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Meet Your Neighbors at the TLLRWDA

Over the next few months this newsletter will offer a series of profiles on the Authority's technical staff. These profiles provide the public an opportunity to get to know the people who will continue to work closely with the residents of Hudspeth County with respect to the low-level radioactive waste disposal project. In this month's issue we will begin with Joe Castro, Lindsey Carroll and Beth Absher who staff the Authority's field office on the Faskin Ranch.



(l to r) Lindsey Carroll, Beth Absher and Joe Castro pose outside of the field office


Joe Castro currently serves the Authority as an Engineering Technician. He began working for the agency in February 1989 when the agency opened a field office in Fort Hancock. Joe is a native of Fort Hancock where he and his wife Jeanette currently reside. His primary responsibilities include environmental data collection, including operation of various instruments, assistance in the quarterly environmental sampling project, providing support to Authority staff and contractors, and maintaining various agency equipment, vehicles and property. In addition, Joe also assists the public information officer in conducting tours of the proposed site, conference participation, and other public relations-related duties.

Lindsey Carroll is the Authority's Safety Officer. She has been with the agency for the past eight years. Lindsey is also a native and current resident of Fort Hancock. Her primary job responsibilities include the development and implementation of the Authority's safety program, including conducting safety audits and inspections and investigating and responding to unsafe conditions; providing support to the Authority's Risk Management Program; and providing emergency services response. She also assists in environmental data collection, preparation of environmental data reports, quality assurance inspections, and in conducting tours of the proposed site.

Beth Absher is the Administrative Technician for the field office. She has been employed with the Authority for over 4 1/2 years and is a resident of Sierra Blanca. In addition to general clerical duties, Beth's primary responsibilities include the preparation and dissemination of bid notices and awards; managing the emergency services contract with the county and area hospital; maintenance of office property,

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Public Hearing Scheduled for August

A two session preliminary hearing on the license application for the low-level radioactive waste disposal facility proposed for Hudspeth County is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 1996 in the Sierra Blanca School gymnasium, Ranch Road 1111 North. The first session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the second session is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. If necessary, the hearing will continue on Wednesday, August 7, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the same location.

Due to the amount of public interest, the State Office of Administrative Hearings is anticipating two additional public comment hearings. One of the two hearings is expected to be held in El Paso, Texas and another hearing is expected to be held in a location yet to be named east of the proposed site.

For more information on these hearings please contact: Susan Prior, State Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 13025, Austin, Texas 78711, 3025, (512) 475-3445.

TO THE POINT

-- by Rick Jacobi, General Manager

Mr. Jacobi's column will resume its monthly publication in the September issue of *Neighbor To Neighbor*.

TLLRWDA Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority will hold their quarterly meeting on Friday, August 16, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. in Austin, Texas. The meeting will be held at the Stephen F. Austin building located at 1700 N. Congress. A Board of Directors workshop will be held in the Stephen F. Austin Building cafeteria beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Field Office Staff Profile

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including agency "controlled documents"; and coordination of working group meetings. Beth also assists Authority technical staff and contractors and in the collection of information for the agency newsletter.

"I really like dealing with the public. Because of the nature of our project, that is sometimes a very good challenge," said Joe in response to what he likes best about his job. In contrast, what he likes the least is "...the negativity on the project because in reality, we're working for the public, trying to do something good for society, yet not everyone sees it that way."

Lindsey and Beth had similar opinions on what they liked the least about their positions. "There is a lot of controversy and conflict in town because of the project," stated Beth.

Beth also stated that the best part of her job is "seeing actual results". "For example, we've had some roads graded on the ranch and part of my job was working on the bid aspect of the road work. I like to see things get done - progress and hard work - and I'm looking forward to the exploratory trench project and eventually construction of the facility," she said.

Lindsey enjoys the opportunity to meet many people both in and outside of Sierra Blanca. "I also enjoy the field work I'm involved in. My job offers a good variety of tasks for me and I feel comfortable working in Sierra Blanca."

When asked for their opinion on the project, Joe proudly stated, "This project is being developed correctly and it is a good project - it is very much needed." Beth is comfortable with the idea of a low-level waste disposal facility in her community and adds that "...anyone who has ever had medical problems - a bone scan, X-rays, radiation treatment, etc. - should realize the need for this project."

As far as personal interests, Joe listed fishing and hunting. "I really enjoy traveling and spending time with my family," added Lindsey. Beth concluded that her main personal interest is "taking care of my grandson."

The field personnel are the agency's closest link to the citizens of Hudspeth County. Their work is critical to the success of the disposal project. Everyone is encouraged to meet Joe, Lindsey and Beth if you have not done so already. ☺

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	SB SCHOOL STAFF	DEVELOPMENT	DURING WEEK	OF	AUGUST 5 - 9	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SB School Athletic Physicals 11:00 AM-1:00 PM	School Registration: Fresh.: 8-9 AM Soph.: 9AM-Noon Jr.: 1PM - 3 PM Sr.: 3-4 PM	LLRW Project Public Hearing 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (School Gym) Jr. H.S. Registrtn. Grades 6-8 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	LLRW Project Public Hearing 10:00 AM (School Gym) ** If Necessary** SB School Football (Equipment Issue)			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	SB School Classes Begin 8:00 AM Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00 AM	SB School Board Meeting 6:00 PM (Library)	Chamber of Commerce Meeting 6:00 PM		TLLRWDA Board Wrkshp. 11:30 AM Meeting 1:00 PM Stephen F. Austin Building (Austin, TX)	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Methodist Church Luncheon NOON	Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00 AM					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Beta Sigma Phi Mtg. 7:00 PM						SB School Varsity Football Scrimmage

No August Working Group Meeting

There will be no working group meeting scheduled for the month of August. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 1996. A topic for the meeting has yet to be determined. The Authority welcomes topic suggestions from the public. Please feel free to contact us by phone or by sending in the "comment" portion on the back page of this newsletter.

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We are working hard to provide you with the most up-to-date and accurate information pertaining to our project. Please feel free to comment, ask questions and/or make suggestions:

Comments/Comentario :

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