
Subject **Meeting #3 - Barnes Air National Guard Base (ANGB) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)**

Prepared by Johannah Phelan /Jacobs

Location WebEx Meeting **Date/Time** April 27, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

RAB Members

Col David Halasi-kun/Barnes ANGB, Base Co-chair
 Kathleen Hillman, Community Co-chair
 Chris Clark
 Nabil Hannoush
 Kristen Mello
 Rachael Morin
 Kelly Pease
 Caprice Shaw/Massachusetts Department of
 Environmental Protection (MassDEP)
 John Velis

Additional Meeting Participants

Chris Brown/National Guard Bureau (NGB)
 Larisa Lawrence/NGB
 Amy Brand/Jacobs
 Johannah Phelan/Jacobs
 Jennifer Baker/104th Fighter Wing
 S Sgt Randy Burlingame/104th Fighter Wing
 Maj Sarah Sinclair/104th Fighter Wing

The Barnes ANGB RAB Meeting No. 3 was held on April 27, 2023 at 1800, via WebEx. The following notes provide a summary of discussions during and after the presentation and are not intended to serve as a transcript or further explain information provided during the meeting. A copy of the presentation is attached in **Attachment B**.

- 1 The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with the RAB facilitator, Amy Brand/Jacobs, welcoming participants. Amy presented the agenda, provided an overview of how to use the WebEx meeting platform, and then invited the Base Co-chair and Community Co-chairs to provide opening remarks.
- 2 Col Halasikun, Base Co-Chair and representative of Barnes ANGB, and Community Co-Chair Kathleen Hillman made opening remarks welcoming and thanking RAB members and community participants.
- 3 The RAB agreed that meeting summaries will be reviewed via email and posted on the 104FW website after approval.
- 4 RAB co-chair Eric Oulette is no longer with the Chamber of Commerce. Amy indicated this does not disqualify him from participating as the RAB co-chair. She will follow up with Eric to determine if he plans to remain in the position or is choosing to step down.
- 5 Kathleen Hillman asked if RAB members could be added. Amy will review the RAB charter/operating procedures to determine how and when RAB members can be added. There is a RAB application that needs to be completed and it outlines expectations for the role.
- 6 Kristen Mello asked if we publicize for the RAB position and can we publish the application in different languages and advertise in other languages.

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- 7 The group reviewed future meeting dates and discussed whether the January 25, 2024 date should be shifted to early February to account for the December holidays. RAB agreed to keep the January 25th date.
 - 8 The group discussed hybrid versus virtual meetings. The consensus was to conduct future meetings as a hybrid of virtual and in-person.
 - 9 The group discussed setting up a site tour on the same day as the next RAB meeting. Kristen asked if it could be open to community members whose primary language is not English. Amy asked Kristen if she thought the Spanish speaking community would be interested in a site tour. Kristen indicated that the Spanish speaking community understands enough of the site activities that they buy bottled water.
 - 10 Col Halasi-kun will need a head count for the tour to coordinate with security.
 - 11 Maj Sinclair said the Air Force was reviewing the proposal for the TAPP grant and asked if the RAB agreed with the change in professors that would be involved in the review. The RAB supported the professor that was proposed and asked if he could join the tour. Contracting will check if he is agreeable to attending the tour.
 - 12 Amy will check with the National Guard Bureau (NGB) on posting the recorded meeting on You Tube.
 - 13 Chris Brown indicated that the contract for the Barnes ANGB Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) Remedial Investigation (RI) should be awarded by the end of FY23 (September 30, 2023).
 - 14 Kristen indicated that the RAB would like to align the next Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) grant to help review the PFAS RI Uniform Federal Policy Quality Assurance Program Plan (UFP-QAPP).
 - 15 Chris Clarke asked if technologies exist that can remediate PFAS at great depths. Chris Brown indicated that existing technologies are reviewed during the Feasibility Study step in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process.
 - 16 Kristen asked if there are opportunities for the RAB to research remediation technologies.
 - 17 One source for research developing technologies is through the Department of Defense (DOD) Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) and the Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP) (<https://serdp-estcp.org/>). The DOD funds research through these programs to meet their environmental and installation energy and water challenges.
 - 18 The RAB welcomed Chris Brown, the new NGB Project Manager, to the challenges that Barnes ANGB is facing.

Action Items

- 1 Amy Brand will review the RAB Operating Procedures to determine how and when RAB members can be added.
- 2 Amy Brand will check whether the meeting recording can be posted to You Tube for public access.

ATTACHMENT A

Attendance List

Barnes Air National Guard Restoration Advisory Board Meeting #2
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Name

Call-in User_2
Call-in User_4
Caprice Shaw MassDEP
Chris Brown NGB/A4VR
Col David Halasi-Kun
Amy Brand, Jacobs
Jane (Okscin?)
Jennifer Baker, 104FW
Johannah Phelan, Jacobs
Kathleen Hillman
Kayla (Neveau?)
Keith Freihofer, ANG
Kristen Mello
Larisa Lawrence - ANG
Maj Sarah Sinclair
Rachael Morin
Randy Burlingame, 104FW
Sarah Sinclair, 104FW
Tricia (Hidden)
Christopher Clark
Sam (Gulsvig?)
Call-in User_2
Call-in User_4
Caprice Shaw MassDEP
Chris Brown NGB/A4VR
Col David Halasi-Kun
Amy Brand, Jacobs
Jane (Okscin?)
Jennifer Baker, 104FW
Johannah Phelan, Jacobs
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Keith Freihofer, ANG
Kristen Mello
Larisa Lawrence - ANG



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The meeting will begin soon.



Agenda



- 6:00 PM Agenda Review and Virtual Meeting Logistics
- 6:05 PM Welcome and Introductions
- 6:10 PM RAB Business
- 6:20 PM RAB Member Discussion
- 6:35 PM Environmental Restoration Program Status Update
- 7:00 PM RAB Member Discussion
- 7:15 PM Public Questions and Comments
- 7:25 PM Closing Remarks
- 7:30 PM Adjourn



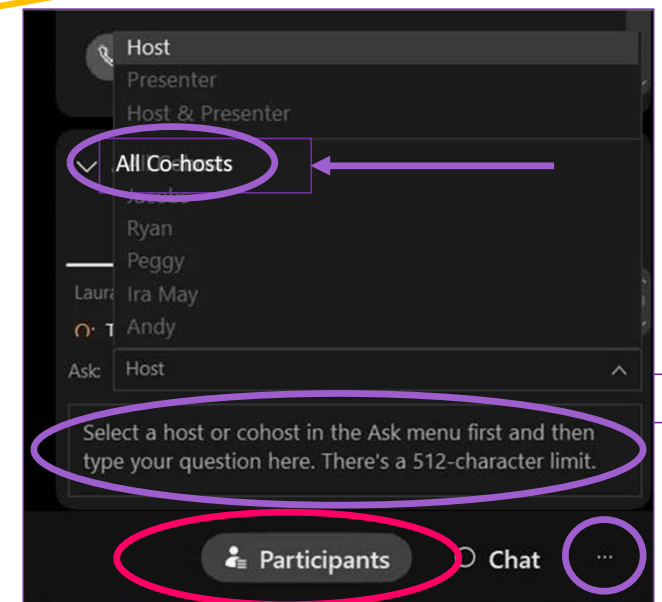
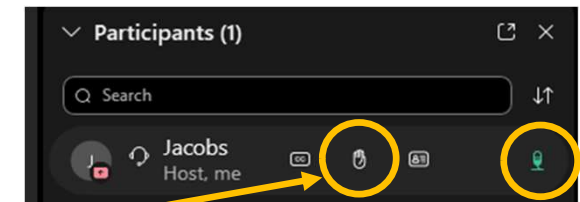
Virtual Meeting Logistics

Amy Brand
Jacobs
RAB Facilitator



Webex Basics – Computer

- Video – OFF except for presenters
- Open participants list
- To ask a question:
 - RAB Members - Raise hand to be called on to speak
 - Scroll over your name in the participant list and click on hand symbol
 - Unmute yourself when called on
 - Public participants - Type a question to “all co-hosts” in the Q&A panel
 - Click on 3 dots in lower right corner, choose Q&A
 - Select “all co-hosts” and type question
 - Questions will be answered at the end of the meeting





Webex Basics – Telephone Participants



- Follow along on slide presentation (emailed or download from 104th Fighter Wing website at <https://www.104fw.ang.af.mil/About/Restoration-Advisory-Board/>)
- Use your phone mute button when not speaking.
- Dial *3 to raise hand to be called on to speak after the presentation
 - Host will unmute you after seeing the raised hand
 - You will then receive a prompt to dial *6 on the phone to unmute yourself
 - Unmute and identify yourself when asking a question or making a comment.



Meeting Guidelines



- RAB Members
 - Questions at the end of each topic
 - Raise hand to be called on to speak
 - Please observe a 2-minute limit to enable other RAB members to participate.
- Public Participants
 - Submit questions in writing addressed to “all co-hosts”
 - Questions will be read and addressed at the end of the meeting
 - Public questions by phone may be asked verbally at the end of the meeting by pressing *3 to raise your hand



Welcome and Introductions

Col. David Halasi-kun

Kathleen Hillman

Eric Oulette



Welcome and Introductions



Air National Guard Team

Col. David Halasi-kun (Base Co-Chair)	Christopher Brown, National Guard Bureau
Jennifer Baker, 104 th FW Environmental Coordinator	
Contractors: BB&E, Jacobs (Amy Brand, RAB facilitator)	

Community RAB Members

Kathleen Hillman, Community Co-Chair	Eric Oulette, Community Co-Chair
Chris Clark	Nabil Hannoush
Kristen Mello	Rachael Morin
Representative Kelly Pease	Senator John Velis

Regulatory Contact

Caprice Shaw, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)



RAB Business

Amy Brand
Jacobs
RAB Facilitator



Meeting Summaries



- Draft meeting summary from RAB Meeting #2 (January 2023)
 - As discussed at January meeting, meeting summary was reviewed and approved via email
 - Posted on the 104th FW website:
<https://www.104fw.ang.af.mil/About/Restoration-Advisory-Board/>



Upcoming Meetings



- Dates
 - Agreed on fourth Thursday of the month, every 3 months: January, April, July, October
 - Adjustments to be made when needed
 - Upcoming meetings: July 27, 2023
 October 26, 2023
 January 25, 2024 (or February 1, 2024)
- Virtual *or* Hybrid *or* In-Person?



Site Tour



- Opportunity for RAB members to see the sites discussed during RAB meetings
- Potential dates and times
 - Late afternoon weekdays
 - Weekends (Sat am?)



Technical Assistance for Public Participation Grant Status Update



- TAPP grant application approved on 25 August 2022
- Scope: To review Preliminary Assessment, Site Inspection, Expanded Site Inspection, and MADEP Residential Drinking Water Well Sampling and Point of Entry Treatment Systems (POETS) and provide independent interpretation and summary of the conclusions, including but not limited to extracting and explaining what has been found out about the plume(s), characteristics, size/fate/transport/migration/profile/etc.



Technical Assistance for Public Participation Grant Status Update



- Proposal received
- Next Steps (around 45 days)
 - Review Proposal
 - Negotiations
 - Finalize Documentation/Document Negotiations
 - ‘Route Funding’
 - Award contract
 - Work to begin



RAB Member Discussion



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Environmental Restoration Program Status Update

Christopher Brown
National Guard Bureau



Environmental Restoration Program



- Environmental investigations/cleanup (Non-PFAS sites) has been ongoing at Barnes since 1987
 - Six sites were cleaned up/closed by 2015
 - ERP Site 2 undergoing long-term monitoring (coordinating with City of Westfield)
 - Two munitions response sites closed in 2012
 - Two additional Former Underground Storage Tank (FUST) sites investigated and closed
- Investigation of PFAS began in 2016
- Coordination with regulatory agencies and stakeholders
 - Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)
 - National Guard Bureau





Site 2 Status Update



- Site 2, Former Underground Storage Tank Area
 - 4 jet fuel tanks were removed in 1998
 - Biosparging system operated from 2005-2009
 - Soil excavated in 2009
 - In-situ chemical oxidation, 6 injections 2009-2016
 - Additional investigation was completed in 2018
 - Release Abatement Measure (RAM) Completion Report 2019
 - Concluded that LNAPL had been defined and remediated to the extent feasible
- Long-term monitoring events in 2021 & 2022
 - Confirm conclusions from the RAM Completion Report
 - Contaminant is not moving but degrading in place
- Working toward a Permanent Solution Statement
 - Coordinating with City of Westfield and the Airport
 - Recommendation is an Area Use Limitation

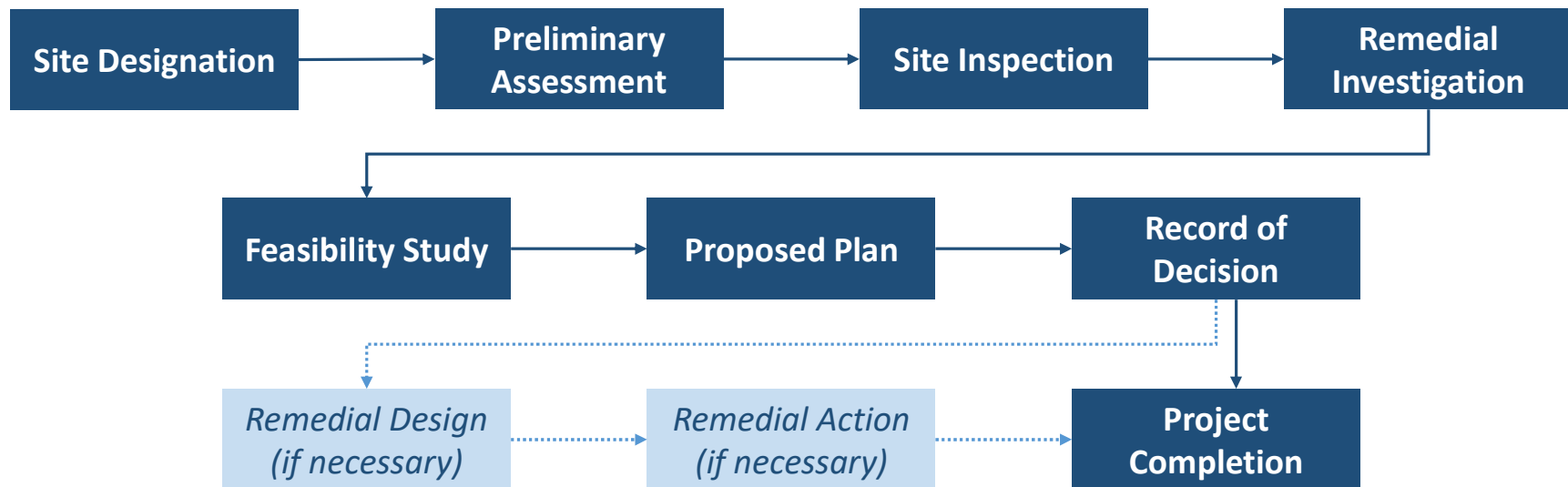


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CERCLA Process

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act



*A removal action may be initiated at any time during the process
if human health or the environment is in immediate danger.*



Action and Screening Values for PFAS

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Draft Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
 - PFOS 4 parts per trillion (ppt), PFOA 4 parts per trillion (ppt)
- EPA Lifetime Health Advisories (LHA) of 70 (ppt) for PFOS and/or PFOA in drinking water
- OSD screening limits (6 July 2022) include screening limits for three additional analytes (PFHxS, PFNA, and HFPO-DA), all were compared against site data:

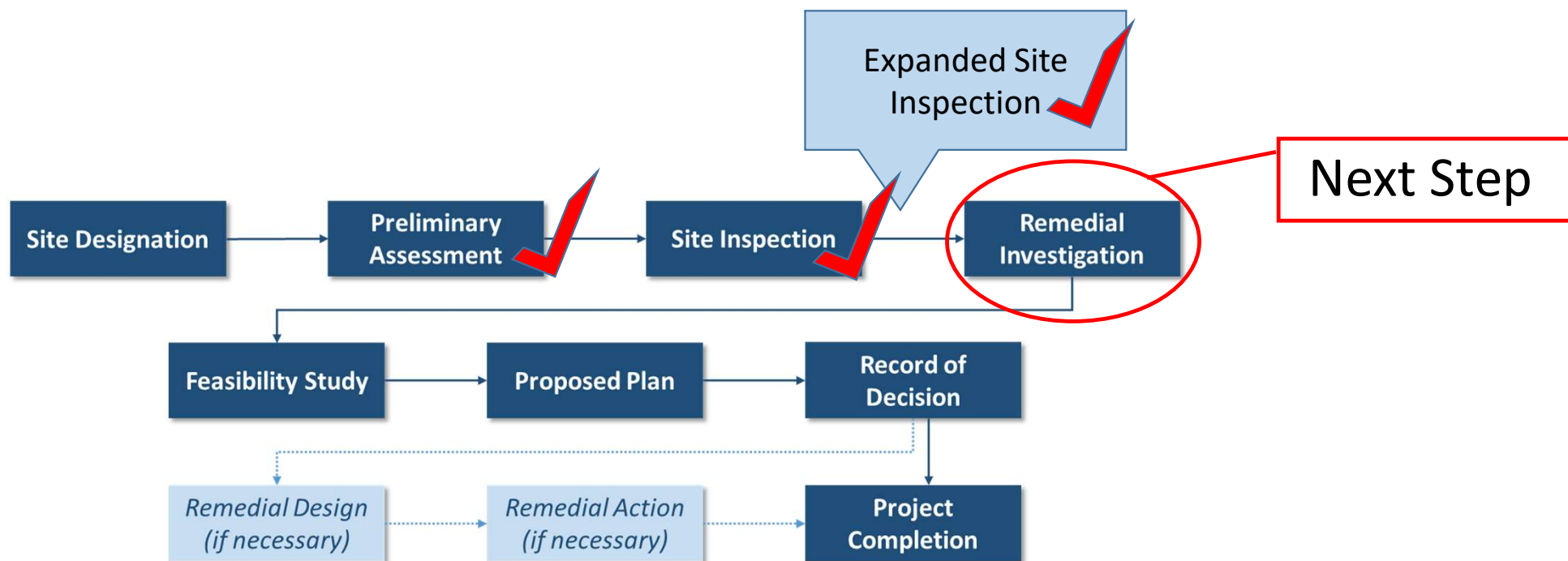
Chemical	RSL TAP Water (ng/l or ppt)	Residential: RSL Soil (mg/kg or ppm)	Industrial: RSL Soil (mg/kg or ppm)
PFOS	4	0.013	0.16
PFOA	6	0.019	0.25
PFBS	601	1.9	25.0
PFNA	6	0.019	0.25
PFHxS	39	0.13	1.6
HFPA-DO	6	0.023	0.35

- All environmental samples (soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediment) will be submitted to the analytical laboratory for PFAS by Method 1633 (40 analytes) in the RI



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Next Steps



- Next step is the Remedial Investigation (RI)
 - RI will determine nature and extent of PFOS/PFOA migration
- Funding status of Remedial Investigation
 - On AFCEC fiscal year (FY) 2023 spend plan
 - Funds Assurance Letter Received
 - ANG coordinated with New England United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to develop schedule/budget for contracting in FY 2023
 - Projecting to award RI end of FY 2023
- 104 FW will continue to collaborate with the MassDEP and the City of Westfield





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Public Questions and Comments



Questions submitted in writing during the meeting will be addressed.



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Websites for More Information



Environmental Restoration Program at 104th Fighter Wing

- General and Links to PFOS/PFOA Information: <https://www.104fw.ang.af.mil/About/Environmental/>
- Restoration Advisory Board: <https://www.104fw.ang.af.mil/About/Restoration-Advisory-Board/>

Relative Risk Site Evaluation (RRSE)

- Barnes RRSE: https://www.104fw.ang.af.mil/Portals/5/Barnes_RRSE%20Fact%20Sheet%20and%20Scoring%20Summaries_211215.pdf
- RRSE Primer: https://www.denix.osd.mil/references/dod/policy-guidance/relative-risk-site-evaluation-primer/RRSE_Primer_Summer1997.pdf

104th Fighter Wing Environmental Administrative Record

- <https://ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil/Search.aspx> (Select ANG radio button, select Barnes, and click on search)

MassDEP PFAS Information

- <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>

Westfield Water Department PFAS Information

- <https://www.cityofwestfield.org/672/PFCs-Information-Updates>

RAB Rule Handbook and Information on Technical Assistance for Public Participation

- <https://www.denix.osd.mil/rab/home/>

Air Force Response to PFOS and PFOA

- <https://www.afcec.af.mil/WhatWeDo/Environment/Perfluorinated-Compounds/>



Closing Remarks

Kathleen Hillman

Eric Oulette

Col. David Halasi-kun



Adjourn