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## **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Mark Smith welcomed the attendees. Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Kristine Escarda, the new Public Participation Specialist representing the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), and Master Sergeant Angel Santiago with the Compliance Department at Travis AFB.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The January 2004 meeting minutes were approved with minor revisions and accepted as final.

## **Additional Agenda Items, Comments, and Questions**

Mr. John Foster requested that the RAB roster be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Smith stated that Travis AFB had initiated conversations with private industries concerning the Potrero Hills Annex. Soil cleanup action is underway by the private industries; however, no input is available at this time.

## **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

### **NEWIOU Soil ROD Status**

Mr. Malsberger gave an update on the North, East, West Industrial Operable Unit (NEWIOU) Soil Record of Decision (ROD).

Human Health Technical Memorandum – the Human Health Technical Memorandum addresses human health concerns. This document was developed from previous presentations during the Remedial Project Managers (RPM) meeting. This document includes agency input and agreement on preliminary cleanup actions and levels. The draft was issued on 12 April 2004 and is currently under review by the regulatory agencies.

Ecological Protection Technical Memorandum – the Air Force issued the draft Ecological Protection Technical Memorandum on 15 September 2003. This document is currently under review and will be updated to reflect the agencies' comments. Samples of sediment and surface water in Union Creek will be collected during the first week of June 2004 to update the data. The Draft Field Sampling Plan will be submitted on 5 May 2004.

Draft Record of Decision (ROD) – the Air Force has incorporated all preliminary comments and agreements. The technical memoranda have reached consensus on actions and cleanup levels that will be documented in the ROD. Because of time it has taken to resolve issues on the Ecological Protection Technical Memorandum, the draft ROD will be submitted on 3 December 2004 to the regulatory agencies and the RAB. The final ROD will also be presented to the RAB along with the proposed plan.

### **RAB Statutory Foundation**

Mr. Gregory Parrott discussed the statutory basis for founding RABs.

The authority for RABs stems from 10 United States Code (USC) 2705(d). This statute permits the Secretary of Defense to establish RABs in connection with an installation where environmental activities are being planned. This authority also permits the Secretary to issue regulations regarding RABs, but this is not a precondition to RAB establishment. Proposed regulations were published in the Federal Register in 1996, but have not been finalized. Proposed regulations are consistent with 1994 Joint Department of Defense (DOD)/EPA RAB Implementation Guidelines.

Relevant RAB Implementation Guidelines required that the RAB develop a mission statement and a set of operating procedures. The guidelines are recommendations and not requirements.

### **Current RAB Charter**

The Travis AFB RAB Charter is dated 21 July 1995 and includes provisions for attendance, meeting frequency, and membership, and a process for reviewing/responding to public comments. The current RAB charter does not include provisions for resolving member disputes or for removal of members.

According to Mr. Parrott, the existing Charter adequately addresses most operating procedures recommended in joint DoD/EPA RAB Implementation Guidelines. Travis AFB may wish to clarify membership procedures for formally replacing/adding new members and adopting terms of service, and procedures for resolving member disputes. The Charter may be amended by a majority vote of the committee members present at a regular meeting.

Col. Sevier asked about the provisions for identifying membership. Mr. Parrott stated that the only membership requirement for the Travis AFB RAB is that you must live within a certain radius of Travis AFB. Currently there are no provisions to increase the number of members; however, there is a procedure requesting a member to resign due to non-attendance.

### **Union Creek Protection**

Mr. Dave Musselwhite gave a presentation on the environmental protection of Union Creek.

Mr. Musselwhite explained that the base drainage systems empty into Union Creek. Although Travis AFB does not have spill sensors in Union Creek, there are controls and sensors used at the sources to immediately detect a mishap. It is Travis AFB's philosophy that prevention is the best defense. The base has developed a number of plans and procedures designed to help prevent spills and releases.

**The Integrated Contingency Plan** contains a quick reference emergency response action plan, response planning requirements, facility descriptions, facility inspection procedures, spill response procedures and training, drills, and exercise requirements. This document is distributed to all regulatory agencies and various offices on Travis AFB.

Mr. Foster asked about the spill capacity of the new underground storage tanks (USTs). Mr. Musselwhite stated that storage tanks must have secondary containment capacity great enough to contain the entire contents of the tank. This is a regulatory requirement.

**Aboveground Storage Tanks (ASTs)** – Travis AFB has 102 ASTs, including 13 bulk jet fuel (JP-8) tanks totaling 8 million gallons. All the ASTs have secondary containment, overfill protection, leak detection, and cathodic protection. Quarterly leak testing on piping, annual tightness testing of bulk tanks, an annual cathode protection survey, and daily/month inspections are performed.

Mr. Musselwhite commented that there is one tank scheduled to be demolished in May 2004; this tank will be replaced by a new tank that adheres to all the new regulations.

Tanks are either double-walled or have a diked system. Loading operations contain the same types of controls as the AST.

**USTs** – Travis AFB has 22 USTs at vehicle service stations, JP-8 hydrant systems, and maintenance facilities. USTs have secondary containment, overfill protection, leak detection, cathodic protection and monitoring and response procedures. The USTs are permitted to operate by Solano County Department of Environment Management. A new State requirement mandates annual monitoring system certifications and monthly inspections by a “certified” operator. All USTs have alarmed monitoring panels.

Mr. Foster asked if there are any USTs and ASTs that do not meet requirements. Mr. Musselwhite stated that there is one such UST and a few ASTs; all are scheduled to be replaced in the summer of 2004.

Col. Sevier commented that water is able to develop in the tanks through condensation.

**Hazardous Materials Management** — Travis AFB has a Pharmacy Program for the management of hazardous materials. This program processes authorizing, issuing, tracking and disposal of lubricating oils, paints, and pesticides. The objective is to minimize the use of hazardous materials. There is an ongoing program that searches for substitutes for hazardous materials in order to minimize the impact on the environment.

Mr. Musselwhite explained that a spill is something that has escaped its primary container but has not impacted the environment. A release is something that has escaped its primary and secondary container and has impacted the environment.

**Spill Response** requires proper notification, response, reporting, and cleanup.

A spill response procedure decision chart was shown and explained.

Mr. Steve Stopher was proactive in setting up a spill equipment locker at each outfall along Union Creek.

Col. Sevier asked how often the base exercises the Spill Plan. Mr. Musselwhite stated that the Spill Plan was exercised in the summer of 2003 with a worst-case scenario event. All resources were mobilized, and the exercise involved contract support, Solano County Department of Environmental Management, California Fish and Game, and the Sewer District. Travis AFB is currently in the process of updating this plan.

Mr. John Lucey asked how the jet fuel tank is filled. Mr. Musselwhite explained that it is filled by a dedicated pipeline from a dedicated facility in Martinez, California. The loading area is a backup.

Mr. Foster asked if there has been any major uncontained spill in the last year. Mr. Musselwhite answered that there have been no such spills.

Mr. David Kanouff asked how the pipeline is monitored. Mr. Musselwhite explained that the pipeline from Martinez to the base boundary is monitored by the owner. A device that goes through the pipe is used to detect any anomalies, and periodic pressure testing is conducted. Travis AFB also conducts quarterly pressure tests along with a hydrostatic test on the pipeline.

#### **REGULATORY AGENCY REPORT**

Mr. Salcedo reported that DTSC is reviewing the Human Health Risk Assessment and the Ecological Risk Assessment. Travis AFB is charged with developing the Draft Field Sampling Plan for the Ecological Risk Assessment.

#### **FOCUS GROUP REPORTS**

Mr. Smith stated that he will schedule community relations and budget focus group meetings.

Mr. Smith proposed that a two-hour tour take place on 9 June 2004 following the RPM meeting. This tour will visit the Travis AFB ERP sites and discuss their status. Mr. Foster suggested that a photographer attend the tour.

Mr. Foster stated that he has reviewed the distribution list of the *Guardian*. He noted that this list should be updated. Mr. Smith reported that the list is in process of being updated.

Mr. Foster stated that the Board of Realtors maintains a mailing list, and the Realtors may be interested in receiving news about the Travis AFB ERP via the *Guardian*. Members may want to use the *Guardian* as a tool to further disperse information. Col. Sevier suggested that the *Guardian* distribution list be reviewed by Ms. Linda Weese to ensure updated information on new public officials is included.

## **RAB/PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None

## **OTHER**

Mr. Smith stated that Pastor Root, Community RAB member; Roger Johnson, AFCEE; and Mr. Brian Garber of Shaw Environmental are on active duty in Iraq.

## **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Travis RAB – January 2005**

Mr. Smith stated that in January 2005, the Travis AFB RAB will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Col. Sevier gave recognition and presented awards to Mr. David Kanouff and Mr. Jim Whalen, who have been members of the Travis AFB RAB since its inception. They, along with Mr. David Marianno, who was not in attendance, are officially the “plank” members of the RAB.

Mr. Smith gave recognition and an award to Col Sevier for his outstanding support of the Travis AFB RAB during his term and his oversight of the closeout of site RW013.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next RAB meeting will be held at the Northern Solano County Association of Realtors Office, Fairfield, California, on 22 July 2004.