



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

31 MAR 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR 354 CES/CEIER

FROM: 354 FW/CC

SUBJECT: Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Adjournment Memorandum, Eielson AFB, Alaska

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to present adequate information in support of the adjournment of the RAB for environmental clean-up activities conducted at Eielson AFB, Alaska, under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, a/k/a "Superfund"). This memorandum cites reasons for the recommendation of formal RAB adjournment. A summary of the remaining planned environmental restoration community involvement activities is provided in paragraph 10. A copy of the announcement in the newspaper for the 30-day public comment period and the letter sent by the United States Air Force (USAF) to the RAB members, along with other public notices and correspondences are provided as an attachment to this memorandum.
2. A summary of specific reasons for proposing adjournment of Eielson AFB's RAB follows:
 - a. The absence of a quorum of RAB members for nearly 10 years.
 - b. Failure of the charter/membership to remain active.
 - c. Insufficient interest in the surrounding communities of Moose Creek, Salcha, and North Pole to volunteer to replace community co-chair vacancies and/or serve as active members.
 - d. Lack of public interest and participation at the semi-annual RAB meetings.
3. After re-establishing the semi-annual RAB meetings in March 2011, Eielson AFB committed increased resources in an effort to recruit interested citizens to actively volunteer to serve on the RAB as either community co-chairs and/or contributing members and promote community attendance at the semi-annual public meetings. These efforts included distributing flyers around the surrounding communities, posting advertisements in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner, and issuing press releases through the Public Affairs Office to notify the public of upcoming RAB meetings. Eielson AFB's media list includes a variety of local radio, television, and print media outlets, in addition to the main news outlet, the Fairbanks Daily News Miner.
4. In preparation for the Spring 2013 RAB meeting (typically conducted in March/April), a recruitment letter (dated 23 January 2013) was mailed to both government and public community members listed on the mailing list of the Installation Restoration Program's (IRP) Community

Involvement Plan. That letter was also e-mailed on 7 November 2012 to additional community members as per recommendations by the remaining RAB Community Co-Chair, Ms. Terry Huisman, of Moose Creek. The recruitment letters all gave notice that “*After 30 days from the date of this letter, if the base receives no forms or a limited show of community interest to sustain a RAB for Eielson AFB, then the RAB members may evaluate whether to adjourn the RAB and determine alternative ways to involve the public and government agencies in Eielson AFB restoration program activities.*” During the 30-day period, the base received only one Community Interest Form.

5. In accordance with the Department of Defense (DoD) RAB Rule Handbook (2007), a RAB may stop meeting without any formal adjournment if a community loses interest. The decision to cancel the Spring 2013 RAB meeting and propose formal RAB adjournment was made at the 27 February 2013 Remedial Project Managers (RPMs) monthly meeting; this decision involved discussions and concurrence between RAB members from the USAF; United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (EPA); and the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). The RPMs decision to propose formal RAB adjournment at Eielson AFB is memorialized under paragraph 3c on page 3 of the monthly meeting minutes, approved by all parties (see attachments). After the RPMs proposed to formally adjourn the RAB, Eielson AFB followed Title 32 Code of Federal Regulations §202.10 *RAB Adjournment and Dissolution*, and DoD RAB Rule Handbook guidance for formally adjourning its RAB.

6. Community members received ample opportunity to participate in the decision to adjourn. The only remaining community RAB member, Ms. Huisman, sent Col Daack an e-mail on 8 July 2013, acknowledging the lack of community interest and understood the reasons for proceeding to adjourn the RAB. Ms. Huisman requested to be informed of future clean-up activities at Eielson AFB. This e-mail is provided as an attachment to this memorandum.

7. On 21 July 2013, Eielson AFB published a public notice advertisement in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner and posted public notice flyers around the communities of Moose Creek, North Pole, Salcha, and at various facilities used by the community at Eielson AFB. This public notice (see attachments) informed the public of the proposed RAB adjournment and provided a 30-day period to contact the Eielson AFB Public Affairs Office if interested in participating in the RAB or providing any other feedback. Since 21 July 2013, Eielson AFB’s Public Affairs Office has received no comment from the public on the proposed adjournment.

8. Eielson AFB is committed to involving the community in its environmental restoration efforts, and this will continue to occur in the future without an active RAB. It is possible for an adjourned RAB to re-establish no matter how long it remains inactive. As long as there is sustained community interest and the DoD continues to have control of the cleanup and/or property, a RAB may always be re-established at Eielson AFB. The Eielson AFB IRP will follow guidelines in its Community Involvement Plan to ensure community interest, if any, is addressed in the future.

9. On a biannual basis from the effective date of this memorandum, the IRP will solicit community interest in volunteering to serve on a RAB. On an annual basis from the effective date of this memorandum, the IRP will provide updated Fact Sheets to parties on its Community

Involvement Plan mailing list. The community will be notified when public meetings are scheduled through public notices in the Fairbanks Daily News Minor and other media outlets. The IRP will also notify its mailing list participants, which include Ms. Huisman, of public meetings planned in the future.

10. After its inception in October 1995, Eielson AFB's RAB played an important role providing community member input on the Technical Review Committee during the early stages of clean-up activities. However, in the last decade or more, as the program has advanced, community participation has steadily declined. Since the passing of the North Pole and Salcha community co-chair members, no other members from these communities have volunteered to fill the vacant positions despite Eielson AFB's numerous attempts to solicit community interest. Since re-establishing the semiannual RAB meetings in March 2011, public attendance has been non-existent, with meetings attended only by USAF support contractors, USAF, and regulatory agency personnel. As outlined in Section 3.0, the RAB may be re-established in the future if there is sustained community interest and active volunteers from the community willing to operate the RAB.

11. The Eielson AFB RAB is hereby formally adjourned, effective as of the date of this memorandum.



JAY O. AANRUD
Colonel, USAF
Commander

cc:

David Beistel (USAF)

Jackie Kramer (EPA)

Kimberly DeRuyter (ADEC)

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APPENDIX
RAB Notification Letters, Correspondences, and Public Notices

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23 January 2013

Ms. Terry Huisman
Eielson AFB RAB Community Co-Chair
4700 Rivers Street
North Pole, AK 99705

Subject: Eielson Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board Recruitment Letters

Dear Ms. Huisman,

Enclosed for your record is a copy of the Eielson Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board recruitment letter with enclosures and the list of recipients to receive the letters. Most recipients (e.g., libraries, churches, community centers, government agencies, etc.) will receive multiple Community Interest Forms with addressed envelopes (minimum of five), while some recipients will only receive one form for their personal use only.

If you have any questions, please call me at (907) 377-4299.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Beistel".

DAVID E. BEISTEL, GS-13, DAF
Chief, Installation Restoration Program

Enclosures:

List of Recipients RAB Recruitment Letters
Complete Packet of Letter and Enclosures Mailed to Mailing List

Cc: Kimberly DeRuyter (Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation)
Aaron Lambert (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10)
Terry Huisman (Restoration Advisory Board, Moose Creek Community Co-Chair)

**Eielson AFB Restoration Advisory Board Recruitment Letters Recipient List
January 2013**

Salutation	First	Last	Company	Street 1	Street 2	City	State	Zip
Mr.	Richard	Bertz	354 FSS/FSCT	2539 Central Ave Ste 100		Eielson AFB	AK	99702-1299
Ms.	Kimberly	DeRuyter	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation	610 University Ave		Fairbanks	AK	99709
Mr.	Jim	Durst	Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game, DNR Office of Habitat & Permitting	1300 College Road		Fairbanks	AK	99701
Ms.	Barbara	Eddleman	Eielson AFB Library/Community Center	5254-5272 Industrial Drive		Eielson AFB	AK	99702
Ms.	Terry	Huisman	Eielson AFB RAB Community Co-Chair	4700 Rivers Street		North Pole	AK	99705
Mr.	Darren	Knowles	Flint Hills Resources	1100 H&H Lane		North Pole	AK	99705
Mr.	Aaron	Lambert	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10	Office of Environmental Cleanup Unit #4	1200 Sixth Ave ECL-11	Seattle	WA	98101-3140
Ms.	Kate	Martin	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	101 12th Ave	Box 19	Fairbanks	AK	99701
Ms.	Karen	MaxKelly	Northern Alaska Environmental Center	218 Driveway		Fairbanks	AK	99701
Mr.	Frank	Maxwell	Alaska Department of Natural Resources	Northern Regional Office	3700 Airport Road	Fairbanks	AK	99709
Mr.	Robert	McLean	Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game, DNR Office of Habitat & Permitting	1300 College Road		Fairbanks	AK	99701
Mr.	Howard	Rixie		5631 Old Valdez Trail		Salcha	AK	99714
Mr.	Tristian	Robert	Northern Testing Labs	3300 Industrial Ave		Fairbanks	AK	99701
Mr.	Mark	Sanford	OIT, Inc.	P.O. Box 55878		North Pole	AK	99705
Mr.	Robert	Sattler	Tanana Chiefs Conference	102 1st Avenue	Suite 300	Fairbanks	AK	99701
Mr.	Matt	Schellekens	U.S. Geological Services	800 Yukon Drive		Fairbanks	AK	99775
Mr.	Robert	Schneider	U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Land Management	1150 University Ave		Fairbanks	AK	99709
Mr.	Tim	Sharp	Alaska Laborers Union Local 942	2117 Kiana Street		Fairbanks	AK	99709
Sir/Madam			University of Alaska Fairbanks, Institute of Arctic Biology	902 N. Koyukuk Dr.		Fairbanks	AK	99775
Sir/Madam			Eielson AFB Post Office	365 Kodiak Street		Eielson AFB	AK	99702
Sir/Madam			North Pole City Hall	125 Snowman Lane		North Pole	AK	99705
Sir/Madam			North Pole Library	601 Snowman Ln		North Pole	AK	99705
Sir/Madam			Carrs Quality Centers	301 N Santa Claus Ln		North Pole	AK	99705
Sir/Madam			Saint Nicholas Parish	707 St Nicholas Drive		North Pole	AK	99705
Sir/Madam			Santa's Senior Center	101 5th Ave		North Pole	AK	99705
Sir/Madam			Moose Creek Lodge	3560 Old Richardson Highway		North Pole	AK	99705
Sir/Madam			Moose Creek General Store	3349 Claude Street		North Pole	AK	99705
Sir/Madam			The Knotty Shop	6565 Richardson Hwy		Salcha	AK	99714
Sir/Madam			Salcha Baptist Church	8203 Richardson Hwy		Salcha	AK	99714
Sir/Madam			Salcha Fire and Rescue	7153 Richardson Hwy		Salcha	AK	99714
Sir/Madam			Salchaket Roadhouse	9162 Richardson Hwy		Salcha	AK	99714
Sir/Madam			Salcha Post Office	9162 Richardson Hwy		Salcha	AK	99714
Sir/Madam			Salcha Seniors Center	6062 Johnson Road		Salcha	AK	99714
Sir/Madam			Salcha Store and Service	7666 Richardson Hwy		Salcha	AK	99714
Sir/Madam			Salcha Elementary School	8530 Richardson Hwy		Salcha	AK	99714
Sir/Madam			Salcha's Neighborly Organization	6824 Markgraf Street		Salcha	AK	99714



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Ms. Terry Huisman
Eielson AFB RAB Community Co-Chair
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North Pole, AK 99705

Subject: Seeking New Board Members to Fill Vacancies on the Eielson Air Force Base Environmental Cleanup Restoration Advisory Board

Dear Ms. Huisman,

The Department of Defense recognizes the importance of community participation in its environmental cleanup programs. The Eielson Air Force Base (AFB) Installation Restoration Program (IRP) established a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) in 1995 to inform the public and increase participation by involving the community in the restoration decision-making process of its environmental cleanup program. The RAB currently has two community co-chair board members serving from the Eielson AFB and Moose Creek communities, and has community co-chair vacancies for the North Pole and Salcha communities. The RAB may have multiple representatives serving from each of these communities. In order to continue supporting RAB operations and community involvement activities for its Installation Restoration Program, Eielson AFB is now seeking to recruit new community members to serve on the RAB.

The RAB includes community volunteer members who reflect the diverse interests of the local community. RAB members can expect to spend a minimum of 10–20 hours per year supporting the RAB by serving as a liaison to the community, being available to meet with community members and groups, and meeting semi-annually to review and comment on plans and activities relating to the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities at Eielson AFB. Members will be expected to serve a two-year renewable term of service. All RAB meetings will be open to the public.

We request that you **please post the enclosed Public Notice flyer and Community Interest Form(s) on your community bulletin board for a period not longer than 30 days from the date of this letter.** Any potential community member who may be interested in participating on the RAB for Eielson AFB should **complete the enclosed Community Interest Form and**

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return it to the following address not later than 30 days from the date of this letter (deadline for applications):

Capt Joost Verduyn, Public Affairs
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs
354 Broadway Street Unit 15A
Eielson AFB, Alaska 99702-1895

Forms will be reviewed by representatives from the RAB. These representatives will nominate a list of community members for the RAB based on an evaluation of the forms received and the level of interest/feedback received from the community. After 30 days from the date of this letter, if the base receives no forms or a limited show of community interest to sustain a RAB for Eielson AFB, then the RAB members may evaluate whether to adjourn the RAB and determine alternative ways to involve the public and government agencies in Eielson AFB restoration program activities.

If you have any questions, please call me at (907) 377-4299.

Sincerely,



DAVID E. BEISTEL, GS-13, DAF
Chief, Installation Restoration Program

Enclosures:

Eielson AFB RAB Fact Sheet
Community Interest Form
Public Notice Flyer

Cc: Kimberly DeRuyter (Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation)
Aaron Lambert (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10)
Terry Huisman (Restoration Advisory Board, Moose Creek Community Co-Chair)

Eielson AFB Environmental Cleanup Fact Sheet

Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Restoration Advisory Board

Introduction

Eielson Air Force Base (AFB) has been an active military installation since 1944. Past practices regarding fuel products, solvents, buried waste and other hazardous substances have resulted in approximately 100 contaminated sites on base, and Eielson AFB was placed on the National Priorities List of Superfund sites in 1989. The initial focus of Eielson's environmental program was to achieve "remedy-in-place" status at each contaminated site, but this often required many years of land use restrictions and/or long-term groundwater monitoring without achieving site closure. A 2010 directive from the United States Air Force (USAF) requires a new focus on completing cleanups to move contaminated sites to closure more quickly. Sites are being investigated and cleaned up under three main programs: Installation Restoration (IRP), Compliance Restoration (CRP), and Military Munitions Response (MMRP).

Installation Restoration Program

In 1991 the United States Air Force (USAF), United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) signed the Eielson Federal Facility Agreement, which governs the cleanup of approximately 60 sites under the Installation Restoration Program. Contamination at these sites is due to fuel products, solvents, buried waste, and other contaminants. In the 1990s, Records of Decision (RODs) that selected a remedy for each IRP site were signed by USAF, U.S. EPA and DEC. Approximately 37 sites were found to require long-term monitoring and/or remedial action. Contamination above cleanup levels remains at many sites. All IRP sites, regardless of selected remedy, will be re-evaluated within the next few years to ensure that each selected remedy is protective of human health and the environment and to determine the most efficient way to move each site to closure.

Garrison Slough (IRP site SS67) flows north-northwest via engineered drainage channels through the developed portion of Eielson AFB. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) released to surface soil in a drainage channel approximately 900 feet upstream of the Arctic Avenue/Manchu Road bridge migrated to sediment and fish in the slough. The selected remedy for this site included excavation of PCB-impacted soil and sediment (conducted in 1996-98, although one 180-foot section was not excavated due to discovery of unexploded ordnance), construction of a fish barrier to minimize movement in and out of the PCB-impacted area (constructed in 1996 and still in place), and restrictions against eating fish caught in the slough. The 2008 Five-Year ROD Review determined that the selected remedy at SS67 potentially is not protective of human health and the environment. Additional fish tissue samples from Garrison Slough and background locations were collected during the 2012 field season and will be used to determine if additional remedial action needs to occur. Additional sediment samples are scheduled to be collected during the remaining 2012 field season.

IRP site WP45/SS57 is located along the west side of Flightline Avenue near the main taxiway and is the location of a photo lab and former fire station. Soil and groundwater are contaminated with chlorinated solvents, benzene and fuel products. The sources of the contamination are floor drains and former fire-training activities in which waste fuels and solvents were dumped into pits and lit on fire. The selected remedy for the site includes groundwater monitoring and institutional controls to prevent exposure to contaminated groundwater. The 2008 Five-Year ROD Review noted that the protectiveness of the selected remedy at this site could not be determined because the extent of contamination is unknown.

Additional soil and groundwater data was collected in 2011 and will be collected in 2012, and this data will be used to determine the protectiveness of the selected remedy and if additional remedial action needs to occur.

Source Evaluation Process

When a new potentially contaminated site is discovered during construction or other base activities, that site is evaluated under the Source Evaluation Report (SER) process and is assigned to a specific cleanup program (Installation Restoration Program or Compliance Restoration Program), or it is recommended for no further action. Currently, there are approximately 40 SER sites under evaluation.

Compliance Restoration Program

Because Superfund does not regulate sites contaminated only by fuel products such as gasoline or diesel, the cleanup of approximately 40 fuel-impacted sites were originally managed under the Compliance Restoration Program (CRP). USAF and DEC, but not U.S. EPA, are involved in the decision-making process for these sites. A contract to conduct further investigation at all CRP sites was awarded in September 2011 and investigatory work was completed in July 2012. In August 2012, 36 original CRP sites were moved into the Source Evaluation Process to re-investigate the sites and formally refer the sites into the appropriate regulatory program.

Military Munitions Response Program

Sites impacted by munitions are covered under the Military Munitions Response Program. A base-wide Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation will be conducted in 2013.

Public Involvement at Eielson AFB

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was established in 1994 and currently includes representatives from Eielson AFB, U.S. EPA, DEC and local communities. RAB meetings were held quarterly until 1996 and semiannually until 2003. RAB meetings resumed in 2011 and are currently being conducted semiannually. RAB meetings are an opportunity for Eielson AFB and its contractors to present technical and administrative information regarding contaminated sites and for RAB members and other attendees to ask questions and voice their concerns. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend RAB meetings. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for information regarding future RAB meetings or if you are interested in serving as a RAB community member, please contact:

354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs
354 Broadway Street Unit 15A
Eielson AFB AK 99702-1895
Telephone: (907) 377-2116 www.eielson.af.mil/

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska
Restoration Advisory Board**

--- PUBLIC NOTICE --- Recruiting Restoration Advisory Board Members Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska



The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is composed of a co-chair volunteer member from each of the communities surrounding Eielson Air Force Base (AFB) (North Pole, Salcha, and Moose Creek), and a co-chair from Eielson AFB who meet semi-annually to discuss the environmental cleanup program.

At present, the co-chair seats for North Pole and Salcha are vacant. The RAB is soliciting multiple new community members from the local communities surrounding Eielson AFB including Eielson AFB residents. If you are interested in serving as a community RAB representative, please contact Capt Joost Verduyn, Eielson AFB Public Affairs Office, at 377-2116.

RAB members serve in an advisory role to the base environmental restoration program and offer input on restoration funding prioritization, contracting initiatives, and the scheduling of project activities and cleanup. RAB meetings are held so the public has an avenue to provide comments on the base environmental restoration program.

For more information, the Eielson AFB Administrative Record is available for public review at the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library in the University of Alaska Fairbank's Polar Region Collections section and online at: <http://alaskacollection.library.uaf.edu/eafbsc/>

For more information about the RAB and the Installation Restoration Program at Eielson AFB, please contact:

Capt Joost Verduyn – (907) 377-2116
Eielson AFB 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs
354 Broadway Street Unit 15A
Eielson AFB, Alaska 99702-1895

Community Interest Form

Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska Restoration Advisory Board

Conditions for Membership:

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) members are volunteering to serve a two-year renewable term and attend all RAB meetings. Duties and responsibilities will include reviewing and commenting on plans and activities associated with the Installation Restoration Program at Eielson Air Force Base. Technical experts will be made available to the RAB. Members will be expected to be available to community members and groups to facilitate the exchange of information and/or concerns between the community and the RAB. RAB community members can expect to devote approximately 10-20 hours minimum per year to support the RAB.

Priority for RAB membership will be given to local residents that are impacted/affected by Eielson Air Force Base.

Name: _____

Address:

Street: _____

Apt.#: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone:

Daytime: _____

Home: _____

Fax: _____

Questions:

1. Are you affiliated with any group related to restoration or the proposed F-16 move? If yes, list the group and your position, if applicable.
2. Briefly state why you would like to participate on the RAB.
3. What has been your experience working as a member of a diverse group with common goals?



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**FINAL
Eielson Air Force Base (AFB), Alaska
RPM Monthly Meeting Minutes
27 February 2013
0800 – 1600**

1. **PARTICIPATION:** The meeting was conducted at Westmark Inn located at 813 Noble Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. Participants in attendance, either in the room or over the telephone, included the following:

- David Beistel – Eielson AFB/354 CES/CEAN
- Carolyn Tallant – Eielson AFB/354 CES/CEAN
- Patrick Roth* – 611 CES/CEAR
- Julene May – 354 CEA
- Joann Socash* – Noblis, Inc.
- Tim Sueltenfuss – SMITH/Associates
- Kimberly DeRuyter – Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
- Eric Breitenberger – ADEC
- John Halverson – ADEC
- Aaron Lambert* – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Kelly Findlay – EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. (EA)
- Joel Lazzeri – EA
- Cristina Radu – EA
- Sarah Titcomb* – EA
- Kyle Waldron* – EA
- Mark Wilkinson – EA
- Kevin Maher* – Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.

*Participated via telecom

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE (Minutes/Action Items):**

- a. **Minutes Review/Approval (Mr. Beistel):** The Remedial Project Managers (RPM) reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for the 30 January 2013 and the 18 December 2013 monthly meeting minutes.
- b. **OLD Action Items (Mr. Sueltenfuss/Ms. Findlay):** The RPMs reviewed the latest action items provided on the 21 February 2013 Open Action Items list, as follows:
 - **Action Item No. 24** was for the ADEC and USAF to agree on an interim prioritization of the CRP site list. This item is pending and will remain on the Open Action Items list with a new due date of 24 April 2013.
 - **Action Item No. 33:** USAF will send a summary e-mail of contractual ramifications related to schedule changes. This item was completed on 26 February via e-mail from Mr. Beistel and will be moved to the Completed Action Items list.

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- **Action Item No. 34:** USAF will request a 30-day extension for delivery of the draft final Phase 2 SER QAPP for SS084 (AAA AOC 16). This item was completed via e-mail from Mr. Beistel and will be moved to the Completed Action Items list.
 - **Action Item No. 35:** USAF will provide a 2012 field effort status report to include updated figures and status of Conceptual Site Model (CSM) Updates. This item is assigned to the USAF (Mr. Wilkinson) with an updated due date of 5 March 2013.
 - **Action Item No. 36:** USAF will provide ADEC and EPA with a response regarding environmental health concerns for buildings 1140, 1141, and 1142. This item will be converted to a standing agenda item, assigned to the USAF (Ms. Tallant), and moved to the Completed Action Items list.
- c. **NEW Action Items (Mr. Sueltenfuss/Ms. Findlay):** The RPMs agreed to add the following new action items to the Open Action Items list:
- **Action Item No. 37:** USAF will determine if it is necessary to revise the approved RI/FS Management Plans for SS67 and WP45/SS57 relative to the Risk Assessment Work Plan. Mr. Maher will work with Mr. Roth on this action item with a due date of 15 March 2013.
 - **Action Item No. 38:** USAF will research how the USAF Environmental Restoration Program Information Management System (ERPIMS) system has been handling and receiving data for CSM Updates and how it fits in with the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process; determine path forward after the CSM Update Report (i.e. Remedial Operations Performance Monitoring). Ms. Socash will complete this item with a due date set for 15 March 2013.
 - **Action Item No. 39:** USAF will provide a roadmap identifying for each QAPP if there is a Generic or Site-Specific, and identify the Analytical Laboratory under contract for sample analysis. Ms. Radu was assigned this item with a due date set for 1 March 2013.
 - **Action Item No. 40:** USAF will provide an interim schedule update to stakeholders as soon as possible. Ms. Radu was assigned this item with a due date set for 13 March 2013.
 - **Action Item No. 41:** USAF will provide a Generic Construction Work Plan to Stakeholders. Ms. Tallant was assigned this item with a due date set for 1 March 2013.
 - **Action Item No. 42:** USAF will update the disturbed soils site map for construction site ID #40. It was inaccurately mapped. Ms. May was assigned this item with a due date of 25 March 2013.
 - **Action Item No. 43:** Provide environmental update in construction spreadsheet. Indicate any environmental actions taken/needed/required during constructions activities. Add a separate column, if possible. Ms. May was assigned this item with a due date of 24 April 2013.

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27 February 2013**

- **Action Item No. 44:** USAF will present and review a consolidated comprehensive site list with Stakeholders, and discuss site identifier and site status. Mr. Beistel and/or Ms. Tallant were assigned this item and will work with Mr. Breitenberger and Mr. Lambert to complete this task with a due date of 25 March 2013.
- **Action Item No. 45:** USAF will refer to the DoD RAB Rule Handbook, EPA guidance, etc. guidance to determine the path forward for the base to proceed with the RAB adjournment process. Mr. Beistel and Ms. Findlay will work on this item with a due date of 25 March 2013.
- **Action Item No. 46:** EPA and ADEC will provide clarification to EA on comments sent to EPA/ADEC for the SS084 (AOC 16/AAA) Draft Phase 2 Source Evaluation QAPP. Ms. DeRuyter and Mr. Lambert will work on this action item with a due date of 5 March 2013.
- **Action Item No. 47:** USAF to provide RTCs table and changed pages to EPA/ADEC for review prior to the SS084 (AOC 16/AAA) Draft Phase 2 Source Evaluation QAPP RTCs meeting (05APR13). Mr. Waldron was assigned this item with a due date of 1 April 2013.
- **Action Item No. 48:** EPA will provide a flow chart of how the document review process is supposed to work. Mr. Lambert was assigned this task with a due date of 15 March 2013.

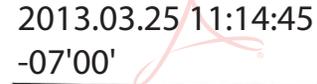
3. DECISION POINTS: The RPMs agreed to the following decision points:

- a. When the USAF receives Work Plan and Sampling and Analysis Plan documents well in advance of construction, they will endeavor to prepare them as close to 100% prior to sending them to the regulators for sequential review, and will improve communicating timeframes on construction projects.
- b. NR2 is outside of the Eielson AFB cantonment area as defined in the FFA and NR2 is on State land; therefore, clean-up will be in accordance with State regulations.
- c. USAF/EPA/ADEC conducted an effort to engage community interest in RAB participation and has received no inquiries or Community Interest Form responses; therefore, will begin the process of adjournment of the RAB in accordance with the DoD RAB Rule Handbook. The April RAB meeting will be cancelled.
- d. USAF/EPA/ADEC RPMs agree to extend the due date by an additional 45 days for the SS084 (AOC 16/AAA) Draft Final Phase 2 Source Evaluation QAPP.

4. 1600: Meeting Concluded.


DAVID BEISTEL
USAF Project Manager


KIMBERLY DERUYTER
DEC Project Manager

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AARON LAMBERT
EPA Project Manager



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RE: Notice of Proposed Adjournment of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for Superfund Cleanup at Eielson Air Force Base (AFB), Alaska

Dear Ms. Huisman

Due to unforeseen circumstance, Col Daack's letter, attached, is being sent to you a week after he signed it. Therefore, a one week extension for your feedback is being added to this letter dated 27 June 2013. We would thus anticipate feedback from you no later than 17 July 2013.

Thank you again for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julene D. May".

JULENE D. MAY, GS-13, DAF

Attachments:

1. Signed 27 Jun 13 Col Daack letter
2. Proposed RAB Adjournment Public Notice Flyer and Advertisement for Fairbanks Daily News Miner

cc:

David Beistel (Air Force)
Aaron Lambert (EPA)
Kimberly DeRuyter (ADEC)



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**RE: Notice of Proposed Adjournment of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for Superfund
Cleanup at Eielson Air Force Base (AFB), Alaska**

Dear Ms. Huisman

This letter advises you that the Spring 2013 RAB meeting has been cancelled and, additionally, that Eielson AFB proposes to adjourn its longstanding RAB. The decision to cancel the Spring 2013 RAB meeting and propose RAB adjournment occurred during the 27 February 2013 Remedial Project Managers (RPMs) monthly meeting involving the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (EPA), and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). A RAB may stop meeting without any formal adjournment if community interest wanes. Eielson AFB prefers formal adjournment.

Your participation in Eielson's RAB provided valuable community input and your future feedback will continue to be welcomed. Reasons for proposing adjournment of the RAB at this time include the following:

- The absence of a quorum of RAB members for nearly 10 years
- Lack of public presence at semi-annual RAB meetings and inactivity of charter members
- Non-representation from Salcha or North Pole community volunteers

Since re-establishing the semiannual RAB meetings in March 2011, Eielson used various means to encourage citizen participation and community attendance/feedback at its public meetings. Efforts included flyers to surrounding communities, advertisements in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner, press releases through the Eielson Public Affairs Office, and announcements through local radio and television stations.

On January 23, 2013, Eielson sent a notification letter to local government officials and public community members listed in the IRP's Community Involvement Plan, and, per your request, to additional community members. The letter advised that *"After 30 days from the date of this letter, if the base receives no forms or a limited show of community interest to sustain a RAB for Eielson AFB, then the RAB members may evaluate whether to adjourn the RAB and determine alternative ways to involve the public and government agencies in Eielson AFB restoration program activities."*

To date, Eielson's Public Affairs Office has received no inquiries, Community Interest Forms, or other feedback regarding participation in the RAB or questions regarding environmental cleanup efforts. Next, Eielson proposes to adjourn the RAB through a public notice advertisement in the Fairbanks Daily News

Miner, but not before a 30-day public comment period. Enclosed you'll find a draft of this advertisement for your review as well as a draft of a public notice flyer for posting around the communities. After the 30-day comment period, if Eielson AFB receives little-to-no inquiries or community interest to sustain a RAB, as a next step, Eielson will prepare a written motion to adjourn the RAB and send to you for concurrence. After the RAB is formally adjourned, the Installation Commander will document the rationale for adjournment in a memorandum for inclusion in the Eielson AFB Superfund Administrative Record. Additionally, the IRP's Community Involvement Plan will be revised to instruct IRP management on procedures for continuing to involve the community without a RAB.

Eielson AFB is committed to community involvement and awareness in its environmental restoration efforts now and in years to come. Eielson will be holding public meetings in the near future regarding the remedial investigations being conducted at two contaminated source areas: SS67 – Garrison Slough, and WP45 (Old Photo Lab, Bldg 1206)/SS57. The public and members on the IRP's mailing list will be notified when these meetings are scheduled.

Please provide your feedback on the enclosed public notice advertisement and flyer within two weeks from the date of this letter to Capt Joost Verduyn in the Public Affairs Office by phone at (907) 377-2116 or via e-mail at 354fw.pa.publicaffairs@us.af.mil.

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Public interest in the RAB has declined steadily over the years and all major cleanup decisions have been made. Despite increased efforts to recruit community member involvement in the RAB and efforts over the past two years to solicit public participation at the semi-annual RAB meetings, the RAB and Eielson Public Affairs Office has received almost no inquiries of interest from the communities. As a result, the Air Force now invites the public to comment on the proposal to adjourn the Eielson AFB RAB.

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July 21, 2013, and ends August 20, 2013.**

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From: Huisman, Alma G CIV (US) <alma.g.huisman.civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2013 8:43 AM
To: 354 FW/PA PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Cc: BEISTEL, DAVID E GS-13 USAF PACAF 354 CES/CEAN; Huisman, Alma G CIV (US)
Subject: Adjournment of the Restoration Advisory Baord (RAB) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Col Daack

I understand that you find it necessary to bring to an end the RAB as we know it today. I've been the RAB Co Chair for Moose Creek for over 16 years and realize that community involvement is a problem for Eielson as the only people directly affected by the environmental impact of air and water is the town of Moose Creek as we are surrounded by federal lands. Eielson came out on the super fund list with over 3,000 sites in the late 1990's so it was necessary for someone to step up. Joe P from Salcha step forward but unfortunate die and the position was not filled. John P from North Pole Step up and made progress for a few years. Because North Pole is not affected by the air or water environmental impact, little interest has been shown for years.

Moose Creek has been riddled with above average cases of all typed of cancer, thus my interest in the RAB began with many neighbors falling ill with cancer after many years of living in the town of Moose Creek. My new concern is with the mission change of Eielson that environmental cleanup may become a major issue again. If this should be the case please feel free to contact me in the future. Please thank Mr. Dave Beistel and his staff at the 354 CES/CEAN for the years of community service. Mr. Beistel, It has not gone unnoticed of the tireless efforts you have put into this program. We thank you.

v/r

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Before me, the undersigned, a notary public, this day personally appeared Jennifer Robinson, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, says that he/she is an Advertising Clerk of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, a newspaper (i) published in newspaper format, (ii) distributed daily more than 50 weeks per year, (iii) with a total circulation of more than 500 and more than 10% of the population of the Fourth Judicial District, (iv) holding a second class mailing permit from the United States Postal Service, (v) not published primarily to distribute advertising, and (vi) not intended for a particular professional or occupational group. The advertisement which is attached is a true copy of the advertisement published in said paper on the following day(s):

7/21/13

Eielson AFB RAB

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Adjournment of Restoration

Acct# 102203 Ad# 11412382

and that the rate charged thereon is not excess of the rate charged private individuals, with the usual discounts.

Jennifer Robinson

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 31 day of July, 2013

Pamela Pearson

Notary Public in and for the State Alaska.

My commission expires February 7, 2017

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NOTARY PUBLIC

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My Commission No. 13020522 Expires February 7, 2017

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