

**Galena Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting
SUMMARY**

**June 22, 2011
Galena, Alaska**

1. Attendees:

Raymond Baker, Accu-Type Despositions
Tim Bodony, Galena Resident, Community RAB Co-Chair
Melissa Buciak, Galena Resident
Norman Burgett, Galena Resident
Tom Corrigan, Galena City Manager
Dick Evans, Galena Resident
Colette Foster, Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT)
Greg Gangnuss, Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA)
Steve Hammer, SLR – ADEC Contractor
Ben Koontz, Galena Resident
Debbie Koontz, Galena Resident
Phil Koontz, RAB member
John Korta, Galena Resident
Andy Larson, SLR - ADEC contractor
Linda Liu, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Andi Lord, CH2MHill
Kenton Moos, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Sam Myers, Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT)
Kate O'Connor, CH2MHill
March Runner, Loudon Tribal Council
Angela Sederquist, Booz Allen Hamilton
John Stam, Galena Resident
Robert Thompson, CH2MHill
Fred Vreeman, ADEC
Al Weilbacher, Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment (AFCEE)
Win Westervelt, CH2MHill

2. **Introduction.** Mr. Tim Bodony, Community Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. and introduced Mr. Greg Gangnuss of the Air Force Real Property Agency to the Galena community.

3. **Overview of Environmental Restoration Strategy.** Mr. Al Weilbacher, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Environmental Coordinator at former Galena Forwarding Operating Location (FOL), provided an overview of the work accomplished in 2010 and the anticipated actions for the remainder of the summer.

2010 Accomplishments at Galena:

- Completed 54 Areas of Concern (AOCs)
- Base-wide Work Plan approved by ADEC
- Field Sampling Plans submitted for regulatory review (29 AOCs, 9 sites, Background Study, Groundwater, and Vapor Intrusion)
- Field investigations for 27 sites, 27 AOCs and 6 sites
- Completed remedial action (excavation) at OT099 (Parcel EE) and SS015 (bioreactor)
- Inventory of 176 wells
- Three rounds of base-wide groundwater sampling (one of these sampling round actually occurred in Spring 2011)
- Continued operation of existing remedial systems (Galena Aviation Vocational Technical Center (GAVTC), soil vapor extraction (SVE) units and bioventing systems around the petroleum, oil, lubricants (POL) tank farm)
- Conducted quarterly downgradient residential well sampling
- Attempted to sample 176 wells - 34 [wells] were too low, contained ice plugs, or were dry
- Completed field investigations for nature and extent of contamination

Planned field activities for 2011:

- Conduct test pitting and sampling at two small disposal areas west of the triangle
- Excavate approximately 20,000 cubic yards of POL-contaminated soil from five sites
- Begin installation of groundwater monitoring wells (approximately 30)
- Optimize current remedial systems (SVE and biovent)
- Perform investigations to clean an military munitions response program (MMRP) site
- Construct and operate 20-acre landfarm
- Remove abandoned Air Force equipment
- Continue quarterly residential well sampling
- Finalize preliminary assessment (PA) report to close out PAs
- Prepare site inspection reports/site characterization reports/remedial investigation reports
- Perform human health and ecological risk assessments
- Conduct extensive record reviews to add to the administrative records

4. Discussion of MMRP Sites. Mr. Bodony requested additional information regarding the MMRP sites and plans for cleanup. Mr. Weilbacher and Mr. Gangnuss provided an overview of the strategy. MMRP is the process of the Air Force conducting inspections to determine if there are unexploded ordnances left behind. The inspectors conduct multiple walkthroughs to uncover shallow munitions; radar technology is another option. The inspectors will determine if munitions are greater

than 50-caliber. Based on previous experience, it is anticipated the majority of munitions will be spent cartridges. Mr. Weilbacher also briefly discussed 611th involvement in cleaning up munitions range at Campion Air Base.

5. **2011 IRA and Landfarm Update.** Mr. Robert Thompson with CH2MHill discussed the source removal plan and the proposed landfarm operation. Expanded to include two additional sites at SS005 (Wilderness Hall) and AST1569 (generator site). Plan to excavate during the low water season to maximize soil removal. Will finish both sites near the school prior to start of school. Road closure and detour signs will help guide residents during the excavation. Excavation expected to last approximately 1 August through 30 September. Air quality monitoring at the sites to ensure pedestrians/students not at risk of air borne contaminants. Three-acre stockpile on old Campion airstrip this year; eventually move contaminated soil from stockpile to landfarm for treatment and ultimate landfill cover.
6. **Performance Based Contract Overview:** Plan to have a contract in place by 2013. Potential for 44 contractors at site visit scheduled for July 27, 2011. Contractors will meet with ADEC, ADOT and City of Galena to ask additional questions. Contract expected to be awarded within three to six months.
7. **Remarks from ADEC.** Mr. Fred Vreeman from ADEC introduced full team, including Amanda Loomis, Linda Liu, Steve Hammer, and Andy Larson. ADEC's Function is to review/approve environmental work plans conducted by Air Force or its contractors. The team is committed to making sure nature and extent of the contamination is located. Good news in locating extent of the contamination at site SS005 (Wilderness Hall). Discussion of land use controls; the Air Force is committed to cleaning up to unrestricted use wherever possible.
8. **Real Estate Update.** Mr. Gangnuss from AFRPA provided an update on Facility 1428 and Building 1857. Memorandum of agreement with Fish and Wildlife Service completed in April 2011 regarding Facility 1428 and property transferred. AFRPA has authorized CH2M Hill to start moving into Building 1857 and out of Building 1850. Building 1850 will be available for the school district.
9. **Public Involvement Update.** Mr. Gangnuss discussed the upcoming semi-annual newsletter to keep the Galena community informed on environmental cleanup between RAB meetings. Newsletter will be used to spread the information both out to the community and up the Air Force chain of command. Mr. Tim Bodony will distribute to strategic locations around Galena.
10. **Remarks from Loudon Tribal Council.** Ms. March Runner, mentioned working with CH2MHill is an "eye-opener" that required outside-of-the-box thinking to get the job done. We are working with them on the dirt farm contract with many changes and more expected. She referred to the "light at the end of the tunnel."

11. **Future RAB Agenda Topics.** List of topics to cover in a future RAB meeting:

- Update on the progress of the bioreactor (Louden Tribal Council)
- Additional information regarding the landfarm, how it will work, and what kind of protection will be offered in the area (Louden Tribal Council)
- Summary of results for all types of environmental cleanup, even if not validated (Mr. Bodony)

12. **Adjournment.** Mr. Bodony called for adjournment at 8:36 p.m.