CAMERON STATION RAB MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date:	November 9, 1994	
Meeting Location:	DLA Command Conference Room, Building # 3, Cameron Station	
Meeting Time:	7:30 P.M.	
Attendees:	Charley Banks	Anne Mack
	Jim Brown	Ellen Pickering
	David Bush	Paula Potoczak
	Connie Candelaria	Bill Skrabak
	Julie Crenshaw	Mark Stephens
	Diane Dopkin	Nell Vetter
	Lewis Grimm	Lisa Williams
	Kelly Koontz	Paul Wooldridge
	Andrew MacDonald	

Meeting Convened: 7:40 P.M.
Meeting Adjourned: 9:40 P.M.

The following items were discussed:

1. Administrative:

a. Mike Hicks, Community Co-Chair, was unable to attend meeting due to prior business obligations. He appointed Andrew MacDonald to act as Community Co-Chair in his absence.

b. Acceptance of October Minutes: A request for a move to accept the October meeting minutes was proposed. Mr. Stephens, EPA, raised a concern regarding the purpose of the minutes. Ms. Koontz, Army Co-Chair, stated that the minutes were meant to capture the major talking points of the meeting and that they were not intended to be transcripts of the meeting. Ms. Pickering suggested that the minutes for the November meeting should reflect, for the record, that the minutes are to be a synopsis of the RAB meetings. Mr. Stephens and Mr. Skrabak, City of Alexandria, presented items which should be included in the October minutes. It was decided that the October minutes would be revised to reflect these changes and submitted for approval at the December RAB meeting. Ms. Crenshaw suggested that in the future, we record the meetings for use in preparing the minutes.

c. Acceptance of New Members: Mr. MacDonald called for the acceptance of Larry Grossman as a new RAB member. Mr. Grossman will represent the City's Reuse Task Force. The community RAB members voted unanimously to accept the nomination.

2. Update on Reuse:

a. Larry Grossman presented an update on the City of Alexandria plans for reuse at Cameron Station. Mr. Grossman gave a brief history of the Reuse Task Force and the plan which was developed by this task force.

b. Mr. Grossman explained that the entire parcel for Cameron Station consisted of 164.5 acres. This would be divided up into 92.5 acres for development, 5.2 acres for homeless providers and 63 acres for parks and recreation. The 63 acres for parks and recreation would become property of the City of Alexandria, transferred from the Army to the City via a Department of Interior grant. The land which is deeded to the City through the Department of Interior must be used for parks and recreation purposes in order to comply with conditions of transfer. The City is currently working on a plan to determine use of this area. The City is expecting to receive this property at closure of Cameron Station.

c. The 5.2 acres which were provided to the homeless will consist of providing Building # 9 to the Capital Area Food Bank for food storage and Building # 20 to the Carpenters Shelter for a shelter facility.

d. The existing Norfolk Southern Railroad line is adjacent to the proposed park area near the landfill. Mr. Grossman stated that he has contacted the railroad company and they are very interested in becoming involved in development adjacent to the railroad lines. Mr. Grossman stated that the City is requesting a survey from the Army to accurately delineate the Installation boundaries.

e. Mr. MacDonald expressed his hope that the City would look at restoring Backlick Run. Mr. Grossman stated that the City is currently looking at this issue. The bridge which crosses Backlick Run currently acts as a drainage barrier and the City is evaluating removal of the bridge to improve stormwater management.

3. Outreach: The RAB discussed various methods to pursue outreach to the community regarding the restoration activities taking place at Cameron Station. The RAB was asked to give more thought to the matter and provide input at the next meeting. Some of the suggestions which were presented follow:

a. Provide flyers to the Federation of Civic Associations.

b. Request an interview on the Mayors T.V. program, Round About Alexandria and Jones Intercable.

c. Ms. Pickering offered to act as liaison to the League of Women Voters.

d. Provide Cameron Station Environmental Restoration Display at Earth Day and also make the display available to civic associations, libraries and other public spaces.

e. Ms. Potoczak offered to act as liaison to the Del Ray Civic Association.

4. By-laws: This topic was tabled until the next meeting. The RAB was asked to review By-laws presented for the RAB at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Paul Wooldridge stated that the By-laws should be kept simple and volunteered to work with Ms. Robinson to come up with suggestions for the Cameron Station RAB.

5. Update on Benzene Plume from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ):

a. Randy Chapman, VDEQ Water Division, presented the results from the monitoring taking place off site at Quarles and Stohlman. He offered to provide the monitoring reports to RAB members. The results of the sampling show Benzene and DCA have impacted Cameron Station from these off site sources. The quarterly reports show that the concentrations of Benzene and DCA are decreasing on the Cameron Station property. This supports the belief that natural attenuation will be effective at Cameron Station for this plume. From the data which was gathered at the source from the Stohlman property, it appears that there might need to be some remediation for the benzene at the source (not on Cameron Station). VDEQ will continue to monitor to determine if remediation will be necessary at Stohlman Oldsmobile for the Benzene. Quarles has been asked to drill more wells to help VDEQ determine if the source of the DCA is from the Quarles or Stohlman property.

b. Chuck Nichols, VDEQ Water Division, stated that they would keep close check on the upgradient contamination when Cameron Station began their groundwater remediation for the TCE and the PX Gas Station. He stated that this groundwater remediation has the potential to pull upgradient contamination onto Cameron Station. Monitoring will help track the upgradient contamination and indicate this scenario if it occurs. Ms. Koontz stated she would keep VDEQ notified of the schedule for groundwater remediation at Cameron Station.

c. Mr. Stephens asked if VDEQ felt that the monitoring wells at Stohlman and Quarles were in good locations. Mr. Chapman replied yes and stated that the hydropunch samples confirm this. Mr. Stephens also asked if the true character of the Benzene/DCA plume was showing up. Mr. Chapman stated that so far the data looks reliable. The data has been gathered from Cameron Station, Stohlman Oldsmobile and Quarles and is consistent in location and concentrations.

6. Update on TCE:

a. Ms. Koontz provided the RAB with a letter from the City of Alexandria to Major General Gorden, Commanding General for the Military District of Washington, requesting that the Army proceed with a pump and treat system for the TCE groundwater contamination. Ms. Koontz also provided the RAB with the letter from Major General Gorden which states that the Army will proceed with the pump and treat system for the TCE as outlined in the Decision Document.

b. Ms. Koontz provided the RAB with the latest sampling results for the TCE. As of

August 1994, the highest concentration of TCE was at 190 ppb. This shows a decrease in concentration from previous sampling.

c. Ms. Koontz stated that she would provide copies of the design for the TCE to those who wished to review it. Ms. Pickering asked if a copy could be placed in the library for review. Ms. Koontz agreed to do so. Mr. Brown provided the Army with some current information on pump and treat systems to assist in review. Ms. Koontz agreed to forward information to the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, the agency handling the design and contract of the pump and treat system.

d. Ms. Koontz stated that the contract for the TCE remediation was currently out for bid.

7. Update on the Landfill:

a. During the last RAB meeting, Ms. Koontz was asked if seeding the landfill was considered an interim action for remediation. In response to the question, Ms. Koontz stated that seeding the landfill was done at the request of VDEQ as an erosion and sedimentation control measure not as an interim action.

b. Ms. Koontz notified the RAB that the Army was preparing an amendment to the Decision Document to propose the "No further action" alternative to OU 3 - Landfill. The proposed amendment will be advertised in the paper, placed in the library and made available to the RAB members. Ms. Koontz was asked when would the amendment be available and replied that the request for the amendment was being prepared and at this time she was not sure as to the date of completion for the amendment. She would update the RAB at the next meeting on the schedule.

8. Information on Dioxin in Landfill Groundwater Samples:

a. At the October RAB meeting, there was a concern raised regarding dioxin found in groundwater samples at the landfill. Mr. Alan Freed, Army Environmental Center (AEC), explained that the dioxin which was found in the groundwater samples at the landfill was found in the samples which were unfiltered. Dioxin is usually found in soil and AEC believes that perhaps the sediment in the unfiltered groundwater sample contained dioxin from applications on the surface soil of the landfill and skewed the groundwater sampling results. Dioxin was not found in the filtered samples above the EPA action level of .03 ppb. Dioxin below the action level was also found in the lab blanks. Mr. Freed stated that the samples were analyzed with EPA method 8920.

b. Jim Brown will check on the method of sensitivity detection for dioxin sampling and give an update at the next meeting.

9. Underground Storage Tank (UST) Update:

a. During the time when the Cameron Station Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Plan was written, there was a question as to the existence of three USTs. Ms. Koontz provided an explanation for these USTs. The two USTs which were referenced North of Building # 2 (these were in addition to tanks pulled at Building #2 which will require remediation) are no longer there. One tank was removed in association with an old gas station site and the other was a sewage tank which was removed. The UST which was referenced at Building T-25 was abandoned and filled with sand in 1962. This tank will be added to the contract and removed as part of OU 12 - Other Underground Storage Tanks.

b. Ms. Koontz stated that this information would be included in the second version of the BRAC Cleanup Plan.

10. New Business: Ms. Koontz stated that the draft of the BRAC Cleanup Plan Version II was being prepared. She indicated that a copy of the draft would be given to the Community Co-Chair for review and final copies would be sent to all RAB members. Ms. Koontz expected to have Version II by the next meeting.

11. Agenda Topics for December 14, 1994 Meeting:
    a. Status Report on Operable Units
    b. By-laws
    c. Update on Outreach
    d. New Sampling Data from Quarles
    e. Update on Dioxin Detection Methods
    f. Future RAB Meeting Schedule

12. Audience Questions - There were no questions from the audience.

13. Meeting Adjourned.

RAB Minutes Recommended By:

Mike Hicks
Community Co-Chair

Kelly J. Koontz
Army Co-Chair

Accepted by RAB on: _____