

**Minutes**  
**Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board**  
**Fort McClellan, AL**  
**February 19, 2001**

**CO-CHAIR:** Mr. Glynn Ryan; Dr. Barry Cox

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Craig Branchfield; Mr. James Buford; Mr. Pete Conroy; Mr. Donald Cunningham; Mr. Jerome Elser; Ms. Donna Fathke; Dr. Mary Harrington; ; Mr. Ron Hood; Mr. Jerry Hopper; Mayor Kimbrough; Mr. Fern Thomassy;

**BCT MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Doyle Brittain; Mr. Phillip Stroud; Mr. Shannon Golden

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- I. **Call To Order.** Dr. Cox called the roll and those present are listed above. The audience was asked to introduce themselves. The minutes from the January meeting were approved.
  
- II. **Old Business.** Dr. Cox confirmed that the next RAB meeting would be held in the Jacksonville State University Library. Major Morrison, Executive Officer, Fort McClellan, presented a briefing on the ground water contamination associated with Landfill 3. The briefing was designed to augment and update the presentation provided by the contractor, IT Corp, at the last RAB meeting. Major Morrison gave a history of the operation of the landfill and identified when the first monitoring wells were sunk. He told the RAB about Well Number Twelve that was located in the median of Highway 21. Ground water contamination was found in samples taken from that well and the Army contracted with IT Corp to do a remedial investigation. The recommendation provided by IT Corp as a result of this investigation was to proceed with further geologic studies because of some anomalies in the geology. Major Morrison showed the RAB a map with the proposed sites for additional monitoring wells and stated that, at this time, it is the position of the Army that there is very little risk to life or the environment. He provided some statistical information on the contamination levels in samples taken in April 1995 and February 1998. Mr. Hood asked Major Morrison to explain the increase of contamination level from 1995 and 1998. Major Morrison explained that it was hard to tell because only two samples had been taken. Mr. Brittain, EPA, stated that only two data points were insufficient to determine anything other than that contamination was present and therefore additional monitoring wells are required. Major Morrison then discussed the timeline for placement and monitoring the additional wells. Determination of start date is uncertain at this point, because in the past, the Army had met with resistance from the landowners in obtaining permission to place wells on their property. He said the process of getting more samples should take about twenty weeks from beginning of the project to completion. Mr. Conroy asked when the Weaver municipal wells had first been tested and also when the Army had tested the city wells. Mayor Kimbrough responded that the city of Weaver tested annually and the last time was in July or August 2000. Mr. Pope from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers said he believed the Army tested in 1995. Major Morrison and the RAB then discussed the various existing wells and the proposed wells and their status. Mayor Kimbrough asked if the sampling of these wells would be a one-time thing. Mr. Brittain stated that they would be tested as often as necessary until the BCT is comfortable with the information about the ground water flow direction. He assured the RAB that every effort would be made by the BCT to ensure the protection of the health and safety of the public and the environment. Mr. Stroud said that the presence of a sizable hill between Landfill 3 and the Weaver wells would probably cause any contamination to miss the Weaver wells. Mr. Branchfield added his doubts that the contaminates could reach the Weaver wells.

- III. New Business.** Dr. Cox asked for the Agency reports. Mr. Stroud addressed the RAB and briefly discussed the documents currently being reviewed by ADEM. Mr. Brittain told the RAB that he felt the BCT was working well together. Mr. Ryan spoke for the Army and thanked Mr. Brittain and Mr. Stroud for the successful On-Board Review that had taken place the previous week. Mr. Garland, Fish & Wildlife Service, explained to the RAB the scheduled prescribed burns that will be taking place on Fort McClellan.
- IV. Audience Comments.** Dr. Cox asked if there were any questions/comments from the audience. Ms. Wanda Champion asked about the levels of contamination in the wells. Major Morrison said they were above the site-specific screening levels. She also asked about the potential presence of trichloroethylene in the water and whether Cave Creek and Cane Creek flowed in the direction of Choccolocco Creek. Both questions were answered to her satisfaction.
- V. Adjournment.** Dr. Cox received a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and with a unanimous vote was approved.