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FORT BLISS RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD



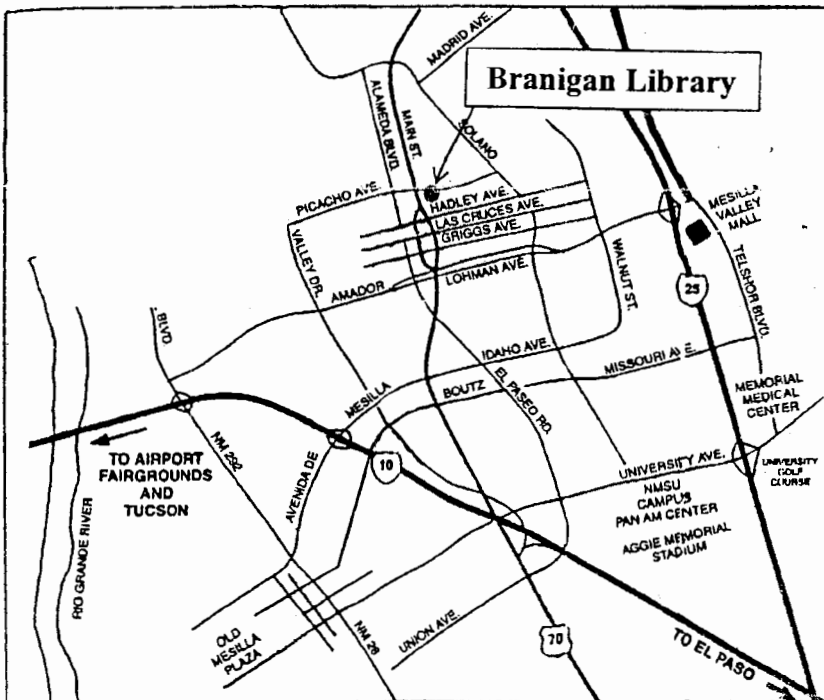
April 17, 2001 at 6:30*

Branigan Library, Las Cruces

1. Introduction & Welcome:
 - Welcome
 - Introduction of those present
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of January 17, 2001 Meeting Minutes
2. Old Business:
 - Status of New Mexico No Further Action Petition
3. New Business:
 - Update on Closure of FTBL-28, Rubble Dump Site
 - Results of Sub-surface Survey of FTBL-070, Trans Mountain Buried Drum Site
 - UXO Technology Video
 - Selection of Date for Field Trip
4. Selection of Next Meeting Date and Location
5. Adjournment



***Please Note: Due to Library closing time, the meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and end no later than 8:15 p.m.**



Branigan Memorial Library
200 E. Picacho Avenue
Las Cruces, NM

Directions from El Paso

- Take I-10 West to I-25 North
- Exit Lohman Ave, turn left on Lohman
- Go 1 3/4 miles on Lohman (which becomes Amador after 1/2 mile)
- Turn right at Main Street
- Pass SOLO Grocery Store on right
- Turn right into Library Parking Lot
- (If you cross Picacho, you've gone too far)

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**Fort Bliss Restoration Advisory Board
Minutes of Public Meeting
January 17, 2001**

El Paso Community College, Transmountain Campus

RAB Members Present

Col. Ben Hobson
Russell Smith
Dorline Wonciar
Charles Galt
Marianne Thaeler
Bill Tipton
Kent Waggoner
Ken White
V.W. Howard, Jr.

Others Present

David Dodge	Bobbi Sorrell
Keith Landreth	Rick Smith
Robert Lenhart	Joe Moscone
Elza Cushing	David Hall
John Knopp	Myles Hall
Marguerite Davis	Ray Sierra
Lee Carroll	Timothy White

Number of Attendees: 23

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was formally called to order by CoChair R. Smith at approximately 7:00 p.m.
- Without objection, the agenda was accepted and minutes for the August 8, 2000 meeting in Alamogordo were approved. (All had previously received draft copies of minutes for review.) Because of the likelihood of snow, some formalities such as introductions were waived.

2. Old Business

- Three-year term limits (ending at January meetings) are normally given to Board Members, except when one is finishing the term of another member. Drawings were held to determine the terms of appointments of Board Members.
 - Three-year appointments: J. Jacobs, K. White, and B. Tipton.
 - One-year appointment requested by V.W. Howard
 - Two-year appointments: C. Galt, M. Thaeler, and K. Waggoner
 - One-year appointments: R. Smith and D. Wonciar
- M. Thaeler reported on DoD Environmental Cleanup Stakeholders Meeting (attended by R. Smith and M. Thaeler) in St. Louis in November. Presentations included RAB functions, replacement of Range Rule with new directives, etc. She'll provide copies of handouts. M. Davis asked for a copy of documentation concerning planning for future land use.

3. New Business

- **Sylvia Chavez** was unanimously recommended by the Board for RAB membership. (All had received copies of her application.) Col. Hobson will recommend 3-year appointment to Gen. Green.
- D. Dodge presented update of "**No Further Action Required**" Petition to modify NM RCRA Permit #NM 4213720101 to close 6 Fort Bliss IRP sites. As the NM Legislature is in session, the NMED Hazardous Waste Department staff has been working nearly full time with the Legislature, and hasn't begun to review the petition. They expect to complete the Administrative Review by mid February, then begin the technical review (& Public Comment Period) in early March. Decisions of Site Closure for 6 sites are expected by June.

- **Fort Bliss IRP Update**

- A. Sites closed in CY 2000:**

- NMED Closure: **FTBL-031** Oil Pits at Sanitary LF#2; **FTBL-047** Illegal Dump Site at Oro Grande Range Camp; **FTBL-049** Bldg. #1116 Soil Remediation & Disposal; **FTBL-079** Bldg. #2598 Truck Wash Spill Site; Imhof Tank at Oro Grande Range Camp.
 - Sites administratively closed in 2000: **FTBL-022** Oro Grande RC Oxidation Pond (NMED moved it to WSMR file.); **FTBL-016** OD Range 41; **FTBL-014** Oro Grande RC Landfill; **FTBL-080** Old Mesa Well Field. (These 3 will be handled by DOE using OMA funds.)

- B. Sites pending closure as of Dec. 31, 2000:**

- **FTBL-023** Doña Ana RC Oxidation Pond; **FTBL-032** McGregor FFTA; **FTBL-037** McGregor Borrow Pit Buried Drum Site; **FTBL-045** McGregor Waste Drum Storage Area; **FTBL-051** Meyer RC Oxidation Pond; **FTBL-078** entire Hueco Range Camp.
 - High Risk Sites with active cleanup contracts: **FTBL-028** Rubble Dump Site along East Montana Ave. (by Weston); **FTBL-070** Transmountain Buried Drum Site (by IT Corp); **FTBL-072** OB/OD Pit B-1.
 - High Risk Sites without active cleanup contracts: **FTBL-021** McGregor RC Oxidation Pond.
 - Medium Risk Sites with active cleanup contracts: **FTBL-036** Bldg. #2019 Former Dry Cleaning Facility (by Malcolm Pirnie).
 - Medium Risk Sites without active cleanup contracts: **FTBL-015** McGregor Open Demo Area (awaiting funding).
 - Low Risk Sites with active cleanup contracts: **FTBL-011 & 012** Closed Landfills #11 & 12 at Doña Ana RC; **FTBL-013** Closed Landfill #13 McGregor RC (Preliminary Investigation & feasibility Study by Malcom Pirnie); **FTBL-081** WBAMC LPST (PI by Malcolm Pirnie); **FTBL-075** Bldg. #1177 PCB Dump Site (Fort Worth Corps of Engineers).
 - Low Risk Sites without active cleanup contracts: **FTBL-082** Organ Mountain Station (awaiting funding).

[D. Wonciar asked if there could be UXOs at the Ordnance Pit site. D. Dodge explained that a Corps of Engineers UXO Team has performed clearance at site, and would be present during cleanup activities. D. Hall asked feasibility of removing entire pit. D. Dodge suggested it was not feasible due to size, accessibility, etc. D. Hall asked about downstream potential for contamination at OB/OD Pit B-1. D. Dodge explained why the lead has not migrated very far. M. Thaeler asked about the disposal facility for the lead-contaminated soil. T. White (IT Corp) explained that disposal depended on actual concentration of lead in soil (greater or less than 5 ppm). D. Wonciar asked about source of problem at Transmountain. Col. Hobson responded the Army had been responsible. K. Waggoner asked about volume of contamination. D. Dodge estimated 100 cubic yards for this clean up phase.]

C. Sites scheduled for closure in 2001:

- **Sites Cleaned in 1986 but never closed:** FTBL-019 Pesticide Mixing & Storage Area; FTBL-024 JTF6 Oxidation Pond; FTBL-029 Old FFTA Biggs Army Air Field; FTBL-034 Herbicide Storage Building; FTBL-050 Bureau of Prisons Oxidation Pond.
- **Currently Being Cleaned Up:** FTBL-028 Rubble Dump Site; FTBL-072 OB/OD Pit B-1; FTBL-075 Bldg#1177 PCB Dump Site; FTBL-036 Dry Cleaning Facility; 6 New Mexico "NFA Petition" Sites. FY01 Funding \$1,281,400.

[M. Thaeler & C. Galt asked questions about dry cleaning facility groundwater plume. D. Dodge explained its confinement in shallow perched aquifer over 70 feet of clay suggested low risk of contaminating the Hueco Bolson. R. Smith clarified that regulatory agencies concurred with that risk assessment. K. Waggoner asked about Rubble Dump Site problem. D. Dodge described asbestos shingles and isolated oil staining.]

D IRP Goals for 2002:

- **Closure of FTBL-70** Transmountain Buried Drum Site; **FTBL-082** Organ Mountain Station; **FTBL-081** WBAMC LPST.
- **Continuing funding** for 3 NM Landfills, **FTBL-011 & 012** (Doña Ana RC), **FTBL-013** (McGregor RC).
- **New funding** for **FTBL-073** McGregor Oxidation Pond cleanup Feasibility Study; **FTBL-073** OB/OD Pit A-1 RCRA Investigation & Feasibility Study; **FTBL-015** McGregor Open Detonation Area RCRA Investigation & Feasibility Study.
- **Details of Three Current Removal Action Contracts were explained.**
 - FTBL-028 Rubble Dump Site (by March, 2001)
 - FTBL-072 Ordnance Burning/Ordnance Disposal Pit B-1 (May - Aug, 2001)
 - FTBL-070 Transmountain Buried Drum Site (Jan. - April, 2001)
- **Site Visit for RAB Members:** D Dodge will email RAB Members to arrange a Saturday tour of Texas sites and another Saturday tour of NM sites. Alternatively, Board Members may also accompany J. Jacobs on a weekday tour of the sites if they advise D. Dodge.

4. Selection of next meeting date, location, and topic:

- Time: 6:30 (not 7:00) p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2001
- Place: Branigan Public Library, 200 E Picacho Ave. in Las Cruces
- Primary Topic: Undecided

[Note: We could not book the BLM meeting room for the April meeting. Because the BLM Office does not have staff personnel onsite at night, evening meetings are only available to groups that include a BLM staff member who can be responsible for the building.]

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.