

## **Fort Wingate Depot Activity – Base Closure Team (BCT) Meeting Minutes**

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**5 May 2015**

The BCT Meeting for the Fort Wingate Depot Activity (FWDA) began at 10:07 (Mountain Time) at LaQuinta Inn & Suites conference room in Gallup, New Mexico. The agenda included the following topics in order:

- Introductions – Mark Patterson
- BRAC Status of Wingate Property – Steve Smith / Mark Patterson
- Project Update & Upcoming Contracts – Steve Smith/ Mark Patterson
- Groundwater Discussion – David Henry, USACE
- Kick Out Area (MEC Removal & Surface Clearance), Dennis (DJ) Myers, USACE
- Wrap-up / Adjournment

The meeting was called to order and facilitated by Mark Patterson, BRAC BEC. Introductions followed by all the attendees.

### **BRAC Status of Wingate Property – Steve Smith**

Steve Smith- Reviewed the schedule, Parcel 2, 9 and 19 are under review from NMED, comments received, Steve Smith- would like to discuss concurrent reviews 60, WP, and 90 day reports. Mark Patterson- concurrent review discussed and agreed to. David Henry has been sending David Cobrain emails but David Cobrain requests letters. Rose Duwyenie – Inquired about Parcels 2, 9, 19, & 20- to see how clean up is coming in the event Missile Defense turns these parcels over to the tribes. Steve Smith & Mark Patterson- replied that the parcels are part of the permit.

### **Project Update and Upcoming Projects:**

HWMU Update –

Eric Kirwan, USACE provided an updated regarding the HWMU project. Eric stated that the removal of debris has been ongoing for the last several years. Cubic yards to date is 92k has been dug and sifted and 2 million pounds of metal. A second contractor needs to be hired. A 2000 pound bomb was located on the edge of HWMU and is planned for removal later this month. Rose Duwyenie- has there been any damage? Eric Kirwan- responded there has been no damage. Governor Val Panteah wanted to know about contamination. Eric Kirwan said it has been tested and removed. No further questions were fielded.

SWMU 1 and Parcel 21-

A work plan is in review and the contract is being modified. Rose Duwyenie asked when the source will be removed and ground water levels will drop: David Henry stated that he hopes not and if it does not drop we will continue 3.5 acers, ERDC modeled 35 feet, 75k cubic yards. Mark Patterson added that David is looking at adding additional wells, however at this point it is just at a preliminary stage.

Document Review Priorities-

Mark Patterson reviewed the handout and the color coding priority chart.

### **Groundwater Periodic Monitoring Presentation / Discussion-**

Sundance Consulting, John Nance provided the presentation.

Jeff Johnston wanted to know if the gas station was going to be torn down and the removal of the soil near the station. David Henry stated that the time line on this was late 2016 or 2017. Rose Duwyenie inquired about the leaching beds and when the wells would be set. David Henry stated there is actually 3 north and 1 off set

to the west but ground water is moving slowly. John Nance stated that due to the silty clay it is slow, less than 10 feet per yard. No additional questions were fielded from the attendees.

**Kick Out Area (MEC Removal & Surface Clearance)**

Dennis J Myers introduced PIKA. DJ Myers announced that Adam Graves is the cultural specialist and there will be field work tomorrow Wednesday, May 6, 2015 the safety tailgate meeting will start at 6:30 a.m. for the field work.

Chuck Hendrickson talked about depth perception. Dennis Myers expects shallow KOA with instrument 10-20 feet deep and a surface sweep of 18 inches or above. Jackie Smith- 6-12 inches is normal. Boundary center points transected to full extent last item plus 250 feet. Two hundred and fifty was negotiated in the permit with a total of 8 teams with the hardest areas first. The MEC Clearance schedule is spring 2015, summer 2016. Then the report will be drafted summer of 2016- 2017.

**Open Discussion**

No additional questions were asked

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 a.m

Mark Patterson and Steve Smith thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

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