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1                   MR. CARROLL: I'm Paul Carroll, the  
2 BRAC environmental coordinator for the  
3 former Chanute Air Force Base, and I want  
4 to call this meeting to order. First  
5 thing we'll do is go around the table and  
6 let the RAB members introduce themselves,  
7 and then we'll go around the rest of the  
8 room and let the public introduce  
9 themselves. We'll start over here at  
10 Debra, our new RAB member.

11                   MS. RAWLINGS: Debra Rawlings, RAB  
12 member.

13                   MR. HILL: Chris Hill from the  
14 Illinois EPA.

15                   MR. WANG: Ian Wang, RAB member.

16                   MR. FOTHERGILL: Caryl Fothergill,  
17 RAB member.

18                   MR. ROKKE: Doug Rokke, RAB member.

19                   MS. LEWIS: Helen Lewis, RAB member.

20                   MS. WIRGES: Lorraine Wirges, RAB  
21 member.

22                   MS. PRINCE: I am Jenny Prince. I  
23 work for Shaw Environmental.

24                   MR. SPARROW: Howard Sparrow, Shaw

1 Environmental.

2 MR. BUMB: Amar Bumb, Shaw

3 Environmental.

4 MR. HUSBANDS: Jim Husbands with Booz  
5 Allen Hamilton.

6 MR. STREFF: Michael Streff. I'm  
7 with Foth Infrastructure and Environment  
8 and also a resident here at Chanute.

9 MR. HOLLY: Ted Holly, Air Force  
10 Center for Engineering and the  
11 Environment.

12 MR. FARACI: Paul Faraci, Illinois  
13 Department of Commerce.

14 MR. ALBLINGER: Martin Alblinger,  
15 Village of Rantoul.

16 MR. ANDERSON: Jack Anderson,  
17 resident here.

18 MR. RICHARDS: Andrew Richards,  
19 Rantoul Press.

20 MR. PEREZ: Armando Perez, Air Force  
21 Real Property.

22 MR. CARROLL: Thank you all for  
23 coming. We're down to our action items  
24 here.



1 vote on it to allow him to be a member on  
2 the RAB we can go ahead and take that on  
3 record. But if you'd like to look at his  
4 application, vote on it at the end --

5 MS. LEWIS: I say we vote on it and  
6 get him up here. We can use all the  
7 members we can get.

8 MS. RAWLINGS: I'd like to see the  
9 application. I just don't know you.

10 MR. ANDERSON: I can speak for myself  
11 if you like or you can pass around the  
12 application.

13 MR. PEREZ: If you'd like to  
14 introduce yourself and tell us your  
15 interest on being on the RAB.

16 MR. ANDERSON: I'm a new resident  
17 here to Rantoul. This is my background.  
18 I was born here at Chanute. My dad was  
19 career Air Force, and I grew up in  
20 southern Illinois. He retired on Scott  
21 Air Force Base. I'm a veteran of the U.S.  
22 Army and a graduate of SIU Carbondale and  
23 a graduate student from Cal State, Long  
24 Beach.

1           After I graduated from Carbondale I  
2           went out to California where I pursued my  
3           career in law enforcement. I just retired  
4           last year as an assistant sheriff with the  
5           Orange County sheriff's department. It's  
6           a county of about 3 million people. I was  
7           acting sheriff for a period of time before  
8           my retirement because of the early  
9           retirement of the sitting sheriff.

10           I served in my community, a city  
11           called Mission Viejo, a population of a  
12           little over a hundred thousand. I was on  
13           the planning and transportation commission  
14           for about five and a half years. I  
15           chaired it for two consecutive years and  
16           was involved with my community in various  
17           other civic capacities.

18           And my wife's family is from this  
19           area, and we come back here every year for  
20           two weeks and we've talked about moving  
21           here after I retired. And, well, I did  
22           retire. We were here last summer and we  
23           found a wonderful home, and we just moved  
24           here in December.

1                   Because I'm an activist or like to be  
2                   involved in my community in some positive  
3                   way, I was here at your last meeting,  
4                   thought I might be able to contribute and  
5                   submitted my application. If there's any  
6                   questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

7                   MS. LEWIS: You have answered my  
8                   question, why you chose Rantoul.

9                   MR. ANDERSON: You know, it's funny.  
10                  I joke about that. I hear that too often.  
11                  I wish I didn't, I guess. People say, why  
12                  did you move to Rantoul? Well, family,  
13                  really. My family is still in southern  
14                  Illinois, so they're just a three hour  
15                  drive away as opposed to a four hour  
16                  flight. So it's much more convenient.

17                  MS. LEWIS: Rantoul is not as bad as  
18                  people make it out to be. We still have a  
19                  wonderful core group of people in this  
20                  community, so you made a good choice.

21                  MR. ANDERSON: I feel I have.

22                  MR. ROKKE: It's a big feat to have  
23                  him here from the Air Force. I move that  
24                  we accept him as a RAB member.

1 MR. FOTHERGILL: I second.

2 MR. CARROLL: Okay. Would you like  
3 to take a vote? Do you all want to look  
4 at the application? Of course you  
5 heard --

6 MS. LEWIS: I like what I heard.

7 MR. WANG: I vote for him and his  
8 right to participate. He will be an asset  
9 to this group.

10 MR. PEREZ: Okay. We'll take that on  
11 record, and we'll certainly invite you for  
12 the next meeting and you'll certainly have  
13 a seat at the table.

14 MR. CARROLL: Let's have a show of  
15 hands, at least, so we can put that on the  
16 record: Debra, yes; Dr. Wang, yes; Caryl,  
17 yes; Dr. Rokke, yes; Bruce, yes; Helen,  
18 yes; Lorraine, yes.

19 MR. PEREZ: Okay. I'll go ahead and  
20 pick that up.

21 MR. CARROLL: Okay. Next up on the  
22 action items -- come on up to the table.  
23 Next up from the next two issues are  
24 concerning the TAPP contract, the

1           Technical Assistance for Public  
2           Participation contract, that we have  
3           working on obtaining a contract for, and  
4           Ted Holly has a little bit of an update on  
5           that. And, Ted, are you prepared to do  
6           that at this time?

7           MR. HOLLY: Good afternoon. For  
8           those of you who are new, my name is Ted  
9           Holly. I'm with the Air Force Center for  
10          Engineering and the Environment. My  
11          action item from the last --

12          MR. SPARROW: Pardon for the  
13          interruption, but we do have the slides  
14          that you have, Ted, for presentation. I  
15          think they're near the end of the  
16          presentation on the detail of that TAPP.  
17          I don't want to interrupt you but just --

18          MR. CARROLL: You want to go ahead  
19          and give them an update?

20          MR. HOLLY: Just quick overview, and  
21          we'll go into detail later and give you an  
22          opportunity to ask questions towards the  
23          end of the presentation.

24          My action item from the last RAB

1 meeting was to go to the University of  
2 Illinois and to explore their providing  
3 TAPP services as a public service free of  
4 charge. I did that. Took a while to go  
5 through the bowels of the University of  
6 Illinois and find the right department.  
7 Finally got some response.

8 Most of them said they could not  
9 provide TAPP consulting free of charge,  
10 that there had to be some sort of  
11 compensation for it. I was able to talk  
12 to Dr. George Reese from the math,  
13 science, and technical education  
14 department. We talked about some creative  
15 ways of perhaps my providing a contract to  
16 one of his staff, not under the auspices  
17 of the University of Illinois, but that  
18 didn't pan out either. So we wound up  
19 with the University of Illinois not being  
20 a viable option.

21 Went to some other public service  
22 providers. Went to the Champaign County  
23 Regional Planning commission. I talked  
24 with them a little bit. Talked to the

1 Cooperative Extension Service from the  
2 University of Illinois. None of the free  
3 service -- none of the public service  
4 options panned out, so we wound up going  
5 to a commercial provider. I'll give some  
6 details on that towards the end of the  
7 presentation.

8 MR. CARROLL: Thank you, Ted. Action  
9 item No. 5, review public notification  
10 process, notification requirements for  
11 types of chemicals and contamination,  
12 documentation of notification, how the  
13 information is shared with public and  
14 government, and what the Air Force cannot  
15 do. We have -- part of our presentation  
16 toward the end is going to be centering on  
17 that. That information, Armando will do  
18 that later on today.

19 And then No. 6 is to prepare a  
20 five-year review fact sheet, which you  
21 have in your RAB packet, and we'll discuss  
22 that during the -- Howard will discuss  
23 that during the presentation today. Any  
24 questions on that?

1 All right. Let's move right on to  
2 Howard's presentation on the environmental  
3 cleanup updates.

4 MR. SPARROW: Thank you, Paul.  
5 Again, my name is Howard Sparrow. I'm the  
6 project manager for Shaw Environmental,  
7 and I want to go through the progress that  
8 we've made since the last RAB meeting and  
9 kind of give the RAB an update of the work  
10 activities that we've got planned,  
11 primarily for the rest of this year. So  
12 I'm trying to give you a foresight of  
13 what's going on now and what to expect  
14 primarily throughout the summertime and on  
15 into the fall of this year.

16 We kind of do this bar chart here  
17 that shows our progress. Couple of things  
18 that I just want to point out with the bar  
19 chart here. The first parts of these are  
20 studies and plans that we prepare as part  
21 of the CERCLA process to work through the  
22 investigation phase, through an evaluation  
23 phase, a design phase, a remedial  
24 action/implementation phase, and getting

1 all the way over to the final phase of  
2 CERCLA, which is the site closure phase.

3 You can notice on the greens here,  
4 we're getting a lot of the up-front work  
5 done. That's the documentation and the  
6 evaluations, as well as the Records of  
7 Decision, and we're moving into the design  
8 phase for almost half of the sites that  
9 are out there. What we're moving into  
10 right now will be the remedial actions.

11 You can see we've only completed, I  
12 think, seven remedial actions for seven  
13 sites out there, and this is our focus  
14 here on this end of the chart here for  
15 this year. And I'll kind of go into some  
16 more details for those as we go through  
17 some of the sites.

18 There were 42 sites that were part of  
19 the CERCLA process. We still have five  
20 sites that are part of the non-CERCLA  
21 process that have to be cleaned up as  
22 well, and those sites are work to be done  
23 next year. So we're trying to get to the  
24 high priority sites, the more heavily

1 contaminated sites, and get those remedial  
2 actions completed.

3 What we've completed since the last  
4 RAB meeting, this is a little early so we  
5 haven't had a full three months since the  
6 last RAB meeting -- it's been about two  
7 and a half months -- but we have completed  
8 the public comment period for six  
9 additional sites. We have completed the  
10 Record of Decision. It's currently being  
11 signed and approved by both the Air Force  
12 and the Illinois EPA for nine sites.

13 We have the final remedial design  
14 approved for the Landfill 4 to be able to  
15 start construction there. We've started  
16 remedial actions on Landfill 4. So we're  
17 getting started, and I've got some good  
18 photos that I can show you some of the  
19 work we've done.

20 The five-year review, we talked about  
21 that. We'll give you a little slide on  
22 the five-year review in just a minute, but  
23 we've gotten regulatory concurrence on  
24 that five-year review.

1           Like I said, on that first chart we  
2           talked about remedial actions. That's  
3           really the key to this. We've done  
4           studies. Studies have been going on for  
5           many, many years out here. We are looking  
6           to get remedial actions complete this  
7           year. We're targeting 17 sites for  
8           remedial actions. Of the 42 CERCLA sites,  
9           17 of those sites could be done this year.

10           Actually, there's two additional  
11           sites that may be added into that.  
12           They're the two additional water tower  
13           sites, which the Village has and the Air  
14           Force has addressed. Once they've  
15           completed addressing the water towers  
16           themselves, we may be also doing  
17           remediation at those two sites. So 19 of  
18           these sites, that's quite a large volume.

19           In terms of the overall cleanup  
20           effort, this is probably 60 percent of the  
21           cleanup effort targeted for this year.  
22           Very aggressive plans.

23           We talked about groups of sites, and  
24           our plans this year are to work on Group

1 4, Group 5, Group 6, and Group 10 sites.  
2 We do have a chart over here that shows  
3 the breakdown of those sites. I know we  
4 talked about them. I think an action item  
5 that would be appropriate for the next RAB  
6 would be to provide this chart to all the  
7 RAB members so you can actually see that  
8 chart. When we talk groups of sites, you  
9 can see physically where they are.

10 But if you want, even after this  
11 meeting you want to take a look at that,  
12 you can see them color coded by groups of  
13 sites. But all of the sites are  
14 identified on that particular map there.  
15 I've got some of the maps in here that  
16 kind of show them in detail. In this  
17 presentation it just doesn't show all of  
18 the sites on one map for you.

19 The Group 4 sites are sites for which  
20 there are contamination of low level  
21 volatile organics in shallow groundwater.  
22 There are six of those sites. Those sites  
23 are targeted for in-situ bioremediation.  
24 It includes the site that's over by

1 Flessner Avenue/Doolittle Boulevard.  
2 That's one that's concerned to get that  
3 site remediated because of Lincoln's  
4 Challenge and the development work that's  
5 going on and moving forward with Lincoln's  
6 Challenge. There is one site that  
7 requires a small amount of soil removal,  
8 so we do have one soil removal action.  
9 We're targeting the fall of this year to  
10 do the remedial action at these Group 4  
11 sites.

12 If there's any questions, I can take  
13 the questions at the end and go into more  
14 detail if somebody's got some questions on  
15 that.

16 Group 5 sites is just one site. It's  
17 the Laundromat site. The old Laundromat,  
18 Lincoln's Challenge is currently using  
19 that. We're working through the remedial  
20 approach, the remedial approach that we  
21 had proposed last fall.

22 The one that we're recommending going  
23 forward is to remove -- do a partial  
24 demolition of the old Laundromat building

1 and actually excavate the soils and the  
2 contamination that's below that. It's the  
3 most aggressive, fastest cleanup method,  
4 and we're in the process of negotiating  
5 with both the Village, the landowner, as  
6 well as Lincoln's Challenge to make sure  
7 we meet all of the stake holders'  
8 interests.

9 Lincoln's Challenge does use that  
10 facility, and we want to make sure that we  
11 accommodate Lincoln's Challenge as they  
12 move forward in their program there.

13 Group 6 sites are down around the old  
14 test cells there. It does include the one  
15 that's where the -- I think that's C & S  
16 Waste Disposal Company has their  
17 operations ongoing down there. These  
18 sites are primarily sites again with  
19 volatile organics in shallow groundwater.  
20 There are some surface soil removals to be  
21 done. I'm not sure if all of the sites  
22 or --

23 MR. BUMB: Six of them.

24 MR. SPARROW: Six of the sites have

1 small surface soil removals to be  
2 completed in those as well. We're  
3 targeting August of this year to start the  
4 remediation at those sites. We've talked  
5 about the in-situ bioremediation. That  
6 takes several years to be able to begin to  
7 remediate the groundwater there. So we  
8 will inject and we will begin to monitor  
9 that process and make sure it's working  
10 properly as the chlorinated solvents are  
11 being biodegraded in place.

12 Group 10, which is Landfill 4, this  
13 was the plan and drawing that shows the  
14 layout and the concept for Landfill 4.  
15 You can notice some of the areas that are  
16 designated in here around these areas.  
17 The areas in the outlying perimeters, the  
18 waste materials will be dug, put into the  
19 center of the landfill, made into a  
20 smaller footprint, and then a multilayer,  
21 geosynthetic cap, very similar to the ones  
22 at Landfills 1, 2, and 3, will be  
23 installed on that site. We've actually  
24 started remedial actions at that.

1           I've got a few slides. I have a  
2 video also, about a two minute video I'll  
3 show. The video is in high def so the  
4 computer may crash on it. So if it  
5 crashes as we go through the video, we  
6 have a back-up plan here for today.

7           This photo here shows Landfill 4 as  
8 it existed in -- February I think we were  
9 out there. You can notice that there was  
10 a lot of trees and materials that were  
11 grown up all over the landfill there. And  
12 prior to getting on-site, we had to clear  
13 that site of grub so that we could put the  
14 landfill cap on top of that.

15          There were also two buildings. You  
16 may remember the two old buildings here  
17 that were out right adjacent to the  
18 landfill, two wood structures for which we  
19 have also completed demolition of those  
20 two buildings there.

21          We also did a pretty exhaustive study  
22 on underground utilities. There's --  
23 faintly you can see in this slide a yellow  
24 marker going across here. There is a

1 buried natural gas line that's running  
2 adjacent to, not underneath or within the  
3 landfill itself, but it's adjacent to it.  
4 We identified that. We had to readjust  
5 our plans because the line wasn't exactly  
6 where it was shown on the drawing. So we  
7 have to accommodate the real-life  
8 situation as we move forward, but we did  
9 identify that early and were able to  
10 modify our designs to be able to  
11 accommodate that natural gas line. But we  
12 did a study of all the utilities, power,  
13 et cetera.

14 One of the first actions there was to  
15 remove some of the existing power. There  
16 was some transformers and power poles and  
17 electrical gear that was over there. The  
18 Village of Rantoul actually did the  
19 removal action for that, so they took that  
20 equipment and they're using it elsewhere  
21 on-site.

22 We also implemented erosion control  
23 measures. You can see the fencing in this  
24 particular shot. There's silt fencing

1           around the areas to be cleared, and that's  
2           primarily to prevent any silt or material  
3           to get off site as we're going through the  
4           construction process. That will change  
5           constantly during our construction  
6           process. So we'll have to add, remove,  
7           change, and modify that system as we go  
8           forward.

9           We did do all of the removal of the  
10          trees with some fairly heavy equipment.  
11          You can see here this is tree felling. If  
12          you've ever watched on TV like the Swamp  
13          Loggers or some of those, they come in  
14          with heavy machines. That tree is  
15          actually in the grasp of that machine  
16          there, so you can tell how large of a tree  
17          and the capabilities of the equipment.

18          There was other equipment that came  
19          on-site, brush hogging equipment that came  
20          in and cut down the smaller trees and cut  
21          them down to the ground. Stump grinding  
22          operations. The stumps were ground  
23          on-site, so we did not dig. We just  
24          ground the stumps actually in place.

1 Heavy equipment to haul and move the logs  
2 and trees that were felled on-site. They  
3 brought those to one location, and then,  
4 rather -- we originally were requesting to  
5 burn materials, burn the trees that were  
6 there. We've actually just chipped all  
7 the trees and all of the debris right  
8 there on-site, and so there's a chip pile.  
9 That material will stay on-site, and we'll  
10 use that for the roadways and stuff that  
11 we clear and use it for erosion control  
12 and roadway material there.

13 The two buildings I showed you  
14 earlier have been demolished. There's a  
15 debris pile that's there. That debris  
16 material will actually be placed inside  
17 the landfill before we put the cap on top  
18 of that. And then this is a photo, if you  
19 remember the before, this is the after  
20 photo here. So the site's cleared and  
21 it's now ready to start the consolidation  
22 of the waste material.

23 This is the chip pile of all the  
24 trees. After all the trees are said and

1 done, that's the pile of material that's  
2 left from the trees.

3 We also went out and did some test  
4 trenching. On that drawing originally we  
5 showed where these arms of the landfill  
6 contents are. We wanted to verify that,  
7 so we went on-site and test trenched  
8 around. We took soil samples to verify  
9 whether the soil is contaminated or not,  
10 and then when we go into the construction  
11 effort we won't have surprises. So we'll  
12 have a much better plan as we're moving  
13 forward in the construction and know where  
14 the limits of the landfill are, exactly  
15 how much soil has to be hauled in, and  
16 what needs to be removed.

17 I mentioned soil samples, that we did  
18 collect soil samples and ran those for  
19 analysis before we started the actual  
20 construction work on the landfill.

21 Then we're going to try a little  
22 video. It's just a couple of minutes  
23 here. It's fairly short.

24 (Video begun.)

1                   So this is the tree bunching machine  
2 here. Again, a pretty powerful machine.  
3 The rule of thumb was to stay at least 300  
4 feet away from this machine as it's  
5 cutting and moving around. It just grabs,  
6 cuts the tree, reaches over, piles it, and  
7 then those trees are then taken up to the  
8 chipping area and then the trees were all  
9 chipped on-site. You've probably seen  
10 similar operations.

11                   This is the brush hogger here. He's  
12 got a giant grinding wheel. He just runs  
13 in and he grinds everything up to ground  
14 level there. He can actually grind trees  
15 about six inches in diameter as he's  
16 running through that. So it's pretty  
17 powerful, heavy duty equipment. Homer  
18 Tree Company out of Illinois was the  
19 company that did that. They're actually  
20 clearing a hundred mile highway  
21 right-of-way out in the west.

22                   And then this is the operations here  
23 of the demolition of the building there.  
24 You kind of notice this building right

1 here moving a little bit. As you watch,  
2 they're actually just dozing these  
3 buildings over and picking that up.

4 To answer your question, we did check  
5 to make sure there was no asbestos or  
6 lead-based paints in these buildings  
7 before we did the demolition of those.  
8 There was actually no plumbing facilities  
9 or anything in those. They were  
10 apparently just office buildings that were  
11 out there.

12 You can also see the mulching machine  
13 over here, chip grinding. I don't have a  
14 video here of the grinding operations, but  
15 the trees were brought over to this  
16 machine here. He picks them up, pushes  
17 them in, and just chips trees up to 30  
18 inches in diameter right as he goes. So  
19 it's kind of fun to be around it. We  
20 thought it was going to take them two  
21 weeks to get it done. They were in and  
22 out in three days, that entire site.

23 Again, good to get some remedial  
24 actions going and seeing physical work

1 getting done here and things getting  
2 cleaned up.

3 If you like videos, we can get more  
4 videos. Again, sometimes it's good to  
5 see -- a little bit of action is a little  
6 bit better than just a couple of still  
7 photos there.

8 The last part was the five-year  
9 review. We talked about the five-year  
10 review process. A five-year review is a  
11 process with CERCLA for any sites for  
12 which a CERCLA action has taken place.  
13 You want to go back and check after five  
14 years to make sure that that CERCLA action  
15 is still protective of human health and  
16 the environment.

17 We did a five-year review of the  
18 sites. There are actually three sites  
19 on-site now currently which qualify as  
20 CERCLA sites for which remedial actions  
21 have been complete. Those are the three  
22 landfills.

23 There are a number of other sites. I  
24 think we did do a review of those sites.

1 We also reviewed 24 other sites for which  
2 CERCLA actions have determined no further  
3 action. And that's also documented in  
4 this. There is a complete document of the  
5 five-year review in the public library if  
6 you want to go and read that information.

7 Just to summarize, a couple of the  
8 findings out of this, we found two items  
9 in the five-year review for the landfills.  
10 One is regarding the groundwater  
11 monitoring around the landfills. We've  
12 actually been working on a process for the  
13 last several months to implement an  
14 official groundwater monitoring program  
15 that would bring this into compliance for  
16 the landfills.

17 And then the other one is an  
18 institutional management control for the  
19 landfills, and that institutional  
20 management restrictions, if you would,  
21 deed restrictions for the landfills, will  
22 be put in place as part of the final ROD.  
23 There is still a final ROD to determine  
24 for those landfills.

1           So the information is available in  
2           the public library. There's a fact sheet  
3           here which gives you a very general but, I  
4           think, concise and readable and  
5           understandable summary of what that  
6           five-year review process is.

7           Upcoming, we do have -- we talked  
8           about the groups and sites. We do have  
9           Group 8, which is the Fire Training Area.  
10          We're in the process now of reviewing the  
11          Feasibility Study. We will be developing  
12          a Proposed Plan for that Fire Training  
13          Area, and we will have a Public Meeting.  
14          That Public Meeting may be prior to the  
15          next RAB meeting, but right now we're  
16          intending for it to be around August.

17          If it's close to the RAB meeting,  
18          we'll try to get those to occur close to  
19          each other -- if not the same day, the  
20          very next day -- together. But you should  
21          expect a Public Meeting for the Group 8  
22          Fire Training Area sites.

23          And I think Ted was going to go into  
24          a little bit more detail. Are there any

1 questions for me?

2 MR. WANG: What's this general  
3 situation of the fire training? What's  
4 the direction, try to get it demolished or  
5 reviewed or what?

6 MR. SPARROW: On which one?

7 MR. WANG: The fire training area.

8 MR. SPARROW: The fire training area.  
9 There's a large excavation out there that  
10 was dug previously, so there's some  
11 remediation to take place in that. That  
12 whole pond will have to be pumped and then  
13 all of that area will be backfilled and  
14 basically turned into usable property is  
15 the intent.

16 The existing fire training towers, I  
17 think the Village continues to use those,  
18 a couple of the towers, for their fire  
19 training, but they're on asphalt areas and  
20 they're not burning fuels. They're just  
21 burning some wood and stuff like that.

22 I think part of that area will be  
23 continued to be used by the Village for  
24 fire training operations.

1 MS. RAWLINGS: Howard, when the Air  
2 Force left that landfill, did they put --  
3 I'm just trying to understand what it  
4 looked like. Did they put anything over  
5 top of it or did weeds and brush,  
6 et cetera, just grow up over whatever was  
7 there?

8 MR. SPARROW: There's a soil cover  
9 over there. So generally, if you walk  
10 across the landfill, you're just walking  
11 on soil. I'm not sure of the thickness.  
12 I'm sure it varies.

13 MR. BUMB: Averages two and a half  
14 feet.

15 MR. SPARROW: Two and a half feet of  
16 soil that's on top of that currently.

17 MR. CARROLL: You can see the  
18 outlines of the trenches where they have  
19 actually buried the waste over time also.

20 MR. SPARROW: That's kind of  
21 depressed and sunk down. So you actually  
22 can see, if you look on an aerial  
23 photograph or something, you'll see the  
24 trench lines that go across that landfill.

1 MS. RAWLINGS: So they just -- they  
2 deposited material and --

3 MR. SPARROW: They did a trench  
4 construction for landfills. So they dug a  
5 long trench, and then they would fill it  
6 and then the dirt would be piled back on  
7 top and then dig another trench beside it.  
8 So that was the method that they did for  
9 most of the landfills. Ted?

10 MR. HOLLY: As I mentioned earlier,  
11 we explored the public service option for  
12 providing TAPP services. That didn't pan  
13 out. What I didn't realize is that while  
14 I was off seeking free service the  
15 commercial pursuit got stalled, and there  
16 were a number of reasons for it.

17 One was a continuing resolution. We  
18 had -- the government was under threat of  
19 shutting down. They boiled all the twenty  
20 and thirty million dollar contracts to the  
21 top in case we had to go home, and TAPP,  
22 being a \$25,000 contract, got kind of put  
23 on the back burner.

24 The second thing is that TAPP is

1           unique.  It's unique to the Air Force.  
2           The original TAPP regulations were written  
3           such that a project could be developed  
4           with the RAB and the RAB would come up  
5           with some sort of product.

6                     Well, we wanted to expand that.  We  
7           wanted you to have a TAPP consultant who  
8           could come alongside to interpret  
9           documents, to extend your capability of  
10          understanding and interpreting what was  
11          going on throughout the remediation  
12          process.

13                    Well, that was a little bit different  
14          from what AFCEE, Air Force Center for  
15          Engineering and Environment, was used to  
16          so we had to go through a process to  
17          evaluate, what do we call this?  Is it  
18          community services?  Is it architectural  
19          engineering?  Is it services provided by a  
20          consultant who comes along and answers  
21          questions?

22                    The answer is yes, but how do we  
23          contract it?  It took a while to step  
24          through that, and we finally came up with

1 a vehicle that I think will work. But  
2 those things led us to a delay in getting  
3 back on the commercial track.

4 Originally, at the last RAB meeting,  
5 I think I presented three candidates,  
6 potential candidates, for you to look at.  
7 One of those has dropped off. Alpha  
8 Geoscience in Pennsylvania has dropped  
9 off, but two are still on there. And then  
10 we have a third member that came on just  
11 recently.

12 We think they're very good  
13 candidates. I think if you have a chance  
14 to look at their statement of  
15 qualifications you'll be very pleased with  
16 that. Both actually have a representative  
17 that lives here on the Chanute base.  
18 Would you like to introduce yourself?

19 MR. STREFF: Yes. I'm Michael  
20 Streff. I live over here at 1112  
21 Pacesetter Drive, and I've been doing  
22 environmental consulting engineering  
23 services with what used to be Daly and  
24 Associates Engineers and then five or six

1           years ago we called it Foth. We merged  
2           with a company out of Greenbay. That's  
3           pretty much what I've been doing all this  
4           time.

5                        So I have been providing engineering  
6           consulting services for the Village of  
7           Rantoul on a case-by-case basis. I've  
8           been doing environmental consulting work  
9           throughout this area. In fact, I talked  
10          with Chris a couple of years ago about the  
11          redevelopment of the Century Gateway site.

12                       MR. HOLLY: So just luck of the draw,  
13          we've got someone who can provide the very  
14          service we need here in Rantoul. We do  
15          have to follow the federal acquisition  
16          regulations so we did have to advertise.  
17          It goes out to the world, but don't panic  
18          with that. I think we've come up with a  
19          short list, three candidates for you to  
20          take a good look at.

21                        Have to put the caveat that there may  
22          be something that pops out of the  
23          woodwork. We may have to go back and look  
24          at an additional eligible candidate that

1 comes up. But you've been presented with  
2 three I think that will be very good  
3 candidates. I think you'll be very  
4 pleased with them. You'll have the chance  
5 to review them and look at their  
6 qualifications.

7 In the meantime, we've advertised.  
8 It's gone out to Fed Biz Ops. Anyone who  
9 sees the advertisement will have a chance  
10 to respond, submit a proposal. That  
11 advertisement period is -- I guess I  
12 should be following the slides here. That  
13 advertisement period is 15 business days.  
14 Estimated complete May 17, close  
15 synopsis/advertise period.

16 After that, we will do what's known  
17 as a technical evaluation of each of the  
18 proposals that come in. And you'll have a  
19 chance to be involved in that technical  
20 review. Very unique with the Air Force  
21 contracting process, but you'll have a  
22 chance to be a part of. You'll have a  
23 chance to give input to the technical  
24 review.

1                   And then by May 31st we anticipate an  
2                   award. So in a very short period of time  
3                   we should have closure on the selection of  
4                   the TAPP candidate. Any questions?

5                   MS. RAWLINGS: I guess I'm just  
6                   wondering, how do you coordinate selection  
7                   with the RAB if the meeting is now and  
8                   this is expected to be done by May 31st?

9                   MR. HOLLY: Well, the three  
10                  candidates, you'll have a chance to talk  
11                  amongst yourselves. Has that happened?  
12                  Has there --

13                  MR. SANDAHL: The selection of a  
14                  particular candidate?

15                  MR. HOLLY: No, the discussion about  
16                  candidates. Okay. Selection is kind of a  
17                  misnomer. We're looking at what you feel  
18                  will be the best candidate for your  
19                  purposes. But the government still has to  
20                  entertain other proposals that come in.

21                  So technically there's a contracting  
22                  period that we have to look at, an  
23                  advertisement period. We'll do a  
24                  technical evaluation, an official

1 technical evaluation. We'll select based  
2 on lowest price, technically acceptable.

3 MS. RAWLINGS: So that was a  
4 discussion, Bruce, that you had maybe a  
5 couple of months ago?

6 MR. SANDAHL: Yes.

7 MS. RAWLINGS: Okay. Now it's  
8 falling into place.

9 MR. SANDAHL: So then will we be able  
10 to see the individual proposals from these  
11 individual companies?

12 MR. HOLLY: You will have a chance to  
13 look at -- I've got permission to allow  
14 you to look at not the proposal itself but  
15 parts of the package that the individual  
16 bidders will send. There's some things  
17 that are proprietary to the government  
18 contracting process. Obviously we can't  
19 give that to you.

20 MR. SANDAHL: That's a whole other  
21 subject.

22 MR. HOLLY: But there will be public  
23 information that you'll be able to look  
24 at. We'll make sure, though, that you

1           have enough information to make a good  
2           decision.

3           MR. SANDAHL:   When can we expect  
4           that?

5           MR. HOLLY:   The advertisement period  
6           closes on May 20th.  Sometime between May  
7           20th and May 30th I will be feeding you  
8           the information as technical evaluations  
9           proceed.

10          MR. SANDAHL:   Okay.  So I call a  
11          meeting of the group?

12          MR. HOLLY:   Yes.  So sometime around  
13          May 30th we'll be able to make a decision.

14          MR. SANDAHL:   Good.

15          MR. HOLLY:   Is that clear as mud?

16          MS. LEWIS:   Clear as mud.

17          MR. HOLLY:   Do you have a further  
18          question, ma'am?

19          MS. LEWIS:   No.

20          MR. CARROLL:   Thank you, Ted.  Next  
21          item on the agenda is the public  
22          notification processes, and Armando is  
23          going to also introduce and discuss that.  
24          We'll have a little question-and-answer

1 session after that if you have questions.

2 MR. PEREZ: I know these last couple  
3 of meetings I've been the one to keep you  
4 guys from getting out of here, so I'm  
5 going to try and fly through these as much  
6 as I can. I know some of the stuff that  
7 we present goes along with what the CERCLA  
8 process is.

9 If we can go to the next slide.  
10 Basically CERCLA is when we recognize  
11 hazardous contamination materials that  
12 were on-site when the base was active, the  
13 Air Force has a responsibility to go  
14 on-site and correct those actions. So our  
15 responsibility goes as community relations  
16 activities, public involvement, which  
17 we're doing right now.

18 This is one of the vehicles for that.  
19 We're participating in a RAB, letting you  
20 know what's going on here at Chanute, and  
21 kind of disseminating that to your  
22 community members, to your neighbors, to  
23 your co-workers, on what's going on here  
24 at Chanute.

1           One of the other requirements is  
2           developing an AR, an Administrative  
3           Record, for public review. That's  
4           something certainly that's been set up  
5           since the base closed. That's on our Web  
6           site, and there's more information that  
7           falls on the other sites.

8           And, like I said before, the Air  
9           Force provides the property recipients on  
10          what type of hazardous substances were  
11          here on-site and what remedial actions we  
12          take necessary to protecting health and  
13          the environment.

14          So more of what Shaw has been  
15          presenting is just that. We're giving you  
16          that information, trying to be as  
17          transparent as possible to give you all  
18          the information you need on what we're  
19          doing here at Chanute.

20          Go on to the next slide. Like I said  
21          before, we're participating in a RAB.  
22          That's one of the vehicles. A Community  
23          Relations Plan, which we have on our Web  
24          site, there's a link there. It's updated

1 every five years, so back in 2007 it was  
2 updated and probably around 2012 we'll  
3 probably update it again just to kind of  
4 look at it and see if it goes along the  
5 lines of what we're communicating.  
6 Administrative Record, of course, the AR,  
7 the Web site is there.

8 We conduct these meetings, public  
9 meetings. We relay notices in the  
10 newspaper. We put all the decision  
11 documents in the AR. All public comments  
12 on Records of Decision are held on the AR.  
13 Those responses, those comments are very  
14 key when making the decision to sign a  
15 document because any of those comments,  
16 they keep a document from being actually  
17 signed.

18 So if there's a concern from the  
19 community, if there's something that we  
20 didn't do right, then we have to go back  
21 to our actions, our remedial actions, and  
22 kind of present those and present that to  
23 the committee, let them know that you had  
24 a concern, we made a mistake, we did

1 remedial actions for it, investigations  
2 for it.

3 We went back, corrected it, and  
4 that's what we're giving you, the  
5 information on that. Being as transparent  
6 as possible to communicate all the  
7 information we can so that you're not left  
8 out in the dark as far as what's going on  
9 here at Chanute.

10 And then with all this, we prepare  
11 our Findings of Suitability for Transfer,  
12 FOST, in support of the transfer. That  
13 means reviewing all the environmental  
14 baseline studies to make a decision, to  
15 decide whether or not it's environmentally  
16 viable to transfer the property over,  
17 letting you all know that the Air Force  
18 has done what they could to remediate all  
19 the hazardous materials, soils and whatnot  
20 that were here on the base, and the  
21 decision made to transfer it over.

22 As to whether or not we did it  
23 correctly or not or we did what we said we  
24 were going to do, that's what's based on

1 past documents and what the FOST signifies  
2 when its made its final decision.

3 Next slide. The Environmental  
4 Baseline Study is done on base closure  
5 documents. Like I said before, it  
6 encompasses all the chemicals that were  
7 stored, released and disposed, facility by  
8 facility basis. They're all given an  
9 Environmental Condition Category code 1-7.  
10 We'll go over that in the next slide.

11 Basically that means from category 1,  
12 that means even though it was stored there  
13 there's no possibility of contamination --  
14 there's no hazardous materials that were  
15 taken off of that site -- down to number 7  
16 where there is hazardous materials. We'll  
17 be doing remedial actions on that site.  
18 So that's how the categories are laid out.  
19 And, of course, the EBS is also located on  
20 our AR as well.

21 Next slide. On that EBS, on the  
22 FOST, we review for property transfer all  
23 the EBSs that were done when the base was  
24 closed and whether or not we're doing what

1           we -- we're doing what's based on the  
2           Environmental Baseline Study. Like I said  
3           before, the ECC codes 1 through 4, the  
4           property is environmentally suitable for  
5           transfer, as opposed to 5 through 7 where  
6           it states that it's not environmentally  
7           suitable for transfer, which means that we  
8           do remedial investigation and put in place  
9           the actions that take place to remediate  
10          that property as far as getting rid of or  
11          remediating the hazardous materials that  
12          were there at that site.

13                 Once that's done, it'll be documented  
14                 in a FOST. So, you know, all the visual  
15                 site inspections, records review, all  
16                 encompass into the file. Yes, ma'am.

17                 MS. LEWIS: I have a question. As  
18                 you're going through all this process, and  
19                 we have many, many bases and many army  
20                 posts and marine bases still in operation,  
21                 are you using some of this information to  
22                 make sure that those facilities are safer  
23                 environmentally than they have been in the  
24                 past?

1                   MR. PEREZ: Correct, correct. Bottom  
2 line, if you were to sum it all up, we  
3 have to make sure that the environment is  
4 viable to be transferred over to you,  
5 which means that whatever was going on in  
6 that building, whatever was going on  
7 within the particular area within the  
8 building or outside of the building, we  
9 have to make sure that those, whatever  
10 contamination is --

11                   MS. LEWIS: That's not what I was  
12 asking. I was asking if you were using  
13 this information to make the bases that  
14 are currently in operation, are you using  
15 this information to maybe make their  
16 bases, their properties safer  
17 environmentally for those people who are  
18 on those bases because evidently there's  
19 been a lot of environmental stuff here  
20 that has been hazardous to not only our  
21 health but those people who came through  
22 Chanute.

23                   MR. PEREZ: Those active duty bases,  
24 they have a particular process in which

1           they have environmental questions just  
2           like yours. They kind of go back to our  
3           information and they kind of --

4           MS. LEWIS: So you are using -- in  
5           short, you are using this information to  
6           help correct some of those issues?

7           MR. CARROLL: For instance, a couple  
8           of things, there is a U.S. Department of  
9           Defense policy on environmental baseline  
10          surveys that is just being developed. A  
11          new one is being developed. All of the  
12          services are commenting on this new  
13          policy.

14          So we're sharing the information with  
15          the other services. I think it's a good  
16          point. The BRAC bases, we're, you know,  
17          we're kind of ahead of the game in the  
18          environmental cleanup field just due to  
19          the nature of the closing of the bases.  
20          So, yeah, we do share those lessons  
21          learned.

22          MS. LEWIS: That's good because if it  
23          ever comes to the point that they're  
24          closed, I hope you don't have to go

1 through some of the struggles, I mean,  
2 it's coming on 20 years that we've been  
3 dealing with this and I think the  
4 government is finally starting to realize  
5 some things about some other issues that  
6 have come to light and hopefully we'll be  
7 one of them that they really look into and  
8 make sure that those who are in those  
9 areas are being protected.

10 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, very similar.  
11 Air Force bases all kind of -- they didn't  
12 all have the same mission, but we all use  
13 the same kind of processes to some extent.  
14 So, yeah, you see a lot of similar  
15 circumstances.

16 MR. PEREZ: A lot of the Air Force  
17 bases, marine bases and army, they all run  
18 different missions and it's depending on  
19 what they use for their operations. And  
20 they certainly do take lessons learned,  
21 but it's up to them to implement that.

22 If they do eventually close, we don't  
23 have to go in and string it out for 20  
24 years or so. But we did what we can to

1 share that information, and it's up to  
2 them to take it on and kind of follow --  
3 not follow in the footsteps of the past,  
4 but to head forward and not have so much  
5 20 year plan to transfer the property  
6 over.

7 MR. ROKKE: One of the things that we  
8 brought up last time for an action item  
9 and I haven't got a clear answer on it yet  
10 was the -- since we do know now that we  
11 have trichloroethylene, water contaminants  
12 here that directly affect the health and  
13 safety of the individuals that were here  
14 previously, it affects the health and  
15 safety of the individuals who are  
16 currently here, and I'm going to  
17 specifically cite the Laundromat, okay, I  
18 want to know if specific action has been  
19 taken because I asked this numerous times,  
20 to contact the U.S. Department of Veterans  
21 Affairs to notify them of all the existing  
22 contaminants and the locations on this  
23 base, such that they're catalogued, such  
24 as trichloroethylene out there at the

1 marine corp base out on the east coast  
2 with the trichloroethylene. So  
3 notification.

4 The other thing very specifically,  
5 again, one more time, and I've asked this  
6 again and I'm still not getting the  
7 answer, we have a Laundromat with active  
8 contamination that's been there  
9 extensively for many years. And I  
10 understand the solution for that now has  
11 been solved, it'll be taken care of, but  
12 we still have the students who are minors  
13 and the faculty and staff over there that  
14 have been continuously exposed to that now  
15 for all the many years until, you know, we  
16 come up with a plan to clean it up.

17 I understand it's going to be done.  
18 That's great, take care of that, but again  
19 direct notification of every one of the  
20 students that went through there of  
21 potential trichloroethylene exposure and  
22 determination if there was any health  
23 effects. We don't know if there was or if  
24 there will be, but I want to make sure

1           that it's done.

2                        Again, coming back with all the  
3           contaminants all over the post. The VA  
4           right now on their Web page has the stuff  
5           up there front and center for  
6           trichloroethylene and other contamination  
7           at other installations. We have total  
8           confirmation of levels on this  
9           installation requiring remediation.  
10          Howard's team has got a remediation and  
11          plan for that. That's great and making  
12          sense every time I talk to him.

13                      However, it's been here now for many  
14          years and so, therefore, again I think we  
15          have an obligation, absolute obligation,  
16          to notify, so it's put on the front page  
17          of the VA Web site and all the individuals  
18          that's notified, everybody that's gone  
19          through Lincoln's Challenge, potentially  
20          used that Laundromat facility over the  
21          years of the potential for  
22          trichloroethylene exposure and the health  
23          effects.

24                      And if we determine again, medical

1 professional either within the VA or the  
2 private physicians, that there was direct  
3 exposures and we do have health effects of  
4 it, then the Air Force has to be obligated  
5 for the health and safety.

6 In the last two weeks, I'm notified  
7 again of an individual on this base that  
8 had trichloroethylene contamination not  
9 only here but also at the marine corp  
10 base, two locations marine, and the VA was  
11 denying her medical care for the known  
12 exposure as of the other day. Okay? So  
13 we're coming back to the same thing again.

14 And Helen's question, she asked  
15 whether or not the Air Force is complying  
16 with the knowledge we have here to make  
17 the other installations throughout the Air  
18 Force safer. They are not, and they've  
19 been given congressional directive to do  
20 so. Okay? And I participated in that, so  
21 don't tell me they are when we know they  
22 are not, okay?

23 We've got all the Air Force bases in  
24 Afghanistan and Iraq where you got all the

1 toxic exposures. The Air Force was  
2 ordered to make the corrections, and they  
3 are not doing so, sir.

4 MR. CARROLL: This discussion,  
5 Dr. Rokke --

6 MR. ROKKE: I'm telling you, we're  
7 talking about the health and --

8 MR. CARROLL: This discussion was  
9 meant to relay to the RAB what our  
10 responsibility here within this purview is  
11 or within this entity is. The Air Force  
12 cleanup of Chanute Air Force Base does not  
13 include occupational exposure. I'm sorry.  
14 We don't.

15 When I get a call from the VA, I do  
16 tell them what chemicals, what  
17 contaminants on the base, what chemicals  
18 are used on the base. I do that. This is  
19 intended to let you know what  
20 notifications we do. I would like to ask  
21 Armando to finish his presentation.

22 MR. SANDAHL: If I could real quick,  
23 Paul, what would be the normal procedure,  
24 if there is one, for notifying past

1 servicemen and women of possible  
2 contaminants? There's got to be something  
3 in the system.

4 MR. CARROLL: This is what we're  
5 obligated to do.

6 MR. SANDAHL: Yeah, I understand  
7 that.

8 MR. CARROLL: These are the  
9 procedures. I don't know what the  
10 occupational procedures are because that's  
11 not our --

12 MR. SANDAHL: Job.

13 MR. CARROLL: That's not our purview,  
14 our job.

15 MR. SANDAHL: Who would we contact to  
16 have a conversation on that?

17 MR. ANDERSON: If the legal beagles  
18 and the accountants decide they have a  
19 greater exposure if they don't reveal this  
20 and try to nip it in the bud, then they'll  
21 go ahead and make those notices.  
22 Otherwise, I don't think they will.

23 I think it comes down to litigation  
24 and lawyers calling people like Paul, or

1 the VA, where do you have confirmation of  
2 these contaminants, and try to build up  
3 class action suits. Then the DOD and the  
4 Air Force is pinched and they, well, we  
5 better say something because it's going to  
6 get worse if we don't. I don't think they  
7 will. I think that's probably the way  
8 notification works. I don't think anyone  
9 is ever going to spend money saying, hey,  
10 I think we may have exposed you.

11 MR. CARROLL: Well, I think there's  
12 an obligation on the part of the VA to  
13 address these kind of past things that  
14 people are exposed to. OSHA covers those  
15 kinds of things. But this is what we're  
16 obligated to do. These are the things  
17 that are our responsibility.

18 And I do respond to the VA when they  
19 call. And we get congressional inquiries.  
20 We get things that come up from the  
21 secretariat level of the Air Force down to  
22 us, asking specific questions about what  
23 was done in the past and what was handled  
24 in the past, which we answer. But our

1 responsibility is to clean up the  
2 contamination.

3 MR. SANDAHL: Yeah, and we understand  
4 that.

5 MR. CARROLL: It's not the purview of  
6 the RAB to address this. It's wasting the  
7 RAB's time.

8 MR. SANDAHL: You can steer us in the  
9 right direction.

10 MR. ROKKE: I guess the question --  
11 okay, I understand what you're saying, but  
12 it comes to the same thing, then. Who up  
13 above you in the chain of command would  
14 then the U.S. Air Force, the Department of  
15 Defense, is responsible for that  
16 notification and can you notify them such  
17 that the appropriate agency or  
18 organization level above you can take that  
19 action? That's what I'm asking.

20 MR. CARROLL: Well, I don't have an  
21 answer for you, though. I mean, the  
22 secretariat level would be responsible  
23 but, you know, I don't know those --

24 MR. ROKKE: We've been asking this

1 for years.

2 MR. CARROLL: Because you're asking  
3 the wrong people.

4 MR. SANDAHL: I think so, too.

5 MS. RAWLINGS: Might I point out that  
6 everything that is said here is public  
7 record. It's not like there are any  
8 secrets being kept. So, I mean, it's  
9 here. Andrew's right over there. It's  
10 going out, you know, in the newspaper and  
11 on the Web site. So there are no secrets  
12 here, I mean, at least that we know of at  
13 this point. It's public record. It's  
14 available.

15 MR. HILL: The Administrative Record  
16 that's required under CERCLA, the  
17 information is all there for anybody that  
18 wants to find it. It's a complicated  
19 site, but it's all there as far as what  
20 the environmental folks have found.

21 MR. PEREZ: It's available for  
22 anybody to ask. It's not something  
23 that -- it's nothing different. It's just  
24 like Paul said, we're presenting our

1           responsibilities as the Air Force when we  
2           owned this property once upon a time, when  
3           we had an active duty mission here.

4           And what we have to do is ensure that  
5           everything that's cleaned up here, the  
6           hazardous substances or contaminants that  
7           are here, we have to make sure that, you  
8           know, the remedies are in place, the  
9           remedial actions are in place. So  
10          anything outside of that, you know, we  
11          really don't have much to answer on that.

12          MR. WANG: Let me say, I really don't  
13          understand, okay, the whole process is  
14          trying to clean up the base and protect  
15          the people's health and their lives. And  
16          you -- you guys are the experts. Now,  
17          let's identify the contamination that's in  
18          the Laundromat. We know that it's a  
19          hazard, and why keep using it?

20          MR. CARROLL: Doctor, we have studied  
21          the vapor migration into the Laundromat  
22          and determined it's not an immediate  
23          health hazard and it's not a health hazard  
24          for the people using it. It is a

1 long-term hazard. It would be a long-term  
2 hazard if somebody were to build a  
3 residence there, and for long-term use it  
4 would be.

5 MR. WANG: So what you are saying,  
6 the contamination, is there's no immediate  
7 effect?

8 MR. CARROLL: What's that?

9 MR. WANG: No immediate effect?

10 MR. CARROLL: Correct.

11 MR. WANG: It's long term, possible  
12 long term?

13 MR. HILL: Well, not necessarily. If  
14 I'm recalling this correctly -- Howard,  
15 correct me if I'm wrong -- but the people  
16 that are going to use that Laundromat are  
17 there for a short period of time so their  
18 exposure time is very short.

19 The risk comes in from vapor  
20 intrusion. If somebody were to build a  
21 residence there, because it's their home  
22 they're there for a longer time so their  
23 exposure would be for a long period of  
24 time. Is that correct?

1                   MR. SPARROW: Yes. And there was a  
2 complete study done specifically on the  
3 Laundromat. I mean, I know the ones  
4 you're talking about, maybe other  
5 exposures in other areas, but I know on  
6 the Laundromat there were gas samples  
7 taken inside the building, there were gas  
8 samples taken underneath the building, and  
9 analyzed to see if there's a risk to the  
10 people that are there now.

11                   The results of that showed that there  
12 is no risk to anybody that's using that  
13 facility there now. There would be a risk  
14 for somebody that built a house and lived  
15 there permanently right now. It's not  
16 suitable for residential habitation on top  
17 of that, primarily because you would  
18 probably have gases from the ground coming  
19 up.

20                   There's a floor slab, complete floor  
21 slab, and the contamination is underneath  
22 that floor slab. But it has been  
23 monitored specifically. So that one  
24 particular item has been addressed, and it

1 does not pose a risk to --

2 MR. WANG: Now, Lincoln's Challenge,  
3 the dorm just across the street, would  
4 that impact them or not?

5 MR. BUMB: The contamination does not  
6 extend that far out. It's right  
7 underneath the Laundromat. It's only half  
8 of the building.

9 MR. SPARROW: They had a Laundromat.  
10 They had a floor drain there. They  
11 spilled some of the dry cleaning fluids.  
12 I mean, people running the Laundromat  
13 operations are exposed to it at tens of  
14 thousands of times greater than what would  
15 be there now.

16 So it's a very minor exposure, but we  
17 do have to clean that up. It's not  
18 suitable to leave as a long-term operation  
19 there. That doesn't go back to the other  
20 broader question, but specifically at the  
21 Laundromat, you know.

22 MS. RAWLINGS: May I -- something to  
23 help clarify? What you're saying is is  
24 that you are not authorized to disseminate

1           that, I mean, to call the VA, that you're  
2           operating -- your authorization for what  
3           you can do stops at this particular line;  
4           that's what you're saying?

5           MR. CARROLL: I'm not prohibited from  
6           talking to the VA when they call and ask  
7           questions about a specific case, but we  
8           don't have an obligation by law or  
9           regulation to notify them of this  
10          contamination beyond what we do here, you  
11          know, to the general public.

12          MS. RAWLINGS: So then basically case  
13          closed, but that doesn't stop Doug, whose  
14          concern is laudable and commendable, but  
15          that doesn't stop Doug as a private  
16          citizen from pursuing another avenue?

17          MR. CARROLL: Correct.

18          MS. RAWLINGS: Then perhaps that --

19          MR. ROKKE: I'm asking you, Paul, to  
20          pursue the other avenue as representative  
21          of the Air Force.

22          MS. LEWIS: Okay, Doug. He's saying  
23          he --

24          MS. RAWLINGS: It's done. We could

1                   be putting him in jeopardy by asking him  
2                   to do that. That is not fair.

3                   MR. SANDAHL: It's not his job.

4                   MR. CARROLL: You can ask me all day  
5                   long. I can't do it.

6                   MR. ROKKE: I keep hearing over and  
7                   over it's not my job, it's not my  
8                   responsibility, and I get the phone call  
9                   day after day. I'm tired of it. I'm  
10                  really tired of it.

11                  MR. SANDAHL: That's well beyond all  
12                  of us in this room. We need to focus on  
13                  that outside of this meeting.

14                  MR. ROKKE: Exactly. Do we have any  
15                  trichloroethylene or the other solvents  
16                  that were used in the Laundromat, do we  
17                  have those vapors present within the  
18                  Laundromat at this current time, at any  
19                  time during the day or night while it's  
20                  being used?

21                  MR. BUMB: Right now, no.

22                  MR. ROKKE: So there are no vapors?

23                  MR. BUMB: Not in the building.

24                  MR. ROKKE: Not in the building?

1 MR. BUMB: No.

2 MR. HILL: What levels are you  
3 talking about?

4 MR. ROKKE: I'm not talking -- I'm  
5 just asking, do we have any vapors present  
6 in the building at all? Are there any  
7 detectable vapors in the building?

8 MR. BUMB: There are vapors, but  
9 there is no TCE, the trichloroethylene, in  
10 the Laundromat building itself.  
11 Underneath, in the soils, yes.

12 MR. ROKKE: Okay.

13 MR. CARROLL: And we have made  
14 notification to the owner and Lincoln's  
15 Challenge people when we first discovered  
16 it, as well as on pretty much a continual  
17 basis now.

18 MR. PEREZ: And that's, like I  
19 presented before, that's our obligation.  
20 At one point when it was an active duty  
21 station, if it was used in a particular  
22 way, whoever the property owner is who  
23 wants to occupy the building needs to be  
24 notified about what's going on there.

1                   That's our obligation.

2                   MR. ROKKE:   And that did not happen  
3 before.

4                   MR. PEREZ:   I'm not aware of that.  
5 I'm only aware of the process.

6                   MR. FOTHERGILL: Lincoln's Challenge  
7 is going to tear down.

8                   MR. SPARROW:   I've worked personally  
9 with the owner of the building, as well as  
10 Lincoln's Challenge. Right now if  
11 Lincoln's Challenge wasn't using that as  
12 part of their program we would knock that  
13 building down right now. As part of their  
14 ongoing -- they have their plan to put a  
15 Laundromat facility in their new buildings  
16 there, and as soon as that's built they're  
17 out and the building gets knocked down.

18                   The only reason it's being used is  
19 because Lincoln's Challenge really wants  
20 to have that place as part of their  
21 program. It's not a risk to their  
22 students.

23                   MR. SANDAHL:   We're working with the  
24 owner and with Shaw to be able to put in a

1 temporary facility, so this issue will be  
2 taken care of.

3 MR. HILL: I'd like to go back and  
4 just a concern that Helen brought up  
5 earlier. At Scott Air Force Base down in  
6 Metro East area, they do take a lot of  
7 these lessons learned over the years. I  
8 sit next to a guy that handles that site  
9 for the Illinois EPA. And even though  
10 it's an active facility, they have a large  
11 environmental cleanup program going on  
12 right now.

13 Of course, you know, they know a lot  
14 more now about how to handle hazardous  
15 materials than they used to. It's getting  
16 better every day, safer products and  
17 things like that. So, you know, they're  
18 saying -- I won't say they're ahead of the  
19 curve, but they're trying to catch up on  
20 all these Legacy sites that were  
21 contaminated and stuff. So should Scott  
22 Air Force Base ever close, you know, they  
23 wouldn't have all these problems.

24 MS. LEWIS: And that was my point.

1                   MR. HILL: I mean, that's just one  
2 site. I'm sure that happens everywhere.

3                   MR. SPARROW: And we have active  
4 remediation projects at virtually every  
5 military facility in the world, quite  
6 frankly. The whole Air Force is doing  
7 that program. It's not just at facilities  
8 that have been closed, but they are using  
9 that information.

10                  MS. LEWIS: Good. I was curious  
11 about that because we talked a lot about  
12 it over the years. Good. Thank you.

13                  MR. CARROLL: We're fifteen minutes  
14 over time, so let's wrap it up.

15                  MR. PEREZ: Going back to the  
16 notification process, see if we can get  
17 back on track here. Basically what the  
18 FOST does is it summarizes the base-wide  
19 and supplemental EBS when the base was  
20 closed. You know, it documents what we've  
21 done now and whether or not those  
22 hazardous substances are remediated to the  
23 levels that are suitable for transfer.

24                  So in the case of the Laundromat,

1           that, of course, is going to be remediated  
2           to industrial purposes, not residential  
3           purposes.

4           MR. BUMB: No, the Laundromat will be  
5           remediated to unrestricted use.

6           MR. PEREZ: Correct, unrestricted

7           MR. BUMB: No restrictions.

8           MR. CARROLL: Anything that they want  
9           to use it for.

10          MR. PEREZ: Okay. And per CERCLA,  
11          the notice for the hazardous substances,  
12          what was stored, hazardous substances  
13          released, as I stated before, in the EBS  
14          earlier, that's per CERCLA following those  
15          rules.

16          Our initiatives, notify regulatory  
17          agencies of intent to initiate the FOST  
18          process, prepare supplemental EBS for  
19          planned property transfer, determine  
20          suitability of property for transfer and  
21          prepare draft FOST, determine whether it's  
22          environmentally viable to transfer.

23          That, of course, going through a  
24          regulatory review, public comment period,

1 of course, you know, be by public notice.  
2 We revise the FOST according to comments.  
3 Like I stated before, all the comments  
4 received are very important. Not only  
5 from the RAB, but from the general public.

6 If there is a concern, it's certainly  
7 addressed in these comments, and those  
8 higher-ups within the Air Force, when they  
9 see this they kind of let us know that we  
10 need to answer these and make sure that  
11 this FOST is ready for signing. Once we  
12 go through all that, then we complete and  
13 sign the FOST and then notify the public  
14 of the signature.

15 Next slide. Other sources of  
16 information, ATSDR, of course, showcases  
17 Chanute on their site and that document is  
18 available on their site. Of course, we  
19 have the quarterly newsletter and the Web  
20 site, which is on the Air Force AFB Web  
21 site. There's the Defense Environmental  
22 Programs Annual Report to Congress, fiscal  
23 year of '09. Chanute is mentioned in that  
24 document and there's the link to that as

1 well.

2 Just to summarize, when it comes to  
3 notification, we use the RAB public  
4 meetings, newsletters, Web sites, any  
5 which way, any which way to get the  
6 information out so that this way the  
7 community is in the know about what's  
8 going on at the base, be it Chanute or any  
9 other closed base.

10 The hazardous environmental cleanup  
11 program or -- I know, for example,  
12 Lackland Air Force Base has an  
13 environmental program. They do public  
14 meetings quarterly just like they do at  
15 former Kelly. So it goes along the lines  
16 of what Chris was saying, you know, most  
17 active installations do have an  
18 environmental program. They go through  
19 different procedures depending on their  
20 mission, of course.

21 For historical information, as I  
22 mentioned before, admin record, the  
23 Community Relations Plan, the ATSDR Web  
24 site, the base-wide EBS which is available

1           also on our admin record, as well as other  
2           Web sites that are readily available that  
3           mention Chanute Air Force Base, as well as  
4           other cleanup sites throughout the Air  
5           Force. So with that, I turn it over to  
6           Paul for any interest from the floor.

7           MR. CARROLL: Any further questions?

8           MR. STREFF: Is the FOST completed  
9           and is it available on-line?

10          MR. CARROLL: A FOST is completed  
11          prior to any property transfer. We've  
12          made several property transfers on the  
13          base. We could make those FOSTs available  
14          to the RAB if you want to see specific  
15          ones, but we don't put those on-line  
16          because they're an internal Air Force  
17          document that's not supposed to be on the  
18          AR.

19          It basically compiles the information  
20          that's already on the AR in a smaller  
21          document. Yeah, we'd be able to provide  
22          some of those or at least an example of  
23          one. I'd be glad to do that at the next  
24          RAB. Armando, thank you very much.

1                   Okay. We've got on the meeting  
2 wrap-up, review action items for the next  
3 meeting. Do we have any action items that  
4 we've discussed? Howard, I think,  
5 provided the drawing. We should have the  
6 TAPP contract here on board for the next  
7 meeting, and we'll get -- hopefully have  
8 some information, you know, from that TAPP  
9 contractor.

10                   The RAB will be able to address any  
11 questions they have with that TAPP  
12 contractor, ask them to start reviewing  
13 certain documents, certain information the  
14 RAB wants to know about our clean-up  
15 process. That should be available at the  
16 next meeting, right, Ted?

17                   MR. HOLLY: Yes.

18                   MR. CARROLL: Okay.

19                   MR. SANDAHL: Paul, one other item we  
20 could possibly do, if we get our  
21 memorandum of agreement through the  
22 system, can we have that as a topic for  
23 the group or not?

24                   MR. CARROLL: Yeah, I don't see why

1 we couldn't do that. We have some  
2 environmental related things in that  
3 memorandum of agreement that we would be  
4 able to address at the next RAB, yes.

5 MS. RAWLINGS: Paul, the hardest  
6 thing for the public to understand is to  
7 gain a perspective on the cleanup. As  
8 Helen said, it's been nearly 20 years,  
9 it's been millions of dollars, and because  
10 it is so hard to understand this and to  
11 gain a perspective there is this black  
12 cloud hanging over this community.

13 Is there any way that you can somehow  
14 encapsulate the cleanup so we can  
15 understand, so the community can better  
16 understand what impact there's been, what  
17 impact just -- I mean, if  
18 Champaign-Urbana, you know, blew away  
19 tomorrow and there had to be a similar  
20 cleanup, how different would it be?

21 I mean, surely they've got leaking  
22 underground storage tanks. They've got an  
23 airport. They've even got a nuclear  
24 facility, don't they? You know, they've

1 got a host of chemicals all over the  
2 place. How different would it be? I  
3 don't want to discount anything, but if  
4 you could present that, I think that would  
5 be tremendously helpful to everyone.

6 MR. SPARROW: That may take a little  
7 time to summarize and put together, but I  
8 think it could be -- maybe work  
9 particularly with Booz Allen and put  
10 together an overall perspective, kind of  
11 historical, kind of where you came from  
12 over the 20 years or something like that  
13 and where you're going, just like an  
14 overview, and what cleanup efforts are  
15 taking place. It might give you a better  
16 perspective of that.

17 MS. RAWLINGS: Yeah, and the impact  
18 on people because that's what people get  
19 scared about the most, you know, oh, I  
20 don't want to live there because something  
21 horrible is going to happen to me.

22 MR. SPARROW: I think that's doable,  
23 yes. Again, give us a little time to work  
24 on it and try to put it together, a

1 particular perspective that would be  
2 easily understandable to the public.

3 MS. RAWLINGS: That would be  
4 wonderful.

5 MR. SANDAHL: Howard, you might want  
6 to work with the Village on that one, too,  
7 because we can incorporate number of  
8 buildings demolished. We can do a before  
9 and after map as it exists today. Part of  
10 the problem is long periods of time  
11 between when people see activity. Not  
12 everybody drives out to the 900 area every  
13 day like I do. People really don't get a  
14 sense that there's a lot of activity  
15 taking place and has taken place. So when  
16 you get ready to do that, give me a call.

17 MR. SPARROW: Our perspective is the  
18 47 sites. There's a lot more coverage  
19 than the 47 sites.

20 MR. SANDAHL: We'll try to cover some  
21 of the other stuff.

22 MR. CARROLL: Would we be able to do  
23 that by the next RAB or should we take a  
24 little bit longer?

1                   MR. SPARROW: I would think let us  
2 work on it. We'll try to see what  
3 information can be, but it's a large task  
4 to go through all of the facility and try  
5 to summarize that. But some of that may  
6 have already been done, I don't know.  
7 There may be historical information that's  
8 readily available.

9                   MS. RAWLINGS: I can tell you that  
10 over the years I've covered this meeting  
11 that there wasn't anything like that  
12 presented, and I struggled to understand  
13 it and how to present it to people.

14                  MR. CARROLL: Okay.

15                  MS. LEWIS: I think the information  
16 has been here, but our local people have  
17 not availed themselves to attend the  
18 meetings, to go to the public meetings, to  
19 come out to this meeting, and all they do  
20 is holler. The information has been there  
21 all the time.

22                  MS. RAWLINGS: The context is really  
23 important and, you know, what we see here  
24 when we come in the meeting, we see the

1 trees; we don't see the forest. And we  
2 need to see the forest.

3 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, it's very  
4 involved, very complicated, and if you've  
5 been at it for a while it makes a lot of  
6 sense. But it doesn't make a lot of sense  
7 until you kind of get into it for a while  
8 and understand it, yeah, on the big  
9 picture. Any other suggestions for the  
10 next RAB meeting? Okay. Nothing else?

11 Next meeting is scheduled to be  
12 August 18th at noon here. And as Howard  
13 said, we may have a public meeting around  
14 that time, so that day or another day  
15 close to that day. Any other comments or  
16 questions before we adjourn? Vote to  
17 adjourn? Do we do that? All right. I  
18 think it's accepted. Thank you all.

19 (Meeting concluded.)  
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