

Final Meeting Minutes
Former Galena FOL Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting
Galena, Alaska
20 October 2015

Time/Place: 7:50 pm, 20 October 2015 – Larson Charlie Hall, Galena, Alaska

Attendees (not a comprehensive list):

Approximately 20 people attended the meeting including representatives from the Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC), the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), and the Galena Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The following is a partial list of people at the meeting.

AL Weilbacher, AFCEC
Donna Kozak, Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH)
Bruce Henry, Parsons
Kevin Smith, Parsons
Brian Blicher, Parsons
Win Westervelt, CH2M HILL
Dennis Shepard, ADEC
Tim Bodony, Community RAB Member
Tim Kalke, Sustainable Energy for Galena (SEGA) and Community RAB Member
Bill Kulash, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF)
Bruce Dianoski, ADOT&PF
Jon Korta, Galena City Mayor
Shanda Huntington, Galena City Manager
Nick Hruby, City of Galena
Betty Huntington, Gana-A'Yoo
Fred Huntington, Sr., Community Member
Ed Pitka, Community Member
Terry Pitka, Community Member
Larry Hausman, Community Member
Edgar Nollner, Jr., Community Member

Agenda: See Attachment 1

Introduction:

AL Weilbacher opened the RAB meeting by reviewing the agenda for presentations on Performance-Based Remediation (PBR) Cleanup efforts, the Small Arms Range Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA), and a Tar Investigation and Pipeline Abandonment project.

Presentations:

Bruce Henry started the presentations with an update of the PBR Cleanup contract. He provided an overview of the activities that were completed during the 2015 field season (Attachment 2), including the following:

- A TCRA at the former Disposal Area West of Dike (Site DP023),
- Excavation of petroleum-contaminated soil at Former Building 1812 (Site CSS002),

- Excavation of petroleum-contaminated soil at former Underground Storage Tank (UST) 1770 (Site CST013),
- Confirmation of abandonment of USTs at the Combat Alert Cell (CAC) Building (Site CST011), and
- Installation of SVE Pilot Test Systems at Sites SS022, OW024, SS019, and SS025.

Win Westervelt also provided input on Method Three risk evaluations. Mr. Henry ended the presentation with an update of PBR activities proposed for the 2016 field season, including installation of bioventing, soil vapor extraction, and air sparging remedial systems at multiple sites.

AL Weilbacher provided an overview of activities completed for a TCRA at the Small Arms Range which was performed by Ahtna Engineering Services (Attachment 3). Mr. Weilbacher described the removal of soil contaminated with lead and antimony, and the decommissioning and closure of the small arms firing range. Approximately 290 cubic yards of soil was classified as hazardous waste and transported to Oregon for disposal. Another 101 cubic yards classified as non-hazardous contaminated soil that also requires disposal outside of Galena, of which 80 cubic yards is being stored at Galena over the winter for shipment next summer.

Mr. Weilbacher also gave a presentation on the tar investigation and pipeline abandonment project performed by Aerostar (Attachment 4). The goal of this tar investigation was to determine the extent of tar located south of the runway and north of the northern dike road. Tar was found that ranged from 2 to 12 inches thick up to a depth of 3 feet. The next step is to develop a strategy for addressing tar-contaminated soil. The objective of the pipeline investigation was to locate abandoned fuel pipelines and verify that they were properly abandoned. Approximately 480 gallons of fuel were recovered from three pipelines, and a number of pipelines were cleaned out and plugged with grout.

Bruce Dianoski with ADOT&PF discussed the runway realignment project. Mr. Dianoski distributed a handout showing the current plan for runway shortening, and noted that the work was currently planned for the summer of 2017.

Questions/Discussion:

After the update of the PBR Cleanup contract, Tim Bodony asked about the future process for review of Proposed Plans and Cleanup Plans. He expressed concern that the pace of the planning documents may be too quick for the RAB to keep up and provide feedback. Bruce Henry responded that the proposed cleanup technologies for Cleanup Plans had been presented for public review last August, and that review of the remaining Proposed Plans would likely be spread out over 2016.

An ADOT representative asked if the PBR contract will provide local jobs. Bruce Henry responded that the PBR Teaming Partners hire subcontractors that employ a number of local hires, and that practice will continue.

During the presentation on the Small Arms Range TCRA, one resident commented that practice rounds from automatic M16 rifles were fired in a sweeping motion that resulted in bullets all around the back stop. AL Weilbacher noted this may be one reason that lead bullets were encountered on the sides of the small arms range.

Another resident commented that tar is present on the ground surface to the north of South Dike Road, and more is appearing over time. Win Westervelt inquired if tar is regulated. Dennis Shepard said that the tar typically contains constituents above cleanup levels. Although it is not a hazardous waste, there are state requirements that it be disposed at an industrial landfill.

Since Galena does not have ready access to an industrial landfill, the Air Force and ADEC are looking for alternative disposal options for the tar material at Galena.

Dennis Shepard asked about the pipe alignment along North-South section on each side of runway. AL Weilbacher responded that the pipeline under the runway was not part of the Pipeline Abandonment project. A resident commented that the pipe is on the ground surface north of the dike road across from the barge landing.

Resident Betty Huntington commented that Air Force contractors should be considerate of the local B&Bs when booking lodging arrangements, as several cancellations occurred this past field season.

AL Weilbacher concluded the RAB meeting by reviewing the schedule for the next proposed RAB meeting in April of 2016 and provided closing remarks.

Attachments:

1. RAB Meeting Agenda
2. Performance Based Remediation at Former Galena FOL
3. Small Arms Firing Range Time Critical Removal Action
4. Tar Investigation and Pipeline Abandonment at Former Galena FOL