

***Final Minutes
Restoration Advisory Board
Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range
November 20, 2002***

The November 20th, 2002, meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at the Double Tree Hotel at 13696 E. Illiff Place, Aurora, Colorado 80014. 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
- Mark Harding, Rangeview Metropolitan District
- James Ives, City of Aurora
- Ed Lohr, Department of Navy
- Bob Hastings, Colorado Countryside, Inc.
- Dave Denton, Laing Village, LLC
- Fred Esposito, Office of Navy Research
- Bill Killip, State Land Board
- Steve Ormiston, Shea Homes
- Joe Freund, Citizen

Other attendees:

- Richard Rader, Thunderbird Estates
- Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp.
- John Mullen, Stone & Webster
- Tracie White, Stone & Webster
- Conrad Parrish, Stone & Webster
- Teri Hartman, Stone & Webster
- Allyn Allison, Corps of Engineers, Huntsville
- Bruce Whisenant, Corps of Engineers, Huntsville
- Carol MacLennan, Tri-County Health Department
- Sean Buckley, Parson Engineering Science (PES)
- Laura Bishard, CDPHE
- Amy Lange, CH2M Hill
- Spencer Luft, Arapahoe County
- David Rathke, US EPA Region VIII
- Ed LaRock, CDPHE
- Jennifer Lane, EPA
- Lynn Robbio Wagner, Tri-County Health Department
- Kellie Williams, US Army, Huntsville

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 (September 18, 2002). The minutes for the September 18th, 2002 RAB meeting were approved without comment.

Steve Ormiston, Vice President of Planning, Shea Homes requested to become a RAB member. The RAB motioned to accept, and he joined the table.

TITAN MISSILE COMPLEX

Mr. Ed LaRock, CDPHE, stated that it has been three years since the last Titan Missile Complex update, but he plans to provide a formal presentation to the RAB at some point in the future. The USACE and State of Colorado have sampled the silos for radio nuclides, but have detected none, except for background radiation.

Of the four missile silo sites, three are FUDS funded and the other, Titan Missile Complex 2A, is under Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). Complex 1A is the closest to being complete. Upon completion by the USACE, the results of the clean up will be presented at a RAB meeting. Complex 1B has not yet been addressed. Complex 1C is privately owned; however, the Corps did a remedial investigation of the site two years ago. To date, no results from the study have been released.

Each silo was monitored for radioactive elements, in particular alpha, beta, plutonium and, in some cases, speiated amoremium. Some radium and uranium exists naturally in the underlying bedrock.

Ms. Bonnie Rader, Community Co-Chair, indicated that she would like Hector Santiago (USACE) to provide a briefing to the RAB concerning what actions are being taken to address the Complex sites and the funding status of the clean up(s). Ms. Radar also suggested that Mr. LaRock should extend an invitation to Lowry Air Force Base RAB members to attend one of the Former Lowry Bombing Range RAB meetings.

LOWRY TRAINING ANNEX

Navy Report

(handout posted on web)

Mr. Fred Esposito, Office of Naval Research, stated that demolition activities and the Ammunition Storage Area (ASA) Clearance letter (see handout for copy of letter) are complete, and the area is fully certified for land use. No unexploded ordnance (UXO) items were found during the Phase 4 Validation Effort. The ordnance and explosives (OE) Summary Report is to be submitted to the RAB in January.

Technical Advisory Services – Correlation Corp. Report

(handout posted on web)

Mr. Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp., presented a progress report concerning the technical advisory services for the Former Lowry Training Annex (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.

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Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)

(handout posted on the web)

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 posted on the web)

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 2% more complete since the September 18, 2002 RAB meeting; 24 more grids have been completed. There are currently four teams performing clearance activities; two are working at the FLTA, and two are in BT6. Geophysical mapping is currently in progress at the Jeep/Demolition Range. The Jeep/Demolition Range and BT6 Areas of Concern are the top two priorities.

In mid-January, an on-board review meeting is tentatively scheduled, in order to address all comments regarding the Draft Recovered Chemical Warfare Materiel (RCWM) Work Plan.

The FY03 programmed funding is \$6 million for conventional ordnance response activities at the FLBGR. \$2 million has also been programmed (in addition to the \$6 million), which will allow for construction of the RCWM site compound and purchasing of equipment for RCWM response operations.

Discussion

Ms. Bonnie Rader asked the status of Smoky Hill Owners for the Range Environment (SHORE) activities, but there were no representatives available to speak on behalf of SHORE at the meeting. Mr. Jeff Swanson indicated that he would like to invite Foster Wheeler to give the RAB an update at the next meeting, concerning the status of private clearance activities being performed on proposed developments on the FLBGR. He also stated that the Consent Agreement has been signed with all the appropriate signatures. US Homes is doing some ordnance clearance activities.

Mr. Mark Harding, Rangeview Metropolitan District, asked for clarification on what the \$2 million allotted to the project will be used for. Mr. Jerry Hodgson replied that the additional \$2 million programmed for the project is separate and apart from the \$6 million programmed to maintain conventional ordnance clearance activities on the project and will allow for RCWM site compound development, awarding necessary contracts for the RCWM operations, and buying equipment.

Regarding congressional involvement in the prioritization of the Areas of Concern at the FLBGR, both Ms. Rader and Mr. Hodgson expressed serious concern. Prioritization of the FLBGR was completed with input by the RAB, based on the concerns of the surrounding community; it was not a flippant process. Clearance activities should be performed according to the prioritization. Clearance should not be dictated by Congress or private landowners who wish to clear their land quicker in order to build homes sooner. If prioritization changes due to private land owners wishes, people may be laid off and operations at all other AOC's would cease, in order to clear only the Jeep/Demolition Range and 20mm Range Fan. Work has been progressing nicely at the site; it seems inappropriate for Congress to "encourage" the USACE to clear certain areas, instead of adhering to the original prioritization.

Adjournment

Arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held January 15, 2003, 6:00 p.m., at the Double Tree Hotel.

Meeting notification for the next RAB meeting should be sent on or around January 6, 2003.