

***Final Minutes
Restoration Advisory Board
Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range
January 16, 2002***

The January 16th, 2002, meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at the Aurora Public Library, 14949 East Alameda Drive, Aurora, Colorado 80012. The meeting started at 6:15 p.m. (A copy of the agenda is attached.)

Welcome and Opening Remarks

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

Attendance

The following RAB members were present:

Jerry Hodgson, Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, Co-chair
Jeff Swanson, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)
Bonnie Rader, Community Co-Chair
David Denton, Laing Village L.L.C.
Fred Esposito, Office of Naval Research
Dennis Guadarrama, Air Force
James Ives, City of Aurora
Bill Killip, State Land Board
Ed Lohr, Department of Navy
Pete Pagano, DTH#2 General Partner

Other attendees:

Morey Engle, Roy F. Weston
Darrell Fray, US EPA Region 8
Randy Hawbaker, Cherry Creek School District
Brad Lasater, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District
Amy Lange, CH2m Hill
Spencer Luft, Arapahoe County
Carol Maclennan, Tri-County Health Department
John Mullen, Stone & Webster
Loren Mason, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District
Richard Rader, Thunderbird Estates
David Rathke, US EPA Region 8
Pam Richard
Chris ten Braak, Stone & Webster
Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp.
Barbara Wilson, Stone & Webster
Ed Wilson, Stone & Webster

GENERAL RAB ITEMS

Ms. Bonnie Rader (Community Co-chair) asked if the board had had an opportunity to review the minutes of the prior meeting (November 14, 2001). The minutes for the November 14th, 2001 RAB meeting were approved without correction.

LOWRY TRAINING ANNEX

Navy Report

Mr. Fred Esposito, Office of Naval Research, and Mr. Ed Lohr, Department of the Navy, stated that they are continuing with the environmental investigation at the DRI site (using fiscal year 2001 funds) and they are awaiting the award of fiscal year 2002 funding.

Air Force Report

Mr. Dennis Guadarrama reported that 51 grids have been cleared to date in the Former Lowry Training Annex. Similar to the Navy, he is awaiting funding of fiscal year 2002 money. In the meantime, work will continue using fiscal year 2001 funding and planning for the next phase of the project.

Technical Advisory Services – Correlation Corp. Report

(handout attached)

Mr. Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp., presented a progress report concerning the technical advisory services for the Former Lowry Training Annex and DRI Site. The report included a progress summary, current tasks, and a cost summary. Mr. Wegner stated that there are three reports remaining for his review and he would like some guidance on which one(s) he should review with the remaining funds. Mr. Fred Esposito suggested that Mr. Wegner review the *Draft Final Supplemental OE Work Plan for Site Inspection Activities at the DRI Site*. Mr. Wegner noted that he received that report on December 15, 2001 and there should be enough money remaining for him to complete a review of the Supplemental Work Plan.

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Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)

(handout attached)

Mr. Keith Wegner presented a progress report (attached) concerning the TAPP. The report included a progress summary, current tasks, and a cost summary. Mr. Wegner will start an independent review of the SAR/HSI data results and will be planning a trip to Sky Research's facilities to observe/review the data production processing.

Settlement Agreement and Field Work Update

(presentation attached)

Mr. Jerry Hodgson and Mr. Jeff Swanson presented a summary/update of the FLBGR project status. The presentation included a summary of current activities and a summary of activities completed to date.

Discussion

What is the new schedule to complete clearance in the Jeep/Demolition Range?

Jerry Hodgson replied that the estimate to complete will be re-calculated based on actual hours to date and the results will be presented at the next RAB.

Have you expanded the evacuation zone for the Jeep/Demolition Range?

Mr. Hodgson replied that the evacuation zone is being reevaluated and an assessment should be complete by the end of February.

How much has been spent to date on the project?

Jeff Swanson noted that the number was in the low \$40 million dollar range.

What is the estimate to complete the project?

Jerry Hodgson stated that at a funding level of \$8 million per year, the cost to complete would be approximately \$75 million.

Would a contractor/land owner be reimbursed by the Corp or DoD for clearance work paid for by the owner?

Mr. Swanson stated that he did not know of this, but it was not for him to say. Whoever performed the cleanup, however, would have to meet the same standards as the Corp of Engineers.

Mr. Swanson stated that people in his office (CDPHE) are frustrated with the level of funding for the project. His office would like to settle the funding issue. The issue may fall into litigation to get the attention it needs.

Would activity stop on the project if there were litigation?

Jeff Swanson replied that it was a possibility – there could be some short term impacts.

Jerry Hodgson stated that he would be very surprised if the Corp stopped work during litigation.

A discussion ensued regarding the construction of the new Cherry Creek High School. The school is on schedule to open in August 2003. Mr. Randy Hawbaker with the Cherry Creek School District noted that 90% of the earthwork has been completed and he knows of no ordnance items being found. Evacuation plans have not been addressed by the school district. Mr. Swanson noted that the potential evacuation area around the Jeep/Demo Range would be better understood upon completion of the air model. The RAB asked that they be kept informed of the air model results.

Another discussion ensued regarding funding of clearance work – could private funding be provided to the Corp to advance the Corp's clearance work and then receive payment back from the Corp/government at a later date?

Mr. Hodgson stated that only Areas of Concern identified in the Management Plan would be cleared. The Jeep/Demo Range and BT-6 are likely the only options. He said that private funding and then payment back to the owner by the government has not been done. Ms. Rader expressed concern that people would be allowed to live in cleared areas that are adjacent to high-risk areas. She noted that you wouldn't be able to keep people out of areas of concern.

Adjournment

Arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held March 20th, 2002, 6:00 p.m., at the Aurora Library in Aurora. Meeting notification should be sent on or around March 11th, 2002.