information and cost estimation, and progress to date. There is \$25 million divided between 13 installations to support restoration efforts. The training annex has been divided into three areas; the largest area is 400 acres and will be cleaned first. Work is projected to begin in 2001, and all clearance will be completed as restoration funds are made available.

FORMER LOWRY BOMBING AND GUNNERY RANGE

Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)

(handout attached)

Mr. Keith Wegner presented a brief progress report concerning the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP). The report included a progress summary, current tasks, and a cost summary. Mr. Wegner participated in the second SAR/HSI field verification exercise (FV2) in August. Anomaly selection and discrimination techniques

are becoming more refined. Recommendations include continuing to favor false positives and that tiles for potential for cluster returns be selected for the third field verification (FV3).

Prioritization Efforts

Mr. Jeff Swanson narrated a brief update on the UXO prioritization efforts at Lowry. After the previous RAB, Mr. Swanson and Mr. Hodgson were to put together a priority list of the sites, but Camp Hale findings pulled Mr. Swanson off the Lowry project. The priority list has been delayed until the November RAB meeting.

Settlement Agreement and Field Work Update

(presentation attached)

Mr. Jerry Hodgson rendered a summary presentation concerning the SAR/HSI field verification efforts, an update of the field work, and a cost summary. The second field verification was held in August, incorporating lessons learned from the first field verification. Data processing, analysis, and integration continue to be refined. The current cost to complete is significant, however the focus is still on priority areas.

Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

Adjournment

Arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held November 15, 2000, 6:00 p.m., at the Aurora Public Library. Meeting notification should be received on or around November 6, 2000.