

TO: Joan Kenney, U.S. Army, Badger Army Ammunition Plant
CC: Jeffery S. Gollon, Contracting Officer, TACOM-Rock Island
James Briggs, Army Pentagon
RE: Support for Dr. Peter deFur as our independent provider and continuation of the TAPP process
DATE: June 25, 2008

By this letter, we, the following members of Badger Restoration Advisory Board, wish to reiterate and reaffirm our continued intent and decision to hire Dr. Peter deFur as our TAPP consultant. We believe that having an independent qualified provider will contribute to environmental restoration activities and the community acceptance of such activities at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant. Last year, on September 24, 2007, the RAB members passed a formal resolution selecting Dr. deFur as its new TAPP provider. (Dr. Jerry Eykholt had previously served the RAB in this capacity.)

As you know, multiple studies by the Army and its contractors have previously recommended cleanup of the Settling Ponds and Spoils Disposal Areas – one of the largest contaminated sites within Badger – based on risks to ecological receptors. These previous studies and cleanup plans were supported and approved by the Army, its contractors, the Wisconsin DNR, the U.S. EPA, health officials, and many others. Last year the Army hired another contractor to prepare yet another ecological risk assessment for this same site. As a result, the public and the affected community have and anticipate receiving widely varying and even conflicting opinions concerning the level of risk and the appropriate cleanup method for the Settling Ponds.

As we have previously communicated, the RAB believes that an independent provider who is not vested in this process and can bring “fresh eyes” to this critical decision-making process is essential to the public acceptance and understanding of the wide range of environmental restoration remedies that have and will be proposed for this site. Moreover, as provided in Dr. deFur’s exceptional and lengthy credentials, he is highly qualified and experienced in working with community-based boards such as our RAB and in providing technical expertise on the topics we require.

We also believe that professional rather than voluntary assistance is required given the strict time frames associated with public comment periods, formal meeting schedules, and for accountability to the board, the facility, the affected communities, and the general public.

Signed: *(name, affiliation)*

Mary Carol Solum, At Large Member
Paul Herr, Town of Merrimac
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- Note: other RAB members not present at the meeting have indicated that they would like the opportunity to sign on so this list may be amended.