



New Optimized Remediation Contract Kicks Off

Beale Air Force Base (AFB) is pleased to announce that environmental cleanup projects will continue through 2030 under the new Optimized Remediation Contract, which officially kicked off early this fall. The goal of the contract is to implement and optimize remedies, above and beyond what is required to maintain compliance with approved decision documents, that will reduce site contaminants or reduce site life-cycle costs and more quickly lead to implementation of remedies in place or site closures.

The contract is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Sacramento District, together with the U.S. Air Force (Air Force) and Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC). The work scoped in the Optimized Remediation Contract will be completed by a team of consultants led by Brice Environmental Services Corporation (Brice), partnered with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. (Jacobs), TechLaw Consultants, Inc. (TLI Solutions), and the AcornSI and NAEVA Joint Venture (ANJV). Brice and Jacobs will primarily focus on Installation Restoration Program sites. TLI Solutions will focus on Military Munitions Response Program sites, with munitions-related data acquisition and processing provided by ANJV.

The contract includes 18 Installation Restoration Program sites and eight Military Munition Response Program sites. Installation Restoration Program sites include two groundwater plume-only sites (Sites CG041 and CD044), six non-groundwater media sites (Sites DP038, LF013, SD032, TU509, OT017, and ST018), and 10 sites where groundwater and soil contamination are addressed within the same site (Sites LF002, LF003, OT584, PL582, SS010, SS023, SS043, SS507, ST022, and TU002). Military Munition Response Program sites include Sites ED631, FR970, ML595, ML625, SR614, SR615, SR617, and SR622.

The contract also includes long-term operation and maintenance at active remediation and treatment systems; continued implementation of the Basewide Groundwater Monitoring Program; and implementation, monitoring, and yearly inspection of sites with land use controls.

The contract supports the third and fourth five-year review processes for sites included in this contract in 2021 and 2026. The five-year review process evaluates whether remedies implemented are still protective of human health and the environment, as agreed to in the signed decision documents.

Finally, the Optimized Remediation Contract continues to support all Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) and community relations activities. Barring COVID precautions, this includes three yearly meetings, two yearly newsletters, and an annual tour.

We are excited to embark on this next journey of environmental restoration at Beale AFB with our colleagues, regulatory agencies, our RAB members, and the public.

Optimized Remediation Contract Key Staff Roles

The new Optimized Remediation Contract includes some new faces as well as some familiar ones.

Veronica Petrovsky will serve as the USACE contracting officer's representative and USACE project manager for the Optimized Remediation Contract. She will be responsible for the overall technical and administrative aspects of the project on behalf of USACE, as well as the execution of the project on behalf of the Air Force. She has been serving in this role for the Site SS043 Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study project and is excited to be further involved with the Beale AFB Environmental Restoration Program.

Darren Rector has been with the Beale AFB Environmental Restoration Program for 6 years and most recently served as the Air Force's Environmental Remedial Program Manager for the Performance-based Remediation contract. He will serve in that same role for the Optimized Remediation Contract: providing contractor support; facilitating interactions with regulatory agencies; and responding to inquiries from stakeholders, the media, RAB members, and the public. He will continue to facilitate RAB meetings and tours as he has in the past and will be the primary point of contact for RAB members and the public.

Michael Mitchener is another familiar face to the RAB; he served as the Restoration Project Manager for the Military Munitions Response Program under the Performance-based Remediation contract. He will now serve as the Restoration Project Manager for the Environmental Restoration Program under the Optimized Remediation Contract. He will be the primary technical point of contact for the contract and will manage all contract requirements on behalf of the Air Force. He will also assist Mr. Rector in providing restoration support and will continue to support Mr. Rector with facilitation of RAB meetings and tours.

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John Valett will now serve as the Air Force Restoration Project Manager for the Military Munitions Response Program. He will provide technical support at Munitions Response Sites, and will assist Mr. Rector and Mr. Mitchener with RAB meetings and tours on behalf of the Military Munitions Response Program.

Under this new contract, Ms. Petrovsky, Mr. Rector, Mr. Mitchener, and Mr. Valett all look forward to continuing the relationships they have built with the regulatory agencies, RAB, and the public.

Military Munitions Response Program Updates

A Military Munitions Response Program Remedial Investigation was completed for 16 Munitions Response Sites in 2015. Based on the results of the investigation, seven of these (Sites ML595, SR614, SR615, SR617, SR622, ML625, and ED631) were recommended for expanded investigation beyond previously established boundaries, and one (Site GR592) was recommended for an interim removal action. During the Site GR592 interim removal action, a new munitions response site (Site FR970) was identified, requiring investigation. From July through November 2018, Beale AFB implemented fieldwork in support of a data gap investigation for Sites ML595, SR614, SR615, SR617, SR622, ML625, and ED631, and an RI for Site FR970. Then, feasibility studies were prepared for all sites to evaluate remedial alternatives. A determination of imminent and substantial threat at Site FR970 has prompted a Non-time-critical Removal Action at this site, and an Action Memorandum is pending regulatory approval. The remaining sites will undergo remedial action in accordance with an approved Record of Decision, which is currently in draft, pending regulatory review.

Restoration Advisory Board Tours and Meetings

You are cordially invited to attend the public RAB meetings and tours. **The next RAB meeting will be a virtual meeting to be held online and is planned for January 21, 2021.** If you are interested in attending the January 2021 virtual RAB meeting, please contact Darren Rector via e-mail at darren.rector.2@us.af.mil, or by phone at (530) 634-2606 before January 14, 2021. Additional details on how to attend the meeting will be provided prior to the meeting.

To find out more about the RAB at Beale AFB, to be placed on the e-mail mailing list, or to inquire about becoming a RAB member, please contact any of the following individuals:

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2020 RAB Schedule		
January 16 	February <i>No RAB Events</i>	March
April <i>No RAB Events</i>	May 	June <i>No RAB Events</i>
July CANCELLED 	August <i>No RAB Events</i>	September
October <i>No RAB Events</i>	November 	December <i>No RAB Events</i>