

## 1 KELLY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

2 July 14th, 2009 6:30 p.m.  
3 Port Authority of San Antonio  
4 907 Billy Mitchell Boulevard  
5 San Antonio, Texas 78226

5 **RAB Community Members:**

6 Beverly Abbott  
7 Paul Person  
8 Brian Skrobarcek

9 **RAB Government Members:**

10 Paul Carroll, Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA),  
11 Government Co-Chair  
12 Tommy Camden, San Antonio Metropolitan Health Department  
13 (SAMHD)  
14 Kyle Cunningham, SAMHD, Alternate  
15 Jorge Salazar, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
16 (TCEQ), Alternate  
17 Mark Weegar, TCEQ  
18 Kathryn Thompson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)  
19 Gil Vargas, Port Authority

20 **AFRPA Staff:**

21 Melissa Baird, Contractor  
22 Daniel Dunning, Contractor  
23 Laura Guerrero-Redman, Contractor  
24 Kelly Marshall, Contractor  
25 Eddie Martinez, Contractor/Facilitator  
Bill Norton, Contractor  
Walter Peck, AFRPA  
Armando Perez, Public Affairs Officer, AFRPA  
Jeremy Shields, Contractor  
Larry Tyner, Contractor

26 **Elected Officials:**

27 Stephanie Smith, Office of Charles A. Gonzalez

28 **Public Attendees:**

29 Eloy Garcia  
30 Kelly Gambill  
31 Scott Huddleston  
32 Stephanie Ramsey  
33 Jeremy Shields

1 **RAB Members Not Present:**

2 Rodrigo Garcia

3 Nazirite Perez

4 (PROCEEDINGS BEGAN AT 6:41)

5 MR. MARTINEZ: All right, ladies and gentlemen. If  
6 you will take your seat so we can get started.

7 Welcome to tonight's meeting of the Restoration  
8 Advisory Board for the former Kelly Air Force Base. My name  
9 is Eddie Martinez and I'm kind of subbing in for Mr. Martinez,  
10 who is your usual facilitator. No relation here. So I'd like  
11 to get started by the RAB members doing some introductions of  
12 themselves to the members out in the general audience. So if  
13 you could start over there.

14 MR. WEEGAR: Mark Weegar, Texas Commission on  
15 Environmental Quality. I'm in the Austin office and I'm the  
16 Kelly Air Force Base Project Manager.

17 MS. THOMAS: Kathy Thomas, EPA out of Dallas.

18 MR. VARGAS: Gil Vargas, the port engineer for Port  
19 San Antonio.

20 MR. SKROBARCEK: Brian Skrobarcek, community member  
21 of RAB.

22 MR. PERSON: Paul Person, Union Pacific Railroad.

23 MR. ARMANDO PEREZ: Armando Perez, Public Affairs  
24 Officer for AFRPA.

25 MR. CARROLL: Paul Carroll. I'm the BRAC  
Environmental Coordinator for AFRPA.

1 MR. CAMDEN: Tommy Camden. I'm the Environmental  
2 Health Services Administrator for the San Metro Health  
3 District.

4 MR. PERSON: I hate to bring up a really bad  
5 subject, but we don't have a quorum for tonight's meeting.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: Well, the decision is up to y'all  
7 whether or not we continue.

8 MR. PERSON: I don't make the rules. I mean we're  
9 under Robert's Rules of Order so I can't say we continue.

10 MR. MARTINEZ: The quorum is necessary for voting on  
11 any kind of action items. If you decide to proceed, it will  
12 be on an informational basis only. So no decisions can be  
13 made tonight.

14 MR. SKROBARCEK: I don't think we're voting on  
15 anything tonight anyway; right?

16 MR. CARROLL: Not that I know of.

17 MR. PERSON: No, we're not. No. It's just him and  
18 me.

19 MR. CARROLL: So this will be informational.

20 MR. PERSON: Press on.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: We'll continue. Gina is here taking  
22 the meeting minutes or she's our court reporter. So when  
23 you're speaking, please speak loudly and clearly. For you  
24 folks in the general audience, if you'd like to make a comment  
25 during public comment period, there are cards located at the

1 sign-in table. You can give it to one of the young ladies  
2 back there and you'll have, you know, some time to speak. But  
3 also when you stand up and speak, also please be sure to speak  
4 clearly and loudly and also make sure you state your name when  
5 you're -- when you give your comments.

6 So what I'd like to do real quick is lead us through  
7 an agenda review, what we're going to talk about here tonight.  
8 And see if I can get the air mouse here. Do you want it?

9 MR. CARROLL: Is it working? I don't want it if  
10 it's not working.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: So what we're going to do first is go  
12 over a couple of administrative items, just some things that  
13 Public Affairs Team has done with respect to community  
14 outreach and try to get folks to participate in the  
15 Restoration Advisory Board. Then touch a little bit on what  
16 everybody has done as far as their cleanup and property  
17 transfer efforts, the Compliance Plan Renewal, TCEQ  
18 Permit/Compliance Plan Renewal.

19 After that, Paul Carroll I believe is going to give  
20 some updates on Building 360 and then the former Building 301.  
21 Then we're going to get a presentation on Site MP, where we  
22 are with that, the parking lot dig and haul there. Public  
23 comment period after that. May not necessarily be at 8  
24 o'clock if we're moving fast. But again, we have those cards  
25 there in the back.

1           Then the RAB will go over some suggested agenda  
2 items for the next RAB taken from the actions items that are  
3 discussed throughout the meeting and then we'll adjourn. So  
4 pretty easy, straightforward.

5           So as far as admin announcements, the Public Affairs  
6 Team sent out some newspaper announcements as part of Media  
7 Day; am I correct, Melissa?

8           MS. BAIRD: (Nodding).

9           MR. MARTINEZ: Placed them in the three major  
10 newspapers here in the area, SA Express News, in La Prensa in  
11 Spanish and then also the Kelly Observer. And this was all  
12 part of the recruitment efforts. They distributed calendars,  
13 fliers and posters, did some -- the RAB members themselves did  
14 some outreach. Membership drive is going to remain open and  
15 ongoing so folks out in the audience and also RAB members,  
16 make sure that, you know, you contact those folks that seem  
17 interested in participating in the RAB and get them to come in  
18 and participate.

19           And out of this whole initiative, two folks were  
20 interested and that's a really good turnout. And I believe  
21 that they were provided RAB membership applications so we  
22 should be hearing something from them pretty soon.

23           MR. PERSON: They're here tonight?

24           MR. MARTINEZ: Yes.

25           MS. GUERRERO-REDMAN: Yes. We have one of the

1 gentlemen here and we have received his application so copies  
2 of those will be given to the each of the RAB members.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: Excellent.

4 MS. GUERRERO-REDMAN: Mr. Eloy Garcia.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: Is that you, sir? Welcome.

6 MR. CARROLL: Welcome.

7 MR. MARTINEZ: Okay. I'm going to hand it over to  
8 Mr. Paul Carroll, the BRAC Environmental Coordinator here at  
9 the former Kelly Air Force Base. He's going to give you a  
10 couple of highlights on the cleanup and property transfer.

11 MR. CARROLL: Well, as we do -- Mrs. Abbott is  
12 coming in. Thank you for coming tonight, Ms. Abbott. Does  
13 that make a quorum?

14 MR. PERSON: It makes five.

15 MR. CARROLL: Is it?

16 MR. PERSON: Five out of ten, isn't it? Five out of  
17 nine? I don't know. It doesn't matter.

18 MR. CARROLL: So now we have three.

19 MR. PERSON: Now we have three.

20 MR. CARROLL: Okay. As we do every RAB since I've  
21 been here, pretty much, we'll give you a few little updates on  
22 the cleanup and transfer -- property transfer. Go ahead,  
23 Eddie.

24 As you know, we successfully transferred over a  
25 thousand acres last fiscal year to Port San Antonio for

1 beneficial use. This is something kind of new y'all may not  
2 have seen. We spent about \$280 million to date on the cleanup  
3 here at Kelly. A lot of money. 82 percent plus of the  
4 environmental sites have been closed in accordance with state  
5 and federal guidelines.

6 If you have time, you might check those posters at  
7 the back of the room and take a look at what we have. The  
8 blue ones have already been closed; the brown are pending.  
9 And I have noticed some of those have reached the blue so  
10 we'll be sure and update that for next time. And then the  
11 ones that are underneath those in yellow and white still need  
12 further action. Most of the ones that need further action are  
13 either underground storage tanks or the large IRP sites that  
14 we've spent a lot of time and effort cleaning that up.

15 Originally there were 52 IRP sites located on the  
16 former Kelly. 17 of those moved over to Lackland's  
17 responsibility as part of the base realignment and closure so  
18 those will be -- if you can see this map right over here, most  
19 of that is these areas over here that we call Zone 1 and part  
20 of Zone 5. Of the remaining 35 IRP sites, 24 have been closed  
21 and 11 are still open. We're still working on those.

22 Property -- let's see. Remaining property  
23 transfers, we're working to demonstrate to EPA, Kathy Thomas  
24 there with EPA, we have to demonstrate to EPA Region Six that  
25 the systems that we put in were remedial systems. The

1 cleanups that we're doing, including dig and hauls, other  
2 things, are in place and the cleanups are operating properly  
3 and successfully. That means they have to -- we have to  
4 demonstrate that they are performing as intended to clean up  
5 the environment and that they will clean up the environment in  
6 a reasonable amount of time.

7 So we have to kind of show those two things to EPA  
8 before EPA will approve transfer of property. As part of  
9 that, we have to ensure that we're protecting the human health  
10 and the environment while we're doing that. So that's one of  
11 the big steps to ensure that we have to meet.

12 Zone 2, 77 acres is scheduled to transfer in August  
13 of 2009. And then Zone 3, the remaining 373 acres is  
14 scheduled to transfer about that time in 2010.

15 Okay. Here's a map of these zones. Zone 3 is right  
16 here. That's the most major industrial portion of the base.  
17 Zone 2 here borders Leon Creek and Military Drive. This Zone  
18 1 that transferred to Lackland is up here if you're  
19 interested. This map looks kind of busy, but it shows all of  
20 the remedial actions that we've placed -- put in place over --  
21 over Kelly and off the base where the groundwater plumes have  
22 gone. So, you know, this or -- for take-home, this is -- if  
23 anybody asks questions, you can show them this map and show  
24 them where things are.

25 Okay. Any questions on that part?



1           MR. VARGAS: On Zone 2, the stuff that's coming over  
2 the next month, what exactly is it we're waiting for? I mean  
3 is it just administratively putting the documentation, to put  
4 it together?

5           MR. CARROLL: The process requires us to do a permit  
6 modification with the TCEQ. That's one of the steps that we  
7 do. As part of that, we get a co-owner agreement with the  
8 Port that says the Port will accept the property, will be the  
9 owner of the property; however, the Air Force will continue to  
10 be responsible for the cleanup on that property.

11           And then the -- we have to ensure that all the  
12 systems are in place, that we've installed remedies in all --  
13 in all the contaminated sites. And that consists in Zone 2 of  
14 some dig and hauls, some reactive wall barriers made of iron  
15 filings, some pump and treat wells that pump contaminated  
16 groundwater and treat it.

17           MR. VARGAS: So there's still some activity that's  
18 going on, passive and active?

19           MR. CARROLL: There will be activity, yes, active  
20 and passive. The iron filing walls will sit there. We will  
21 monitor those and then ensure they're still working as long as  
22 contaminated groundwater is passing through those. We may do  
23 more injections of a carbon substrate to increase the  
24 biodegradation in the area also. And then we'll continue to  
25 operate the pump and treat systems.

1 MR. SKROBARCEK: So Paul, then the transfer, is that  
2 going to be a deed transfer or what kind of transfer is that?

3 MR. CARROLL: That will be a transfer by deed  
4 through an economic development conveyance which means that's  
5 one of our methods that we transfer property and it goes right  
6 to the Port for the economic development.

7 MR. PERSON: So it goes to the Real Property Agency.

8 MR. CARROLL: It goes from the Real Property Agency  
9 to Port San Antonio.

10 MR. SKROBARCEK: So Department of Defense to City of  
11 San Antonio?

12 MR. CARROLL: To the Port San Antonio.

13 MR. SKROBARCEK: Port San Antonio.

14 MR. CARROLL: I'm not sure how that entity is  
15 related to the city. I'm not sure the arrangement there.  
16 Gil, do you know specifically?

17 MR. VARGAS: Well, in terms of -- I'm sorry. I  
18 wasn't listening to the question.

19 MR. CARROLL: The question is is the Port San  
20 Antonio the same as the City of San Antonio?

21 MR. VARGAS: No. Now in time it may dedicate some  
22 right-of-way for some streets, but that hasn't happened. All  
23 this property that's being deeded over is Port San Antonio.

24 And then, Paul, I have to talk to you later about  
25 this, but for active remediation that's going on, will that --

1 will that encumber any development that we're trying to do? I  
2 mean is there physically some sites that we have to stay away  
3 from until that active remediation is completed?

4 MR. CARROLL: There will be various levels of land  
5 use controls on the site. It will all be restricted to  
6 industrial use I believe, which was the agreement in the  
7 beginning; however, there will be treatment systems that will  
8 have to be protected, monitoring wells that will have to be  
9 protected, similar to what's going on in Zones 4 and 5,  
10 prohibition against installation of groundwater wells for  
11 drinking and groundwater until we get the site cleaned up.

12 MR. CAMDEN: What will be the total acreage transfer  
13 when everything is all done and complete?

14 MR. CARROLL: What did we have total? 1700?

15 MS. THOMAS: 1700.

16 MR. CARROLL: 17 or 1800 acres total.

17 MS. THOMAS: 1300 so far.

18 THE COURT REPORTER: Ma'am, can you speak up?

19 MR. CARROLL: 1300 to date?

20 MS. THOMAS: 1300 so far about and then there's  
21 another 300 something (inaudible) the last one.

22 MR. SKROBARCEK: 363?

23 MR. CARROLL: 363 is the last transfer?

24 MR. MARTINEZ: Do you want to continue, sir?

25 MR. CARROLL: Permit and Compliance Plan. This is

1 an integral part of our cleanup here. We operate under a  
2 Permit and Compliance Plan issued by the Texas Commission on  
3 Environmental Quality. That guides our cleanup. It guides  
4 our investigation requirements. It guides basically what we  
5 have to do to be able to transfer property also.

6 So one of the things that -- go ahead. Eddie, can  
7 you hit it from back there? Okay.

8 One of the things required by the Permit and  
9 Compliance Plan is the Semiannual Compliance Plan Report and  
10 those go in in January and July. That documents results of  
11 semiannual sampling of Leon Creek and basewide groundwater  
12 sampling, that January report does. And that report was  
13 approved by TCEQ on April 21st. I believe there may be an  
14 approval letter in your packet.

15 And then the final draft, RCRA Permit and Compliance  
16 Plan Renewal for Former Kelly completed the public review  
17 comment and was issued by TCEQ on April 13th of this year,  
18 right about the last RAB. And I think we -- we told y'all at  
19 the last RAB that it hadn't been done yet, but right about  
20 that same time it got signed and finalized.

21 So we're operating a new ten-year permit. That new  
22 permit does have a few little differences, but for the most  
23 part the requirements are the same. There may be a few  
24 nuances on groundwater protection standards and clean-up  
25 levels that we have to comply with.

1           One of the notable differences between the old  
2 permit and this new permit was we've added 20 or 30 sampling  
3 locations that are required now with Leon Creek, which, you  
4 know, is a little beefed up from what was required before.  
5 So, you know, that -- that's -- that's hopefully an added  
6 measure of safety for us to make sure we understand what's  
7 going on with Leon Creek. Next.

8           MR. MARTINEZ: Well, sir, I wanted to stop you there  
9 real quick just to review what's in the RAB member's packets  
10 because you did mention there were some letters from TCEQ.

11           So immediately following the presentation, you'll  
12 have a series of letters. The first one is an approval letter  
13 on the RCRA Facility Investigation Report for solid waste  
14 management unit, Building 894. The second letter in that  
15 series is an approval letter for the final Semiannual  
16 Compliance Plan Report, July through December 2008. The last  
17 letter in that series is a toxicity reduction evaluation at  
18 Kelly Air Force Base.

19           After that, I believe these are newly revised plume  
20 maps, both for TCE and PCE. Following that, you have a couple  
21 of fact sheets here, environmental remediation at Site MP, the  
22 SVE systems, excavations and ERH technologies. And then after  
23 that, you'll see a whole bunch of media coverage from press  
24 releases to news articles that have been I guess placed in  
25 newspapers or have been found -- stories that have been found

1 in newspapers.

2 After that, you'll have the meeting minutes from the  
3 last meeting, which was held April 14th, 2009. And at the  
4 very end, this is for everyone's use, here in recruiting new  
5 members is a nomination form. So you can make copies, hand  
6 that out to anybody you feel is interested in participating in  
7 the RAB. So that is what's in your packets.

8 And I apologize for interrupting you, sir, so you  
9 can continue.

10 MR. CARROLL: That's a good place. Any questions  
11 about the Permit and Compliance Plan? Okay. We'll move on to  
12 Building 360.

13 Brian Skrobarcek works in Building 360 and we've  
14 been working to investigate the soil contamination underneath  
15 that site for about a year, potential additional soil  
16 contamination above and beyond what we've already installed a  
17 remediation system to address. So we have some news to report  
18 on that tonight.

19 The System Operations Report is the SVE -- soil  
20 vapor extraction systems that is installed in that area  
21 continues to operate properly, to remove contaminants as  
22 intended and we continue to operate that system. We finally  
23 installed all of the noise reduction actions. We've completed  
24 all those since the last RAB. And some of you who were at the  
25 RAB training last week got to see that and hear that. It's

1 not too awful loud.

2 MR. PERSON: Before you go on to soil vapor  
3 extraction I'd like to ask, in Building 360, what's actually  
4 going on in there?

5 MR. SKROBARCEK: It's a gas turbine engine --

6 MR. PERSON: No, I understand that part. I mean  
7 inside the building. You know what I mean?

8 MR. SKROBARCEK: Maintenance, repair and overhaul.

9 MR. CARROLL: So it is an industrial activity as we  
10 described. We kind of -- we started out looking at indoor air  
11 in that building and then we determined, Okay, you know,  
12 there's too much influence from the activity within the  
13 building for us to be able to discern what's going on -- what  
14 might be Air Force contamination, what may be above and beyond  
15 what we've already found underneath the building.

16 So we strictly devised a plan to go underneath the  
17 building and sample at different locations under the building,  
18 spread out a little bit from what was sampled before to ensure  
19 that we catch everything and see anything else that might be  
20 under there. So that's --

21 MR. PERSON: They're not using the same thing you're  
22 looking for; right? In the process?

23 MR. CARROLL: They are using some PCE --

24 MR. PERSON: Vinyl chlorinated solvent?

25 MR. CARROLL: -- in their processes.

1 MR. SKROBARCEK: Let me say on that. We are --

2 MR. PERSON: No, but I mean --

3 MR. SKROBARCEK: We're required by technical  
4 requirements to do those operations. We have significantly  
5 reduced the quantities of those materials that we use. We  
6 don't do any vapor degreasing in that building anymore, which  
7 was done. So we've cut back as far as we can with that and  
8 we're trying to eliminate it altogether, but it takes a while  
9 to accomplish that and (inaudible).

10 MR. PERSON: Well, plus what they're using can be  
11 fingerprinted as --

12 THE COURT REPORTER: Excuse me. I need you to speak  
13 up.

14 MR. PERSON: Sure. What they're using can be  
15 fingerprinted as a different material than what they've  
16 actually got. It's a new product; right?

17 MR. SKROBARCEK: It's a new product, but it's --

18 MR. PERSON: Yeah. And yours is dated  
19 significantly. Vinyl chloride is dated very significantly.

20 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. If we see vinyl chloride, we  
21 know it's coming probably from underneath the building, --

22 MR. PERSON: You have tenants, you understand --

23 MR. CARROLL: -- especially if you don't see it at  
24 all inside the building.

25 MR. PERSON: Right.



1 MR. CARROLL: The PCE and the PCE component in the  
2 building and the one underneath are hard to tell apart unless  
3 you do a total fingerprinting of the total VOCs that you see  
4 and one versus the other. If you did that, you could tell.

5 MR. SKROBARCEK: What is noteworthy is that  
6 Department of Defense, Air Force or AFRPA is going in and  
7 they're taking corrective action as required under the  
8 building. We have operational controls within the building to  
9 control the process. So from the --

10 MR. MANGINE: Which is driven by OSHA.

11 MR. SKROBARCEK: Right. And EPA. So ...

12 MR. CARROLL: So -- but we -- we have gone  
13 underneath the building. We sampled 30 vapor monitoring  
14 points. We've installed 30 vapor monitoring points through  
15 the slab inside the building with Brian and his folks help to  
16 get inside that building to be able to do that over the last  
17 three months.

18 And during those probe installations, we did soil  
19 sampling in two different depths at each location to assess  
20 the vertical and lateral extent of volatile organics, PCE,  
21 TCE -- 1, 2 TCE and vinyl chloride. We measured vacuum  
22 pressures at each of those points to assess the current -- the  
23 current soil vapor extraction system's radius of influence.  
24 And that's compared with soil contamination to determine if  
25 the SVE system is adequately addressing known sources of

1 contamination. Data also will aid in determining the time  
2 frame for site closure, clean-up of the site.

3 MR. PERSON: I got another question for you. With  
4 the extreme drought we're going through right now, first off,  
5 is the aquifer actually moving at all?

6 MR. CARROLL: In areas it has fallen one to two feet  
7 at least, in various -- in various different decreases.

8 MR. PERSON: So the flow is significantly reduced.

9 MR. CARROLL: We've seen some differences in  
10 different sites that we have. We have one site that  
11 actually -- in Zone 2 that actually has shown some free  
12 product in one of the wells and that well has -- the free  
13 product has increased in that well due to the falling water  
14 levels.

15 MR. PERSON: It's actually helped it.

16 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. I think it may be helping to  
17 free that up where we can collect it in that area.

18 So this is the maps y'all have seen before, but the  
19 SVE, soil vapor extraction system, the actual mechanical  
20 system, is across the alley from Building 360 to the  
21 northwest. Horizontal wells, three of them, extend under the  
22 corner of the building and the area that they were targeting  
23 is this area right here that's outlined.

24 Here's a graphical depiction of that area of  
25 contamination, the original area of contamination.

1           Okay. The green squares from our recent samples  
2 show non detects for PCE during April and May. The current  
3 PCE concentrations are superimposed on top of the PCE  
4 historical data. That's the blue area. And then  
5 concentration of all current samples are below the PCE  
6 regulatory limit of 500 parts per billion.

7           I'm showing this not to show you that we think we've  
8 reached our cleanup goals, but there will have to be a process  
9 that we go through to determine that. We'll have to shut the  
10 system down and allow it to set for a while before we take  
11 those final samples. But to show that, number one, all of our  
12 extra samples we've taken don't show an unacceptable level of  
13 PCE in the soils in the building so that means that we won't  
14 have to expand the system. We don't have additional  
15 contamination to have to go after. And also -- well, let me  
16 go to the next slide. I want to talk about the area of  
17 influence of this system.

18           The main thing I want to show here is this blue  
19 outline. This blue outline, we've taken measurements of the  
20 vacuum over this entire -- over all of these sample locations.  
21 Those measurements were compared to some guidelines we had  
22 that shows that if you have .01 inches of water, of vacuum,  
23 that that is part of the radius of influence of that system.  
24 So we've determined that the system extends to this blue line.

25           So at least you're getting some vacuum over that

1 entire area. It's going to be a lot greater toward the --  
2 toward the middle of this where the most contaminated area is,  
3 which is the area we're targeting.

4 Bottom line here is that this system is operating  
5 properly like it was intended and it's addressing  
6 contamination that's under the building.

7 MR. PERSON: Do any of your employees (inaudible).

8 THE COURT REPORTER: Excuse me?

9 MR. CARROLL: Asking if any of his employees  
10 (inaudible) over contaminated site.

11 MR. SKROBARCEK: Yes. And this is part of the  
12 reason for bringing the issue to light and the Air Force is  
13 investigating that as well.

14 MR. CARROLL: Couple of other things to point out  
15 here is that we're creating a negative pressure so there's no  
16 chance that this is going to seep up through that slab.  
17 Anything -- anything that might be in here will be contained  
18 within that SVE system and taken out by the SVE system and  
19 treated. So that's good news for the workers in there, but  
20 it's also good news for us for cleanup. We're addressing the  
21 site.

22 And, you know, I was kind of surprised to see the  
23 low concentrations we saw here that it be that low. Because  
24 when we started out, they were in the tens of thousands of  
25 parts per billion. So we are doing some -- the system is

1 doing some good.

2 MR. PERSON: How long ago do you think that actually  
3 occurred? I know that's a hard question, but you might have a  
4 round idea?

5 MR. CARROLL: I don't know off the top of my head.

6 MR. PERSON: You got a round idea? Twenty years  
7 ago?

8 MR. CARROLL: I would say it probably stopped in the  
9 '80s, early to mid '80s, and probably occurred from before  
10 then. Mark, do you have a better idea?

11 MR. WEEGAR: Well, when was Building 360 built?

12 MR. SKROBARCEK: So it was built in 1970 so it was  
13 between -- between 1970 and probably mid '80s is when that  
14 probably took place.

15 MR. PERSON: So the porosity of the concrete has no  
16 bearing on any of this? How do you plan on -- I mean you're  
17 going to leave that in place; right? That's not coming down.

18 MR. CARROLL: Right. Concrete is in place. There  
19 is --

20 MR. PERSON: You're leaving that in place, too,  
21 because the porosity of the concrete absorbed that material.  
22 VOC is inside so it's not coming down.

23 MR. CARROLL: The concrete has sealant on top of it.

24 MR. SKROBARCEK: We coated all the floors as part of  
25 our effort to make sure we -- it was -- contamination didn't

1 seep in.

2 (Inaudible discussion between Mr. Skrobarcek  
3 and Mr. Person.)

4 MR. WEEGAR: I've got a question. In addition to  
5 the soil sampling -- Mark Weegar, TCEQ.

6 In addition to the soil sampling that you did at  
7 these locations, I understand you also did soil gas readings  
8 underneath the slab of the building. I assume that the SVE  
9 system had been shut off for some period of time before any of  
10 those soil gas samples were collected; is that correct? Or  
11 was it operational if those samples were collected?

12 MR. CARROLL: That system was operational. I'm not  
13 too sure if it was shut down for a period of time prior to  
14 those samples being collected. I'll be sure and check into  
15 that. But we did recently collect vapor samples from beneath  
16 the slab of that building and those results are pending.

17 MR. WEEGAR: What impact would that system operating  
18 have on the accuracy, let's call it, of the subslab vapor  
19 samples that you've collected?

20 MR. CARROLL: We tossed that around quite a bit to  
21 try to figure out whether it would -- you know, there might be  
22 dilution from movement from other locations, but we did want  
23 to get a good indication of what it was, what it is currently,  
24 and I think we decided to go ahead and take those samples with  
25 the system running or at least with it, you know, running up

1 until close to the time to take them.

2 But we -- we still have the option. We've left the  
3 ports in place. We still have the option to take those  
4 samples again after shutting it down for a period of time. We  
5 wanted to get an indication of what the current subslab  
6 readings are as -- in its current operating condition.

7 MR. SKROBARCEK: Do you have any information  
8 regarding the contaminant plume and how much of that may be in  
9 vinyl chloride form in that area? We discussed a little bit  
10 last week on that.

11 MR. CARROLL: Our samples -- we did sample for vinyl  
12 chloride also. I don't remember. Daniel, do you have the  
13 results of what the vinyl chloride readings were? They were  
14 not -- there were no vinyl chloride readings over regulatory  
15 limits. I know that.

16 MR. DUNNING: Daniel Dunning. I did not see any of  
17 the maps for vinyl chloride so I believe what you're saying is  
18 right. They were below the regulatory limits. We were  
19 focusing on the PCE since that's what we were targeting so we  
20 would have to go back to the data tables.

21 MR. CARROLL: Okay. We'll go back to that to see  
22 what the detections actually were.

23 MR. SKROBARCEK: Okay.

24 MR. VARGAS: Is there a reason why the current plume  
25 that you're showing now seems to be off center from the

1 original plume that was detected in the outer area?

2 MR. CARROLL: You talking about this plume --

3 MR. VARGAS: Yeah. I mean --

4 MR. CARROLL: -- versus the one in the previous two  
5 or three maps back?

6 MR. VARGAS: Well, no.

7 MR. CARROLL: This one? That one?

8 MR. VARGAS: No, the slide you just had up there.

9 MR. PERSON: Oh, no. The outer ring is the zone of  
10 influence.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: The outline, Paul.

12 MR. CARROLL: The outline is --

13 MR. VARGAS: Oh. okay. It was just a zone of  
14 influence. It wasn't the plume.

15 MR. CARROLL: That's the zone of influence. That's  
16 the vacuum that's applied by the SVE system.

17 MR. SKROBARCEK: So in a previous RAB we had  
18 asked -- I asked the question, or somebody else asked the  
19 question, how far away from the actual screens of the wells  
20 themselves would you draw things and that answers that  
21 question.

22 MR. CARROLL: That's another thing we were pretty  
23 happy to see, that it had that big of a zone of influence  
24 because of the soil patch. There's a lot of clays under there  
25 and we didn't think it would have that much. We're pretty



1 glad it did.

2 MR. SKROBARCEK: So, Paul, how long do you expect  
3 the system to be operational?

4 MR. CARROLL: We originally started out thinking it  
5 would be two years. It's been in for a year, little over a  
6 year. So, you know, conservatively I'll say another year.  
7 But some time over the next three to six months we'll put  
8 together a plan for determining if closure is -- can be  
9 demonstrated at that site and we'll follow -- we'll implement  
10 that plan.

11 It will be based on, you know, what -- show actual  
12 soil sampling and determining whether the system is still  
13 pulling a certain amount of vapors out so we'll try to get the  
14 plan together in the next few months. We'll brief that to  
15 y'all when we get it together.

16 MR. PERSON: You don't think when you turn it off  
17 the porosity of all that concrete is going to have any affect  
18 on what comes back after the fact when you turn it off?

19 MR. CARROLL: There will be very likely some rebound  
20 from things that you can't get everything out of, clay, clay  
21 layers, things like that.

22 MR. PERSON: I understand. We have the same thing  
23 in tank cars.

24 MR. CARROLL: Do what?

25 MR. PERSON: We have the same thing in tank cars. I

1 mean they absorb in the steel. You can't get it all.

2 MR. CARROLL: Right. So what we want to do is try  
3 to get as much below the regulatory limit as we can. We're  
4 still doing some good with the system, still extracting vapors  
5 with the system.

6 If the system quits extracting vapors, we'll know  
7 then that it's not doing any good. A lot of times we run  
8 these things and we'll shut them off for a minute, we'll run  
9 them for a week or two, shut them off again. You know,  
10 sometimes you have to go through that kind of a procedure to  
11 kind of finally get to where you need to get it.

12 The other site we've been briefing the last few RABs  
13 is the Building 301, electrical resistive heating. And go  
14 ahead, Eddie. Brought on-line a year ago. And the  
15 anticipated time frame for cleaning up this site was a year.

16 What we have done over the past year, our contractor  
17 Cade has been running the system. The soil temperature were  
18 heated from 27 degrees centigrade to about 92 degrees  
19 centigrade, which is almost 200 degrees fahrenheit, over the  
20 range of about 12 feet to 29 feet below ground surface. And  
21 some of you got to go on the tour the other day to see this  
22 actual system in place and it was about 104 degrees that day  
23 on the surface. So that's probably helping the system out.

24 Over the past year, we've moved about -- removed  
25 about 1200 pounds of PCE, vinyl chlorinated solvents.

1 Conservatively we measured the amount of PCE that's been  
2 removed from that site is over 1200 pounds. We've had a few  
3 other solvents in there at the start that got quickly removed,  
4 but this was the target that we were removing.

5 We've sampled the site two times, once in February,  
6 again in June. And we have requested approval from TCEQ to  
7 shut down a fairly large portion of that ERH system and the  
8 systems in the remaining area will continue to operate.

9 I think we have a map, either on -- maybe have to go  
10 back to the previous --

11 MR. MARTINEZ: Is it that one?

12 MR. CARROLL: -- picture. Yeah. That's the next  
13 one.

14 The area that we've requested to shut down and be  
15 decommissioned is outlined in blue. We talked about that  
16 today. We're going to get TCEQ some more data I believe to  
17 give them the information that they need to make their  
18 decision. And anyway, these red locations are where we have  
19 sampled and those sampled results have indicated that we've  
20 reached our cleanup goals, at least in those specific areas.

21 We'll be working with TCEQ over the next couple of  
22 weeks to try to get them the information they need and we'll  
23 determine whether -- they will determine whether the site is  
24 ready for closure. If it is, we'll be able to dismantle this  
25 entire system outlined in blue. So y'all saw all the piping

1 and all the wells that are in place there, those will be gone  
2 after that.

3 But the area that's down here on the south end of  
4 the site was a real shallow area, very difficult to get to the  
5 ERH system to do what it needed to do because it's so shallow.  
6 The soils are fill soils, so not as much clays. Several  
7 different reasons we haven't been able yet to reach target  
8 temperatures.

9 Contractors are concentrating more of their efforts  
10 in that area. Temperatures are increasing. We're seeing  
11 vapors being extracted from that area. So it's going to take  
12 a little longer, but we're on track to reach our cleanup goal  
13 there, too, before too long.

14 MR. PERSON: I'm sorry. I missed this part the  
15 other day. I had a tank car to go fix. But you're just  
16 basically pumping out water; right? 212 degrees, it's steam.  
17 You're just pumping out water.

18 MR. CARROLL: Well, 212 is boiling water. This is  
19 just below water boiling temperature. Some of the heating is  
20 causing vapor, causing some steam. We need the steam for the  
21 resistance and the electricity, number one, so they've --  
22 they've added a system to inject water into all of these --  
23 all of these locations that make sure the moisture content of  
24 each of these probe areas is right for the current to be able  
25 to have the resistance, the heat. If it's dry, it's not going

1 to heat. So yeah, that's kind of a combination.

2 MR. SKROBARCEK: But it's electricity that's used to  
3 warm the coil or something.

4 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. The electricity is the heating  
5 element. It's got a heating element in each one of those  
6 holes.

7 MR. SKROBARCEK: In the smaller area there, you said  
8 it's shallow. How shallow is shallow?

9 MR. CARROLL: Eight to ten feet.

10 MR. PERSON: Let's just dig it up.

11 MR. SKROBARCEK: So why didn't you just dig it up?

12 MR. CARROLL: It's right -- yeah, that was my  
13 question. It's right in the middle of the utility corridor.

14 MR. PERSON: Utility corridor?

15 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. So there's utilities running  
16 all through there. That definitely crossed my mind.

17 MR. PERSON: Whose utility? SAWS?

18 MR. CARROLL: SAWS.

19 MR. PERSON: Tell them to expose the line. You pay  
20 the bill; right?

21 MR. CARROLL: We've had a few conversations with  
22 them. As a matter of fact, there was some -- there was an  
23 abandoned line that we found steam coming out of one of the  
24 manholes there so we had to address that one.

25 But they still think they're going to reach their

1 goal here pretty soon because they're showing some pretty good  
2 vapors coming out. I want to keep at this for a little while  
3 longer. If we think we're not going to make it, we probably  
4 will do it that way. It's going to cost a lot of money to  
5 move the lines or temporarily abandon them and put them back.

6 MR. WEEGAR: Does that mean --

7 MR. CARROLL: That's a pretty big lot.

8 MR. WEEGAR: Does that mean that some of the tenants  
9 are getting hot water without having to run it through their  
10 water heaters basically?

11 MR. CARROLL: Might be.

12 MR. SKROBARCEK: That just means the lights dim a  
13 little bit there when they turn it on.

14 MR. CARROLL: Plus power outages, you know. There's  
15 some pretty picky tenants there that need their power. We  
16 understand.

17 MR. MARTINEZ: How about we give you a little break,  
18 sir? Get some water.

19 MR. PERSON: I have one question before you sit  
20 down. The big building that was talked about the other day,  
21 was it -- does the Real Property Agency own that?

22 MR. CARROLL: The Building 171 where site MP is, --

23 MR. PERSON: Right.

24 MR. CARROLL: -- that's the building we're going to  
25 move back into.

1 MR. PERSON: That's owned by the military; right?

2 MR. CARROLL: That building is a lease-back. How  
3 does that work? Laura?

4 MR. VARGAS: Lease-back.

5 MR. CARROLL: It's a lease-back.

6 MR. PERSON: So the \$60 million facelift came from  
7 where?

8 MR. VARGAS: The military has certain requirements  
9 for the facility. There's some infrastructure that the Port  
10 does. If you're talking about \$60 million, I'm assuming  
11 that's all been handled by the department of the military.

12 MR. CARROLL: That's DOD or Air Force BRAC dollars.

13 MR. PERSON: The dollars that were in this project  
14 for this program; right?

15 MR. CARROLL: Well, this project --

16 MR. PERSON: No, you said DOD or BRAC project. This  
17 is BRAC. This is all part of --

18 MR. CARROLL: Well, yeah. We're all BRAC. All of  
19 my projects are BRAC.

20 MR. PERSON: Right. So you got a \$60 million  
21 renovation out of a BRAC project.

22 MR. CARROLL: No. There's the BRAC MILCON account  
23 and then there's a BRAC cleanup account. So my environmental  
24 money comes from the BRAC cleanup account. And then the  
25 MILCON is for -- basically for missions that got closed down

1 from a location to get moved into another location. That's to  
2 build the infrastructure, the buildings and whatever they need  
3 for their mission. That's the MILCON part.

4 MR. PERSON: So in essence, you own it and they  
5 lease it.

6 MR. VARGAS: They get a very good deal on it.

7 MR. PERSON: I bet they do. Since they put  
8 60 million in it, I bet they get a great deal. That's all I  
9 wanted to know.

10 MR. CARROLL: I don't know the answer to any of  
11 that. We're still affected by it.

12 MR. PERSON: Well, tax payers dollars are.

13 MR. MARTINEZ: As Paul mentioned, there was a tour  
14 conducted. It was a training and tour conducted. I believe  
15 most of the RAB members showed up and we wanted to thank you  
16 all for that, but also to extend I guess the opportunity for  
17 anybody in the community that is interested in learning and  
18 seeing these systems by extending an invitation for you all  
19 also come out to the base, coordinate with Laura, Armando, and  
20 just set up some times for that.

21 So why don't we take a quick I guess five minute  
22 break. We'll resume at 7:30.

23 (Off the record from 7:27 to 7:40)

24 MR. CARROLL: I want to introduce, again, Bill  
25 Norton from Tetra Tech. He'll be talking about Site MP, the



1 former metal plating shop at Building 171, tell y'all about  
2 the progress there. Go ahead, Bill.

3 MR. NORTON: Hello. I was telling Paul earlier,  
4 it's funny, we started out almost a year ago on this project,  
5 late August, and here we're about to wrap it up. So with any  
6 good luck, not that I don't like you, I think this will be the  
7 last go-round for us.

8 Anyway, I'd like to give you a quick update on what  
9 we've done at the site. I guess we've got a news clip of the  
10 actual site. You want to see it first?

11 We've had several media days out there. This has  
12 been a pretty high profile job for the Air Force.

13 (Recorded media was played.)

14 MR. SKROBARCEK: You want to clarify that in that  
15 media clip as far as the quantity of material that's actually  
16 been uncovered?

17 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. Bill will talk about the  
18 materials that were --

19 MR. NORTON: Yeah. I think there was some crossover  
20 from sites in there. I've got a summary of what we've done to  
21 date with volumes and everything that I'll go over for you  
22 guys.

23 You know, everybody likes to toot their horn, but  
24 really I wish my field guys were here because they're the ones  
25 that did this job and did a really bang-up job for us. We

1 really had some top notch subcontractors, and my field  
2 engineers, the superintendents, really stepped up for Tetra  
3 Tech and the Air Force to keep this thing moving so I'm very  
4 appreciative of them.

5           With that, I'll go into the presentation. I'll give  
6 you a couple of quick introductions since there's so many new  
7 faces and then a summary of the work we completed to date.  
8 Quite a bit of activity has occurred in the last year. I'll  
9 show you that. Then I'd like to go over a few bullet items of  
10 what actually remains to be done with a time line schedule,  
11 the approximate dates. We're down to like weeks now instead  
12 of months of wrapping up the bulk of the field work. And  
13 we'll have the conclusions and questions and answers if you  
14 have any.

15           Okay. For those of y'all that don't know me I'm  
16 Bill Norton. I'm the project manager with Tetra Tech. Like I  
17 said, I've been on this project, involved from the beginning  
18 in late August. Our technical leads are Mr. Larry Tyner in  
19 the back room. Larry has played a key role, along with  
20 another gentleman by the name of Brian Howard who was come up  
21 with some of our solutions for groundwater contamination, the  
22 bio cells, the design and stuff like that. They were a key  
23 role in coming up with something that was, you know, number  
24 one, cost effective, and number two, something that would work  
25 over a long term.

1           Of course y'all know Paul Carroll here with AFRPA.  
2           The other gentleman who worked closely with us is Mark Davis  
3           with AFCEE and also Luis Medina is the AFRPA project manager  
4           here locally.

5           But Daniel Dunning is a young man that we have grown  
6           to know here in the last year. He has been extremely  
7           beneficial in working on this project. We want to acknowledge  
8           him since this is the last hurrah. He's really jumped through  
9           hoops for us. You know, little things, tracking stuff down,  
10          working with the Port Authority, numerous things, he's been  
11          really good so we want to say thank you for all your help.

12          Okay. Now this is just a list of stuff that we've  
13          completed to date. A lot of this stuff goes back to August  
14          when we first got the award, behind the scenes activity. We  
15          had to do our design work, work plans and so forth. Basically  
16          to date, in a nutshell, we completed all the initial activity  
17          such as mobilization, set-up of the office, connection to  
18          utility, perimeter fencing, and we had to prepare the project  
19          work plans, excavation plans and all that to get approval from  
20          Paul before the guys could proceed forward with the work.

21          Another key area was rerouting some utilities out  
22          there that originally ran through basically the midpoint of  
23          the site. And we were concerned if we didn't reroute those,  
24          we may leave a substantial source area of contamination in the  
25          ground. But we were able to go through, reroute some water

1 lines and sewer lines and take out quite a bit more quantity  
2 of soil and actually remove the source area. So that was  
3 really good for us.

4 MR. PERSON: Did you chase those lines?

5 MR. NORTON: No. Our goal was right through the  
6 perimeter of the slurry wall.

7 MR. PERSON: So you didn't go anywhere around those  
8 lines?

9 MR. NORTON: The lines were all removed.

10 MR. PERSON: No, I'm talking about you ran the line  
11 before you dug it out. Product.

12 MR. NORTON: No. It was a potable waterline, an  
13 abandoned sewer line and we abandoned them inward. You know  
14 what I'm saying? So anything in it would come back in the  
15 pit. We basically saw-cut it within the slurry wall and took  
16 our pipes inward. We took them out from inside the slurry  
17 wall. We didn't take anything --

18 MR. PERSON: I'm not talking about inside the pipe.  
19 I'm talking about outside the pipe.

20 MR. NORTON: We did not chase them, no. Not outside  
21 the pipeline. The other thing we've done is we completed a  
22 geophysical survey and the site characterization for the  
23 in-situ soils and abandoned some of the existing wells inside  
24 the slurry wall. There was like four or five wells that we  
25 had to take out so we could do the excavation.

1           And then before we started the real intrusive work,  
2 as far as excavation, we went out and did a baseline  
3 groundwater sampling of ten existing wells. That was done  
4 primarily to get a handle on what the existing site conditions  
5 were before we started any kind of remediation. We did some  
6 upgrading of wells. We did some wells actually within the  
7 slurry wall and we did a few downgradient of the slurry wall  
8 as well.

9           When that was completed, we actually began the real  
10 meat of the work and that was the excavation and removal of  
11 the asphalt and concrete. As you can see, to date we've taken  
12 out 1,390 cubic yards of asphalt. We removed 1,360 cubic  
13 yards of concrete and this concrete ranged in size from six by  
14 six column pads to, you know, concrete slabs. It's pretty  
15 hard. Even had old railroad ties that they used for rebar at  
16 one time. I guess they ran out.

17           But once we got that out, we also initiated removal  
18 of the soil and we removed 41,600 cubic yards of what we call  
19 Class II soil from about half a foot below the ground surface  
20 to roughly 45 feet below the ground. Class II means it's  
21 contaminated, but it's not hazardous.

22           Also in addition to that, we removed approximately  
23 370 cubic yards of soil that was hazardous from about a half a  
24 foot to 45 feet below the ground surface. These were core  
25 areas in there that we identified. They had to be specially

1 treated as hazardous waste so those were trucked off to a  
2 separate landfill.

3 One of the biggest obstacles we had to keep the  
4 project moving was to install the shoring. And as deep as we  
5 were going and as limited space as we had, we decided to come  
6 up with a shotcrete methodology.

7 We've got some pictures to show you here. It's  
8 pretty good. Our engineers worked really hard to come up with  
9 a way that we could install the shoring, keep the progress  
10 going so we didn't have to stop and drive sheet piling. It's  
11 pretty cost-effective, too.

12 The biggest thing that surprised us once we were  
13 down and were installing the biobarriers down into the  
14 groundwater was the dewatering that we had to do during that.  
15 Actually we dug our bio cells and I've got a picture I can  
16 show you. And what we do is we dig out a square foot -- a  
17 square area and we installed the mulch vegetable oil barrier  
18 in there. But to do so, you had to pump out the groundwater  
19 and we pumped out 907,000 gallons of contaminated groundwater  
20 during this effort.

21 All of this was ultimately transported down to the  
22 treatment plant and disposed of. So to me, I think that's a  
23 big key factor that we've shown to have taken up that much  
24 water from that site. That's really going to help the  
25 remediation over the long term for the groundwater, my honest

1 opinion.

2 Like I said, once we finished the excavation, we  
3 installed five groundwater remediation bio cells. They range  
4 from 35 to 45 feet. I've got some photographs of that. It's  
5 kind of interesting, kind of see what we're talking about.

6 And then we finalized backfilling and grating plans.  
7 I think we worked with Port Authority on buying some material  
8 from you guys for backfill. And then we actually initiated  
9 the backfill and compaction activities. We replaced about  
10 43,000 cubic yards of fill material already so we're almost  
11 backfilled and ready to start putting the parking lot back  
12 down.

13 MR. PERSON: Did you pay them for it?

14 MR. NORTON: Pardon?

15 MR. PERSON: You paid them for the backfill?

16 MR. NORTON: Yes.

17 MR. PERSON: I told you I'd give you all you want.

18 MR. NORTON: You should have talked to my sub.

19 MR. PERSON: I told you that six months ago.

20 MR. NORTON: Well, it was a cost issue with my sub  
21 and I stay out of that. Basically as long as it didn't cost  
22 me anymore money, you know, it's up to you folks.

23 MR. WEEGAR: That was the soil with all the diesel  
24 fuel in it?

25 MR. PERSON: Yeah.

1 MR. NORTON: Appreciate the help.

2 MR. PERSON: Any time. We're here to help.

3 MR. NORTON: But that's kind of what we've done to  
4 date in a nutshell. As you can see, there's been a lot of  
5 activity out here in a year.

6 Now this is just an overall photograph so you can  
7 kind of see. The gray area, this is the shotcrete shoring  
8 that I was telling you about. You can see down at the bottom,  
9 we went to 30 feet in the majority of the areas, and that goes  
10 to groundwater.

11 See the little pit over there? That's actually the  
12 groundwater seeping up from the excavation. What we had to do  
13 as we excavated, once we got down to groundwater, we had to  
14 put some clean fill over that to get equipment and material in  
15 there because it's wet. You can't work in it. And you don't  
16 want a big crack in it because the groundwater below that is  
17 still contaminated. So once we reached groundwater, we got  
18 our -- we took confirmation samples from the sidewall, the  
19 floors and everything as we stepped up to confirm that we had  
20 all the contamination out below the cleanup guidelines.

21 But once we got down to the groundwater, we had to  
22 put in some fill material to keep the material from seeping up  
23 because we had to put in the bio cells. So we still had to  
24 maintain activity in the pit.

25 This is the bio cell I was telling you about. We



1 installed five of these out there. Basically these stuck  
2 down, we went through what you call the transition zone from  
3 the clay into the Navarro clay. And that's -- we targeted  
4 areas that displayed a really high level of PCE, TCE based on  
5 the initial site characterization, stuff that failed TCLP.  
6 That was, you know, almost a free product if you will, a DNAPL  
7 source.

8           So we dug that soil out, got down a couple of feet  
9 into the Navarro, resampled the pit floor. It showed that we  
10 had a massive reduction in levels of PCE and TCE. And when  
11 that was done, we mixed vegetable oil, mulch, pea gravels, and  
12 sand. And what we're doing is, you can see here, this tanker  
13 is actually full of vegetable oil. What this does, this  
14 provides a carbon source that's going to be released over time  
15 in the groundwater and it will keep, you know, degradation to  
16 the groundwater over time.

17           Our goal is to get this down to like five times the  
18 MCL -- a hundred times the MCL for groundwater over a  
19 three-year period.

20           So anyway, we've installed five of these and it took  
21 about a month to do these. The biggest problem we had was  
22 keeping the water pumped out. That was an obstacle.

23           MR. VARGAS: I have a question on the last slide.  
24 When you put the mulch in and material like that, I'm assuming  
25 it's going to degrade in time. Wouldn't you have some kind of

1 consolidation in there?

2 MR. NORTON: Well, we brought in our engineers. We  
3 hired a specialty in geotechnical firm and our civil structure  
4 guys. What we did, we backfilled the pit with the mulch  
5 barrier, but we also put geofabric on there as well, just for  
6 that to safeguard against any differential settlement. It's  
7 in a very isolated area so that these cells are not continuous  
8 over the site.

9 What we did was put the mulch barrier back into the  
10 soil and once we got above the groundwater, we placed a  
11 geofabric over that with a gravel layer, just like you said,  
12 to safeguard against that very settlement after we were gone  
13 say ten years down the road so you don't have a sink hole in  
14 your parking lot. We came up with -- you know, we had  
15 everything stamped and sealed by our P.E.s to do that.

16 MR. SKROBARCEK: So one of the things we had talked  
17 about last week regarding the parking lot is we -- there was  
18 some settlement sites from previous projects that were near  
19 the slurry wall.

20 MR. NORTON: Possibly so, yeah.

21 MR. SKROBARCEK: So that's something obviously we  
22 want to make sure that doesn't happen.

23 MR. NORTON: Exactly. We spent some money to make  
24 sure that doesn't happen. And the other thing that we're  
25 doing is I've got a full-time geotechnical engineering guy on

1 site. We're doing compaction testing on every lift. And we  
2 set the stringent high. We had to have a minimum of 98  
3 percent -- excuse me, a hundred percent compaction for every  
4 lift on the entire site. And we've achieved that. We went  
5 back, we got the failure reports from the geotechnical firm to  
6 show that. Just, like you said, to safeguard to show, Okay,  
7 we met our performance criteria more than anything else.

8 And when we walk away, we don't want to leave you  
9 guys with a parking lot that has potholes. That's not our  
10 job. I'm liable for it. I have a warranty that I've got to  
11 back. Plus our name is attached to this so we're not going to  
12 walk off and leave you a problem. But that's kind of what the  
13 bio cells look like.

14 This is what we looked like last Thursday. You can  
15 see we have backfilled this site within three or four feet of  
16 ground surface since last Thursday. I think today we were  
17 roughly two-and-a-half feet from the surface. So we've got  
18 about three or four more days of backfilling and compaction  
19 and then we're going to put in some replacement monitoring  
20 wells, repave the parking lot, and then basically wrap it up,  
21 get out of y'all's way.

22 But as you can see, it's come a long way from the  
23 30-foot depth to where we are now.

24 MR. CARROLL: The pipes, Bill.

25 MR. NORTON: Sorry, got to go back one.

1           Like we mentioned, we installed the bio cells to  
2 help remediate the groundwater earlier on. So as part of that  
3 installation, see these pipes sticking up, we installed PVC  
4 piping in each one of those bio cells. And what we've got to  
5 do is we have to monitor this site for a three-year period.  
6 We're going to go out and do a series of groundwater samples.  
7 And if we see a spike or a rebound in the groundwater levels,  
8 we can go back to these pipes and reinject carbon to actually  
9 help remediate the groundwater.

10           So if you see some sort of a rebound where we may  
11 not have captured everything the first time, we've got a  
12 source to go back and continue the remediation. It's a very  
13 cheap and very effective way to do this. So these bio cells  
14 will stay active for some time.

15           And this is just a summary of what we have left to  
16 do. Obviously, you know, we want to finalize the backfilling,  
17 compaction of the excavated area, get it ready to pave. And  
18 we've got to install some Waterloo sheet piling along the  
19 southern edge of the slurry wall.

20           So near the end we probably might have some seepage  
21 at one time, suggestive of secondary safety factors. You  
22 know, we removed the source area. We want to put some  
23 Waterloo sheet piling in there to make sure nothing is  
24 migrating any further, just like a secondary containment if  
25 you would.

1           Once that's completed, like we said, we took out a  
2 couple of the monitoring wells during the excavation so we got  
3 to go back in and replace some of the compliance wells. We're  
4 probably going to put at least two back within the slurry wall  
5 and probably a couple along the outside edge, just to make  
6 sure, safeguard ourselves for anything that might be  
7 migrating. I don't think there will be, but just as  
8 contingency plan and monitoring plan, that's kind of what  
9 we're going to end up installing.

10           And also, like I said, Paul and everybody is waiting  
11 to see if that asphalt goes down. And then once that's done,  
12 we demobilize and send everybody on to the next one.

13           These are the groundwater monitoring wells I was  
14 telling you about. We have to do it yearly for three years.  
15 And with that, we have to show that there's not a significant  
16 increase and that we have decreased the groundwater levels  
17 down below a hundred times the actual MCL levels. And then  
18 we'll also -- each time this happens, we'll prepare a report  
19 to submit to Paul who in turn will forward that to the  
20 regulators to show the progress of the groundwater cleanup.

21           Basically in a nutshell the slurry wall, the soil  
22 cleanup is done. We've got all the soil contamination out.  
23 It's over and we put clean backfill in. So that part's done.

24           This is just kind of an idea of the remaining field  
25 activities. I think we'll be done with backfilling by the end

1 of the week, the 17th. And then we want to start installing  
2 groundwater monitoring wells on the 20th of this month.  
3 Should have those done by the 24th, you know, a couple of days  
4 to do that. And the sheet piling, we're going to install that  
5 on the 20th. That will run for about five days as well.  
6 That's not a lot, but it will take about five days to  
7 complete.

8 And then realistically we'll probably start putting  
9 asphalt down the 27th. That should take three or four days at  
10 the most. I don't think it will take that long. Then the  
11 first week in August, we'll do a walk-down with Paul, make  
12 sure the gate is gone and you guys are happy with the parking  
13 lot and we're out of there.

14 Any questions? Okay. Well, let me thank you guys  
15 for letting us be part of your group here. We enjoyed it.  
16 Y'all have been very patient, very helpful. Thank you.

17 MR. MARTINEZ: Okay. At this time I guess we're  
18 going to move up our public comment period by five minutes  
19 since there are no questions. Do we have any cards submitted  
20 for public comments?

21 MS. GUERRERO-REDMAN: No.

22 MR. MARTINEZ: I guess I can just open the floor up  
23 to the general public. Anybody want to ask any kind of  
24 questions from any of the presentations or from the RAB  
25 members?

1           MR. PERSON: They're all contractors. They're not  
2 going to ask any questions. The only guy that's going to ask  
3 is him.

4           MR. MARTINEZ: No, there's a couple of folks here  
5 from the community.

6           MR. PERSON: He could read his thing if he wants on  
7 why he wants to be a member.

8           MR. MARTINEZ: Okay. Would you be okay with that,  
9 sir?

10          MR. ELOY GARCIA: That's fine.

11          MR. MARTINEZ: Or I could read it or --

12          MR. PERSON: No, let him read it.

13          MR. MARTINEZ: Okay.

14          MR. SKROBARCEK: Don't put him on the spot.

15          MR. MARTINEZ: I know, right.

16          MR. PERSON: Pony up if he wants to play in the  
17 game.

18          MR. MARTINEZ: He's like, I'm just going to take it  
19 back.

20          MR. PERSON: Pony up if he's going to be part of  
21 this group.

22          MR. ELOY GARCIA: Well, my name is Eloy Garcia. I'm  
23 with RLI Logistics. We're a transload and regular logistics  
24 company here that operates over at East Kelly. We been here  
25 for a couple of years.

1 I actually learned about this committee through the  
2 article that was in the Kelly Observer this last week. And I  
3 inquired with the Air Force how to go about participating in  
4 the board and they said, Fill out the application. As long as  
5 you work in the affected area, you qualify. So that's  
6 basically what I did, filled out the application and here I am  
7 today. So it's short and sweet, short story.

8 And the first question asked why I would be  
9 interested in serving on the Restoration Advisory Board and my  
10 answer was: I want to serve the community where I work in an  
11 area -- in an arena where I am familiar.

12 The second question, I was asked to describe my  
13 involvement activities. And we've only been here a couple of  
14 years. We moved from Laredo. We were there for 14 years,  
15 very involved in that community and just trying to get our  
16 feet wet here in San Antonio.

17 Actually grew up here. Lived here for 12 years in  
18 the MacArthur area and went to school in Olmos Basin. So this  
19 is the second -- second tour I guess you could say here in San  
20 Antonio. So far we've become involved in Fiesta on a  
21 volunteer basis and also very involved in our church,  
22 Community Bible Church over there off 1604 and 281.

23 Please provide examples of leadership skills. In  
24 Laredo I was on the deacon board at First Baptist Church for  
25 eight years. I was also on the WBCA board which is the



1 committee which is sort of like the Fiesta in Laredo. I was  
2 on that board for three years. And then professionally I'm  
3 vice president of Rail Link International, which is the mother  
4 company of RLI Logistics and I also had a small business when  
5 I was going to school at A&M. Whoop. That's my whoop. I'm  
6 not a real big -- my wife doesn't understand.

7 MR. CARROLL: You're not going to pass here then.  
8 A&M, hmm.

9 MR. PERSON: He's from Laredo. He's in.

10 MR. ELOY GARCIA: Describe my ability to effectively  
11 communicate with others. I was collegian and later as a  
12 leader in various endeavors, I have to serve on numerous  
13 committees and speak in front of crowds of up to 150 to voice  
14 opinions, positions with respect.

15 MR. PERSON: We haven't had that many people show up  
16 at one of these. You don't have to worry about that.

17 MR. ELOY GARCIA: And then my technical  
18 certification, professional affiliations, I was a member of  
19 the Transload Distribution Association and of SWARS, which is  
20 the Southwest Association of Rail Shipper, more logistics than  
21 transportation-oriented. Technical.

22 MR. PERSON: Very good.

23 MR. CARROLL: You want to explain to Eloy kind of  
24 the process by which, if he hasn't already been explained, we  
25 could use a refresher already, or Laura.

1 MR. MARTINEZ: Correct. As far as the election  
2 process, nomination forms are submitted to a nomination panel  
3 consisting of representatives from the various areas. And  
4 that panel, you know, votes -- yeah, votes to forward the  
5 applications or the nominees' names to the installation  
6 representative. In this case, it would be Mr. Bob Moore who  
7 represents the Air Force Real Property Agency and that person  
8 makes the designation -- the designation of whether or not  
9 that person is on the board. This is all per the final RAB  
10 rule which was published in May 2005. Correct?

11 MS. GUERRERO-REDMAN: Uh-huh.

12 MR. MARTINEZ: And so it's all in there. If y'all  
13 would like copies, contact the public affairs team. It's all  
14 in there. So it's not too long of a process.

15 All right. So moving on to suggested agenda items,  
16 I think we captured one from earlier, which is to have another  
17 report on Building 360; correct, Paul?

18 MR. CARROLL: Yeah.

19 MR. MARTINEZ: And as part of that report, Daniel is  
20 going to go back and do some research on the vinyl chloride  
21 levels in that building and it will all be presented together.  
22 So that's one agenda item. Do y'all agree with that? Are  
23 there any others that we need for the next meeting?

24 MR. PERSON: We got to wait before October before he  
25 can come and play?

1 MR. MARTINEZ: I believe that's how --

2 MR. CARROLL: We don't have a quorum. It has to go  
3 through the process first.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: It has to go through the panel first  
5 and then he needs to be appointed so --

6 MR. PERSON: You volunteered, you're in.

7 MR. MARTINEZ: We'll see you in October. Any other  
8 agenda items?

9 MR. WEEGAR: Well, you guys will be submitting your  
10 next Semiannual Groundwater Compliance Plan Report in seven  
11 days so how about a briefing on that at the next RAB meeting?

12 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

13 MR. SKROBARCEK: And then the property transfer  
14 process on Zone 2 and 3, maybe an update on that as well.

15 MR. CARROLL: Right.

16 MR. PERSON: That will be complete by then.

17 MR. SKROBARCEK: You had asked about descriptions  
18 associated with that. I don't know if there's some highlights  
19 you can give on that. That will be helpful.

20 MR. CARROLL: Also add what restrictions might be  
21 included in that property transfer.

22 MR. MARTINEZ: Okay. This is for Zones 2 and 3?

23 MR. CARROLL: Zone 2. We wish we were transferring  
24 Zone 3. Not quite there yet.

25 MR. MARTINEZ: That's a pretty good agenda. Any

1 others? No?

2 MS. ABBOTT: Can I ask one real quick question?

3 MR. MARTINEZ: Absolutely.

4 MS. ABBOTT: I was thinking about this when  
5 Mr. Norton -- I wanted to ask you, those PVC pipes, are they  
6 going to be sticking up through the concrete or are they going  
7 to be flush with the concrete?

8 MR. NORTON: They'll be flush with all the asphalt.

9 MS. ABBOTT: Okay. That's what I was wondering. I  
10 saw those and I thought, Isn't that a parking spot?

11 MR. NORTON: No, ma'am. They'll be where you can't  
12 see them.

13 MS. ABBOTT: Okay.

14 MR. CARROLL: We have our director, our agency's  
15 director, and AFCEE agency's director, who are both SESes,  
16 which is pretty way up above my level -- I can't even hardly  
17 see that level -- and then there's at least one general in the  
18 group so we don't want to have anything impeding their ability  
19 to park their cars in the parking lot.

20 MR. SKROBARCEK: This is going to be 171?

21 MR. CARROLL: Yeah.

22 MR. PERSON: You going to put monitoring well caps  
23 on these?

24 MR. CARROLL: Oh, yeah. It will be blocked from  
25 public access.

1                   MR. MARTINEZ: Okay. I think at this time we are  
2 free to adjourn.  
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