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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Adjournment of the former Nebraska Ordnance Plant (NOP) Superfund Site Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

1. In 1993, a Technical Review Committee was established to ensure that the cleanup of the former NOP would be carried out in the best interests of the communities involved. The Technical Review Committee was converted to a RAB in 1997 to improve public participation by involving community members in the restoration decision making process. The RAB was co-chaired by a member of the local community and the Kansas City District Corps of Engineers project manager. For many years the RAB meetings were well attended and relationships among members were congenial; however, in later years the meetings had lower attendance as many people chose not to attend because of disputes and disagreements that arose. The last formal RAB meeting was held in October 2007. In April 2009, RAB meetings were officially suspended. Open House meetings have been routinely held since the suspension of the RAB.
2. 32 CFR 202.10 discusses RAB Adjournment. In accordance with 32 CFR 202.10, an Installation Commander may adjourn a RAB with input from the community when there is no longer a need for a RAB or when community interest in the RAB no longer exists. Situations that indicate it may be appropriate to adjourn the RAB include 1) a Record of Decision has been signed for all Defense Environmental Restoration Program sites on the installation, 2) an installation has achieved response complete at all sites and no further environmental restoration decisions are required, 3) an installation has all remedies in place, or 4) there is no longer sufficient, sustained community interest to sustain the RAB.
3. For the former NOP, all Records of Decision have been signed (OU1, OU2 and OU3). OU1 and OU3 are Response Complete. For OU2, an Interim Remedial Action Completion Report has been signed to document that all required construction is complete and the remedy is in place. Open House meetings have been held routinely since 2009 and no requests to hold RAB meetings were received during that time.
4. In accordance with the CFR, I consulted with the Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 and State of Nebraska regulators, as well as sent letters to the RAB members and the local community before making a final decision. The Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Nebraska had no comment on adjourning the RAB, and only one community stakeholder comment was received, which concurred with adjourning the RAB. As a result, it is my decision, as District Commander, to adjourn the NOP RAB at this time.

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5. This memorandum will be placed in the Administrative Record. Written notification will be sent to RAB members and a public notice will be placed in the local papers. The Public Involvement Plan will be updated with this information. The Kansas City District will continue to keep the community informed of activities at the former NOP by hosting Open House meetings, producing newsletters and fact sheets, maintaining the project's website, and conducting site tours.



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