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ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD
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1. Attendees:

Stephen Escude	SA-ALC/EMRO	Cliff Trimble	SA-ALC/PKOE
Ed Von Dran	SA-ALC/EMRO	Arthur Valdez	Community Member
Dick Walters	SA-ALC/PAE	Maria Gill	Community Member
Dale E. Johnson	Community Member	Antonio V. Lopez	Community Member
Kelly P. Thurlow	SA-ALC/CCP	Chris J. Hebner	Community Member
Yolanda Johnson	CEJA	Desi Raygosa	BMWD
Mary Villar	CEJA	Nick Rodriguez	BMWD
Raul Villar	CEJA	Leo Benavidez	Community Member
Joseph Ebert	SA-ALC/EMRO	George Rice	Community Member
Ronald Catchings	SA-ALC/EMRO	Brenda Rodriguez	SA-ALC/EMR
Thomas Moore	6968 AIS/CEV	Carl L. Mixon	Bexar County
Sam Sanchez	SA Metro Health	Michael Estrada	SA-ALC/PA
Kenny Johnson	SA-ALC/EMRO	Victoria Wark	SA-ALC/EMRO
Sonia Gallegos	SA-ALC/EMRO	Eric Wolff	Raba-Kistner
Byron Cotton	SA-ALC/JAV		

2. Introduction: Mr. Bailey welcomed all of the attendees and congratulated those who had volunteered to serve on the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). He also stated that the RAB, which was initiated by the United States Air Force Installation Restoration Program, was a major event for the Environmental Management Restoration Division (EMR). He also stated that this was the 1st RAB to be established within the Air Logistics Centers. He briefly went over the responsibility of RAB members and/or their alternates for reviewing contractor documents and providing feedback to the board.

3. RAB members briefly introduced themselves.

Mr. Allen Hagelthorn, resides at _____ in San Antonio, formerly worked for the Environmental Protection Agency, presently is a Director for an environmental community relations firm in San Antonio. He holds an Environmental Sciences Degree and an MS in Regulatory Management.

Ms. Yolanda A. Johnson, resides at _____ in San Antonio, she is representing the Committee for Environmental Justice-Action, her alternate is Mr. Raul Villar.

Mr. Armando C. Quintanilla, resides at _____ in San Antonio, is representing the American Association of Retired People, and is a Political Consultant.

Mr. Charles H. Ayala, resides at _____ in San Antonio, is a Major in the United States Air Force stationed at Kelly AFB, and served a previous internship at the Pentagon.

Mr. Sam Sanchez, has been employed for more than 20 years with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District at 3

Ms. Debra Robinson, resides at _____ in San Antonio, alternate for Mr. Bill Sain who represents the Bexar Audobon Society and is also a Kelly AFB employee.

Mr. Leonel C. Benavidez (Leo), resides at _____ in San Antonio, and is employed at the Institute of Texan Cultures.

Mr. Nicolas Rodriguez, Jr., resides at _____ San Antonio, and has been employed with the Bexar Metro Water District for more than 20 years.

Mr. Bill Brown, is employed with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in San Antonio, and is a retired Army officer. His alternate is Craig Meppen.

Mr. George Rice, resides at _____ San Antonio, and is groundwater hydrologist and is owner of a consulting business in San Antonio.

Mr. Roy Gill, resides at _____ San Antonio, and is employed at Kelly Air Force Base.

Mr. Thomas E. Moore, resides at _____ in San Antonio, and is an Environmental Specialist (Staff Sergeant) with the Air Intelligence Agency.

Ms. Kelly Thurlow, resides at _____ in San Antonio, and is a first lieutenant in the Protocol Office at Kelly Air Force Base.

Mr. Carl Mixon, is Bexar County Fire Marshal and serves as chairman of the county's Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Mr. Richard Hirsch, resides at _____ San Antonio, and is employed at Kelly Air Force Base.

Mr. Lawrence O. Bailey, Jr., Director of Environmental Management at Kelly Air Force Base.

4. Mr. Bailey directed board members' attention to the information package, particularly to the proposed charter. Section 3 of the charter has been changed to read "211 SARA". Board members were instructed to inform Mr. Estrada whether or not they wanted their and their alternate's home phone numbers or business phone numbers on the members contact list that will be provided to the public.

One goal of the meeting was to decide on the next meeting date, preferably to be held before 19 December 94. The reason for this date is due to the amount of comments the board will be asked to provide in reference to the Feasibility Studies (FS). Mr. Bailey invited everyone in attendance to tour Kelly AFB prior to the next meeting.

5. Mr. Bailey informed the RAB that the charter needed to be approved as soon as possible but the latest being the next meeting. Carl Mixon made the motion to accept the charter and Allen Hagelthorn seconded the motion. Mr. Bailey then opened the floor for discussion and introduced the facilitator, Mr. Teague, an employee of SAIC.

Mr. Quintanilla: With regard to "advisory"-does that mean we are only going to advise?

Mr. Bailey: Your role will be to review reports and be a "liaison" within the community.

Mr. Quintanilla: In order to productive members of this board the communication channel must be up and across, not just down.

Mr. Rice: Are there mechanisms established to get our comments to the regulators?

Mr. Bailey: Yes, you may be asked to attend some of the regulator visits.

Mr. Quintanilla: My neighbors have been impacted by fuel spills on Kelly AFB. Will they be heard?

Mr. Bailey: Yes their voices will be heard. The RAB can/will make visits to the homes of those in the community if that is the way we need to relay our information.

Mr. Rice: How will regulators be made aware of our comments?

Mr. Bailey: Minutes of every meeting will be available for the regulators.

Mr. Dale Johnson, resident at 1101 Quintana Rd: I am building a restaurant at this location and am concerned about the environmental report to obtain financing. If contamination occurred on my property, is Kelly going to compensate me? He also expressed his concern that this RAB doesn't have the Technical Expert Advice necessary to be effective. Mr. Johnson stated that back in 1972 he was a contractor at Kelly and he saw the saturation of the soil from leaking jet fuel lines personally.

Mr. Bailey: If you contact me tomorrow, we can tell you what information we have to date from sampling in your area.

Mr. Moore: Is it correct to assume that we are going to be the ones providing information to the community?

Mr. Bailey: That is correct.

Mr. Moore: Kelly AFB will be disseminating information to us?

Mr. Bailey: Part of it, yes. Please provide all the information to your organization, not half of it.

Mr. Sanchez: Agreed with Mr. Quintanilla in that upward communication is required. It is true that the technical information could be overwhelming. But we must get the information back to the community.

Mr. Mixon: Charter states that. Good points in charter, no visible changes.

Mr. Sanchez: Good Charter.

Mr. Bailey: You are voicing some very good concerns.

Mr. Haglethorn: RAB was instituted under the EPA, RCRA and SARA. It was not established to be a rubber stamp board. Regulators will listen to the board, if the board has a concern they will listen. This could be a very powerful board.

Mr. Teague: The proposed charter has opportunities, as you go along and are able to make changes.

Mr. Bailey: All in favor of the proposed charter, please respond with "yes." Charter unanimously approved by voice vote.

Mr. Quintanilla: I have heard that there is a possibility that EM may be contracted out, if so what is the fate of the RAB?

Mr. Bailey: There is no plan for the Directorate of Environmental Management to be contracted out. However, the Environmental Process Control Facility a branch in the EMR arena is in the initial process of the procedure.

6. All employees with the Directorate of Environmental Management left the room with the exception of the recorder, Mrs. Brenda A. Rodriguez. (Mrs. Rodriguez was keeping minutes of the meeting.)

Mr. Teague took over as facilitator. He mentioned that 5 individuals had volunteered to serve as Co-Chair for the RAB. They were: Mr. Ayala, Mr. Mixon, Mr. Haglethorn, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Jimenez, who was not present. Mr. Teague invited each one to give a brief biography of themselves.

7. Mr. Teague opened the floor for questions.

The members discussed the possible influence of Mr. Bailey or other Kelly leadership on the Kelly employees who are on the RAB. Each potential co-chair pointed out factors that ensured their independence from command influence. Co-chair candidates were also asked if their hometown is San Antonio. Election was then held by secret ballot among the RAB members. The five candidates were: Mr. Ayala, Mr. Moore, Mr. Haglethorn, Mr. Mixon and Mr. Jimenez.

8. The RAB voted by secret ballot. Mr. Teague and Mrs. Rodriguez counted the ballots with the following results: Mr. Teague then announced that Mr. Haglethorn had won by a majority and no run-off was necessary. Mr. Qunitanilla made the motion to accept Mr. Haglethorn as Co-Chair and Mr. Gill seconded the motion; all agreed.

The RAB then adjourned for a 10 minute break.

9. Mr. Bailey thanked everyone once again and congratulated Mr. Haglethorn on his Co-Chair election. At this time Mr. Bailey introduced Mr. Richard Trevino, Chief of the Environmental Management Restoration Operations Branch.

10. Mr. Trevino provided a slide show with basic information on the Installation Restoration Program and the IRP process.

Mr. Quintanilla: It seems you are focused on clean-up but what about spills happening again?

Mr. Trevino: We currently have a Pollution Prevention program in place within the directorate. In order to minimize the spills we have installed a Pipe within a Pipe concept.

Mr. Quintanilla: Do all underground storage tanks now have a pipe within a pipe?

Mr. Trevino: No, some have vaults that the tanks actually sit in. These vaults prevent leaks from reaching the soil.

Mr. Quintanilla: Will these leaks happen again?

Mr. Trevino: They should not, that's right.

Mr. Bailey: Some of these tanks have sensors. These sensors, if a spill were to occur, would detect the spill and an alarm would sound notifying us immediately.

Mr. Trevino proceeded to show the map of the different zones on Kelly AFB.

Mr. Rice: Have you looked at the Edwards Aquifer?

Mr. Trevino: Yes, we have sampled our wells and no impact has occurred.

Mr. Bailey: Kelly AFB has sampled the 7 Edwards wells on the base, and we have gone on the outside as well to monitor other wells in the area. Just a reminder: we are not over the recharge zone.

Mr. Rice: Some chlorinated solvents have been found in Kelly wells since the 1980s by the EUWD and Bexar Metro.

Mr. Bailey: Where are you getting this information from? Please call my office tomorrow with that information.

Mr. Moore: I would like to see previous studies as to what caused the problem, what led to the cleanup and what's going to happen to those sites 10 years from now.

Mr. Bailey: The IWCS system was an old system that leaked. About 9 years ago funds were asked to construct a new system. That system is now in place and tours can be provided. We asked industry, "If you were going to build a plant of this capacity what would you do?". Industry suggested that double wall piping be used, and so it was.

Mr. Bailey invited everyone to tour the entire area from where the chemicals are generated to the final product. If you tour the area, you can then see how/when we check the pipes. Not only will you be familiar with the area, but we want to be honest and open with this information.

Mr. Bailey reminded the board that they should focus on the IRP cleanup.

Mr. Johnson: You didn't answer, how do the lines get checked?

Mr. Bailey: That depends on the system, the wastewater collection system and the storage tanks are checked differently. Those checks are governed by the regulators.

Mr. Sanchez: IRP projects have been going on for many years at Kelly AFB. Could you provide information on what has been accomplished? Particularly the incident on Quintana Road in 1989? The documents, some 25, are technical documents that must be rendered down into non-technical terms. I'd also like a schedule. I don't want to go away from this meeting thinking we're doing something new.

Mr. Trevino: The handouts you were provided have this information on the different sites' history. In addition to the handout, the Management Action Plan (MAP), which is updated twice a year, will be helpful.

Mr. Sanchez: Communities in the area would like to know if expediting issues is possible? The community needs to know status of sites.

Mr. Trevino: Currently there is a process of the studies being conducted, it is a very thick volume, your copy will include a fact sheet. You should be receiving these documents within 3-4 months at the earliest.

Mr. Moore: Would you please provide us with POCs for each zone.

Mr. Bailey: That will be provided in the minutes.

Mr. Quintanilla: Could you provide us with the most important sites within each zone?

Mr. Trevino: That will be provided in the minutes.

Mr. Quintanilla: What about the chemicals being stored at East Kelly?

Mr. Bailey: Yes, there are some chemicals being stored at East Kelly in the Temporary Hazardous Waste Storage Facility. What we are doing now is reducing the quantity of what we store. Our pollution prevention efforts have enabled us to reduce the volume of drums stored in that facility.

Mr. Quintanilla: Where is this facility located?

Mr. Bailey: On East Kelly near Six Mile Creek and Normoyle park. The public is invited to tour at anytime, at the most about 10 drums are actually stored per day.

Mr. Quintanilla: How long are these chemicals stored in the industrial area?

Mr. Bailey: That depends on the item and usage. Remember we are a very large industrial complex with 60 percent of the Air Force's engines coming through this base. EM program is to reduce the impact of those chemicals.

Ms. Lila Landez: Said she is the watchdog to city officials regarding the East Kelly hazardous waste facility. Regarding the recent boxcar fire near the storage area, she has brought this matter to Mr. Alex Briseno, Mr. Bono, Fire Chief Ojeda and Councilman Juan Solis but believes she has gotten nowhere. She pointed out that there are several schools in the area that could be impacted should something occur. She has asked, as good neighbors that Kelly AFB get Union Pacific and City Hall to stop the railroad cars from going by Six Mile Creek.

Mr. Mixon: Does the base report chemical inventories and to whom? Does Kelly notify the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) when there is a release?

Mr. Trevino: We do report incidents. Made a commitment to get information to Mr. Mixon. Mr. Bailey then explained that spills or releases involving reportable amounts are reported to EPA and TNRCC.

Mr. Ayala: How would the RAB go about conveying concerns raised in this forum? Is there a vehicle to do this, and how would we facilitate this?

Mr. Bailey: The RAB charter is based on cleanup. I believe Ms. Landez is asking us to get involved with our counterparts. We can facilitate and coordinate simulated exercises dealing with the Depot with the city.

After further discussion of chemical laden tank cars on the East Kelly spur or other tracks in residential areas near the base, Mr. Quintanilla asked whether TNRCC could be notified as soon as a situation occurs?

Mr. Brown pointed out that TNRCC doesn't regulate products. The federal Department of Transportation and Texas DOT regulate the carriers. Tier 2 information should be handled by the Health Department. When the fire department, city or Kelly AFB responds to a release, the situation changes. A spill is a waste, especially if it threatens the waters of the State of Texas such as Six Mile Creek, and then TNRCC can get involved. But until an incident occurs, TNRCC has no authority over chemical products in transit. TNRCC only regulates once it is released from the tank.

Ms. Landez: Mr. Brown what your telling us is that you can't do anything until a release occurs? Mr. Brown: That's what I am telling you.

Ms. Landez: Then this group will not do any good.

Mr. Bailey: This isn't the forum for the particular issue you have brought up. (NOTE: The RAB charter specifies that the board is involved with the IRP, the cleanup of past sites of spills or leaks. Pollution prevention, legal compliance or the health and safety concerns of current activities can only be referred to appropriate base or local government agencies.)

Ms. Robinson: What prompted the formation of this board now?

Mr. Trevino: In the last 2-3 years we have been conducting meetings in a group known as the Technical Review Committee. The federal government is trying to get the community more involved in these areas therefore the RAB was born.

Ms. Robinson asked if the base was directed to have this meeting. Mr. Trevino's reply was "Yes, it is an Air Force project." Mr. Teague volunteered that all government agencies are incorporating RABs.

Mr. Trevino concluded his presentation by thanking everyone for their time.

12. Mr. Bailey introduced the calendar. The board agreed on a time, date and place of the next meeting. The RAB will meet again at the Fire Academy at 6pm on 12 December 1994. In the meantime if there is anything you need between now and then let us know.

Mr. Trevino pointed out that if members wish to add items to the agenda, topics must be made available to the Co-Chairs two weeks prior to the meeting. At 9:15 p.m. Mr. Bailey formally closed the meeting.

(We will include a list of possible meeting sites with the minutes).

Mr. Moore: Would you please provide us with POCs for each zone.

Mr. Bailey: That will be provided in the minutes.

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Mr. Ayala stated that he wanted to give back to the community by providing his skills and knowledge. He stated that he was a Military Brat who wanted to plant his roots somewhere, and planned on retiring in San Antonio.

Mr. Haglethorn said he felt he would bring alot of experience to the board. He has organized other RABs, is current on the knowledge of base closures and was up on current hazardous technology site remediation efforts.

Mr. Brown: Where did you work at?

Mr. Haglethorn: Has worked mainly in the Midwest but lives in San Antonio.

Mr. Brown: As a regulator, I don't know any of you who have volunteered as Co-Chair.

Mr. Mixon said if he was nominated he would run and if elected would serve.

Mr. Quintanilla: Where do you live?

Mr. Mixon: In the Brackenridge area.

Mr. Quintanilla: The address on the list, is that your office address?

Mr. Mixon: Yes.

Mr. Moore said in the last 5 years he has been instrumental in stopping IRP programs. He brings technical expertise to the board, he said he lives right outside the AIA gate and plans on making San Antonio his retirement home he also said he wanted to help the community with his knowledge.

the next time. (We will include a list of possible sites with the minutes). Everyone was in favor of meeting at the Fire Academy for the next meeting. What time?

Mr. Mixon: 5pm? to much time.

Mr. Sanchez: 6pm

Mr. Bailey: Is 6pm a problem for anyone? Okay, then we will meet at 6pm prior to 19 December. The options are the 19th a Monday, or the 12th also a Monday at 6pm. Is the 12th a problem for anyone? Okay, then we
Question asked after meeting closed.

Mr. Villar said that when his neighbor's water well is tested he wants information.

Mr. Trevino, not perceiving the question, replied "When your well is tested or you think you have one, we will test and get you the results."

Mr. Bailey: Thank you for volunteering your time.

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