

**CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

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PLACE:               Marriott  
                          Spartanburg, South Carolina

DATE AND TIME:  
  
                          Tuesday, August 30, 2005  
                          6:30 p.m. to 6:56 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES:  
  
                          Dan Plugge  
                          US Army Corps of Engineers  
                          Huntsville District  
  
                          Jeffrey M. Schwalm and  
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                          George Mullinax

BOARD MEMBERS  
NOT PRESENT:  
  
                          Gary Hayes  
                          William Littlejohn  
                          Brownlee Lowry  
                          David Mullinax  
                          Robert Wootton

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1 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

2 Good evening. I'd like to welcome everyone tonight. As you can see, we're  
3 a few folks shy of our normal RAB attendance. I have received phone calls from  
4 several individuals that, after we announced the meeting, who are not able to  
5 attend. So we're going to go ahead and get together tonight, irregardless, and  
6 give everyone the update of where we are with the project and give an update  
7 of the removal actions that we completed, Zapata Engineering completed earlier  
8 this year, and the tentative schedule for getting back out in the field this fall.

9 We had some old business that was related last meeting, some questions  
10 that were raised, and we'll answer those on behalf of those individuals; and the  
11 formalities of following formal procedure I think we'll kind of put by the  
12 wayside this evening and just move ahead with our agenda.

13 This evening I'd like to introduce Joe Hallatschek who is new Zapata  
14 Engineering. He is our ordnance program engineer and working with the division  
15 that will support this project and several others that we're working on. Dan  
16 Plugge, the Corps of Engineers in Huntsville, is with us again this evening; and  
17 then there's Jeff Schwalm who is the project manager for the ongoing removal  
18 work.

19 So with that I guess our first agenda item, Jeff, is status of the removal  
20 action, just a brief update of what we finished this past spring and the  
21 tentative schedule for us to be back out in the field this fall.

22 BY MR. SCHWALM:

23 As Suzy said, I'm Jeff, and I'm with Zapata Engineering, and I'm the  
24 project manager for doing the field work here at Camp Croft. We've been  
25 working in the Wedgewood area over the last couple of years. This map just

1 depicts the areas that we worked in last year that's with all the pink dots and  
2 those are all the areas that we investigated, and it also shows the work that  
3 we're going to do starting here in September, and that would be the pink shaded  
4 areas without any of the pink dots in it. So that's what we've done so far or to  
5 start our update.

6 We're working on the final report right now. We hope to have that in  
7 back into the Corps of the Engineers and have their questions answered within  
8 the next couple of weeks prior to starting back with the field work on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
9 of that; and based on that analysis we may have to revisit some of the areas  
10 that we looked at last year, but that analysis is still in progress, and - but we  
11 hope to have that completed within the next two weeks.

12 On the 12<sup>th</sup> of September we expect to be back in the field again working  
13 in these areas with some brush clearing, minimal brush clearing, surveying those  
14 - these areas out, and then do the geophysical mapping, which is a fancy type of  
15 mine detector to see what's under the ground; and then we'll work through a  
16 target selection process and have those analyses to the Corps of Engineers by  
17 the first of November. We'll finalize target selection shortly after that, and  
18 then notify and then have a detailed field schedule developed, and we'll notify  
19 the residents along this area and hear exactly when evacuations may then be  
20 necessary.

21 We're going to start the intrusive investigation part of the work. The  
22 first week in January we're going to mobilize to the site, do equipment  
23 calibrations, start inquiring the areas that we want to dig, and I believe it's the  
24 first - it would be the second Monday in January. I think that's the tenth.  
25 Don't quote me on that, but I think it's the tenth of January. We're going to be

1 in the field actually investigating targets in this area, so - and then we expect  
2 to be completed with that field work by the first of February.

3 That's my update.

4 Any questions?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 BY MR. SCHWALM:

7 All right.

8 BY MR. OSBORNE:

9 I've got one. On the page two of three on the last month's deal, when are  
10 you going to talk to these people that live in that area and explain to them  
11 what's going on, what you're doing and that they shouldn't be digging in their  
12 backyards or whatever in the area? The ones I've talked to, nobody has talked  
13 to them so far at all.

14 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

15 I can answer that, Jeff.

16 BY MR. SCHWALM:

17 Yes.

18 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

19 Harold, we have an active program to talk with folks when we're going to  
20 be working in and adjacent to their yard. We cannot restrict individuals from  
21 working in their yard. The properties in Wedgewood that have been cleared  
22 those individuals have received clearance letters. All of the actual residents  
23 now have been cleared. We're now working in a buffer area.

24 You mentioned that you had some individuals and names and points of  
25 contact that had said they had not been contacted by either us or the Corps,

1 and if you could provide that information to us, we'll make sure that they're  
2 included in our mailing list.

3 BY MR. OSBORNE:

4 I'll go talk to them and get their addresses.

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 Or a phone number and a name. We'll be happy to, but we've over the last  
7 several years have had an extensive outreach program to individuals that are  
8 directly impacted by these actions and are very proactive in the community.

9 BY MR. SCHWALM:

10 All right.

11 Anymore questions?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 BY MR. SCHWALM:

14 Thank you.

15 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

16 Moving on to old business. During the last meeting Mr. Zimmerman had  
17 asked of some information and some analysis of an area off of Cowford Bridge  
18 Road.

19 I just wanted to let you know I went back to the EE/CA where the  
20 investigations were, since you were pointing some areas of concern out on the  
21 map, and there was OOU10B, Ordnance Operable Unit 10B, which was  
22 investigated during the 1997 EE/CA, and it's actually in the northern part of  
23 that road when you look on the map, and there was no UXO uncovered during  
24 those investigations. It was used for training maneuvers, possibly practice  
25 grenade range. Actually, I'm misstating. It was used for training maneuvers,

1 and the items that were found during just the investigation - it was not a  
2 removal - were ordnance related scrap, hand grenades, rifle grenades, rockets,  
3 landmines, mortars, flares, and small arms projectiles.

4 So that area, I believe, is slated for a surface clearance in the future.

5 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

6 Okay.

7 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

8 So I'm not sure if that was the area that you had expressed a concern,  
9 but I did want to see if there was any investigation that had been done on  
10 Cowford Bridge Road.

11 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

12 I understand.

13 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

14 And it is closer to 295 up in that area.

15 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

16 Okay.

17 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

18 So I wanted to follow up with you on that.

19 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

20 All right. I'm not trying to be the devil's advocate or anything, Suzy.  
21 Just a couple of months ago and - about a month ago, an individual who used to  
22 attend these meetings, Mr. Jim Lancaster, he made these day long forays about  
23 three and a half to three point seven miles further down Cowford Bridge Road  
24 over on the left. I believe that's where the old Green plantation used to be  
25 back during the Revolutionary War. That area was an impact area, and he

1 brought three pickup truckloads of ordnance out, carried it to his home over on  
2 Goldmine Road in the Clifton area, and as far as know that stuff is probably still  
3 there if you - I mean - but he did find quite a bit of it. I mean what he found  
4 was real live 60 millimeters, 81 millimeters. The first time I was beside near  
5 Lake Evin Johnson I seen 4.2 mortars. He found some of those unexploded and  
6 some 105 millimeter Howitzer shells.

7 Now he's an old man. He's a lone wolf. He goes out there all times of the  
8 year, day, night. He'll get his wife to drive him out there and leave him out  
9 there in the middle of the night, and she'll pick him up in the morning. I know  
10 he's a friend of mine, but I have no control over what he did; but now farther on  
11 down Cowford Bridge Road to the left on the left side, actually I guess it would  
12 be on the southwest side, he did find - I'm sorry, the southeast side, he found  
13 quite a bit of ordnance this summer.

14 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

15 Do you know if that's private property or if that's park property?

16 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

17 At one time it was pulpwood company property. Now I believe it is owned  
18 by that real estate company. I haven't been to the RMC office to check that  
19 out, but he found a great deal of stuff.

20 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

21 I wanted to follow up with you on your inquiries outside this -- that area  
22 of concern is farther south.

23 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

24 It is. It is farther on down Cowford Bridge Road. It's not too awful far  
25 from the old cemetery that's over on the right side. Duke Power used to own a

1 tract of land over there. I don't know if they sold that land or not; but I'll give  
2 him credit. I mean he is an ordnance find genius. All he does is it's like he can  
3 sniff it out of the ground. He just takes his little metal detector and goes out  
4 there and he finds it.

5 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

6 I'm concerned about being on private property and the safety factor of  
7 him out there finding and looking for this.

8 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

9 Yeah, I'm concerned about him loading it up in his pickup truck and was  
10 driving off with it, too.

11 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

12 Sir? And your name for the record, please, for Sandy?

13 BY DR. MCCLURE:

14 My name is Don McClure. I'm one of the property owners on Cowford  
15 Bridge Road in the area where you've been talking about; and as we brought to  
16 you all's attention before, there has been significant development in that area  
17 after Jim Smith sold it, divided it up in lots and sold it. There are at least four  
18 or five new houses being constructed. There are two that are under  
19 construction now, and we keep hearing these reports of ordnance showing up,  
20 and, you know, my question is are you all eventually going to look at it or what  
21 will happen?

22 BY MR. PLUGGE:

23 Basically, we did several EE/CA's or a couple of EE/CAs several years ago.  
24 At that time a lot of people didn't give us right of entries to investigate their  
25 property, and I believe this piece of property ---

1 BY DR. MCCLURE:

2 That probably was their intention.

3 BY MR. PLUGGE:

4 I believe this piece of property was one of them that we couldn't get a  
5 right of entry for, and we have talked about doing a supplemental EE/CA or  
6 another EE/CA or a recurring review, but that takes funding, and right now our  
7 funding is limited. The money that we have this year is appropriated for doing  
8 three and a half more acres of the Wedgewood Subdivision buffer there.

9 We did fund some money for topographic engineering photo analysis to be  
10 done. That's a branch of the Corps that's photo analysis records and analysis  
11 and that's going to be done in a couple of weeks. So we're going to take that  
12 information that is provided to us and probably do a five-year recurring review  
13 at that point to investigate areas such as your property and any others that the  
14 police department has been finding ordnance on, and then we'll probably fund  
15 another EE/CA or a recurring review or something to investigate or, you know,  
16 to do a further analysis of those areas. At the next RAB meeting we'll know  
17 more about where we're going with that.

18 So, you know, it will be a new fiscal year after October 1<sup>st</sup>, so we'll have  
19 an idea of what we're going to spend the money on for next year.

20 BY DR. MCCLURE:

21 The group I represent does own that on Champion land. It's Champion  
22 International Paper. It's now all privately owned after we sold it. The group  
23 probably owns 800 acres of it.

24 BY MR. PLUGGE:

25 Yes, sir.

1 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

2 John Dyas with the Sheriff's Office. What we can do is we'll go over  
3 there and maybe see some of these construction companies that might be there  
4 and let them know that they can call us, give them directions in case they do  
5 happen to uncover something, and then we'll do the same thing. We'll map it  
6 with GPS, and then that way we'll kind of get an idea of what will happen there.  
7 We'll take care of that. We'll just do that.

8 BY DR. MCCLURE:

9 One of your deputies owns five acres out there, Jerry Nobels {phonetic  
10 spelling}.

11 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

12 Is there any other old business from the last meeting?

13 That was the only item that I had identified.

14 BY MR. OSBORNE:

15 All right. Going back to page three of three, and when I was complaining  
16 about the airplanes, now in the last two weeks there have been so many  
17 airplanes, and yesterday morning there was one almost down on my house. I  
18 took the binoculars and it is not forest service airplane. What is going on?

19 BY MR. PLUGGE:

20 We have nothing to do with any airplane activity in the area, ---

21 BY MR. OSBORNE:

22 Well, ---

23 BY MR. PLUGGE:

24 --- as I stated last time.

25 BY MR. OSBORNE:

1           --- they can only go so low or they're violating the law. Did the Sheriff's  
2 Office go out?

3 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

4           Did you get the tail number on it?

5 BY MR. OSBORNE:

6           No, I didn't.

7 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

8           If you'll get the tail number off of it, we can certainly check into it.

9 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10          Because for the last two weeks, they've ---

11 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

12          I work ---

13 BY MR. OSBORNE:

14          --- been so low I cannot believe it.

15 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

16          I work over there at the FBI office, so I can get in touch with FAA real  
17 quick and call out there at the airport and we can find out who it is.

18 BY MR. OSBORNE:

19          Because they should know because they're supposed to let them know if  
20 they're going to be low. That's the way it was when I used to fly.

21 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

22          If you'll - if you'll get the tail number on it, I can call them without a  
23 problem, and you say you've got binoculars and you should be able to see it. So  
24 get that ---

25 BY MR. OSBORNE:

1 I was just looking for forest service.

2 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

3 Yeah, look at - get that number on the back. You know, they'll have that  
4 number on the tail, and let me know what it is. I'll - I'll check on that and talk  
5 to them.

6 Just call me and I'll check on that number.

7 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

8 Moving on to new business.

9 In looking at the calendar it's been two years since our existing RAB has  
10 been selected, and we're at the end of our two-year term. So what I have left  
11 are the applications in the back of the room, and for the current RAB we've  
12 distributed those via our mailing list. We will post those on our website. So  
13 anyone that is interested in being considered for selection for the next two-  
14 year term I've asked that the forms be returned either electronically, either  
15 fax or mail to me, and all the information is on the form, by mid-November; and  
16 by the spring we will have a new board, and at that point in time we will also  
17 then elect a new chair as David's term will be up as well.

18 So I wanted to encourage everyone who is thinking about participating on  
19 the board to distribute forms to whomever you may think might be interested  
20 and to disburse those as widely as possible, and we'll do the same and we'll look  
21 for those applications to come back in in mid-November.

22 BY MR. OSBORNE:

23 One other past question, Suzy.

24 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

25 Yes.

1 BY MR. OSBORNE:

2           Where you're going to be working down there, are you going to have an  
3 office anywhere to get a hold of these guys?

4 BY MR. SCHWALM:

5           When we're - for this current field we won't have an office established,  
6 but we will have a site trailer off of Dairy Ridge Road.

7 BY MR. OSBORNE:

8           Over where it used to be over there?

9 BY MR. SCHWALM:

10          Yes.

11 BY MR. OSBORNE:

12          Okay.

13 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

14          And that's for the field personnel.

15          Any other new business?

16          George or Martha?

17 BY MS. MOORE:

18          No.

19 BY MR. MULLINAX:

20          No.

21 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

22          Any other new business that we may attempt to discuss today, and if  
23 we're not able to discuss it, we will put it on the agenda item for our next  
24 meeting?

25 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

1           Just something to start -- you know, I don't know whether or not it really  
2           pertains to the new business, but it's something I think, you know, people ought  
3           to realize, Suzy, that area where Mr. McClure lives on Cowford Bridge Road.

4           BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5           Uh-huh (affirmative response).

6           BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

7           That was called maneuver area. That's where maneuver areas one and two  
8           actually intersected, and the troops would leave a cantonment area, make marks  
9           or they'd put them in trucks. They would camp out in the area where Brownlee  
10          Lowry's place, then they would go over to this area and actually have battalion  
11          on battalion type live fire exercises. So just automatically assume that for all  
12          these years that one of the pilot companies and the paper companies had it to  
13          assume there's not anything there is somewhat woeful, because there's a lot of  
14          stuff there, and eventually, I mean, it will be found and blow up a shell - not  
15          exploding a shell but firing sometimes they go deep if they -- whether they go  
16          off or whether they don't.

17          A lot of this stuff Lancaster found this summer I consider it dangerous  
18          things. He also found some anti-tank mines that are way on down close to  
19          Fairforest Creek at the bottom of Cowford Bridge Road, but that - that was a  
20          very heavy firing area, and I'm convinced that it proves -- you get down in that  
21          area, I'm telling you you're going to find quite a bit of ordnance. There's no  
22          doubt in my mind. Sooner or later, I mean, you're going to find a lot of it.

23          BY MR. PLUGGE:

24          You all have both expressed your concern about this area. We will take  
25          some action on it. We'll make sure we put that on the notes for the next time,

1 and we will discuss it with Mr. Nesbit since he is the program manager for the  
2 district here. We'll figure out a solution.

3 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

4 Lieutenant Dyas, would you like to provide an update of what's been  
5 keeping you all busy for the last several months?

6 BY LIEUTENANT DYAS:

7 Yes, starting around, like, the 16<sup>th</sup> of last month we received a call from  
8 Ms. Long. They live over off of Fretwell Road, and there was - her father was  
9 digging up, planting a new garden. He had purchased about 26 acres over in that  
10 area, and he was then digging up the property. He started digging up several -  
11 several different types of mortars.

12 The first call was on a weekend. He called me up or they called me up.  
13 We went over there and took care of it, and it was a stoke mortar. We ended  
14 up going back several other times to the same - to the same plowed up property.  
15 He was going a little bit deeper and digging it all up to plant his garden.

16 We ended up coming out there in about a four days time with about 18  
17 different types of mortars. We had 60 millimeters with seven of them; three  
18 inch stoke mortar, we had nine. We had two 81 millimeters, and I have some  
19 pictures here if anybody would care to take a look at them. I'll go ahead and sit  
20 back here and let them look at them, if you'd like to, then give them to the  
21 Corps and let them put that in their records.

22 We did get a GPS coordinates on that, and they are all on our incident  
23 reports here, so that you'll have those for your records, also; but we did a  
24 sweep of just the property. We took a crime lab with state law enforcement  
25 along with our bomb squad and did a sweep of that area that he actually had

1 plowed up, not any of the other area that had not been plowed up. Just that  
2 area that he was cleaning up and in one - in two hours time we uncovered about  
3 12 -- 12 mortars. So its - and my understanding is that was the impact range  
4 right there where we were at, so he - he had given us - Mr. Long has given us  
5 permission to come out there anytime. Of course he calls us anyway, but, I  
6 mean, there's no problem getting permission to go on his property, and if you  
7 need him to, he'll sign whatever and let folks come out.

8 Our bomb squad meetings that we have statewide, we get together once a  
9 month. We discussed this, and the Air Force talked about maybe coming over  
10 and doing a sweep themselves just bring some of their equipment, try it out and  
11 see if they can help clear some of that up, also, so that's one of our avenues  
12 that we have to help out with all that. That's their EOD team that comes up.

13 That's about it.

14 Any questions?

15 (NO RESPONSE)

16 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

17 And I would like to, again, remind everyone we do have a mechanism in  
18 place that seems to work very well and keep everyone safe. If anyone finds  
19 anything at all that is suspect is to not hesitate to call 911, and you will have a  
20 response, and the item will be inspected and investigated and disposed of real  
21 time. The contractor such as Zapata Engineering are not an emergency  
22 response call. The Sheriff's Department has demonstrated they are here and  
23 they are responsive. So I just want to remind everyone of that.

24 Any items other than those that have been raised to add for our next  
25 meeting?

1 BY MR. WHITE:

2 I've got a question.

3 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

4 And your name, please?

5 BY MR. WHITE:

6 David White.

7 I'm a property owner in White Stone on 295, and I've looked at your  
8 website for - you know, trying to get information about when you have meetings  
9 and stuff, and I think it's been a while back, but you advertised that you were  
10 going to have a meeting, I think it was like in August or something, and - and it  
11 went on, and you never did really tell that the meeting was, you know, cancelled  
12 or changed. It never - your website never really changed.

13 That was my question. Is the paper the only way to find out when you  
14 have these meetings?

15 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

16 I'll look and make sure that the website is current.

17 BY MR. WHITE:

18 Thank you.

19 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

20 We tend to put a place order for the meeting if we know the time frame,  
21 August, September; and when the meeting date is confirmed, we advise the  
22 website, actually have the date and the location, and I thought that was being  
23 done and I will make sure that is done in the future.

24 If you signed into our sign-in sheet, you're now on the mailing list to get  
25 fliers. So you'll get a card in the mail announcing the meeting.

1 If you have recommendations on how else we can notify individuals, ---

2 BY MR. WHITE:

3 I was ---

4 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

5 --- we'll take suggestions.

6 BY MR. WHITE:

7 Another question I have would be how can we find out if your land had  
8 been swept or - or if anything had been found on it or if you were going to do  
9 construction on your land, digging, gardening, whatever, is there something in  
10 your website that tells about locations in the - like on your map, you know, the  
11 map of Camp Croft where extreme danger would probably be?

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13 The reports that we have available are the two Engineering  
14 Evaluation/Cost Analyses, the two EE/CAs, which describe where areas have  
15 been sampled, investigated for the hazards, and then they present risk  
16 reduction alternatives, whether its subsequent clearance action or outreach and  
17 education or signage and brochures.

18 So you can look at the map and the map is posted up there that shows the  
19 locations on where those sampling locations were.

20 As far as actual clearance, the areas that have been cleared are a subset  
21 of that, much more limited to date based upon funding. So there are areas in  
22 the park that have been cleared; OOU6, which is part of Dr. Lowry's property,  
23 has been cleared; and now the Wedgewood area.

24 So those are the three physical areas that have actually undergone a  
25 clearance.

1           We look at on the map and see where your property is to see what was in  
2 that area of investigation, what was found in that area, and what the  
3 recommendation was.

4 BY MR. WHITE:

5           Are - a lot of that information is it like classified or is it open to the  
6 public to see exactly where they are?

7 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

8           It's on the website. The reports are posted and are publicly accessible,  
9 and there are copies with the maps in the library in the information repository.

10 BY MR. WHITE:

11           Okay.

12 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

13           And we'll be happy to help you go through those.

14           Anything else?

15 BY MR. MULLINAX:

16           Motion to close.

17 BY MS. MOORE:

18           I second it.

19 BY MR. MULLINAX:

20           So approved.

21 BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

22           Thank you.

23 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:56 P.M.)

