

Minutes
Fort McClellan Restoration Board Meeting
Fort McClellan, AL
January 22, 2001

CO-CHAIR: Barry Cox; Glynn Ryan

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Beckett; Craig Branchfield; James Buford; Pete Conroy; Donald Cunningham; Jerome Elser; Donna Fathke; Jerry Hopper; Ron Hood; Mayor Kimbrough

BCT MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Levy; Phillip Stroud; Shannon Golden

- I. **Call To Order.** Dr. Cox called the meeting to order and called roll; those present are listed above. The audience was asked to introduce themselves, which they did. The minutes from the November meeting were approved.

- II. **Old Business.** Mr. Ron Levy introduced Mr. Josh Jenkins from IT Corp who was invited to present a report on the results of off post borings and the work that was accomplished to determine the geology of the area surrounding landfill three. This landfill is located in the northwest corner of Fort McClellan. Mr. Jenkins stated that ground water contamination had been discovered in samples taken from a test well sunk in the median of Hwy 21 adjacent to landfill three area. The off-site borings were to determine the likely flow of the ground water. Mr. Jenkins presented the history of landfill three, its use and the dates of operation. Responding to Dr. Cox' query if the contaminants were known, Mr. Jenkins replied that the contaminants were 1,1,2,2 trichloroethane and 1,1,2 trichlorethene. Both are forms of solvents or a breakdown product. Mr. Levy added that Fort McClellan had a dry cleaning operation and these contaminants may be related to that. Mr. Jenkins then provided an in depth briefing on the unique geology of the area and the various ground water flow influences. He stated that a plan was being finalized that would portray where additional wells would be placed to determine if there was any other contamination migration. Mr. Conroy asked when that plan would be available and Mr. Jenkins felt the report would be available in a month to month and a half. Mr. Levy mentioned that the Weaver wells had been sampled previously by the Army and had been sampled under the city permit as well. Mayor Kimbrough asked when was the last time that the Army had sampled the Weaver Wells and Mr. Levy said he would check on the date. Mr. Steel from Weaver Water System stated the wells had been tested in the summer of 2000 and that the two contaminants in question had not been found in those samples. Reminding the RAB that the Weaver wells provides water for approximately 6000 residents, Mayor Kimbrough then asked when the Army would test the Weaver wells again. Mayor Kimbrough strongly

expressed his concerns that the Government should provide assistance in sampling the Weaver wells. Mr. Levy estimated the fieldwork would commence in the spring/summer time frame. Mr. Steele asked permission to ask Mr. Jenkins some questions and Dr. Cox agreed. Mr. Jenkins was asked if and/or when these contaminants would reach the Weaver wells and he answered that at this time he did not have enough information to provide an answer. Mr. Steele asked if a velocity study would be done. Mr. Jenkins replied that it was a question they would want answered. Mr. Steele asked for a copy of the report and Mr. Levy said when finalized it would become part of the public record. Mr. Steele asked if the city of Weaver could sample some of the monitoring wells and allow their lab to test them and Mr. Jenkins said he did not see why not. It was determined that the last time the monitoring wells had been sampled was in 1998 and Dr. Cox asked why, since they showed contamination, had they not been tested since that time. Mr. Levy answered that they wanted to look at the geology first. Mr. Branchfield added that continuing to sample the same well would not provide useful information. Mayor Kimbrough asked when some form of remediation would begin. After some explanation regarding the EE/CA of landfill three and the resulting determinations, Mr. Levy answered that a decision could be made hopefully this spring. Mayor Kimbrough said he wanted to know how long the threat of the Weaver wells being contaminated would continue. Dr. Cox, addressing Mr. Levy, opined that the Army really does not know whether or not there is cause for concern to which Mr. Levy agreed. Mr. Ryan stated the landfill had been closed since 1967 and the contaminants had not migrated a mile and seven tenths in that time and they are not expected to do so before a decision document is produced. A discussion ensued where it was pointed out that there are two separate issues: the ground water and what to do about that and the landfill and what is going to be done about it. The RAB then discussed the various possible solutions to each issue. Mr. Branchfield asked when the RAB would receive more information concerning the landfill and ground water contamination. Dr. Cox asked for an update in March and Mr. Levy agreed.

- III. New Business.** The next Community RAB will be held in March at the Houston Cole Library at JSU. It was then determined that due to the holiday, the February meeting would be held on the 12th. Mr. Stroud addressed the RAB and briefly discussed the documents currently being reviewed by ADEM. Mr. Ryan then discussed the Army's perspective of the early transfer authority and privatization of environmental clean up. Ms. Schneider and Mr. Ryan provided their respective organization's input and explained the status of their meetings. Ms. Schneider, JPA, discussed privatization and stated that it would save time and money. She said the JPA now has environmental insurance, and the company has written coverage for properties while they were being cleaned. Ms. Schneider stated that they had closed the deal with Auburn University and they now have approximately 75 acres under their control. Negotiations are continuing with Jacksonville State University for the old MP School and the Child Development Center. Mr. Levy went through the Action Summary Sheet Topics. The topics were: 1) The December 12th Signing Ceremony for the transfer of property and

the LUCAP. 2) The FOST for Tract 1 of the Eastern Bypass. 3) The FOST for parcel E-2. 4) The USFWS provided a prescribed burn plan for Army review. 5) The USFWS provided the Army locations within the proposed wildlife sanctuary for intensive reuse. Mr. Levy told the RAB this would affect the cleanup process for those areas. 6) The EE/CA for the Chemical Warfare Materials has been delayed because Army assets had been diverted to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Dr. Cox asked the RAB if they had any additional agenda items for future meetings to email them or get them to anyone on Ron Levy's staff. Mr. Levy agreed. Dr. Cox then suggested that, since the screen was difficult to see from some areas of the meeting room, that handouts of any slides used in future presentations be provided to the members. Mr. Levy offered to make copies of the slides of the briefing and get them to the RAB.

IV. Audience Comments. Dr. Cox called for audience questions/comments. Ms. Wanda Champion, a Calhoun County concerned citizen, asked if the earthquake that occurred in El Salvador would cause the contaminants found in the ground water in the median of Highway 21 to travel more rapidly. Mr. Jenkins answered that it was generally believed it would not. Mr. Macky asked if the methods used by other installations for transferring properties to the community had been reviewed. Mr. Ryan replied that the representatives from the other cleanup sites meet regularly and discussed methodology and progress. Ms. Jeanette Champion asked if the contaminants found in the ground water could become airborne if the landfill contents were moved. Mr. Jenkins said that monitoring devices would be in place and if the contaminants vaporized they would be dealt with or movement would stop. She then asked if the landfill were to be moved would it be moved to the incinerator. Mr. Ryan answered no. Audience comments continued with speculative comments about the landfill and the groundwater issue in the region.

V. Adjournment. Dr. Cox received a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and with a unanimous vote was approved.