



# Robins Air Force Base Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) *Fact Sheet*



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## The Robins AFB EAB

Recognizing the importance of public involvement in environmental matters, Robins Air Force Base (Robins AFB or Base) has established the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB). The mission of the EAB is to encourage participation of surrounding communities in the Base’s environmental programs and allow community members and other stakeholders to have meaningful dialog with Base officials. Specifically, the EAB serves to promote community awareness and obtain constructive community review, comment, and input on current and proposed actions associated with environmental programs at Robins AFB. The EAB supports the Air Force environmental mission of sustaining readiness, being a good neighbor, protecting human health and the environment for the Base and community, and making smart business decisions.

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## May 2022 EAB Meeting

The spring EAB meeting was held on Thursday, May 5, 2022. The topics briefed included: “EAB Transitions”, “Optimized Remediation Contract (ORC) Overview”, and “TS882 (Former Skeet Range) - Update on Progress”.

This *Fact Sheet* provides a summary of the information and topics discussed during the meeting.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2022.**

## EAB Transitions

The Robins AFB EAB reconvened in May 2022, with the first in person meeting since February 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the pandemic, EAB members Penrose Wolf and Debra Jones retired, and Ms. Laurel Cordell, EAB Manager, moved on to a new position at Robins AFB. During the meeting, each person was recognized for their service. The current EAB team is presented in the callout box below. New members are welcome, and interested parties will be asked to complete a Community Interest Application Form.

At the August 2022 EAB meeting, an election will be held for the Community Co-Chair. Elections are held every three years.

### EAB Team

- ◆ Community Co-Chair - Linda Smyth
- ◆ Installation Co-Chair - Shan Williams
- ◆ Community Members
  - Tiffany Bowen (Centerville)
  - Lawrence Collins (Byron)
  - Jim Harden (Warner Robins)
  - John Harley (Centerville)
  - Steve Johnson (Macon)
  - Mike Maffeo (Macon)
  - Clarence Riley (Warner Robins)
  - Brian Rood (Macon)
- ◆ EAB Manager - Fred Otto
- ◆ Regulatory Participation
  - Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD) - Jim Ashworth
  - United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) - Craig Benedikt

## OPTIMIZED REMEDIATION CONTRACT (ORC) OVERVIEW

The ORC is a 7-year performance-based contract that was awarded in September 2020 and includes remediation activities at 19 sites at Robins AFB. The ORC is a follow-on contract to the Performance-Based Remediation (PBR) contract, and the contract has been “optimized” by incorporating lessons learned from the PBR, including involving the regulators in developing the path forward for each restoration site. Facilitation of the EAB is a part of the ORC.

The ORC project team includes regulators from GA EPD and USEPA; representatives from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) (i.e., the contracting agency); representatives from the Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC), the Air Force customer; and representatives from the Bhate/ZAPATA LLC (BZJV), the prime contract holder. Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (Geosyntec) is a key subcontractor on the contract.

Each ORC site includes performance objectives (POs), which are metrics the contractor must meet to get paid for the activities conducted. The POs for the Robins AFB ORC are bulleted below along with the sites that have each respective PO. Additional information related to the types of POs and path forward at the various sites will be discussed at future EAB meetings.

- ◆ Long-Term Monitoring (LTM)
  - Landfill No. 1
  - Landfill No. 2
  - OT023 (Solid Waste Management Unit [SWMU] 23)
  - Building 169 (SS043)
  - SWMUs 37, 38, 39, and 40
- ◆ Remedial Action – Operation (RA-O)
  - Landfill No. 3
  - Landfill No. 4
- ◆ Update Corrective Action Plan (CAP)
  - CG501 (SWMU 59)
  - CG502 (SWMU 60)
  - CG504 (SWMU 47)
- ◆ Achieve Response Complete (RC)
  - TS882 (Former Skeet Range)
  - Building 647 (SWMU 80)

- ◆ Achieve Remediation Levels (RLs)
  - CG028 (SWMU 28)
  - OT037 (SWMU 62)
- ◆ Achieve Site Closure (SC)
  - CG503 (SWMU 61)
- ◆ Alternative Objective (AO)
  - DC034 (SWMU 36) (Horse Pasture)
  - OT017 (SWMU 17)
  - OT020 (SWMU 20)
  - OT041 (SWMU 57)
  - SS040 (SWMU 10B)

Since September 2020, the BZJV team has completed numerous Work Plans for future work, operations and maintenance activities, multiple base-wide groundwater sampling events, site investigations, etc. Many of these activities were summarized in EAB flyers that were provided to the team on a quarterly basis.



Operations and Maintenance Activities at Landfill No. 3

## TS-882 (FORMER SKEET RANGE) - UPDATE ON PROGRESS

TS882 was a 29.4 acre Skeet Range partially located on what is now the Base golf course; the range operated from 1942 to 1953. The site was identified during an aerial photograph review, and the site finding was corroborated with the Base archeologist, who had encountered clay pigeon debris during archaeological digs conducted between 1998 and 2004.

Site investigations beginning in 2008 identified concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and lead that exceeded risk-based screening levels in soil. The Remedial Investigation report concluded that a Feasibility Study (FS) was needed to identify remedial alternatives for site cleanup.

The FS evaluated four potential remedial alterna-

tives, and the selected path forward, which was documented in a Proposed Plan and Decision Document included: excavation, disposal, backfilling, and site restoration for a PAH-impacted area on the golf course; and land use controls (LUC) and signage and monitored natural recovery (MNR) for the lead-impacted area in the downgradient wetlands.

Under the ORC, the PO is to achieve regulatory approval confirming that the selected remedial alternative has been completed. To initiate these activities, the BZJV prepared Remedial Design/ Remedial Action (RD/RA) work plan documents.

The RD/RA Work Plan for the PAH-impacted area was approved by GA EPD in January 2022. Exca-

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Excavation and Stockpiling Activities at TS882

## TS-882 (FORMER SKEET RANGE) - UPDATE ON PROGRESS (CONT'D)

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vation activities began in February 2022.

During these activities, artifacts with historical significance have been identified. An archeologist is on-site during all excavation activities for oversight. Findings are being recorded, and the arti-

facts will be given to the Base conservation team at the conclusion of the project.

The path forward includes completing the excavation activities and site restoration. For the lead-impacted area, the LUCs will be implemented, and the MNR study will be conducted.



Archeological Findings during TS882 Excavation Activities

For more information regarding the EAB, please contact **Mr. Fred Otto, Robins AFB EAB Manager**, at (478) 327-9272 or visit <http://www.robinseab.org>

### Acronyms

AFB	Air Force Base
AFCEC	Air Force Civil Engineer Center
AO	Alternate Objective
BZJV	Bhate/ZAPATA LLC
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
EAB	Environmental Advisory Board
FS	Feasibility Study
GA EPD	Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Geosyntec	Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
LTM	Long-Term Monitoring
LUC	Land Use Control
MNR	Monitored Natural Recovery
ORC	Optimized Remediation Contract
PAH	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon
PBR	Performance-Based Remediation
PO	Performance Objective
RA-O	Remedial Action – Operation
RC	Response Complete
RD/RA	Remedial Design/Remedial Action
RL	Remediation Level
SC	Site Closure
SWMU	Solid Waste Management Unit
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency

### Environmental Advisory Board Members

<b>Ms. Shan Williams,</b> Robins AFB Installation Co-Chair	<b>Mayor Lawrence Collins,</b> Byron Community Member	<b>Dr. Clarence Riley,</b> Warner Robins Community Member
<b>Dr. Linda Smyth,</b> Macon Community Co-Chair	<b>Mr. James Harden,</b> Warner Robins Community Member	<b>Dr. Brian E. Rood,</b> Macon Community Member
<b>Mr. Craig Benedikt,</b> US EPA Region 4 Superfund Division	<b>Mayor John Harley,</b> Centerville Community Member	
<b>Mr. Jim Ashworth</b> GA EPD Hazardous Waste Management	<b>Mr. Stephen Johnson,</b> Macon Community Member	
<b>Ms. Tiffany Bowen,</b> Warner Robins Community Member	<b>Mr. Mike Maffeo,</b> Macon Community Member	