

***Final Minutes
Restoration Advisory Board
Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range
September 18, 2002***

The September 18th, 2002, meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at the Aurora Public Library at 340 S. Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado 80017. 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, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District (USACE), Co-chair
- Jeff Swanson, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)
- Bonnie Rader, Community Co-Chair
- Dennis Guadarrama, U.S. Air Force Headquarters Air Education and Training Command
- Mark Harding, Rangeview Metropolitan District
- James Ives, City of Aurora
- Ed Lohr, Department of Navy
- Pete Pagano, DTH#2 General Partner
- Paul Reining, DRI-DU
- Bob Hastings, Colorado Countryside, Inc.
- Dave Denton, Laing Village, LLC
- Fred Esposito, Office of Navy Research

Other attendees:

- Bill Kelso, Parsons Engineering Science (PES)
- Richard Rader, Thunderbird Estates
- Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp.
- Jim Anelle, USACE
- John Mullen, Stone & Webster
- Tracie White, Stone & Webster
- Conrad Parrish, Stone & Webster
- Teri Hartman, Stone & Webster
- Allyn Allison, Corps of Engineers, Huntsville
- Robyn Lydick, I-70 Scout Newspaper
- Bruce Whisenant, Corps of Engineers, Huntsville
- Jeanette Alberg, Senator Allards Office
- Tim Blume, Army Environmental Center
- Morey Engle, R.F. Weston
- Randy Hawbaker, Cherry Creek School District
- Carol MacLennan, Tri-County Health Department
- Chris tenBraak, Parsons Engineering Science (PES)
- James T. Johnson, Otten, Johnson, Robinson, Neff & Ragonetti (SHORE representative)
- Tom Ragonetti, Otten, Johnson, Robinson, Neff & Ragonetti (SHORE representative)
- Senator Bruce Kearns
- Sean Buckley, Parson Engineering Science (PES)

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 (July 17, 2002). The minutes for the July 17th, 2002 RAB meeting were approved without comment.

LOWRY TRAINING ANNEX

Navy Report

Mr. Fred Esposito, Office of Naval Research, stated not much has changed in status since the last RAB meeting in July. The validation phase of the site investigation is scheduled to be complete by September 30, 2002. Upon completion of the validation phase, final reports will be drafted.

Air Force Report

Mr. Dennis Guadarrama, U.S. Air Force Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, reported on field activities at the Former Lowry Training Annex. As of September 9, 2002, two teams are performing clearance activities completing 108 grids (88 of which are QA'd) with 14 live items located. 562 grids remain for clearance.

Technical Advisory Services – Correlation Corp. Report

(handout attached)

Mr. Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp., presented a progress report concerning the technical advisory services for the FLTA and DRI Site. The report included a progress summary, current tasks, and a cost summary. Mr. Wegner's comments and observations are provided in the handout.

PRIVATE CLEARANCES

Framework for Private Clearances

Mr. Jeff Swanson, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, reported he has been approached by four landowners around the Aurora Reservoir regarding performing their own clearance activities. The landowners wish to expedite the clearance process allowing them an earlier construction date on their property. Mr. Swanson stated that he is currently negotiating compliance orders (compliant with RCRA) with three developers, and he expects consent agreements with all three parties in early October.

Throughout the clearance process, Mr. Swanson will expect private developers to supply the RAB with the same clearance updates as the USACE. Private parties wishing to perform their own clearance activities are expected to comply with the same standards and techniques as the USACE. Mr. Swanson indicated that currently, the developers are looking at using one contractor to develop a Master Work Plan that will be used for all properties. Additional site-specific information for each property will be addressed in subsections of the Master Work Plan.

Mr. Swanson also mentioned the State of Colorado is comfortable with private contractors performing clearance activities.

Ms. Bonnie Rader, Co-Chair of the RAB, expressed concern that the private clearances should not be a repeat of previous private work done around the Aurora Reservoir (items were found after final clearance was complete). Mr. Jerry Hodgson, USACE, answered her concern by stating that clearance activities on the FLBGR would, if requested, receive construction support as outlined in the Project Management Plan. The USACE will help in ordnance recognition education, information regarding points of contact and addressing any storage of items found on the Range.

SHORE Update

Tom Ragonetti, SHORE representative, stated that the founders of SHORE have been joined by several other private landowners and developers, the City of Aurora and Cherry Creek School District. SHORE currently represents approximately 5,000-6,000 acres around the FLBGR slated for land development. SHORE's primary focus is as follows:

- To positively influence clearance of the land around the FLBGR, as quickly as possible.
- To ensure safe results with the ability to simultaneously conduct land development and clearance activities.
- To work out consent agreements.
- To influence the amount of money and the allocation of money slotted for cleanup activities on the Range.

Mr. Ragonetti stated that SHORE has met with the City of Aurora several times. They have discussed private clearance issues with congressional staff locally and in Washington, D.C. When asked if SHORE has contacted local residents/landowners, Mr. Ragonetti replied that they have not contacted separate individuals, per se, but public meetings have been conducted regarding land issues around the FLBGR.

Ms. Jeanette Alberg of Senator Wayne Allerd's office briefly spoke about the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Fiscal Year 2003 (FY03) budget. She stated her office is trying to increase the budget to \$40M in FY03, but it is not yet approved.

Ms. Bonnie Rader asked what the priority of the FLBGR is when compared to other sites in Colorado, such as Camp Hale. Mr. Jeff Swanson responded that the FLBGR is the highest priority. The cost to clean up other sites is minimal compared to the required budget for the FLBGR clearance. It requires approximately \$19M annually to fully fund the FLBGR project, as opposed to \$2.9M for other sites, most of which should go to Camp Hale. The FLBGR continues to receive 40% of the Colorado FUDS budget.

FORMER LOWRY BOMBING AND GUNNERY RANGE

Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)

(handout attached)

Mr. Keith Wegner presented a progress report (attached) concerning the Technical Advisory Services for the Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range (FLBGR). The report included a progress summary, current tasks, and a cost summary. A summary of Mr. Wegner's observations is provided in the handout.

Field Work Update

(presentation attached)

Mr. Jerry Hodgson 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. He stated that BT6 is 4% more complete since the July 17, 2002 RAB meeting; 30 more grids have been completed. There are currently four teams performing clearance activities, two at the FLTA and two at BT6. Geophysical mapping is currently in progress at the Jeep/Demolition Range.

Parson's Engineering Science (PES) has been selected as the Recovered Chemical Warfare Materiel (RCWM) contractor for the Jeep/Demolition Range. PES is drafting the Chemical Safety Submission (CSS). Intrusive fieldwork is scheduled to begin March 3, 2003; however, the funding outlook for FY03 is not certain at this point.

Discussion

Ms. Rader asked how it is possible to submit a CSS for the Jeep/Demolition Range when it is not clear exactly what chemical ordnance exists on the range.

Mr. Allyn Allison, USACE Huntsville, replied to Ms. Rader that the CSS will rely on documentation of past clearance activities and the Archives Search Report as an indicator of what is potentially at the site. The USACE will perform a risk analysis of potential items that could be found and the hazards involved. Their intent is to ensure

the safety of their workers and the nearby citizens. If clearance activities locate items that are not planned for, work will stop immediately, and a review will be performed.

Mr. Jerry Hodgson stated the USACE and Stone & Webster have a strong background and a great deal of experience at the Jeep/Demolition Range. Mustard has been the primary chemical focus, but planning considers other items/chemicals as well.

A representative from PES asked the RAB about the possibility of filming a RAB meeting. PES is working with Huntsville CX to make an outreach video showing the setup and layout of a typical RAB meeting as an educational tool. A local video production company would film a meeting with no sound; a narrator would do a voice over of the meeting.

The RAB stated they would allow filming of a meeting, under the condition that the RAB gets a copy of the draft storyboard to be narrated. This is to ensure that the video does not contradict what the RAB represents and does not portray the RAB and/or its members in a negative way. The RAB has had an unfavorable filming experience in the past, and they do not want a repeat performance.

Adjournment

Arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held November 20, 2002, 6:00 p.m., at the Double Tree Hotel.

Meeting notification for the next RAB meeting should be sent on or around November 11, 2002.