

1 KELLY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
2 October 9th, 2012
3 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
4 John F. Kennedy High School Auditorium
5 1922 South General McMullen Drive
6 San Antonio, Texas 78226

7 RAB Community Members:

8 Jose Arzola
9 Eloy Garcia
10 Rodrigo Garcia
11 Nazirite Perez
12 Brian Skrobarcek

13 RAB Government Members:

14 Paul Carroll, Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA),
15 Government Co-Chair
16 Kyle Cunningham, San Antonio Metropolitan Health Department
17 (SAMHD), Alternate
18 Paco Felici, Port Authority
19 Greg Lyssy, United States Environmental Protection Agency
20 (EPA), Alternate
21 Abigail Power, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
22 (TCEQ), Remediation
23 Jorge Salazar, TCEQ, Alternate
24 Kathryn Thomas, United States EPA

25 Air Force Staff:

Richard Black, Contractor
Leslie Brown, AFLOA
Mark Frye, Port Authority
Linda Geissinger, AFRPA
Laura Guerrero-Redman, Contractor
James E. Husbands, Contractor
Jose Martinez, Contractor/Facilitator
Praveen Srivastava, Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure Group
Susan Watson, Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure Group
Rachel Fish Zaney, Contractor

1 Public Attendees:

2 Robert Alvarado

Jesse H. De Los Santos

3 Diana Lopez

Ben Meiners

4 Doris Metzger

Mary Parker

5 Belinda Silvas

Robert Silvas

6 Irma T. Smith

Stephanie Smith, Representative for Charlie Gonzalez

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RAB Members Not Present:

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Beverly Abbott

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Ivan Jaime

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1 MR. MARTINEZ: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.
2 It is a little past 6:30. We need to start the October 9th
3 meeting of the former Kelly Air Force Base Restoration
4 Advisory Board. My name is Jose Martinez. I will be your
5 facilitator for this evening.

6 Again, welcome to all members of the RAB and members
7 of the general public to this meeting. The purpose of the
8 meeting, as is always the case, is for the members of the RAB
9 to hear information from the Air Force Real Property staff and
10 the consultants and for members of the RAB to equally ask any
11 questions, make any comments on the discussion on the
12 presentations being made by staff and consultants.

13 As is usually the case, I will also remind members
14 of the public that the topic of the discussion of this meeting
15 is the environmental cleanup at the former Kelly Air Force
16 Base. So the focus of the meeting is that and only that.

17 If there is a member of RAB or a member of the
18 public interested in discussing any other item, any other
19 issue, with all due respect, this is not the forum for that
20 discussion. You have been provided a sheet of paper which has
21 a number of agencies, local agencies, public agencies most of
22 them, that you can be directed for you to ask your questions
23 and get your questions answered.

24 At this point, if I may, I apologize for the raspy
25 voice. It is a beautiful October, but ragweed comes along

1 with it. I'd like for members of the RAB to introduce
2 themselves starting Mr. Jose Arzola.

3 MR. ARZOLA: Jose Arzola. I'm a community member
4 and a former Edgewood Council of PTA president. As a matter
5 of fact, I was just watching my granddaughter in the marching
6 band out here. So I represent the committee. I'm retired
7 Navy, 20 years, and I'm here to help.

8 MR. FELICI: I'm Paco Felici, representing Port San
9 Antonio.

10 MS. POWER: I'm Abby Power. I'm the Corrective
11 Action Program Project Manager with the Texas Commission on
12 Environmental Quality.

13 MR. PEREZ: My name is Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez
14 and this is part of my territory where I live at. And I
15 represent the people of my area and try to help them as much
16 as I can. And I do belong to the River Authority, District
17 One. I'm a representative.

18 MR. ELOY GARCIA: Eloy Garcia, community member. We
19 have a facility inside the Port, RLI Logistics.

20 MR. SKROBARCEK: Brian Skrobarcek. I'm a community
21 member. I work in the affected area.

22 MS. THOMAS: Kathy Thomas with EPA out of Dallas.

23 MR. RODRIGO GARCIA: Rodrigo Garcia. I'm a
24 community member. I lived in this neighborhood all my life
25 and I have been involved with this RAB and with these issues

1 since it was first instituted in 1995.

2 MS. CUNNINGHAM: I'm Kyle Cunningham representing
3 the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

4 MR. CARROLL: And I'm Paul Carroll. I'm the BRAC
5 environmental coordinator for the Air Force for the former
6 Kelly Air Force Base.

7 MR. MARTINEZ: I'd like to ask if you are having
8 difficulty hearing, if you could move forward as much as you
9 can possibly. We do not have a PA system and we regret that.
10 But if you would like to be able to be a little bit more
11 involved in the hearing of the meeting, please move forward at
12 any time.

13 I'd like to now go over the agenda very briefly.
14 The next item on the agenda that I'll go over briefly is the
15 discussion of two items, administrative items, as they're
16 listed here. That will be followed by Mr. Paul Carroll, a
17 presentation on the environmental cleanup, again, at the
18 former Kelly Air Force Base. And I'd like to state that
19 there's going to be a discussion -- I apologize. I meant
20 closer to the seats. The table is reserved for the members of
21 the board. I'm sorry if I misspoke.

22 MS. METZGER: The hearing is not good here either.

23 MR. MARTINEZ: Well, we will ask everyone to, as
24 much as possible, raise your voices. And when we get to the
25 actual speaking by members of the public, we will ask you to

1 come to the podium so that you can be standing and hopefully
2 be heard a little bit better.

3 Back to the presentation that Mr. Paul Carroll will
4 be making. We will first open the discussion for a Q&A,
5 questions and answers, by members of the RAB, the ladies and
6 gentlemen seated at the table. At the end of the Q&A by
7 members of the RAB, we will ask members of the public, if you
8 have any comments to make, and for that, this little sheet of
9 paper has been provided to you for you to sign in. I will
10 have these sheets and I will ask each of you who have signed
11 one of these sheets if you have comments to make on Mr. Paul
12 Carroll's presentation. We limit the presentations to three
13 minutes per individual and the RAB does not allow the donating
14 of an extra --

15 MR. SILVAS: What?

16 MR. MARTINEZ: -- three minutes to any member of the
17 public.

18 MR. SILVAS: Since when?

19 MR. MARTINEZ: This is a policy of the RAB, sir.

20 MR. SILVAS: Show me the policy.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: Excuse me, sir. You are --

22 MR. SILVAS: You heard me. Show me the policy.

23 MR. MARTINEZ: You are out of order, sir.

24 MR. SILVAS: You're out of order. Three minutes, I
25 don't see the written rules for that. It was never on the

1 board and now you're telling me --

2 MR. MARTINEZ: The policy of the Restoration
3 Advisory Board is that there will be a --

4 MR. SILVAS: Show me -- show me the policy number.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: -- three-minute presentation per
6 member of the general public.

7 MR. SILVAS: Show me the policy.

8 MR. MARTINEZ: That is the policy, sir.

9 MR. SILVAS: Where's the reference to the policy
10 number?

11 MR. MARTINEZ: After that presentation by Mr. Paul
12 Carroll, there will be then a presentation by Linda Geissinger
13 on the adjournment process for the RAB. At the end of that
14 process, there will be another public comment period. And
15 again, there will be a limit of three minutes per individual.

16 With that said, we're ready then to proceed to the
17 next item, the administrative items. And I believe -- I hope
18 you can see them on the screen. One more.

19 After reviewing the transcript from the last
20 meeting, it was determined that there were no action items
21 requested by members of the RAB so basically there are no
22 action items for discussion.

23 Secondly, members of the RAB received a copy of the
24 transcript of the last meeting. And I would like to know if
25 all of you members of the RAB received that copy of the

1 transcript. I see a lot of nodding so then --

2 MS. POWER: I did not.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: You did not receive it?

4 MS. POWER: That's okay. I will get it.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: We will definitely make sure you get
6 a copy of that. That said, again, the transcript of the last
7 meeting of the RAB indicated that there were no action items.
8 So that was accomplished then.

9 At this point, then, I will ask Mr. Paul Carroll to
10 make his presentation on the environmental cleanup.

11 MR. CARROLL: Hello. My name is Paul Carroll. Can
12 you hear me okay?

13 AUDIENCE: Yes.

14 MR. CARROLL: I'll try to speak up. I have a
15 tendency not to speak up so you guys remind me if I'm not.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We'll tell you.

17 MS. GEISSINGER: Shout.

18 MR. CARROLL: I'm here to talk about the
19 environmental update. We'll talk about property transfer and
20 environmental cleanup. And as most of you know who have been
21 at the RAB, I see several members of the community who haven't
22 been here for a while that may not know that we've transferred
23 all the property that was the former Air Force property to the
24 Port San Antonio folks.

25 Part of the property that was originally BRAC

1 property was transfer -- was reassigned to Lackland Air Force
2 Base and a big portion was also transferred to the Port
3 Authority. That's what we commonly call Zones 3 and 5, two
4 industrial areas right in here, and Zone 5 to the north and
5 then Zone 4, which is commonly called East Kelly, and then
6 Zone 2, which is down adjacent to Leon Creek. And that
7 property, of course, was transferred between 2008 and 2010
8 when we achieved whole base transfer in 2010.

9 Now, the regulatory requirements that Kelly operates
10 under is under a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
11 Hazardous Waste Permit. This is the framework that holds the
12 Air Force accountable for cleanup and monitoring of the former
13 base.

14 So this permit was originally issued in 1998 and
15 renewed in April of 2009. It divided the permitted area into
16 five geographical areas to -- to make it easier to keep up
17 with everything because there were a lot of sites on this
18 former base.

19 Fifteen waste management units, which are what we
20 call just typical sites, areas where releases of environmental
21 contamination occurred. And in the groundwater, it
22 establishes cleanup levels. And they're called Groundwater
23 Protection Standards that we have to achieve. So those are
24 target cleanup levels.

25 It also establishes a groundwater monitoring network

1 that we have to sample annually or semiannually to ensure that
2 we're in compliance with those regulatory requirements or on
3 the track to achieving our cleanup goals. And we have a
4 groundwater --

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

6 MR. CARROLL: I'm sorry? Even more.

7 Okay. Our network is over 600 wells so we -- we
8 sample those 600 wells at least once a year or twice a year.
9 And it also establishes Leon Creek locations to be sampled
10 semiannually as well. And we have 72 Leon Creek locations
11 that we sample surface water, sediments or outfalls, which are
12 basically stormwater that comes into Leon Creek. And those
13 can be from a variety of sources, including from Kelly --
14 former Kelly Air Force Base, Lackland Air Force Base and from
15 the surrounding neighborhoods as well.

16 Talking about Leon Creek, this slide in your handout
17 you may be able to see a little bit better. It shows the
18 locations where we sample Leon Creek. These locations are --
19 the most concentrated area that we sample is at the former
20 Lackland and former Kelly Air Force Base. There's several
21 other locations that we sample that are off the base,
22 including downstream and other streams that are not even
23 associated with Kelly or Lackland. So those are required to
24 be sampled twice a year as part of this TCEQ Permit and
25 Compliance Plan.

1 In general, these -- the colored-out boxes talk a
2 little bit about the sampling that we've done. In general,
3 the concentrations and the number of locations we see
4 contaminants over screening levels have decreased over the
5 years. We have copies of these compliance plan reports that
6 we submit every year to TCEQ, twice a year. Those copies are
7 in the library and on the second floor in the Government
8 Documents Section, San Antonio Public Library, 600 North
9 Soledad.

10 Just to show you the original configuration or the
11 original extent of the contamination, when the Air Force
12 started reviewing, sampling, getting data on these plumes,
13 this is what these plumes looked like. As you can see, this
14 dark green outline was the original outline, the original
15 extent of the groundwater -- the shallow groundwater
16 contamination. It was not in the Edwards. It was in the
17 subsurface, about 30 feet -- 30 feet below the surface.

18 So here's the original 1998 tetrachloroethene PCE
19 plume. And the next slide, this shows the original
20 trichloroethene plume extent. As you can see, this has gone
21 off the base well over three miles.

22 Okay. Next slide. During our investigations, we
23 determined that this groundwater contamination existed. We
24 installed systems in place to address -- well over 40
25 remediation systems to address this contaminated groundwater

1 and contaminated soils on the former base. Can't see it too
2 well on this map. I hope you have it on the handout. It's
3 over there as well (pointing to posters at front of room).

4 Really, this is just to get a general picture for
5 the RAB members and everyone to -- to show how many systems we
6 put in. And you're welcome to go up there after the RAB and
7 take a look and I'll be able to answer questions if you have
8 questions about those.

9 Those systems include things like groundwater
10 recovery trenches, pump and treat systems, permeable reactive
11 barriers, which consist of iron filings which remediate the
12 trichloroethene and PCE, tetrachloroethene, from the plumes as
13 water travels through them.

14 We've done amendment -- bio amendment injections,
15 which are intended to break down the contaminants into less
16 harmful by-products. We've also done soil vapor extraction,
17 bioventing, electrical resistive heating -- all of you RAB
18 members have heard these words before -- and excavation. Most
19 of these actions were targeting the higher contaminated plume
20 areas of the former Kelly.

21 Okay. As you can see, a little bit here on this
22 map, this green outline was the original outline of the plumes
23 in 1998. This is where we went out and investigated all of
24 these -- this contamination to determine the extent of the
25 plumes. Now these darker solid green outlines or these darker

1 green plume areas are the plumes in 2011. And this is PCE
2 again. Okay?

3 The next slide will show us TCE. Similar outlines.
4 This is the current extent as of 2011. And in both the
5 trichloroethene and tetrachloroethene, the plume size has been
6 reduced from 1998 to 2011 by about 45 percent. So all of
7 those systems that we've put in are doing some good. They're
8 cutting out -- they're cutting down, treating the groundwater
9 and we still have work to go. So the next slide will show you
10 what we're -- what we're planning on doing.

11 These little push pins show as we have initiated a
12 performance based contract with Shaw Environmental, that is
13 going to last about ten years through about 2022, we've had --
14 Shaw has installed or is installing about 30 locations of bio
15 injections, biowalls that are going to be effective in
16 remediating these plumes. So here is the outline, the kind of
17 a copper-colored outline is the TCE. Green colored outline is
18 the PCE overlapped.

19 As you can see here, it's still pretty faded but
20 this is the current outline of the plumes in the green line,
21 also on base as well as off base. This solid green mass,
22 these areas, are the projected cleanup by 2022. This is based
23 on the optimization activities, the injections that we've --
24 that we are doing currently. This is modeled outcome based on
25 history, based on what we've seen in history, and then based

1 on what they model as -- as the effectiveness of their
2 injections that they're doing right now.

3 Okay. And in summary -- hold on. I got to get a
4 little bit of water here so I can finish up.

5 Since 1998, when we first realized the extent of the
6 problem, cleanup activities -- the initial corrective actions
7 have been effective. We've reduced the source areas, which
8 are the things that you try to target when you first go after
9 plumes to clean them up. Those plume areas are reduced and
10 they're stable and we've been effective in stopping
11 contaminants from entering Leon Creek.

12 But we're not stopping there. We're continuing to
13 optimize the cleanup systems. We're adding these amendments
14 to address aggressively these large contaminated plumes. And
15 we're reducing the time to reach up -- reach the cleanup
16 levels.

17 Also, Leon Creek, we're going to continue to monitor
18 that. We -- we are monitoring those over 70 locations and
19 that's not even including fish tissue sampling. But we are
20 monitoring that. We're going to monitor that and we're going
21 to actively treat the groundwater. We're going to actively
22 monitor the groundwater until it's cleaned up.

23 The 2022 date that I showed you is not the end. As
24 you can see, some of those plumes still remain after 2022.
25 We're still here. We'll be here until these plumes are

1 cleaned up.

2 The permit, that's the regulatory framework we work
3 under with TCEQ, is up for renewal in 2019 as well.

4 Okay. I'm sorry. Some of you didn't see the
5 acronyms. I didn't announce that at first, but that next
6 slide is the acronym list so if you have any questions about
7 that, please ask. All right.

8 MR. MARTINEZ: At this time --

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I ask him a question?
10 Can I ask him a question?

11 MR. MARTINEZ: Excuse me, sir. At this point, like
12 I said at the beginning, the RAB will have an opportunity to
13 make comments, ask questions of Mr. Carroll. At the end of
14 the discussion and questions, comments by members of the RAB,
15 we will open it up to members of the public based on the list
16 of -- of sign-in -- sign-up sheets that I will get.

17 Members of the RAB, comments, questions?

18 MR. SKROBARCEK: Paul, I've got a question. You had
19 indicated that the multitude of wells that you have that
20 you're sampling, the constituents that you have --

21 MS. POWER: Can you speak up, Brian?

22 MR. SKROBARCEK: Sorry. The constituents that
23 you're looking for, a number of them are listed here as the
24 plumes and defined in here in the data. Do you also look
25 at -- I know in the past we talked about radioactive sources

1 on former Kelly and in the golf course area, those types of
2 things. Do you periodically test for or analyze for
3 radioactive sources and that type of thing or can you give us
4 more information about that?

5 MR. CARROLL: Yes. During the initial
6 investigations, what we did was did a -- did a records search,
7 we did history, we did interviews and determined where the
8 radioactive sources were used on Kelly. And we followed
9 through on those. We did investigations at several sites,
10 several locations. We did several cleanups actually of
11 radioactivity in soils at a couple of buildings and in some of
12 the lines that go down to the sewer, the wastewater treatment
13 plant, those were cleaned up and that clean-up was approved by
14 TCEQ at the time.

15 We've done additional radiological investigations at
16 a couple of buildings that are currently under permit,
17 radiological permit. And, you know, in the meantime, we're
18 protecting human health and the environment. We're ensuring
19 that digging doesn't occur at those couple of locations.

20 But part of -- part of the investigations included
21 groundwater monitoring for radiological constituents and
22 that -- that monitoring showed that they were not above
23 background, especially on the Kelly proper. We -- the purview
24 of this RAB is for the former Kelly Air Force Base, which you
25 can see on the map. It did not include the Lackland portion,

1 which is the Zone 1 portion.

2 We -- let me correct myself. We do -- the purview
3 of the RAB does not cover the Lackland Zone 1 area down at
4 Leon Creek. So, you know, that's -- that's for the Lackland
5 folks. They have their own public meetings that they address
6 things with the public and the RAB there. The CCR is what
7 it's called there.

8 So anyway, for Kelly, there are -- there were some
9 cleanups in soils, but there are no contaminants of concern in
10 groundwater, radiological contaminants of concern.

11 MR. SKROBARCEK: So if I -- just to re -- cover that
12 again. So all the sources have been abated at this point that
13 were on former Kelly.

14 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, all except for there are a
15 couple of buildings that Boeing occupies that we have
16 investigated. We've -- we've submitted an investigation
17 report to the regulatory agencies on that. We have not
18 obtained approval on that yet. But once we get approval on
19 that, we could -- you know, we would be able to say that we're
20 done there, too.

21 MR. FELICI: What was the source of the
22 radioactivity?

23 MR. CARROLL: There were mostly radium dial painting
24 shops. There were at least three of those on the former base.
25 Yeah.

1 MS. POWER: And in the area of Zone 1, the golf
2 course area, there were some carcasses that were buried from
3 scientific research back in the '40s and '50s and they were
4 removed in the '90s and all the affected soils were also
5 removed. By carcasses, I mean animal carcasses.

6 MR. CARROLL: Rodrigo?

7 MR. RODRIGO GARCIA: I need to ask you a question
8 about this ongoing problem with Leon Creek. When is there
9 going to be some type of consortium between this Kelly RAB,
10 the Lackland RAB, the EPA and TCEQ joining forces so we can
11 find out, finally, where all this contamination is coming from
12 and how we're going to stop it? Because you can handle the
13 Kelly part; CCR can handle the Lackland part. But the EPA and
14 the TCEQ need to find out upstream where all this is coming
15 from. When are we going to put a consortium together to
16 finally solve all of this?

17 I notice that you're going to renew the permit in
18 seven years from now, in 2019. How much longer is it going to
19 take? Have these two agencies and two RABs and the Air Force
20 ever come up with a plan where it's going to take 30 years, 40
21 years, 60 years? You know, when is this all going to stop
22 with Leon Creek?

23 MR. CARROLL: That's a tough question. You know,
24 the answer -- we can do what we can do here.

25 MR. RODRIGO GARCIA: Yes, I understand.

1 MR. CARROLL: We're addressing what we can address
2 legally and, you know, through what abilities we have. Abby
3 might be able to add something to that.

4 MS. POWER: Yeah. The TCEQ, in conjunction with
5 EPA, USGS, San Antonio River Authority and other governing
6 bodies that oversee surface water, have regular monitoring
7 programs in all waters of the State of Texas. And we are
8 aware that there are some bodies of water, including Leon
9 Creek, both above and below the former Kelly Air Force Base,
10 that do have levels of impairment. And by that, I mean, you
11 know, they could be influenced from surface water runoff from
12 things such as parking lots and businesses to apparently it
13 was common practice for years and years and years to throw
14 waste and rubbish on the creek sides and it would get buried
15 as -- these are historic promiscuous dump sites.

16 We're aware of these things and we do continually
17 monitor them. And when we find a site or a definite impact, a
18 known impact, we address those impacts, through the stormwater
19 program, working with the City of San Antonio, working with
20 the EPA, working with SARA, working with other governing
21 bodies to address those known impacts.

22 But it's going to be an ongoing process, Rodrigo,
23 because society doesn't cease to grow. Businesses don't stop
24 being businesses. People don't quit driving their cars. So
25 because we are a progressive urban area, you're going to have

1 these continuing impacts and they are continuing to be looked
2 at.

3 If you have knowledge of known specific impacts, you
4 are always welcome to bring that to our attention and you do
5 bring it to our attention. You've stopped at our office.
6 You've called people. You've sent e-mails. You are -- you've
7 sent letters. You're very good at pointing out areas where
8 you know there's an impact and we'd be happy to follow up on
9 it.

10 MR. GARCIA: Because we have a lot of impacts. We
11 got that Olmos dump site over there. We have that old power
12 plant that they used the chemicals to -- to put that stuff on
13 blue jeans to make them hard. There's a trucking company
14 right on Highway 90 that cleans and greases their trucks and
15 all that place there is full of grease.

16 You know, why doesn't TCEQ and EPA do an inventory
17 of everything? You know what the Air Force already did. But
18 why doesn't TCEQ and the EPA --

19 MS. POWER: I'm trying to tell you, we do. We do.

20 MR. RODRIGO GARCIA: Go investigate every --

21 MS. POWER: We look --

22 MR. RODRIGO GARCIA: Go investigate --

23 MS. POWER: -- at it regularly.

24 THE REPORTER: One at a time, please.

25 MS. POWER: I'm sorry.

1 It is a regular process. There is -- some water
2 monitoring stations are monitored monthly; some are monitored
3 quarterly; some are monitored semiannually or annually. This
4 is a continuing ongoing process. It doesn't stop.

5 MR. RODRIGO GARCIA: That's why we need to continue
6 our RAB board so we can address all these issues and finally
7 find out where all this is coming from.

8 MR. CARROLL: Well, that --

9 MR. ARZOLA: Is that --

10 MR. CARROLL: Let me answer a little bit about that.
11 As I said, we have what would even be the purview of the RAB
12 and then we have what would not be the purview of the RAB.
13 The purview of the RAB is to address contaminants from the
14 former Kelly Air Force Base. So we wouldn't even have that
15 ability to spread out into the remaining part of that.

16 MR. RODRIGO GARCIA: But my concern is if they are
17 contributing to this contamination that comes in to your Air
18 Force jurisdiction, we got to find a way to get these two --
19 two agencies to stop it and so you don't get blamed for that.

20 MR. CARROLL: I understand that.

21 MR. RODRIGO GARCIA: We have to make --

22 MR. CARROLL: I understand your concern.

23 MR. RODRIGO GARCIA: -- a line of separation.

24 MR. CARROLL: We could -- could not address it at
25 the RAB though. There are ways that we would be able to help

1 work with it outside, but we couldn't do it at the RAB. We
2 can do -- we can address the things that are Kelly Air Force
3 Base things. Okay?

4 MR. ARZOLA: You made a comment in your summary, the
5 last -- second to the last bullet point, monitoring and
6 groundwater monitoring and will continue until cleanup has
7 been completed.

8 MR. CARROLL: Yes, sir.

9 MR. ARZOLA: Who is going to be the point of contact
10 or who is going -- if I have a concern, who do I call? Do I
11 call the Port?

12 MR. CARROLL: That will be answered -- I mean I can
13 answer it right now, but I don't want to steal Linda's
14 thunder. She has a lot of information about how to contact us
15 and how we're going to maintain communications into the future
16 here. Is that okay?

17 MR. ARZOLA: Oh, sure.

18 MS. GEISSINGER: Is that his question then? How is
19 he going to contact the -- Kelly?

20 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. I mean you've got my e-mail
21 address. You've got my contact information, but you got the
22 PA hotline number in all of these packets --

23 MR. ARZOLA: I'm talking about --

24 MR. CARROLL: -- that you can talk to.

25 MR. ARZOLA: Well, I'm talking about the rest of the

1 community. If I'm at Post 76 and a veteran comes up to me,
2 who I do contact, I hear these type of questions all the time.
3 And not only concerning that, but VA issues and things like
4 that. And there's always that -- that blanket statement. We
5 will continue, we will be here to serve. Okay. Well, who?
6 Who do we contact? You know. And --

7 MR. CARROLL: Well, I'm not leaving.

8 MR. ARZOLA: I guess that's what I'm asking.

9 MR. CARROLL: As far as I know. I still -- as long
10 as I have a job here, but there will be a predecessor if I
11 don't. So, you know, Linda has a lot of the information here.
12 If it's an agency that has to do with health concerns about
13 workers, worker health, things like that, it will be -- it's
14 on that list.

15 But anything to do with the contamination, the
16 cleanup here, the progress of that cleanup, we're going to
17 be -- remain to be accessible. We have this Building 171 that
18 you've all been in, I don't think we're leaving that building
19 soon.

20 MR. ARZOLA: Okay. Thank you.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other comments, questions by
22 members of the RAB of Mr. Carroll on the presentation of the
23 environmental cleanup? There being none, I have seven sign-up
24 sheets by members of the public.

25 Remember, that after this discussion, there will be

1 a presentation by this lady (indicating) on the topic of the
2 potential adjournment of the RAB. So this discussion, this
3 opportunity for you to speak, is only on the environmental
4 cleanup, not the potential adjournment of the RAB. Okay?

5 So the first person I have here is Belinda Silvas.
6 Do you have a comment?

7 MS. SILVAS: I don't.

8 MR. MARTINEZ: Okay. The next person, Robert
9 Silvas.

10 MS. SILVAS: He stepped out. He'll be right back.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: The next person Ken, pardon me,
12 Meiners. Yes, sir. You're welcome to stand there or come to
13 the podium.

14 MR. MEINERS: This is all right.

15 The man said the only radiation at Kelly Field is
16 the building. We got a 40-page report from the federal
17 government that says it's buried all over the place and even
18 on the golf course. And we've seen it out there with Geiger
19 counters. It's buried and it's been leaking into the water
20 system. And this report came from the United States Air
21 Force, Pentagon, Department of Energy and Nuclear Regulatory
22 Commission and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The man lied.

23 There is all kinds of radiation out there and it's
24 leaking into the water system of the City of San Antonio. We
25 have taken Geiger counters and found it in Whataburger. We

1 found it at HEB. And the only way of taking this out is put a
2 filter system in everybody's house and with a -- then put the
3 RO inside the house with another filter to take out the
4 radiation and all the radiation and all that stuff. And I've
5 been on retired Social Security disability for drinking
6 radioactive water on base and in the City of San Antonio. And
7 here's the 40-page report that says that guy's a liar. Thank
8 you.

9 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, sir. I apologize. Again,
10 I'd like to remind the next speaker that I am using a timer.
11 You will not hear an obnoxious beep, but I will ask you to
12 limit your comments to three minutes.

13 So again, please state your name. And if we need to
14 spell it, we will ask you to spell it.

15 The next person, Diana Lopez. Could you stand up,
16 please, Ms. Lopez? Three minutes. Okay?

17 MS. LOPEZ: So the relationship between the RAB and
18 the community members hasn't really necessarily been good. I
19 think in the past, we've all been thrown out, we've all been
20 screamed at, our mics have been turned off. And the reality
21 is that there is not a lot of trust between agencies and
22 community. And the reality is that we have community members
23 who give testimony that their wells haven't been checked. We
24 have community members telling us that -- and I work with
25 Southwest Workers Union and the Committee for the Enviromental

1 Justice Action with Robert Alvarado here, who lives on Baker
2 for 42 years.

3 And I -- I feel that there needs to be a better
4 process for getting this information out, specifically if the
5 contamination is still present and more than 50 percent is
6 still existing. And there is not much communication with
7 community members. You see, we got -- we got the letter on
8 Friday and had to scrounge around people to try to get them to
9 come to this meeting. And it's been very difficult.

10 So is there going to be any questions answered after
11 this or what's going to be the process for these comments?
12 Are there going to be any answers from the RAB? Like what's
13 going to happen with those comments or questions?

14 MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Carroll made the presentation so
15 we'll allow him to make any comments, responses. And of
16 course the floor is open to any member of the RAB.

17 MS. LOPEZ: Okay. So my question specifically is
18 around the Leon Creek. And aside from that monitoring, what
19 type of cleanup process is happening? Because the only thing
20 I saw here was around monitoring.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, Ms. Lopez. Any response,
22 comments from staff?

23 MR. CARROLL: Can I -- I'd like to respond to
24 Mr. Meiners first and then the lady.

25 MR. MARTINEZ: Yes, sir.

1 MR. CARROLL: Mr. Meiners, the -- the Lack -- the
2 former golf course was on -- is on the Lackland -- is
3 Lackland's responsibility. I'm talking about -- when I talked
4 about the Kelly RAB, this is the former Kelly Air Force Base
5 that was not realigned to Lackland. I'm sorry if I didn't
6 make that clear. So if you're talking about the Lackland
7 landfill, I do not know and it is not the purview --

8 MR. MEINERS: But that was Kelly.

9 MR. CARROLL: Yes, it was the former Kelly. So I
10 may have not been clear enough in that. That's realigned to
11 Lackland. It's Lackland's responsibility. If you'd like to
12 address them in their community meeting, I believe that
13 meeting is in about a week.

14 Abby, do you happen to have the date on that?

15 MS. POWER: Yeah.

16 MS. THOMAS: The 16th.

17 MR. CARROLL: The 16th of October?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 17th.

19 MR. CARROLL: The 17th? Okay. My apologies for --

20 MS. POWER: It's at the Valley Hi Elementary School.

21 MR. CARROLL: Can you repeat that? I'm sorry. I
22 talked over you.

23 MS. POWER: The Valley Hi Elementary School is where
24 they have their public meeting.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And what's the date?

1 MS. POWER: The 17th. 6:30 p.m.

2 MR. CARROLL: And my apologies for not being clear
3 enough on that. I'm sorry.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: Ms. Lopez?

5 MR. CARROLL: Ms. Lopez, cleanup processes at Leon
6 Creek. As I just said, what we call Zone 2 is in the
7 Lackland -- is Lackland's responsibility. Or Zone 1, I'm
8 sorry, is Lackland's responsibility. That's part that was
9 realigned to the former Lackland Air Force Base. Any
10 questions over there can be directed to them and their CCR
11 meeting.

12 But this portion of Kelly Air Force Base, which is
13 in Zone 2, that's down by Leon Creek as well. We have
14 probably ten to 15 systems that are there cleaning
15 groundwater, taking care of soils contamination. We've done
16 some big soil removal action in those areas over the years and
17 I'd be glad to discuss that with you after the RAB if you'd
18 like to go up and look at the map with me and I'll go over
19 each one of those and what we're doing there, as well as
20 monitoring those situations.

21 With our new performance based contract, we've done
22 numerous injections in that area as well to address the
23 soil -- the groundwater contamination, to help speed up the
24 contaminant remediation in that area.

25 MS. LOPEZ: What is -- what is the injections?

1 MR. CARROLL: It is bio -- it's vegetable oil and
2 it's amendments that help the bacteria -- the naturally
3 occurring bacteria to be able to break down the
4 trichloroethene and the tetrachloroethene. It's a
5 well-established cleanup methodology that works much better
6 than many of the systems that historically the Air Force has
7 put in. It works quicker and it works more efficiently.

8 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you. The next person, if you
9 have comments on the topic of the environmental cleanup,
10 Ms. Irma T. Smith. You have three minutes.

11 MS. SMITH: Does walking up there cost me?

12 MR. MARTINEZ: You may.

13 MS. SMITH: No, but does walking count for the three
14 minutes?

15 MR. MARTINEZ: No. No, ma'am.

16 MS. SMITH: I want to make sure because I'm going to
17 read this to you-all.

18 MR. MARTINEZ: That's fine.

19 MS. SMITH: And listen clearly because I'm going to
20 be rapid so it will be within the three minutes. Okay?

21 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you.

22 MS. SMITH: My career at Kelly Air Force Base, San
23 Antonio, Texas, started on August the 6th, 1984 and ended
24 October 20th, 1987. I was hired into the Air Logistics
25 Apprentice Program as a sheet metal mechanic. This was a

1 program requiring on-the-job training and schooling at
2 Southwest College off Quintana Road. It is no longer there.

3 We were a great deal of the time at Kelly Air Force
4 Base hangars working on the B-52, C5s and C-130 aircrafts. We
5 worked on all sheet metal that needed repair inside and
6 outside the aircraft. We were also assigned different
7 workstations at Kelly Air Force Base every four weeks to
8 include the shops where components of aircrafts were worked
9 on. We worked on engine cowlings, elevators, tails of the
10 aircraft and engines.

11 THE REPORTER: Slow down, please.

12 MS. SMITH: I have three minutes. You just took one
13 minute away from me. Okay?

14 MR. MARTINEZ: We're flexible.

15 MS. SMITH: Also, we worked where there were
16 chemicals and bonding materials, which we found out later were
17 highly carcinogenic and highly irritant to your body. We were
18 never trained on Material Safety Data Sheets, nor did we ever
19 hear them mentioned by authority figures. We were never shown
20 any Material Safety Data Sheets, nor were they posted. Not
21 until my separation from Kelly Air Force Base due to a
22 work-related back injury, and on workman's compensation, did a
23 sister of mine who worked at Southwest Research Center tell me
24 what they were. She was shocked I had never heard of one. My
25 supervisor at the time, Mario Davila, stated on official

1 government documentation that Material Safety Data Sheets were
2 placed at Building 375 not until 1988 or '89.

3 According to OSHA regulations, Federal Register
4 Volume 48, No. 228, OSHA issued its final regulation in
5 November 25th, 1983. The regulations were also to require all
6 shipments of hazardous materials leaving the manufacturer's
7 workplace and from all importers of such on all shipments to
8 November 1985. Distributors were to comply as of that same
9 date. All employees were to be in compliance with all
10 provisions of this section, including training requirements
11 for all current employees by May 25th, 1986. Therefore, there
12 were no safety implementations during my employment.

13 Chemicals I was exposed to and effects on my health
14 are as follows: Methyl ethyl ketone, the Perch -- that I
15 can't pronounce, the TTC, whatever you call it, asbestos,
16 Soltrol-130, Soltrol-220, jet fuels JP-4, JP-5, PCPs,
17 radiation and Agent Orange.

18 And I'm living proof of the Agent Orange, it messes
19 up all the sleeve that you have that protects your -- your
20 skeletal area.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Spinal column.

22 MR. MARTINEZ: Spinal column.

23 MS. SMITH: Spinal column. It's called
24 Arachnoiditis. It's a sleeve, like a spider. That's why it's
25 called arach. And I have 20 percent damage to it. And

1 another fellow in our group has 60 percent damage to it
2 because he was exposed in Vietnam.

3 Illnesses are as follows: Fibromyalgia, right
4 breast cancer, stomach problems to include removal of part of
5 intestines in 2007, Sjogren's disease, that y'all probably
6 don't even know. It's S-J-O-G-R-E-N-S disease. Acid reflux,
7 rheumatoid arthritis, bladder and bowel dysfunction, as well
8 as sexual dysfunction. Arachnoiditis syndrome, thyroiditis,
9 migraine headaches and recurrent dental problems and
10 difficulty swallowing.

11 Now you-all can come up with all this. Nothing has
12 changed since I've been coming to this meeting. You-all keep
13 making studies and studies and studies. These people were
14 given a slap in the face for their property damage and nothing
15 has been done to compensate the people that have been damaged
16 like I have. And we can bring all the proof. We can bring
17 the President of the United States to tell you-all that it's
18 true and you-all will still whitewash everything and band-aid
19 everything because you-all are being trained to do that. And
20 don't tell me you're not, because you are.

21 All the agencies here are here to just cover up
22 everything. But in the meantime, our Secretary of State
23 Hillary Clinton so eloquently passed a bill for 32 or
24 \$37 million to be allocated to people in Vietnam because of
25 the stuff about the Agent Orange that was, you know, taking

1 place there during the Vietnam War. That's how many years
2 later after the Vietnam War. You-all do the math.

3 Now, if they can allocate them that much money, are
4 they going to wait that many years to allocate money to the
5 people that have been damaged by it? I don't want to hear --
6 this, we already know, nothing is going to be cleaned up. The
7 radiation is there. You don't get rid of radiation overnight.
8 You can't cement over it and get rid of it. It's there to
9 stay. It's in the air.

10 There was even a bomb exploded here and everybody
11 denies it because it happened during the Kennedy era when he
12 was assassinated in 1963. The Ohio State University made a
13 study of it and it was -- it was covered up because of the
14 Kennedy assassination. It happened in the same week. The
15 explosion was so great it made a mushroom cloud and it
16 exploded all the windows in Crossroads Mall. Okay? And we
17 have proof of all this.

18 And then you tell me as soon as the -- what happened
19 in Japan, what did they give those people over there when
20 their nuclear reactors went off? They gave them thyroid
21 medicine. Why? Because they know what it does to your system
22 right away. And it's not going to go away. It never goes
23 away. Once you do that kind of damage, it doesn't go away.
24 Natural attenuation happens. It takes millions of years for
25 that to happen.

1 MR. MARTINEZ: Ms. Smith, may we get a copy of that?

2 MS. SMITH: Yeah. You can get a copy of this and
3 the study from the Ohio State University, too.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you very much for your --

5 MS. SMITH: I'm sorry I cried, but I get disgusted
6 at what goes on at these meetings and I used to be a member of
7 the RAB. And nothing has changed. It's a different date,
8 same old BS.

9 MR. MARTINEZ: The next person, Mr. Alvarado,
10 Robert.

11 MR. ALVARADO: I just have a few comments. I live
12 between the base and the East Kelly.

13 MR. MARTINEZ: Could you speak a little louder?

14 MR. ALVARADO: Yes. I live by the main base and
15 East Kelly and I live in between. And I just wanted to find
16 some information, what they're digging in the East Kelly
17 section out there by the Laredo Highway and Fay. There's some
18 digging in the ground by the old Kelly Air Force Base, East
19 Kelly, and I would like to know what kind of digging or what
20 kind of studies are you doing at the corner?

21 MR. CARROLL: Would you repeat where that is?

22 MR. ALVARADO: East Kelly by Laredo Highway and Fay.
23 In the corner, there's -- there's hills of dirt where they're
24 digging right there by the corner. What kind of study or what
25 they're studying on the grounds there. There's a lot of dust

1 flying around the neighborhood, in our neighborhood.

2 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. That's -- that's part of the
3 redevelopment activities. That's construction on a railroad
4 spur; is that correct?

5 MR. ALVARADO: It's a vacant corner. Right on the
6 corner, there's --

7 MR. CARROLL: Yes, sir.

8 MR. ALVARADO: There are buildings and then there's
9 empty land and that's where they are -- it hits the -- right
10 in the corner of Fay and Quintana. I mean Laredo Highway.

11 MR. CARROLL: I'm pretty sure that's construction to
12 do with the railroad. The rail tracks that go in there are
13 going to serve a new facility I believe, an expanded facility
14 that is going to supply frac sand for the oil field industry.

15 Is that correct, Eloy? As far as you know?

16 MR. ALVARADO: I see the railroad pretty far away
17 from where they're digging because it's at the end of the
18 fence. The railroad is at least about maybe 500, 600 feet
19 away from the corner. And this is right at the corner of
20 Laredo Highway and Fay. There's nothing else in between.
21 There's a building and then there's the land and then there's
22 where they're digging. So I don't know --

23 MR. ELOY GARCIA: They're extending the rail.
24 There's an existing rail and they're extending the rail.
25 They're also putting up a berm to act as a divider between

1 industrial activity and the neighborhood. So --

2 MR. ALVARADO: Because that's flying around to the
3 neighborhood. There's houses just across the street.

4 MR. ELOY GARCIA: That's why they're building the
5 berm, to act as sort of a barrier.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: Can I ask you to raise your voices
7 please.

8 MR. ALVARADO: Yes. But I wanted to know how long
9 it's going to be before, you know, it's complete.

10 MR. FELICI: Well, as Mr. Garcia indicated, this is
11 going to actually be a railroad expansion and there's no
12 facility immediately planned for that. It would just be an
13 additional rail spur, like the ones that are happening at the
14 northern end. And the construction should be done fairly
15 quickly. And I do apologize if there have been issues with
16 the dust flying. We have raised the issue with the contractor
17 and I'll make sure to raise it again. And I'll be happy to
18 provide you my information so you can just contact me
19 directly.

20 As Mr. Garcia also indicated, there will be a berm
21 that's going to be built there and there will be land that is
22 not going to be developed so it will continue serving as a
23 buffer between the homes on Fay Street and -- and Laredo
24 Highway.

25 MS. LOPEZ: Another question that he asked that

1 wasn't answered was what kind of study were -- are made to
2 insure that the dust around -- the dust, like what kind of
3 studies are to ensure that the contaminants are not in the
4 dust blowing into the communities? I didn't hear an answer.

5 MR. FELICI: Well, before we begin any kind of
6 development activity on that --

7 MR. MARTINEZ: Could you raise your voice, please?

8 MR. FELICI: Before we begin any kind of development
9 activity on that scale, our engineers would routinely check in
10 with -- with the Air Force to make sure that this -- this type
11 of development would be permissible. Also, the fact that the
12 land has been deeded over to us, that that would not have
13 happened if the property had not met minimum State and EPA
14 standards.

15 MS. METZGER: I couldn't hear his answer at all.

16 MR. CARROLL: Let me paraphrase this a little bit.

17 During -- the property is transferred. Of course
18 the Port Authority owns the property. When the Port Authority
19 decides or is in process of contemplating redevelopment, they
20 work with the Air Force to determine where -- the Air Force
21 will tell them where the sites are, what kind of restrictions
22 there are on the sites. If there's any special soil handling
23 requirements that the Air Force has, we'll let the Port
24 Authority know what those restrictions are.

25 We meet with them on almost a weekly basis to talk

1 about various redevelopment activities. You know, we have
2 wells in a lot of places. We have treatment systems in a lot
3 of places. So, number one, you know, we ensure that those
4 treatment systems aren't destroyed by redevelopment, but we
5 also try to assist the Port and their tenants in ensuring that
6 their redevelopment activities can occur. So if we have to
7 move a monitoring well over, you know, if it requires approval
8 from TCEQ and EPA, we'll work that and make sure that happens
9 for the Port.

10 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, Mr. Alvarado, again, for
11 those questions.

12 The next person, Mary Sanchez Parker. Welcome,
13 Ms. Parker.

14 MS. PARKER: Thank you. I have a question for you.
15 I grew up in the Valley Hi area, which is in between Medina
16 Base and Kelly, off of Loop 410 and Valley Hi Drive. I moved
17 there when I was eight years old and I continue to live in
18 that same house.

19 When I was in -- in 1991, I started getting
20 migraines. Out of the blue. Never had them before. Just
21 started getting migraines. And they lasted for about two
22 years. I kept going back to the doctors and they kept putting
23 me on more medicine and more medicine and more medicine.

24 Finally, I went to see a neurologist and he told me
25 that I didn't have a brain tumor -- he told me that I had a

1 brain tumor, that I was not having migraines. They told me
2 that that tumor was directly related to that explosion that
3 they had at Medina Base because of the nuclear radiation that
4 was put out throughout the area and people in that area were
5 not notified about that information.

6 Are we ever going to get compensated back again so I
7 can pay some of my medical bills off for what happened to me?

8 MR. CARROLL: This -- the answer to that is we -- we
9 focus -- all we're allowed to focus on, legally, is the former
10 Kelly Air Force Base and that cleanup that we're responsible
11 for here.

12 That -- the explosion at Medina was a totally other
13 jurisdiction, another responsibility that I -- I couldn't
14 answer if I tried because we don't -- we don't have cleanup in
15 that area. We -- we address the cleanup on the former Kelly
16 Air Force base. And I'm sorry.

17 We can give you the list of other -- of agencies to
18 contact, ask questions --

19 MS. PARKER: Okay. Because I use to work at
20 St. John Berchmans where Beverly Abbott is from.

21 MR. CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. PARKER: She's a member of your committee.

23 MR. CARROLL: Yes.

24 MS. PARKER: And I saw that she did speak on one of
25 them. I worked there for over ten years. Drank the water

1 there, thinking everything was fine, and it wasn't fine.
2 There's still people in -- my daughter is still in this area
3 so I'm scared for her now.

4 MR. CARROLL: For everyone's information, the
5 drinking water in this entire area is served by the San
6 Antonio Metro -- the SAWS, San Antonio Water System. That's a
7 public approved water supply. It comes from a different
8 source than the shallow groundwater underneath Kelly so --

9 MR. SILVAS: So why are you-all drinking bottled
10 water, all of you-all?

11 MR. MARTINEZ: I'm sorry? I apologize.

12 MR. CARROLL: I think that -- that's the trend.

13 MR. MARTINEZ: One comment/question at a time.

14 MR. CARROLL: It's portable.

15 MS. POWER: Ma'am, I would recommend you go next
16 week to the Lackland Air Force Base.

17 MS. PARKER: I live five houses up the street from
18 there.

19 MS. POWER: Yeah. Ms. Metzger can tell you where
20 they meet and direct your questions to them because they're
21 the part of the Air Force that's responsible for that
22 activity, not the Kelly staff.

23 MS. PARKER: All right. Thank you.

24 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, Ms. Parker. Thank you
25 very much.

1 Mr. Silvas, you were out of the room when I called
2 your name. You have three minutes, sir.

3 MR. SILVAS: I have a statement to read here. This
4 is a statement of facts, information directly from all
5 government reports from Air Force, EPA, TCEQ and proves that
6 adjournment of the Kelly RAB, that would otherwise protect
7 human health and keep the community safely informed, as a
8 former elected member of Kelly RAB and co-chair, I can
9 unequivocally state that all contaminations will never be at
10 safe levels as long as the community has independent
11 scientists who confirm that Air Force's true contamination and
12 extent and through -- through the contamination.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can barely hear you. I can
14 barely hear you.

15 MR. SILVAS: I'm referring to a specific -- a
16 specific study done by Alvin Young. It's the history for the
17 U.S. Department of Defense Program and Testing of Evaluation
18 and Storage of Tactical Herbicides. It states that Kelly was
19 never a base that should have had or stored Agent Orange.
20 This has been brought to the attention of this gentleman and
21 his prior predecessors. You keep stating that Agent Orange
22 was never kept in its final formula.

23 MR. CARROLL: Correct.

24 MR. SILVAS: That's untrue. I can show you that
25 from your own documents and your IRP reports and this will be

1 provided to everybody.

2 Federal laws are being broken here. Every day you
3 guys sit here next to TCEQ, EPA, Metro Health. Everyone in
4 the federal agency has been collaborating to cover up the true
5 extent and the contamination that has seeped into the water
6 and continues to poison the community, kill our families and
7 yet this gentleman and you-all can approve to cut off three
8 minutes so we can't stay here any longer to voice our
9 concerns.

10 Did the RAB approve the deletion of the extra
11 donation of three minutes, guys?

12 MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Silvas, can you focus on your
13 presentation, please?

14 MR. SILVAS: This is my three minutes. I can speak
15 how I please; right? You guys, did you approve of three
16 minutes being deleted or donated from the community?

17 MR. MARTINEZ: Sir, the topic is the environmental
18 cleanup --

19 MR. SILVAS: This is the topic. It's my three
20 minutes. Hush up. See, you-all didn't even approve it; did
21 you-all? You-all make the rules up as you go to keep us out
22 of the loop. This just -- it's unfair. It's unlawful.
23 You-all are breaking the law.

24 MR. MARTINEZ: You have 30 seconds, sir.

25 MR. SILVAS: Yeah. So your day is coming, you guys.

1 Karma is a bitch and it's coming for you. Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. MARTINEZ: I have exhausted the names that I was
4 provided. Is there anybody else that has signed up that I did
5 not call?

6 The next item on the agenda is now a presentation by
7 Ms. Linda Geissinger on the potential adjournment of the RAB.

8 MS. GEISSINGER: Thank you. My name is Linda
9 Geissinger and I'm with the Air Force and I do public affairs
10 and community relations for closing Air Force bases in the Air
11 Force.

12 And the purpose of my discussion tonight is to talk
13 about how does the Air Force and the Department of Defense go
14 about deciding if it is time to adjourn the RAB. And we
15 talked about this in this forum many times, specifically on
16 the record last April, and we went over the process in detail.
17 But I wanted to share that again tonight since some of you
18 weren't here at that last meeting.

19 There is a -- can everyone hear me okay?

20 MS. METZGER: No.

21 MS. GEISSINGER: No? Okay. Louder. Is that
22 better? Okay. Sorry. I feel like I'm yelling, but I want
23 you to be able to hear me, so thank you.

24 There is a formal process. It is governed by a RAB
25 Rule which is a legal requirement and we follow that process

1 when we come to this point in an environmental cleanup.

2 The reason we are here -- the reason I am here
3 tonight asking is this time to adjourn the RAB is for three
4 reasons. Primarily, all the decisions are final; all of the
5 property has been transferred; and, last of all, all of the
6 remedies to clean up the contamination are in place and are
7 operating properly and successfully as determined by the State
8 and Federal EPA.

9 So at that point, the Air Force is required to ask
10 the community if they are in agreement that it is time to
11 adjourn the RAB, and that is what we are doing tonight.

12 If you can't see the slide up here, it is in the
13 packets. We are in an official public comment period. It
14 began on October 1 and it goes for 30 days. During the 30-day
15 public comment period, you may submit comments on this topic
16 either in writing, through e-mail or verbally. And one of the
17 reasons we wanted to have the meeting tonight was to allow you
18 to come up and to share with us your opinion on if it is time
19 to adjourn the RAB. And we are taking that down formally.
20 It's a formal public comment period and it is legally
21 required. We're taking that down and that will go into the
22 record and then that record will help us determine what our
23 decision is.

24 Once we consult with the EPA, the State and of
25 course the community, then we make a decision whether or not

1 to adjourn the RAB. If we decide to adjourn the RAB, then we
2 must document that decision in a RAB Adjournment Report. And
3 the rationale for adjournment must be documented. That report
4 is a public document and it will be filed in the
5 administrative record.

6 Also, we are required to send out a public notice
7 letting everyone know that the RAB is going to be adjourned
8 and we send out a personal letter through the post mail.

9 I think that there has been perhaps misinformation
10 that this advisory board is the only way to get information
11 about the cleanup. And I wanted to clarify that, that that is
12 not true. There are many different ways that the Air Force
13 can provide information to the community about the ongoing
14 cleanup at Kelly.

15 Groundwater takes a lot of time to clean up. If you
16 think about a sponge full of soap and you squeeze that sponge,
17 it takes a lot -- it takes a little bit of time to get most of
18 the soap out, but it takes many many years to filter the water
19 through and get all of that -- the cleanup out.

20 So these systems are going to be in place and
21 operating long-term at Kelly for more decades; and therefore,
22 this advisory board may not be the most appropriate way for us
23 to communicate with the community and to answer questions
24 about the creek or about water. And we want to be able to do
25 that and to put our time and resources into addressing your

1 concerns in the most appropriate way and not just say that
2 this RAB is a band-aid for all communication needs. And that
3 is our intent.

4 So I have a list here of some other outreach
5 activities. The first on the list is the formal opportunity.
6 If there is a major development in the cleanup, we are
7 required by law to have a public meeting. So just because the
8 RAB is adjourned, we would still have to announce the public
9 meeting, take public comments and -- and put it in the
10 newspaper as well.

11 The second item is the website. We've done a lot of
12 work to update the website. We have frequently asked
13 questions on there. We also have the plume maps and we have
14 people that you can contact. There's refrigerator magnets in
15 the back that has the web address on it. I just wanted to let
16 everyone know that.

17 The next item is presentations. If you have a
18 community group and that group has special interests or
19 concerns, and you contact the public affairs office, we would
20 be more than happy to send someone, the right people, to your
21 community association or your group and to talk to you about
22 the cleanup at Kelly and how it's going.

23 And of course one-on-one meetings are always an
24 option with elected officials or community members that want
25 to just maybe sit down and get their questions answered with

1 knowledgeable representatives.

2 The last point I wanted to make is that Kelly is
3 very fortunate in that the location is right here in San
4 Antonio where there is a big Air Force presence. There are a
5 lot of closed Air Force bases throughout the nation where the
6 Air Force has literally not only transferred all of the
7 property, but has also moved away. And here at Kelly, you
8 still have a very active office. As a matter of fact, the hub
9 for all Air Force real -- real estate is located in Building
10 171. And there's a dedicated office, a public affairs office,
11 that it's their responsibility to respond to public questions
12 and comments and to provide information.

13 So I wanted to let you know that and that, tonight,
14 we would really like to hear from the community about RAB
15 adjournment and if you agree or disagree that this is the time
16 to adjourn the RAB.

17 So I'm going to turn it over to Jose to facilitate
18 that and I thank you for your time.

19 MR. MARTINEZ: Very well. I will take the comment
20 cards or persons' cards in the same order as we did before.

21 So Belinda Silvas, do you have any comments?
22 Ms. Silvas?

23 MS. SILVAS: I don't want to adjourn. I don't want
24 the RAB to adjourn.

25 MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Robert Silvas.

1 MR. SILVAS: Yes. First of all, I think the RAB
2 should continue.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: Could I ask you to come to the podium
4 so that the court reporter will get every --

5 MR. SILVAS: I think the RAB should stay in place.
6 First of all, it keeps the community involved and keeps you
7 guys sort of in check, although you're still going to continue
8 to break federal laws like you have in the past and deny,
9 deny, deny until the truth comes out. But the RAB is in place
10 and we will make the community's voice heard through myself,
11 others that make -- that have time to make it because right is
12 right, wrong is wrong.

13 It's wrong to disband the RAB because the Air Force
14 feels that all cleanup standard have been met, which is
15 totally false. Contamination continues to seep into Leon
16 Creek. Fish continue to be contaminated and it's showing up
17 in tissue samples. The water is radioactive out at Kelly Air
18 Force Base.

19 The air is dirty. The vapor sampling that was going
20 on at the housing was showing contamination. The liver
21 studies that Metro Health covered up was about to link liver
22 cancers with Kelly, but they stepped on that, too.

23 So by closing the RAB, you're just allowing TCEQ,
24 EPA and the Air Force just to continue to sweep everything
25 under the rug and, you know, business as usual while we just

1 die and continue to be poisoned from their mistakes in the
2 past.

3 So I think the RAB should stay in place and
4 disbanding it would only allow these to continue breaking
5 federal laws. Thank you.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, Mr. Silvas.

7 (Applause)

8 THE COURT: Mr. Ken Meiners. Come to the podium,
9 please.

10 MR. MEINERS: I think we should keep the RAB. Right
11 now, we have attorneys talking to the attorney general and
12 we're talking to the Texas Rangers. This State of Texas is a
13 sovereign nation. The government will have to obey by the
14 Texas laws. We gave you-all, the government, pleasures to
15 come in here. We're trying to now get the Texas Rangers and
16 start filing charges to pick up the base commanders for mass
17 murder of the people of the City of San Antonio. Thank you.

18 (Applause)

19 THE COURT: Ms. Diana Lopez. Could you come to the
20 podium, please, so we can really record everything you have to
21 say. Thank you.

22 MS. LOPEZ: So I grew up by Leon Creek and the only
23 reason I found out about the contamination was because the
24 local organization let us know about it. And that's basically
25 how I got involved. We did studies of the community. We kind

1 of monitored and were able to find out that a large percentage
2 of the community was still getting sick.

3 And a process of -- a process that engages community
4 in a more interactive way I think is definitely necessary.
5 And the RAB is part of that, I feel, but not the whole part of
6 that. Cleanup is not over yet, even though it sounds like
7 what is being said is kind of like the final point and that's
8 not the reality.

9 The reality is that contamination is still present.
10 it's still happening. It's still going to happen and there
11 should be a process for engaging community within that
12 section.

13 And I think you should allow more than 30 days for
14 people to comment on that. I think it should be open till the
15 end of the year or until next year for people to comment on
16 that because 30 days is not enough for people to find out
17 about it, to gather their thoughts and really submit something
18 concrete. Thank you.

19 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, Ms. Lopez. The next
20 person, Irma Smith.

21 MS. SMITH: Yet another letter. I'll try not to cry
22 this time. It's not funny.

23 MR. MARTINEZ: I'm sorry.

24 MS. SMITH: If you go through what I'd gone through,
25 you wouldn't think it was funny.

1 This is a letter addressed to department of Air
2 Force, 8023 MSG/JAD, Kenly Avenue, Lackland Air Force Base.

3 For all of you-all that aren't aware of it, you can
4 fill out a form 95 and you send it Lackland. It specifies in
5 bold lettering, they want to know how much you're filing a
6 suit for. All these meetings are to stop the statute of
7 limitation. They don't want you to become aware that from the
8 time you have knowledge of the water contamination, the soil,
9 or the air, two years. That's what all these meetings are
10 about, to stonewall your rights.

11 You know, Oh, go to a lawyer? Your statute of
12 limitations expired, Ms. Smith. But in my case, it hasn't
13 because I was contaminated at several bases and I didn't
14 become aware of it until my doctor told me what had happened
15 to me with all my illnesses.

16 I'm going to read you-all this letter: Since I was
17 separated from Kelly Air Force Base for back and emotional
18 injuries on OWCP on 20th, '87, I have had one illness and
19 surgeries after another. And then I go through rehabilitation
20 for weeks and months. I have had no quality of life since
21 then.

22 I never really could focus on why I kept getting
23 sick until recently. Then I did some research and found out
24 that the radiation and Agent Orange that was stored at Kelly
25 Air Force Base and Medina Air Force Base -- which is no longer

1 there, it's now Kelly. And you keep saying that you can't go
2 after it because it's -- Medina isn't your jurisdiction. If
3 Medina is no longer there, then whose is it?

4 MR. CARROLL: It -- go ahead. I'll answer after.

5 MS. SMITH: Okay. It is still active. I discussed
6 it with my doctor of record. I'm not going to mention his
7 name because I don't know if there's any snitches that will go
8 to the government and Lackland. And they already know anyway.

9 Then I found out that the Billy Mitchell Apartments
10 that I, my dad and my brother both lived in are also
11 contaminated. And my doctor did state that there was a
12 causal (phonetic) relationship between those chemicals and my
13 illnesses. I've had cancer of the breast and my brother died
14 of leukemia several years ago. And he lived in the
15 contaminated area. He died several years ago. None of my
16 other sisters have had cancer, but they never worked or lived
17 in the contaminated areas out at Kelly Air Force Base and the
18 surrounding areas like my brother and I had.

19 I have -- I have documentation to justify my
20 concerns from military officials stating that there is
21 radiation out at Kelly Air Force Base and other sickening
22 chemicals surrounding neighborhoods and past employees. I
23 also worked at Mather Air Force Base, Sacramento, California,
24 back in the '70s and recently found out that the base was also
25 a storage site for chemicals, radiation and Agent Orange that

1 was being sued -- that was being used for Vietnam war.

2 There are at least 59 military bases that were used
3 as storage dump sites for all chemicals, radiation, and Agent
4 Orange during the Vietnam War. I was forced to quit my job at
5 Mather Air Force Base due to having to have surgery for an
6 ovarian cyst that was the size of a grapefruit so I had to
7 come back to San Antonio to Texas to have surgery. It never
8 dawned on me of the exposure until now. Therefore, I have
9 submitted my form 95 for claims for damage, injury and the
10 death of my brother. And I sent it to Lackland.

11 And what the lady stated, it's not true. All the
12 bases that are being closed are being closed because the
13 government wants to give it to somebody else because they
14 don't want the liability. That's why they're closing, not
15 because they were taking shortages. They didn't want to spend
16 anymore money to cover their big you-know-what. Bleep.

17 That's what it's all about. It's all about Vietnam.
18 But they can pay Vietnam 30, 40 years later for the damage.
19 Charity starts at home. Charity starts at home. Everything
20 is so corrupt, it overwhelms me. It really does.

21 By the time I get any punitive damages from this,
22 I'll be dead and buried, but hopefully my son will get
23 something out of it. But not until you-all have gone through
24 the living hell that I've been through will you realize.

25 And what he said about Karma is true. I hope none

1 of you-all get cancer. Keep drinking the water.

2 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, Ms. Smith. The next
3 person, Robert Alvarado.

4 MR. ALVARADO: No comment.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: No comment? And Mary Sanchez Parker.

6 MS. PARKER: I don't have any comment.

7 MR. MARTINEZ: No comment on the adjournment topic.

8 Those are all the comment cards that I have. Did I miss
9 anyone?

10 MR. ARZOLA: (Inaudible.)

11 MR. MARTINEZ: The question is is the RAB members
12 allowed to make any comments? Of course. You are the members
13 of the RAB. You can open it up for discussion.

14 MS. GEISSINGER: What we're asking for now is
15 on-the-record comments related to adjourning the RAB. And we
16 would like -- definitely would like their input.

17 MS. LOPEZ: We can't hear you.

18 MR. ARZOLA: Well, as --

19 MS. LOPEZ: Can't hear you.

20 MS. GEISSINGER: If you want the audience to hear
21 you, it might be better to go to the podium.

22 MR. CARROLL: I'm sorry. Let me -- before you get
23 started. What Linda said was what we're asking for now is
24 on-the-record comments concerning adjournment of the RAB from
25 the RAB members.

1 MS. SMITH: Okay. The RAB should not be adjourned.
2 I left that out.

3 MR. ARZOLA: As I -- as I stated at the last meeting
4 in April, and as you heard tonight, there's a lot of mistrust
5 between the community and the government. We talked about --
6 we talked about folks, the community showing up to meetings.
7 The question I asked was, Well, how is the meeting advertised?
8 And I saw in today's -- a couple of days ago in the paper a
9 small article.

10 I also questioned as to why don't we come back to
11 John F. Kennedy? I remember when I first came back from the
12 Navy, attending these meetings, we used to have a hundred,
13 150, 200 people here. So the issue is that -- is that we can
14 tell the community, but I think we need to let the community
15 know at two weeks down, a week, and maybe a couple of days and
16 really do outreach.

17 I'm at the military post, VFWs, American Legions,
18 American Vets. I'm with them every day. And they don't know
19 until last minute or when I send them an e-mail, You need to
20 come to this meeting. So the question is I implore the Air
21 Force, we need to continue this because not all the questions
22 have been answered. As you heard.

23 I mean I -- when I retired, I live right here off of
24 Roselawn. Okay? So my kids came here. Besides Winston and
25 Brentwood. And as a past council president of Edgewood PTA,

1 when I had 18 campuses, I heard it throughout the Edgewood
2 district. There's still a lot of mistrust. We need to keep
3 these meetings going and we need to really, really, really do
4 outreach. And thank you.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you.

6 (Applause)

7 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other member of the RAB?

8 MR. RODRIGO GARCIA: There is no question that this
9 RAB should continue. First of all, who is responsible for
10 bringing up this issue of adjournment to the board and why?
11 How will you communicate extensively with the community if you
12 want to adjourn this RAB?

13 I have been involved in this since 1996 after the
14 base closed. I've seen Patrick McCullough and a bunch of
15 other people come through here. We still haven't addressed a
16 lot of these issue. Yes, we used to have two to 300 people
17 show up at these meetings. A lot of them got frustrated
18 because our issues were never dealt with, property values, air
19 contamination, health issues, compensation.

20 My father worked at Kelly for 32 years and he died
21 from contamination from Kelly. I had a toxicology report done
22 when he died and all the chemicals they found in here -- they
23 found in him were traces of chemicals that they used when he
24 was working in sheet metal changing skin parts on B-52s,
25 C-130s, and other aircraft. So they can't tell me they didn't

1 kill Kelly workers.

2 Who is responsible for bringing this issue? I want
3 a list of all the people responsible for bringing up this
4 adjournment issue and the specific reasons besides those three
5 excuses they gave.

6 Is it true that the Port Authority and GKDA wants to
7 build housing on Kelly? Why? Is this property totally free
8 from groundwater and air contamination? We haven't even dealt
9 with the contamination and all the contamination that Kelly
10 did.

11 I grew up on 38th Street next to the runway. You
12 could see the airplanes coming back in the early '60s, '65,
13 '66, '67 with holes in them leaking black exhaust, leaking oil
14 that's falling all over the place, all over the farmland
15 there. And all the smoke, you could smell the diesel -- not
16 the diesel, the jet fumes in the air when we played outside.
17 We still haven't dealt with air contamination.

18 When is the TCEQ, the EPA and Air Force going to
19 join forces and come up with a plan to clean up Leon Creek
20 before the permit renewal of 2019? What's it going to be,
21 2099 before we finally clean up Leon Creek? Because there's
22 no action taken of that. We need to have all the issues
23 completely dealt with and time lines established and dealt
24 with, health issues and everything else, before we even
25 consider adjournment.

1 TCEQ cleanup is at 45 percent. How many more years
2 will it take for it to be at a hundred percent? Who can --
3 you cannot explain that. Who is going to be the watchdog over
4 the Air Force to make sure that they don't clear out after
5 the -- well, we got rid of the RAB board, we just cut some
6 corners and get out of here. Even though they assure us, we
7 don't know.

8 Just like we can't trust the Air Force anymore.
9 There's scandal after scandal after scandal. There's one
10 going on at Lackland right now over the drill instructors and
11 there's more scandals all over the country with the Air Force.
12 You cannot trust the Air Force, Community.

13 And East Kelly, the soil and the dust that were --
14 that were brought up issues, have they been tested for
15 radioactivity and contaminants in the dirt? What kind of air
16 testing? Did they do air grabbing or what type of testing
17 techniques did they use to test that dirt to make sure we're
18 not polluting the surrounding community on Fay Street with air
19 contamination? Did GKDA do that? Did the Air Force do that?
20 You can't trust either one.

21 Haven't even addressed the air contamination and the
22 cleanup issue of the air. The only one that's doing that is
23 AACOG, but they don't have any -- any testing stations up
24 here. The only one they have is at John Marshall. Why?
25 Because we are a poor, minority neighborhood and the Air Force

1 doesn't care and neither does the Alamo Area Council of
2 Governments. And you can't tell me that's it.

3 We haven't addressed the property value issues
4 because of all the contaminated groundwater that affected us.
5 And health issues like these people that came and talked over
6 here, how many more sick people do we have in the community
7 because of the Air Force? And when are we going to address
8 that?

9 And there's low attendance here because of
10 frustration because the Air Force does not deal with very,
11 very specific issues. And they bring up the issue of
12 adjournment? I want to know who is responsible for bringing
13 up this issue. We have a long way to go and I'm going to die
14 from cancer before we do anything. But I hope to hell if when
15 I go to heaven that I can come back and haunt some of these
16 people who are responsible for all these because they need
17 some type of -- of justice and we're not going to get it on
18 this earth from these people.

19 (Applause)

20 MS. SMITH: Well said.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other member of the RAB that
22 would like to make some comments? Mr. Perez?

23 MR. PEREZ: Yes. I'm getting the overall picture,
24 too. And I can see that things are getting rough, rougher.
25 Even Mr. Romney is trying to cut the EPA and the Texas

1 researchers and so on, too, in the long run. I mean it is a
2 big mess.

3 Now, my wife died of chemicals that were there in
4 our back yard. I have the records. Okay? The time of the
5 end, this is growing near and this is the reason I'm here.

6 Now, SARA, you know, San Antonio River Authority, we
7 haven't been happy with the results of -- of what the Air
8 Force has given us for the simple reason that they're
9 restricting some in so many areas. As they mentioned, they
10 each got jurisdiction in some areas, in some areas yes, some
11 areas no.

12 And I just want to let you know that concerning the
13 explosion, I was the one that brought it up. And good thing
14 because everything is in relationship.

15 Now, I hope that we can continue being the watchdogs
16 because we're the ones that keep things going. The health
17 department there at the city, I normally speak in the city in
18 connection with the chemicals that we -- the problems that we
19 have. Would you believe it that I used to swim there in Leon
20 Creek? In fact, I still -- I have witnesses that a snake even
21 bit my -- my foot. I survived it. And I don't know about the
22 chemicals in time, but I'm still kicking. I'm still around.

23 But I would want for this -- for us to continue and
24 getting together and give it more spirit, too, so we can
25 continue and educate the people around us.

1 Well, I do thank you.

2 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, Mr. Perez.

3 Ms. Cunningham.

4 MS. CUNNINGHAM: First of all, I'd like to say that
5 it's really good to see as many people here tonight as we --
6 you know, the last few meetings over the last couple of years,
7 we've had hardly any community show up whatsoever.

8 And the RAB, there's so much good information. The
9 Air Force pulls together and puts a lot of time and effort
10 into pulling these meetings together and getting information
11 and all of the agencies are here. So the RAB is certainly a
12 great place for the community to come and to question and
13 to -- and get their side out and ask the questions.

14 I was wondering if maybe there was a compromise
15 place. We would really like to see some sort of more outreach
16 as has been spoken about by others. And I think now maybe the
17 RAB is meeting twice a year. Could maybe one meeting a year
18 and with other community meetings as has been accept --
19 suggested and described? I really think there needs to be a
20 different kind of outreach as some of the community members
21 have mentioned tonight. But I still think there needs to be
22 information out to the public if the public wants that
23 information and if they're willing to come and listen to it.

24 And I think the Air Force is willing to pull the
25 different sorts of venues together to do that. Maybe it's

1 sort of a compromise position, but I think that that might be
2 a possibility. We definitely need more outreach. We know
3 that there's still community interest. We still get
4 questions. Thank you very much.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, Ms. Cunningham.

6 Any other member of the RAB? Yes, sir.

7 MR. FELICI: At the risk of sounding a little bit
8 redundant from my -- my predecessor, fellow members on the
9 RAB, I just want to echo what we've heard a lot tonight,
10 which, you know, Paul, we commend you for these meetings and
11 for the information that you have made available, but clearly
12 there's an interest in continuing to receive information and I
13 think that, irrespective of the Air Force's decision one way
14 or the other on the -- on the adjournment, you provided us,
15 Linda, with a great list of different avenues.

16 Obviously we have the website, that's great. But I
17 think we all know here that additional avenues are necessary.
18 Not everyone in our community is going to have on-line access.
19 And in particular, I wanted to encourage, again, whether we
20 continue having the RAB meetings or not, a couple of the
21 suggestions that are included here, particularly joining with
22 the neighborhood associations and being accessible to them,
23 presenting to them.

24 We at the Port, as we -- as we redevelop the
25 property, have found that to be an invaluable avenue for us to

1 update individuals. And the question was raised by
2 Mr. Alvarado with regard to what is happening at Kelly.
3 Actually, just less than two weeks ago we had -- we at the
4 Port both present to the community associations and have
5 ongoing periodic meetings. And just week before last we had a
6 meeting to provide an update to members of the Quintana and
7 the Thompson and the Nogalitos/Zarzamora neighborhood, an
8 update of what was going on there.

9 But obviously there are still people that have
10 questions and we are accessible to them. And of course some
11 of those questions, when they deal with issues like the one
12 that Mr. Alvarado raised tonight, would require your ongoing
13 assistance. And you noted over here, one-on-one
14 communications are part of your plan.

15 And we at the Port, and I in particular as the
16 public information officer, would greatly value your ongoing
17 accessibility because, as we've indicated and as you've
18 indicated, even though you're considering adjournment of the
19 RAB, the lines of communications will continue to be open and
20 your work will -- will be ongoing. So certainly there's going
21 to be opportunities to provide updates one way or another.

22 So again, thank you for providing these suggestions
23 and we look forward to working with you and members of the
24 community to keep that communication flowing.

25 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other comments from members of

1 the RAB? Excuse me. We're asking for members of the RAB.

2 MR. RODRIGO GARCIA: I just got one more thing to
3 say. What he mentioned, it's called community networking.
4 That's something that has never been done by the Air Force
5 since we started this community networking. That's something
6 they say you need when you get a degree in public
7 administration. They teach you how to go out to the community
8 and network with all kinds of organizations and all kinds of
9 people, all kinds of community leaders. It's called community
10 network and they teach you that when you get a degree in
11 public administration. But I don't think anybody understands
12 how that's done.

13 I -- I do. I am telling you this because I do a lot
14 of it because I work for the Justice Department and I do a lot
15 of community networking. That's one thing that -- that's
16 another failure of the Air Force.

17 MR. FELICI: Maybe one thing also, to be mindful,
18 and again, irrespective of whether -- whether the RAB is
19 adjourned or not, we as members of the RAB and as members of
20 the community will have both information to provide, but we
21 can also be a source for referral.

22 I mean this number is here today and we certainly
23 prefer members of the public over and I would encourage my --
24 my fellow RAB members to continue providing that information.
25 And if we don't know the information to help members of the

1 community, get in touch with Paul and his colleagues.

2 MS. LOPEZ: We can't hear you.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: I'm sorry. We're doing the best we
4 can.

5 He basically was saying that, through the Port
6 Authority, there is another vehicle for the community to be
7 involved and for them, the Port Authority, to be involved with
8 the community, so if we could suggest that you be in touch
9 with him directly, so that he can communicate that more
10 directly with the DoD.

11 MR. FELICI: Well, I was saying that. But I was
12 also suggesting to my fellow RAB members to continue doing our
13 part and whenever we do come in contact with members of the
14 community, I certainly do in my capacity at the Port, we
15 meet -- like I said, we meet regularly with members from the
16 various neighborhood associations. And if there are questions
17 that we might not be the expert on or know the answers to, we
18 are very sure to channel them to you, Paul, and to your
19 colleagues at the Air Force to provide the information
20 directly, via telephonically, be it one on one meeting or, if
21 called upon, via presentations with members of our community.

22 So whether the RAB is adjourned or not, that's an
23 important role that we can continue playing as members of the
24 RAB.

25 MS. METZGER: Can I get your name and contact

1 number?

2 MR. FELICI: Sure. Actually, I'll be here to answer
3 any questions afterwards. But yeah, I'll be happy to share
4 that information with you, with anybody present.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other member of the RAB have any
6 comments to make on the topic of the potential adjournment of
7 the RAB?

8 There being none, there's one gentleman, a member of
9 the audience that has raised his hand. I didn't recognize him
10 earlier. May we take his comment?

11 MR. FELICI: Of course.

12 MR. ARZOLA: Of course.

13 MR. MARTINEZ: Sir, would you stand up, come up
14 closer to the podium? State your name, please.

15 MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Sure. My name is Jesse De Los
16 Santos. I just heard about this meeting at 6 o'clock this
17 afternoon on KENS or WOAI. They didn't even -- they just said
18 Kennedy High School, RAB (sic) something meeting at 6:30.

19 I got here one hour late. But, I've been coming to
20 these meetings since 1976 -- 1996. But apparently the -- I
21 dropped off the list somehow. I don't even find -- I look at
22 all the metro, on the newspapers, see if I could find a little
23 column there saying there's a meeting. Didn't find anything.
24 I didn't write anything down because, hey, I was pretty late.
25 I'm sorry.

1 But one question was when I got here about ten, 12
2 years ago, they told me that the contamination was only south
3 of Highway 90. There was no contamination north of Highway
4 90. I have property on Highway 90. For the last 40 years, I
5 have -- I bought an acre there and property values are going
6 down in that area. And I'm assuming that the reason is they
7 hear or hearsay, what have you, Kelly's contamination, nothing
8 has been done about it. I hear the same stories every time I
9 come and sit down in the back that it -- it seems like it's
10 the same thing as 13 years ago.

11 I see Mr. Quintanilla was one of the fighters here.
12 He's no longer here with us. But that's about the only thing
13 I have to say. And I hope that I can get at least a note -- I
14 wrote my name down on the paper and now -- and another reason
15 why, my wife got sick so I can't come down here, but I can
16 send my daughter. She can check out on you guys.

17 MR. SKROBARCEK: I've got a question for you, sir.

18 MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Sure.

19 MR. SKROBARCEK: Sorry for you coming in late and
20 being notified late. In the future, what's the best way to
21 communicate -- what do you think is the best way to
22 communicate to the community to have them participate?
23 Because it's important to participate in these.

24 MR. DE LOS SANTOS: It's pretty hard, because once
25 you start coming in here -- we used to have TV cameras all

1 over this place. We used to have standing room only. Now
2 look at you guys. You know, there's a few here, a few there
3 and that's it. Same faces, some of these faces have already
4 passed away.

5 But I can't answer your question. It's hard. The
6 TV guy told me, Hey, go on over there if you want to, if
7 you're interested. Some people don't even know what RAF means
8 or whatever it is. They used to jettison fuel all around this
9 neighborhood. That could have contaminated our land.

10 I worked 40 years, 40 years, at Kelly Air Force Base
11 and I saw a hell of a lot of solvent thrown on the ground and
12 all of that. I couldn't do nothing. I'm just an individual.
13 I probably threw some myself. Throw it there, dump there.

14 And if this is the lady from the Air Force, I don't
15 know. I just listened to her. Building 171 was all
16 contaminated. They had all kind of sicknesses there. I
17 probably worked in areas where they had asbestos. I don't
18 know. Probably did.

19 I was one of the employees that used to calibrate
20 equipment in the maintenance, building, building, building,
21 all there. I went in them. I couldn't even touch like this
22 because I'd get -- but I can't answer your question.

23 TV is a good thing, but there's fliers, south -- you
24 know, little fliers that they come out once every week and
25 they can say, Hey, there's going to be a Kelly talk, if

1 you-all want to -- are interested. Normally people that come
2 here are people that live in the area that they suspect is
3 contaminated.

4 If I live in Terrell Hills, I don't give a damn
5 about this place. Let them contaminate it. That's the way it
6 goes. I heard -- I don't know if it's true or not. I heard
7 that there was a plume oil, one south, all the way down to
8 maybe Brooks Field. Five miles. That's about the distance.
9 And they had an aquifer 20 feet under the ground and it was
10 all contaminated. I have friends that live in Collins Garden.
11 They had wells. They used to drink from there and they used
12 to water their plants. They can't do it because they put a
13 stop to it because of this plume.

14 But all you guys, you-all are new to me. That guy,
15 he's not. And neither is that man over there. That's the
16 only people I know.

17 MR. SKROBARCEK: Well, we appreciate you being here.

18 MR. DE LOS SANTOS: Well, thank you for listening to
19 my comments.

20 MR. FELICI: And actually the gentleman did indicate
21 fliers as an opportunity. Is that part of the follow-up plan
22 as well? There would be some ongoing correspondence that goes
23 out?

24 MS. GEISSINGER: Yes.

25 MR. CARROLL: Yes.

1 MR. MARTINEZ: The answer was yes.

2 MS. METZGER: I have a suggestion.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: Can you please stand up and state
4 your name?

5 MS. METZGER: I'm Doris Metzger. I've worked at
6 Wilford Hall for 30 year so I've lived in the neighborhood
7 quite a while.

8 One of the things that you might do is contact each
9 church in the whole area around Kelly and Lackland. Let them
10 know that you can meet with the people of their church to
11 discuss this with them because a lot of them are long-time
12 residents of the area. And if the church is the one
13 contacting them, they might be more inclined to listen.

14 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you very much. Mr. Garcia.

15 MR. RODRIGO GARCIA: Yeah. I told you-all about the
16 training and public administration. Churches are one
17 reason -- one way. Another one is school boards. When we had
18 to work with certain people in the community, we went to
19 churches, we went to the school board and the superintendent.
20 From there, the notices got sent to the principals and they
21 were given to the little kids. The little kids took them home
22 and told their parents. And there was a bunch of different
23 ways that we used.

24 One is we got through the city development office.
25 We got a list of all the neighborhood associations that are

1 registered with the city. We went through that. We went
2 through the council people. Look at their council maps, see
3 how much of that is there and when they send out their
4 newsletters, they tell you, Hey, go to this meeting. They're
5 going to discuss this, this, and this.

6 It's all professional attitude and knowing what
7 you're doing. But like I said, you need to know how to deal
8 with public administration and how to do community networking.
9 And that's one thing that our former leader Adam Antwine and
10 Sonja Coderre, I had told them time and time again to do
11 community networking and they never did. And that's why --
12 that's one of the reasons that they're gone is because we put
13 a lot of pressure on the Air Force to get rid of both of them
14 and our wish came true.

15 MR. FELICI: I think that the newsletters through
16 City Council are a particularly good idea. We have here
17 Districts Four, Five and then Six straddles our border.

18 MR. GARCIA: And part of Seven.

19 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other comments, members of the
20 RAB?

21 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Just one thing. Tommy Camden did
22 send an e-mail today or yesterday.

23 MS. GEISSINGER: We got it. Thank you.

24 MR. MARTINEZ: Ladies and gentlemen of the RAB, we
25 have completed our agenda, if there are no other comments to

1 make, are we adjourned?

2 MS. POWER: Motion to adjourn.

3 MR. ARZOLA: Second.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: Motion made. Seconded. So we are
5 adjourned. Thank you very much.

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