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ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD COVER SHEET

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AGENDA

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

February 17, 2005

12:00 p.m.

1. Introductions
 - RAB members
 - Introduction of guests
2. Old Business
 - Approve minutes from previous meeting
 - Other
3. Potential Appointment of Additional Community Members
4. Environmental Clean-up Update
 - Highlights since previous RAB
 - Landfills Update
 - Fuel Storage Tanks Update
 - Basewide Sampling since March 2004
 - Community Relations Update
4. Reuse Progress
5. Next Meeting
6. Adjourn

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Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Former Chanute AFB February 17, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Introductions: Dr. Bill Harris, BRAC Environmental Coordinator for the former Chanute AFB, welcomed the RAB members to the February quarterly meeting. Introductions were made by the group and first-time attendees were acknowledged.

Old Business: Sonja Coderre, Public Affairs Officer, Air Force Real Property Agency, conducted the discussion on old business. One new application had been received for membership in the RAB from Helen Lewis, community member. It was questioned if anyone had heard from Bill Hunsucker, community member, who had expressed interest in participating. Dr. Harris informed the group that only the single application was returned, but Mr. Hunsucker had received a copy of the application. Lorraine Wirges, RAB member, moved they accept the application for new membership. Reed Berger, RAB member, seconded the motion. The motion carried. Visitors at the meeting were encouraged to fill out an application for membership. Ms. Coderre indicated that her office would help the RAB work on recruitment of new members.

Mr. Berger pointed out that the RAB Community Co-chair position was still vacant. David Johnston, Village of Rantoul, indicated he would be interested in the position but his RAB application had not yet been filed. Mr. Johnston agreed to finish his application before the end of the meeting. Mr. Berger suggested postponing the election of Co-chair until the end of the meeting. The RAB members concurred.

Ms. Coderre pointed out that the RAB was provided copies of the December meeting minutes. Ms. Coderre apologized for the mix-up in the distribution whereby copies were not received earlier. She questioned whether the RAB would like to review and comment on the minutes at this time or postpone approval. Mr. Berger suggested postponing approval of the December minutes until the May meeting. The RAB members concurred; approval of both sets of minutes is placed under action items from this meeting.

No action items were found from the December meeting. Ms. Coderre asked the group if any other old business needed review. Seeing none, the meeting moved forward.

Environmental Cleanup Update: Dr. Harris opened the discussion on the cleanup efforts at the former installation by pointing out no significant changes had occurred since the December RAB. He did point out that during his update they would be demonstrating a Global Information System map which allows the installation and associated regulators to have real-time tracking of cleanup efforts. The GIS map shows each area of concern, sampling data, property transfer status, and other information as available. Mr. Berger asked if anyone outside the base and regulators could have access to the system. Dr. Harris stated the system was password protected and access was limited; however, it would be possible to allow the local redevelopment authority, Village of Rantoul Economic Development and Aviation, and the Village Public

Works Office to have access to the site. It was pointed out that much of the information on the site would be considered confidential, including unverified sampling data. As long as no information was released from the site without Air Force approval, limited access could be granted to organizations.

Dr. Harris then presented cleanup status on Operable Unit 1. OU1 includes a possible demolition area that has concerned the Village and the Federal Aviation Authority. The Air Force has acknowledged the concern and will be investigating whether a clearance will be necessary. The area has been noted on the maps and fenced off to avoid any potential safety issues. Dr. Harris addressed questions on how the site became a potential area of concern. He pointed out that word of mouth indicated that sometime in the past a person had found a grenade, which was disposed of by the Air Force. The Air Force has no records of the incident, but since safety is a primary concern at any base, they believe it is necessary to do a full investigation. As a first step in the process, ground-penetrating radar was used to note anomalies within the area. Finding anomalies does not mean there are any potentially explosive materials in the area; it means only that something other than soil and rock was noted. Eighty-three anomalies were found in the area. The Air Force will investigate each area by carefully digging into the soil until the materials are uncovered and disposed of as appropriate. Dr. Harris noted that a review of records had indicated that the area in question was once used as a containment area for construction debris. He noted that the anomalies could very well be pieces of concrete or rebar. However, the Air Force will not take any chances with the safety of residents, and a full investigation will be completed. The on-site investigation is projected to start in April. Mr. Berger mentioned that the Village would like to start a development contract in the area by June, so he hoped the Air Force would move quickly to start the clearance if necessary. Dr. Harris pointed out the Air Force plan was submitted to the Air Force Safety Center for approval and is expected back soon. He pointed out there was an ongoing disagreement with the state as to whether any plan would have to be reviewed as a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act operation. The issue is whether the action is considered a live military clearance. Due to historical review of the area, the Air Force had determined this can be classified as an investigation with full safety precautions. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has not agreed on this point. Dr. Harris was not sure if the disagreement would lead to delays in starting work on the area. He stated that during the investigation, airport operations would not be impacted.

Dr. Harris then finished the OU1 update with information that site navigation aid had a one-time hit of chlorinated solvent during sampling. Investigations will continue but there have been no additional occurrences of solvent hits. This property will not be transferred until a full investigation has been completed.

Dr. Harris began his review of OU2 with information that Landfills 1, 2 and 3 have all been capped, areas fenced, and gas probes and leachate collection systems installed. The IEPA has been contacted and is awaiting final information before the Air Force starts the system. Currently, the Air Force is projecting a start date of April 1 for leachate collection and treatment. The leachate collected and treated will be discharged to Salt Fork Creek. Dr. Harris informed the RAB that the Air Force is not required to have a permit for treatment and discharge of the water since the operations are being done on site following the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation, and Liability Act cleanup statutes. He explained that while permits are not required, the Air Force will be sampling and monitoring discharge. It is their intent to voluntarily provide the information to the regulators even though it is not required. Owen Thompson, Remedial Project Manager USEPA Region V, indicated that the community would be kept informed of any problems with sampling and that the Air Force is required to be in concurrence with state and federal laws on water quality. The Air Force does not have to go through the paperwork of a permit because they are not shipping the water off site. Mr. Berger was assured that every effort would be made to keep the public informed.

Dr. Harris explained a new program that should help with the determination of ecological risk at the former installation. Dr. Mark Sprenger, EPA Emergency Response Team, has been brought on as a third party consultant to the BCT to provide technical direction on the ecological process. Dr. Sprenger is an ecological response specialist who wrote the manual currently being used for ecological risk determination. Dr. Harris said Dr. Sprenger's involvement in reviewing ecological risk factors may require additional time, which could slow down some property transfer. Dr. Harris pointed out that it is not unusual for the Air Force to reimburse the regulators for their costs; they are currently providing funds to EPA and IEPA to ensure that assistance is available when it is needed. A single meeting has been held with Mr. Sprenger as the mediator, and all parties felt progress had been made.

Dr. Harris pointed out that signs had been voluntarily placed at Salt Fork Creek to recommend catch-and-release fishing. Chris Hill, Remedial Project Manager IEPA, stated that there has never been a fish advisory officially announced by the agency for Salt Fork Creek or Heritage Lake. The signs placed at both places advising catch-and-release fishing were done by the Air Force without instructions from the regulators.

Dr. Harris finished the cleanup portion by pointing out that several reports and plans from the tank program have been submitted to IEPA for review. He believes this program is showing a lot of progress and is quickly becoming the flagship for how the Air Force and regulators can work together.

Property Transfer: Dr. Harris informed the RAB that parcels V2 & V3 (chapel and library) have concurrence from the regulators for transfer. The paperwork is at AFPRA headquarters, and everything is on hold until the document is signed. Mr. Thompson pointed out that the property transfer showed a real breakthrough for working together on the BRAC Closure Team. When a concern was identified with an adjacent site, the Air Force and regulators worked together to identify the problem and work around the situation to continue the property transfer process. A subdivision map has been presented to the Village for the area. Mr. Greg Hazel, Village of Rantoul Public Works, questioned the situation with the adjacent site. Dr. Harris explained that a lead nugget was found on the site. Historical review indicated that the site was once used as a construction zone for water pipes. During that period, water pipes were sealed with lead, and some lead pieces may have dropped during the process. Using the GIS program, Dr. Harris showed the multiple soil sampling sites for lead. None of the sites showed lead contamination near the level of concern.

Questions arose on the process for data validation on sampling. Dr. Harris explained the process as a chemical validation of laboratory analytical results on 100 percent of the samples for quality control and a follow-up test by a third party consultant reviewing 10 percent of the samples. If any of the samples in the 10 percent do not agree, they cannot be used. This is a very expensive process and requires a lot of work. Mr. Thompson pointed out that right now the regulators were still verifying all data provided by the Air Force, but their hope is that this new quality control will let them begin to do spot checks. Dr. Harris pointed out regulator comments on data lately have only been minor and he believes confidence in Air Force supplied data is improving.

Dr. Harris finished his presentation on current transfer activities by stating that the Airport property is being unofficially reviewed in preparation for transfer process, and that the utilities transfer is actually not a transfer but an easement.

Dr. Harris then began discussing how the Air Force was setting priorities for property transfer in the coming years. He explained that money for the next two fiscal years was going to be very tight, making it very important to identify properties that the Village truly desires as priorities. He mentioned the Village is interested in the 800 area parcel. Dr. Harris explained that a clearance is planned for that area under the military munitions response plan.

Mr. Berger pointed out there was interest in the old skeet range. Dr. Harris explained this area may require an ecological review and would be moved under the program with Dr. Springer. Due to this move, the property would not be available for transfer with the rest of the 800 area that is projected for the end of this calendar year.

Mr. Hazel asked about a company that would like to make an addition to the laundry on the East side of Enterprise. Dr. Harris said this would be a problem with the base if any construction on the site was being proposed. The Air Force is still investigating the location for perchloroethylene solvents at the site, and the extent of the cleanup has not been fully delineated yet.

Mr. Berger asked what the Air Force policy was on removal of underground storage tanks with regards to property transfer. Dr. Harris stated the Air Force wanted no tanks left in the ground; however, sometimes an oil/water separator is left in place with headquarters approval. For example, it is possible the OWS at building 965 will be left due to size. If tanks are left in place, the person or city receiving the property would have to accept partial liability if there are future problems related to the tanks. It is possible to get a waiver for the tanks, but it is not easy and is very unlikely to be approved. Only a few tanks are ever left in place and these are filled with sand or described as "can't be found". Dr. Harris explained the "can't be found" as tanks listed in plans but either no record exists to indicate they were installed or they have not been found during excavation in the areas. For example, an old drawing indicated there was a tank under what became the New Veterans Parkway, but during construction it was never found. The Air Force continues to use various new techniques looking for these "missing" tanks. If any are found, even after transfer, the Air Force will come back and remove them.

Mr. Hazel asked about the property at Doolittle and Flessner Streets. Dr. Harris indicated the drainage tile study lead to this location as the source of contamination. There are no historical

records on the buildings, and they only show up in pictures around 1960. This problem could affect transfer of the site. Mr. Berger asked if it was possible that someone had poured something down the drain. Dr. Harris confirmed this could happen and explained how much contamination could come from a single gallon of product. Mr. Hazel pointed out that Verizon wants to put a cable across the site and wondered if it would be a problem. Dr. Harris advised that the Air Force should be contacted before any digging takes place. He went on to point out the important role the Village has with the leasing on the installation to make sure that they understand to contact the Air Force before doing any construction.

Dr. Harris ended by telling the members that crews were again sampling the substation for possible PCB contamination.

RAB Rule: Ms. Coderre provided the RAB members with a copy of the newly proposed RAB Rule published in the Federal Register for public comment. Dr. Harris pointed out how important it was that everyone provides comments. Ms. Coderre walked the group through the various portions of the proposed rule: the preamble is background material on how the Department of Defense reached decisions on the proposed rule, the summary outlines the proposed rule, the analysis reviews the proposed rule, and finally, Part 202 begins the proposed rule text. Ms. Coderre read some of the sections that might affect the RAB, including the requirement for a charter which this RAB has never finalized. She pointed out the comment period will run until March 29 and everyone is encouraged to comment. The DOD prefers typed comments but will accept handwritten comments by the deadline. Mr. Thompson asked how this RAB compared to the new rule (what had been done right and what was done wrong) and what would be the penalty for violating the rule. Ms. Coderre stated that there is no penalty listed for not complying. She also noted that the DOD left flexibility in the rule to allow it to meet the needs of the various types of RAB. Dr. Harris stated the only area he saw that was different in the rule and what happens at this RAB are presentations on economic development. The rule specifies that the RAB should only discuss restoration issues. He felt nothing was being done significant enough to warrant a change in how the RAB was conducted. He pointed out that the rule can be confusing, and if anyone needed assistance they were welcome to call the office. He also mentioned that the rule covers RAB topics and meetings at installations other than BRAC, so it may be confusing to review. The Air Force will place a copy of the proposed plan in the information repository next week.

New Business: Ms. Coderre presented the RAB with an additional application for membership from Mr. Johnston. Mr. Berger moved the application be accepted. Ms. Wirges seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Johnston, new RAB member, volunteered for position of Community Co-chair. Ms. Wirges moved Mr. Johnston be approved as the Community Co-chair. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Johnston will begin serving as the Co-chair at the May meeting of the RAB.

Action Item	Assigned Individual	Delivery Timing
Approve December Minutes	RAB members	May meeting
Approve February Minutes	RAB members	May meeting
Establish Proposed RAB Rule Review Subcommittee	Reed Berger	February 28, 2005
Provide comments to DOD on RAB Proposed Rule	Subcommittee	March 29, 2005
Establish Charter Review Subcommittee and report out to RAB on review	David Johnston	May meeting
Place Proposed RAB rule in Information Repository	Dr. Bill Harris	February 25, 2005

Suggested May Agenda Items

- CERCLA Program Overview, Mr. Thompson
- UST Program Overview, Mr. Hill
- BRAC Process, Dr. Harris
- Property Transfer Process, Dr. Harris

Next Meeting: May 24, 2005, at 12:00 p.m., Rantoul Corporate Technology Center

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Meeting Sign-In Roster**

Debra Rawlings, Rantoul Press
Bill Clayton, Rantoul Airport
Owen Thompson, USEPA Region V
Christopher Hill, IEPA
Dave Wacker, Booz Allen Hamilton
Diane Shields, Village of Rantoul Aviation and Economic Development
Lorraine Wirges, RAB member
Reed Berger, RAB member
Greg Hazel, Village of Rantoul Public Works
Pat Miller, Village of Rantoul Public Works
David Johnston, Village of Rantoul
Dr. Bill Harris, AFRPA
Jim Husbands, Booz Allen Hamilton
Sonja Coderre, AFRPA
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Welcome and Introductions

Presented by Ms. Sonja Coderre

- **Dr. Bill Harris - Air Force Co-Chair**
- **Vacant - Community Co-Chair**
- **Ms. Sonja Coderre - AF Public Affairs Officer**



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Old Business

Presented by Ms. Sonja Coderre

- **RAB Recruitment**
- **RAB Co-Chair**
- **Meeting Minutes from December 2004**
- **Action Items from Previous Meeting**



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Environmental Program Status

Presented by Dr. Bill Harris

- **Installation Restoration Program**
 - **Operable Unit 1**
 - **Demolition Disposal Area**
 - **Operable Unit 2**
 - **Landfills**
 - **Salt Fork Creek**
- **Environmental Compliance - Closure Related Program**

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Property Transfer Program Status

Presented by Dr. Bill Harris

- **Parcels V2 & V3**
- **Airport Parcel**
- **Utilities**
- **Future Transfer Priorities/Strategy**



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New Business

Presented by Dr. Bill Harris

- **RAB Proposed Rule**
 - **Membership**
 - **Chairmanship**
 - **Operating Requirements**
 - **Administrative Support, Funding, and Reporting Requirements**
 - **Comments due by March 29, 2005**



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Meeting Wrap-Up

Presented by Ms. Sonja Coderre

- **Review action items for next meeting**

- **Propose agenda items for next meeting**
 - **CERCLA Program**
 - **UST Program**
 - **BRAC Process**
 - **Property Transfer Process**



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Meeting Wrap-Up

Presented by Ms. Sonja Coderre

- **Propose next RAB meeting:**

Thursday, May 26, 2005

12:00 p.m.

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