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5 October 99 RAB Action Item/Response**Item: 1**

Description: Mr. Rice requested an explanation of why RAB members do not receive copies of all documents and other materials distributed for use by and among the members of the BRAC Closure Team.

Requester: Mr. Rice

OPR: Ms. Kelly

ACTION: Provide written response.

Response: In answering this question, we note that similar questions about the involvement of RAB members with the BCT have been asked previously. Our responses have been consistent, and our reply below restates some of the replies previously provided.

1. The representatives of the regulatory agencies and of Kelly AFB who participate in the BCT have agreed to provide copies of the BCT minutes to the RAB, and to entertain questions about the items covered in the minutes at the regularly scheduled public RAB and TRS meetings.
2. In addition to the minutes, all BCT documents and materials (such as maps) which are releasable under the federal Freedom of Information Act are distributed to the members of the RAB without their having to submit a FOIA request. This is also the case with respect to other documents and materials related to the Installation remediation Program at Kelly.
3. On the other hand, draft documents and materials which are preliminary are not released to the RAB members. Such information is predecisional, intended for initial consideration and careful review by technically trained persons to elicit their comments and corrections. No public purpose would be served by distribution of preliminary technical documents and information before such materials have been subjected to the scrutiny of peer review.
4. The Air Force and the regulatory agencies take very seriously their responsibilities to keep the public completely informed about environmental cleanup at Kelly. The decision not to share untested preliminary information with the RAB, whether such information comes from the BCT or other base sources, is consistent with those responsibilities. The harm to the public resulting from the broadcast of partial, incomplete, or inaccurate information about base cleanup matters could easily outweigh any benefit claimed to be derived.
5. The Air Force will continue its practice of sharing with the RAB and the TRS all final and draft final environmental reports, as well as BCT minutes and other FOIAble information.

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Item: 2

Description: Ms. Gomez requested information on a temporary hospital that was formerly located at the site of her home. While adding a driveway they found a layer of bricks 4 inches below the surface.

Requester: Mrs. Gomez

OPR: Mr. Walters

Action: Research the issue and met with Ms. Gomez. During the in person meeting provide what information is found about past military uses of her property.

Response: The meeting was held 11 January 00 at Ms. Gomez's home.

5 October 99 RAB Action Item/Response**Item:** 3**Description:** The RAB requested a report of what the Air Force told Ms. Gomez. (See action item 10-2.)**Requester:** Mr. Rice**OPR:** Mr. Walters**Action:** Prepare a statement of what Ms. Gomez was told for the January RAB Meeting Information Packet.

Response: Mr. Walters reported: I met with Ms. Hermina Gomez and her husband, Sebastian Gomez, at 1235 Fenfield. I showed them a map of the World War II era Kelly Station Hospital and used a vugraph overlay of today's streets to pinpoint the approximate location of her home with respect to the former hospital buildings. The brickwork beneath her driveway appears to be the road between two hospital buildings, based upon the maps. She had been concerned that it was the top of an air raid shelter.

I explained the routine nature of medical care at a stateside station hospital and that any germs or bacteria were unlikely to remain after the hospital was vacated and the buildings torn down, but if anything had remained it would be extremely unlikely that germs or bacteria would survive outside the human body for years or decades. In effect, that there shouldn't be any health hazard to residents now or in the years since the hospital land was developed.

Her concern for radiation stemmed from the use of x-ray equipment in hospitals. I pointed out that in the late 1940s such equipment was considered very expensive and somewhat mysterious. The equipment would have been removed and special efforts made ensuring there was no remaining radiation from the use of x-rays in the building.

She and her husband gave interesting historical background on the neighborhood and base - before World War II and since the developers took over the surplus land.

She mentioned concern that odors occurred from time-to-time and that she had lost the phone number to call at the base. I gave her my contact information and assured her I would respond to any call she or her neighbors might make.

She expressed her disappointment that her neighbors don't attend RABs or other environmental meetings, and I expressed our gratitude for her effort to do so and our belief that it's important to hear what the neighbors are thinking as we work through the cleanup program.

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Item: 4

Description: Is the environmental data collected by the GKDA tenants available for review?

Requester: Mr. Rice

OPR: Mr. Antwine

Action: Determine if the environmental data collected by GKDA tenants is available from the Air Force for public viewing.

Response: All request for information should be directed to GKDA. GKDA will work with their tenants in meeting requests.

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Item: 5

Description: What are the health effects of exposure to Vinyl Chloride Gas? Does the AF plan to address the issue and if so how?

Requester: Mr. Rice

OPR: Capt. Sassaman

Action: Provide a Vinyl Chloride Gas Fact Sheet. Provide an answer for the second question.

Response: ATSDR's Vinyl Chloride Gas Fact Sheet follows this page and answers the most asked questions concerning the chemical.

The Air Force will perform screening sampling for air pathway exposure analysis of vinyl chloride based on results of modeling.

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Item: 6

Description: What is the AF position on the treatment method of pumping contaminated water, treating it and reinjection of the water?

Requester: Mr. Rice

OPR: Mr. Ryan

Action: Provide Kelly's Environmental Directorate position on this treatment method.

Response: We have looked at specific sites at Kelly AFB and our testing indicated injection technology was not applicable. The technology is also best used in moderate to high permeability soils which exist in the area, but not in abundance and are very difficult to locate. But, we continue to explore the use of injection technology at those sites where it may be successful.

Remember, each site is different and that is why we will continue to evaluate the use of injection technology.

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Item: 7

Description: In a recent Newspaper article, MHD representative said they had held information concerning health issues in the greater Kelly AFB communities. Mr. Rice asked to be provide the withheld information and receive an explanation of why it was withheld.

Requester: Mr. Rice

OPR: Mr. Sanchez, Metropolitan Health District, (MHD)

Action: Provide the information at the January RAB meeting.

Response: MHD scheduled a presentation prior to the January RAB meeting. The presentation is being advertised in conjunction with the RAB meeting on the radio and in local newspapers.

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Item: 8

Description: It was suggested the Air Force produces posters showing the status of base environmental zones.

Requester: Mr. Puffer

OPR: Mr. Ryan

Action: Produce Zone Status Posters

Response: Zone Status Posters are in display area. The posters will be updated each quarter and displayed RAB meetings and other appropriate meetings.

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Item: 9

Description: Mr. Quintanilla had heard from truck drivers hauling soil from the sewer project, that they were washing the trucks in a grassy area with no precautions.

Requester: Mr. Quintanilla

OPR: Mr. Perez

Action: Research the allegation and report findings in the January RAB Meeting Information Packet.

Response: Trucks used to transport contaminated soil to the landfill are lined and sealed to prevent soil and/or water releases along the route from the excavation to the landfill. Only licensed and permitted transporters are used. Lined trucks are not required to be decontaminated.

All soil determined to be uncontaminated will either be stockpiled at the project site for general backfill, or transported to Kelly AFB for reused as non-waste material. Trucks used to transport uncontaminated soil are not required to be decontaminated.

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Item: 10

Description: What was the cost of the plan Mr. Neathery reviewed.

Requester: Mr. Quintanilla

OPR: Ms. Brown

Action: Ms. Brown will determine if the information is available for release.

Response: The preparation costs for the subject Quality Program Plan were approximately \$38,000.

The costs included preparation and planned revision cycles of draft, draft final, and final versions of the document. The document was reviewed, discussed and commented on by Air Force and regulatory agency representatives from TNRCC, EPA, Kelly AFB, and AFCEE. The document included a work plan, field sampling plan, quality assurance project plan, and a health and safety plan for the installation of 83 soil probes, 23 monitoring wells, three recovery well tests, and 30 field hydraulic conductivity tests.

The purpose of the document was to guide planning and execution of remedial investigations at IRP Zone 4 Operable Unit 2, as described above. Its success is measured by the fact that at completion of the work all objectives of the investigation were satisfied. Also, there were no safety incidents to the public, government employees, or contractor employees during the work.

These costs are subject to periodic government auditing and may be amended.

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Item: 11

Description:

Requester: Ms. Huerta

OPR: Mr. Ryan

Action: The AF, TNRCC, and EPA prepare and provide the RAB comments on Mr. Neathery's review of the Zone 4 Work Plan.

Response: The Air Force comments are in tab 7. EPA and TNRCC comments were not available at press time.

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Item: 12

Description: Provide a chart or information on permitting process.

Requester: Mr. Puffer

OPR: Mr. Ryan

Action: Provide information on the permitting process.

Response: The following pages explaining the permitting process. The information was provide by TNRCC.

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