Former Fort Ord Operable Unit (OU)-1 – Base Closure Team (BCT) Meeting Final Minutes

Groundwater Remediation, Well Destruction, and Treatment Plant Decommissioning Marina, California 10 August 2016

OU-1 On-Post Activities for 07 July through 04 August 2016

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Attendees: (to be revised after meeting)

Individual	Attended?	Individual	Attended?	
James Specht, USACE		Kimberly Gettman, DTSC X		
Teresa Rodgers, USACE		Edward Walker, DTSC		
Alex Kan, USACE	X	Noel Shrum, DTSC		
Bonnie McNeill, USACE	X	Grant Himebaugh, RWQCB X		
Cory Koger, USACE		Jeff Fenton, AMEC X		
Jonathan Whipple, USACE	X	Derek Lieberman, Ahtna X		
Curtis Payton, USACE	X	Eric Schmidt, Ahtna X		
Paul Fluck, USACE		Holly Dillon, Ahtna		
Chris Duffy, USACE	X	Brad Clarke, Ahtna X		
William Collins, BRAC	X	Thor Anderson, Burleson X		
Tom Ghigliotto, Chenega ¹	X	Steve Crane, Kemron		
Melissa Broadston, Chenega ¹	X	Erin Caruso, Gilbane X		
Bart Kowalski, Chenega ¹		Larry Friend, Gilbane		
Cary Stiebel, Chenega ¹		Kevin Siemann, Gilbane		
Judy Huang, EPA				
Maeve Clancy, EPA		Roy Evans, HGL X		
Martin Hausladen, EPA	X	Kevin Wierengo, HGL X		
Min Wu, Ph.D., DTSC	X	Gage Dayton, Ph.D., UCSC		
Steve Sterling, DTSC	X	Charity Meakes, USACE X		
X = attended in person or by telephone; blank indicates absent from the meeting				

Notes:

¹Chenega staff supporting the BRAC
Ahtna = Ahtna Engineering Services
BRAC = Base Realignment and Closure
Fort Ord Office
CB&I = Chicago Bridge & Iron, Inc.
DTSC = California Department of Toxic
Substances Control
EPA = U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency
HGL = HydroGeoLogic, Inc.
RWQCB = Regional Water Quality Control
Board
UCSC = University of California, Santa
Cruz
USACE = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

OU-1 Treatment Plant Operations

Remediation is complete. The northwest treatment system (NWTS) is offline but operable.

Reporting/Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Schedule

The status of ongoing and anticipated reports for OU-1 is summarized in Table 1. The draft 2016 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report, including the draft OU-1 Closure Plan as requested by DTSC, is being reviewed by the regulatory agencies and public. The comment period was extended to 08 August. Thus far, DTSC and RWQCB have accepted the draft submittal as final without comment. EPA provided three comments on Monday and responses are being prepared.

OU-1 Closeout

The Army is developing a response to the change in the Preliminary Health Advisory (PHA) values for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) concentrations from 400 nanograms per liter (ng/L) and 200 ng/L, respectively, to 70 ng/L for the sum of PFOA and PFOS. As noted in previous meetings, two wells do not meet the revised total value of 70 ng/L for PFOA and PFOS concentrations. Figure 10 from the Remedial Action Completion Report is attached for reference. The Army and HGL are preparing a technical memorandum regarding the new Health Advisory limits relative to site closure.

RWQCB indicated at the last meeting that site closeout might be delayed because the new PHA advisory values are exceeded in OU-1 groundwater. The RWQCB requirements for aquifer quality are not based solely on human or environmental health risk, but are based on water resource protection. However, the PHAs are advisory values rather than promulgated standards so their significance is not precisely defined. Discussions within RWQCB to resolve that agency's position regarding closure are ongoing.

The Army will abandon/destroy the remaining OU-1 wells in phases beginning with the off-Post Armstrong Ranch wells. The Army anticipates that the Armstrong Ranch wells and pipeline will be destroyed this year. Those OU-1 wells located within the nongrassland part of the Fort Ord Natural Reserve, including those wells exceeding the revised advisory concentrations for PFOA and PFOS, will be abandoned in 2017 or later. This schedule will allow time to consider the revised PHA values and address any questions that may arise.

OU-1 Rare Plant Monitoring

The preliminary draft report for the 2016 OU-1 rare plant survey and impact assessment was submitted to the Army on 08 August.

Five-Year Review

HGL staff met with staff from the USACE on 13 July to answer questions regarding OU-1 and assist the site inspection for the 5-Year Review report.

New/Current Action Items:

• The demolition plan for the Armstrong Ranch wells and pipeline will be added to the deliverable schedule after contracting is completed (this work is expected to be awarded in August or early September).

Ongoing:

- Submit draft minutes for previous BCT meeting(s)—complete through July 2016. Thus far, DTSC and RWQCB have approved the draft minutes as submitted. Awaiting EPA comments on July minutes.
- Submit final minutes for previous BCT meeting(s)—complete through June 2016.

Table 1 Current OU-1 Deliverable Schedule Former Fort Ord, Marina, CA –August 2016

Deliverable Title	Submittal	Review Comments Due	Status/Remarks		
Primary Deliverables					
Final PFOA/PFOS Sampling Results Technical Memorandum Attainment Monitoring Events 1 - 4	04 March 2016	01 April 2016	Final submitted 16 March 2016		
Secondary Deliverables					
Draft 2016 OU-1 Groundwater Monitoring Report	22 June 2016	08 August 2016	Comment responses being prepared		
Completed Recent Submittals					
Final Exit Strategy Technical Memorandum	March 2015	April 2015	Draft Final approved without comment. Change pages distributed 12 May 2015		
Site Safety and Health Plan Update	March 2015	Not Applicable	Army approved revisions		
Final UFP-QAPP Revision 1	March 2015	April 2015	Draft Final approved without comment. Change pages distributed 14 May 2015		
2015 Semiannual Groundwater Monitoring Report ¹	07 August 2015	10 September 2015	Accepted without comment		
Draft 2015 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report ¹	15 October 2015	16 November 2015	Draft Accepted without comment; final submitted 03 December 2015		
Final UFP-QAPP Revision 2	14 October 2015	16 November 2015			
Draft PFOA/PFOS Sampling Results Technical Memorandum Attainment Monitoring Events 1 - 4	29 January 2016	29 February 2016	Comments received and addressed		

¹ The Semiannual Groundwater Monitoring Report is submitted as a final document but review comments are accepted. Any comments are addressed in the Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report.

