

Restoration Advisory Board Dugway Proving Ground



Meeting Minutes & Action Items April 13, 2004

Introductions and Welcome

The Dugway RAB convened for its semi-annual meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at the Tooele County Courthouse Auditorium. RAB Army Co-chair Joe Gearo welcomed Restoration Advisory Board members, new applicants to the RAB and attendees. Everyone, including representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Army Environmental Command, state regulatory agencies, and remediation contractors, introduced themselves.

Old Business/New Business

Community Co-chair Marianne Rutishauser Andrus reviewed and the RAB approved the Action Items from the previous meeting (held October 27, 2003 in Dugway). No reports were given by any of the subcommittees, as none met between meetings.

Four new applicants to the RAB were considered for nomination and ratification to become members of the RAB. Rich Lakin, Gerald Mason, Steve Lyman and Ed Wanlass, who collectively represent a broad interest constituency in Tooele County, were unanimously accepted as new RAB members, and those who were present took a seat at the table.

RAB members discussed among themselves efforts to reach out to the community and invite more of their peers to participate as members of the RAB or audience attendees. The RAB decided that the meeting format could be improved by placing more emphasis on the status of Dugway Proving Ground's (DPG) overall environmental restoration program and what is required to clean up and/or close the sites, with the ultimate purpose of the installation returning to public lands at some future time. Members generally expressed the desire to spend and less time on items such as meeting business or the Army's budget.

In addition, certain RAB members expressed a desire for a more active role for RAB members, including convening regular subcommittee meetings, providing input to the RAB meeting format and newsletter topics, and identifying topics for more training sessions. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the RAB is welcome to take the initiative to meet more frequently in respective subcommittees and to contribute more input to the development (format) of the meeting agenda and identify topics presented at these meetings. Also, RAB members were encouraged to publicize the RAB and its function, accomplishments, and potential openings on the board to friends and associates as a way of more fully involving the community in the cleanup taking place at DPG.

It was further agreed that RAB members will discuss environmental remediation efforts and other items of interest in at least one Subcommittee meeting between semi-annual meetings, and develop a list of items for discussion at future meetings. Scott Reed encouraged RAB members to more fully review the draft agenda, provide comments and participate fully in planning topics for the upcoming meetings.

Presentations

Performance-Based Contracting

Scott Reed presented information on the Department of Defense's (DoD) new push toward Performance-Based Contracting. This new DoD initiative involves the Army Environmental Command (AEC) studying the potential for, and implementation of, awarding on-going and future environmental contracts to non-government entities. The DPG environmental office has been required to provide more specific descriptions of work to be performed and the estimated schedules for project completion. The stated purpose of this program is to expedite the cleanup process at IRP facilities worldwide and to reduce costs.

Groundwater Management Areas

Scott also highlighted the new regional approach to more efficient groundwater monitoring. This will provide for fewer monitoring wells and groundwater samples to be taken and will reduce monitoring to identified sites that will serve as models for groundwater plume migration within specific groundwater management areas(GMA). With the approval of state regulators, Dugway will be subdivided into four regions, which are illustrated in the handout found in information repositories and distributed to RAB members:

- ◆ Carr
- ◆ Ditto
- ◆ English Village
- ◆ Downrange GMA, which includes Baker Area and all other areas of the installation to the west and south.

Installation Restoration Program Current Work Status & Updates

RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Sites – Ed Staes of Parsons Engineering gave a presentation on the status of RFI sites.

Consent Order Sites – Nels Johnson of Shaw Engineering and Infrastructure gave a presentation on the status of Consent Order sites.

Both presentations covered the status of environmental cleanup and investigations in progress within the past six months, current environmental studies and work underway, and work projected for the next six months.

Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the RAB and should be addressed before the next meeting.

- ✓ Vicky Henderson will send subcommittee lists to the newly elected RAB members, so they can choose which subcommittee interests them most.
- ✓ Subcommittee chairs will take more active role in meeting with members during off-quarters, when the RAB is not meeting as a group.
- ✓ Marianne Rutishauser Andrus, re-elected RAB Community Co-chair, will oversee meetings of subcommittees to ensure meetings occur.
- ✓ Subcommittees will develop list of potential topics for newsletter for submission to Jeff Chandler. Also, subcommittees will provide requests for training session topics and RAB meeting agenda items to Jeff Chandler, Vicky Henderson and Scott Reed.

- ✓ RAB members will reach out to co-workers, neighbors and other associates in an effort to bring more attendees to RAB meetings, and generally, to inform the public about what the RAB accomplishes in its capacity.
- ✓ Vicky will work with the Corps of Engineers to update web site.

Set Topics, Agenda for Next Meeting

The next Dugway Proving Ground RAB meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2004, at Dugway Proving Ground.