

Minutes
Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory Board
Fort McClellan, AL
March 19, 2001

CO-CHAIR: Mr. Glynn Ryan; Mr. Craig Branchfield

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Scott Beckett; Mr. Craig Branchfield; Mr. James Buford; Mr. Pete Conroy; Mr. Monty Clendenin; Mr. Donald Cunningham; Mr. Jerome Elser; Ms. Donna Fathke; Mr. Curtis Franklin; Mr. Ron Hood; Mr. Jerry Hopper; Mayor William Kimbrough; Mr. Fern Thomassy;

BCT MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ron Levy; Mr. Doyle Brittain; Mr. Shannon Golden.

- I. **Call To Order.** Mr. Branchfield, sitting in for Dr. Cox, called the roll and those present are listed above. Two new members, Mr. Clendenin and Mr. Franklin were welcomed to the RAB. The audience was asked to introduce themselves. The minutes from the February meeting were approved.
- II. **Old Business.** There being no old business, Mr. Branchfield called on Mr. Levy to provide a briefing on Chemical Warfare Material (CWM).
- III. **New Business.** Mr. Levy explained the purpose of the briefing was to talk about the CWM Engineering and Evaluation Cost Analysis (EE/CA). He explained the EE/CA process and related that process to the CWM cleanup issue at Ft McClellan. He stated that initially, 33 outdoor sites were identified where training activity was ongoing from 1951-1973. Through various previous investigative work and subsequent information, the sites have been reduced to 13 training sites and five suspect mustard spills sites. He discussed the types of agents and the locations of the sites. Mr. Levy stated that implementation of the investigation and any cleanup activity is the overall responsibility of Fort McClellan, but the overseers of the work are EPA and ADEM. He then identified the other partners and their responsibilities in the CWM cleanup process. He said that mobilization for this work began in February and actual intrusive work will begin the middle of April. Estimated completion date is four to six months. Any CWM recovered will be stored at the interim holding facility on the installation. The plan is for on-site disposal of anything found but it is unknown at this point if anything will be found. Final disposition will be determined at the end of the investigation and will be presented in the EE/CA which will be open for public comment. He concluded his presentation by stating that a media tour is being planned for the near future to bring people on site and show how the process works. An extensive discussion followed concerning issues such as the behavior of the agents in the environment; concerns over surface water drainage through the sites; focus of this investigation on sources of CWM contamination with other investigations addressing contaminant issues, risk evaluation by EPA and ADEM; and potential for moving agents off-site. Discussion ensued concerning two on-site CWM disposal technologies used by the Army. Major Morrison stated that on-site disposal is planned with no movement of CWM off-post expected and that not until completion of the EE/CA can it be determined what the method of disposal will be. During this discussion, Mr. Thomassy expanded on the significant difference between smokes, napalm, flame devices, chemical warfare materials and chemical warfare munitions. Mr. Golden provided a list and summary of the documents that have been reviewed by ADEM in the last month. Mr. Brittain, EPA, provided his update. Mr. Levy discussed the on-board review process and stated that a significant amount of work was accomplished at the February meeting where 22 sites were concluded. The Action Summary Sheet was discussed. Ms. Schneider,

JPA, announced the retirement of the Executive Director and anticipated that the new director would be named the following day. She said the ongoing lawsuit had curtailed any activity or sale of property. However, two historic buildings, #65 & #66, on Buckner Circle, have been leased. A short discussion followed concerning privatization efforts.

- IV. Audience Comments.** Mr. Rufus Kinney asked some questions concerning information he had been given which was discussed at the RAB meeting of January 22, 2001. He was told he would be sent a copy of the court reporter transcript of that meeting so he could review the contents.
- V. Adjournment.** Mr. Branchfield received a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and with a unanimous vote was approved.