



**Former Wurtsmith AFB Restoration Advisory Board  
24 May 2021 Co-Chair Meeting  
Final Summary**

**Introduction**

The co-chairs of the Former Wurtsmith AFB Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met on Monday, 24 May 2021 from 1000-1130 EDT. Attendees included:

- Dr. Catharine Varley, Air Force co-chair
- Mr. Mark Henry, community co-chair
- Mr. Tim Sueltenfuss, facilitator

**Discussion**

Action Items (AIs)

*AI 57*

Beth Place, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), previously suggested that AI 57 be listed as "Proposed for Closure."

The co-chairs adjusted AI 57 as indicated by the following text:

- Comment: "Michigan EGLE has no report by that name. The Department did release a report named CAPTURE ZONE DELINEATION AT FORMER WURTSMITH AIR FORCE BASE (WAFB) accompanied by a letter from Sue Leeming dated August 28, 2019. This report is available under All Wurtsmith Documents at Michigan.gov/Wurtsmith or [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/pfasresponse/WAFB\\_Capture\\_Zone\\_Report\\_631415\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/pfasresponse/WAFB_Capture_Zone_Report_631415_7.pdf)"
- Status: "Closed"

*AI 62*

The co-chairs adjusted AI 62 as indicated by the following text:

- Comments: "They haven't published anything on foam yet; interrogating the sources of PFAS in lake foam isn't a major component of the subject project (ER19-1205). They have measured PFAS as well as many different organic acids in the foam, but concentrations are dependent on the sampling technique. Bottom line is that the foam is a combination of PFAS and other (naturally-occurring) surfactants. Regarding the Surface Water Foam on Van Etten Lake, is the Wurtsmith AF team aware of DoD's SERDP study ER19-1205 (originated in Oct,2018). Provided via email April 6, 2021. <https://www.serdp-estcp.org/Program-Areas/Environmental-Restoration/Risk-Assessment/ER19-1205#factsheet-34772-publications> AF is aware of results and is considering all information as it moves forward into the RI."
- Status: "Closed"

*AI 63*

The co-chairs adjusted AI 63 as indicated by the following text:

- Status: "Closed"



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*AI 85*

Arnie Leriche, community RAB member, previously suggested altering AI 85 and creating a new AI. The co-chairs discussed Mr. Leriche's suggestions.

The co-chairs adjusted AI 85 as indicated by the following text:

- AI: "Provide SERDP study concerning PFAS foam to the RAB."
- Comments: "Provided via email April 6, 2021. Reference AI 62."
- Status: "Closed"

Dr. Varley stated she would engage with Arnie Leriche to suggest that he propose the new AI during the next RAB meeting.

*AI 86*

Mr. Sueltenfuss noted the status of AI 86 is currently "Open." Ms. Place previously suggested listing this AI as "Proposed for Closure." Dr. Varley noted the Air Force is awaiting an approval letter from Michigan EGLE for the LF030/031 Substantive Requirements Document (SRD). The co-chairs did not adjust AI 86.

*AI 89*

The co-chairs adjusted AI 89 as indicated by the following text:

- Status: "Closed"

Mr. Henry noted he reviewed the map of Installation Restoration Program sites. He stated the arrow for SS051 appears to be in the wrong location; it should be about 100 feet north of the runway. Dr. Varley offered to look into this matter.

Upcoming Meetings

*21 July 2021 RAB*

The co-chairs confirmed 21 July 2021 RAB as the date for next RAB meeting. The proposed format will be in-person with a livestream. Possible meeting locations include the Shoreline Players' Theater or another theater. Agenda topics could include introduction of the Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Construction Optimization Services contractor.

Mr. Henry emphasized that the RAB meeting should not have a fixed end time.

*Future RAB Meetings*

The co-chairs discussed their preference to schedule RAB meeting dates for the upcoming year. Mr. Sueltenfuss will propose meeting dates to the co-chairs. They will then consider these dates, revise if necessary, and present them to the RAB members for consideration.



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*Technical Meetings*

Mr. Henry suggested augmenting RAB meetings with technical meetings as needed. Dr. Varley expressed her agreement and stated that she is waiting on Air Force Leadership approval. She suggested conducting a technical session the morning of the 21 July 2021 RAB. A topic could be the Conceptual Site Model.

Additional Discussion

The co-chairs discussed previous investigative and remedial activities at LF030/031. They also discussed documents that should be released publicly soon. Mr. Henry offered to provide to the Air Force results/locations from pore water samples collected in Clark's Marsh.

**Conclusion**

Mr. Sueltenfuss noted he will provide a summary of this meeting and the resulting version of the AI tracker to the co-chairs on 24 May 2021. Mr. Henry stated he would send the AI tracker to the RAB members for their awareness. The meeting concluded.