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1733 PLEASANTON ROAD
FORT BLISS, TEXAS 79916-6846



November 2000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

ATZC-DOE (200)

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Glenn vonGonton
Hazardous & Radioactive Material Bureau,
PO Box 26110
2044A Galisteo
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

SUBJECT:

Report on Comments Received at Public Meetings held on No Further Action
Petition for Six Sites on Fort Bliss's Property in New Mexico. EPA ID #
NM4213720101

1. The United States Army Air Defense Center and Fort Bliss held two "Public Comment" meetings in conjunction with our petition for a determination of "No Further Action Required" on six New Mexico sites submitted in September 2000.
2. The newspaper ads for the first meeting were published in the El Paso, Las Cruces and Alamogordo 10 September 2000, Sunday papers. They announced the October 18, 2000 Public Comment meeting in conjunction with a regularly scheduled RAB meeting. The ads also informed the public that full copies of the petition (all three volumes) were in the Reference sections of the main Public Libraries in each city.
3. The announcement of the second Public Comment (attached) was published in the 17 September 2000 edition of the Alamogordo paper. It announced the 15 November 2000 meeting.
4. Enclosed please find the sign-in sheets and comments from each meeting. Pictures of the meetings were sent electronically earlier.
5. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please contact at 915-568-7979 or by email, "dodged@bliss.army.mil".

Sincerely,

David Dodge
Engineering and Environment
Fort Bliss Directorate of Environment

FRB/2000/NFA

**Fort Bliss Restoration Advisory Board
Minutes of Public Meeting
October 18, 2000, Otero County Courthouse**



RAB Members Present

Col. Ben Hobson
Russell Smith
Dorline Woncjar
Charles Galt
Marianne Thaeler

Others Present

David Dodge	Bobbi Sorrell	Don Carroll
Keith Landreth	Julie Jacobs	Nathan Myers
Robert Lenhart	Ken White	Bradley Davis
Elza Cushing	Sharon Few	David Hall
John Knopp	Sylvia Chavez	Myles Hall

Number of Attendees: 20

1. Call to Order and Old Business

- The meeting was formally called to order by CoChair Col Hobson at approximately 7:10 p.m. Col. Hobson first welcomed Alamogordo Mayor, Don Carroll.
- R Smith then chaired the meeting. Minutes for the August 8, 2000, meeting in El Paso were approved with the following two changes proposed by M Thaeler in New Business Item #5: Discussion of Proposed Bylaws: 1) R Smith had signed the earlier draft but later deleted his signature and 2) change "mandates" to "provide seats for" TNRCC & NMED representatives.
- Col Hobson requested draft copies of minutes sent earlier to Board members by fax or email.
- The application for RAB Membership was approved with addition of email addresses.

2. New Business

- Election & Appointment of new members: While everyone on the Board expressed their general approval of the persons who had applied for RAB membership (Julie Jacobs of NMED, Kent Waggoner of TNRCC Region 6, and Ken White of New Mexico Land Office), M Thaeler questioned the ability of Julie Jacobs to serve under the pending Bylaws which state that members must be a resident of either El Paso, Dona Ana, or Otero County. After much discussion by all, Col. Hobson suggested changing "must" to "should" be a resident.... (Ft. Bliss JAG attorney Myles Hall stated that the proposed change would legally allow J Jacobs to serve.) D Woncjar moved to nominate all 3 persons. Motion carried.
- Col. Hobson will recommend that General Green appoint all three nominees.
- David Dodge presented overview of "No Further Action Required" Petition to modify NM RCRA Permit #NM 4213720101 to close 6 Fort Bliss IRP sites. Fort Bliss feels that either a "release" had not occurred or the hazardous constituents remaining at the site are in such low concentrations that they are not a threat to the area's wildlife, nor do they present a hazard to human health considering their present and future use (NMED Criteria 3 and 5). NM requirement for the level of cleanup depends on the present and future use of the site (residential versus industrial/commercial). All 6 sites qualify for risk-based industrial closures because the sites are located in training areas (industrial) and are not occupied by people 8 hours or more per day, 270 or more days per year. Ecological risk screenings indicated little chance that the low levels of contaminants would harm wildlife. Three sites are located at McGregor Range Camp, one at Dona Ana Range Camp, one at Meyer Range Camp and one covering the entire former Hueco Range Camp.

NOTICE

**Environmental Restoration Program
United States Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss
Directorate of Environment
Building 624, Taylor at Pleasonton
Fort Bliss, Texas 79916**

1. **Notice of Request for Class III Modification of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit for the United States Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss (USAADACENFB), EPA ID No. NM 4213720101. The USAADACENFB is requesting the removal of six (6) solid waste management units (SWMUs) from permit.**

The rationale for the removal of these SWMUs from the permit has been documented in a No Further Action (NFA) petition for each site.

2. **The public has 60 days to make comments on the proposed modification to the Fort Bliss permit. Any person wishing to comment on the proposed modification to the USAADACENFB/NM permit should submit written comments, along with his/her name and address, to both addresses below by November 30, 2000.**

**Mr. David Dodge, IRP Project Manager
Directorate of Environment
United States Army Air Defense Artillery Center Fort Bliss
Attn: ATZC-DOE
Bldg. 624, Taylor at Pleasonton
Fort Bliss, Texas 79916
(915) 568 7979**

**Mr. Glenn vonGonton
New Mexico Environmental Department
Hazardous Waste Bureau
P.O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-2100
(505) 827 1557, ext 1024**

3. **A public meeting has been scheduled for:**

**November 15, 2000
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Alamogordo Civic Center
800 East 1st Street
Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310**

Each site proposed for No Further Action will be presented in a poster format and the USAADACENFB staff will be available to answer questions. The meeting will be conducted as an open house, with the individual posters available for individual review at any time throughout the four-hour time period. For further information, please contact David Dodge, USAADACENFB – DOE, at (915) 568 7979.

4. The request for permit modification and supporting documentation (including the NFA proposal) are available for public inspection at the public libraries of Alamogordo and Las Cruces New Mexico and El Paso, Texas (Downtown Branch).

5. The permittee's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the NMED contact person.

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
FORT BLISS'S PETITION TO THE
NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT
MODIFY EPA/NM PERMIT # 4213720101
TO CLOSE SIX RCRA SITES IN NEW MEXICO

NAME	ADDRESS	COMMENT
<i>Ed Cole</i>	<i>401 Sunbeam Alamogordo, 88310</i>	<i>Great Information - enjoy the best way. the informational site</i>



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