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**KELLY AIR FORCE BASE
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2000**

1 APPEARANCES:

2 PROF. GENE W. LENE'
Community co-Chair;3 MR. PATRICK McCULLOUGH
4 AFBCA co-Chair;5 BGEN. ROBERT MURDOCK
6 RAB Installation co-Chair;7 MR. MARK PUFFER
Community Member;8 MR. ARMANDO C. QUINTANILLA
9 Community Member;10 MR. GEORGE RICE
Groundwater Hydrologist;11 MR. SAMUEL SANCHEZ
12 San Metropolitan Health District;13 MR. ED WEINSTEIN
San Antonio Water System;14 GEN. PAUL ROBERSON
15 Greater Kelly Development
Corporation;16 MR. JOHN A. JACOBI, P.E.
17 Texas Department of Health;18 MR. PAUL WEEGAR
TNRCC;19 MR. NICOLAS RODRIGUEZ, JR.
20 Bexar Metropolitan Water
District;21 MR. ROY HUFF, Alt. for Carl Mixon
22 Bexar County Local Emergency
Planning Committee Chairman;23 MR. SAMUEL MURRAH
24 Community Member;25 MS. DOMINGA ADAMES
Community Member;

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MS. TANYA HUERTA
Community Member;

MR. JOHN HERNDON
Community Member;

MS. ANNALISA PEACE
Community Member;

MR. ROY BOTELLO
District 5 Council;

MS. LAURA STANKOSKY
Environmental Protection Agency;

DICIE LEE EYTCHESON
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Registered Professional Reporter.

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1 On the 25th day of January, A.D. 2000,
2 between the hours of 7:00 o'clock p.m. and 9:45
3 o'clock p.m., the above entitled meeting came on
4 for discussion before said co-Chair MR. PATRICK
5 McCULLOUGH, and the following proceedings were
6 had:

7 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay. We'll go ahead
8 with the introduction. I -- I'm Pat McCullough,
9 I'm the co-Chair.

10 DR. LENE': I'm Gene Lene'. I'm the
11 community co-Chair.

12 BGEN. MURDOCK: Bob Murdock. I'm the
13 Vice Commander of the Air Logistics Center at
14 Kelly.

15 MR. JACOBI: I'm John Jacobi with the
16 Texas Department of Health.

17 MR. HUFF: I'm Roy Huff with the County
18 representing Carl Nixon.

19 MR. MURRAH: Sam Murrah, with Clean
20 Air & Water and I'm a member of the RAB.

21 MR. WEEGAR: Mark Weegar, Texas Natural
22 Resource Conservation Commission.

23 GEN. ROBERSON: Paul Roberson, The
24 Greater Kelly Development Authority.

25 MS. STANKOSKY: Laura Stankosky,

1 Environmental Protection Agency.

2 MR. BOTELLO: Roy Botello, District 5
3 council.

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: Armando Quintanilla.
5 I live in a contaminated area.

6 MR. WEINSTEIN: Ed Weinstein, San
7 Antonio Water System.

8 MR. RICE: George Rice, community
9 member.

10 MS. HUERTA: I'm Tanya Huerta, and I'm
11 a community member.

12 MS. ADAMES: Dominga Adames, community
13 member.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Nick Rodriguez, the
15 Bexar/Met Water District.

16 MS. PEACE: AnnaLisa Peace, community
17 member.

18 MR. PUFFER: Mark Puffer, community
19 member.

20 MR. HERNDON: John Herndon, community
21 member.

22 MR. McCULLOUGH: Great. You can -- Is
23 this one working? This one's not working. We're
24 going to have to get that one back. I'll get
25 it.

1 Okay. We have the Action Items in your
2 notebooks if -- you want to take look at those
3 and see if you have any questions.

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: I have a question.

5 MR. McCULLOUGH: Go ahead.

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: On Page 2 of the
7 minutes it says that General Murdock and
8 Mr. Armando Quintanilla met and discussed
9 Mr. Quintanilla's questions about Kelly's
10 relative risk priorities. Kelly will make a
11 presentation on these priorities.

12 There's nothing in the packet about --
13 about the letter or anything else. And there's
14 nothing on the Agenda about the presentation on
15 priorities and relative risks. At least, I
16 couldn't find them.

17 BGEN. MURDOCK: I responded to your
18 letter, Armando. And if you haven't received it
19 yet you should shortly, and then we would
20 certainly be amenable to briefing any of those
21 items at a future RAB.

22 MR. QUINTANILLA: I thought we were
23 agreed to that at the last meeting, sir.

24 BGEN. MURDOCK: That wasn't my
25 understanding.

1 MR. QUINTANILLA: Well, that's what --
2 that's what the minutes said. And that's what I
3 understood, and that's what the minutes said.

4 BGEN. MURDOCK: Well, that wasn't my
5 understanding.

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: But it was mine. And
7 I made it clear -- I made it pretty clear we can
8 look at the transcript on that.

9 BGEN. MURDOCK: Sure.

10 MR. QUINTANILLA: And I'm suggesting we
11 should have had a meeting -- a briefing on it.
12 We have never voted on the priorities for Zones 4
13 and 5, sir. We never have. And I don't know
14 where they stand, if they're on the top of the
15 list or the bottom of the list. And I know that
16 there's some areas that are being cleaned up that
17 are low risk. And that's not right.

18 BGEN. MURDOCK: Well, I think, I've
19 addressed that in the letter to you, and we'll
20 certainly be amenable to discussing that as an
21 Agenda Item dependent upon the co-Chairs --

22 MR. QUINTANILLA: Well, we won't be put
23 off till the next one. Right now, it's January,
24 and the next one will be about in April. If we
25 don't do it in April, it'll be around July or

1 August. So I -- I don't want it put off that
2 long, sir.

3 BGEN. MURDOCK: Well, it's certainly up
4 to the -- to the RAB and the co-Chairs then.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: You know, I -- I
6 think I'm getting the run around or the idiot
7 treatment. I don't know which.

8 MR. McCULLOUGH: Actually, the poster
9 session for this evening addresses, I think, all
10 of your issues. And we'll be happy to go over
11 that with you at the break.

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: Well, I -- I did
13 not -- That's not what happened at the meeting.
14 It says, the meeting with -- Kelly will make a
15 presentation on those priorities. And I
16 understood it to be this one. I didn't
17 understand --

18 MR. McCULLOUGH: Have you seen the
19 poster?

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: I did not understand
21 it to be in April. I did not understand it to be
22 in July. I did not understand it to be on the
23 posters up there.

24 MR. McCULLOUGH: But have you looked at
25 those yet?

1 MR. QUINTANILLA: I did not understand
2 it to be on those posters.

3 MR. McCULLOUGH: Would you please let
4 us take you through that at the break -- William.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: I want a presentation
6 for the whole group. The group has never voted
7 on the priorities for Zone 4 and 5 as required.
8 That was part of my letter.

9 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay. So noted. If
10 you'll let us explain the poster boards to you I
11 think you might --

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: You can explain the
13 poster boards. But what about the presentation
14 to the total RAB Board on priorities?

15 MR. McCULLOUGH: Everybody's invited
16 that wants to take a look at it.

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: That's not what we --
18 what we agreed on. We're reneging.

19 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay. Let's move on
20 to the elections. And I'll turn that over to
21 Dr. Lene'.

22 MR. RICE: Question. Question. Were
23 we going to -- we were -- Are we done talking
24 about the Action Items now, or will that come
25 later?

1 MR. McCULLOUGH: What's your question,
2 George?

3 MR. RICE: I -- I have questions on
4 several of the Action Items.

5 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay.

6 MR. RICE: One is on Action Item
7 Number 5.

8 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay.

9 MR. RICE: The last sentence of the
10 response. I -- I don't understand what that
11 means, and I don't know that it's responsive to
12 what I asked. I was asking about the Air Force
13 performing a study on the emanation of
14 vinyl chloride from groundwater in the people's
15 homes.

16 MR. McCULLOUGH: Yes.

17 MR. RICE: I'm not sure that that's
18 what this thing means. And I -- what I'd like to
19 do is get -- get a clear explanation of what the
20 Air Force intends to do. But I'd also like to
21 have -- have -- have something showing that we're
22 looking at the emanation of groundwater from
23 people's homes.

24 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay.

25 MR. RICE: Could we do that for the

1 next time?

2 MR. McCULLOUGH: Yes, we can.

3 MR. RICE: Okay. And I have another
4 question on Item Number 6. I -- I asked about
5 pump treat that we inject for S-4.

6 MR. McCULLOUGH: Yeah.

7 MR. RICE: And this was a general
8 answer, but I was asking specifically about
9 Site S-4. Does the Air Force intend to -- to do
10 any kind of study to look at the feasibility of
11 pump treat inject at S-4. And I don't believe
12 that this answers that question. So for the next
13 meeting could I get an answer for that specific
14 question.

15 MR. McCULLOUGH: Yes.

16 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay. Any further
17 questions on the Action Items? Okay. Now, we'll
18 go to the elections.

19 DR. LENE': Tonight we are -- we have
20 the duty of electing new members to the RAB. And
21 several people have made application, and we also
22 have an election for a new community co-Chair.

23 And at this time we need to turn it
24 over to John Jacobi, as Parliamentarian, and he
25 will -- he will hold the election.

1 Mary Kelly has given you a handout, a
2 two-page handout, and she asked me -- the
3 guidelines for the election, and she asked me to
4 explain to you that these are only guidelines.
5 So if you could find that, then, we can go from
6 there.

7 MR. JACOBI: Has everybody had a chance
8 to look at the outline for elections for the
9 community co-Chair?

10 MR. RICE: I -- I have a question.

11 MR. JACOBI: Yes, George.

12 MR. RICE: Annalisa Peace forgot to
13 turn in her application, and she would like to
14 remain a member of the RAB.

15 MR. JACOBI: We'll address that in the
16 election of the new community members, and I
17 think she'll be accommodated at that time. Right
18 now we're addressing the community co-Chair.

19 MR. RICE: Oh, excuse me.

20 MR. JACOBI: All right. At this point
21 we would like to request nominations for the
22 position of community co-Chair.

23 MR. ROBERSON: I'd like to nominate
24 Dr. Lene'.

25 MS. PEACE: I second.

1 MR. JACOBI: Did I hear a second?

2 MS. PEACE: Yes.

3 MR. JACOBI: Okay. The nomination has
4 been seconded.

5 MR. ROBERSON: I think he's done an
6 excellent job as our community co-Chair, and I'd
7 very much like to see him continue.

8 MR. JACOBI: Well, we'll have
9 discussion in a moment. Is there anyone else
10 that would choose to volunteer or -- or would
11 like to make a nomination? I'll entertain a
12 motion that the nominations be closed.

13 MR. HUFF: I move the nominations cease
14 and elect by acclamation.

15 MR. JACOBI: Is there a second?

16 MR. ROBERSON: I second.

17 MR. JACOBI: The move is seconded that
18 the nominations be closed we elect by
19 acclamation. All those in favor?

20 (Vote Taken.)

21 MR. JACOBI: All those opposed?

22 (Vote Taken.)

23 MR. JACOBI: Congratulations,

24 Dr. Lene'.

25 (Applause.)

1 MR. JACOBI: We now have the
2 opportunity to elect new community members. And
3 if you'll look in the packets, I believe, you
4 have a number of nominations. I also understand
5 that we have one current member of the Board that
6 for one reason or another did not receive the
7 proper application forms. And I'd now like to
8 entertain a motion to waive the charter
9 requirement that an application be filed at least
10 14 days prior to it and consider the application
11 valid as if it had been timely filed.

12 MR. RICE: I will make that motion.

13 MR. ROBERSON: I move.

14 MR. JACOBI: Okay. It's been moved and
15 seconded. Anybody have any further discussion?
16 All those in favor?

17 (Vote Taken.)

18 MR. JACOBI: All those opposed?

19 (Vote Taken.)

20 MR. JACOBI: Motion passes. Annalisa,
21 I assume you have an application and it -- it has
22 been tendered?

23 MS. PEACE: (Indicating.)

24 MR. JACOBI: Do we have copies for
25 everybody? Do we need copies for everybody?

1 We'll address that in a moment. I believe the
2 nominations -- or the applications are under
3 Tab 3 of your booklet, and we'll -- we'll deal
4 with these in order.

5 MS. HUERTA: Can I ask a question?

6 MR. JACOBI: Excuse me.

7 MS. HUERTA: Can I ask a question? How
8 many openings are on the Board right now? How
9 many openings?

10 MR. JACOBI: I believe we have, what --
11 the Charter says we have 23 members and we have
12 how many sitting?

13 MS. KELLY: There are eight openings,
14 John.

15 MR. JACOBI: Eight openings? Okay.
16 And I believe we have six applications.

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: Plus one.

18 MS. HUERTA: Annalisa's.

19 MR. JACOBI: We have six applications
20 plus Annalisa's, so we have seven. So if
21 everyone is elected we'll still have a vacancy on
22 the Restoration Advisory Board.

23 Okay. At this point we'd like to introduce
24 each applicant. I'd also like to remind the
25 members of the Board that all members of the

1 Board have the opportunity to vote on the
2 acceptance of membership to the Board. Each
3 member of the Board should have a member ballot
4 in front of them and, if you could, pencil in
5 Annalisa Peace as another candidate. And that'll
6 allow you to keep track of who's -- who's running
7 and so forth.

8 At this time, I'd like to introduce Walter
9 Martinez and offer him the opportunity to
10 describe why he would like to become a member of
11 the RAB. Mr. Martinez?

12 (No Response.)

13 MR. JACOBI: Is Mr. Martinez here?

14 (No Response.)

15 MR. JACOBI: Okay. Nazirite Perez?

16 (No Response.)

17 MR. JACOBI: Not doing too well so
18 far. Paul Person?

19 (No Response.)

20 MR. JACOBI: Are you here Paul?

21 (No Response.)

22 MR. JACOBI: Mark Puffer, I know is
23 here. Mark, would you like to say a few words
24 please?

25 MR. PUFFER: Yes. My name is Mark

1 Puffer I'm a community member. I've been a
2 member of the RAB now for over two years. And
3 I've served on various committees, and I would
4 like to continue to be a member of the RAB and
5 help the community the best I can with the
6 knowledge that is being passed.

7 MR. JACOBI: George Rice is here.

8 MR. RICE: Yes. George Rice. I've
9 been a member now for, I think, five years, and
10 I'd like to continue to be a member as community
11 member then.

12 MR. JACOBI: George, if I could, ask
13 you to move to a mic or speak into a mic so that
14 people can hear you.

15 MR. RICE: Is that better?

16 MR. JACOBI: Much better.

17 MR. RICE: Yes. I'm George Rice. And
18 I've been a community member for about five
19 years, and I'd like to continue as a member of
20 the RAB.

21 MR. JACOBI: Alfred Rocha? There's a
22 mic right there, please, sir.

23 MR. ROCHA: Thank you for this
24 opportunity. My name is Alfred Rocha. I'm
25 community member. I've lived here 25 years out

1 of my 30 years. I went to college, and I'm back
2 now, and I want to start a neighborhood
3 association. It's real important that we get
4 our -- get our voices out there. It's really --
5 There's misinformation as you can tell here
6 between professionals and the residents, and I
7 think it's very important that we clarify, and
8 that there's some middle ground to where we can
9 respond to both the professionals and the
10 community. So thank you very much.

11 MR. JACOBI: Thank you, sir. In the
12 interest of fairness to the candidates who are
13 not here. I'll read the comments that they put
14 on their applications at this point.

15 Mr. Walter Martinez is affiliated with the
16 West Side Optimist Club, LULAC, and the Chamber
17 of Commerce. He's concerned about the
18 contamination and it's impact on neighborhoods.
19 He has attended several meetings of the RAB and
20 studied reports and studies regarding the
21 proposed clean-ups. He has requested available
22 materials.

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: Can I say something
24 in regard to Walter Martinez?

25 MR. JACOBI: Certainly.

1 MR. QUINTANILLA: Walter Martinez has
2 also been a member of the City Council and a
3 State Representative. I think that he would be a
4 good choice to vote him into this particular RAB
5 Board. He also lives in a community that is
6 contaminated.

7 MR. JACOBI: All right. Anybody else
8 want to say anything about Mr. Martinez?

9 DR. LENE': Before we go further, John,
10 may I say something?

11 MR. JACOBI: Sure.

12 DR. LENE': There is a question about
13 whether or not a person should be here at time of
14 election. And so, maybe, someone could make a
15 motion that we defer the election of people who
16 are not present until a later meeting?

17 MS. HUERTA: I'll make that motion.

18 MS. PEACE: I'll second it.

19 DR. LENE': The motion has been moved
20 and seconded. So let us defer those persons who
21 are absent till the next meeting.

22 MR. McCULLOUGH: You want to take a
23 vote?

24 DR. LENE': Yeah. I guess we need to
25 vote on that, don't we?

1 MR. JACOBI: And I apologize, Annalisa,
2 I left you off. Would you please like to say a
3 few words?

4 MS. PEACE: Yeah. My name's Annalisa
5 Peace. I'm a former community co-Chair of the
6 RAB. I would like to remain on. I didn't apply
7 initially because I thought that my work was
8 going to prohibit me from attending future
9 meetings, but it's turned out that's not the
10 case, so I would like to stand for re-election.

11 MR. JACOBI: All right. Now, the
12 following four people are in fact here. We can
13 handle this in a number of different ways. If
14 the individuals would like to leave the room
15 they're welcome to. We can vote one at a time or
16 we can vote by acclimation.

17 MR. ROBERSON: I make a motion that we
18 vote for the four individuals that are here, and
19 recommend approval for appointment to the Board.

20 MS. HUERTA: I'll second that motion.

21 MR. JACOBI: It has been moved and
22 seconded. Is there any discussion?

23 (No Response.)

24 MR. JACOBI: Hearing none, all those in
25 favor of accepting all four present by

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acclamation?

(Vote Taken.)

MR. JACOBI: Opposed?

(Vote Taken.)

MR. JACOBI: Motion passes.

Congratulations to Mark Puffer, George Rice, Alfred Rocha, and Annalisa Peace.

DR. LENE': John, you still have a motion on the floor.

MR. JACOBI: I do?

DR. LENE': A motion to defer the election of the persons not here.

MR. JACOBI: I apologize. The motion has been made and seconded to defer the voting on the three candidates who are not here tonight until such time as they can be here. And it's been moved and seconded, is there any further discussion?

(No Response.)

MR. JACOBI: Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion?

(Vote Taken.)

MR. JACOBI: All those opposed?

(Vote Taken.)

MR. JACOBI: Motion passes. And we'll

1 try and contact the candidates who are not here
2 to make sure they're here for the next meeting.

3 Now, I'll turn the microphone back over
4 to Mr. McCullough.

5 MR. McCULLOUGH: Thank you, John. And
6 we're prepared, I believe, to -- well, there are
7 no -- we have one member to be seated. Go
8 ahead. Like to -- And congratulations and thank
9 you very much for giving us your time. We
10 appreciate it.

11 We have a -- several different things on the
12 Agenda for this evening. And as you'll see a
13 little bit later on we are trying as -- to -- as
14 hard as we can to implement the recommendations
15 of the workshops. We have Bob Ashcroft here
16 tonight, a little bit later on, to tell us about
17 it. But one of those recommendations deals with
18 the -- getting facilitators to help us with our
19 meetings. We --

20 I'd like to report that we did come to
21 agreement with a contract with facilitators last
22 Friday. We met with them at 7:30 yesterday
23 morning, and we invited them to -- to come see
24 what we're doing and to participate to the extent
25 they felt comfortable. And they will participate

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1 tonight with the community time.

2 I'm very, very pleased to introduce Mr. John
3 Folk-Williams and Mrs. Ruth Garcia who are two
4 out of the three facilitators. The third
5 facilitator is Linda Ximenes. And now that we're
6 ready to move into the -- Oops. Let me -- I
7 forgot the minutes. Let me -- let me -- I
8 introduced them, but I forgot to get the minutes
9 approved from the last meeting. They'll be
10 facilitating the -- the community time periods
11 both now and at -- toward the end of the
12 meeting.

13 Let me -- Before they get up and do that let
14 me ask if any -- if -- if I have a motion to
15 approve the minutes from the October 5th meeting.

16 MR. ROBERSON: So moved.

17 MR. HUFF: Second.

18 MR. McCULLOUGH: Second. Okay. A
19 motion and a second to approve the minutes. Any
20 discussion?

21 (No Response.)

22 MR. McCULLOUGH: All in favor?

23 (Vote Taken.)

24 MR. McCULLOUGH: Any opposed?

25 (Vote Taken.)

1 MR. McCULLOUGH: Motion passes. Okay.
2 Sorry. Mr. Williams, I will turn it over to you
3 for the community time.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. Well, thank you,
5 Pat. I'm -- I'm very pleased to have been chosen
6 to work with y'all, I think. And I look forward
7 to getting to know you all. I mean, my -- my
8 style of working with a group -- And forgive me
9 for having my back to you for a moment. I'll
10 turn around in a second.

11 My style of working with a group is to
12 really try to sit down and talk with everybody
13 and get to know what people's concerns are and
14 what your past experience with the situation has
15 been, and what -- what your hopes are about
16 improving what needs to be improved and getting
17 to a satisfactory conclusion.

18 And I've talked with Bob Ashcroft a
19 bit, and he told me something about the workshops
20 that you all have had. And what we would like to
21 do is simply contribute to that goal of improving
22 communication and creating dialogue and
23 furthering progress toward developing the action
24 plan and achieving the other priorities that you
25 want to achieve. So I -- I look forward to

1 having a chance to meet with you all to do that.

2 And I know at this point you don't know
3 anything about me. I'll be happy to answer
4 questions at the appropriate time. As Pat said,
5 I'll be kind of observing tonight and see how
6 things go and -- and we'll work on -- on talking
7 to you in the next several weeks.

8 Let me turn to the community part of
9 this -- the community time. As I say, we're --
10 we're new to this situation, brand new. And are
11 learning already. And I hope you'll take -- take
12 us really at our word that we want to help
13 improve communication and the whole relationship
14 between the community and the RAB. And again,
15 the way we do that is to get out and talk to
16 people. I've heard a lot tonight. There are a
17 lot of -- a lot of frustration, a lot of pain and
18 anger. And we have total respect for all of the
19 experience that you all have. And we'll try to
20 learn what we can and work with you to make sure
21 that your concerns are heard, and, you know, that
22 a proper forum is found for dealing with those
23 concerns.

24 You know, when you have a situation
25 like this, and there's a lot of issues in the

1 community, and you turn to government agencies
2 for satisfaction and -- you know, with all due
3 respect to government agencies they're created
4 for a hundred different purposes, so you have a
5 hundred different agencies to deal with, you
6 know, it's not all tied together. And part of
7 the problems are getting the right question to
8 the right agency so they can -- they can really
9 do something.

10 So what we'd like to do tonight -- I
11 understand the rules are -- that have been
12 observed there's a -- a brief period here --
13 about fifteen minutes are allowed on the Agenda
14 now, and then another period of time and
15 opportunity for community comments at -- towards
16 the end of the meeting. And I guess you were
17 requested to fill out these cards, and I have
18 three of these, and it says, "limited to three
19 minutes." And I know that's -- that's always
20 good news when you have some powerful stuff to
21 say, and somebody says, "we really want to hear
22 you, but clock's ticking away, okay, okay, you've
23 got ten seconds left, so cut it short." There's
24 always this problem in a meeting that we ask your
25 cooperation to make sure that everybody has their

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1 turn to say what they want to say. That we just
2 try to do it within a limited time frame. And
3 the -- the previous segment took up a lot of time
4 and, of course, a lot of issues were aired. So I
5 have our three speakers, and I'll ask for your
6 cooperation, if you could, talk --

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Where do you get
8 those forms?

9 MR. WILLIAMS: Right over at the desk
10 over there. If you want one, go ahead. Are
11 there -- I take it, you will want to make a
12 comment? Any other -- Anyone else that did not
13 see this thing at the -- at the desk?

14 Okay. Then let me just start in the
15 order in which these are indicated. Mr. Lopez?

16 MR. LOPEZ: My name is Chavel Lopez.
17 I'm a Director of the Southwest Public Workers
18 Union, and then also the Community for
19 Environmental Justice Action. And we've been
20 coming to the RAB meetings for the past six
21 years, since 1994, to voice our concerns to the
22 RAB and to other entities such as The Greater
23 Kelly Development Corporation, and tonight I'm
24 going to read a prepared statement that we have
25 prepared and we are going to turn into the RAB.

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1 And it's concerning the Kelly Air Force Base
2 privatization and the environmental
3 contamination.

4 As the date nears to 2001 for the final
5 closing of Kelly Air Force Base and the changing
6 of the guard to the City of San Antonio, Greater
7 Kelly Development Authority, we are still without
8 a concrete commitment to clean the environment of
9 toxic contamination caused by Kelly Air Force
10 Base.

11 The goal of Kelly Air Force Base seems
12 to be -- seems to pay lip service to the clean-up
13 by arguing for natural attenuation which means
14 leave it alone to take care of itself. We cannot
15 accept natural attenuation as an environmental
16 clean-up and, therefore, it's an unjust
17 transition that has put the burden of development
18 at the cost of the residents' health and
19 sustainable livelihoods.

20 The Greater Kelly Development Authority
21 is not going to assume the liability of paying
22 for the environmental clean-up nor are the
23 companies that are being sited at Kelly Air Force
24 Base as part of the privatization goal of making
25 a manufacturing, distribution, and global port

1 of -- a global port of entry. So who is going to
2 pay for the environmental clean-up?

3 The Southwest Public Workers Union and
4 its members that live around Kelly Air Force Base
5 will launch a campaign for a just transition and
6 environmental economic development. We aim to
7 balance the scale that is now tilted against the
8 community. The Restoration Advisory Board, and
9 San Antonio and its citizens has served to soften
10 the Kelly Air Force Base image and the public
11 campaign led by the office of environment seems
12 to have a mission of misinformation in regards to
13 a firm and concrete commitment for environmental
14 justice.

15 The whole design for base closure was
16 focused on economic development by bringing jobs
17 to fill the void left by Kelly Air Force Base
18 laying off 16,000 civilian workers. The design
19 was never intended to be inclusive of the
20 community's needs and proposals for a just
21 transition. The workers were never included in
22 design of a plan for the development of
23 private -- of a privatized Kelly Air Force Base.
24 So the whole design has been flawed from the very
25 beginning.

1 The City, for example, has pumped a lot
2 of political muscle and money behind the
3 privatization of Kelly Air Force Base and in the
4 running of The Greater Kelly Development
5 Corporation. However, the City and Kelly Air
6 Force Base have missed the boat by not including,
7 in its original design of framework, the
8 participation of the workers to design a
9 retraining program. One similar to the one just
10 started by the area community college -- colleges
11 and Boeing, Lockheed, and Fairchild. Those
12 worker trainees will earn a salary while they
13 train and will have a chance of being employed at
14 the end of the training period. This model is a
15 just transition model. The model for an unjust
16 transition promoted by the City and Kelly Air
17 Force Base puts the burden of the voting on the
18 individual workers and his or her family. This
19 model is not an asset but a liability.

20 Kelly Air Force Base, the City of San
21 Antonio, and The Greater Kelly Development
22 Authority could have designed a just transition
23 by have gotten -- by having gotten community
24 participation to have taken the community
25 proposal into the design of the model for a just

1 transition.

2 The model for a just transition could
3 have included a health study, testing for lead,
4 community health education, the dismantling of
5 the jet fuel tanks, develop a green buffer zone
6 between the Kelly Air Force Base and the
7 residents' homes. A just transition should
8 include bottled water -- bottled drinking water for
9 elderly and young people. And it should coord --
10 And it should coordinate with and between
11 agencies to make the need -- needed service -- to
12 make these needed services accessible to the
13 community people.

14 A just transition should include land
15 for community centers, schools, and nonprofit
16 organizations. A just transition calls for
17 buying homes out for some of the resident homes
18 that are high on the contamination list or
19 proximity to sources for high contamination. A
20 just transition should include medical attention
21 and clinics at the service of the community.
22 Instead, the community is left to bear the cost
23 of the contamination, and there is no
24 environmental clean-up plan in sight.

25 The program pushed by RAB and Kelly Air

1 Force Base is an unjust transition that unfairly
2 puts the social health and economic costs of the
3 base closure on the backs working poor.

4 We demand a just transition.

5 We demand an environmental clean-up
6 now.

7 We demand economic justice.

8 We demand sustainable jobs
9 environment -- environmentally friendly and --
10 and -- that are environmentally friendly and that
11 incorporates the present civilian work force at
12 Kelly Air Force Base. We demand action now.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. LOPEZ: Who's the co-Chair?

16 DR. LENE': Thank you, sir.

17 MR. RICE: Could we have distributed to
18 RAB members a copy of that?

19 MR. McCULLOUGH: George has asked if
20 they could have copies. Yes, we'll make copies.

21 DR. LENE': Yeah. We can make copies,
22 George.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. So copies of that
24 will be made available to everyone. Thank you.
25 Christina Flores?

1 MS. FLORES: My name is Christina
2 Flores, and I reside at the Kelly Gardens area.
3 I live there and I have been living there for
4 about ten years now. And I just want to let you
5 know that we do have some problems at Kelly -- in
6 the Kelly Air Force Base area.

7 I am here to tell you that as a
8 community resident living around the Kelly Air
9 Force Base has been a living hell. What I am
10 saying is that my family, particularly my
11 daughter, suffers from chronic health problems
12 that I clearly associate with chemical and toxic
13 contaminations coming from Kelly Air Force Base.

14 Our organization, Community for
15 Environmental Justice Action, a part of Southwest
16 Public Workers Union has been fighting for over
17 five years to make this contamination known to
18 the public and to pressure Kelly Air Force Base
19 and the City of San Antonio for a real clean-up
20 not just a cover up.

21 A couple of years ago we did a health
22 symptom survey that points out that people in the
23 North Kelly Gardens area are very sick because --
24 because of the environmental injustice that has
25 been dumped on us unknowingly or knowingly. For

1 example, one that is a knowingly contamination is
2 jet fuels -- jet -- what is it called, jet
3 fuelson? I don't know what it's called.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Jettisoned fuel.

5 MS. FLORES: What?

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Jettisoned fuel.

7 MS. FLORES: That's it. -- that which
8 the airplane passes by and it dumps the fuel so
9 that way when it lands it will land at a specific
10 weight. And, I believe, that that might have
11 been one of the concerns that -- one of the
12 reasons why the contamination is in my area
13 because I know that it's on my dirt.

14 The air in our homes is poisoned with
15 polluted air coming from the jet fuel storage
16 tanks that has given me and my family an overdose
17 of benzene (known cancer causing agent). It
18 is -- It is then not a mystery that even a
19 lightly duty as the ATSDR Health Impact Reports
20 was -- and pointed out several ZIP codes with
21 high cancer clusters. And I am included that
22 that ZIP code area. Our soil is contaminated
23 with high levels of lead and other heavy metals,
24 solvents and hydrocarbons. And when I said it is
25 high -- the soil is contaminated with high levels

1 I truly believe that it is high levels. Because
2 when I became a resident there at Kelly Air
3 Force -- the area of Kelly Air Force Base without
4 knowing that it was contaminated, and I'm sure
5 that a lot of the residents that live there now
6 and are buying -- still buying homes don't know
7 about the contamination or, maybe, they don't
8 read the paper or -- I don't know what their
9 situation is -- but they do need to know because,
10 you know, as a parent you try to do the best for
11 your children and you might plant you -- your
12 plants on the ground and think you're feeding
13 them, you know, the best that there is, and
14 you're not, you're contaminating them. That's
15 the least thing that you want to do to your
16 children and you're doing it to them without even
17 knowing what you're doing because of this problem
18 that we have here at Kelly Air Force Base.

19 Our soil is contaminated with high
20 levels of lead and other heavy metals, as I said
21 a few minutes ago. We all recall that a few
22 years ago a pool of black oozy was found by City
23 workers while digging Quintana Road to install a
24 drainage system. That was an important incident
25 because the lid was blown off the cover-up of the

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1 contamination and how far it had travelled. And
2 there's people in that area that are very sick
3 from problems of this nature. How do we know
4 that the shallow underground aquifer is totally
5 polluted with solvent whose name's -- initials
6 sounds like an alphabet soup, PCE, TCE, DCE, and
7 vinyl chloride. And what is the Kelly Air Force
8 Base proposal for the clean-up? None. They said
9 that it's going to be dissolved by itself.
10 None? That's -- That's a shame. At this segment
11 what they're saying -- what you guys are saying
12 or -- or -- or Kelly Air Force Base, it's a shame
13 because there are children that are suffering
14 because of this. You know, that's the last thing
15 people like to see is people from Africa that are
16 starving, the last thing people like to see is a
17 child that is suffering. Well, look in my back
18 yard and you can see things of that nature. This
19 is not a clean-up plan. I want one proposed and
20 if -- I truly believe in the United States, that
21 we are united, and I truly believe in our
22 systems, so I know that there are will be a
23 clean-up plan made, because I know that everybody
24 in here has a conscience, and has a heart, and I
25 truly believe that everybody is going to make the

1 right decision in this place.

2 What we need and what we want is a firm
3 commitment from the Air Force General in charge
4 of Kelly Air Force Base and the mayor of San
5 Antonio to sign an environmental clean-up
6 contract. A contract is a guarantee. Just like
7 when you sign your name on your paycheck that
8 you're going to get paid, that's what we want.
9 We want a guarantee. A contract is a guarantee
10 that the clean-up will happen. Anything short of
11 a concrete contractual commitment amounts to
12 playing with the words to win time and abandon
13 the base with all its toxic contaminants. We
14 demand environmental justice, clean water, air
15 and soil -- soil and healthy families just like
16 you do. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you. I do want to
19 emphasize that every word is being taken down by
20 the recorder. And there is a commitment on the
21 part of the Air Force to answer the questions --
22 specific questions they can answer. And we
23 certainly want to talk to you more in the
24 community to learn more about the -- about that
25 situation. Thanks for your corporation.

1 MS. FLORES: Would you like a copy,
2 sir?

3 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. I definitely want
4 a copy of that. And thanks for your cooperation
5 with the time. Margaret Grybos?

6 MS. GRYBOS: Do I have to make a
7 statement or can I ask questions?

8 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. You can ask
9 questions and they will be noted. The answers
10 will be forthcoming, but not immediately.

11 MS. GRYBOS: Okay. Well, first of all,
12 I'd like to say that the last time I spoke to
13 the -- this committee I asked, was there a study
14 where natural attenuation worked. I probably
15 should have rephrased that. Is there a study
16 basically where natural attenuation worked that
17 had a similar problem and the health assessment
18 of that area, of a larger population like San
19 Antonio, was it sounded in a long-range study,
20 and what was the effect of that long-range
21 study?

22 So I really not only want to know --
23 And know there are studies, probably, with
24 natural attenuation works. But I don't want some
25 place in the wilderness or some place in the

1 desert. I want to know a place that is in an
2 urban area.

3 Also, as you know, the base is closing and
4 there is economic impact. I don't know if people
5 realize this, but even if all the studies prove
6 fruitless people are still going to believe that,
7 basically, this area is contaminated and the real
8 property value is going to drop. I don't think
9 there is anybody here who -- who would discount
10 that. So this is really going to have a terrible
11 impact on the people economically. That, I -- I
12 just wanted to say as an aside.

13 There are other questions that I'm
14 really interested in. I noticed in one of your
15 reports you said you have further studies on
16 hexavalent chromiums. I -- I would like to -- to
17 know a bit more about this and what particular
18 longitudinal studies you're going to do on that.

19 Okay. I noticed that some of the
20 neighbors are very concerned in the schools with
21 what the dump trucks carrying, where they're
22 dumping this material, and what is in this
23 material. And sometimes they -- they talk about
24 the trucks passing by and the flap of the plastic
25 coming off. I wanted to know something about

1 that. Let me see, what else I have. I don't
2 really have lot of questions on that.

3 And vinyl chloride, I noticed in
4 your -- in your tract that in regard to vinyl
5 chloride that there basically is a test where it
6 bonds with the genetic material. Okay. Are you
7 making that test of -- and I know it cannot be
8 conducted in a doctor's office because you put
9 that in your tract that you have out. I want to
10 know are you providing some kind of a program
11 where people can be tested if they've been
12 exposed to vinyl chloride and I -- I think the
13 tract said that you can't really tell the
14 long-term effects. But I'd like to know, is
15 there a test that you could and are the people in
16 the community going to be provided with that?
17 Okay.

18 And I believe, basically, that's about
19 all I have to say, except good luck. And I hope
20 you do manage to clean it up. And I do hope that
21 you really do something about the psychological
22 and social impact on the people of this area,
23 because, as I said, the real property values will
24 be affected.

25 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you. Just to --

1 Just to reiterate, as I was saying, it's hard to
2 always know which agency of the government can
3 give you the answers that you need. So they want
4 to take some time to make sure a response is
5 informed and really on target with the questions
6 that are being asked tonight.

7 Okay. The last speaker is Mr. Pena.

8 MR. PENA: Hi, how are y'all? Just a
9 few questions: On the property value, I was
10 going to ask you, you also have to look at the
11 economic development, also, as well that's been
12 hindered here. It's not the growth that's going
13 on the north side, the west side, the northeast
14 side, the -- Everybody was complaining about the
15 property values going down, which, you know,
16 you -- y'all give me your little formula and
17 stuff, but we're looking at the true economic
18 development that's supposed to grow with -- I
19 believe the Air Force is supposed give us money
20 and the government and stuff for revitalization,
21 it's called Compressed -- or Recessive Economic
22 Development Zones, and I don't see any of that
23 going towards any of the allotments of the
24 funding for your metropolitan. And when y'all
25 say that y'all have, like, communication, I

1 remember we went to this one workshop where
2 y'all -- and y'all spent three hours trying to
3 figure out how to talk to each other. And then
4 when -- Our community people were sitting there,
5 and we quietly asked a question after the meeting
6 they shushed us. And, I mean, it's, like, that's
7 where we're losing. Y'all spent three-and-a-half
8 hours on a workshop -- and me, I mean, I have --
9 I -- My time is very expensive. And to sit three
10 hours to figure out y'all are trying -- drinking
11 bottled water which no one even touched the
12 fountain water, which was kind of cute. But for
13 three hours y'all were talking about
14 communication, form a line, go out there, talk to
15 this and this and this. But what the reality is
16 that when the community member was there asking
17 questions and stuff y'all just shushed him. It's
18 like you -- you -- y'all -- y'all got the tunnel
19 vision and you haven't opened up your eyes and
20 seen the whole picture. And I believe we were
21 supposed to try to talk about having the meeting
22 once a month so now we can actually get on the
23 ball and get things rolling and start doing
24 this. I mean, this looks all cute and
25 everything. I mean, God, y'all look so --

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1 everything like that. But there's the point of
2 everything. You know, you got -- On Southcross
3 they're building those little family housing
4 low-income homes and it's like two blocks away
5 from contamination. And, I mean, you know
6 low-income families are all little kids and the
7 single mothers, you know, it's the development of
8 the child and stuff. And, as it is, I mean,
9 we've already been -- the Hispanic race we've
10 already been jumped back and put back behind.
11 And it's just so sad that -- what y'all are doing
12 to the environment, and not just destroying
13 the -- the city of the south side. I mean, now I
14 can understand why there's no pride on the south
15 side and stuff because everybody's trying to get
16 off something than help somebody else that
17 everybody used to know. We try and try -- Like
18 those two old ladies, they didn't even want to
19 stay because no one addressed the thing. The
20 form of communication, what he just said. And
21 y'all are probably paying this guy some money.
22 He's not doing it for free. But what I'm trying
23 to say is when you have community members, people
24 that have been there 65 years -- I mean, I've
25 just been here two or three years or

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1 three-and-a-half. I mean, I'm imported. But
2 when you've got people for 65 years and they're
3 husbands are dying and stuff and you don't even
4 want to find out the case history, because -- I
5 mean -- I think she even said that her family
6 never even had association of -- of liver cancer
7 or a disease like that. And you need to figure
8 out the issues of why the people are dying.
9 Okay, if you're dying what are you doing this.
10 You know, really, back then no one ever tested
11 the -- for your pollutants and contaminants, and
12 that's like a dead issue. But, now, we're --
13 we're -- we're -- it's a new issue now. We've
14 got people getting sick. We're getting to that.
15 We need to get this environment -- And, I mean,
16 you're looking at Mayor Howard Peak, he wants
17 450 million dollars to get -- you know, a
18 half-cent tax to do the economic development and
19 stuff. We have people dying over here. Little
20 kids, I mean, are growing -- they can't even grow
21 up to be what they want to be because they're
22 hindered by the pollutants that y'all -- yes,
23 y'all -- y'all did it accidentally or y'all
24 didn't -- y'all didn't follow or -- because, I
25 mean, look, the big picture is you have people,

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1 and you're supposed control them. You were
2 responsible for actions. These are the
3 followers, y'all are the leaders. You let these
4 followers rob you, rape you, and steal you
5 blind. And that's fine, that's the stigmatism
6 and stuff like that. But that was them. This is
7 a community that you're doing the same to the
8 community now. You're changing it and you're
9 passing the buck where it's, like, it's not their
10 fault. As soon as we get out of here, that's
11 fine. And I know can't leave out -- I mean, even
12 after 2001 leaves you've still got to address the
13 issue, you still have to do this. But what I'm
14 saying why not do it now? Look at the ladies,
15 they got frustrated. I mean, they have other
16 things to do besides come out here and bitch
17 about things like this. But everybody blows them
18 off. I mean, it looks nice and pretty and
19 delicate. But if you really want to do
20 something, let's go out there and do it. Let's
21 go to the community. Because the community
22 still -- There should be more people out here,
23 you know. There should be more Hispanics out
24 here, more people fighting, but there's nobody
25 talking, communications, let's go bilingual. I

1 mean, you know, let's talk about it. Let's go
2 once a month, let's go in there and address
3 issues, if you're really, really, really serious
4 about it. Because things can happen. We can do
5 anything we want as long as we do it and we
6 believe in it. And that's the point. If you
7 believe in it, take action. I mean, a lot of
8 these are people leaving because they're getting
9 frustrated.

10 I didn't want to get on the Board
11 because y'all pissed me off, you know. I just --
12 Because I can't sue y'all right now. I have just
13 a little block away until you get to my
14 property. As soon as you get to my property, I'm
15 suing you. I'm just coming out here and -- to
16 let you know that I'm going to come at you. I'm
17 going to get you good. And, see, I got money.
18 And I know how to do this. I -- I -- and
19 that's -- it's -- It's past the point of money
20 situation. It's about the act of
21 responsibility. If I screwed up something over
22 at my shop TNRCC would be on my ass. I'd get
23 fined. I'd get automatically a \$10,000 fine, and
24 that's a lot of money for me. But that's called
25 accountability. I accept my responsibilities.

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1 If I screw it up I'm going to fix it. So if you
2 fix it, and you screw it up, it should be
3 coordinated. Not if it's broke and you don't
4 want to fix it. Go ahead, it costs too much
5 money, let God figure it out, yeah, boom, boom,
6 boom. Y'all did it. Valdez was messed up, they
7 fixed it. Exxon had to pay a lot of money.
8 They've still got a little stuff like that. But
9 you got to understand if you did contaminate --
10 how long did take you, five years to realize
11 that. And look at the people that -- with the
12 posters and stuff. I really don't even think
13 they want to do that. If they really
14 wholeheartedly expressed really concern they
15 would be here fighting tooth and nail about
16 changing the system. Because y'all are
17 accountable. You -- are you not -- Are you not
18 accepting responsible for the contamination?
19 I -- You might be the spokesman for Kelly. He
20 can't answer, right? Okay. It took you five
21 years to realize it was your fault. How long is
22 it going to take you just to do it? I mean, God,
23 it's -- it's going to take you, maybe, five, ten
24 years, maybe, 50 or 100 million -- But look what
25 we just did to the Alamo Dome, a hundred and

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1 something million. We did a -- and the other
2 thing -- I mean, we're spending so much money but
3 we're not doing it where comes to, because this
4 is going to be here. The true Hispanic race,
5 we're growing, we're slowly doing it, it's taking
6 our time, but, you know, we're going to get it
7 there, you know. But you can't accept the blame,
8 and blame, and blame -- Just fix it. That's all
9 we're asking. We'll do it. We'll help. We'll
10 go to the community. We'll go step by step and
11 walk up here. Because not everybody out there is
12 a bad person and drinks beer every day. There's
13 other people that's there and that's -- that's
14 the way they're there. It wasn't because they
15 chose that, because they want to leave, and they
16 can't leave, and that's the sad part. Everybody
17 wants to leave something, and there's a good --
18 there's a good feeling. And you -- you have
19 something and you just destroyed it. All right.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. WILLIAMS: Well, a lot of -- such
22 deep concerns there and really, really need to
23 talk and get to the bottom of that and see if
24 there's some, not only responses, but action that
25 can be taken, especially, so that there is the

1 kind of outlet for expressions that really means
2 something.

3 So with that we'll turn it back to
4 Mr. McCullough.

5 MR. McCULLOUGH: Thank you, John.
6 Let's move on to the next Agenda Item which is
7 the ATSDR update. Ms. Teran-MacIver?

8 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: Buenos noches and
9 good evening to everybody. There's a number of
10 reasons why it's a pleasure to be here tonight.
11 One of them, obviously, is because to represent
12 my agency and to let you know where we are and
13 all those things. But other thing is it's so
14 nice to be in San Antonio because last week I was
15 in Montana. And I was 30 miles from the border
16 of Canada, and let me tell you something, it was
17 cold. Okay. Back to Atlanta and had an ice
18 storm. So anyway, thank you for giving me this
19 opportunity to speak to you tonight and talk to
20 you about what we've been doing at ATSDR.

21 I had a handout and -- Yes. I -- I
22 have enough handouts for everybody on the Board,
23 but I don't have enough handouts to -- to send to
24 everybody out here. Maybe, if we could share.
25 And, also, if you will give me your name and

1 address I'll be happy to mail you copy of that.
2 I know that it will be attached to the minutes of
3 this RAB, as well. And so I do apologize that I
4 don't have -- I didn't anticipate how many I
5 needed to have for the community.

6 The first thing I'd like to do is --
7 Can you -- Can you hear me okay? The first thing
8 I'd like to do is to introduce the ATSDR team
9 that's here tonight. My name is Maria
10 Teran-MacIver, and I'm a community-involvement
11 specialist, and I'm stationed in Atlanta. Also,
12 with me from the Department of Health Assessment
13 and Consultation is Kimberly Chapman. Could you
14 stand Kimberly? And I will tell you a little bit
15 about what each person is doing as we go along.
16 Most of you that have been to these meetings are
17 familiar with Dr. Fowler. And Dr. Fowler is no
18 longer working on this project, but this is --
19 one of the replacements is Kimberly Chapman, and
20 she'll be working on the East Kelly Project.

21 And then Brian Kaplan. Brian Kaplan is
22 another environmental health scientist that is
23 going to be working on this project. He is
24 looking at the past air emissions, and he is also
25 working on the water on base at Kelly. So those

1 are some of the people that I want you to meet.

2 Also, from Atlanta and from the
3 Division of Health Education and Promotion,
4 Laurie Columbo. And she's working on a plan to
5 make sure that we do whatever education is
6 required to help us get through the health things
7 that we can do, the things that we can't change,
8 the things that we can learn.

9 Also, we have one person who is very
10 important to us and works behind the scenes a lot
11 of the time. She is stationed in Dallas, and
12 that's Jennifer Lyke. Would you stand up? And
13 this is our regional representative in Dallas.

14 And I also added on this list some
15 people from the Texas Department of Health. They
16 are not members of ATSDR but they've been working
17 with us on this particular project, and so we put
18 them on here for you. I don't believe Keith
19 Hutchinson is here. But Adriana Rhames is a
20 native of San Antonio, but she works for the
21 Texas Department of Health as a
22 community-involvement specialist. And she's also
23 helping us to look at education needs in -- in
24 this group -- in this environment. Just a
25 little --

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1 Just a little bit of a recap. There
2 are some people who were asking who is ATSDR?
3 And I think some people are real familiar with
4 who we are, and then some people don't know who
5 we are. I have a handout in the back -- It looks
6 like this. There's quite a few back there.
7 You're welcome to take those. It tells you what
8 our agency is. Some people were asking, well,
9 are we part of Kelly, or are we part of EPA, are
10 we part of anybody. We're not part of anybody.
11 We are an agency of public health. And we are
12 under the Department of Health and Social
13 Services Donna Shallala.

14 How we started in -- in the Kelly Air
15 Force Base site is that we had received a
16 petition from the late Congressman Frank Tejada
17 and asking us to look to see if any of the
18 pollutants that were found at Kelly Air Force
19 Base could have impacted the health of some of
20 the people in the community. And he named
21 specific areas where he wanted us to look.

22 And that's what we did. We came in and
23 we did a Public Health Assessment of the areas
24 that he mentioned. And we looked at a number of
25 things. If you'll look on the handout, on the

1 right-hand side, we did a Public Health
2 Assessment. And when we do that we do three
3 things.

4 The first thing is we look at the
5 actual chemicals. What kind of information do we
6 have about the chemicals that were there that
7 were in the air or in the soil or in the water,
8 and that -- that might have an impact on the
9 community. So actual, scientific data.

10 The second thing that we look at is the
11 health concerns. We get together with the folks
12 and we listen. What are you worried about? What
13 parts of your health have been impacted in your
14 belief? And then we start looking to see if
15 those health concerns are related to the
16 chemicals that we are dealing with.

17 The third thing that we look at is
18 health outcome data. And that's information that
19 is -- can be had about a group of people. And
20 Dr. Guerra was sort of introducing some of that
21 data that exists. You know, how many people died
22 of this, how many people have that, how much
23 diabetes is there. All of that is called health
24 outcome data that we look at.

25 What did we find in the Public Health

1 Assessment that was released -- the -- the first
2 phase of that was released in August. And what
3 we found was two main things. Number one, that
4 the community is not now being exposed to amounts
5 of chemicals from Kelly that would make them
6 become sick. The air is now at a -- a state
7 where there is not a lot of pollution that can
8 reach or hurt somebody.

9 But what we don't know, number two, is
10 how many -- or what amounts of chemicals were the
11 people exposed to in the past. And then after we
12 find that out, you know, could that be connected
13 to some of the health problems that exist.

14 And so we are looking at past air
15 emissions now, that's another phase. And we are
16 working on that now. And as I mentioned Brian
17 Kaplan will be working on that data. We're
18 collecting data from the Air Force, and we will
19 be looking to see, you know, what correlations
20 can go in that goes into the model and we make
21 decisions about what could -- you know, how much
22 emissions could people have been exposed to in
23 the past.

24 If you look on the back of the page it
25 says, "What is ATSDR doing now?" The Department

1 of Health Assessments and Consultation, we call
2 it DHAC. It's the Public Health Assessment or
3 PHA. We are at the stage right now in terms of
4 the first document of answering all of the
5 questions that -- and comments that everybody
6 made to us. And in addition to that, the
7 presentation that we were going to have
8 tonight -- Is that still going to occur? That --
9 that -- There was a -- a -- a study that was done
10 to review our Public Health Assessment by the
11 University of Maryland. And on the paper, I do
12 apologize, I wrote TAG which is not the right
13 thing. It's a TAPP. It's a Technical Assistance
14 for Public Participation grant that funded that.
15 And I do apologize for that -- for misspelling
16 that.

17 The second thing that we're doing is
18 looking at the past air emissions. And we're
19 still collecting that data. We're going to do
20 the model. And as soon as we find out the
21 results of that we will be posting that, and we
22 will be educating you and telling you what those
23 results were.

24 The second -- The next thing we're
25 looking at is --

1 MR. QUINTANILLA: Excuse me. Past --

2 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: You have a,

3 Mr. Quintanilla?

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: Past air emissions.

5 Y'all have been looking at that for years now;

6 when will it be done?

7 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: I -- I don't want

8 to give you solid date because I -- I'm not the

9 one that's doing the data examination. But

10 probably by the end of the year -- is fair to

11 say -- that we will have that report.

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: We were told by March

13 last August.

14 MR. KAPLAN: The current schedule says

15 that the Air Force is looking at collecting the

16 data -- The Air Force is collecting data. We're

17 going to be getting that data in March, and

18 that -- the tentative schedule is for us -- is

19 for us to do the air modeling and have something

20 in -- I think, it's three months later in July.

21 MR. QUINTANILLA: That's too long.

22 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: Acknowledge your

23 comment. That information is being compiled.

24 And as soon as we get that close results we will

25 be letting you know what they are.

1 In addition, we are looking at East
2 Kelly. When we first did a Public Health
3 Assessment we looked at the three main ZIP codes
4 that we had -- it had been indicated for us to
5 look at. But as we were doing our study we
6 discovered that there was a reason to be looking
7 at East Kelly as well. And so we have Kim
8 Chapman who's going to be doing -- and it's not
9 now on the Agenda for the Public Health
10 Assessment, it is actually going to be a Public
11 Health Assessment of its own. And the reason for
12 that is because she's going to be looking at
13 soils and gas. The gas in the soil, and also the
14 groundwater. And when you have more than one
15 pathway that's possible for affecting the health
16 of the community, then, that lends itself more to
17 being a Public Health Assessment of its own as
18 opposed to being just a short consultation that
19 you add to the end of the other.

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: Again, when will that
21 be accomplished?

22 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: Do you have a time
23 line on that Kim?

24 MS. CHAPMAN: We're waiting for the
25 soil and gas data right now from Kelly Air Force

1 Base. But it'll probably be by the end of year
2 as well.

3 MR. QUINTANILLA: Again, we were told
4 around March. That was in August. Last August.

5 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: That's the best
6 answer I can give you right now,
7 Mr. Quintanilla.

8 The next thing that we're doing is kind
9 of -- some people have asked earlier, why don't
10 we look at the workers on the base? Generally,
11 the -- the health of workers in any place is
12 governed by other mechanisms and not by the
13 public health section. It's usually either OSHA
14 or one of those that is looking at the -- the
15 things that happen to workers themselves.
16 However, there is a question about the drinking
17 water on base and -- over the years and, in that
18 respect, it might have affected workers and, in
19 that respect, then, maybe, we will be looking at
20 workers. But that -- the intent is to see if the
21 health of people is affected as opposed to --
22 as -- zeroing in on workers. I believe that was
23 one of your questions earlier.

24 MS. GRYBOS: Well, the only reason I
25 said that was (inaudible) I think it's easier to

1 be collecting data in the base, and then we would
2 have data on that.

3 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: That's right. And
4 then it's -- But it's a completely different
5 agency that works with that data, and has access
6 to that data, and does that work.

7 MS. GRYBOS: (inaudible) that agency
8 didn't (inaudible) work place. I think if the
9 work place is harmful this could be used to track
10 their exposure to gases, contaminants in the soil
11 and the water.

12 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: And -- And thank
13 you for your comment. If I can find another
14 answer to give you in response to that -- I'm
15 having her write that down for me and get that
16 back to you. And also after I'd like to take
17 your name and address.

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: Ms. MacIver, one
19 question on that. It says, "the potential based
20 on past on-base drinking water contamination."
21 How was that water contaminated, their drinking
22 water?

23 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: I'm not the
24 scientist on that. I'm not sure I can answer
25 that question.

1 MR. QUINTANILLA: Then why are we doing
2 this? You know, it says that water was
3 contaminated. How was it contaminated?

4 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: Do we have an
5 answer for that right now?

6 MR. KAPLAN: I don't know if I have an
7 exact answer for you right now. We've collected
8 some data going back to '83. There's -- I -- I
9 don't know how -- there's ten or -- How many
10 wells are there -- have there been used? Total.
11 The total time.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Inaudible.)

13 MR. KAPLAN: There are currently six
14 production wells on base. In the past there may
15 have been a few more that were used. Those wells
16 have been sampled. We're looking at collecting
17 all the data that we can. There was -- I don't
18 know if the RAB has discussed -- There was a
19 horizontal pipe between two wells. Has that been
20 discussed?

21 MR. QUINTANILLA: And the -- And the
22 contaminated groundwater got into this horizontal
23 pipe and then into the -- into the drinking
24 water? Is that the one that we're talking
25 about?

1 MR. KAPLAN: That's the one that we're
2 talking about, yes, sir.

3 MR. QUINTANILLA: That answers my
4 question.

5 MS. GRYBOS: Exactly how many
6 (inaudible) Do you mean that the workers were
7 drinking contaminated water? Can you tell me for
8 how many years?

9 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: I don't know that
10 they were. We're looking to see if there was
11 contamination and to what extent. We're doing
12 that study now.

13 MS. GRYBOS: Okay. And since that was
14 part of my question originally, especially with
15 the health people, could I have that in written
16 form, the answer to that?

17 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: Certainly.
18 Certainly. Yes.

19 MS. GRYBOS: And could you also tell me
20 how long, too, that the Air Force was aware of
21 this, and did they provide workers with any kind
22 of indication or knowledge that they were subject
23 to drinking contaminated water? Were they for --

24 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: I don't know if I
25 know the answer to that question, but I will see

1 who can answer that question for you.

2 MS. GRYBOS: (Inaudible) exposed to
3 anything that's harmful in the work place, I'm
4 sure that you are supposed to be given notice.
5 It's a major point of law that you are given
6 notice.

7 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: I -- I will try and
8 find someone who can answer that question for
9 you, ma'am. Thank you. And, I mean, these are
10 good questions. It's just that some of the
11 things we are still investigating and I don't
12 know what to tell you until the results come
13 out.

14 I'd like to move on -- I don't know how
15 I'm doing on time. The Department of Health
16 Studies is the -- the department that looked at
17 the health outcome data and they are ones that
18 were able to tell you that there were some
19 elevated levels of cancer, or birth defects, or
20 different ailments in the different ZIP code --
21 the three ZIP codes that we looked at. So they
22 went through and looked at what data exists.
23 They looked at -- at records and, you know,
24 whatever was available to -- to make that data
25 come forward. Now, a question that's begged and

1 that people keep asking us, well, did the
2 contamination from Kelly cause those illnesses?
3 And the answer is that, at present, we don't
4 think that there's any contamination that would
5 cause illness. We do not know what happened in
6 the past, and we're looking at past air emissions
7 to see if there was a connection between the
8 two. We're also looking to see if we can update
9 all of health outcome data and -- and -- to be
10 complete -- as complete as possible. So we've
11 been working with the Texas Department of Health
12 with San Antonio Metro Health, the schools of
13 public health to see what kind of information is
14 out there.

15 MR. QUINTANILLA: On air emissions, you
16 know, one of the ladies talked about dumping
17 fuel. Way back in the '50s, '60s, and '70s that
18 the jet engines were inefficient, they did not
19 burn all the fuel. And when they took off and
20 landed there was like a small mist coming down.
21 Is that what you're looking at on past air
22 emissions?

23 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: That's one of the
24 things that we're going to look at, yes, any
25 emissions that were there, yes.

1 In regard to the past air emissions,
2 the Department of Health Studies is going to --
3 once that report is done they're going to go,
4 again, and look to see if the causes in -- in
5 health incidents that we have could be related to
6 those emissions.

7 In regard to addressing community
8 health concerns we've made ourselves available to
9 the San Antonio Metro Health Department. As they
10 go through and apply for this community based
11 prevention intervention research grant, that's
12 going to be looking to see how can you best help
13 the health of the -- am I saying that right,
14 Sam? At the present time, they're proceeding
15 with that. We're available if we are needed
16 to -- in any kind of support.

17 And -- And then liver cancer is a big
18 issue. And we're exploring to see if there's
19 anybody out there who can work on developing
20 the -- more information about that. And even if
21 you listen to Dr. Guerra, that's -- that's a
22 concern in the county, not just in those ZIP
23 codes. And so we've been talking to different
24 people. There is a branch of the CDC called the
25 Hepatitis Branch of Chronic Disease Section.

1 We've been talking to different people in
2 American Society -- Cancer Society grant, and
3 things like that.

4 I want to add that in your -- in your
5 community you have a great researcher in cancer
6 among Hispanics. She lives right here in San
7 Antonio. Her name is Dr. Amelie Rodriguez (sic).

8 (Later corrected by speaker to
9 Dr. Amelie Ramirez.)

10 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: And I'm going to be
11 talking to her tomorrow. I don't know to what
12 extent she could become involved, but she's done
13 a study for five years, with five Hispanic
14 communities, looking at cancer. And I think it
15 was like in Florida, New York, San Antonio --
16 she's already looked at San Antonio once --
17 Brownsville, and somewhere in California. And
18 one of the things that we're hoping to do is to
19 identify resources within your own community
20 that, maybe, can help you to -- you know, to --
21 to con -- to go forward with some of the things
22 that you're interested in learning. So as soon
23 as I find out some information that way I will
24 also share that. But -- She is from Baylor
25 University Medical School, but she has an office

1 here in San Antonio, and we'll be talking to
2 her.

3 The Department of Health Education and
4 Promotion has been working with the Texas
5 Department of Health to look at an assessment of
6 what do we need to do now, what sort of education
7 does the community need now. And we've been
8 calling people, and we are going to have small
9 focus groups while we're here and talk to the
10 folks that, maybe, we haven't talked to before,
11 and find out what their concerns are, and what
12 they still need to learn or want to learn, and
13 try to make that happen.

14 We're also trying to establish
15 partnerships. I haven't named on here everybody
16 that we've worked with. But we've worked with so
17 many of the people in this area and not to -- not
18 to exclude the Air Force, and the San Antonio
19 Metro Health, and all the others to try to do the
20 best job that we can and make sure we address the
21 issues of health.

22 That's, sort of, in a nutshell where we
23 are right now. We have more information we'll
24 share with you before the end of the year, and as
25 soon as it becomes complete we will let you know

1 what that is. I have -- As I say, the -- the
2 ATSDR fliers in the back. You're welcome to call
3 me. It's the -- There's a 1-800 number there --
4 well, it's a 1-888 number. 1-888-42ATSDR. And
5 just ask for me, Maria Teran-MacIver, and tell
6 them that it's about Kelly, and I will call you
7 back. And I do thank you for your time. Are
8 there any questions? Is there anything that the
9 group wants to add?

10 MR. HUFF: Ms. Teran-MacIver, I do have
11 a question for you. I'm looking at your health
12 outcome data, which appears to be a gathering
13 statistics relative to -- relative to the health
14 of the people in those three ZIP codes. And you
15 were going to, as I understand it, compare them
16 to California and some other place? Did I
17 understand that correctly?

18 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: They were going to
19 compare them to other like communities.

20 MR. HUFF: Let me observe, that the --
21 that the efficiency of the data collection in
22 California and other places may not be the same
23 as it is here. I have to believe -- and our
24 Metropolitan Health District is a great
25 institution. Let me suggest that, perhaps, a

1 more valid study, and it could be done very
2 easily, to either confirm or allay the fears of
3 the residents around Kelly is take all 13 ZIP
4 codes that surround Kelly, compare those with all
5 the other ZIP codes in Bexar County, so that you
6 have the same database, the same quality of
7 database, and see whether you have a greater
8 incidents of those illnesses of concern to the
9 residents here. And if you do, then, you have a
10 reason for suspicion; if you do not, you then
11 have a reason to allay the fears and, thus, help
12 the property values of the people here who feel,
13 of course, the property has been -- the values
14 have been decreased significantly because of the
15 fear. And I think -- I think that would be a
16 really quick way and an easy way. Because I know
17 Dr. Guerra and Sam Sanchez are good folks and
18 they -- and they have data that is uniform
19 throughout the county. Does that make sense?

20 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: And that's a --
21 that's a very good point. And -- And as you
22 noted we had a presentation about what Bexar
23 County looks like in relationship to a lot of
24 those diseases. And we're -- This is an ongoing
25 process to try to collect beyond -- I think what

1 we reported was what we got. But there is an
2 effort to try to -- to work on -- on getting the
3 complete picture, yes.

4 MR. HUFF: But you mentioned only three
5 ZIP codes and I count 13 of which one most of
6 them have in -- in the -- the back page of this
7 book. Of the 13 most of them have gray areas
8 indicating that there is a higher incidence of
9 disease.

10 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: But the -- the --

11 MR. HUFF: It might very well be that
12 the same thing exists throughout the county and
13 not just here, but this picture isn't shown.

14 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: The reason that we
15 started with the three ZIP codes -- because that
16 was the original petition.

17 And there are two ways that my agency
18 goes to communities. One is if a community has
19 an area that is a Superfund Site, and then we
20 have to go by law from the sup -- the 1980 Super
21 Fund Law to go and look at health concerns. The
22 second way that we go into a community is by
23 petition. And this one was from a petition from
24 the late Frank Tejada. And so that's why you see
25 the three ZIP codes mentioned so frequently.

1 But, yes, we are -- we have been looking at some
2 other data, and I think that's an ongoing
3 process. But I -- I thank you for your comment,
4 yes.

5 MR. RICE: I think I'm going to touch
6 on something that Armando mentioned but it has to
7 do with the misting of fuel. You know, for years
8 people who lived near Kelly have said that as
9 planes flew over there used to be a mist that
10 would fall down on them after the plane passed
11 over, and it was like fuel. Have you found any
12 information on that?

13 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: I personally have
14 not been. I did talk to Dr. Fowler recently, and
15 it looks like there will be some data that we can
16 look at regarding that. That it was not the
17 dumping of fuel; it was just the inefficiency of
18 whatever emissions might be there. There is
19 something -- I -- I really wish I could give you
20 a better answer, but I'm not the scientist
21 that -- that looked that. But I know that there
22 is some information that we were going to look at
23 in regard to that.

24 MR. RICE: And did that come from
25 Kelly, that information?

1 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: I -- I don't know
2 the answer to that question.

3 MS. GRYBOS: I have a question. I
4 think the gentleman made an excellent point. I'm
5 sorry, I don't know your name, sir.

6 MR. HUFF: I'm Roy Huff.

7 MS. GRYBOS: (Inaudible) do more
8 natural attenuation. I believe, the factor in
9 whether cancer developed in those birth defects
10 would be the length of exposure to it. So if you
11 could -- if you did it you could check it at the
12 present time you would have to, say, look at 50
13 years, you would also have to look at the people
14 in the -- in the specific counties or areas --
15 I'm sorry -- the Zones over a period of as long
16 as they were exposed. Because I think length of
17 time, also, is a factor, isn't it, of toxic
18 exposure.

19 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: Certainly, there --
20 there is a -- a period, right.

21 MS. GRYBOS: So if you were to do
22 natural attenuation (inaudible) have to do it
23 (inaudible) present time you would have to
24 continue it until all the toxics were
25 (inaudible).

1 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: Do you know how far
2 back that data went?

3 MS. CHAPMAN: I -- I will have to find
4 that answer for you.

5 MR. PENA: Also, the data (inaudible)
6 on currently (inaudible) how was current
7 (inaudible) the history, what people are
8 suffering (inaudible) having seizures or
9 something like that, do you go in and see if
10 other people on the data, if their family
11 members, or other people, or the guys --

12 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: Everybody who is
13 there. Everybody who is there.

14 MR. PENA: Yeah. (Inaudible) if it's a
15 selective type.

16 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: The limitations
17 that we have when we're looking at the health
18 outcome data is how good the data is that there's
19 there.

20 MR. PENA: Yeah. Don't (inaudible).

21 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: The limitations
22 that we have in looking at the health outcome
23 data is how good the data is that's there.

24 MR. PENA: Yes. And you (inaudible)
25 you don't -- you don't really have a true space.

1 You only have this -- just a limited amount of
2 people.

3 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: Unfortunately
4 that's true.

5 MR. PENA: (Inaudible) see that's the
6 report that we need to go ahead and tell, too,
7 the -- the Board that it's just not (inaudible)
8 and current data. It's, sort of, like
9 misconstruing the facts, because, from what I
10 kind of heard from you, on communications it
11 seemed like, you know, everybody else has the
12 same thing and this and this and that, you're not
13 doing the whole spectrum of people. It seems
14 like only just a certain amount and when people
15 are sick -- you know, some people are sick and
16 some don't doesn't seem like it's the whole cycle
17 of people, and then the current level is how bad
18 did you find --

19 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: It's a very
20 frustrating thing because your ability to predict
21 is related on how good your data is. You want to
22 make a comment.

23 DR. VILLANAUCI: (Inaudible) we've
24 supplied some of the cancer data to ATSDR. I'm
25 not sure I understand where --

1 MR. PENA: Yeah. See, I think what we
2 should do (inaudible) --

3 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: Excuse me. I --
4 I've been told that my time is up.

5 MR. PENA: Got to love you guys. Got
6 to love you.

7 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: If you want, we can
8 get together after --

9 MR. PENA: That's all right. See,
10 right when we get into the heart and soul of
11 the -- the people that are dying that's when they
12 shut up, you know. Got to love them!

13 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: I'd be happy to
14 keep talking to --

15 MR. PENA: (Inaudible).

16 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: And I can even sit
17 by you. Thank you very much.

18 MR. McCULLOUGH: Thank you very much.
19 Our -- Our next two speakers have guaranteed me
20 that they'll get through their presentations very
21 quickly. First, is Mr. Roberson.

22 MR. ROBERSON: I wanted to tell you
23 I've got a 35-slide presentation here. And I
24 apologize to the RAB for putting my back to you.
25 Please, excuse me for that, but I thought I'd

1 face the audience out here. And I'm not going
2 show you that presentation, which I can see is
3 putting a big smile on all your faces. That
4 35-slide presentation is in the booklets that
5 y'all have. And, please, take a look at it. I'd
6 be happy to answer any questions from anybody if
7 they want to give me a call or grab me at a break
8 or afterwards.

9 But let me see if I can just summarize
10 what's in that presentation, just a couple of
11 minutes and then see if you have any questions.
12 I work for The Greater Kelly Development
13 Authority, which is an agency established by the
14 City of San Antonio to oversee the redevelopment
15 of Kelly as it's closed down by the Air Force.

16 I'm not going to comment on any -- make
17 any particular comments on the environmental
18 issues here in my brief comments, but I want to
19 give you, kind of, a flavor of what we're doing
20 in the redevelopment, and then I'd be happy to
21 answer any questions.

22 Many of you in the room probably
23 remember back in the spring of 1995 when the --
24 the process of selecting Kelly for closure was
25 coming to a -- to a head. Some of you may have

1 been even among those 35,000 people that lined
2 General Hudnell Drive as the commissioners from
3 the base realign -- the Base Realignment and
4 Closure Commission came down to visit Kelly as
5 they were in the process of making their
6 decision. And some of you may remember what a
7 traumatic experience it was when that Commission
8 finally decided they were going to close Kelly.
9 It's kind of interesting to think back and try to
10 remember why that was so traumatic for us. Kelly
11 employed at that time in '95 19,000 people. Most
12 of them civilians living in San Antonio as their
13 community. Kelly had had as many as 30,000
14 employees. And those weren't just any kind of
15 jobs. I mean, those were some of the best
16 jobs -- best-skilled jobs in San Antonio. In
17 fact some of the only manufacturing jobs in San
18 Antonio. And for many families San Antonio --
19 Kelly Air Force Base had become really a way to
20 move into the economic middle class. In fact, it
21 always continues to amaze me when I talk to
22 professional people, lawyers, doctors, and other
23 professional people, how many of them, their
24 fathers or their uncles or their brothers worked
25 at Kelly Air Force Base and really that very good

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1 job at Kelly was the ticket for them to go to
2 graduate school, go to medical school, go to law
3 school, etcetera. Henry Bonilla, as a matter of
4 fact, one of our congressman from San Antonio,
5 his father worked at Kelly, and it's that job
6 that put Henry through school and got him to
7 where he is today. But there's just thousands of
8 stories like that.

9 The point I'm trying to lead to here is
10 when that decision to close Kelly was made, the
11 Mayor at the time and the City Council put
12 together a group of citizens -- there were 168
13 people -- on something they called the Initial
14 Base Adjustment Strategy Committee. Many of them
15 living in communities right around Kelly. Many
16 of them from the south and west side of town.
17 And that group spent five to six months in the
18 second half of 1995 -- of '95 and the early part
19 of 1996 trying to come up with a strategic vision
20 of what this community is going to do with that
21 asset at Kelly that had been so important to this
22 community for 50-plus years. And they produced a
23 report, spelled out a vision of what we ought to
24 do to redevelop Kelly.

25 And -- And amazingly enough that

1 report, that went through a whole series of
2 public hearings all over the community, was
3 finally presented to the City Council and
4 approved by the City Council, that broad vision
5 is still exactly what we in the GKDA are working
6 on today, to redevelop Kelly. And let me just
7 summarize that very quickly.

8 At Kelly we've got some assets. We've
9 got a lot of problems, we've got environmental
10 clean-up that's got to get done, we need to, you
11 know, work closely with the Air Force to ensure
12 it is done. But we've got a lot of assets there
13 too. We've got an aviation maintenance complex
14 with buildings and equipment, some of which are
15 in superb condition, some of which are -- some of
16 the equipment of which is very, very new, and
17 a -- and a lot of acres that gives us the
18 capability to take that asset and to build in San
19 Antonio a center of excellence for maintenance
20 repair and overhaul of aircraft and of aircraft
21 engines. And the reason that's important to use
22 that asset that way, because what we're going to
23 be able to recreate here in a commercial/private
24 sense is the same kind of very good paying jobs,
25 the same kind of opportunities for people to get

1 good jobs that we had when the Air Force was
2 here. And we've got a great asset to do that.
3 We've made a lot of progress on that.

4 Boeing, a company is here already, you
5 all know that. You might be interested to know
6 that Boeing is occupying exactly the same
7 facilities that the Air Force used to maintain
8 the C-5. You all remember the C-5. Those of you
9 who live near Kelly, it flew over your house and,
10 probably, woke you up, you know, early in the
11 morning or late at night. But that's gone, you
12 know, that -- that's left. When the Air Force
13 was maintaining the C-5 they employed about 1000
14 people in that work area. Today, Boeing in those
15 same facilities, the big hangar and the
16 surrounding facilities, same facilities that the
17 C-5 was maintained in, Boeing is going to employ
18 2000 people by the end of this year. And those
19 are, you know, 16-, 17-, 18-dollar-an-hour jobs.
20 Those are good manufacturing jobs. Again, the
21 kind of jobs that can create the same
22 opportunities that we've -- that this community
23 has had in the past. And we've got -- now, got
24 Lockheed-Martin is there doing engine maintenance
25 work. Lockheed-Martin has got some plans to

1 expand. Pratt & Whitney is there doing engine
2 maintenance work, one of the major engine
3 manufacturers in the world. Smaller companies
4 like Standard Aero, or Woodward, Chromalloy, GE,
5 AAR are all now there. In some cases it's small
6 kinds of functions, but with capability to expand
7 and to grow to truly create for San Antonio a
8 maintenance repair and overhaul of aircraft
9 capability that's going to -- that could become a
10 center of excellence for the entire country.

11 In fact we have been working very
12 closely with U.T.S.A., UT of Austin, and Texas
13 A&M, the Engineering Departments of those three
14 schools, together with Boeing, Lockheed, and some
15 of the other companies to build this idea of a
16 center of excellence for maintenance of
17 aircraft. And the universities would bring us a
18 research component. They would -- located on
19 Kelly the capability to do research, and -- and
20 new technologies, new metallurgy type of issues,
21 and also an education component, not only for
22 people that actually do hands-on work, but for
23 graduate level engineers. And then we've got the
24 companies doing the production. When you put
25 that all together, you've got production, you've

1 got research, and you've got education, truly the
2 ingredients for a potential center of excellence
3 for the maintenance of aircraft here. And the
4 potential to build a lot of really good jobs.

5 The other big asset that we've got out
6 there is that we've got a lot of warehousing
7 that's going to be turned over for redevelopment,
8 along with joint use of the runway, access to
9 major Interstates 10 and 35, and rail line that's
10 right next to -- adjacent to Kelly -- that's some
11 of the rail that probably wakes some of you up at
12 night when those cars couple. I used to live on
13 Kelly many years ago when I was still on active
14 duty, and -- and it could get noisy out there, I
15 know. And we -- we've got to work that issue.
16 But with the -- with that transportation assets,
17 rail, air, and -- and truck traffic, as well as
18 rail down to port -- the Port of Corpus Christi
19 to a deep-water seaport, together with the
20 warehousing we have, we have got the potential to
21 build a major logistics distribution center here,
22 a commercial operation, that could become a -- a
23 staging area for major trade with Mexico and with
24 Central and South America.

25 I mean, I've got a vision, a lot of

1 other people working on this along with me have
2 this vision, of goods being flown from South
3 America, not into Miami where they all go now and
4 then have to be put on trucks to come all the way
5 across the country, but fly the few extra air
6 miles and come into Kelly where we can handle the
7 logistics job for redistribution throughout the
8 central part of United States. There's a great
9 potential to develop that. Those are probably
10 our two gems at Kelly: Logistics distribution
11 and maintenance, repair and overhaul of
12 aircraft. And those -- those are two major
13 visions that that Citizens Committee put together
14 back in '95, and that we're still in the process
15 of -- of -- of continuing to develop.

16 I guess, the point I'm making here is
17 that we've got a lot of problems to work
18 through. One of the major challenges that we've
19 got in the redevelopment is that not all of the
20 facilities are great or good. Some of them,
21 quite frankly, are falling down. Some of them
22 we're going to have to tear down. Some of old
23 warehousing is literally unmarketable in the
24 commercial marketplace. We're going to have to
25 tear it down and replace it.

1 Another challenge we have is that when
2 you drive on Kelly it looks like a closing
3 military base. And we've got to kind of recreate
4 the image of it. You can do some of that with --
5 with -- with cosmetic and aesthetic things. But
6 we want to make it look like a top-tier
7 industrial park where some of the best companies
8 in this country would want to relocate to. We've
9 got some infrastructure that needs some
10 investment in it. We've got roads that need to
11 be maintained. We've got storm sewer systems --
12 sewer systems and storm drainage systems, that
13 are 50 and 60 years old, that need to be
14 replaced. We've got electrical systems that need
15 to be upgraded. This community is going to have
16 to make an investment in Kelly over the next 10
17 to 15 to 20 years if we're going to achieve that
18 vision. It's going to be a big investment.

19 You're probably going to hear some talk
20 in the next couple of months about the Mayor's
21 sales tax issue. And one of the items that's
22 going to be on there is some money for investment
23 in Kelly so we can replace that warehousing and
24 upgrade some of that infrastructure so we can
25 realize the vision that we have for the

1 redevelopment of Kelly.

2 And what's that vision going to
3 produce? What I'd like to see 10 years from now
4 and, I think, what all of you would like to see
5 is a thriving industrial park that has some of
6 the best paying jobs, not just in San Antonio but
7 in all of Texas, that is nationally recognized
8 for its logistics distribution, and maintenance
9 repair, and overhaul capability, and does all of
10 that in the -- in a model of -- of a good
11 environmental stewardship. Because the companies
12 that we are bringing in and the leases that we
13 are signing with them we are insisting that they
14 set up the most modern practices for management
15 of environmental issues, so that 10 years from
16 now, when -- as the Air Force is completing its
17 clean-up we won't have to worry about additional
18 environmental problems being created by that.

19 So as we work -- I -- I -- I guess the
20 thought I'd like to leave with you is, as we work
21 through these environmental issues, which are
22 tough, and there's some really hard things that
23 we've got to face up to, to work through, that we
24 try to do that in a balanced way so that we can
25 continue to work on this vision to recreate Kelly

1 into something that the community's going to be
2 really proud of. I probably talked longer than I
3 should have. I'd be more than happy to answer
4 any questions.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: I got question. You
6 have 9000 more jobs to go between now and the
7 year 2006. You plan get 1000 this year; how
8 about next year?

9 MR. ROBERSON: You know, I can always
10 rely on Armando to ask hard questions. He's --
11 He's very good at that. Let me -- We have a goal
12 to create in that new industrial park 21,000
13 good-paying jobs. That includes about 7000 jobs
14 that the Department of Defense is going to
15 continue to have on Kelly, that's going to stay
16 in facilities that we will lease to the
17 Department of Defense. We've already created
18 about 5000 jobs in the jobs we've brought in, new
19 commercial jobs, for a total of 12000, and that's
20 where the goal of 9000 jobs. That works out to
21 about 1300 jobs a year, Armando. And that's what
22 we're working on is to create 1300 jobs a year at
23 Kelly between now and 2006.

24 MR. QUINTANILLA: And how do plan to
25 make it?

1 MR. ROBERSON: We -- with -- With a
2 combination of maintenance repair and overhaul
3 activities and growth of that, building this
4 logistics distribution center, and then using all
5 the other administration -- administrative space
6 we have to bring other kinds activities into
7 Kelly.

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: On the last page of
9 your presentation, you've said that you -- you
10 need 374 million.

11 MR. ROBERSON: Right.

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: And you have about
13 145, and still need 229 million; is that
14 correct?

15 MR. ROBERSON: That's the challenge,
16 that's correct.

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: And where are you
18 going to get that?

19 MR. ROBERSON: That's the challenge.
20 We've got to figure out how to do that.

21 MR. SCHLUNDT: (Inaudible) who's going
22 to benefit from all this (inaudible) other than
23 the jobs, and we (inaudible) plan for about 30
24 years now between Kelly and the City of San
25 Antonio, they've literally destroyed our

1 investment and --

2 MR. ROBERSON: What investment is
3 that?

4 MR. SCHLUNDT: You know, our land.
5 They will not let us use our land and they have
6 prevented us from building on it (inaudible) our
7 land, we farm the land, and we've spent
8 (inaudible) periods of time to be able to sell
9 it. I mean, we can't even sell it to somebody
10 because we can't use it, so who else would want
11 it. We've got junk yards (inaudible) new highway
12 and see multiplying junk (inaudible) I mean, it's
13 fine for Kelly to include their situation. What
14 about the neighbors? Are they going to keep on
15 dumping all that on our pastures or give us a
16 chance to --

17 MR. ROBERSON: And you're third
18 question?

19 MR. SCHLUNDT: Pardon?

20 MR. ROBERSON: Your third question?

21 MR. SCHLUNDT: How is this investment
22 from Kelly going to benefit the neighbors?

23 MR. ROBERSON: All right. Let me
24 answer the first question, who owns the land and
25 basically who's going to benefit from it.

1 All of the property on -- east of the
2 runway is in the process of being conveyed.
3 There's a few exceptions to this that the Air
4 Force is retaining, but the property is being
5 conveyed to The Greater Kelly Development
6 Authority, so -- And that's under a master lease
7 right now. The property won't actually be
8 deeded -- It will be deeded eventually once the
9 environmental clean-up is -- is complete and you
10 can.

11 The Greater Kelly Development Authority
12 is a nonprofit corporation created for the soul
13 purpose of redeveloping Kelly. So we -- we will
14 not benefit from that. Any -- Any revenue that's
15 generated from leases or other activity at Kelly
16 will be reinvested to improve Kelly, either to
17 upgrade facilities, replace warehousing, or
18 upgrade infrastructure. And as Armando
19 indicated -- identified over 374 million dollars
20 of needed investment over the next 10 to 15
21 years. So there's -- there's more than enough
22 demand for the revenue that's going to be
23 received.

24 With regard to the property, I assume you
25 own farm land off one of the runways?

1 MR. SCHLUNDT: Yes.

2 MR. ROBERSON: The -- The reality of --
3 of -- of the situation is, is that the City has
4 zoned that property to restrict development to
5 honor the fact that it's a military airfield, and
6 will continue to be a military airfield, and
7 it's -- it's -- actually, that zoning is designed
8 for the protection of the public so that -- you
9 know, so that you -- if you have air crashes or
10 other kinds of things that you don't endanger
11 people. I mean, that's -- I'm not sure I can do
12 anything about that. That's the situation that
13 exists.

14 MR. SCHLUNDT: In other words, they can
15 destroy us, but not pay for it? Why should we
16 encourage the development of Kelly if they're not
17 going to help us?

18 MR. ROBERSON: Let me -- Let me say
19 just a word about what development of Kelly might
20 mean to the local -- to the local community. And
21 I -- the fact of the matter is that the zoning --
22 as long as there's a military airfield there that
23 zoning is going to stay the same. So I -- I,
24 probably, can't offer much for -- for your
25 particular situation.

1 But if we are successful in creating
2 21,000 good-paying jobs, that's going to have a
3 huge beneficial spill-over effect on the local
4 community. The immediate effect is on things
5 like the local retail operations, food service
6 operations, and gas stations, cleaners, and every
7 other kind of service, kind of, function that the
8 people that work on Kelly are going to be
9 interested in. I, also, believe that as the more
10 successful we are with our logistics
11 distribution, and maintenance repair, and
12 overhaul the more we attract there's --
13 eventually we're going to run out of room on
14 Kelly, and there will be other companies, that
15 want to be near that, that are going to locate in
16 San Antonio. Maybe, not right next to Kelly, but
17 it could have a spill-over effect on the entire
18 community. My personal belief is that the value
19 of property around Kelly, if we're successful in
20 the redevelopment, will skyrocket over the next
21 10 to 20 years.

22 MR. SCHLUNDT: How will it skyrocket if
23 it's unusable?

24 MR. ROBERSON: Sir, you're -- you're
25 focused on that -- on the land that's zoned for

1 restricted development, you know. I -- There's
2 nothing I can do for you on that. I mean, I
3 don't have answer other than that's the facts.

4 MS. MONTEMAYOR: Yes. (Inaudible) I'm
5 not really familiar with a lot of the
6 infrastructure, but I know you have a plan and
7 it's a really good plan and I think that if jobs
8 can be created really -- sounds really good. But
9 one of the things I hear is that the community is
10 very concerned about a lot of issues, health
11 issues, and a lot of issues that would involve
12 them. And I hear you saying that you're going to
13 have a lot of jobs, and that is really good,
14 but -- and a lot engineering jobs and -- and I
15 have a son who's going to graduate in
16 engineering, and I think he might get a job. But
17 my -- my concern is that the gentleman that came
18 up to the microphone, and he talked about a
19 certain group that he's with, that they're
20 concerned about jobs. Have you taken the
21 opportunity to talk to them?

22 MR. ROBERSON: Yes, ma'am, we have.
23 There's been a --

24 MS. MONTEMAYOR: And, maybe, that would
25 be a way of communicating with the community.

1 MR. ROBERSON: You're absolutely right
2 about that.

3 MS. MONTEMAYOR: Because if you can
4 talk to them and have a small group meeting and
5 say, this is what we can offer you, the residents
6 here, forget those educated --

7 MR. ROBERSON: Let me -- let me give
8 you this reply. First of all, the --

9 MS. MONTEMAYOR: Because it's very
10 important to the community that --

11 MR. ROBERSON: -- the -- the -- the
12 plan we went through was an extensive public
13 involvement process. But that does not change
14 what you just said. I agree totally what you
15 just said. And if Chavel is still here -- Chavel
16 Lopez, has he left?

17 MS. MONTEMAYOR: And -- and the --

18 MR. ROBERSON: I just want to tell
19 Chavel -- Yolanda, if you can pass it on to him,
20 or anybody else, that he's got an open
21 invitation, that I will come to his house, or he
22 can come to my house, and we'll sit down, and
23 let's try to -- let's try to talk about this. He
24 may have some good ideas. I mean, there may be
25 some kinds of jobs that he's interested in

1 that -- that we haven't focused on that we could
2 do something with. I've got -- I -- I will
3 follow-up on that.

4 MS. MONTEMAYOR: I think that would be
5 really good. Because I think what we're missing
6 here is that we're not getting to the citizens'
7 concerns, what their needs are, what their
8 wants. We all are bringing really good
9 information. I mean, I'm a community person.
10 I'm out here all the time, all over the State of
11 Texas, and I listen to the community as to what
12 their needs are. What do you want? I -- Can I
13 listen to you? And then bring it to the higher
14 ups so that they can --

15 MR. ROBERSON: Let me ask you this --
16 could I -- Could I ask you a favor, if Chavel and
17 I have trouble talking to one another can I call
18 you?

19 MS. MONTEMAYOR: (Inaudible.)

20 MR. ROBERSON: Is that a deal?

21 MS. MONTEMAYOR: Yes, you sure can.

22 MR. ROBERSON: Okay. I will do that.

23 MR. McCULLOUGH: Thank you very much.
24 We'll move on to the -- the last item before the
25 break. And that's Bob Ashcroft to report on the

1 workshops.

2 MR. ASHCROFT: Thanks very much. I
3 apologize to the audience. I have about two
4 minutes worth of report and I have to make it to
5 the Restoration Advisory Board, so I -- I need to
6 turn my back to you, if that's all right. Thank
7 you.

8 Very quickly my role in this, as most
9 of you know, because I've worked with quite a few
10 of you, was just as process facilitator. The
11 overall purpose of this project was to inform and
12 engage area residents in the off-base
13 contamination remediation process by Kelly Air
14 Force Base.

15 The process was, as you'll recall,
16 because most of you were involved then, we did a
17 workshop that involved the entire Restoration
18 Advisory Board on October 7th which developed
19 strategies, big strategies. The follow-up from
20 that was to appoint a work group of the RAB, a
21 smaller group of people, that would follow-up
22 those strategies in terms of action plans, taking
23 the big things and putting them into small
24 parts. The work group met twice in work
25 sessions, on October 26th and on November 18th.

1 They -- Out of those two there was a
2 consensus by the work group on a framework for
3 the action plan. And so in the elements of that
4 where the consensus lies, and I'll just read the
5 areas. The key elements of the message in terms
6 of communication: The methods to disseminate
7 information, the methods to engage participants,
8 the role of the Restoration Advisory Board in
9 informing and engaging residents, the priorities
10 for involving area residents, specific
11 improvements to the Restoration Advisory Board
12 meetings, they identified follow-up activities,
13 and the work group identified time lines, what
14 needs to be done and when, for calendar year
15 2000. So that work has been complete. And --
16 And basically that's my report.

17 I -- I will, just as a personal note,
18 mention that I think one of the things I've heard
19 here tonight is that by working with people like
20 Linda Jiminez and John Folk-Williams would --
21 should be a real help to the RAB in getting a lot
22 of this stuff done. Thanks very much.

23 MR. McCULLOUGH: Thank you very much,
24 Bob. Do any of the RAB members have any comments
25 for Bob?

1 MR. WEEGAR: I just have a question.
2 Will there be a way for us, the RAB, to get -- be
3 in the minutes or whatever the -- the results of
4 the two work group meetings.

5 MR. ASHCROFT: Yeah. There's a thing
6 that's coming back to you which you should get
7 shortly.

8 MR. WEEGAR: Okay. Thank you.

9 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay. We really
10 appreciate your help over the last couple of
11 months with this. Having said that, we're ready
12 for the break. But before we take a break, we do
13 have a another community comment period. And
14 that's really where we had hoped that the
15 individuals in the -- that are not the RAB
16 members here would have the chance to participate
17 in the later portions of the meeting. That's the
18 design of that. So if you want to make a
19 comment, if you fill out one of these cards,
20 then, we'll -- we'll have another comment
21 period.

22 Please, be back in here in ten minutes
23 so we can get out of here sometime this evening.

24 (Short break taken.)

25 DR. LENE': Next on the Agenda is the

1 TRS Review or update -- What are we calling it
2 tonight?

3 MR. McCULLOUGH: It's a Subcommittee
4 Report.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: A Subcommittee
6 Report.

7 DR. LENE': Subcommittee Report. Okay.
8 The TRS Technical Subcommittee Report. And I can
9 do this very quickly.

10 And the Activity Report: We met four
11 times since the last RAB meeting. And on October
12 12th we had a -- a presentation by Mrs. Beth
13 Gentry of the SAIC discussing -- gave a
14 presentation of the Bioaugmentation Microcosm
15 Study and Pilot Test. Now, there's a mouth full
16 for you. But it's a very fascinating study.
17 It's being conducted at a site near Building 360
18 at Kelly Air Force Base.

19 We were not able to conduct business
20 that night because we did not have quorum. And
21 that's something I'd like to mention. In order
22 to conduct business of the TRS we have to have a
23 quorum of community members, and it's quite often
24 that we are handicapped by not having a quorum.
25 So that's a slap on the wrist, okay?

1 On November 16th, Mr. Darwin Ockerman
2 of the USGS presented a "Provisional Interim
3 Report of the Gain-Loss Study of the Lower San
4 Pedro Creek and the San Antonio River from
5 Mitchell Street to Loop 410, San Antonio --" This
6 all in the title, by the way, -- "May-September
7 1999." And they were looking at possible
8 contamination of San Pedro Creek and the San
9 Antonio River from Kelly Air Force Base. Again,
10 a very good study. And I would encourage people
11 to attend the TRS meetings simply because we get
12 some very good information there.

13 Mr. Mike Gonzales followed that up on
14 the Environmental Services Division, San Antonio
15 River Authority, and he discussed the
16 "Documentation Survey of the San Antonio River
17 Aquatic Ecosystem from Alamo Street to Loop 410."
18 And, again, a very good amount of information
19 regarding the San Antonio River system with
20 regard to possible contamination from Kelly Air
21 Force Base. It was a very good talk.

22 Then on September -- Sorry --
23 December 14, Dr. Katherine Squibb from the
24 University of Maryland presented her preliminary
25 review of the "Public Health Assessment, Phase 1

1 for Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio." And this
2 was the ATSDR report that she reviewed. And so
3 she gave us the initial review, the draft
4 review. She was supposed to present that tonight
5 as the final review, but she has been snowed in,
6 and so -- She had to fly out of Maryland and
7 apparently nobody leaves Maryland tonight. So we
8 are not having that presentation. We will
9 reschedule that, though.

10 Mr. Russell Rohne from Kelly Air Force
11 Base Environmental Management provided an update
12 on the status of the interim remedial action
13 activities at Site S-1, and, sort of, brought us
14 up to what's happening at Site S-1. And that was
15 a very good report.

16 Then on January 11, Mr. James Dwyer of
17 CH2M Hill presented a report on the BRA
18 Groundwater Recovery System Performance. And so,
19 I think, you can see that we've been getting some
20 very good information from the TRS.

21 We are also responsible for, sort of,
22 herding, I guess you would say, the TAPP program,
23 the TRS is. And so I'd like to, kind of, bring
24 you up to date on that. As I mentioned,
25 Dr. Squibb was supposed to make her presentation

1 tonight, but is unable to do so, so we'll
2 reschedule.

3 And then on December 14th, we had a
4 pre-performance meeting with Mr. Patrick Lynch,
5 and he will be doing a review of the "Zone 3
6 Groundwater Site S-4 Corrective Measures Study
7 Addendum Draft Final." There's another long
8 title. And he -- I understand from Mr. Zybech
9 (phonetic) that his report has been turned in, we
10 now have copies of his report, and he will be
11 presenting his draft final -- I'm sorry -- his
12 draft report on the 8th of February. So that's
13 the next TRS meeting at St. Mary's University on
14 February 8. And then his final review we are
15 tentatively scheduling for the April RAB
16 meeting. And we'll keep abreast on that as to
17 whether it's going to appear.

18 We also need to make pre-performance
19 meetings with Mr. Neathery of Neathery
20 Environmental Services. He will be doing a
21 review in the future on "Remedial Investigation
22 Addendum, IRP Zone 4, OU-2" report. I know these
23 titles are hard to keep up with, but they are
24 basically documents that are put out by Kelly Air
25 Force Base, and these people are making

1 independent studies of these documents.

2 And then also Geomatrix Consultants
3 will be looking at "Zone 5 Corrective Measures
4 Study, Final" when that's available. So these
5 are -- these are in the mill. These are what
6 we're working toward in the future.

7 We're also going to look in the future
8 at reviews of the Site MP Draft RFI, the Site S-8
9 Draft Final CMI, and these are all reports, and
10 then also the Phase II ATSDR report which will be
11 coming out. That's the air emissions report.
12 When that's available, then, we'll have a review
13 of it, an independent review.

14 That pretty well concludes what I have
15 for the TRS, except for one other thing. Some
16 time ago the EPA had -- Laura Stankosky had
17 suggested that we have some study done through
18 the EPA, they would be able to find some funding
19 for us to do some testing. And what she'd like
20 to do is take a few minutes of my time to fill
21 you in on what she's accomplished on that. So,
22 Laura, where did you go?

23 MS. STANKOSKY: I'm here.

24 DR. LENE': Oh, there you are.

25 MS. STANKOSKY: Okay. This is --

1 Finally, we're getting around to actually doing
2 the EPA Public Outreach Sampling event. Wells
3 were selected during one of the TRS meetings, and
4 George provided me with soil sampling sites in
5 the North Kelly Garden area. There was -- There
6 was the opportunity for this sampling to take
7 place -- it would have taken place right before
8 Christmas, and I thought that would have been a
9 little bit too difficult with the holidays. And
10 so, it looks like, we're going to be doing
11 sampling, it will begin, February the 7th. I
12 anticipate that the contractors will begin
13 sampling on base, and out in the community they
14 should begin sampling on February 9th. George
15 had indicated that there might be an interest in
16 folks observing a sampling event, and so it looks
17 like it would probably be best if February 9th we
18 could do observation of the sampling event.
19 There are a number of wells in the North Kelly
20 Gardens area that were selected and -- so folks
21 could watch sampling of -- of wells, and they can
22 also watch sampling of the soils, which the
23 locations for the soil sampling are also in North
24 Kelly Gardens. I'll get a more firm time. It
25 will probably start sometime in the morning 8:00,

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1 9:00, somewhere in that area for the sampling to
2 start. It will be in North Kelly Gardens, and
3 I'll get a -- a more exact location where
4 everyone can meet and then go to the sampling
5 site.

6 I have put in front of all the RAB
7 members, and there's also some additional pages
8 on the back table -- This was put together by the
9 contractor, and it's -- it's a little fact sheet
10 on what's going to be taking place, and it also
11 includes a little section on safety. And the
12 contractors will need, sort of, a zone of
13 exclusion where they can get their sampling
14 done. This is for safety reasons, and it's also
15 to avoid contaminating the samples with dust or
16 any kind of movement in that area. And so
17 there's -- there's a little fact sheet, and so
18 y'all can look that over, and I'll get the exact
19 particulars to Dr. Lene' and he can kind of
20 disseminate it to the community. But I
21 anticipate that they -- the -- that we'll be able
22 to view the sampling event will be February 9th,
23 and that's a Wednesday.

24 MR. McCULLOUGH: Thank you. Okay.
25 Our -- Our next Agenda Item is Dr. Squibb. But

1 instead of that, we'd like to go ahead and have
2 William Ryan present the information that's on
3 the boards at the -- the end of the room to
4 address Mr. Quintanilla's concerns as far as
5 priorities. And it also answers several other
6 questions that have come up at this meeting and
7 some previous meetings.

8 MR. RYAN: Thanks for the advance
9 warning on this, Pat.

10 MR. McCULLOUGH: You're welcome.

11 MR. RYAN: Wayne, could you move those
12 over here a little bit closer? Thanks.

13 I guess part of the question that
14 Mr. Quintanilla has -- and I apologize if I'm
15 turning my back to anybody but -- was on
16 prioritization. I think, this is what you're
17 driving at here.

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: No. If you look at
19 the registry, my questions are that we have never
20 voted on the prioritizations that would include
21 Zones 4 and 5. The only ones that we voted in
22 1995 were for Zones 1, 2, and 3. Never for
23 Zones 4 and 5.

24 MR. RYAN: And that would be the
25 Relative Risk Prioritization for Zones 4 and 5?

1 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes. That is
2 correct.

3 MR. RYAN: And, actually, the -- the
4 letter that we had generated in regards to our
5 meeting on -- back in October, right. We were
6 going to present an entire list for revised
7 relative risk ranking for all of the sites. And
8 if we wanted vote on those, that -- that would --
9 I would have to defer that to the Chairs.

10 MR. WEEGAR: Could I -- What would be
11 the purpose of voting on the relative risk? How
12 would that --

13 MR. McCULLOUGH: That's the point.

14 MR. WEEGAR: What does that -- What
15 impact does that have in -- on the clean-up? The
16 reason I ask this is, as you know, Kelly -- Kelly
17 Air Force right now, soon to be AFBCA, has a
18 hazardous waste permit and a compliance plan
19 which directs the clean-up of -- of sites on
20 Kelly. I think somebody earlier mentioned that
21 we want a contract. Well, therein lies the
22 contract that says, whether it's active duty Air
23 Force, or AFPCA, or whoever it is, you have a
24 mandate that's held to federal law and state law
25 to do these clean-ups. And I think -- And I

1 guess, my -- the reason I ask this question on --
2 on what impact this vote would have is, the sites
3 are already addressed that need to be cleaned
4 up. But I think that as the TNRCC representative
5 on the Kelly Air Force project, and the person
6 who's responsible for ensuring that Kelly meets
7 their obligations to do the clean-ups, that I'm
8 going to re -- I mean, I -- I'll tell y'all this
9 right now. I'm going to reserve flexibility to
10 do clean-ups in -- in whatever the order makes
11 sense to not only address what's in the order of
12 the permit, but to address human health and the
13 environment, and to also, if possible and where
14 needed, to address reuse. So I don't -- I just
15 asked that question. I think we all need to
16 recognize that there are -- for whatever reasons
17 that the RAB would choose to vote on these
18 relative risk site evaluations, the TNRCC is
19 going to reserve that right to direct the
20 clean-ups as we see appropriate to protect human
21 health and the environment.

22 MR. ROBERSON: But, I guess, Mark,
23 you -- you would certainly listen to input from
24 the RAB if they would comment on that.

25 MR. WEEGAR: Absolutely. Absolutely.

1 MR. ROBERSON: And, maybe, Armando, I
2 don't -- I don't want to speak for you. But,
3 maybe, it's not a question of our voting on it,
4 but it's a question of (inaudible) on it and
5 expressing any concerns that we might have with
6 the plans so that that can be taken into
7 consideration.

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: That is exactly
9 right. All I'm saying is that DoD guidance calls
10 that the components will review the work plans to
11 ensure the RAB is knowledgeable and the plans
12 include any changes that were made since 1995.

13 MR. WEEGAR: Okay. I need some
14 clarification, because, obvious -- I thought,
15 perhaps, there had been something -- Again, I --
16 I've used this before at other meetings, I'm the
17 new guy here. But I -- I thought, perhaps, there
18 had been some agreements or perception by the RAB
19 that the RAB was going to identify what the
20 priorities for clean-up were going to be. And I
21 just wanted to be sure that everybody understands
22 that that's not the way the process works.

23 MR. ROBERSON: Well, I -- and I
24 understand that. But I'd just like to say I'd
25 like to join my good friend Mr. Quintanilla, and

1 say that we'd like to be briefed on it and have
2 the opportunity to make input to -- to the
3 decisions by TNRCC.

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: And that's what I
5 asked for at the last meeting. And I don't think
6 this is what -- what's coming out here is what I
7 asked for. You know, we don't have hard copies
8 or anything like that.

9 MR. RYAN: No, no. You should have
10 hard copies of that.

11 MR. McCULLOUGH: Yes, they do.

12 MR. RYAN: Okay. Because -- And this
13 was not intended to address your comment.
14 Actually, this was intended to address
15 Mr. Puffer's comment on a status chart for each
16 site. And what's -- what this chart does is
17 provide both the status of each site and the
18 clean-up process. And I'm going to use that to
19 address some of the priorities of the relative
20 risk issues.

21 But if the -- I mean, the situation is,
22 is that you would like a briefing on relative
23 risk determinations for each site and some
24 feedback into the relative risk determinations
25 that we've made, that's pretty straightforward.

1 It's different than what Mr. Quintanilla's
2 asking.

3 MR. ROBERSON: I'd like to -- I
4 understand. And I'd like to ask you, could we
5 get that briefing at the next RAB meeting?

6 MS. HUERTA: Should it be RAB meeting
7 or the TRS?

8 MR. RYAN: Or the TRS.

9 MR. ROBERSON: The TRS would probably
10 be more appropriate.

11 MS. HUERTA: Could we request that it
12 be put on the Agenda?

13 DR. LENE': Sure.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: I think the whole --
15 the regulation states that the RAB, not the TRS,
16 should review all the changes. And I'm going to
17 by DoD Regulations. That's all. If you don't
18 want to go -- have the TRS to look at it and make
19 a decision, if you want that (inaudible) that's
20 fine.

21 MS. HUERTA: Well, I think the TRS can
22 look at it and make recommendations.

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yeah. Well, they can
24 make the recommendations, but are we still
25 complying with the regulations? The regulation

1 DR. LENE': Well, now, are you talking
2 about the RAB or the TRS?

3 MR. QUINTANILLA: I -- I -- the term --

4 DR. LENE': I can put it on the TRS.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: The regulation
6 doesn't say the TRS, Mr. Chairman, it says the
7 RAB. The RAB votes on these changes.

8 DR. LENE': Yeah.

9 MR. ROBERSON: Well, Armando, --

10 MR. WEEGAR: There are no -- There are
11 no regulations governing how a RAB operates. RAB
12 is a -- RAB is a -- designed to be a -- an
13 information exchange between folks doing the
14 cleanups and the community.

15 MR. QUINTANILLA: The RAB -- where --
16 Where did you read that there was no regulation
17 that's required -- for the -- the -- the RAB to
18 operate? Where did you get that information?

19 MR. WEEGAR: Well, I -- I've been --

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: Where did you read
21 it?

22 MR. WEEGAR: Well, the RAB is -- the
23 establish of the Restoration Advisory Board is a
24 joint EPA and DoD initiative towards trying to
25 inform the community.

1 calls for the RAB to -- to be knowledgeable of
2 the plans as -- the relevant risk rating plans
3 including changes. And I can cite you the
4 paragraph, if you like.

5 MR. JACOBI: Well, as Parliamentarian I
6 don't think it makes a -- you know, it doesn't
7 require that the RAB be knowledgeable of every
8 single word and every single paragraph of every
9 single document. If we choose to delegate that
10 responsibility to the Technical Review
11 Subcommittee, I think, we have the right to do
12 so.

13 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'm not going to
14 argue with the Parliamentarian.

15 MR. JACOBI: If -- If you would like to
16 take -- make a motion to have a vote as to
17 whether the RAB should --

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: No. I'm not going
19 to -- I don't want to make that motion. All I
20 want to do is comply with the regulation.

21 DR. LENE': A request has been made to
22 put that on the Agenda.

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: And that's fine. You
24 can put it on the Agenda for -- for -- for April
25 or the next month or -- that's fine.

1 MR. QUINTANILLA: It is set out by law.
2 And if you read the Charter that we I'm sure it
3 tells you which is the congressional laws for
4 establishing the RAB. There's a Charter.
5 Mr. Chairman, I would like to recommend -- make a
6 recommendation here that we have this
7 presentation at the next RAB meeting.

8 MR. SANCHEZ: I second the motion.

9 DR. LENE': Is that in the form of a
10 motion?

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'll make it in the
12 form of a motion, yes.

13 DR. LENE': Are you so moving?

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'm making a motion.

15 DR. LENE': Is there a second?

16 MR. SANCHEZ: I'll second it.

17 DR. LENE': Sam seconds. All right.

18 Any discussion on that?

19 MR. SANCHEZ: Yes. I -- I think that
20 if we're expected to give input, regardless of
21 whether the RAB or the TRS, I think, we need a
22 little time to look at those things a little bit
23 better. And we need to look at that information
24 and -- if it's either to a TRS or to the RAB, I
25 think, it -- I -- I think it is important that if

1 we're going to give that input, regardless of how
2 TNRCC is going optimumly decide on the priorities
3 that we have a chance to digest what we're
4 looking at. I think that tonight some of us have
5 not seen this at all, so it would be unfair for
6 us to -- to look at it, make recommendations, and
7 then say, well, it's already been presented to
8 the RAB and, you know, like, that. You know,
9 what I'm saying?

10 MR. McCULLOUGH: Sure.

11 MR. RYAN: This is not a relative risk
12 ranking. So that wasn't put in place with that
13 intention. It was put in place with the
14 intention to address a status chart for the
15 clean-up program. A relative risk ranking chart
16 would be completely different than that.

17 MR. McCULLOUGH: Mr. Pat McCullough
18 said that was it, and so did the General.

19 MR. McCULLOUGH: The point of this --
20 these charts is that everything that can be done
21 is being done as quickly as it can be done.

22 MR. QUINTANILLA: And that's great.
23 But show me the relative risk ratings for each of
24 the 52 sites. Because, I believe, that some of
25 those 52 sites that do not have groundwater are

1 being cleaned up. They're low relative risk
2 sites and that should not be done, that is
3 against the law. And he knows it.

4 MR. RYAN: This -- this -- What this
5 chart shows, though, Mr. Quintanilla, is that all
6 of the sites on Kelly Air Force Base are being
7 addressed simultaneously. That we have --

8 MR. JACOBI: Before we go to that,
9 point of order, there is a motion on the floor
10 and it has been seconded. I'd call the
11 questions.

12 DR. LENE': Is -- Okay. Is there any
13 further discussion before the question is
14 called? Well, the motion has been seconded that
15 we provide a presentation to the next RAB meeting
16 on the relative risks; is that right, Armando?

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: That is correct.

18 DR. LENE': Okay. And all in favor.

19 MR. MURRAH: I thought the man down
20 there said something about the modifications to
21 that motion.

22 DR. LENE': Okay. What man?

23 MR. MURRAH: The man next to Armando
24 said something --

25 DR. LENE': Oh. Oh, Sam. I think you

1 wanted some prior information, didn't you?

2 MR. SANCHEZ: No. I think I just
3 seconded.

4 DR. LENE': No. You seconded the --

5 MR. MURRAH: He wanted --

6 DR. LENE': Yeah. You seconded it,
7 okay. All right.

8 MR. MURRAH: That's it?

9 DR. LENE': Yeah. So if --

10 MR. JACOBI: The question has been
11 called, so we've got to vote on it.

12 DR. LENE': Yes. We have to vote. So
13 no more question discussions. So in favor of
14 putting this on the next RAB Agenda.

15 (Vote Taken.)

16 DR. LENE': Opposed?

17 (Vote Taken.)

18 DR. LENE': Looks like it's on the next
19 RAB Agenda then.

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: Thank you,
21 Mr. Parliamentarian. Good job.

22 MR. RYAN: Okay. I was going to go
23 through these -- these charts a little bit to
24 explain where the status of our sites are. And
25 this was in -- like I said, in response to Mark

1 Puffer's request that we provide a status of
2 sites in terms of where they are in the clean-up
3 process at each RAB. And so we'll have these
4 charts at each RAB, updated on a quarterly basis,
5 to identify the progress that each site is making
6 through the clean-up process.

7 And we've actually done a little bit of
8 this at the TRS in the past. At the top, and you
9 guys should have handouts, I -- I hope. At the
10 top of the chart we show clean-up phases in terms
11 of the EPA, RCRA process, and the IRP process.
12 They're very similar processes, parallel
13 processes. But in general terms, there's
14 Identification, Investigation, a Decision Phase,
15 a Clean-up Phase, a Monitoring Phase, and a
16 Site-Close-Out Phase. And those -- and -- And
17 those are indicated by these, either, diamonds or
18 squares or rectangles along the top, and each one
19 is labeled accordingly.

20 And then if you follow each one of
21 these lines down through the -- through the --
22 through the site you'll see where the solid bar,
23 the ex -- the extent through -- or the -- the
24 phase of which clean-up process that we're in for
25 each site.

1 For example, if you look at Zone 1 --
2 Zone 1 Groundwater at first sight, you'll see
3 that we are now in the CMID or the RD, that means
4 the -- the Design Phase of -- of -- of designing
5 the final remedies for the clean up of
6 groundwater in -- in Zone 1.

7 And we've also had some notes here
8 about some other activities that are going on
9 with this site. For example, we have -- IRAs,
10 Interim Remedial Actions, installed at some of
11 those sites. We've installed some action to
12 clean up the groundwater, contain the groundwater
13 at that site, and while we -- while we're
14 proceeding through with the final remedy design.
15 And you can walk through each one of these and --
16 and determine where we are in the clean-up
17 process for each one of these sites.

18 On those sites that we've already
19 closed out, you'll see that there's a date under
20 the Site-Close-Out column that indicates the date
21 in which we have closed out that site.

22 We've broken this up into zones and
23 each one of the -- this -- This chart is Zone 1.
24 This chart has Zone 2, and Zone 3, 4, and 5 on --
25 on the other charts. And what we would

1 anticipate is that as we continue with our
2 clean-up process for each site there will be --
3 that this bar will grow longer from left to
4 right. And when we get to the end, we will be
5 done with that site, and that site will be --
6 will be closed. But what this does show is that
7 for all the sites on Kelly Air Force Base we
8 have -- we are addressing each one of them
9 simultaneously. We've been very fortunate in --
10 in our budgeting process and in -- in -- in the
11 programming for clean up that -- that we've been
12 funded to address all of these sites. And each
13 year, as we -- as we get funding, we apply those
14 funds to each one of those -- each one of these
15 sites in accordance with the sequence of clean
16 up.

17 In other words, we start with -- again,
18 with the Investigation Phase, and then we move to
19 the -- to the Decision Phase, the Design Phase,
20 and to the Close-Out Phase. And that's, I guess,
21 in a nutshell what you can gather from -- from
22 these charts.

23 And as we move into the clean-up pro --
24 through the clean-up process for each one of
25 these sites we will move from one phase to the

1 next to the next to the next, and finally to --
2 to clean -- to Site Close Out.

3 MR. McCULLOUGH: Thank you, William.

4 MR. RYAN: Are there any questions?

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes. What is the
6 status of Site WP029?

7 MR. RYAN: WP029 is in the CMS or the
8 FS Stage, which is the -- the Feasibility Stage
9 or the Corrective Measures Study Phase. That's
10 the phase in which we identify potential
11 alternatives and select final remedies for the
12 site.

13 MR. QUINTANILLA: And what is the
14 relative risk rating for that site?

15 MR. RYAN: I don't know that offhand.

16 MR. QUINTANILLA: It's low. It's low.
17 It's a low relative risk site. And that's the
18 kind of information that we need.

19 MR. RYAN: Okay.

20 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay.

21 MR. RYAN: Any other questions?

22 MR. McCULLOUGH: Thank you. And it --
23 And let's move on. We have a second citizens'
24 comment time. Mr. Williams?

25 MR. WILLIAMS: I'd like to ask y'all if

1 anyone else has filled out a card or would like
2 to fill one out? If not, I'd like to just
3 introduce to you my colleague, and a third member
4 of our team, Linda Ximenes, who was going to
5 conduct this community comment period.

6 MS. XIMENES: Since there's no
7 community comment I don't have to do anything.
8 It's nice to meet all of you. I know a few of
9 you, and it's nice to be here, and have the
10 opportunity to work with y'all and work with the
11 community. We're looking forward to it. We see
12 it as an interesting challenge. And we hope that
13 we can bring some -- a little bit more
14 communication, a little bit more interaction with
15 the committee and also with the community.

16 One of things that I know that was in
17 the mind of the people when they selected us was
18 that they wanted bilingual facilitators, and --
19 so there would be somebody available to work with
20 the part of the community that prefers to speak
21 in Spanish. And I am available -- I am available
22 to do that and Ruth is also available to do
23 that. We can both operate as translators or work
24 with groups in a small group or however --
25 whatever seems to be the best way to do that.

1 So it's nice to be here. I'm sorry I
2 was late. I had another meeting that I was
3 already scheduled to facilitate, so I couldn't --
4 couldn't unfortunately be in two places at the
5 same time. So it's nice to be here and I look
6 forward to seeing y'all again.

7 MR. McCULLOUGH: And thank you very
8 much. Dick, are you ready to run through the
9 thing -- down the Agenda Items. I think you've
10 got some collected so far.

11 MR. WALTERS: This is probably still
12 not big enough for anyone to read. However,
13 Action Items for tonight:

14 (1) Mr. Rice mentioned the emanations
15 from the groundwater to people's homes. He
16 wanted to know what we, the Air Force, were doing
17 to investigate that. We were going to follow-up
18 on that.

19 (2) It was asked whether we had looked
20 at pump treat and inject at Site S-4. We were
21 going to come up with a specific answer of what
22 we did there as far as looking at that option in
23 the clean up.

24 (3) Membership vote for Mr. Perez,
25 Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Persons has been postponed

1 until the next meeting. So that's an Item that
2 we'll be again distributing to the members.

3 (4) We made a commitment to give copies
4 of Mr. Lopez's Southwest Workers Union Statement
5 to all of the RAB members.

6 (5) And we have an Agenda Item for the
7 next meeting on relative risk site evaluation
8 lists, which the RAB needs to review, consider,
9 discuss, and approve.

10 And those are the only Action Items
11 that I have so far.

12 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay. It looks to me
13 like two Agenda Items and three Action Items up
14 there. With the membership vote and the relative
15 risk being the Agenda Items; the other three
16 being Action Items. Yes?

17 MS. PEACE: We have the two Agenda
18 Items that were supposed to be on tonight.

19 MR. McCULLOUGH: Dr. Squibb's briefing
20 and which -- You said two?

21 DR. LENE': Yes. Patrick Lynch.

22 MS. PEACE: The ATSDR report.

23 MR. McCULLOUGH: We had the ATSDR.

24 MS. PEACE: No. I know we had that.
25 Didn't we have another one?

1 MR. McCULLOUGH: Is there a second
2 one?

3 MS. HUERTA: Just Squibb's.

4 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay. So we're --
5 we're talking about Dr. Squibb and Patrick
6 Lynch?

7 MS. PEACE: Yeah.

8 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay. Okay.
9 According to the handout, the -- the next RAB
10 meeting is scheduled to be 11 April 2000 at
11 Brentwood Middle School.

12 MR. MURRAH: Where is Brentwood?

13 MR. McCULLOUGH: Pardon?

14 MR. MURRAH: Where is that?

15 MR. McCULLOUGH: Brentwood is right
16 next to Kenedy High School toward town -- toward
17 downtown from Kenedy High School.

18 It is quite likely that we'll have a
19 special RAB meeting before then, however, because
20 of two significant reports that are going to be
21 published before April, and we don't think that
22 we can wait until April to discuss those with the
23 RAB. So those reports are one dealing with
24 Off-Base con -- Groundwater Contamination, and
25 the Zone 5 Corrective Measures Study. So we

1 don't think it's appropriate, since those
2 reports, probably, will be published in February,
3 to wait until April to talk to the RAB about them
4 because of their significance.

5 We don't have a scheduled time yet, but
6 two weeks -- as soon as we know when we're within
7 two weeks of the -- of the right time, we'll get
8 notification out. We apologize that we don't
9 have it right now. But I think most people would
10 agree we don't want to wait until April if we --
11 if we have significant information in February.
12 Is that -- Is that fair?

13 Okay. We will take as many of these
14 Agenda Items as we can in that special RAB
15 meeting to -- to keep the time available in the
16 April meeting for restoration topics. Yes,
17 George?

18 MR. RICE: I'm sorry. I didn't realize
19 we had completed the Agenda -- new items portion
20 of the meeting. But I would like to request that
21 if that Air Force has any knowledge about this
22 misting issue that Armando and I mentioned to
23 Ms. MacIver -- I -- I guess, my question is, do
24 you have any information about it? And if so,
25 could we get a presentation on what you know

1 about it?

2 MR. McCULLOUGH: We'll check and see if
3 we do. I -- I personally don't know about any.
4 But we'll ask the question, and if we -- if we --
5 I can -- I can tell you if from a pilot's
6 perspective what it is. But I'll see if there is
7 some information available at the base.

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: Well, I checked with
9 the ATSDR and they were told -- they told me that
10 they that got this information from Kelly.

11 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay. Well, who at
12 ATSDR, do you remember?

13 MR. QUINTANILLA: Fowler.

14 MR. McCULLOUGH: Fowler. Okay. We'll
15 ask Dr. Fowler where he got it.

16 MR. RICE: If that's the case, could we
17 have a presentation at the next meeting? Would
18 that be a --

19 MR. McCULLOUGH: Could you put it up
20 there? Okay. Got it. Thanks.

21 MS. HUERTA: I have a question. The
22 April 11th meeting is early in the month, and
23 usually we meet later. Is there a reason why
24 we're going to --

25 MR. McCULLOUGH: Fiesta.

1 MS. HUERTA: I know. But some of us do
2 other things.

3 MR. McCULLOUGH: And that's -- the
4 reason is Fiesta and the conflicts that are
5 associated with it is why we -- we decided to --
6 and the RAB saying they wanted more frequent
7 meetings. So we didn't think -- you know, when
8 we looked at scheduling either moving it back,
9 later, to deconflict with Fiesta or moving it
10 earlier to deconflict with Fiesta, we made the
11 assumption that since more frequent meetings were
12 desired that moving it earlier was a better
13 answer than moving it later.

14 MR. MURRAH: One thing you might think
15 about is the Rodeo is going to be in early
16 February.

17 MR. McCULLOUGH: Right. You -- It
18 probably won't be early February since we have to
19 give you two-weeks notice anyway. But that's a
20 good point. The rodeo will -- will -- will keep
21 us from having any meetings any time soon.

22 MR. MURRAH: And the Cowboy Breakfast
23 starts at 5:00 o'clock.

24 MR. McCULLOUGH: Anything else? Yes,
25 Mark?

1 MR. WEEGAR: One thing I don't -- it
2 looks like we've got a fairly full Agenda, but
3 two TRSes ago when Dr. Squibb made the
4 presentation on her review of the ATSDR reports
5 to the TRS -- well, I asked the question -- I
6 mean, obviously, what we've heard before the RAB
7 meeting and throughout the RAB meeting is a lot
8 of concern about health impacts that may or may
9 not be related to Kelly Air Force Base and the
10 contamination from Kelly Air Force Base. And at
11 the -- at that two TRSes ago I asked if -- if
12 there -- really generally, is -- is there a
13 mechanism out there that addresses the concerns
14 on -- concerning health effects that would be
15 more appropriate than actually the Restoration
16 Advisory Board which is really more of a what's
17 the environmental situation, what -- what are the
18 clean-up options that are being evaluated, what's
19 the schedule for clean up, and things like that.
20 And, I believe, there was somebody there from
21 AFCEE or Brooks Air Force Base that indicated
22 there was a -- I think it's a CAP program that
23 actually the ATSDR implements to address those
24 health concerns.

25 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: I'm glad you

1 brought that up. When I got here today several
2 people said to me, I understand you're starting a
3 CAP. And I had no idea that that had been a
4 discussion. Although, that is an option that
5 ATSDR does have. And since I see that there's an
6 interest, what I will do is start disseminating
7 some information about what a CAP is. It's
8 basically a Citizens Advisory Panel that helps
9 ATSDR to work through the issues of, you know,
10 what health issues there are. And since we have
11 some other projects coming up that may -- puts
12 more light in regard to health issues, I -- I
13 think that's a very good idea. But I still need
14 to do some -- some preliminary work on that.

15 So consider this is a -- a -- a
16 response that, yes, that is an option, and I
17 will -- I will look into that and that would be
18 my purview to do. So thank you for bringing that
19 up.

20 MR. WEEGAR: So, maybe, either at
21 another RAB meeting we could have some kind of
22 overview by -- or a presentation by ATSDR on what
23 a --

24 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: What a CAP is?

25 MR. WEEGAR: -- what a CAP is, how a

1 CAP is available --

2 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: I would be happy to
3 do that, yes. Yes.

4 MR. WEEGAR: -- and what it's designed
5 to do.

6 MS. TERAN-MACIVER: I'm not prepared to
7 do that now, but I would be happy to do that.

8 MR. McCULLOUGH: Thank you, Mark.
9 Thank you very much. You know, it's a -- I think
10 a very worthwhile suggestion, because it offers
11 another forum specifically designed to get at the
12 health issues, which it's apparent from speakers
13 tonight that that's very much desirable. So --
14 And I think it would satisfy a lot of the RAB
15 needs to have more frequent meetings because then
16 we would have two forums to -- to deal with
17 that. And -- and that's really probably the
18 right answer from a -- from an administrative
19 viewpoint. Okay. Thank you for bringing that
20 up. That concludes our --

21 MS. KELLY: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
22 clarify a point that has been raised by
23 Mr. Quintanilla and a few others in the
24 discussion about the prioritizing of sites, and
25 Mr. Weegar commented on it that's really his

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1 agency's and his responsibility to determine.

2 At the time -- A year ago, a little
3 over that, a year and a half ago a number of the
4 most active members of this Board met on what was
5 then called a Tiger Team to develop and -- and
6 change and amend the Charter for the RAB.

7 A great deal of effort was put into
8 that and very thoughtful effort as well. And the
9 person, I think, who was the -- the most
10 fastidious about what we needed to do under the
11 law was Mr. Quintanilla. He kept us on the
12 straight and narrow, and I was the -- kind of,
13 the scribe for it.

14 One of things we did in the RAB
15 Charter, and I think this is important for you
16 new members, especially, and I hope you all have
17 a copy and keep it handy. One of things we did
18 was include as an attachment the existing
19 guidance that the federal government has given us
20 for the operation of the RAB. There isn't a lot
21 of guidance, but there is some. And there is the
22 proposed guidance from the DoD in 1994, and then
23 there were rules proposed in 1996 by the
24 Department of Defense which were never adopted.
25 But while all of you were discussing this I was

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1 going through because I knew it was in here
2 somewhere, and I found it.

3 In the Preamble to the proposed rule
4 that is proposed by an agency in '96, DoD never
5 adopted, but under which we moved forward with
6 our RAB as if they were adopted, and that is the
7 informal advice we have from the Department.
8 There are a half dozen activities listed which
9 DoD says are within the scope of the RAB. And I
10 won't read all of them to you. I'll just read a
11 couple.

12 One is providing advice to Installation
13 on scope of clean up.

14 One is identifying restoration projects
15 to be accomplished in the next fiscal year and
16 beyond.

17 And one is recommending priorities
18 among the sites of projects.

19 So, Mr. Quintanilla, your memory is
20 excellent again.

21 MR. QUINTANILLA: Thank you very much.

22 MR. WEEGAR: Again, I -- just -- the
23 only reason I asked the question was, I -- I
24 thought I had heard that there was some -- but,
25 perhaps, there was some -- had been previous

1 discussions that the RAB was actually going to be
2 establishing what the clean-up priorities were.
3 And, clearly, the RAB, and -- and TNRCC, and EPA
4 and everybody else involved in the clean-up wants
5 to hear input from the RAB, and, obviously, we'll
6 be considering that in any of the clean-up
7 decisions we make. And that was just my point,
8 that, you know, there are -- it was not ever my
9 understanding that there was -- that there was
10 anything any Legislation passed that gave
11 Restoration Advisory Boards the authority to set
12 clean-up priorities. And it was also -- it's not
13 my understanding that the people of the United
14 States had abdicated their powers of government
15 be it Congress to the Department of Defense to
16 establish regulations.

17 MS. KELLY: And that's why we stress at
18 every one of those meetings -- Advisory Board.

19 MR. WEEGAR: I understand that.

20 MR. McCULLOUGH: Okay. Thank you. Do
21 I have a motion for adjournment?

22 MR. ROBERSON: So moved.

23 MR. McCULLOUGH: Do I have a second?

24 MS. HUERTA: Second.

25 MR. McCULLOUGH: All in favor?

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(Vote Taken.)

MR. McCULLOUGH: All opposed?

(Vote Taken.)

MR. McCULLOUGH: Thank you very much.

(End of proceedings.)

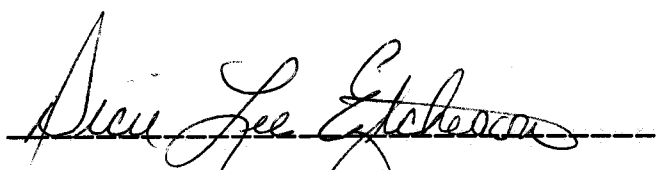
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