



**Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting  
Former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads  
Ceiba, Puerto Rico**

**Meeting #45 – August 29, 2018**

*Note: This meeting summary is based on informal notes taken at the meeting. It is not intended as a verbatim transcript. Rather, it is intended to summarize the overall discussions. If comments or additional notes are provided within 30 days of distribution of these minutes, they will be considered and potentially added as an attachment to this summary.*

## **I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting began at approximately 6:20 p.m. See Attachment 1 for a list of meeting attendees.

Madeline Almodovar (Facilitator) greeted attendees to the 45th Naval Activity Puerto Rico (NAPR) RAB meeting, gave a brief explanation of the agenda, and introduced the NAPR Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Program Manager, Thuane Fielding (Navy).

Thuane thanked the attendees for participating and for supporting the cleanup program at the former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads; these include members of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), the Navy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA). Thuane excused Mr. Juan Babá and Mr. Ramón D. Figueroa as they had a conflicting appointment, but they would be in contact with Thuane after the meeting.

EPA has been in communication with the Navy regarding the progress of the environmental activities since the hurricanes; no impacts related to the storms were observed; both representatives stated that they look forward to seeing community members at future meetings.

Thuane also welcomed the representatives from the LRA, including Mrs. Nilda Marchán who continues to collaborate with the Navy on the cleanup process and participates in the review and approval phases in support of future land transfers.

## II. New and Ongoing Action Items

The following table summarizes the status of the action items, including new and ongoing tasks which will be discussed at the RAB meeting.

Action Item Description	Status as of 08/29/2018
Navy will present the data and the results of the ongoing investigations as agenda topics in future RAB meetings.	<b>ONGOING:</b> Navy continues to present the results of the completed investigations at RAB meetings.
Navy will describe the Statement of Basis for each site summarizing the investigation history and planned cleanup activities.	<b>COMPLETED:</b> As they are developed, Statements of Basis are being presented to the RAB. The Navy and the LRA have identified a transitory local repository to store hard copies of documents for public review in the LRA field office at the former NSRR headquarters. The former repository, the Ceiba Public Library was affected by the hurricanes.
EPA will follow up with the question related to the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) data within the framework of the Consent Order and public information requirements.	<b>COMPLETED:</b> Jessica Mollin communicated with Mrs. Naida Dávila regarding the information request.
PREQB will further discuss the watershed assessment related to hurricane impacts.	<b>ONGOING:</b> Juan Babá will be communicating with the community regarding this topic.
PREQB will enquire about the role of the agency related to health studies for Ceiba residents.	<b>ONGOING:</b> Juan Babá will be communicating with the community regarding this topic.
Naida Dávila will email an excerpt of the Consent Order 7003 to discuss with the Navy and EPA	<b>NEW</b>
The Navy will present a brief description of the SWMU 11 (base powerplant) intake water channels and cooling water outlets at a future RAB meeting.	<b>NEW</b>

## III. SWMU 11 (Base Powerhouse) Interim Corrective Measures - Asbestos Abatement and PCB Removal

Mr. Tim Wenk (Navy) provided information on the SWMU 11 historical property use and discussed that the interior of Building 38 is being addressed separately from the exterior portion which is part of another SWMU (SWMU 45). Tim described the environmental restoration methodology and provided details about the remedial action plan phases.

Tim described the hazardous waste [asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)] that is being removed from the building interior. Tim also discussed the removal methods and expected timeline to complete the environmental cleanup and hazardous waste removal. The environmental work will be ongoing through the end of 2018.

### Questions/Comments from the Public:

- Naida Dávila (RAB community member) asked the Navy about the destination of the hazardous materials being disposed of.
  - Tim Wenk (Navy) responded that disposing of the waste that has been removed as part of the environmental remediation activities performed within the NAPR must follow strict guidelines as expressed on the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Consent Order 7003 that was signed between the Navy, EPA, and PREQB. Tim added that some of the hazardous waste for this specific site has been shipped to a permitted landfill in the mainland United States that meets RCRA criteria for the specific waste.
- Ismael Velázquez (RAB community member) requested that the Navy provide a brief history of the SWMU 11 (base powerplant) intake channel and the cooling water discharge channel.
  - Tim Wenk (Navy) stated that he will provide information related to SWMU 11 on the next RAB meeting.
  - James Frank (CH2M) stated that the intake and discharge channels were sealed off and the base power plant building rests on a 10 ft concrete footing.

#### **IV. SWMU 3 Closure and Post Closure Care Activities**

Tim Wenk (Navy) discussed the background information, and the closure construction phases completed for the former landfill parcels/areas. Tim described several activities, which include regular cap maintenance grass mowing, engineering controls, inspections, and long-term monitoring. Tim stated that the Navy is in communication with EPA, PREQB and the LRA to complete the anticipated property transfer within the next year. As part of the process leading up to the property transfer, the public will have the opportunity to review the Post Closure Care Plan document and submit comments.

#### **V. Land Use Controls – Site Closure, Property Transfer, and Munitions**

Tim Wenk (Navy) provided an overview of the informational/ warning signs installed within NAPR. The signs are site-specific and contain warning messages informing the public of the hazards at each of the parcels or SWMU boundaries. Tim highlighted the importance of notifying the public of the potential environmental hazards and point of contact for additional information. Tim showcased a map with the approximate location of the signs located across NAPR and gave examples of the safety message aimed to protect the public.

Tim also described the maintenance activities performed as part of the quarterly Base-wide inspections that are constantly performed on NAPR. He highlighted the importance of heeding the signs especially at sites containing Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) and/or material potentially presenting an explosive hazard (MPPEH), such as Area of Concern E (Piñeros Island).

- Ismael Velázquez (RAB community member) asked about the Puerto Rico Port Authority contractors performing excavation activities close to the coastal area south of SWMU 55. Ismael mentioned that he understood that the deed for the property prohibited those type of activities.
  - Tim Wenk stated that those activities have stopped following notification from the Navy to the LRA. The Navy met with LRA representatives to discuss the property transfer restrictions for this site and will follow up the LRA to resolve this issue.

## **VI. SWMU 28 - Corrective Measures Evaluation- RCRA Facility Investigation Report Addendum**

Tim Wenk (Navy) briefly discussed this topic, however, would go over the details at the next RAB meeting.

## **VII. Status Update on Planned, Ongoing, and Completed Activities**

Tim Wenk (Navy) provided an update on the ongoing and completed activities for the months of July 2018 through August 2018. Tim gave a preview of the planned activities for Fall 2018.

### **Questions/Comments from the Public:**

- Naida Dávila (RAB community member) Asked for the Navy to repeat some of the topics for next RAB meeting for the benefit of other participants who were not able to attend.
  - Thuane Fielding (Navy) responded the Navy will share the information presented tonight at the next meeting. She also added that the presentations will be posted to the PMO website and emailed to the community members.

## **VIII. Post Closure Care Plan Public Review and Comment Periods**

Tim provided an update on the closure plans for the SMWU 3 which will be available for public review and comment in the upcoming months.

## **IX. Other Question/Comments from the Public**

- Ismael Velázquez (RAB community member) mentioned that there is an area close to the Navy Lodge, which was used in the past to dispose of debris, which is very overgrown with vegetation
  - Tim Wenk stated that this area is part of SWMU 1. He added that prior to starting the investigation activities, Navy's contractors will clear vegetation
  - Thuane Fielding (Navy) Thuane clarified that the work plan for SWMU 1 was presented on June 2017 as part of the scheduled activities but was postponed due to the impacts caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

## **X. Closing**

Thuane Fielding (Navy) thanked again all the participants for attending the RAB meeting. The meeting ended at approximately 7:25 PM. The next RAB meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2018.

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**Meeting Attendees - August 29, 2018**

<b>RAB Members</b>	
<b>RAB Community Members Present</b>	<b>RAB Community Members Absent</b>
Ismael Velázquez, Naida Dávila	<b>Ramón D. Figueroa, Community Co-Chair</b> Rafael Montes, Luis A. Velázquez Rivera, José Julio Díaz, Agustín Velázquez Samuel Carballo, Michael Dalton, Jorge Fernández Porto, William Lourido, Lirio Márquez D'Acunti, Ramón M. Ríos
<b>Community Members Visiting</b>	
<b>RAB Agency Representatives</b>	
<b>Thuane Fielding, Navy Co-Chair</b>	Navy – Base Closure Manager
Tim Wenk	Navy – Remedial Project Manager
Doug Pocze (absent)	Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
Jessica Mollin	Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
Juan Babá Peebles (absent)	Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) – Federal Facilities Coordinator, Emergency Response Area
<b>Other Agency Representatives</b>	
Adalberto Molina (absent)	LRA
Edgar Vázquez	LRA
Nilda Marchán	LRA
William Sarriera	LRA
Manuel José Martínez (absent)	Alianza Pro-Desarrollo Económico de Ceiba (APRODEC)
Damaris Delgado (absent)	Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources
Santiago Oliver (absent)	Puerto Rico Conservation Trust (Para la Naturaleza)
Carlos Morales (absent)	Puerto Rico Conservation Trust (Para la Naturaleza)
Neida Pumarejo (absent)	Puerto Rico Conservation Trust (Para la Naturaleza)
<b>Support Staff</b>	
Pedro Ruiz (absent)	Navy
Jamie Butler (absent)	CH2M (Navy contractor – NAPR Activity manager)
James Frank	CH2M (Navy contractor – project manager)
Madeline Almodóvar	CH2M (Navy contractor – facilitator)
Daniel G. Concepción	CH2M (Navy contractor – facilitator)