

**Travis Air Force Base
Environmental Management
Building 570, Travis AFB, California
Environmental Restoration Program
Remedial Program Manager's
Meeting Minutes**

14 December 2005, 0930 Hours

Mr. Mark Smith, Travis Air Force Base (AFB), conducted the Remedial Program Managers (RPM) meeting held on 14 December 2005 at 0930 in the Base Civil Engineering Conference Room, Building 570, Travis AFB, California. Attendees included:

- Mark Smith Travis AFB
- Wilford Day Travis AFB
- Dale Malsberger Travis AFB
- Gregory Parrott Travis AFB
- John Lucey U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
- Richard Howard TechLaw Inc.
- Jose Salcedo Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
- Alan Friedman California Regional Water Quality Control Board (CRWQCB)
- Amir Matin URS
- John McGuire Shaw Engineering and Infrastructure (Shaw E&I)
- Mike Wray CH2M Hill
- Steven Mitchell EQM

Handouts distributed throughout the meeting included:

- Attachment 1 Meeting Agenda
- Attachment 2 Master Meeting, Teleconference, and Document Schedules

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Introduction

B. Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Smith asked that the meeting minutes from the October 2005 RPM meeting be reviewed and any changes or comments be emailed for incorporation.

C. Master Meeting and Document Schedule

The revised Travis AFB Master Meeting, Teleconference, and Document Schedules were distributed (see Attachment 2).

Travis AFB Annual Meeting and Teleconference Schedule

- The proposed meeting schedule was distributed. Mr. Smith stated that he may have a meeting conflict with the May 2006 RPM meeting. Mr. Salcedo stated that he may have a potential meeting conflict with the July 2006 RPM meeting.

Travis AFB Master Document Schedule

- Page 1, North, East, West Industrial Operable Unit (NEWIOU) Soil/Sediment/Surface Water Record of Decision (ROD) schedule was updated. The changes resulted in the Final ROD being due on 24 April 2006.
- The Quarterly Newsletter (for January 2006) will be the Fact Sheet for the NEWIOU Proposed Plan/ROD. Agency comments are due 23 December 2005.

2. OPERABLE UNIT UPDATE

A. NEWIOU Soil, Sediment, and Surface Water Record of Decision

1. Revised Draft Record of Decision

Mr. Malsberger stated that Air Mobility Command (AMC) and Air Staff reviewed and commented on the Revised Draft ROD. The technical comments were reviewed by a contractor. Improvements were suggested, to which Travis AFB agreed and is currently making those changes. Other comments were made on the overall approach. Travis AFB explained the rationale of the approach and that it is a reasonable compromise between the Air Force and the regulatory agencies.

The legal comments are currently being addressed by Mr. Parrott. Many of the comments were resolved. One issue was on sites that the remedial investigation (RI) recommended that there be “no further action” (NFA) due to no contamination found or the contamination was below the remediation goals. It was their opinion that the issue of the ROD should stand alone and include more information on the site and the rationale of NFA. Travis AFB will include this information. Mr. Parrott commented that there is no intent to rewrite the ROD; Travis AFB will just provide additional information from the RI.

Mr. Salcedo asked if the ROD will have to go back to AMC for another review. Mr. Smith stated that Travis AFB will just inform AMC of the changes. There will not be a separate NFA ROD.

The Revised Draft ROD is scheduled to be submitted to the agencies on 13 January 2006.

2. Fact Sheet/Guardian

Mr. Malsberger stated that the agency's comments on the Fact Sheet are due on 23 December 2005.

Mr. Lucey stated that he will have comments. The comments requests (1) more explanation on why the land use controls are appropriate for the sites that were changed from excavation and (2) show the nine criteria for the new proposed remedies. He will submit his comments by 15 December 2005.

Mr. Malsberger requested that Mr. Lucey provide the wording for the Fact Sheet in order to expedite time. Mr. Smith commented that U.S. EPA should keep in mind that space is limited (6-pages), so the wording changes should be concise.

3. CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU) Annual Report

Mr. Malsberger stated that the Air Force is still fine tuning the CAMU Annual Report. This report is tentatively scheduled to be submitted within two weeks.

B. South Base Boundary Groundwater Treatment Plant

Mr. Smith stated that there have been some problems with the groundwater treatment plants; however, in most cases the systems are still operating and not exceeding the effluent limits. There have been contractor transition problems that are being resolved, but have resulted in the groundwater treatment plant reports being delayed. These reports will be submitted electronically once completed.

Mr. Wray stated that CH2M Hill is currently compiling the data to generate groundwater treatment plant report for October and November 2005.

Mr. Wray reported that the South Base Boundary Groundwater Treatment Plant (SBBGWTP) performed at 100% uptime with approximately 4.3 million gallons of groundwater extracted and treated during the month of October 2005. The average flow rate for the SBBGWTP was 95.5 gallons per minute (gpm). Approximately 1.8 pounds of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were removed during October 2005. The total mass of VOCs removed since startup of the system is approximately 286 pounds. No exceedances on the discharge.

No data was available for November 2005.

C. Central Groundwater Treatment Plant

Mr. Wray reported that the Central Groundwater Treatment Plant (CGWTP) performed at 87% uptime with approximately 2.4 million gallons of groundwater extracted and treated during the month of October 2005. The average flow rate for the CGWTP was 73.5 gpm. Approximately 91.8 pounds of VOCs (of which

81 pounds were from vapor) were removed during October 2005. The total mass of VOCs removed since startup of the system is 9.043 pounds. No exceedances on the discharge.

No data was available for November 2005.

D. North Groundwater Treatment Plant

Mr. Wray reported that the North Groundwater Treatment Plant (NGWTP) performed at 96% uptime with approximately 0.55 million gallons of groundwater extracted and treated during the month of October 2005. The average flow for the NGWTP was 22 gpm. Approximately 0.4 pounds of VOC was removed during October 2005. The total mass of VOCs removed since the startup of the system is 5,408 pounds. No exceedances on the discharge.

No data was available for November 2005.

All the treated groundwater from the plant was sent to the duck pond for beneficial use.

E. Signing of the SS041 No Further Remedial Actions Planned (NFRAP) Consensus Statement

Mr. Smith stated that the SS041 No Further Remedial Actions Planned (NFRAP) Consensus Statement was available for signing today after the RPM meeting.

F. DP039 Field Work

Mr. Smith reported that the blower system was shut down for 2 hours during the startup period. The shutdown was not related to the WTTP; it was due to an equipment problem that took place at the CGWTP. The heat exchanger will be replaced and installed by 21 December 2005.

G. Soil Backfill Stockpile Discussion

Mr. Malsberger stated that the Air Force is stockpiling clean soil near the CAMU to be used to backfill sites in 2007. The soil is generated from construction sites on Travis AFB.

The issue that came up was, how clean is clean? For the clean soil holding area, an agreement was reached with the Water Board that the soil would be protective of the groundwater. For the backfill soil, we did not have a similar agreement. We recently had soil for the backfill area that came from the west branch of Union Creek. Since there had been a fuel spill in the creek a few years ago, the soil was sampled. The results were no detection of TPH and BTEX. Travis AFB will only place soil in the backfill pile when it has no generator knowledge of contamination.

4. PROGRAM ISSUES UPDATE

A. Regional Contract

Mr. Smith stated that the problems that Travis AFB is experiencing with the treatment plants and data collections will be resolved. Mr. Smith will keep the agencies informed on the progress.

Mr. Lucey asked if the optimization is part of the Regional Contract. Mr. Smith stated, yes it is.

ACTION ITEM LIST
(Action Items Opened)

AGENDA	RESPONSIBLE	ACTION ITEM	DUE DATE	STATUS
1.	Agencies	To provide comments on Basewide Groundwater ROD Schedule.	Ongoing.	Ongoing. Mr. Lucey commented that he would like the investigate items included in the schedule.
2.	U.S. EPA	To review the status of the Potrero Hills Water Board order rescission date for comments.	Ongoing.	<p>New Item. Mr. Friedman stated that there is no rescission date to comment on at this time.</p> <p>Mr. Lucey requested that the Air Force submit a letter which gives an update on the status of Potrero Hills. Mr. Smith stated that he did not see a need to generate another letter. Mr. Friedman commented that nothing has changed since the last letter which was submitted from the Air Force.</p>