

**Draft Meeting Minutes Restoration
Advisory Board (RAB)
Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport,
Rhode Island
January 15, 2025, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Sonesta Select, Middletown, Rhode Island
And Virtual Webinar**

Call to Order and Approval of Previous Minutes

Lisa Shanahan (Host, Resolution Consultants) and **Henry Stueber (Community RAB Co-Chair)** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed attendees to the meeting of the NAVSTA Newport RAB, noting that this meeting was also being held with a webinar format. Lisa discussed the instructions for participating in the virtual meeting and presented the meeting agenda, which is provided (Enclosure 1).

Panelists	Attendees
Erin McElaney (NAVSTA Newport; via phone)	David Brown (via phone)
Joe McCloud (NAVFAC)	Danuta Lamparski
Jess Welkey (NAVFAC)	Cornelia Mueller (via phone)
Paul Young (NAVFAC)	Tom Grieb (Portsmouth)
Henry Stueber, Community RAB Co-Chair	Joel Huval (NWC)
Dave Dorocz (NAVSTA Newport)	Catherine Feeney (RIDOH)
Naomi Ouellette (Resolution Consultants)	Zach Shepard (RIDOH)
Tyler Winkler (Resolution Consultants)	Phil Driscoll (Portsmouth)
Lisa Shanahan, Host, Resolution Consultants (via phone)	
Eric Ross (NAVFAC; via phone)	
Kim White (EPA; via phone)	
Tim Barbeau (EPA)	
Laurie O'Connor (EPA)	
Paul Kulpa (RIDEM)	
Zac Chamberlin (RIDEM)	
Robert Bray (NAVFAC; via phone)	
Trevor Moulton (RIDEM)	
Sam Cucinotta (RIDEM)	
Tim Barbeau (EPA; via phone)	

Henry Stueber (Community RAB Co-Chair) called for any comments on or revisions to the draft minutes for the November 20, 2024 RAB Meeting. Minutes were accepted.

Part 1: Site Progress Milestones

Naomi Ouellette (Resolution Consultants) presented the Site Progress Milestones Update as a bulleted list by Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) sites (Enclosure 2). The usual Site Progress Milestones Table has been updated and was provided as a handout at the meeting (attached as Enclosure 3).

Naomi Ouellette reviewed each ERP site's stage in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process. Please

refer to Enclosure 2 for notable milestones that were highlighted.

Q&A:

Site 1 McAllister Landfill:

No questions.

Site 7 Tank Farm 1:

Q: Tom Grieb (RAB Member; Portsmouth) – Is the planned infrastructure the tanks?

A: Jess Welkey (NAVFAC) – It is the tanks and all associated components.

Q: Henry Stueber – Is there a sticking point that has caused this to be in review since August 2024?

A: Jess Welkey (NAVFAC) – No, there are just multiple rounds of review required, including by our subject matter experts. The Team hopes to resolve all remaining components on Thursday January 15, 2025 and initiate sampling and removal by February 2025.

Site 8 Naval Undersea Systems Command (NUSC):

Q: Phil Driscoll (RAB Member; Portsmouth) – Where is Site 8?

A: Naomi Ouellette – It is adjacent to Wanumetonomy Golf Course and NUWC Division Newport.

Q: Henry Stueber – What is left to review for the hydraulic work plan for Site 8 and how long will it take?

A: Eric Ross (NAVFAC) – This will be done by the next RPM Meeting in March 2025.

Site 9 OFFTA:

Q: Phil Driscoll – Where is Site 9?

A: Naomi Ouellette – Near the Chafee Fitness center parking lot.

Site 10 Tank Farm 2:

Q: Tom Grieb – Will the demolition of the tanks happen at the same time as Tank Farm 1?

A: Jess Welkey – No, this will likely occur at a later time.

Site 11 Tank Farm 3:

No questions.

Site 12 Tank Farm 4:

Q: Henry Stueber – Is the review of the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for the Study Area Screening Evaluations for the two former Buoy storage sheds with EPA?

A: Naomi Ouellette – Yes, it is currently being reviewed by their Quality Assurance Officer, but it should be finalized soon and fieldwork is planned for February 2025.

Site 13 Tank Farm 5:

No questions

Site 17 Gould Island:

No questions

Site 19 Derecktor Shipyard:

Dave Dorocz clarified that Pier 1 is either going to be repaired or replaced based on the findings of an Environmental Assessment that will be performed under the National Environmental Policy Act. Pier is a contributing structure of the Destroyer Piers Historic District so the Navy will have to consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer before Pier 1 can be repaired or demolished.

MRP Site 1 Carr Point Shooting range:

No questions.

Site 22 Carr Point Storage Area:

No questions

Site 23 Coddington Point:

No questions.

Site 24 Defense Fuel Support Point Melville:

Q: Henry Stueber – How many components will there be to future SAPs?

A: Naomi Ouellette – The parent SAP will include groundwater monitoring well installation, soil sampling for those new monitoring wells, full site groundwater sampling with outfalls that discharge to the shoreline. SAP addenda will include offshore sampling of pore water and sediment, SAP for soil sampling around current and former buildings, and further down the road potentially shellfish and further refinement sampling as needed. The Draft Final Remedial Investigation (RI) SAP is anticipated to go to the agencies in February with field work planned for spring 2025.

Q: Henry Stueber – Are the buildings at Site 24 under the Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA)?

A: Naomi Ouellette – Yes.

A: Eric Ross (NAVFAC) – The public will be alerted once the TCRA memo is complete, but the Navy is currently finishing a Historic American Building Survey to produce an archival record of these buildings.

A: Laurie O'Connor (EPA) – These buildings are in the National Historical archive, so there has to be extensive documentation and photographs before they can be demolished.

Q: Tom Grieb – Is the Chemical Warfare Storage Building already demolished?

A: Naomi Ouellette – Yes.

Q: Phil Driscoll – Are Pier 1 and 2 at Site 19 historical as well?

A: Dave Dorocz – Yes, but they are also on the low tier of historical importance.

Q: Henry Stueber – So what is the timeline for the TCRA?

A: Eric Ross – The planned timeline has sampling in the spring, getting results by summer, and building demolition by the fall 2025.

Q: Henry Stueber – What is in the pictures on this slide?

A: Naomi Ouellette – The photos are of the test pitting work that took place in November. The first is a building that will be torn down, the second is a shallow buried concrete block, and the third is a buried manhole.

Site 25 Coddington Cove Fire Training Area:

No questions.

Site 26 Building 48:

No questions.

Site 27 Building 55:

No questions.

Basewide Munitions Response Program (MRP)

Q: Joel Huval (NWC) – Is there anything specific to Building 29 Sims Hall that should be considered for the buildup of the future Warfighting Center?

A: Paul Young (NAVFAC) – That building was not identified for inclusion in this program.

A: Dave Dorocz – The issue is that some contaminants are addressed by CERCLA, and others are covered under different programs. I can go over this with you offline if you have more questions.

Q: Henry Stueber – What has been done so far?

A: Paul Young – The MRP sites have been scanned using ground penetrating radar, and maps have been developed to show this data. The next step is identifying what areas need to move forward for additional investigation like analytical sampling.

Basewide Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Q: Dave Dorocz – Can you send me a list of which Sites are on the PFAS Site Inspection (SI)?

A: Naomi Ouellette – Yes. (Complete)

Q: Tom Grieb – Why is Tank Farm 4 not on this list?

A: Naomi Ouellette – Portions of Tank Farm 4 are going to be included in the separate Basewide Data Gaps SI so that more information can be obtained to see if this Site needs to move forward to an RI.

Q: Phil Driscoll – What about the petroleum lines?

A: Naomi Ouellette – These aren't covered under CERCLA, but instead under the petroleum program.

Q: Phil Driscoll – What about Melville?

A: Naomi Ouellette – Melville is covered under its own separate PFAS RI that has been taking place since the mid-2010s.

A: Dave Dorocz – There are additional Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDs) sites as well and the Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for the study and cleanup.

Part 2: Technical Presentation

Annual Funding Update, Joe McCloud (NAVFAC), See: Enclosure 4

Q&A:

A: Dave Brown – November 1995 was the first consulting meeting, but the first true RAB Meeting was February 1996.

Q: Henry Stueber – When will the Community Involvement Plan be finalized?

A: Naomi Ouellette – The Navy owes comments by Friday of this week, so we will turn it around by the March RAB meeting.

Q: Henry Stueber – So how much was awarded for 2023 and 2024?

A: Joe McCloud (NAVFAC) – The Navy awarded contracts for about \$21.8 million in 2023 and \$12.5 million in 2024. The difference was due to the variance in programing requirements for those years (for instance, the stockpile removal was a large contract award in 2023).

Q: Henry Stueber – In 2024, how much was planned vs how much was used? Did this region lose money?

A: Jess Welkey – To clarify, funding received is not Basewide, it is by specific projects, each year we are awarding a specific dollar amount and it has to be used within 5 years. You get funded X amount in one year but may not get used until a year or two after.

Q: Henry Stueber – So is there anything that was not funded that the Navy wishes was funded?

A: Eric Ross – The only funding delays we are experiencing is for PFAS, which is just an overwhelming problem.

Q: Danuta Lamparski – Are completed projects deducted from cost to completion?

A: Naomi Ouellette – Yes.

Part 3 Regulatory Updates

EPA Update:

Laurie O'Connor – No major updates.

RIDEM Update:

Zac Chamberlin – RIDEM has two new RPMs (Sam and Trevor), and Kirsten will be phasing out.

Navy Co-Chair Update:

Dave Dorocz – No updates.

RAB Community Co-Chair Update:

Henry Stueber – Is there anyone else who would like to step up as Chair? If not I am happy to continue.

The RAB was in favor of Henry continuing to serve as the Community Co-Chair.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The next meeting is March 19, 2025. Naomi Ouellette mentioned the following potential topics for upcoming technical presentations:

- March: Basewide MRP Preliminary Geophysical Results
- May: Site 24 Melville Time Critical Removal Action Update
- Potential Future Topics
 - Site 26 or Site 9 PFAS RIs
 - Risk Assessment Summary
 - Site 19 Bulkhead Replacement Coordination

The RAB virtual meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Next Steps/Action Items.

-None

Sincerely,

D. D. Dorocz

Enclosures:

- (1) Meeting Agenda
- (2) Site Progress Milestones Update
- (3) Site Progress Milestones Chart
- (4) Technical Presentation: Annual Funding Update
- (5) RAB Regulatory Updates and Contact Information
- (6) RAB Instructions Tips and Tricks