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## 1 KELLY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

2 January 13th, 2009 6:30 p.m.  
3 Port Authority of San Antonio  
4 143 Billy Mitchell Blvd., Bldg. 43, Suite 6  
5 San Antonio, Texas 78226

6 **RAB Community Members:**

7 Beverly Abbott, Community Co-Chair  
8 Rodrigo Garcia, Jr.  
9 Daniel Gonzales  
10 Nazirite Perez  
11 Paul Person  
12 Brian Skrobarcek

13 **RAB Government Members:**

14 Paul Carroll, Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA),  
15 Government Co-Chair  
16 Gil Vargas, Port Authority, Alternate  
17 Tommy Camden, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD)  
18 Kyle Cunningham, SAMHD, Alternate  
19 Jorge Salazar, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
20 (TCEQ), Alternate  
21 Mark Weegar, TCEQ  
22 Greg Lyssy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA),  
23 Alternate  
24 Kathryn Thomas, USEPA

25 **AFRPA Staff:**

Elizabeth Coira, Contractor  
Daniel Dunning, Contractor  
Kenneth Grim, Contractor  
Brian Howard, Contractor  
Eduardo Martinez, Contractor  
Jose Martinez, Facilitator  
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Melissa Mitchell, Contractor  
Ginger Mullins, Contractor  
Bill Norton, Contractor  
Walter Peck, Staff Member  
Armando Perez, Public Affairs Officer, AFRPA  
Larry Tyner, Contractor

**AFRPA Partner Agencies:**

Ronnie Hernandez, San Antonio River Authority (SARA)  
Stephen Lusk, SARA  
George Ozuna, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)  
Jennifer Wilson, USGS

**Elected Public Officials**

Stephanie Smith, Office of Charles A. Gonzalez

**Public Attendees:**

Jose Pablo Arzola, (RAB Applicant)  
Susan Kilgo

**RAB Members Not Present:**

Sylvia Ovalle  
Rafael Aviles, Port Authority

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1 (PROCEEDINGS BEGAN AT 6:36 P.M.)

2 MR. MARTINEZ: Good evening. My name is Jose  
3 Martinez and I'm your facilitator for the evening. Welcome to  
4 the first meeting of the former Kelly Air Force Base  
5 Restoration Advisory Board. I'd like to first of all ask each  
6 member of the RAB, everyone seated at the table, to introduce  
7 yourself, who you represent, please.

8 MR. GARCIA: Rodrigo Garcia. I live in the affected  
9 area just north of Kelly.

10 MR. SKROBARCEK: Brian Skrobarcek. I work in the  
11 affected area.

12 MS. THOMAS: I'm Kathryn Thomas from EPA, Region Six  
13 in Dallas. I'm Gary Miller's replacement.

14 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you.

15 MR. ARMANDO PEREZ: I'm Armando Perez. I'm the Air  
16 Force Real Property Agency public affairs officer.

17 MR. CARROLL: I'm Paul Carroll. I'm the  
18 environmental coordinator for the Air Force here for Kelly.

19 MS. ABBOTT: I'm Beverly Abbott. I live and work  
20 here in the affected area.

21 MR. CAMDEN: I'm Tommy Camden, Environmental Health  
22 Services Administrator for the Metro Health District.

23 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Kyle Cunningham with the San  
24 Antonio Metropolitan Health District. I'm the program manager  
25 for the Public Center for Environmental Health.

1 MR. VARGAS: I'll Gil Vargas. I'm a port engineer  
2 for the Port Authority and I also handle the environmental  
3 issues for the Port.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: And you are an alternate for  
5 Mr. Rafael Aviles?

6 MR. VARGAS: Today I am, yes.

7 MR. PERSON: I'm Paul Person. I represent the Union  
8 Pacific Railroad, which is the largest property owner adjacent  
9 to this project that is affected by the contamination in the  
10 area. I also do all the environmental fieldwork for the Union  
11 Pacific from Brownsville to El Paso.

12 MR. MARTINEZ: Big area.

13 MR. PERSON: Small piece of Texas.

14 MR. NAZIRITE PEREZ: My name is Nazirite Flores  
15 Perez. I live within this area, the contaminated area. I  
16 work for the City of San Antonio plus I represent the District  
17 One for the River Authority, this area. Thank you.

18 MR. MARTINEZ: May I please ask Ms. Thomas --  
19 correct?

20 MS. THOMAS: Yes.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: To tell us a little bit about  
22 yourself. You are replacing a long-standing member of the --  
23 former member of the RAB board, Mr. Gary Miller. Where are  
24 you officed and, please, a little bit about your functions at  
25 the EPA.

1 MS. THOMAS: Well, I'm coming out of the Dallas  
2 office. I've been in EPA since 1994. I'm an engineer, but  
3 also a meteorologist. I got my start in the -- as a Navy  
4 officer before I went to EPA and worked for consulting  
5 companies. And then in EPA, I've worked in enforcement and in  
6 water quality and in air pollution and now I'm doing RCRA,  
7 this type of hazardous waste work.

8 I've had other facilities such as Sandia in New  
9 Mexico and a few of the bases, like NAS Dallas or Kirtland Air  
10 Force Base, I worked on those a little bit also. So I'm happy  
11 to be here, you know, with you guys in this big project that's  
12 really interesting. So thank you for your warm welcome.

13 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you. You sound like you're  
14 very very qualified.

15 MS. THOMAS: Well, thanks.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you. I also would like to  
17 mention that four members of the RAB community members,  
18 Mr. Rodrigo Garcia, Mr. Paul Person, Mr. Brian Skrobarcek and  
19 Ms. Beverly Abbott, their terms expired at the end of  
20 December, but they requested to be renominated, reappointed to  
21 the RAB and they are all present this evening. So the Air  
22 Force expresses its appreciation for your continued service to  
23 the Air Force and to the City of San Antonio for your  
24 continuing effort. There's a lot of great work happening and  
25 we appreciate your continued involvement in that process.

1           So we have six members. Actually, we have eight  
2 members of the community, members of the RAB. Two members are  
3 absent this evening.

4           I'd like to very quickly run through the agenda as  
5 to what -- and I hope that all of you have -- members of the  
6 general public have a copy. Right after I finish with this  
7 overview of the agenda, Mr. Paul Carroll will conduct a little  
8 RAB Membership Appreciation Ceremony.

9           After that, Paul will continue with an update of two  
10 projects within the site, Building 360 and former Building  
11 301. Then representatives from the Tetra Tech will continue  
12 or con -- provide an update of the former metal plating shop.  
13 I understand it's a parking lot at the moment. Then I will  
14 ask Ms. Kyle Cunningham to introduce the speakers from USGS on  
15 the matter of Leon Creek.

16           After that, as is usually the tradition for the RAB,  
17 we will have a 15-minute public general comment presentation  
18 period. We will allow three minutes per individual. We would  
19 ask you to stand up and speak loudly so that the court  
20 reporter would actually record all your comments or your  
21 questions.

22           And finally, as again is the tradition of the RAB,  
23 the RAB will have a discussion among themselves as to what  
24 items they would like to be brought before them at the  
25 subsequent meeting.

1           So with that said, let me -- allow me to say also  
2 that there are some forms -- cards at the desk. If any member  
3 of the general public would like additional information on any  
4 topic pertaining to the environmental remediation work, you  
5 can fill out that card and leave it with the two folks at the  
6 desk. Also, there is a public meeting speaker card. We would  
7 like for you to fill out a card if you would like to be  
8 addressed or you have the opportunity to address the RAB  
9 during the evening.

10           During the rest of the discussion period, the period  
11 is intended for discussion among the RAB members and questions  
12 and answers between the RAB and the presenters this evening.

13           So with that said, I'd like to pass on the agenda to  
14 Paul to conduct the RAB Membership Appreciation Ceremony.

15           MR. CARROLL: Welcome, everyone. I'm Paul Carroll  
16 for those of you who don't remember my name. I'm terrible on  
17 names, too.

18           I'd like to begin by announcing -- presenting these  
19 small tokens of appreciation for all the RAB members who have  
20 helped out, have taken time out of their schedules to  
21 volunteer -- this is purely volunteer work -- to take an  
22 interest in the Kelly cleanup, and to let you know, you know,  
23 through this very small appreciation, that it is sincerely  
24 appreciated and we definitely appreciate your work here.

25           Some of you have been here for many years, several



1 years. Some of you are a little bit more newcomers, but we  
2 definitely appreciate all of you the same.

3 I'd like to begin with Ms. Beverly Abbott. And if  
4 you would come on up here, we'll be happy to present you with  
5 this.

6 Ms. Abbott has been a RAB member, cochair, since  
7 2006. Outside of the RAB, you serve as the principal at St.  
8 John Berchmans Catholic School and she's also a retired first  
9 sergeant for the U.S. Army Reserve. We definitely appreciate  
10 Ms. Abbott's community service and involvement in the RAB.

11 MS. ABBOTT: Thank you so very very much. Thank you  
12 very much.

13 MR. CARROLL: You're welcome. Thank you. Is  
14 Mr. James Betus here tonight?

15 MR. MARTINEZ: No.

16 MR. CARROLL: I don't think he's here. I'll go  
17 ahead and read his honors. He was a -- he's been a Kelly RAB  
18 community member since 2006. Outside of the RAB, he serves as  
19 a master sergeant for the Texas Air National Guard at  
20 Lackland. And also, he regrets to announce that he's unable  
21 to renew his RAB membership due to other commitments, ongoing  
22 work responsibilities. So he will not be able to renew his  
23 membership. But we will get his small appreciation to him  
24 though.

25 Next is Mr. Rodrigo Garcia. And yes, you do have to

1 get up. Mr. Garcia has been a RAB community member since  
2 2001. Outside of the RAB, he works for the Texas Department  
3 of Transportation, former U.S. Marine and you've been involved  
4 in numerous community initiatives. We appreciate your  
5 proactive RAB involvement, your participation here in the RAB,  
6 and your partnership and years of service.

7 Mr. Daniel Gonzales, I don't know if I saw him here  
8 tonight.

9 MR. GARCIA: No. He's not here.

10 MR. CARROLL: Mr. Gonzales has been a community RAB  
11 member from 2003 until 2006 and had a little hiatus and came  
12 back in 2008 to present. Outside of the RAB, he serves as the  
13 Parent/Child Incorp -- with Parent/Child Incorporated for over  
14 20 years in various executive positions and is an active  
15 community advocate for children's issues. PCI is a nonprofit  
16 agency that provides Head Start, Early Head Start and  
17 nutrition services to at-risk children.

18 We're glad he came -- chose to come back to the RAB.  
19 I think this may be the first one he's missed in a while since  
20 he's been back so we appreciate his ongoing community service.

21 Mr. -- next is Mr. Nazirite Perez. Mr. Perez has  
22 been a RAB member since the year 2000. And he's -- also  
23 you're a member, as you said a member, of the San Antonio  
24 River Authority board and a community activist and we  
25 appreciate your years of service and ability to bring together

1 many vantage points due to your involvement in all the  
2 community groups that you've been involved with and to inform  
3 the RAB of the big picture of the community activity. Thank  
4 you very much for your service.

5           Next is Mr. Paul Person. Mr. Person has been a RAB  
6 member since 1996.

7           MR. PERSON: Forever.

8           MR. CARROLL: You're one of the early ones.

9           MR. PERSON: The original.

10           MR. CARROLL: Original. Okay. Outside of the RAB,  
11 as he said, he works for Union Pacific Railroad. We  
12 appreciate your many years of dedicated service and  
13 involvement with the Kelly RAB. Thank you very much.  
14 Appreciate it.

15           Next is Mr. Brian Skrobarcek. I apologize for  
16 butchering names tonight. I'm real good at that.

17           Mr. Skrobarcek has been a RAB member since 2006.  
18 Outside of the RAB, he serves as the corporate director of  
19 environmental affairs at Standard Arrow, a tenant here, a  
20 large tenant on the base, and we appreciate your proactive  
21 approach to dealing with the tenant perspectives on the RAB.  
22 Thank you very much.

23           Now we have the government RAB representatives.

24           First off, Mr. Rafael Aviles, who is not here  
25 tonight, but he'll be -- Mr. Gil Vargas, if you wouldn't mind

1 accepting his award for him.

2 MR. VARGAS: Sure.

3 MR. CARROLL: Mr. Aviles is the public relations  
4 representative for the Port Authority of San Antonio. And the  
5 Port has been involved with us, of course, since the very  
6 beginning as the local redevelopment authority. We call them  
7 LRAs here. I don't know if you've heard that term, but they  
8 have been actively with us during this whole time.

9 Mr. Aviles has been involved with the RAB since last  
10 year, 2008. Thank you, Gil, for accepting that.

11 Ms. Kyle Cunningham. Ms. Cunningham is the health  
12 program director for the Public Center for Environmental  
13 Health -- we call it PCEH -- of the San Antonio Metropolitan  
14 Health District, a mouthful. The Metropolitan Health District  
15 has been involved with the RAB since the very beginning in  
16 1994 and most recently -- well, Ms. Cunningham has been active  
17 and highly appreciated as a government representative since  
18 2002.

19 Most recently she's played an active role in  
20 facilitating the updates we'll hear tonight on Leon Creek from  
21 the USGS. And we appreciate your community activism and  
22 partnership and it's noted you will continue to participate in  
23 the RAB as the official alternate for the Metropolitan Health  
24 District. Thank you, Ms. Cunningham.

25 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Thank you.

1 MR. CARROLL: Next up, I'd like to ask Kathryn  
2 Thomas, if she would, to come accept the token for Gary Miller  
3 on his behalf. Gary Miller has been involved with the RAB  
4 since 1995 and he's been on the RAB since 2002. So U.S.  
5 EPA -- I'm sorry, U.S. EPA has been involved with the RAB  
6 since 1995 and Gary has been here since 2002. U.S. EPA and  
7 Mr. Miller have been highly valued government representatives  
8 to the RAB.

9 Most recently Mr. Miller, as you know, as you've  
10 seen the briefings lately, has been very proactive about  
11 heightening public awareness to soil vapor intrusion issues in  
12 the area to recruit -- and to recruit participants. We  
13 appreciate his leadership, openness and involvement and, as we  
14 said, Kathryn Thomas is taking Gary's place and we definitely  
15 appreciate Gary's service in the RAB. Thank you for accepting  
16 that.

17 And Mr. Mark Weegar from the Texas Commission on  
18 Environmental Quality. TCEQ has been involved with the RAB  
19 since the beginning, 1994. Mr. Weegar has been with the RAB  
20 since 2000 and he's been very active at pretty much every RAB  
21 to ensure all members understand the state regulations,  
22 processes and approval and procedures related to the topics  
23 discussed. We appreciate his expertise and years of service  
24 and Mark will be -- continue to be the primary TCEQ  
25 representative.

1 MR. WEEGAR: Thank you.

2 MR. CARROLL: That concludes our presentation for  
3 tonight. We, again, definitely appreciate everyone's service,  
4 you taking this extra time and the interest in community  
5 activities such as this and I know a lot of you do a lot of  
6 other things. We appreciate it.

7 We also appreciate the members of the public for  
8 attending this RAB. It's definitely good to have lots of  
9 folks here to hear about the ongoing activities at Kelly for  
10 sure.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: Moving right along, the next item on  
12 the agenda is, again, Paul. Update on presentations on  
13 Building 360 and former Building 301. Pardon me. There's a  
14 question.

15 MS. COIRA: I think we might take a moment to talk  
16 about the RAB membership first.

17 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. Okay. Sorry about that. We  
18 have -- we wanted to give you guys an update on the membership  
19 drive efforts that we've been doing. A few of the things that  
20 we do -- we kind of talked about this at the last RAB meeting,  
21 but we didn't touch on exactly what we do.

22 We've done newspaper announcements in the San  
23 Antonio Express News, went out December 19th and 24th of 2008,  
24 and then one in -- a couple in La Prensa also, about the same  
25 time, and at the South Side Reporter, December 25th and

1 January 4 -- January 1st.

2 We also have been putting out recruitment calendar  
3 fliers and posters. I think we have some of those available  
4 tonight. Elizabeth has those and I think you might have them  
5 in your packet for the RAB members.

6 Another thing we've been doing is asking the RAB  
7 members during your RAB renewal process and during this last  
8 three months to see what you can do about outreach. We sent  
9 you an extra RAB membership application along with this packet  
10 and we appreciate the help you guys are doing in that.

11 Would you like to update the folks on what you're  
12 doing? Rodrigo?

13 MR. GARCIA: Well, I've been going out to the school  
14 boards and giving them applications, some of these  
15 neighborhood associations on Acme Street like the Community  
16 Workers Council, all that. And I need to get in a meeting  
17 with the school board because we need some teachers and some  
18 parents that live in the affected area. So I'm going to  
19 continue my efforts to try and get more membership by going  
20 around visiting a lot of these community organizations now  
21 that I have some time.

22 I'm going to be off for four months using up comp  
23 time that I have to use or lose so I've been trying to hit  
24 these neighborhood associations and some of these neighborhood  
25 schools pretty bad. And I need to get some more blank

1 applications from you. So I am trying to get some more  
2 memberships lined up for processing, see if we can get some  
3 more applications.

4 MR. CARROLL: Thank you, Mr. Garcia.

5 The other things -- couple of other things that  
6 we're doing, the membership drive will remain open and  
7 ongoing. What we have gotten so far at our office is one  
8 application. So -- and the person with that application, I  
9 don't know, they said they may be here tonight. I don't know  
10 if they are or not. So if you are, welcome.

11 Okay. Welcome. We definitely would appreciate you  
12 to proceed, you know -- pursue this membership. We definitely  
13 appreciate community members who join the RAB.

14 MR. MARTINEZ: Paul, could we ask the person to  
15 introduce himself or herself?

16 MR. CARROLL: Yes.

17 MR. MARTINEZ: If you'd stand please, introduce  
18 yourself.

19 MR. ARZOLA: I'm Jose Arzola. I'm a retired Navy  
20 chief. I lived in the Edgewood district for about 30 years.  
21 I moved out last year. But I still own my other house here.  
22 My daughter is in there right now. I have an undergraduate  
23 from St. Mary's and master's from UTSA in public  
24 administration. I'm a program director for the Sage  
25 Corporation. And since I've been home, since I retired in



1 '99, I've been involved with the Edgewood as PTA Edgewood  
2 council president. And I belong to the American Legion right  
3 up here. I'm a Vietnam vet and anything I can do for this  
4 community -- and my father retired from this building, from  
5 Kelly.

6 MR. CARROLL: Good deal.

7 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you.

8 MR. CARROLL: Mr. Gonzales has just arrived. Hate  
9 to bring attention to you, but --

10 MR. GONZALES: Thanks.

11 MR. CARROLL: What we'll do is back up just a little  
12 bit and give Mr. Gonzales his -- his award also.

13 Mr. Gonzales, we've been presenting small tokens of  
14 appreciation for everyone that has served on the RAB and we  
15 would like for you to come up, if you would, and we'll present  
16 you with this.

17 Mr. Gonzales has been a RAB community member from  
18 2003 until 2006 and then again from 2008 to present. And I've  
19 already read this, but he hasn't heard it yet. But outside  
20 the RAB he has served as a Parent/Child -- with Parent/Child  
21 Incorporated for twenty years and provides Head Start, Early  
22 Head Start for at-risk children. We're glad you chose to come  
23 back to the RAB and we appreciate your service and  
24 community -- and your leadership in the community.

25 MR. GONZALES: Thank you very much.

1 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

2 MR. MARTINEZ: Now we go to the updates of Building  
3 360 and 301. Sorry for jumping the gun, Paul.

4 MR. CARROLL: No, I think that was partly ...

5 This Building 360 we've been briefing at every RAB  
6 so a lot of you know the story there. One of the things that  
7 we're doing there is a soil vapor extraction system. And what  
8 that does is create a vacuum in soils underneath the northwest  
9 corner. Is that right?

10 MR. SKROBARCEK: Uh-huh.

11 MR. CARROLL: Kind of that area of the building,  
12 pull out contaminated soil vapors from underneath that  
13 building. That -- that system has a quite noisy motor blower,  
14 vacuum system so what we had to do was go out and quiet that  
15 down a little bit. So what we've done is put a large muffler  
16 that's like a muffler off a diesel truck, and pipe lagging to  
17 deaden that sound.

18 The sound has been greatly diminished from what it  
19 was before. We still have a little bit to go to reach our  
20 goal, but what we're going to do there is put a -- an acoustic  
21 enclosure to put around the blower motor itself and that will  
22 take the noise down to what our goal is. But we are running  
23 it as -- as needed now or as intended now so we'll continue to  
24 do that. And it's pretty quiet. We went out there today and  
25 took a look at it and it's pretty quiet. You can talk at

1 normal levels right at the machinery so it's pretty good.

2 MR. PERSON: Have you had some complaints?

3 MR. CARROLL: We didn't ever get a complaint with  
4 just the exception of an informal complaint from someone who  
5 has a -- actually lives in a house very nearby there, one of  
6 those duplexes right -- right by Building 360.

7 The SVE operations, of course that's what the goal  
8 is to mitigate the contamination underneath the building.  
9 Sampling results indicate that SVE system is removing that  
10 contamination as intended. Max removal rates are estimated at  
11 approximately 169 pounds to date. What we use to estimate  
12 the -- those removal rates are concentrations that we see  
13 going into the system as well as the volume that we're pulling  
14 in and of course the time -- time that we run it.

15 MR. PERSON: When you say 169 pounds, that's vinyl  
16 chloride?

17 MR. CARROLL: Total VOCs. And mostly what we're  
18 pulling from there is PCE, tetrachlorethylene.

19 Also part of that -- another investigation that  
20 we're doing or another thing that we're doing at Building 360  
21 is an investigation into soil vapor intrusion. We've looked  
22 at historical operations, chemical usage. We found that there  
23 was a small amount of chlorinated solvents being used within  
24 the building so we briefed at the last RAB, Okay, we're going  
25 to go underneath the building, underneath the slab to do our

1 investigation. So that's what we're doing. And we're -- we  
2 have a work plan that's in development, we've seen it, that  
3 we're going to do that further investigation.

4 I think the next slide is going to show the original  
5 area's contamination. I don't have a pointer, but I'll go up  
6 here. It's kind of hard to see -- real hard to see on this  
7 slide, but it's kind of a hashed area in -- in this area.  
8 That's the original area that was targeted for remediation.  
9 So the next slide should show kind of a graphical depiction of  
10 the concentrations of what is in the soil underneath that  
11 building.

12 As you can see, the maroon is a little bit lower  
13 concentrations and as you go through the blues, yellows, reds,  
14 it gets higher in concentration. So that SVE system is  
15 targeting those areas.

16 MR. PERSON: Has the drought affected the  
17 (inaudible) Vadose zone around --

18 THE COURT REPORTER: Can you speak up, Mr. Person?

19 MR. PERSON: I asked has the drought affected the  
20 Vadose zone around the wells.

21 MR. CARROLL: Not that we know of. We're still  
22 getting to a position where we can do -- we're doing a little  
23 bit. We're going to install some wells to better understand  
24 our area of influence and the vapor extraction rate and things  
25 like that. So we should know, once we do this investigation,

1 a lot better about how -- you know, how the soil moisture  
2 content is affecting what we're doing.

3 Really in the SVE operations, it's best to lower  
4 that content so the vapors can move more easily through the  
5 soil. And that's what SVE systems typically do at the time.

6 MS. ABBOTT: Mr. Carroll?

7 MR. CARROLL: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. ABBOTT: Where in relation to that contamination  
9 is that tenant?

10 MR. CARROLL: The tenant that --

11 MS. ABBOTT: The tenant that was using the  
12 chlorinated solvents.

13 MR. CARROLL: Oh, they -- they're in the entire  
14 building over the top of that contamination.

15 MR. SKROBARCEK: Yeah, we're at -- we're on top of  
16 that.

17 MS. ABBOTT: You're on top of it?

18 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, Brian's on top of it.

19 MR. SKROBARCEK: And when we say very little, we  
20 mean just really trace amounts of chlorinated solvents that we  
21 have to use --

22 MS. ABBOTT: Oh, okay.

23 MR. SKROBARCEK: -- by technical requirement. We've  
24 actually got a project right now on the go to actually  
25 eliminate that altogether.

1 MS. ABBOTT: And it's used like throughout the whole  
2 building --

3 MR. SKROBARCEK: Yeah, it's used --

4 MS. ABBOTT: -- or just in a small portion?

5 MR. SKROBARCEK: Yeah. It's used in a plating  
6 operation very specifically so ...

7 MR. CARROLL: The reason we can't really see  
8 indoor -- we don't want to go indoors to do that is because  
9 it's -- even just a very little bit affects what we're see --  
10 what we can look for because we're looking at concentrations  
11 of parts per billion levels in the subslab soils. So we just  
12 opted to go just the subslab to determine what we have down  
13 there.

14 Contractors developed an approach to conduct the  
15 subslab sampling and it's -- it goes beyond the known extent  
16 today. And we're going to install 16 vapor monitoring points.  
17 This will help us to learn the lateral and vertical extent of  
18 the PCE and TCE underlying the building if -- and to determine  
19 if it's larger than the area currently known.

20 Also what we're going to find out, as Mr. Person  
21 alluded to, is we'll understand better from the installation  
22 of these vapor points the influence of the SVE system, how  
23 that's reacting, how that's interacting with the soil types  
24 and -- and the contamination in the building, too. That data  
25 will also be used to determine pace to closure, how long it's

1 going to take to reach closure.

2 Here's a map showing in pink the new sampling  
3 locations that we're going to put in. The -- well, let's see.  
4 Kind of gold and blue areas are areas of known soil  
5 contamination from our previous sampling. Those -- these  
6 linear features are the actual SVE system, horizontal wells  
7 that pull vapors from the soil. And that -- that work will be  
8 done over the next few months.

9 Okay. Any questions about that? Yes, sir.

10 MR. WEEGAR: Paul, do you intend to shut down the  
11 SVE systems for a period of time before and while you're doing  
12 the soil gas and subslab sampling?

13 MR. CARROLL: That may be done for a while while  
14 we're doing that to ensure that we're getting good accurate  
15 results of the in-place contamination. Anything else?

16 Okay. Okay. Right immediately following this is  
17 the Building 301 system that we've got in place. Got that?  
18 Electrical resistive heating is the type of remedy we've  
19 installed at Building 301. It's pretty close to Building 360,  
20 in the same general area. That's a system that uses electric  
21 current to heat the soils. Soils are contaminated with mainly  
22 PCE and degradation products. But we heat the soil up.

23 The system also has an integrated soil vapor  
24 extraction system that sucks the contaminants out of the soil  
25 as you go. So that started as y'all -- as y'all know in July

1 of this year -- of last year now, and it's been running since  
2 then.

3           They conduct operations and maintenance weekly,  
4 bimonthly and monthly sampling of the vapor phase and  
5 condensate. And as an enhancement to the system, we've  
6 reported that we installed some drip lines in late August so  
7 that we can inject water to moisturize the formation and make  
8 the electric current travel better and to heat better.

9           We have a TCEQ approved Class V injection well to  
10 inject basically that recovered condensate and/or potable  
11 water into the formation in order to increase the moisture  
12 content. The average subsurface temperatures at startup were  
13 27 degrees centigrade or 81 degrees Fahrenheit.

14           We've got three areas that we kind of delineate as  
15 part of that site, but it's all one site. Areas A and B, as  
16 of the end of the year 2008, have risen to 92 degrees  
17 centigrade, that's about 197 degrees Fahrenheit, and just  
18 about to the designed target temperature of 198 degrees  
19 centigrade -- I mean Fahrenheit, 92 degrees centigrade. The  
20 average subsurface temperatures for the other area as of the  
21 end of December have risen above the designed target  
22 temperature of 96 degrees centigrade and 205 degrees  
23 Fahrenheit.

24           Here's a chart showing the two areas. It's a chart  
25 you have in your packet. But it's generally showing the



1 different locations laterally and vertically in these areas  
2 and the temperature readings over time that we've -- that  
3 we've gotten to. As you can see, we've gotten steady increase  
4 working just exactly as designed in other words.

5 The two -- back up just a second if you can,  
6 Elizabeth. The two lower graphs are from areas that are  
7 vertically separated from the target zone of contamination.  
8 So those have a little bit lower slope on them, little bit  
9 lower curve, which is what we expected.

10 Okay. The contaminant removal. I know y'all have  
11 been wanting to hear about this. This is -- this looks like a  
12 very successful project. PCE and daughter products have been  
13 detected in varying concentrations and samples collected  
14 during O&M. Other VOCs, in addition to PCE and daughter  
15 products, have been detected. Those are being removed by the  
16 granular activated carbon canisters. Those were saturated and  
17 replaced in October of 2008 and that's been sent to -- being  
18 sent to a recycling facility for regeneration.

19 Our calculations indicate that approximately 711  
20 pounds of VOCs have been removed as of the end of the year and  
21 that mass is calculated based on the molecular weight of PCE,  
22 that's the primary contaminant, and daily measurement of VOCs  
23 concentrations and daily recordings from vacuum extractions.  
24 So we kind of use a similar calculation that we did for the  
25 SVE system to estimate how much contamination has been

1 removed. So we've gotten up to around 700 pounds of removal  
2 there. Looks like the system is working just as designed,  
3 just as advertised for us. So we're pretty happy about the  
4 success of this system.

5 MR. PERSON: So you brought the boiling -- almost to  
6 boiling point. Have you actually had it boil? 212 degrees?

7 MR. CARROLL: No, not at this site yet. We don't  
8 intend to get to the boiling point of water because the  
9 boiling point of PCE is just a little bit lower than that of  
10 water. You don't really have to. So no. This is our optimum  
11 temperature for getting PCE to volatilize and come out of the  
12 water and the soils. Mainly the soils above it is where the  
13 main part of the contamination is that we're trying to reach.

14 We have another system that we're going to install  
15 later at the north end of the base that has contamination  
16 that's above the boiling point of water. Same kind of system,  
17 but we are going to have to heat it up to the boiling point  
18 for that system. And we'll be briefing that as we go later  
19 on.

20 MR. CAMDEN: How big of an area are you talking  
21 about that you're actually heating the ground?

22 MR. CARROLL: It's about what, 200 feet across  
23 maybe, Daniel?

24 MR. DUNNING: It's big. I don't know. Maybe about  
25 two or 300 --

1 MR. CAMDEN: Shorter than a football field?

2 MR. CARROLL: Shorter than a football field.

3 MR. CAMDEN: And how far down -- what are the  
4 limitations as far as the -- how far down -- what's the depth  
5 that you actually --

6 MR. DUNNING: We go down 30, 35 feet below ground  
7 surface.

8 THE COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, can you stand up?

9 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. Go ahead, Daniel. Announce  
10 your name, too.

11 MR. DUNNING: Daniel Dunning. I support -- I'm  
12 contract support to the AFRPA. I work for Booz Allen  
13 Hamilton.

14 And to answer your question, the average well depth  
15 is about 30 to 35 feet below ground surface. There is some  
16 variation.

17 MR. CAMDEN: So that temperature is pretty much from  
18 the surface all the way down to the 35-foot mark or is it --

19 MR. DUNNING: Well, actually that graph that we had  
20 on before, it actually graphs it out. The very -- the highest  
21 temperature is going to be in the middle and the lower -- the  
22 deepest depths and the highest depths, you're going to see  
23 your lower temperature.

24 MR. CAMDEN: Now the areas where the  
25 concentration -- I mean the contaminants --

1 MR. DUNNING: Right.

2 MR. CAMDEN: -- actually are is --

3 MR. DUNNING: Is in the center of that range.

4 MR. CARROLL: What was I going to say?

5 MR. CAMDEN: What kind of a electric bill do you  
6 generate on a monthly basis?

7 MR. CARROLL: That's a really good question.

8 MR. PERSON: Your tax dollars are taking care of  
9 that.

10 MR. CARROLL: Good thing about this process is it's  
11 going to take less than a year to get it completely from start  
12 to finish to remediation goals, which is going to cut out  
13 several years of ongoing O&M for the other types of systems  
14 that we would have had to install. So spending a lot of money  
15 on electricity up front is going to save us a lot of money in  
16 the long run and lot of O&M, lot of oversight on behalf of the  
17 Air Force, a lot of time before the contamination gets cleaned  
18 up. And that process was selected using the typical selection  
19 process the government uses for environmental cleanup.

20 That's -- that's I guess pay me now or pay me later  
21 type thing. Pay me over a long period of time type thing.

22 Anymore questions?

23 MR. MARTINEZ: If there are no questions of Paul,  
24 the next item on the agenda is a presentation by Mr. Bill  
25 Norton, Tetra Tech contractor on the metal plating shop, the

1 Site MP update.

2 MR. NORTON: How are you doing? I appreciate you  
3 letting us come back to San Antonio. It's been a couple of  
4 months since I saw you guys. But basically what we'd like to  
5 do is kind of give y'all an update on where we're at with the  
6 project with the MP site.

7 And we'll have just a brief introduction so some of  
8 these faces here, you'll get to know who we are and then I'd  
9 like to talk about the work that's been completed to date and  
10 then the remaining work that we've got to do and just a quick  
11 summary of the schedule of activity over the next six or so  
12 months so you can see where we're going to be going and then  
13 open discussions. Next slide.

14 As far as introductions go, my name is Bill Norton.  
15 I'm the project manager for Tetra Tech. Keith Bradley is not  
16 here, he's our contracts manager. He works with Paul from  
17 AFRPA as far as setting up your contracts and so forth. Our  
18 technical leads for this project are Larry Tyner and Brian  
19 Howard. They're in the room with us. They kind of oversee  
20 the analytical aspect of this and kind of help keep the  
21 technical approach and make sure we meet our remediation goals  
22 going onward.

23 As far as the Air Force goes, Mark Davis is our  
24 point of contact here at AFCEE on base. Paul Carroll from  
25 AFRPA y'all know well and then Luis Medina is the actually

1 project manager and Luis comes and checks on us daily to make  
2 sure we're not asleep in the trailer or anything. We're  
3 actually working.

4 MR. CARROLL: Don't make Luis stand.

5 MR. MEDINA: Second that motion.

6 MR. NORTON: All right. As far as the work  
7 completed to date, we've completed our mobilization and setup  
8 of our temporary facilities since we're going to be here for  
9 about nine months. We've actually done a site survey to  
10 establish the location of the existing slurry wall, which is a  
11 key area we have to define to, you know, excavate our  
12 excavation.

13 And then we've put up the temporary fencing around  
14 the site perimeter and we submitted our project quality  
15 control program and work plan and we've actually got some  
16 field work done as far as we finished the geophysical survey.

17 And then we've done the site investigation, which  
18 was actually going out and delineating the footprint of the  
19 existing plume. And then we did that for disposal criteria,  
20 to know where the material would have to go, to what landfill.  
21 So we've got a good jump on a lot of that front preliminary  
22 work.

23 The other thing that we initiated this week was the  
24 baseline groundwater sampling. Prior to excavation, we're  
25 going to go out and do a base line sampling of ten existing

1 wells and we'll do that before we do any excavation or  
2 remediation. And then once the remediation is done, then we  
3 have -- followed on by three more years of annual groundwater  
4 sampling to monitor the performance of the remediation.

5 This is just a map of the geophysical survey. This  
6 was done back in November. You can see the pink area is kind  
7 of the footprint of the old metal plating shop and it showed  
8 up in the geophysical survey. We saw the remnant of the old  
9 concrete slab and the old footings and a lot of the utility  
10 conduits and stuff down -- you know, we can see those pretty  
11 easily, which help us kind of delineate and determine, you  
12 know, where we start the excavations and as far as rerouting  
13 the utilities and so forth. So that was a key tool for that,  
14 but that was done in November. Next slide.

15 This is kind of a three dimensional view of what we  
16 found in the site investigation. I think to date we've put in  
17 roughly 60 borings. And the areas that are shaded in pink,  
18 those are the areas that we're going to have to excavate and  
19 clean up inside that slurry wall boundary. You can see it  
20 kind of mimics itself in a generic footprint, sort of at the  
21 northern portion of the site and it traverses down the  
22 westward wall just a little bit.

23 And then that clear green pattern at the bottom,  
24 that's the groundwater zone. And then right below that is  
25 where we've actually found a DNAPL source area, which we

1 expected to find. That was a whole part of the investigation  
2 was to find that source area to remove it. Next slide.

3 MR. VARGAS: I got a question of that last slide.

4 MR. NORTON: Sure. Back up one.

5 MR. VARGAS: Are you -- are you just extrapolating  
6 where you think the edge of the plume is? I mean does it  
7 actually go straight down? Is it defined by that --

8 MR. NORTON: What we've done, we've bragged at this  
9 site. We set up a spatial grid of borings, 29 by 29 feet. We  
10 went in, we took borings continuously from the ground surface  
11 into the Navarro clay, 50 feet below the ground surface.

12 Each one of those set borings was sampled at  
13 five-foot intervals, from zero to five, five to ten, ten to 15  
14 and so on. That was analyzed. And as far as for VOCs, SVOCs  
15 and such for contaminants of concern, it's not exactly -- it's  
16 not going to be a distinctive line, but it gives you a  
17 representation of the areas we know that are being classified  
18 in place and have to come out.

19 And we'll do confirmation sampling after we've  
20 excavated the soils. We'll take some samples from the  
21 sidewall and the pit floor as well to confirm that.

22 MR. PERSON: This is our 40-foot hole?

23 MR. NORTON: Yeah, 45.

24 MR. CARROLL: Could you explain what DNAPL is?

25 MR. NORTON: Yeah. DNAPL is basically -- it's



1 the -- it's what is basically the residue from the chemicals  
2 of concern. It's solvent which basically consists of what is  
3 known as DCE and PCE. It's basically leftover material. It's  
4 almost like a free product if you would. It's not raw  
5 material, but it's such a high concentration, it's a  
6 continuing source. And as it leeches out through the  
7 groundwater and the soil, that's what spreads your  
8 contamination.

9 So the big effort of this whole project was to  
10 remove that DNAPL source at the base of this slurry wall so  
11 that will min -- you know, stop the further spread of  
12 contamination in that slurry wall.

13 MR. VARGAS: One other question. Doesn't it seem  
14 odd that you would have a layer of green right underneath --  
15 is it -- is the red the highest concentration?

16 MR. NORTON: It is. What you're seeing, that green,  
17 that's the water table. And these solvents, these chemicals  
18 of concern that we're looking at, they're heavier than water.  
19 Follow me?

20 So once they leach out through the soil, hit that  
21 water table, over time they sink. So that would make sense.  
22 We didn't see any right at the water table, but they come down  
23 that Navarro clay that's around 45 feet, it's very  
24 impermeable, which is a good thing if you have a contaminated  
25 site. It will keep, you know, contamination from going on

1 downward.

2 So what you're seeing is you hit that water table  
3 and over time -- you got to remember, this site has been here  
4 since, Larry, what, '50s or whatever?

5 MR. TYNER: Yeah.

6 MR. NORTON: Yeah.

7 MR. TYNER: It's been here (inaudible) --

8 MR. NORTON: So since then, it's been --

9 MR. VARGAS: (inaudible) green is the water  
10 (inaudible --)

11 MR. NORTON: -- at the water table and it's just  
12 settled out, like a sediment if you would.

13 MR. VARGAS: -- and below that is the Navarro clay.

14 MR. NORTON: Exactly. Okay. And then the work that  
15 we've got left to do is we've got to do the utility  
16 abandonment; we've got a potable waterline that's got to be  
17 rerouted; we've got an existing sanitary sewer that's got to  
18 be abandoned in place; and we've got an old electrical vault  
19 that's got to be taken out.

20 And there's a old gas line there that's supposedly  
21 inactive, but, you know, as a general contractor, we're going  
22 to pressure test it to make sure it's inactive and we're going  
23 to put a cap on it as well. And then we'll start excavation  
24 activities.

25 Once that's done, then we're going to come in and

1 complete the site lay-down area and that will consist of  
2 constructing a temporary staging area for any of the concrete  
3 rubble, set up our dewatering equipment, frac tanks and so  
4 forth. And once that's done, then we're going to go in the  
5 actual excavation and that will consist of removal of the  
6 asphalt cover over the slurry wall. That's roughly a 300 by  
7 300-foot area.

8           And then once that's done, then we're looking at  
9 installing sheet piling and shoring along the northern wall to  
10 ensure the safety of that slurry wall right now. And once  
11 that's in, then we're going to start the soil excavation. And  
12 just like you saw, we'll go in and we'll stage it at five-foot  
13 intervals. You know, we already know what the concentrations  
14 are and what has to come out so we'll take it at five-foot  
15 depths. We'll take it out, put it in trucks and transport it  
16 to the appropriate facility.

17           Majority of this stuff will go off as Class II  
18 nonhazardous soil. There's a very small source in the bottom  
19 where the DNAPL is that's going to be classified as hazardous.

20           Okay. Once we get that done, one of the things  
21 we're trying to do is to help clean up the groundwater because  
22 what we're taking out as a soil constituents, but we're going  
23 to put in a carbon source at the base of the excavation.  
24 Where we talked about removing the DNAPL source, we're going  
25 to go in and we're going to put a carbon source in there.

1 That will release carbon over time, help do in-situ  
2 remediation of the groundwater. Any remaining contaminants  
3 are there, it will help degrade them further over a three-year  
4 period.

5           Once that's done, we get the carbon source in, then  
6 we're going to come back in and we'll do site restoration  
7 activities. That will be backfill, compaction and repaving  
8 the parking lot. And then once that's done, then we'll go  
9 into groundwater monitoring which is a three-year -- it will  
10 be done annually over three years and we'll sample ten  
11 existing monitoring wells, you know, around the perimeter and  
12 within the actual slurry wall itself to monitor the cleanup  
13 goals and such.

14           And there will be periodic reporting, you know,  
15 throughout the whole process. We have to report to the state,  
16 EPA, TCEQ and so forth what we're doing and what kind of goal  
17 we achieved. Next slide.

18           This is just a slide to let you see the area in  
19 yellow. That's the slurry wall area, the excavation area.  
20 The blue is the potable waterline we've got to cut and replace  
21 and reroute. Next slide.

22           And then that little white hash line, that's the old  
23 sanitary sewer that we got to take out.

24           Okay. And this red line, that's the electrical  
25 vault. You can see they couldn't put them in a better place,

1 right through the center of our site. We have to deal with  
2 those. Next one.

3 And this little hash -- green hash line, that's  
4 existing gas line that's abandoned. I just wanted you to see  
5 that. So we're going to cap that as well.

6 Okay. The next thing is just the schedule of what  
7 we're doing. As far as the month of January, we're going to  
8 complete the site lay-down area and then we'll also complete  
9 all the utility abandonment and rerouting through January.  
10 Soil excavation is going to start the 24th of this month and  
11 that will run through July. And then in August we'll start  
12 the backfilling and restoration of the site, which we'll be  
13 backfilling and replacing the asphalt parking lot.

14 That's basically it in a nutshell.

15 MR. VARGAS: So your plan is to do all the  
16 excavation and then do backfill after all the excavation work  
17 is done?

18 MR. NORTON: Yeah. We'll come out. What we'll do  
19 is excavate the majority of the shallow soil down to the top  
20 of the groundwater that's got to come out, zero to 35 feet.  
21 Okay. Once we get that area done and we take the confirmation  
22 samples, I'll backfill that shallow area and then I'm going to  
23 move into the center of the plume from the northeast wall and  
24 concentrate on that deep soil. And then once that deep DNAPL  
25 source is removed, then I'll backfill that area as well. So

1 the backfill restoration will kind of start the phase approach  
2 behind that. It will be, like I said, close to the end of  
3 July.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: Any additional questions of  
5 Mr. Norton from members of the RAB?

6 MR. SKROBARCEK: So all of the excavation is going  
7 to be within the existing containment, concrete containment?

8 MR. NORTON: Yes, sir. Our scope of work is to work  
9 within the slurry wall itself.

10 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, Mr. Norton.

11 The next item of the agenda, as I said earlier, I'd  
12 like to ask Ms. Kyle Cunningham, Metro Health, to introduce  
13 the speakers. And first of all, I'd like to thank  
14 Ms. Cunningham for facilitating this presentation.

15 MS. CUNNINGHAM: No problem.

16 At the last RAB meeting, several members asked that  
17 a presentation be done on Leon Creek. This is a project that  
18 has been going on for a while. It's a collaborative project.  
19 I think many of you know, all of you know, that there's a fish  
20 advisory that was issued several years ago on Leon Creek,  
21 something to do with PCB contamination, and this is sort of a  
22 follow-up to that.

23 TCEQ is doing a project also on Leon Creek. And,  
24 Mark, you had asked for some information on that. I did speak  
25 with Kerry and we did speak with them, but they don't really

1 have much to share with us at this point in time. But we will  
2 be updating that.

3 But when that original fishing advisory was issued  
4 for Leon Creek, one of the things that we did was call  
5 together just a group of all the water agencies in San Antonio  
6 to talk about the situation, talk about other studies that we  
7 could do. San Antonio River Authority went after several  
8 grants, I think two. We weren't successful there and so we  
9 decided we just would all get together and we want to do the  
10 project anyway.

11 We really wanted to do some additional file  
12 sampling, but TCEQ is going to do that with their project. So  
13 rather than having duplication of efforts, we got together and  
14 talked about what could we do for a project that would lend  
15 additional information that we could compile all together and  
16 then get a better understanding of Leon Creek.

17 So tonight, Jennifer Wilson from USGS will be doing  
18 the presentation on Leon Creek. We also have in the audience  
19 Mr. George Ozuna who is with USGS and then we have  
20 representatives from San Antonio River Authority, Ronnie  
21 Hernandez and Steve Lusk, if y'all have any questions about  
22 other projects that they're doing.

23 And as you can see, one of the things with Leon  
24 Creek, the PCEH funded the studies or the sampling on Leon  
25 Creek because that's where our funding is restricted to.

1 Well, one of the things in the -- that we talked about was we  
2 really wanted comparison creeks. So you can see how this  
3 project is really a much larger project so we can get the  
4 comparisons for Leon Creek and have a better understanding of  
5 the tributaries running into the San Antonio River.

6 So with that, Jennifer, would you...

7 MS. WILSON: Thank you, Kyle.

8 Hi. My name is Jennifer Wilson and I'm a  
9 hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, also known as the  
10 USGS, and we are a non regulatory earth science agency in the  
11 Department of the Interior.

12 So today I'm going to talk about the project that  
13 Kyle gave a nice introduction to. And there was a couple of  
14 reasons, in addition to what's going on on Leon Creek, to why  
15 this project was started and this slide goes over some of  
16 those. One of them is that there has been a lot of rapid  
17 growth going on in the San Antonio area recently.

18 A previous USGS study by Ging and others showed  
19 upward trends in several contaminants in sediment cores that  
20 were collected in Leon Creek Lake, which is on the northwest  
21 side of town. They saw upward trends in several organic  
22 contaminants including a lot of the polycyclic aromatic  
23 hydrocarbon compounds and so there are some long-term concerns  
24 for the health of aquatic life and these urbanizing watersheds  
25 as a result of those upward trends.



1           Also, there is a -- it's difficult to find a lot of  
2 existing information on sediment quality that's been collected  
3 recently for this entire area. And so hopefully this -- this  
4 project should be able to address a lot of these concerns.

5           The objectives of this study are to determine the  
6 occurrence and the distribution of selected inorganic and  
7 organic hydrophobic, which means that they are bound to  
8 sediments, contaminants and watersheds in the San Antonio  
9 area.

10           So why are we looking at the sediments? The  
11 sediments are important to look at because they are natural  
12 accumulators of several trace elements and hydrophobic organic  
13 contaminants in streams. A lot of these compounds have  
14 chemical properties that cause them to absorb to the sediments  
15 instead of being dissolved in the water and so it's important  
16 to look at those sediments if those are compounds that are of  
17 concern to you.

18           The second point here describes how nonpoint  
19 sources, as opposed to point sources, which are at known  
20 locations that can be contributing contaminants, nonpoint  
21 sources, which are spread out over a large area, they can be  
22 intermittent sources to streams and creeks and so those  
23 contaminants might not be detected if you're just grabbing a  
24 single water sample here and there.

25           So the streambed sediments can be good overall

1 samples that tell you good stuff about what's going on in  
2 the -- for nonpoint sources. And additionally, streambed  
3 sediments or sediments in general are good time-integrated  
4 samples for that particulate matter that are being transported  
5 in streams.

6 So the approach for this project is that we are  
7 going to collect surficial streambed sediments during dry  
8 conditions. We're getting three samples from each of the  
9 more-urbanized watersheds -- selected watersheds in the San  
10 Antonio area and we are getting two samples from selected  
11 less-urbanized watersheds in San Antonio. And additionally,  
12 we are collecting suspended sediment samples from stormwater  
13 runoff and we'll be getting five samples, hopefully, from each  
14 of the more-urbanized watersheds and, again, two samples from  
15 the less-urbanized watersheds.

16 So the watersheds of interest are shown on this map.  
17 First we have Medio Creek -- and hopefully these numbers will  
18 be coming up here as well. We're looking at lower Leon Creek.  
19 These go across from west to east. Medio Creek on the -- on  
20 the left going to Lower Leon Creek, we'll be looking at the  
21 Elm Creek watershed, the upper and lower San Antonio River  
22 watersheds, the lower Salado Creek watershed, Calaveras Creek  
23 and Martinez Creek.

24 The way that we've selected the sites to sample are  
25 I looked at past or historical data that was in existence to

1 see what other information was available for comparison. We  
2 selected the sites on Leon Creek based on where they did the  
3 fish tissue sampling. We chose points that were located  
4 adjacent to possible sources of contamination.

5           Lastly, we chose our sites based on how accessible  
6 they are for us to get down in the creek and collect the  
7 samples. This --

8           MR. PERSON: I have a question.

9           MS. WILSON: Sure.

10           MR. PERSON: Is there some reason why you stayed  
11 away from the base up there between 10 and 1604?

12           MS. WILSON: Because it was dry. Oh, the base? Oh,  
13 I'm sorry. I thought --

14           MR. PERSON: Yeah.

15           MS. WILSON: -- you meant the basin.

16           MR. PERSON: The big training facility up there  
17 where they store all kind of things.

18           MS. WILSON: No, there's no particular reason.  
19 Could you show me on the map where you're talking about?

20           MR. PERSON: There you go (indicating.)

21           MS. WILSON: Well, that part -- that part is dry,  
22 the upper Salado Creek and upper Leon Creek.

23           MR. OZUNA: We wouldn't be able to get base line  
24 samples for comparison.

25           MS. WILSON: Not streambed sediment samples. It's

1 just --

2 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Ma'am, I can't hear  
3 you.

4 MS. WILSON: Oh, I'm sorry. We didn't --

5 MR. OZUNA: From Leon Creek? It's dry.

6 MS. WILSON: We did not sample --

7 THE COURT REPORTER: Excuse me. Can y'all speak --

8 MR. OZUNA: -- (inaudible) the recharge zone  
9 (inaudible) --

10 MR. PERSON: -- (inaudible) right now.

11 THE COURT REPORTER: One at a time, please.

12 MS. WILSON: Since the project began, the upper Leon  
13 Creek and Salado Creek watersheds have been dry and so there  
14 aren't --

15 MR. PERSON: Well, we haven't had any rain in 18  
16 months. That could be why.

17 MS. WILSON: So there is no bed sediments to be  
18 sampled out there.

19 MR. MARTINEZ: If I may, thank you for your  
20 additional comments back here those of you that are staff.  
21 But if you could stand out, the court reporter is trying to  
22 record everything. Thank you.

23 MS. WILSON: So this slide shows the sampling sites  
24 in the more-urbanized watersheds. There are six sampling  
25 sites on Leon Creek and the -- from upstream to downstream

1 order the -- starting at Rodriguez Park and then we move down  
2 to State Highway 90 and then on to -- at the old golf course  
3 on Lackland Air Force Base and then further down at Southwest  
4 Military Drive and then Leon Creek at Quintana Road and the  
5 furthest downstream Leon Creek site was at IH-35.

6 We sampled the San Antonio River at Theo Avenue, at  
7 Loop 410 and down at Elmendorf. The Rosillo Creek at New  
8 Sulphur Springs Road, the Salado Creek at Loop 13 and Salado  
9 Creek at Southton Road were the Salado Creek watershed  
10 sampling sites.

11 MR. PERSON: I have another question. Are you  
12 involved at all in San Antonio River Basin monitoring network?

13 MS. WILSON: No.

14 MR. OZUNA: Yes.

15 MS. WILSON: Yes.

16 MR. PERSON: Yes. No. Yes? No? You are or you're  
17 not?

18 MR. OZUNA: Yes.

19 THE COURT REPORTER: Sir, could you speak up and  
20 state your name?

21 MR. OZUNA: Yes. My name is George Ozuna with USGS.

22 MS. WILSON: I'm sorry. I took over this project  
23 from --

24 MR. PERSON: You're --

25 MS. WILSON: -- somebody else.

1 MR. PERSON: -- (inaudible) of this; right?

2 MS. WILSON: Yes.

3 MR. PERSON: So these are permanent.

4 MR. OZUNA: No, these are not. These are part of  
5 this study only. Does that make sense? Does that answer your  
6 question?

7 MR. PERSON: I'm good with it. Go ahead.

8 MS. WILSON: All right. The last -- the sampling  
9 sites less-urbanized watersheds are Medio Creek at U.S.  
10 Highway 90, Medio Creek at Old Pearsall Road, Elm Creek at  
11 Highway 16, the Medina River at Old Pleasanton Road,  
12 Chupaderas Creek at State Road 106, Martinez Creek at FM 1518  
13 and Martinez Creek near St. Hedwig.

14 The streambed sediment sampling consisted of  
15 compositing the fine-grained surficial streambed sediment  
16 from -- anywhere from three to six sites along a reach of the  
17 creek and the sediment samples were sieved to remove  
18 grain-size variability before being submitted to the  
19 laboratory for analysis.

20 Okay. In addition to the streambed sediment  
21 sampling, we are doing the suspended sediment sampling in  
22 stormwater samples. This slide shows where the suspended  
23 sediment sampling sites are located. We have one at Medio  
24 Creek at Old Pearsall Road, one site at Leon Creek at IH-35,  
25 Medina River at Pleasanton Road, San Antonio River at Loop

1 410, San Antonio River at Elmendorf, Salado Creek at Southton  
2 Road and Martinez Creek near St. Hedwig.

3 The suspended sediment sampling is done by the  
4 installation of a large-volume suspended sediment passive  
5 sampler, which are shown in these photos. They're these large  
6 cylinders s that contain a 25-liter carboy inside of them and  
7 they are installed on the creekbed. And when a storm event  
8 occurs and there is a rise in the stream, the carboy fills  
9 with water. Next slide.

10 We bring those carboys filled with stormwater back  
11 to the laboratory for processing. We filter the stormwater,  
12 isolate the suspended sediments from the stormwater and then  
13 we analyze the suspended sediments directly for the  
14 contaminants of interest.

15 So for the organic compounds, the samples are being  
16 analyzed for polychlorinated biphenyls which were used as  
17 coolants and insulating fluids and transformers and  
18 capacitors. The PCBs were banned by the government in the  
19 1970s. Samples will also be analyzed for polycyclic aromatic  
20 hydrocarbons, or PAHs. They occur in oil, coal, tar, and  
21 they're also produced as byproducts of the burning of any  
22 fuel. We are looking at polybrominated diphenyl ethers, or  
23 PBDEs, and these are textile and electronic flame retardants  
24 and final grouping of organic compounds are the insecticides  
25 and herbicides, which include things like chlordane, DDTs,

1 dacthal and triclosan.

2           The samples will also be analyzed for major and  
3 trace elements. Major elements are often attributed to  
4 geologic sources such as the rocks in the area. The trace  
5 element, such as arsenic, chromium, lead, mercury, zinc and  
6 others have different sources -- several different sources in  
7 the environment such as ro -- wear from tires and brake dust.  
8 And the forms of carbon are important because they're largely  
9 responsible for the sorption of the hydrophobic organics on to  
10 the sediment surfaces.

11           So these next two slides give a summary of all the  
12 samples that have been collected to date. We started in  
13 November 2007 and we started working on Leon Creek at that  
14 time. We continued sampling in December 2007 where we got six  
15 more streambed sediments from Leon Creek and got a couple from  
16 the San Antonio River and Salado Creek.

17           We did more sampling in February 2008 with five  
18 streambed sediment sampling from the San Antonio River, two at  
19 Martinez Creek and two more at Medio Creek.

20           Then in March 2008, we got one more streambed sample  
21 from Chupaderas Creek.

22           In April 2008, we got four more streambed samples  
23 from Rosillo, Salado, Elm and Medina River.

24           Continued -- in July 2008, we got our first rain and  
25 we got our first set of suspended sediment samples. We got



1 one at Leon Creek and three of them from the San Antonio River  
2 sites.

3 In August 2008, we went back and got some more  
4 streambed sediment samples, mostly from Leon Creek and one  
5 from the San Antonio River. And later in August, we had  
6 another rain event in which we were able to collect some more  
7 suspended sediment samples, one from the San Antonio River,  
8 Martinez Creek, Medina River and Salado Creek.

9 So the project is still in progress right now. We  
10 are still collecting streambed sediments and we have a lot  
11 more suspended -- suspended sediment samples that need to be  
12 collected, but we need rain for that to occur.

13 If there's not enough rain for us to get all the  
14 suspended sediment samples by July 2009, then we will go back  
15 and do another round of bed sediment sampling at the sites.

16 So at this time, all of the data that we have  
17 received back from the laboratories are provisional and  
18 they're not complete so they're not approved for release to  
19 the public. The findings are going to be published in a USGS  
20 report in 2010.

21 MR. PERSON: It's going to take a year to get your  
22 report ready?

23 MS. WILSON: Well, we may not be able to finish  
24 getting the samples in until the later part of 2009. And USGS  
25 has a very --

1 MR. PERSON: You have the date by July 2009, it's  
2 going to take you another six months to write the report?

3 MS. WILSON: It takes about six months for the  
4 laboratories to do the analyses and then we have a very  
5 extensive peer review process for the USGS report, so it does  
6 take quite a bit of time.

7 MR. NAZIRITE PEREZ: How far down do you go south of  
8 the San Antonio River?

9 MS. WILSON: At -- near Elmendorf is the furthest  
10 south site that we're doing. And we are sampling that for bed  
11 sediments and suspended sediments.

12 MR. NAZIRITE PEREZ: Okay.

13 MS. WILSON: Some of the things that we'll be doing  
14 with the sample results is we'll be doing a lot of GIS  
15 analyses with them, especially comparing them to land used --  
16 land use, some of the closed landfills and other possible  
17 sources of contamination that are known for the areas.

18 We'll compare the current results to our historical  
19 data and we'll also be comparing the sediment concentrations  
20 to consensus based sediment quality guidelines to get an idea  
21 if those concentrations are considered to be low or high.

22 We'll be able to look at the mixtures of a lot of  
23 the organic contaminants, especially the PAHs and PCBs and  
24 PBDEs for information on their sources. We'll do some  
25 statistical analyses to see if we can see any trends and

1 correlations and then, finally, we'll get all this into a USGS  
2 Scientific Investigation Report.

3 Any other questions?

4 MR. WEEGAR: One of the slides you indicate that  
5 you're compositing your streambed samples over a specific  
6 reach. Typically how large is the reach that you're doing  
7 compositing over?

8 MS. WILSON: I'd say they're -- they're variable  
9 because of the access, but anywhere from maybe 50 to 100 feet.

10 MR. WEEGAR: So they're small enough that if you  
11 detect elevated concentrations of some contaminant of concern  
12 that you can hopefully pinpoint that back perhaps to a point  
13 source or something like that?

14 MS. WILSON: Uh-huh.

15 MR. GARCIA: I've been involved with this issue in  
16 Leon Creek and I'm probably the one that's been complaining  
17 the most over this issue not being dealt with properly by the  
18 Air Force and the Lackland RAB, Community Council on  
19 Restoration, which became their problem when it got realigned  
20 over there. And I'm glad we're starting to address this.

21 But before I came in here, I wanted to itemize all  
22 the questions I had. First is where is the contamination  
23 coming from; how long is sampling going to continue; who will  
24 put a cleanup plan together; who will monitor the cleanup, the  
25 Kelly RAB or the Lackland RAB; and who is going to pay for the

1 cleanup?

2 I want to put those in there for the record. As we  
3 get into more of the study, we need to get some more  
4 definitive answers. And my most important thing is to  
5 investigate where all this is coming from. Because if there's  
6 guilty parties, we need to find them and they need to be dealt  
7 with by the proper federal and state officials. Because I  
8 I've been complaining about this since Patrick McCullough's  
9 day in 1996 and I still haven't gotten straight answers on a  
10 lot of this. And it's not your fault. I see you're starting  
11 to get into it.

12 But somebody needs to be held responsible, the Air  
13 Force and the Lackland RAB or Lackland Air Force officials or  
14 somebody, because they have been sitting on it ever since the  
15 late 1990s when Leon Creek and the runway got realigned to  
16 that.

17 And we need to find out what they're going to do  
18 about it also and your role in trying to figure out how we're  
19 going to finish and continue to deal with this because I'm fed  
20 up with this. And something is going to have to be done  
21 because it has to be dealt with.

22 They're -- all the sources of contamination have to  
23 be found and we have to put a cleanup plan together and hold  
24 whoever responsible at Lackland responsible because they have  
25 never answered my letters, never answered my questions, and

1 this is the first time I've seen a very complete set of  
2 sampling done.

3 We need to carry it out further, see how we're going  
4 to deal with it and clean it up once and for all.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: Response?

6 MS. WILSON: Sure. For the first question which  
7 was --

8 MR. GARCIA: Where is the contamination coming from.

9 MS. WILSON: -- where they -- we're hoping we can  
10 answer that with the samples. We can't at this -- we don't  
11 have the information available at this time. So hopefully,  
12 with these results, we can answer that. The second was how  
13 long will the sampling continue?

14 MR. GARCIA: Yes.

15 MS. WILSON: This project will continue sampling  
16 through 2009. And it -- we'll be done sampling in  
17 September 2009 at which point we'll move into the report  
18 writing phase.

19 MR. GARCIA: Okay.

20 MS. WILSON: And then the last two about the  
21 cleanup --

22 MR. GARCIA: Who will get the cleanup plan together.

23 MS. WILSON: Yeah. I do not know about that because  
24 the USGS is not a regulatory or remediation agency so...

25 MR. GARCIA: No, that's fine. Just as long as we

1 get some kind of target. I'll find that out, too.

2 MS. WILSON: I have no idea about that one. It  
3 would be -- that would be up for another agency to deal with  
4 that.

5 MR. PERSON: That's actually outside the scope of  
6 this group, too.

7 MR. GARCIA: Huh?

8 MR. PERSON: It's outside the scope of this whole  
9 group. Doesn't have anything to do with us.

10 MR. NAZIRITE PEREZ: But it -- it affects us.

11 MR. PERSON: Yes, it does. But I mean the Kelly  
12 RAB, it doesn't have anything to do with us.

13 MR. NAZIRITE PEREZ: Who is your employer?

14 MS. WILSON: The United States Geological Survey.  
15 We're with the Department of the interior.

16 MR. NAZIRITE PEREZ: I was planning on going to  
17 Washington pretty soon and I want to visit that area. See  
18 those people. This is excellent.

19 MS. WILSON: Well, thank you. Yes.

20 MR. GARCIA: One more comment. The reason I'm  
21 concerned about cleanup is because there's a lot of Hispanic  
22 community there and, furthermore, we need to investigate  
23 because not -- possibly not -- all that contamination is not  
24 coming just from Air Force. That used to be ^Farris  
25 (phonetic) Slacks and Levi Jeans there and that's probably

1 potential. And across the street from there, there's a  
2 trucking company with about 30 or 40 dump trucks that overflow  
3 and fill in part of the creek area --

4 MS. WILSON: Off Old Highway 90?

5 MR. GARCIA: -- and they're probably responsible for  
6 some of that contamination also. So I would appreciate, maybe  
7 you'd consider looking at those two possible sources besides  
8 the Air Force for all of this contamination that is around Old  
9 Highway 90 where all those homes and everything else that were  
10 built in the last ten years.

11 MS. WILSON: Well, I think that we'll be able to do  
12 that because we do have several sampling sites which are  
13 upstream of the Lackland and Kelly.

14 MR. GARCIA: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. MARTINEZ: Ms. Abbott?

16 MS. ABBOTT: That's kind of the question I was going  
17 to ask you. I noticed the sampling sites two through six,  
18 there's not a lot of feeding into it, but sampling site one  
19 gets a lot of feed from multiple tributaries there.

20 So I was going to ask you is there any other little  
21 sites up in the upper Salado Creek up in the upper Leon Creek  
22 area that you can do some comparison with these sites?

23 MS. WILSON: For the Leon at Rodriguez Park it was  
24 almost -- that was almost dry. It was stagnant when we went  
25 there last time. And so any further up than that and it's dry

1 and they're not streambed sediments anymore. So we were --  
2 we're hoping -- we did add one new site at Morey Road, which  
3 is just above the boundary of the base, just downstream of the  
4 old car pound and so we -- there's still a lot of space in  
5 between the sites. And if there's -- and hopefully if there's  
6 interest, we can do more sampling. I mean there's -- there's  
7 still a lot of area to be investigated, but our big restraint  
8 is that they just dry up to the north.

9 MR. MARTINEZ: Paul.

10 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. I wanted to explain for the  
11 benefit of those of you who haven't been to the RAB and aren't  
12 familiar with the Kelly and Lackland sampling. We do have a  
13 TCEQ permit and compliance plan that we're obligated to do a  
14 lot of sampling along the reaches of the Leon Creek through  
15 Lackland and Kelly.

16 We do -- we do water sampling; we do sediment  
17 sampling; we do outfall sampling. So that's part of our  
18 sampling regime that we do regularly here and we do that  
19 reporting through our compliance plan and annual and  
20 semiannual reports. Just to kind of get everybody up to speed  
21 if they're not familiar with the project.

22 MS. WILSON: Hopefully I'll be able to get those  
23 data that Mr. Carroll referred to. I'm working with somebody  
24 at Lackland Air Force Base on getting access to that database  
25 so we can compare our samples to their's.



1 MR. CARROLL: Good. We'll be glad to help with  
2 that, too.

3 MS. WILSON: Thank you.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other questions from a member of  
5 the RAB? Yes, sir.

6 MR. WEEGAR: One more. When you get your analytical  
7 results back, I think you said you're going to be comparing  
8 those to the result of your sediment and the streambed and the  
9 suspended sediment. What will be -- what values or what --  
10 whose numbers will you be using for comparative purposes? Are  
11 you going to be using EPA numbers? Are you going to  
12 be using --

13 MS. WILSON: For the sediment quality guidelines?

14 MR. WEEGAR: Right.

15 MS. WILSON: I -- I tend to use the most recently  
16 published values like the Ingersoll and others from the  
17 environmental -- The Archives of Environmental Toxicology,  
18 which is some consensus-based ones that are using a whole  
19 bunch of previous data. But I also do have guidelines from  
20 the state and from EPA and I think that we'll be comparing  
21 them to all of them because there's a lot of the variability  
22 in the different benchmarks issued by different agencies and  
23 in the scientific literature.

24 So I try to get my hands on all of them and get them  
25 all in there.

1 MR. MARTINEZ: Any additional comments, questions  
2 from members of the RAB?

3 Ms. Cunningham, any conclusions, any concluding  
4 remarks?

5 MS. CUNNINGHAM: No. Thank you so much for coming  
6 and doing the presentation. I thought it was an excellent  
7 presentation. The project has been very interesting.

8 And, you know, hopefully we'll be able, Mark, to get  
9 you TCEQ's answer before too long.

10 MR. WEEGAR: Well, I'm -- I would hope that I could  
11 get TCEQ's answer. I think you maybe -- I won't say my  
12 question was mischaracterized. I was just hoping that -- I  
13 knew that you guys -- you were working some with TCEQ on the  
14 TMDL and this project was going and I was suggesting a -- kind  
15 of a summary of what everybody is doing versus my own agency  
16 is keeping their study a secret from me. I don't want it to  
17 sound like that. I was just wanting to get kind of an update  
18 to the RAB of what everybody is doing.

19 MS. CUNNINGHAM: From our understanding, they have  
20 done sampling but they don't have the results back yet so...

21 Hopefully that will be done soon.

22 MR. WEEGAR: You said that TCEQ is doing the fish  
23 tissue. Would we actually do that or did we assign TDHS?

24 MS. CUNNINGHAM: You did. The State Health  
25 Department is -- they're the authority for seafood.

1 MR. WEEGAR: Right. Right.

2 MS. CUNNINGHAM: So they're the only ones really  
3 that can speak to the quality of the seafood. It's their --  
4 their authority.

5 MR. WEEGAR: Right.

6 MS. CUNNINGHAM: So they --

7 MR. WEEGAR: I just know they typically don't accept  
8 data collected by anybody else, although I know I think that  
9 they did accept data collected by USGS at Lake Worth I think.

10 MS. WILSON: Yes, they did.

11 MR. WEEGAR: Another one of my projects.

12 MS. CUNNINGHAM: My understanding is that they did  
13 this sampling in November of last year so I would think  
14 something would be coming from them. And it will go to the  
15 State Health Department. I believe they'll do their analysis  
16 and then it will go to TCEQ for any further action. Somebody  
17 mentioned the continuous monitoring water project, but that's  
18 another -- a totally separate project.

19 MR. PERSON: No, I just questioned the (inaudible)  
20 on the background.

21 MS. WILSON: I wasn't there for that site.

22 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other questions, comments from  
23 members of the RAB? Mr. Garcia.

24 MR. GARCIA: Just one final comment. I would  
25 appreciate -- since I have taken a lot of interest in this for

1 the past -- since 1996 and I'm finally happy to see somebody  
2 give us some answer. If -- I would appreciate whenever you  
3 have a chance to bring us more information as to what's going  
4 on and everything. I would welcome you to send us the  
5 information or become part of our agenda item.

6 MS. WILSON: Okay.

7 MR. GARCIA: And furthermore, if you have any  
8 problems with the support, not with our people, but with the  
9 support people from the Lackland RAB or the Lackland RAB  
10 itself, I would appreciate any conflicts that you can tell us  
11 if they give you any conflicts because I have been fighting  
12 with the under-secretary of the Air Force and with Senator  
13 Hutchison's office to -- to make them more accessible to  
14 community members and give us information about Leon Creek and  
15 they're finally getting around to it after getting pushed  
16 around for several occasions that I have done battle with  
17 them. And I will continue to do battle with them until they  
18 give us the truth about Leon Creek.

19 And that's part of them because it was realigned to  
20 them. But still, I live in the affected community and I have  
21 never got any answers and we're going to go at it again next  
22 week. You know, so I would appreciate any information that  
23 you can give us or whenever you want to come back to visit us,  
24 your input is highly appreciated.

25 MS. WILSON: All right. And the final report is

1 available to the public. It will be on the USGS website for  
2 anybody to download so I'll let you guys know and probably be  
3 giving another update.

4 MR. GARCIA: Thank you.

5 MS. WILSON: Thank you.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, Ms. Wilson. We're now at  
7 the point of the agenda for public input. If there's any  
8 member of the general public that would like to address the  
9 RAB, this is your opportunity. We ask that you stand and you  
10 have an opportunity to address the RAB for up to three  
11 minutes.

12 Is there anyone else -- anyone that would like to  
13 make a statement, ask a question about any topic that has been  
14 discussed to date so far this evening? Anybody? All right.

15 MR. PERSON: I have a question.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: Yes, sir.

17 MR. PERSON: Out of the people who are in this room,  
18 how many of them are consultants or contractors? And the rest  
19 of you are attorneys? Is that right? No?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Government workers?

21 MR. PERSON: Yeah, right.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, me, too.

23 MR. MARTINEZ: All right. Then the next item on the  
24 agenda is again a tradition of the RAB, a general discussion  
25 among the members to discuss what it is that you would like to

1 have presented at the subsequent meeting, in this case April  
2 of this year. Paul?

3 MR. CARROLL: I have a quick note. We have in our  
4 packet a letter from TCEQ dated December 17th, 2008. This  
5 letter is concerning our permit that we've talked about  
6 tonight and the renewal of that permit. The permit was  
7 originally issued in 1998. Get my decades mixed up.

8 Every ten years we have to renew these and that's  
9 what this is all about. It's about the renewal of that  
10 permit. This letter is to us and it instructs us what we have  
11 to do to issue public notices in the newspapers surrounding  
12 Kelly and also radio announcements. Actually have to go to  
13 counties that touch Bexar County and also provide newspaper  
14 notices there.

15 These -- these will be run. There will be 30 days  
16 for an opportunity for public comment period on this permit  
17 renewal. The permit -- the actual draft permit that was  
18 issued by TCEQ will be made public -- made available in the  
19 public library, which is downtown here in San Antonio. And  
20 everyone has the opportunity to take a look at that and  
21 provide comment. And as part of that comment, you have a --  
22 the ability also to request a public meeting concerning this.

23 So all of this that's here -- I apologize for the  
24 very bad copy. We did not get the original from -- from the  
25 -- through the mail so we had to have it faxed today to us.

1 So that's why it's a bad copy. We'll hopefully have the  
2 original copy for you at the next RAB.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: Discussion on items for the next  
4 meeting. Yes, sir.

5 MR. WEEGAR: Well, I obviously would like to see an  
6 update on the progress at Site MP, the big dig.

7 MR. NORTON: Absolutely.

8 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other suggestions? Mr. Garcia.

9 MR. GARCIA: Mr. Carroll, I'd like to make a  
10 suggestion that we look at all the issues that we have dealt  
11 with this past year and see at our next RAB meeting any  
12 significant changes that might have happened of those items on  
13 our meeting that we had last year. And if there are, give us  
14 updates on whatever you think that they have enough  
15 significant change from items that we dealt with last year and  
16 then put the updates on our next RAB meeting.

17 MR. SKROBARCEK: So you're saying open actions from  
18 the previous year?

19 MR. GARCIA: Right. From all the things we dealt  
20 with last year and all the update we had last year, is there  
21 anymore significant updates to any of the items we've had on  
22 the RAB agenda last year to go ahead and give us updates.

23 MR. CARROLL: Kind of go back and scrub what we  
24 covered last year and make sure that we're not already  
25 covering still.

1 MR. GARCIA: Right.

2 MR. CARROLL: Take a look at it.

3 MR. GARCIA: Anything that -- if they have any  
4 significant changes or any progress reports that you feel you  
5 need to give us, feel free to do that.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: Ms. Cunningham.

7 MS. CUNNINGHAM: I think that EPA is coming back to  
8 do their additional sampling in February so they may have a  
9 report for us for some additional information.

10 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. I talked to Gary Miller and he  
11 said that he probably most likely would have some information  
12 for us by the April RAB meeting. So he -- we could put him on  
13 the agenda.

14 MR. GARCIA: Okay.

15 MR. MARTINEZ: Three items so far. Any other items?  
16 Yes, sir.

17 MR. WEEGAR: Well, along that note, will -- will you  
18 have any results back from the subslab sampling you're doing  
19 inside 360 to share with us by then?

20 MR. CARROLL: I hope so. We'll put that on the  
21 agenda also.

22 MR. SKROBARCEK: (inaudible) data already?

23 MR. CARROLL: Yes.

24 MR. SKROBARCEK: About 16 wells or 16 monitoring  
25 points?



1 MR. CARROLL: Correct.

2 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other comments, questions,  
3 discussions from members of the RAB?

4 MR. SKROBARCEK: I did bring up one thing since the  
5 last or communicated with AFRPA since the last meeting and it  
6 was regarding any kind of training, any kind of funding  
7 potential for training for the RAB members regarding vapor  
8 intrusion or these types of things. It was a seminar or  
9 something that was taking place the first of January.

10 Paul, do you want to talk to that as far as funding  
11 options there or something like that?

12 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. Those of you I think have been  
13 in the RAB for a long time know the word TAPP. We've had TAPP  
14 funding over the years that we've used to help the RAB  
15 members. We have folks -- I think there has been a person  
16 here who has kind of been a independent review of the Air  
17 Force activities and reports I think has maybe reported those  
18 things in past. Has that gone on here? Do y'all remember?

19 MR. PERSON: Oh, very well.

20 MR. WEEGAR: There have been various contractors  
21 that the RAB could select to review various and sundry  
22 documents and provide independent technical review and comment  
23 to the RAB and share with the Air Force and EPA and TCEQ.

24 MR. CARROLL: And part of that funding could be used  
25 for training and seminars and those type of things. We have

1 hit our limit of \$100,000 over the past however many years of  
2 that accessibility of that funding. There is the potential  
3 that we could ask for additional funding. It's not a done  
4 deal, but that has to go up to the secretary of the Air Force  
5 level for approval.

6 If the RAB is really -- you know, wants that to  
7 happen, we can be sure to try to make that happen if that's --  
8 if that's what the RAB decides they want to do for  
9 additional -- additional TAPP participation.

10 MR. SKROBARCEK: I just wanted to raise that so  
11 everybody is aware of that. If that's going to be something  
12 we want to pursue, then Paul can pursue it.

13 MR. MARTINEZ: Is there discussion on that topic?

14 MR. PERSON: So the TAPP is a one-time deal?

15 MR. CARROLL: It's over a period of years and  
16 it's -- it does have a funding limitation of \$100,000.  
17 It's --

18 MR. PERSON: Period of how many years? The TAPP  
19 money goes all the way back to when we were meeting at  
20 St. Mary's ten years ago.

21 MR. CARROLL: Right.

22 MR. PERSON: So it's already ten years of use.

23 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, I'm not sure what the --

24 MR. PERSON: So how long do you think 100,000 will  
25 last for review of documents? Not long.

1 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. I mean --

2 MR. PERSON: That's the answer.

3 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. So if y'all are interested, I  
4 can pursue trying to get additional funding for that. If  
5 y'all think you -- if you think you need an independent person  
6 to come in and talk about those kind of things, review  
7 documents, he'll explain those to you. Otherwise, you know --

8 MR. PERSON: I'm not saying they need to explain  
9 them to us. I think more than anything it's just an  
10 oversight. I think we found through ^FCIC's documents they  
11 had numerous errors in their data that they presented to the  
12 RAB and even to the Air Force according to the report that we  
13 got from our independent contractor.

14 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. Those -- that's another --

15 MR. PERSON: Now everybody else --

16 MR. CARROLL: -- set of eyes.

17 MR. PERSON: -- takes it at face value. Said here  
18 it is, this is good, (inaudible). We paid a hundred --  
19 \$180,000. The report's got to be great.

20 MR. CARROLL: Well, it's a little bit more than  
21 that.

22 MR. PERSON: I understand that.

23 MR. CARROLL: We have -- we have our own internal  
24 reviews. We send them to TCEQ, EPA. We have their reviews on  
25 things. A lot of the investigative phase is over for the

1 base. So you know, we're in -- we're in more of a mode of  
2 implementing remedies, although we have a couple of  
3 investigative things going on in Building 360. So a lot of  
4 those -- lot of the remedy decisions have been made for the  
5 base.

6 We're looking at installation of remedies; we're  
7 looking at operations of remedies. So, you know, I -- I'm not  
8 trying to argue you out of suggesting this, but you know, this  
9 is where we're at now. We're more in the later phases of the  
10 RAB.

11 MR. PERSON: I've been here in since '96 and every  
12 two years you change horses here. Every two years you start  
13 back at square one with everybody in the room except maybe me,  
14 him, a couple more. And that one. So they come in -- they  
15 come in at ground zero, they don't know anything. So you go  
16 back right into the same thing every two years and you start  
17 over.

18 MR. CARROLL: That is a good point.

19 MR. PERSON: I've been starting over for how many  
20 years now. And to bring them all up to speed as to where  
21 you're at, most of them don't understand what you're talking  
22 about. So I see his point is valid, that they need to be  
23 educated, even bring them -- bring them into the group to  
24 understand what this person is saying.

25 MR. SKROBARCEK: Not those --

1 MR. PERSON: If they come in as a novice or a  
2 off-the-street person that doesn't do this for a living, they  
3 got no idea what he's talking about. So I think that's a  
4 valid point. And I think the Air Force should fund some kind  
5 of training for the people they bring into the RAB because, if  
6 they don't, here we go, back to square one again, start over.  
7 I've started over so many times, I'm tired of starting over.

8 MR. CARROLL: Well, you know, we have changeover of  
9 folks who manage the program.

10 MR. PERSON: I've seen it --

11 THE COURT REPORTER: Can y'all speak up a little  
12 bit?

13 MR. PERSON: I've seen it go all the way back to  
14 Larry Bailey. That's how far back I've gone. And how many  
15 people have been here since he's been here?

16 MR. WEEGAR: (Indicating).

17 MR. PERSON: Me and you. How many generals have you  
18 gone through? Four, maybe five?

19 MR. WEEGAR: I never pay attention to those guys.

20 MR. CARROLL: We don't have generals.

21 MR. PERSON: Not anymore. We had. We had generals  
22 for a long time.

23 The point I'm trying to make is the Air Force can  
24 fund some training for the people they bring into this program  
25 or we can go back to square one again and let them start over.

1 MR. WEEGAR: Why don't you --

2 MR. PERSON: You can bring them up through  
3 kindergarten into high school, spend six months educating them  
4 and in a year-and-a-half they're gone.

5 MR. WEEGAR: Can you maybe do -- correct me if I'm  
6 wrong here, but as I understand the TAPP has a -- it has a  
7 funding limit. And after that, it is not -- you don't go back  
8 and ask for another 100,000 or something like that. You have  
9 to go back on an individual project by project basis and it  
10 has to be approved on an individual project by project basis.

11 So I'm wondering if you guys do some of your  
12 in-house -- community relations folks and some of your  
13 in-house contract support and stuff like that couldn't do kind  
14 of, you know, Kelly 101, remediation 101, that type of a  
15 training that would bring new members of the RAB up to speed  
16 on what's gone on, what the process is, what's --

17 MR. PERSON: You go back and dig through the  
18 historical data, it's already been printed and passed out. We  
19 got it. Kelly's already produced it all.

20 MR. WEEGAR: Right.

21 MR. PERSON: In pretty basic terms. If you just go  
22 back and look at the history of this whole RAB, you'll find  
23 those documents that I'm talking about to give to the people  
24 that come into this.

25 MR. SKROBARCEK: Specifically though I was looking

1 at soil vapor intrusion, which is come somewhat of a  
2 developing science it appears.

3 MR. PERSON: Right.

4 MR. SKROBARCEK: So those types of things are where  
5 there's new techniques and whatever that are out there. I  
6 think it's appropriate, based on what we're talking about, to  
7 be aware of that.

8 MR. PERSON: Right.

9 MR. SKROBARCEK: And so we can take a look at the  
10 activities that are going on to make sure that we're  
11 addressing things properly. That's it.

12 MR. WEEGAR: You might be able to go -- I mean AFCEE  
13 is, you know, the Air Force Center for the Environment and  
14 Engineering now; right?

15 MR. CARROLL: Engineering and Environment.

16 MR. WEEGAR: Engineering and Environment, maybe --  
17 they've always got their hands in the new and emerging  
18 technologies and all this kind of stuff.

19 And, you know, you're right. Vapor intrusion is  
20 a -- it's a developing science. It's in a state of flux, but  
21 I would imagine that AFCEE has -- considering the amount of  
22 TCE and PCE and things like that that they have at their  
23 military bases around the country and what the potential  
24 cleanup costs associated with vapor intrusion might be, I  
25 would think that they've got people very involved in

1 developing that science better so it might be that you can get  
2 somebody from AFCEE or somebody like that to come and make a  
3 presentation to the RAB without having to go the route of  
4 trying to, you know, secure additional funding.

5 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. This should be automatic  
6 without us having to do that type of thing, trying to secure  
7 the funds. We could -- there's more than one way to skin a  
8 cat.

9 We could have some experts from AFCEE to -- to brief  
10 vapor intrusion. I know one I've worked very closely with,  
11 and Brian Howard is also working with this, too. You know,  
12 and we can brief this and we could actually have separate  
13 meetings and training sessions or however y'all want to do  
14 that. We're glad to do that.

15 As long as y'all are okay or comfortable with it  
16 being the Air Force doing this, I hope we have a good enough  
17 rapport where we can provide that information, we can do -- we  
18 could also do a get-up-to-speed training session in half a day  
19 or whatever with our PA folks and me and the project managers  
20 who could talk about the projects that are going on and  
21 explain, you know, at whatever level that the folks are at,  
22 you know, with them being able to ask questions and interact  
23 in more of a one-on-one format, we'd be very happy to do that,  
24 too.

25 MS. THOMAS: Would you limit that to just the



1 existing RAB members or would that be something that you might  
2 want to open up to the interested community members and you  
3 might get more interest in the RAB?

4 MR. CARROLL: Well, I see that as an option, too,  
5 you know. A lot of these kind of things, we get very few  
6 people who are willing to participate or even have the time to  
7 participate. You know, they already spend enough -- a lot of  
8 time as it is. So, you know, we would be glad to either have  
9 two separate training sessions or one -- one with the RAB and  
10 one with other interested members of the community. Or  
11 depending on what kind of feedback we get, we could do it with  
12 just one. Y'all think that would --

13 MR. PERSON: Air Force expert wouldn't bother me a  
14 bit. I think that would be fine. If we can get somebody to  
15 come in and do a presentation at the next RAB meeting, that  
16 would be perfect timing.

17 MR. NAZIRITE PEREZ: I remembers in the '90s when we  
18 used to have the meetings there at the University of  
19 St. Mary's. We learned a lot from the Canadians because they  
20 hit heads with chemical problems they had over there. So we  
21 learned a lot from them. In fact, they used to send us  
22 information and -- and our counselors.

23 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

24 MR. MARTINEZ: Any further discussion on this topic?

25 The last item if I may ask, Mr. Armando Perez, I

1 understand that the next meeting will actually not be held in  
2 this facility. I want to make sure that members of the  
3 general public are aware of that so that you don't come to  
4 this facility for the next meeting.

5 MR. ARMANDO PEREZ: Yes. The Port of San Antonio is  
6 going to move to a different facility, not too far from this  
7 area. It's in the packets. It's to be announced simply  
8 because we need to certify the facility and make sure that  
9 it's RAB-friendly so to speak.

10 So until we get further information on that, we'll  
11 go ahead and send the new address and the maps and whatnot so  
12 that people will be able to attend that meeting next time.

13 MR. PERSON: Is it here on base?

14 MR. ARMANDO PEREZ: It's here -- it's like right  
15 down the street. So we'll send out information before the  
16 next RAB.

17 MR. MARTINEZ: We have again covered every item on  
18 the agenda. If no member of the RAB has any additional  
19 comments, questions to make -- yes, Ms. Abbott.

20 MS. ABBOTT: I just have one question. Can I go  
21 visit any of those sites?

22 MR. CARROLL: Sure.

23 MS. ABBOTT: I see the pictures, but I wouldn't mind  
24 going to go visit where the -- I wouldn't even mind going to  
25 do a water sampling. I don't know if you let people come over

1 there.

2 MR. OZUNA: Oh, we need help.

3 MS. ABBOTT: I would love to go and play in the mud,  
4 dig in the mud with you.

5 MR. PERSON: They have a River Basin --

6 MS. ABBOTT: The San Antonio River, you don't have  
7 to swim. You just float on all the crud.

8 MR. PERSON: They have a River Basin monitoring  
9 meeting coming up soon. I'll send you an invitation to that.

10 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you. Thank you very much.  
11 Good evening.

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13 (PROCEEDINGS ENDED AT 8:17 P.M.)

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