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1 On the 7th day of April, A.D., 1998,
2 at Dwight Middle School, 2454 W. Southcross,
3 San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, between the
4 hours of 6:00 o'clock p.m. and 9:30 o'clock
5 p.m., the above entitled meeting came on for
6 discussion before said DAMIAN SANDOVAL, and the
7 following proceedings were had:

8 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. If we can
9 bring this down to a mild roar, we'll call this
06:08 10 forum to order. How's that? And as a reminder
11 to everybody who is sitting near a microphone,
12 when you've got something to say, say it
13 through the microphone and the rest will hear
14 it.

06:08 15 I'd like to welcome everybody from -- at
16 least, the DoD co-chair's chair and turn it
17 over to my best bud here for the civilian
18 co-chair.

19 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you -- and good
06:08 20 evening, everybody. We have a very full agenda
21 tonight. There's a lot of different issues and
22 topics that we'd like to present.

23 There's different sections; the community
24 forum section, presentations by contractors and
06:08 25 by DoD personnel -- and, also, by RAB members.

06:08 1 Please feel free to come speak with us during
2 the break or after the meeting if you have any
3 specific issues.

4 MR. SANDOVAL: Just some
5 administrative notes for RAB members: Again if
6 you need to speak, please use the microphone
7 and let's also try to avoid discussion --
8 side-bars. We can't get all that on the
9 record.

06:09 10 The first thing I'd like to do is kind of
11 go over the RAB agenda. Does everybody have a
12 RAB agenda? There's some information in the
13 package. I'd like to ask Mary Kelly to help us
14 go through the information in the packets.

06:09 15 MS. KELLY: Good evening. At the
16 admin committee meeting last week, the members
17 of that committee requested that all members of
18 the RAB be given copies of certain
19 organizational documents and rules and the
06:09 20 statute pertaining to the formation of the RAB
21 and we requested that these be put together and
22 in the packets that you have before you
23 tonight.

24 If you'll open your folder, please, I'd
06:09 25 like to point out what you have on the

06:09 1 left-hand pocket of the folder. First, is a
2 list of the current members of this board --
3 the Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory
4 Board. All of you are listed there. If there
06:10 5 are any errors in the information stated,
6 please mark it up and give it to us after the
7 meeting and we'll correct it. Secondly, you
8 have a copy of the charter -- the RAB
9 charter -- as it exists and as it has been
06:10 10 signed as of December, 1994. The next item is
11 a copy of the proposed revised charter, which
12 was developed about a year and a half ago --
13 and a committee -- a charter review
14 committee -- spent a number of meetings
06:10 15 looking at variations of amendments that they
16 wanted to propose. This was finally developed
17 by the community, but has never been approved
18 and finally adopted by the board. So, I
19 believe your chairs are going to recommend in a
06:11 20 few minutes some action to be taken with regard
21 to that.

22 I'd like to point out -- if you'll take
23 that document -- the proposed revised
24 charter -- I'd like to direct your attention to
06:11 25 those sections which are changed from the prior

06:11 1 charter. It will just take a second. On the
2 second page, Roman Numeral IV, Membership, A --
3 the increase in size of membership is new. On
4 the next page -- again, Section IV -- G, H
06:11 5 and I -- those sections are new. So, those are
6 the sections that have been either revised or
7 changed or added from the prior draft.

8 In addition, you have a copy of the RAB
9 guidance issued by the Department of Defense
06:12 10 and you have a copy of the applicable law.
11 Those are the materials.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you, Mary. On
14 another quick note -- I know some of the
06:12 15 information is not available to the public --
16 what I would like to do is start with
17 Ed Weinstein at the far end -- and, if you
18 would, sir, just announce your name and who
19 you're with -- so the community knows who we
06:12 20 all are.

21 MR. WEINSTEIN: Okay. I'm
22 Edward Weinstein. I'm with the San Antonio
23 Water System.

24 MR. RICE: My name is George Rice.
06:12 25 I'm a member of the community.

06:12 1 MR. LENE: I'm Gene Lene. I'm a
2 member of St. Mary's University.

3 MR. PUFFER: I'm Sergeant
4 Mark Puffer. I'm a member of Kelly Air Force
5 Base.

6 MS. ADAMES: Dominga Adames,
7 community member. I represent CEJA.

8 MR. SANCHEZ: I'm Sam Sanchez and I'm
9 with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health
06:13 10 District.

11 MR. SOLIS: Juan Solis, resident of
12 the area for 38 years -- represent the --

13 MR. HOFFMAN: Larry Hoffman,
14 representing the Regional Clean Air & Water
06:13 15 Association.

16 MR. MURRAH: Sam Murrah, member of
17 Clean Air & Water and Range Ecologist.

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: My name is
19 Armando Quintanilla. I live here in South San
06:13 20 in an area that has been contaminated by Kelly
21 Air Force Base.

22 MR. POSNICK: I'm Allan Posnick with
23 the Texas Natural Resource Conservation
24 Commission.

06:13 25 MS. HUENI: I'm Camille Hueni with

06:13 1 the Environmental Protection Agency.

2 MR. SANDOVAL: I'm Damian Sandoval, a
3 community member. I'm the RAB community
4 co-chair.

06:13 5 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Leroy Barnidge, the
6 DoD co-chair.

7 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you.

8 As we can see -- for those of us who have
9 not -- who have been to the last meetings and
06:14 10 those of us from all the RAB meetings, there
11 has been some changes. A couple of the
12 changes, I think, are going to be significant
13 to the way we operate and the way we get
14 business done.

06:14 15 First of all, we've got the table situated
16 differently where we now actually see and the
17 public can see us speaking and talking. As
18 before, we were kind of isolated from the
19 public. The second big issue is that every --
06:14 20 every question that gets raised here is going
21 to be noted by Mr. Dick Walters over there on
22 the flip chart so that we have accountability
23 of the questions that are asked. I think we're
24 also going to assign a responsible party and a
06:14 25 time frame for each question.

06:14 1 Over the last three months, there's been
2 significant work behind the scenes, both from
3 the community standpoint and also on the
4 Air Force standpoint. I would like to briefly
06:14 5 go over some of these things so that they're on
6 public record. Since the last meeting in
7 January, the following things have been done:
8 There have been some major improvements at he
9 library, as far as document research, location
06:15 10 of documents, et cetera. If you haven't had a
11 chance to go to the library, please do so.

12 The TRS -- the technical review committee,
13 which is a subset of the RAB -- actually
14 developed a summary of groundwater
06:15 15 contamination map and that map is here
16 presented behind us on those poster board
17 stations. There's been some modifications to
18 the RAB. We just talked about that. Every RAB
19 meeting -- between 5:00 and 6:00 -- or an hour
06:15 20 before the RAB starts -- there's going to be a
21 poster board station where community people who
22 have questions or topics can take a look at the
23 information and discuss that with key technical
24 folks from DoD.

06:15 25 A couple of other significant issues that

06:15 1 we'll talk about a little bit later is the
2 technical assistance for public participation.
3 I think we'll bring that up in the new business
4 section. Some of the things that we still have
06:15 5 challenges on -- and we're going to get to
6 these during the technical review subcommittee
7 portion -- but there's a major presentation
8 tonight on the focus feasibility study for
9 SS040 and SS051. Basically, what that is is a
06:16 10 treatment and collection system for the
11 groundwater near and off -- near and on base
12 off of Zone 4, which is East Kelly.

13 So, with that, I'd like to just kind of
14 dive into the agenda. As far as I know,
06:16 15 there's not been any significant changes or
16 deletions. Is that correct?

17 Okay. The first thing -- Let's see. We
18 talked about the RAB member packets. The
19 minutes: We should have two sets of minutes
06:16 20 inside the package; one set for 28 January, the
21 other set for 26 February. We'd like to see if
22 we can get a motion to adopt the minutes as
23 is.

24 MR. RICE: I'd move we approve the
06:16 25 minutes as they are.

06:17 1 MR. PUFFER: I second the motion.

2 MS. KELLY: Mr. Chair, I think you
3 should take one at a time.

4 MR. SANDOVAL: Let's talk about the
06:17 5 meeting minutes for the 28 January meeting.

6 George, can you restate your --

7 MR. RICE: Do you want to do them
8 individually?

9 MR. SANDOVAL: Yes, please.

06:17 10 MR. RICE: I move that we approve the
11 minutes for 28 January.

12 MR. SANDOVAL: Is there a second?

13 MR. PUFFER: Second.

14 MR. SANDOVAL: All in favor?

15 (Vote by the RAB members.)

16 MR. SANDOVAL: Let the record show
17 minutes passed.

18 Is there a motion to approve the
19 26 February, '98, minutes?

06:17 20 MR. RICE: I move that we approve the
21 minutes for February 26th.

22 MR. SANDOVAL: Is there a second?

23 MR. WEINSTEIN: Second.

24 MR. SANDOVAL: All in favor?

25 (Vote by the RAB members.)

06:17 1 MR. SANDOVAL: Please note for the
2 record that both minutes passed.

3 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Second point:
4 Community statements. At this point, we'd like
06:17 5 to invite anyone in the community to rise and
6 speak at the microphone regarding any BRAC/RAB
7 cleanup issues that we may have.

8 Once, twice -- Thank you. There's also a
9 section at the end for public comment, as
06:18 10 well. So, if you hear something tonight during
11 the presentations or see something on the
12 poster board stations, please feel free to come
13 again up to the microphone.

14 Okay. Now, I'd like to transfer this
06:18 15 portion of the RAB agenda to General Barnidge.

16 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. What we'd
17 like to do is our subcommittee reports. The
18 first technical presentation will be our
19 technical subcommittee meeting report -- and I
06:18 20 believe Captain Tom de Venoge is going to start
21 it off -- and, then, Damian, are you going to
22 heat it up or vice versa?

23 Okay. Tom, you're on, Bud.

24 And, by the way, our technical
06:19 25 subcommittee -- for our guests in the

06:19 1 audience -- our community members -- the
2 technical subcommittee has really stepped out
3 and taken on quite a lot of meaty issues.
4 They've been working hard all along, but I'm
06:19 5 really proud of the strides they've made in
6 recent months -- and, so, I look forward with
7 quite a lot of anticipation to what we have
8 coming out of them, both now and in the future.

9 CAPT. DE VENOGUE: Thank you, sir.

06:19 10 Good evening, folks. For those of you who
11 do not know me, I'm Captain Tom de Venoge. I'm
12 with the Restoration Division for EM and what
13 I'd like to do is just go ahead and discuss
14 briefly what it is we at the TRS have been
06:19 15 doing over the course of the past seven
16 months -- and I will go through part of it and,
17 then, Damian will go ahead and take over right
18 around Part III.

19 Okay. This is just -- very quickly --
06:20 20 the agenda from our meeting on the 24th of
21 February and the only real key items that I
22 wanted to point out there was -- we have on the
23 agenda -- we are going to have a presentation
24 on the Building 1592 air sampling report -- and
25 for those of you that aren't familiar with it,

06:20 1 1592 are the large jet fuel storage tanks
2 located up on the north part of the base --
3 that report, in fact, is still in development
4 and still in BRAC review -- so, you'll see this
06:20 5 when we meet next month -- and we initiated
6 conversation -- Item 3 there -- on development
7 of the contamination summary map -- and I've
8 got a copy of that here that I'll talk about in
9 a little bit -- and I think some of you -- some
06:20 10 of you, actually, may be familiar with it
11 already -- you may have seen it at the last
12 public forum on the 31st -- and, by the way, it
13 happens to be in the back of the room -- back
14 there -- the pastel colored green map is
06:20 15 something that we developed in the TRS and
16 we'll talk about that a little bit more.

17 And, then, the last thing really
18 noteworthy here is the presentation on focus
19 feasibility studies for SS051 and SS040 and
06:21 20 what those two creatures are, are, basically,
21 the interim remedial actions that are going to
22 be -- are going to be installed around the
23 East Kelly area. So, actually, two of these
24 items you'll see got carried over to the March
06:21 25 TRS meeting. The reason why we did that was

06:21 1 because we wanted to give TRS members an
2 opportunity to go ahead and actually review the
3 focus feasibility study documents prior to
4 actually providing them a presentation on what
06:21 5 was being addressed for the FFS reports -- and
6 Mr. Joe Ebert came in and did that for us in
7 March -- and I -- I think -- you know, most of
8 the TRS members are very, very happy with what
9 they saw.

06:21 10 Okay. Damian asked me to put this up here
11 just to give you an indication of who is on the
12 TRS and what our attendance is like --
13 generally speaking, very good participation. I
14 think we're going to be looking at actually
06:22 15 replacing one of those members.

16 Mr. Allan Hagelthorn, I believe, has left us.
17 So -- and I think we did replace him, in fact.
18 Did we? I don't recall. We will be doing
19 that.

06:22 20 You've all seen this before. This is the
21 community concept that Damian developed -- and,
22 I think, eventually -- at some point -- plans
23 to put this forth to the RAB and get approval
24 on this. These are just some of the concepts
06:22 25 that we see that the TRS will be responsible

06:22 1 for -- or some of the areas that we will
2 address -- and I think this came up again
3 last -- came up at the last RAB -- and I don't
4 want to elaborate on this one too much. Again,
06:22 5 this needs to go forth to the RAB for --
6 actually, probably, formal approval of this.

7 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Hold your mike a
8 little closer, Tom.

9 CAPT. DE VENOGUE: Yes, sir.

06:23 10 Okay. I talked a little bit earlier about
11 the contamination summary map. This is one of
12 our TRS success stories -- and for those --
13 again, for those of you that aren't familiar
14 with it, what you're seeing here is --
06:23 15 basically, this -- this was developed through
16 the technical review subcommittee. Some of the
17 community members thought that rather than
18 bombarding people with a lot of technical
19 information, it may be more appropriate just to
06:23 20 speak very generally about broad classes of
21 contaminants that you find, both on base and
22 off base -- and, so, that's what we did. We
23 presented it in a very easy -- easy to view
24 format -- and something that people could
06:23 25 understand very easily, we think -- and if you

06:23 1 have an opportunity, please go to the back of
2 the room and look at it. Again, this was
3 available at the 31st of March public forum
4 that we had last week and it is -- as you can
06:24 5 see, it's bilingual -- and the green color back
6 there -- basically, what it's showing is the
7 chlorinated solvents that are in the shallow
8 groundwater. Again, this is for shallow
9 groundwater that -- the groundwater 20 to 40
06:24 10 feet below the ground surface. The light blue
11 color that you can see on there are the
12 fuels -- and the gray would be the metals. So,
13 again, if you have an opportunity, please go
14 back and take a look at it. That was developed
06:24 15 through the TRS.

16 MR. SANDOVAL: Thanks, Tom.

17 One of the major issues that we think --
18 as the technical review subcommittee -- is very
19 important is to handle all the technical
06:24 20 issues -- or as many as we can -- in accordance
21 with the BRAC program -- and what I mean by
22 that is -- with the BRAC program, there are
23 critical milestones that the public can
24 actually advise DoD and -- recommendations and
06:25 25 their course of action, et cetera -- where we

06:25 1 have -- as a community -- as a community --
2 have the opportunity to discuss this and
3 present these issues forward.

4 As everyone was saying tonight, there is a
06:25 5 focus feasibility study for the Zone 4 area --
6 the SS-040 and 051 -- and what we did at the
7 technical review subcommittee back in March --
8 and we actually had a presentation by DoD to
9 the TRS of which -- where we went back and we
06:25 10 discussed the document in the meetings -- and,
11 then, we formalized some of -- formal comments
12 that we'd like to submit from the TRS to the
13 RAB for adoption tonight so that we can
14 actually forward them on to DoD tonight.

06:25 15 There's something a little different that we've
16 not seen before. In the past, for example, the
17 Zone 5 RI -- what we did is we actually handed
18 that out at the RAB meeting, individuals took
19 that home and we're going to be voting on those
06:26 20 tonight.

21 So, if we could just take a few -- one
22 minute -- two minutes -- by the RAB members
23 to kind of review the comments -- if we have
24 major problems with any of the comments -- we
06:26 25 really don't have the time here to discuss

06:26 1 them -- we'll probably have to do that on a
2 side-bar. But, again, take a quick look at
3 them. A lot of TRS members have already seen
4 the comments. So, if you would, just take a
06:26 5 few minutes.

6 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Hey, Damian, while
7 they're doing that, why don't you just give a
8 little synopsis of each major paragraph for our
9 community members?

06:26 10 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. In the course
11 of what we just talked about, we came up with
12 some major -- some formal comments. The first
13 one is -- I'm just going to read them off
14 because it's -- it's probably easier to do that
06:26 15 than try to summarize them.

16 First point -- Well, I'll be reading it
17 from the very beginning. "The Kelly Air Force
18 Base Technical Review Subcommittee conducted a
19 meeting on March 10th, 1998, to review, discuss
06:27 20 and develop formal comments on the
21 aforementioned document. The following
22 comments will be submitted to the Kelly
23 Air Force RAB for submission to the Air Force.
24 A copy of the comments will also be provided to
06:27 25 both the Environmental Protection Agency,

06:27 1 Ms. Camille Hueni, and the Texas Natural
2 Resource Conservation Commission, Attention:
3 Mr. Gary Beyer."

4 The first comment: "The TNRCC has all
06:27 5 along stated that the surficial aquifer would
6 be remediated," -- parentheses, "cleaned" --
7 "to maximum contaminant levels for
8 groundwater. Limits of the surface water
9 discharge may exceed MCLs under the current
06:27 10 Kelly Air Force Base NPDES permit" -- that's a
11 surface water discharge permit. "For example,
12 PCE has an MCL of five parts per billion and
13 the NPDES discharge permit for PCE is 20 parts
14 per billion. The UV oxidation system may be
06:27 15 the only proposed treatment system that may
16 remove or eliminate organic contaminants to
17 concentrations below MCL. Thus, groundwater
18 that is treated still may have levels of
19 organic contaminants above MCLs that are
06:28 20 discharged into an open creek."

21 Second point: "Groundwater treated
22 through a treatment system that still has
23 concentrations above MCLs should be evaluated
24 in regards to discharging into an open
06:28 25 creek" -- "into an open publicly accessible

06:28 1 creek. Please evaluate the possible exposure
2 pathway -- "i.e., child playing, contacting,
3 incidental ingestion of treated groundwater" --
4 "that may be above MCLs for this scenario."

06:28 5 Question -- Comment No. 3: "Please
6 indicate under which regulation TNRCC or EPA
7 allows treated groundwater to be discharged
8 above MCLs into a creek. Indicate how
9 regulations are modified so that different
06:28 10 cleanup standards are used for surface
11 discharge as opposed to MCL criteria identified
12 earlier in the BRAC cleanup process."

13 Point No. 4: "How and when will the
14 resource agencies" -- "i.e., the National Park
06:29 15 Service" -- be informed of the proposed
16 action? The proposed discharge rate of up to
17 500,000 gallons per day will change the
18 condition of Six Mile Creek from an
19 intermittent storm-fed stream to a continuous
06:29 20 flowing stream. EPA, TNRCC and/or the
21 Air Force should require" -- "should be
22 required to conduct a downstream impact study
23 prior to treatment, operation and discharge."

24 Point No. 5: "A maximum discharge rate of
06:29 25 500,000 gallons per day of water may be

06:29 1 reviewed as a resource that should be reused,
2 either in a recycling or reclamation program.
3 Both the Bexar Metropolitan Water District
4 and/or the San Antonio Water System should be
06:29 5 contacted to assess the feasibility of reusing
6 this as a resource. Kelly Air Force Base
7 should also evaluate this option as an
8 alternative to discharging water into Six Mile
9 Creek."

06:30 10 Just a few more. Point No. 6: "Will the
11 extraction of up to 500,000 gallons per day
12 from the surficial aquifer at Kelly Air Force
13 Base, Zone 4 cause subsidence problems to
14 properties on Kelly Air Force Base or to
06:30 15 adjacent properties? Will this affect the
16 existing groundwater gradients for levels on
17 and off Kelly Air Force Base? Will a
18 subsidence study be performed to assess the
19 impact of soils on and off base?"

06:30 20 Point No. 7 is cut off there a little
21 bit. Point No. 7: "If Kelly Air Force Base is
22 committed to treating groundwater on base, why
23 are plans not immediately implemented to
24 collect and treat groundwater off base?"

06:31 25 The last two: "The TRS respectively

06:31 1 requests to review all remedial design
2 specifications and construction plans at the
3 30, 60 and 90 percent design phase of the
4 collection and treatment system. The TRS
06:31 5 requests to review all final interim remedial
6 initiatives developed by Kelly Air Force Base
7 that will impact off-base surface water
8 contribution into Six Mile Creek. Similar
9 public meetings may also be requested to
06:31 10 include local residents and any potential
11 impacted resource agencies."

12 And the final comment: "Please indicate
13 if, when and how responses to these questions
14 will be addressed. Please indicate if the
06:31 15 public will also be notified of the response
16 and/or follow-up questions will be accepted
17 after the initial comment period of 11 April,
18 1998."

19 I guess my question goes to the RAB now.
06:32 20 Have we had a chance to look at the questions?
21 I think, as the TRS chairman, I can request a
22 motion -- Mary -- to adopt these?

23 MS. KELLY: That's right. You can
24 make the motion that these be accepted as the
06:32 25 recommendations of the RAB.

1 MR. RICE: You can make a motion,
2 then we discuss it.

3 MR. SANDOVAL: You're going to
4 discuss it?

06:32 5 Okay. Let me make the motion first and
6 then we can -- again, as -- a minimal -- brief
7 discussion, so we can keep the agenda rolling.

8 At this point, as the TRS chairman, I'd
9 like to make a motion that the TRS submit these
06:32 10 comments on the Zone 4 FFS for incorporation by
11 the RAB and submittal to DoD -- Kelly Air Force
12 Base.

13 MS. PEACE: I'll second that motion.

14 MR. SANDOVAL: Points of discussion?

06:32 15 MS. PEACE: I have one.

16 Okay. On No. 5, when we -- I remember
17 asking this same question about -- you know,
18 water that's discharged -- and when we were --
19 a couple summers ago -- in drought management
06:33 20 stage -- we were allowed to use that discharge
21 to offset San Antonio's -- the amount that we
22 need to discharge out to certain -- in the
23 San Antonio River -- and I remember
24 General Roberson brought up -- that was a good
06:33 25 point -- so that should be a little item for

06:33 1 consideration, too. It was seriously
2 offsetting the amount that we need to discharge
3 otherwise -- so that San Antonio could use more
4 water -- you know, draw more water from the
06:33 5 aquifer.

6 MR. SANDOVAL: One thing about
7 these -- and if we -- we can always add to --
8 we can always submit comments to the 11 April
9 deadline. To try to change this at this
06:33 10 point -- you know, we'd have to hand -- you
11 know, handwrite --

12 MS. PEACE: No -- No. I just wanted
13 that point to be made -- because I won't be at
14 the technical review committee meeting.

06:33 15 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay.

16 MS. PEACE: Thanks.

17 MR. SANDOVAL: Sam?

18 MR. MURRAH: Okay. Comment No. 6, I
19 believe that subsidence could also be caused by
06:34 20 change in vegetation and it would also show
21 that indication and it might not be subsidence,
22 as such, caused by water tables.

23 MR. SANDOVAL: Would the impact to
24 vegetation -- because of the drawdown of
06:34 25 water -- be reflected in the subsidence study?

06:34 1 MR. MURRAH: Well, it -- when you say
2 "subsidence" -- Well, when your soils change
3 and the vegetation is depleted, that soil --
4 instead of -- you know, being fluffy will just
06:34 5 compress and you won't have -- you'll have
6 something that looks like subsidence, but it
7 really isn't.

8 MR. SANDOVAL: So, how -- Sam --
9 would you like for us to -- just duly note your
06:34 10 comment or -- what would --

11 MR. MURRAH: Well, that subsidence --
12 because of the water tables -- isn't
13 necessarily the only thing -- it could always
14 be the fact that involves the vegetation. See,
06:35 15 some soils don't -- don't respond to -- and
16 you'll be talking here -- I don't believe --

17 MR. SANDOVAL: Could I ask if --
18 Could you write that down and we can submit
19 that as a comment tonight?

06:35 20 MR. MURRAH: I don't know about
21 tonight.

22 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Well, I think
23 we can fax that until the 11th of April.

24 MR. MURRAH: Okay.

25 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Because it's --

06:35 1 you know, if that's a particular point you want
2 to make, that's fine. We can include that as
3 a -- behind the comments from the TRS.

4 George?

06:35 5 MR. RICE: On Item 7, I think that
6 would be a typo. You have, "KAFB is committed
7 to treating water on base." Should that be off
8 base?

9 MR. SANDOVAL: Well, they're
06:35 10 committed to treating groundwater on base -- on
11 Zone 4.

12 MR. RICE: Why are plans not being
13 implemented to collect and treat groundwater
14 off base -- that's how -- that's how you
06:35 15 intended it to read?

16 MR. SANDOVAL: Yes.

17 MR. RICE: Okay.

18 MR. SANDOVAL: Armando?

19 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes. I --
06:36 20 Fact No. 5, it is my understanding that
21 currently we're pumping out over a million
22 gallons a day and pumping it -- cleaning it and
23 treating it and dumping it into Leon Creek --
24 this, I think, was illustrated in the
06:36 25 environmental impact statement and, possibly,

06:36 1 in the permits -- and this is what's going on
2 now. I believe that the water should be -- go
3 back into the groundwater aquifer where it
4 comes from. This is a waste of money --
06:36 5 you know, when you treat the water and then
6 just dump it into the creek for further use
7 downstream. I think this should be taken up as
8 high as possible.

9 MR. SANDOVAL: The other thing is --
06:36 10 I agree -- and -- and I think we talked about
11 that a little bit before the meeting. I really
12 don't want to put anybody on the spot to try to
13 answer questions now -- that's not the intent
14 of this -- of the submission of comments. It's
06:36 15 just basic -- kind of get a quorum and kind of
16 get an agreement from all the RAB members that
17 we should submit these forward and have the
18 Air Force -- at a later period -- address
19 these comments.

06:37 20 MR. QUINTANILLA: I agree. I'm
21 waiting for the pleasure.

22 MR. SANDOVAL: So --

23 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Damian, maybe --
24 maybe this would work for you, then -- we have
06:37 25 several comments that -- people who wasn't in

06:37 1 the TRS -- they probably ought to submit -- to
2 get the questions into -- like you were talking
3 about and -- and we can have it funneled in as
4 a -- as the -- as a TRS chair or as an
06:37 5 individual, then -- by the 11th, as you pointed
6 out.

7 I think that these comments are very, very
8 good -- all of them, in fact -- and what I'd
9 like to do is propose -- or -- or move that
06:37 10 we vote for this -- this set as printed --
11 because we definitely want to get this in the
12 mail -- in the hopper -- and, then, I would
13 recommend that you funnel in your other
14 questions and comments -- like Sam's, for
06:38 15 example -- into Damian -- and he'll see --
16 getting it in by the 11th. Is that fair to
17 everybody?

18 Okay. Well, then, I guess -- because you
19 can't call a vote for your own thing there, I'd
06:38 20 make a motion -- I'd make call for a vote on
21 this. Okay? Is that all right?

22 All in favor of this -- of submitting the
23 typed ones?

24 (Vote by the RAB members.)

06:38 25 BGEN. BARNIDGE: All opposed?

06:38 1 MR. QUINTANILLA: It's unanimous.
2 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. For the
3 eligibles that voted, I guess it's unanimous.
4 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you, Ed. I
06:38 5 think we'll submit these tonight officially and
6 formally to the Air Force for -- for address.
7 The last thing the TRS committee -- just
8 to remind folks -- we do have our meetings on a
9 monthly basis -- and, again, the -- the main
06:38 10 focus -- the objective for us to -- is to
11 tackle the technical issues that affect the
12 project milestones. Our next meeting is on
13 April 21st of this month at St. Mary's
14 University.
06:39 15 Thank you.
16 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Very good.
17 And, by the way, I really applaud the -- again,
18 I applaud the way that -- that the TRS has
19 stepped out -- and we will definitely collect
06:39 20 all the comments -- we'll find a -- an even
21 smoother way to do our comments. We're still a
22 growth industry in our administration here,
23 but -- I appreciate everybody's cooperation.
24 Okay. Annalisa, I believe -- admin
06:39 25 subcommittee report.

06:39 1 MS. PEACE: Okay. We had -- Okay.
2 The committee voted to recommend six meetings a
3 year instead of four meetings a year and
4 that's -- we can debate tonight and we can vote
06:39 5 on that tonight.

6 If we were to have the six meetings --
7 we -- we just picked the dates -- so it would
8 be June 17th, August 19th, October 21st and
9 December 16th. If we were to continue and have
06:39 10 four meetings a year, we would meet -- the next
11 meeting would be July 15th -- and, then, the
12 final for the year would be October 21st.

13 So, I guess I'd like to make a motion now
14 to vote on our recommendation either for or
06:40 15 against that -- rather than four meetings a
16 year, we'd have six meetings a year.

17 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. We'll have
18 some discussion, right?

19 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'll second that
06:40 20 motion for discussion purposes.

21 BGEN. BARNIDGE: All right. Good.

22 Okay. The floor is open for discussion.

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'd like to start
24 it off by saying that the Navy meets 12 times a
06:40 25 year.

06:40 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Other points
2 to be made?

3 Yes, sir? Larry?

4 MR. HOFFMAN: I just wondered what's
06:40 5 the logic for four or six or twelve or
6 whatever -- you know, did you have some basis
7 for deciding on that number or -- are we not
8 getting the work done that we need to in the
9 times that we meet or do we simply need more
06:40 10 meetings to complete what we need to do?

11 MS. PEACE: Well -- Yeah. When we
12 discussed in the subcommittee -- the reason
13 being that there was a lot of -- you know, when
14 I was co-chair -- there was always stuff that I
06:41 15 had to put off. There were presentations that
16 people had requested and people from the
17 community had requested over and over and over
18 again and they could never get on the agenda
19 because we always have such a full agenda --
06:41 20 and so that we could maybe get out of here at a
21 decent hour if we had more time -- rather than
22 having these marathon meetings.

23 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Sam?

24 MR. SANCHEZ: I think that the
06:41 25 success of the TRS has kind of preempted a lot

06:41 1 of -- any more -- a lot of -- you know,
2 having any more meetings -- because a lot of
3 the work that we're engaged in right now is
4 being done and discussed on the TRS level --
06:41 5 everything from water wells surveys to
6 remediation studies to health effects are set
7 at the technical review stage subcommittee.
8 So, I -- I'm all for more meetings, if they're
9 going to be productive. But I am opposed to --
06:42 10 I would like to engage in the discussion more.
11 We probably -- and may want to consider
12 attending the TRS meetings and -- giving their
13 input at that time. They are long and rigorous
14 meetings and they last -- you know, it's not a
06:42 15 one- or two-hour meeting. Those are working
16 meetings.
17 BGEN. BARNIDGE: George?
18 MR. RICE: Yeah. I'd like to speak
19 in favor of more frequent meetings. I'd
06:42 20 actually like a monthly -- and the reason being
21 is that with our quarterly meetings, what --
22 what has happened -- with regular -- with
23 every meeting is -- everyone who has wanted to
24 say something hasn't had a chance to say it
06:42 25 because it's gotten to be quite late and,

06:42 1 therefore, some points of view haven't been put
2 on the table that I think should have been put
3 on the table. So, I think more frequent
4 meetings are called for.

06:43 5 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Anyone else?

6 Okay. I --

7 MR. SOLIS: Yes. One item.

8 BGEN. BARNIDGE: I'm sorry.

9 Go ahead. Yes, sir?

06:43 10 MR. SOLIS: I'm concerned about the
11 place of the meeting -- like -- we meet in the
12 same areas. I, for one, am not going to go
13 fight -- hunt for a parking space on a school
14 night -- and, to me -- we should stay with this
06:43 15 side of -- as the meeting place and -- which is
16 easily accessible to the neighbors that live
17 here, rather than -- so, I firmly recommend
18 that be considered.

19 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Good.

06:43 20 Okay. I need to make an input myself for
21 your consideration. Damian and I attended the
22 admin subcommittee meeting the other night and
23 it was an education for both of us -- certainly
24 for me. The thing that -- a thought for your
06:43 25 consideration is -- is if -- I was raised in a

06:44 1 quarterly system and I was raised with TRS
2 being the workhorse in the -- in the forum --
3 and that's just the way I was raised. It
4 doesn't mean one way is right or wrong.

06:44 5 But if we had -- if we had a quarterly set
6 up, the -- a couple of points would --
7 would -- would work out nicely. Number one,
8 I've already cut -- and I'll tell you later by
9 how much -- the contract costs for this --
06:44 10 this meeting -- and -- and -- because money
11 is an issue now -- and the cost of putting
12 these things on is an issue. To me, that's the
13 smallest of the three points that went through
14 my mind, but that's there.

06:44 15 Number two, we just had an out-of-cycle
16 meeting for the CEJA settlement and that turned
17 into a no-cost, efficient, to-the-point kind of
18 forum where we had a specific reason for having
19 a forum -- I may be deferring a little bit to
06:44 20 Sam's comments -- we had a specific reason for
21 having an out-of-cycle forum. We had a defined
22 point to gather and we went in and we did it
23 and we dealt with it and we left and -- and
24 that seemed pretty efficient to me.

06:45 25 I would suggest that -- that we can

06:45 1 operate that way, if you like, with a quarterly
2 planned schedule with the ability to call an
3 out-of-cycle meeting any time you want --
4 because -- point three is -- is where --
06:45 5 you're going to be hearing about another
6 proposed out-of-cycle meeting for the month of
7 May to talk about internal RAB conduct -- and
8 Damian's going to discuss that in a bit -- but
9 out of cycle, we can stage for specified
06:45 10 points -- without all the support and
11 everything that is necessary -- and in more
12 defined forums that are -- for open meetings
13 consideration.

14 So, that's my thought. The cost that we
06:45 15 have to expend for the quarterly thing is
16 very -- is manageable today -- the way I've
17 gotten the contract -- and, yet, we can -- we
18 can orchestrate out-of-cycle things when we've
19 got a reason to. So --

06:46 20 MR. SANDOVAL: Let me throw in my
21 two cents, too. There's good things and bad
22 things about having meetings and there's good
23 things and bad things about having RAB
24 meetings. One of them is: It's very difficult
06:46 25 to be very technical and very detailed on a

06:46 1 two-and-a-half-hour, three-hour meeting.

2 Again, I think that the workhorse and the
3 system has allowed the TRS to tackle
4 significant and complex issues. I think the
06:46 5 RAB forum -- and we'll talk about the
6 introspective meeting a little bit later in the
7 new business section -- but I think the RAB
8 should be an opportunity to kind of let people
9 know where we are and what we've accomplished
06:46 10 and where we're going so that -- from a big
11 picture standpoint -- and I guess that's my
12 perspective of the RAB -- is to be able to come
13 here, discuss significant issues and
14 accomplishments or problems that we have and
06:46 15 that's -- I guess that's how I, kind of, see
16 the RAB -- with out-of-cycle meetings if we
17 have a particular issue or topic we want to
18 address and the TRS meetings being the
19 workhorse meetings.

06:47 20 So, I would vote for four planned
21 meetings, monthly TRS meetings and no limit on
22 the number of out-of-cycle as required.

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: I would like to
24 ask: What is the cost of the TRS meetings?

06:47 25 MR. SANDOVAL: (Shakes head.)

06:47 1 MR. QUINTANILLA: No cost?
2 And what was the cost of the special
3 meeting for the RAB at St. Mary's University?
4 MR. SANDOVAL: No cost.
06:47 5 MR. QUINTANILLA: No cost? We can
6 have some more of those no-cost meetings.
7 There's no problem in having a no-cost meeting.
8 BGEN. BARNIDGE: That wasn't a
9 publicly attended meeting.
06:47 10 MR. QUINTANILLA: This is -- We
11 invited the public here today to come and the
12 public is not here, sir.
13 MS. PEACE: Some are.
14 MR. QUINTANILLA: They didn't speak.
06:47 15 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Well, the meeting
16 isn't over yet.
17 MR. QUINTANILLA: I understand.
18 BGEN. BARNIDGE: But either way,
19 this -- this is a -- is clearly subject to the
06:48 20 Texas Open Meetings Act -- and -- and there is
21 some support required and some of that support
22 does cost money and so -- but, again, I stress
23 that's the smaller point out of the whole
24 thing. I just believe in having a more focused
06:48 25 group -- like the TRS -- doing the technical

06:48 1 work of the forum -- and, so, that's -- that's
2 that.

3 But, anyhow -- So, any other discussion on
4 this matter? Yes, ma'am?

06:48 5 MS. HUENI: Just one other point to
6 clarify. The TRS meetings are open -- they are
7 open meetings, as well.

8 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Absolutely.

9 MS. HUENI: So -- you know, everyone
06:48 10 is -- is -- is invited, you know, to attend.
11 If you want to hear more information about some
12 of the individual projects, please come. We
13 would love to have you.

14 MS. PEACE: Might I make a
06:48 15 suggestion, as well? If we do decide to
16 delegate a lot of this to -- you know,
17 materials to be covered in the TRS meetings
18 that -- not that all the invitations go out and
19 everything, but that it be announced in the
06:49 20 paper the same way that the RAB meetings are
21 announced. It might be a good idea.

22 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Well, let's take a
23 look and see how to -- Let us take the -- the
24 action item to figure out to enhance the --
06:49 25 advertising the TRS. Okay?

06:49 1 MS. PEACE: Okay.

2 BGEN. BARNIDGE: And -- And we won't
3 specify newspaper -- or whatever. We'll figure
4 out how to make it better. I agree with you.

06:49 5 MS. PEACE: Okay.

6 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Sir?
7 Larry Hoffman?

8 MR. HOFFMAN: I would just like to
9 say that the flexibility that you suggested
06:49 10 sounds very appealing to me. If you have fixed
11 meetings all the time, you may or may not have
12 a lot to do. But if you have a minimum number
13 with the flexibility to have others as needed,
14 I think that's a good idea. So, I would vote
06:49 15 against the motion that was made in favor of
16 your suggestion.

17 BGEN. BARNIDGE: George?

18 MR. RICE: Regarding special
19 meetings, is there a procedure for calling them
06:50 20 or is one to be developed?

21 BGEN. BARNIDGE: For the lack of a
22 better answer now, I would -- I would say that
23 we have -- somebody would bring that up as a --
24 as a proposal here and, then, the RAB would
06:50 25 decide whether to do it or not.

06:50 1 MR. RICE: So, that would be done
2 during regular RAB meetings?

3 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Oh, yeah.

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: How was the last
06:50 5 one done -- the one at St. Mary's? How was
6 that accomplished?

7 MS. PEACE: That was a closed
8 meeting.

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yeah. But how was
06:50 10 it -- you know, how did it generate? How did
11 it develop?

12 BGEN. BARNIDGE: We were on a --

13 MR. SANDOVAL: It was a scheduled TRS
14 meeting.

06:50 15 BGEN. BARNIDGE: No. You're talking
16 about the last RAB session, right -- the last
17 RAB session at St. Mary's University?

18 BGEN. BARNIDGE: The out-of-cycle
19 one? We were on a fast track to work the
06:50 20 settlement proposal with CEJA -- and I honestly
21 don't know what all we did to make that happen,
22 but everybody responded.

23 MR. SANDOVAL: I think Dick went back
24 and made phone calls and got E-mails out to
06:50 25 folks.

06:50 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Is that -- Is that
2 right, Dick? Did we --

3 MR. WALTERS: Sir, as a member of the
4 staff commenting, the TRS determined the need
06:51 5 for the full body to make the decision. The
6 TRS asked the two co-chairs and both of you
7 came to the agreement that instructed us as
8 staff to contact the members.

9 BGEN. BARNIDGE: There's the answer.

06:51 10 MR. WALTERS: So, it was really
11 quick.

12 MR. PUFFER: Meetings can be called
13 at any time by the chair persons and/or
14 committee -- committee heads in separate --

06:51 15 BGEN. BARNIDGE: And, clearly, the
16 membership -- all you've got to do is get --
17 I mean, in our -- in our organizational
18 scheme -- all you've got to do is get a hold of
19 one -- one of the two of us and -- and we can
06:51 20 certainly contact everybody -- network out and
21 contact everybody and make sure that we have
22 a -- support for a meeting. I mean, we can do
23 that.

24 Yes, ma'am?

06:51 25 MS. ADAMES: I personally think --

06:51 1 I've only been one -- to one TRS meeting, but I
2 think they're very informative -- plus, the
3 fact that you don't feel obligated you have to
4 go -- it's because it's very interesting. I
06:52 5 would accept that, too.

6 BGEN. BARNIDGE: There's a lot to
7 be -- You're right. It's more relaxed -- and,
8 yet, it's --

9 MS. ADAMES: And very informative.

06:52 10 BGEN. BARNIDGE: It can be very
11 technically informative.

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: What worries me a
13 bit -- that we've got two more meetings -- if
14 we go quarterly -- in eight months. Is that
06:52 15 correct -- for the next eight months?

16 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Is that right?

17 MS. PEACE: Yeah.

18 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yep.

19 MR. QUINTANILLA: And we have one
06:52 20 in -- when -- and the other one is when?

21 MS. PEACE: We have one scheduled
22 tentatively July 15th and one October 21st.

23 MR. SANDOVAL: With another proposed
24 meeting -- we're going to talk about -- next
06:52 25 month, but that's an out-of-cycle meeting.

06:52 1 MR. QUINTANILLA: That would make it
2 five meetings.

3 MS. PEACE: Well --

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: The out-of-cycle
06:52 5 meeting for next month --

6 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Well, you don't know
7 what's going to be proposed on through as the
8 year progresses on. I mean, you may have --
9 you may have no more out-of-cycle, you may have
06:52 10 five more out-of-cycle. I wouldn't -- I
11 wouldn't hinge on just a bean count. I'd --
12 I'd work from a perspective of what's necessary
13 and prudent.

14 MS. PEACE: I was under the
06:53 15 impression that the proposed meeting was to be
16 an introspective session.

17 BGEN. BARNIDGE: It is.

18 MS. PEACE: Okay.

19 BGEN. BARNIDGE: But, again, I would
06:53 20 suggest that -- that we don't even consider
21 that in the -- this issue is a schedule issue.

22 Any other discussion? Okay. The motion
23 as stated was -- Repeat it, if you would, so we
24 know what we're voting on.

06:53 25 MS. PEACE: To vote either in favor

06:53 1 or against the recommendation that the
2 administrative subcommittee -- that we meet six
3 times rather than four times a year. So, you
4 would be voting for or against meeting six
06:53 5 times a year.

6 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Everybody's
7 got it straight what -- we're voting for or
8 against six times a year.

9 Okay. All in favor of six times a year,
06:53 10 raise your hand, please.

11 (Vote by the RAB members.)

12 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Somebody help me
13 count. One, two, three, four, five -- Okay. I
14 see five hands.

06:54 15 And all opposed?

16 (Vote by the RAB members.)

17 BGEN. BARNIDGE: One, two, three,
18 four, five, six -- I don't know who -- What
19 about our -- I see six -- even without you,
06:54 20 Allan. So -- and Camille. So --

21 Okay. I guess the majority -- even
22 without our regulators -- I don't know. Do
23 regulators count in this or not?

24 MS. KELLY: On this one, sir, yes.

06:54 25 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. So -- six,

06:54 1 seven, eight. So, the vote is eight to five
2 against the motion.

3 MS. PEACE: Okay. Now -- I'd like to
4 make another motion, then, that we have four
06:54 5 yearly meetings. So, this is voting for or
6 against -- so we can establish the number that
7 we're going to have -- So, this is a motion for
8 or against four meetings.

9 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Let's say quarterly,
06:54 10 in fact.

11 MS. PEACE: Quarterly.

12 BGEN. BARNIDGE: We need to have them
13 spaced out, I think.

14 MS. PEACE: Okay.

06:54 15 BGEN. BARNIDGE: All in favor of
16 quarterly meetings for the RAB?

17 (Vote by the RAB members.)

18 MR. SANDOVAL: Discussion? Do we add
19 a motion or the attachment of -- with special
06:55 20 consideration for out-of-cycle meetings?

21 MS. PEACE: Yes. I think that's a
22 good idea.

23 MR. PUFFER: I was going to amendment
24 that.

06:55 25 MR. SANDOVAL: Can you restate that?

06:55 1 MS. PEACE: Okay. So, that we have
2 quarterly meetings with other meetings -- being
3 able --

4 BGEN. BARNIDGE: As-needed.

06:55 5 MS. PEACE: As-needed.

6 MR. HOFFMAN: Second.

7 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Any
8 discussion? All in favor?

9 (Vote by the RAB members.)

06:55 10 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Well, that's -- one,
11 two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight,
12 nine, ten -- ten. Okay. That's good enough.
13 Okay. Opposed? Opposed?

14 (Vote by the RAB members.)

06:55 15 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay.

16 MS. PEACE: Okay.

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'm opposed.

18 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Motion passes.

19 MS. PEACE: I have one more motion --
06:55 20 that we accept the dates for the next two
21 quarterly meetings as July 15th and
22 October 21st -- so that we all know until the
23 end of the year when the next two quarterly
24 meetings are.

06:55 25 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Say it one more

1 time, would you?

2 MS. PEACE: It's July 15th and
3 October 21st.

4 BGEN. BARNIDGE: And we don't even
06:56 5 vote on it. That's just it. Just announce
6 it. That's it.

7 MS. PEACE: Okay.

8 BGEN. BARNIDGE: If anybody has got a
9 problem, bring it -- bring it up to the
06:56 10 chair -- because I'm not sure -- maybe I'm the
11 only one in the room that doesn't know his
12 schedule for sure in July and October. But if
13 you have a problem, bring it up and then we'll
14 consider it as a RAB.

06:56 15 MS. PEACE: And that -- that was,
16 I believe, the third Wednesday of each month.
17 So, we're going to try to settle on having
18 meetings whenever they are -- do come up in the
19 quarter on the third Wednesday of the month in
06:56 20 question.

21 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Good.
22 Anything else from the admin subcommittee?

23 MS. PEACE: That's it.

24 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Very good.
06:56 25 Excellent report. Thank you very much.

06:56 1 Mr. Quintanilla? D-E-R-T F, DERTF.

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: First off, I want

3 to thank Mr. Sandoval and General Barnidge for

4 making a place on the agenda to give this

06:57 5 report. Secondly, I did not attend the Defense

6 Environmental Restoration Task Force -- or

7 DERTF conference -- in Phoenix, Arizona. I

8 attended the National Caucus of RAB Community

9 Members who were meeting in Phoenix two days

06:57 10 prior to the DERTF conference. The purpose of

11 the RAB Caucus was to provide information and

12 guidance regarding technical, legislative and

13 legal issues and to voice national policy on

14 military cleanups -- and, thirdly, to establish

06:57 15 a national RAB based in Washington, D.C.

16 For your information, I have structured

17 two days of meeting notes into this report.

18 One more point: Absolutely no federal funds

19 were used in preparing this report. My fixed

06:57 20 income and budget precluded the development of

21 a slide and graph presentation. So, please

22 indulge me as I walk you through this brief

23 report.

24 Please turn to Page 1 of your handout.

06:58 25 Forty community members from 35 RABs throughout

06:58 1 the United States participated in this caucus.
2 The registration -- The registrants came from
3 24 states, including Alaska, Washington, Texas,
4 Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, California and
06:58 5 Colorado. The Town Creek and -- out of your
6 foundations -- provided 25 scholarships for
7 RAB community members to attend. I received
8 one of those scholarships which paid for my
9 transportation and lodging.

06:58 10 Page 2, please. Resource people and
11 speakers for the RAB Caucus are shown on
12 Page 2. Page 3, please. The RAB Caucus agenda
13 sessions are depicted on Pages 3, 4 and 5.
14 Please turn to Page 6. Ms. Christine Shirley,
06:59 15 Arc Ecology scientist, gave a presentation on
16 risk assessments. Ms. Shirley's presentation
17 was very similar to what was discussed at one
18 of our RAB meetings by Camille and Mr. Jacobi.
19 Ms. Shirley concluded her presentation by
06:59 20 stating that risk assessments are an inexact
21 science, are subject to abuse, and do not
22 address synergistic effects, asthma, allergies,
23 children's diseases and reproductive problems.
24 In her closing remarks, Ms. Shirley stated that
06:59 25 all base cleanups are negotiated and that RAB

06:59 1 members should not allow responsible parties to
2 walk away from cleanups or financial
3 responsibilities based upon risk assessment
4 alone.

07:00 5 Page 7, please. Mr. Sam Goodhope, from
6 the Texas Attorney General's office, briefed
7 the caucus on dirty land transfers. He said
8 that, in 1990, DoD promised that bases would be
9 cleaned to the highest most practical levels.

07:00 10 In 1993, the DoD objective was lowered to
11 remediation consistent with planned reuse.
12 Also, in 1993, scarce DoD dollars began to
13 favor reuse plans consistent with lower cleanup
14 levels. In the summer of 1997 -- last

07:00 15 year -- DoD persuaded Congress to pass the
16 dirty transfer amendment which allows cleanup
17 after property transfers. Mr. Goodhope said
18 that attorney generals from six states opposed
19 the amendment due to liability exposures that

07:00 20 it creates for the states, the LRAs and for the
21 city governments. Mr. Goodhope also said that
22 dirty land transfers leave the LRAs with few
23 options -- and, that is, either they accept
24 contaminated property or delay its reuse.

07:01 25 Mr. Goodhope closed his presentation by urging

07:01 1 the RABs to become aware of dirty land
2 transfers and to structure acceptance
3 agreements of dirty land to include insurance
4 to protect the city and the taxpayers'
07:01 5 interest.

6 Please turn to Page 8. Mr. Greg Hurley,
7 an attorney and community co-chair for the
8 El Toro Marine Base, briefed the caucus on
9 institutional controls. He said institutional
07:01 10 controls are deed restrictions that prohibit --
11 that prohibit occupancy of contaminated
12 military buildings, schools or residences.
13 These restrictions also prohibit LRAs to
14 excavate for new structures and for the
07:02 15 excavation of groundwater in contaminated
16 areas. Mr. Hurley said that the military
17 position is that once an institutional control
18 is in place, the military will not return to
19 accommodate any changes proposed by the LRA in
07:02 20 the use of the property. He also said that
21 violations of deed restrictions by LRAs nullify
22 the military's obligation to conduct further
23 remediation. Mr. Hurley closed by stating that
24 this military policy has resulted in heated
07:02 25 battles between RABs, LRAs and the military

07:02 1 over the level of remediation.

2 Page 9, please. Mr. Saul Bloom,
3 Executive Director of Arc Ecology and RAB
4 member for the Presidio and Oakland Army Bases,
07:02 5 gave a short presentation on funding for bases
6 being closed. He said that, in 1991, the
7 budget for the cleanup of closing bases was
8 moved by Congress into a new BRAC account to
9 accelerate the cleanup and foster reuse
07:03 10 objectives. He also said that Congress did not
11 mandate a deadline for completing remediation
12 of closed bases and that the entire BRAC
13 account would expire in the year 2001.
14 Mr. Bloom further reported the cleanup of
07:03 15 closing bases would not be completed until long
16 after the year 2001.

17 Currently, DoD estimates that the closing
18 bases will still require expenditures of
19 \$3.3 billion when the BRAC account expires in
07:03 20 the year 2001. The reasons cited for this
21 shortfall were that DoD used projections that
22 did not include remediation costs and that DoD
23 had neglected to account for incremental costs
24 of accelerated cleanups. Impacts due to this
07:04 25 \$3.3 billion shortfall include delays in

07:04 1 property transfers, city taxpayers
2 supplementing maintenance, caretaker and public
3 safety obligation and, three, that the savings
4 due to base closures will be seriously
07:04 5 undermined.

6 Page 10, please. Ms. Amy Holland from
7 Careerpro and Mr. Ken Henry from the
8 University of Maryland and Mr. Don Gray from
9 the Energy Environmental Institute spoke on
07:04 10 upcoming policy issues as shown on this page.
11 Please turn to Pages 11 and 12. Pages 11
12 and 12 is a review of the DERTF agenda. During
13 this session, participants agreed to develop a
14 common set of comments to present to DERTF in
07:04 15 addition to testimony by individual RAB
16 members.

17 Page 13, please. Topics selected by the
18 caucus for presentation to the DERTF at the
19 public comment period are shown on Page 13.
07:05 20 The caucus also requested that all DERTF
21 discussion papers be distributed to community
22 and installation co-chairs for distribution to
23 all RAB members.

24 Page 14: Establishment of a national
07:05 25 RAB. A long discussion was held on the

07:05 1 development of a national environmental
2 restoration advisory board. Committees were
3 appointed with a time line of organizing a
4 national RAB by September, 1998, in
07:05 5 Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to advise
6 Congress, EPA, DoD and RABs on policy issues
7 regarding military base cleanups. This
8 national RAB will be funded by private grants
9 from the Town Creek Foundation and other
07:05 10 private grants.
11 Last page, please. Mr. Saul Bloom -- in
12 closing the caucus -- stated that in order to
13 cope responsibly, RAB members need to ensure
14 that elected officials are fully informed about
07:06 15 the full range of cleanup options. He also
16 asked the participants to accomplish the
17 following: One, review and propose changes on
18 all cleanup documents. Two, prevent waste of
19 remediation funds. Three, analyze potential
07:06 20 liability and cost of agreements with the
21 military for city services, including operation
22 and maintenance of utilities. Four, research
23 the full range of liability exposures of dirty
24 land transfers. Five, work with our
07:06 25 congressmen and state legislators to augment

07:06 1 city and RAB influences over cleanup decisions
2 of the military. Six, invite city officials to
3 outline their concerns at RAB meetings. Seven,
4 strongly advocate full and timely funding of
07:07 5 cleanups. Eight, collaborate with elected
6 officials to make the cleanup more sensitive to
7 local needs. And, finally, ensure
8 environmental justice. Mr. Bloom said that the
9 people most affected by contamination are
07:07 10 minorities in low income neighborhoods
11 surrounding military bases.

12 This concludes the presentation. If there
13 are any questions, I'll be happy to answer
14 them. Yes, George?

07:07 15 MR. RICE: Yeah. Armando, there's a
16 whole lot of information. I wish we had a lot
17 more time to go over this. But I have a
18 question about the dirty land transfers. Is
19 that what we're doing here? Would that be
07:07 20 considered a dirty land transfer?

21 MR. QUINTANILLA: We may be. If
22 there is an agreement to -- If there's a dirty
23 land transfer that means that we're
24 transferring -- as the -- before it is
07:07 25 cleaned up -- this is what it means -- and I

07:07 1 think that we're doing that. We have
2 transferred, I believe, the runway while it's
3 still contaminated underneath. That could be a
4 dirty land transfer.

07:08 5 MR. POSNICK: I'd like to --
6 Allan Posnick, TNRCC. I'd like to address that
7 issue.

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: Okay.

9 MR. POSNICK: It's my understanding
07:08 10 there's -- Kelly has no intent to do a -- what
11 they call an early transfer of property before
12 the final remedy is in place and shown to be
13 successfully operating -- that's the
14 definition -- that's the federal statute that
07:08 15 must be met if -- and what is Kelly's -- their
16 performance -- must be met at this time -- is
17 to implement the final remedy showing that it
18 is shown to be successfully operating.

19 The dirty transfer that you're talking
07:08 20 about -- that is to attempt to have the
21 property transferred before the final remedy is
22 in place and shown to be successful. I don't
23 think -- I don't believe I've heard -- heard
24 Kelly indicate that they were going to do that
07:08 25 here.

07:08 1 MR. QUINTANILLA: I think that's very
2 good for us.

3 Any other questions? Yes, Annalisa?

4 MS. PEACE: I just have a comment.
07:09 5 Armando, I think that this is really an
6 excellent presentation and I'd like to --
7 any -- if there's any representatives from the
8 City of San Antonio or from Bexar County, I
9 hope that they really paid close attention to
07:09 10 what you were saying here. Because I think
11 these are -- like, very, very important issues
12 for the city and county governments to be
13 looking at.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: In most -- most
07:09 15 RABs throughout the nation -- the -- the
16 community co-chair in many RABs are placed in
17 there by the city manager or the mayor and
18 that's the way the -- the -- the caucus went --
19 you know, this is the kind of charge that they
07:09 20 have from the elected officials and that's the
21 way that they're operating.

22 George?

23 MR. RICE: I'd just like a
24 clarification from Allan. Are you saying that
07:09 25 before any land is transferred here on Kelly,

07:09 1 it will be cleaned up to the standards that you
2 require?

3 MR. POSNICK: The -- To be shown --
4 When the final remedy is in place, it needs to
07:09 5 be shown to be successfully operating and
6 that -- it -- it doesn't necessarily require
7 that the cleanup standard has to have been
8 achieved at that time, but it does require that
9 the -- that the regulators are satisfied that
07:10 10 that remedy is achieving and -- and the cleanup
11 goals will be met according to the approved
12 time lines.

13 MR. SOLIS: Question: You know, at
14 one time, it was understood that there would be
07:10 15 no transfer of land -- no transfer of
16 property -- until the cleanup was completed.
17 Subsequent to that time, there have been other
18 versions and discussions regarding at what
19 point should we transfer property or should it
07:10 20 not be transferred until the cleaning is
21 complete? Now, how do we stand today? Is
22 there a new title and say -- that can transfer
23 titles without cleaning it up?

24 MR. POSNICK: The cleanup -- Right.
07:11 25 Over the years that their -- the -- the

07:11 1 statute -- the federal statute of
2 CERCLA 120(h)(4) that requires federal property
3 to be successfully remediated before transfer
4 can be achieved, that was -- there was a
07:11 5 modification made to what "successfully
6 remediated" meant and the -- it was determined
7 by EPA that that -- the -- to attain that
8 120(h)(3) covenant, it didn't require that the
9 cleanup standard had to be achieved at the
07:11 10 time, but that the final remedy had to be in
11 place and shown to be successfully operating.

12 They felt that -- and Camille might be
13 able to help me on this -- that it -- it was a
14 good balance -- and being able to get the
07:12 15 property -- it's still -- you're still
16 achieving good protection of human health and
17 the environment because you've got a final
18 remedy that's shown to be successfully
19 operating and the cleanup is on its way to
07:12 20 completion -- and, at the same time, it allows
21 the property to be redeveloped. So --

22 MR. SOLIS: Well, early on, the fear
23 was when Kelly is no more -- there ain't no
24 Air Force, who can the people speak to
07:12 25 regarding the remedies being offered?

07:12 1 MR. POSNICK: Right. Well, the
2 Air Force is still on the hook. They're still
3 going to have a post-closure -- a hazardous
4 waste cleanup permit that the Air Force will
07:12 5 still be required to comply with even during
6 the -- during the ongoing remediation of the
7 these sites. So, even if the property is now
8 in the control of Greater Kelly Development
9 Corporation, the Air Force is still required to
07:13 10 operate those remediation systems until they're
11 complete -- until the cleanup standard has been
12 attained, whether it's 2010 or 2030. It is an
13 interesting point about the fact that the
14 Air Force will still be required to meet the
07:13 15 cleanup requirements under this permit at the
16 same time that that property could actually be
17 transferred while the cleanup is continuing.

18 MR. SOLIS: Or further contaminated.

19 MR. POSNICK: No. It should -- There
07:13 20 shouldn't be any further contamination. If any
21 other contamination is discovered -- even after
22 the transfer, that's attributable to the
23 Air Force, they'll still be required to go back
24 in and clean it up -- that's -- that's
07:13 25 something else that they're on the --

07:13 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Let me -- Let me
2 offer -- I'm not sure -- Now, it's on.

3 Let me offer -- Camille wanted to make a
4 comment and, then -- maybe we have the basis
07:14 5 for a future agenda item here -- but go ahead,
6 Camille.

7 MS. HUENI: There's one thing I would
8 like to clarify. There is a distinction
9 between how we're handling soils and how we're
07:14 10 handling groundwater. Soils will be cleaned up
11 to the appropriate standard, you know, prior to
12 any transfer of property by deed. The
13 groundwater remedies are -- are, of course, a
14 different situation -- because -- you know,
07:14 15 those are going to be taking place over a
16 longer period of time. So, for groundwater --
17 property to transfer, if -- if the remedy is in
18 place and operating successfully -- and that is
19 a determination that is made by both EPA and
07:14 20 TNRCC.

21 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Because of the
22 length of time it will take, right?

23 MS. HUENI: Yes, that is correct.

24 BGEN. BARNIDGE: It could be
07:14 25 20 years. The -- Okay. That's -- That's

07:14 1 exactly it -- on the top of your head -- what I
2 was thinking -- that we may have to put
3 together as an agenda item, but -- is that an
4 answer?

07:14 5 MR. SOLIS: Yes, to some degree -- to
6 some degree -- and I'm not sure that the
7 neighbors of Kelly, today, can understand what
8 you're saying. What if there's an
9 appropriation cut? What happens then?

07:15 10 See, we have that in the future. All this
11 has to be funded and we have put dollar
12 estimates on what it will cost and, then, it --
13 in our government, where people sometimes do
14 not approve certain programs and disallowing
07:15 15 them or cutting them -- how do we assure our
16 citizens that their interests will be attended
17 to?

18 MR. POSNICK: Like I mentioned
19 before, the hazardous waste cleanup permit that
07:15 20 should be issued to Kelly Air Force Base and
21 the Air Force within several months -- that is
22 your -- that is a legal instrument -- that's a
23 contract between the TNRCC and the Air Force
24 that requires them to continue to remediate
07:16 25 those sites until the cleanup is complete. If

07:16 1 they don't, we have enforcement authority to
2 take action against the Air Force -- and we
3 will continue to do inspections of those
4 systems annually, if necessary, to ensure that
07:16 5 they're operating successfully -- and, like I
6 say, if they were to stop -- shut off the
7 remediation system, we could take immediate
8 enforcement action. They're under a legal
9 binding contract to continue that remediation.

07:16 10 MR. QUINTANILLA: Does that include
11 off-base sites?

12 MR. POSNICK: Absolutely. Yes.

13 MR. QUINTANILLA: That's the
14 question.

07:16 15 MR. RICE: I'd like to just make one
16 comment based on what Juan said earlier.
17 Because the cleanup won't be completed and we
18 have companies like Boeing that are going to be
19 coming on -- using the same materials that
07:16 20 the -- that the aquifer is contaminated with --
21 when the cleanup doesn't go like we think it's
22 going to go, we're going to have a situation
23 where the Air Force and Boeing or some other
24 contractor are going to be pointing the fingers
07:17 25 at each other trying to lay the responsibility

07:17 1 for the problem on the other party and the
2 City of San Antonio isn't going to get anything
3 out of that.

4 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay.

07:17 5 MR. QUINTANILLA: Thank you very
6 much.

7 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Thank you
8 very much. Mr. Quintanilla? Very good.

9 MR. MURRAH: Excuse me?

07:17 10 BGEN. BARNIDGE: All right.

11 MR. SANDOVAL: I heard some
12 interesting discussions about that -- and I,
13 too, am a little confused with land transfers.
14 I've been associated with property transfers in
07:17 15 California, so I know how that kind of works
16 and how complicated and complex it is. I think
17 we might want to address that in the future as
18 maybe a special topic. Let us think about it
19 and get back to everybody.

07:17 20 MR. MURRAH: Could I get a
21 clarification on --

22 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Sir? Sam?

23 MR. MURRAH: Camille, you had said
24 something about the soils and then the water.

07:18 25 How do you separate those two?

07:18 1 MS. HUENI: I think that's a very
2 good question. The two actually are not
3 separate, per se. The ground -- The soils are
4 cleaned up to -- to both an exposure as a risk
07:18 5 based level both at the surface and also with
6 regard to the groundwater and protection
7 standards, so -- so that is considered at the
8 time of soil cleanup.

9 MR. MURRAH: Well -- I mean, how can
07:18 10 you do the groundwater without the soil being
11 cleaned up, also, at the same time?

12 MS. HUENI: Cleaning up the soil --
13 We want to make sure that the source areas are
14 cleaned up so that we're not sourcing any more
07:18 15 in the groundwater. So, that's the whole point
16 of cleaning up the soils. The groundwater
17 system, of course, are going to take longer to
18 clean up because we'll be pumping and treating
19 it, you know, for a period of time on the
07:19 20 system. So -- yes, they are interconnected and
21 we're aware of that. Both things will be
22 considered as we actually move along towards
23 final -- you know, final remedy and transfer.

24 MR. POSNICK: I just want to make one
07:19 25 final comment that -- Mr. Solis -- Right.

07:19 1 What happened with that policy about allowing
2 transfer to occur before the cleanup standard
3 had been achieved -- as Camille indicated, it
4 was really designed to address the long-term
07:19 5 groundwater cleanup. It wasn't really focused
6 on soil cleanups. It was because everybody
7 recognized that groundwater cleanups might take
8 20, 30 years to achieve and -- and it was
9 considered -- the remedies in place and
07:20 10 generally -- successfully operating that would
11 be appropriate at that time. It could be
12 transferred. However, like I say, there still
13 will be a legally binding contract that the
14 Air Force will be required to fulfill to
07:20 15 complete -- the cleanup.

16 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. With that,
17 we'll take that as the final comment on the --
18 Mr. Quintanilla's brief -- and I think the next
19 agenda item is a break. Everybody gets ten
07:20 20 minutes and not a second longer. Okay?

21 Cookies and punch -- and you may want to
22 study some of the posters we've got set up
23 around -- focus feasibility study in the back.

24 (Short break taken.)

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07:33 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: We're going to press
2 on -- for all of you-all back there still
3 stealing cookies, we're going to press on
4 without you.

07:34 5 MR. SANDOVAL: All right. For those
6 of us who have agendas, the next item is
7 Point No. V -- the cleanup schedule for
8 FY '98 -- and that's going to be presented by
9 Captain de Venoge.

07:34 10 CAPT. DE VENOGUE: Okay. Thank you,
11 sir.

12 For all the RAB members -- if you take a
13 look, you should have a handout that looks
14 something like this -- basically, the slides
07:34 15 that I'll be going over here for this
16 presentation -- six by six slides.

17 Okay. The purpose of the briefing tonight
18 is pretty much to go over what are going to be
19 some of the key activities that are going to be
07:34 20 taking place in the environmental restoration
21 program through 1998. This was actually
22 something that we were planning on doing about
23 three months ago -- at the beginning of the
24 year -- and got preempted by a few things.

07:35 25 So, be that as it may, it's still appropriate

07:35 1 and relevant information and we're going to go
2 ahead and present it here tonight.

3 Okay. Just to give you a -- just to get
4 your bearings again on the areas that I'll be
07:35 5 talking about -- of course, we break everything
6 up into the program into different geographical
7 zones around the base -- and these are the
8 color coded zones -- and, very quickly, I'll go
9 in order -- Zone 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

07:35 10 Zone 1 -- recall that the area -- that's
11 where the golf course is located. Okay? These
12 are the properties that are going to be
13 transferred to Lackland Air Force Base. Okay.
14 And, also, recall that Zone 1 -- we have Leon
07:35 15 Creek running through there. Okay. So,
16 that's -- and there's, basically, landfill
17 smattered out through it -- through it there.

18 Zone 2 is the area south of Southwest
19 Military Drive -- also bound, in part, by
07:36 20 Leon Creek. Zone 3 is really our industrial
21 complex where a lot of the on-base aircraft
22 maintenance operations took place and still do
23 take place. Zone 4 is the East Kelly Air Force
24 Base area located to the east of the rest of
07:36 25 the main facility and has been an area of a lot

07:36 1 of attention as of late. And, lastly, is
2 Zone 5, which is sort of our central region
3 where we find a lot of warehouse areas.

4 So, with that in mind, I'm going to review
07:36 5 our schedule for each of the respective zones.
6 Very quickly, what I'm trying to show here is,
7 basically, where we've been and where we're
8 going with our cleanup program. The
9 installation restoration program really started
07:36 10 around 1982 in DoD and and we find ourselves,
11 really, still, today, in what's called the
12 study phase -- and what I mean when I say
13 "study phase" is activities that are related
14 to preliminary assessment, site investigation,
07:37 15 and remedial investigation and feasibility
16 study. Okay. I'll be going into that a little
17 bit more in a second.

18 Again, we're still finding ourselves in
19 some of the areas -- some of the sites --
07:37 20 still in this -- final stages of the study
21 phase. What we're going to be doing is
22 ultimately transitioning everything to cleanup
23 where we actually go out and we do remedial
24 designs of -- remedial actions -- and
07:37 25 implement those designs and construction

07:37 1 projects -- put cleanup systems in place,
2 basically. Ultimately, after those cleanup
3 systems are in place, what you have is
4 long-term operations and long-term monitoring,
07:37 5 which extend for the life of the cleanup
6 project.

7 Okay. Just a quick refresher on some of
8 the steps in the IRP process. Again, "PA" is
9 preliminary assessment. This is what we pretty
07:37 10 much started back in 1982 with the inception of
11 IRP. Where we find ourselves today is
12 somewhere in the middle of this stairway and,
13 naturally, moving on towards the top of the
14 steps. As you'll see in a minute, some of the
07:38 15 time, we still have some remedial
16 investigations -- feasibility studies --
17 ongoing, but those are actually getting ready
18 to wrap up -- and what you're going to see here
19 as I go through the '98 activities is -- this
07:38 20 is a very, very, very busy year for us -- as
21 will be '99 -- as the regulators can attest
22 to -- because they're being bombarded by
23 documents -- as is the TRS -- and, so,
24 hopefully -- this, basically, gives you the
07:38 25 backdrop of some of the activities I'll be

07:38 1 talking about here.

2 Okay. Then, starting with Zone 1 --
3 again, this is the area where we have the golf
4 course that will be going ultimately to
07:38 5 Lackland Air Force Base at some point in time.
6 What we have right now is -- we're -- we're in
7 the midst of really doing some more work on the
8 feasibility study. Okay? That's going to
9 occur throughout all of 1998 -- essentially,
07:38 10 filling in data gaps that were identified
11 through the regulatory community -- filling in
12 some of the data gaps and trying to gather some
13 more data and, ultimately, doing a review of
14 some of the alternatives of what we're using on
07:39 15 some of the sites in Zone 1 -- and, again,
16 that's just for the soils.

17 As far as the groundwater, the feasibility
18 study has been approved some time ago and we've
19 actually moved on to the remedial design
07:39 20 phase. We'll be going out and looking at the
21 site and the remedial action systems that are
22 going to be used in -- around the various
23 sites -- and that will ultimately -- well,
24 primarily what that is for right now is for
07:39 25 leachate collection systems at this point. If

07:39 1 you're familiar with Zone 1 at all -- it's
2 a -- it's a real hotbed for landfills and that
3 sort of thing and there's a lot of materials
4 that made their way into the groundwater -- and
07:39 5 primarily what we're looking for in terms of
6 groundwater is leachate collection systems
7 there.

8 And, then, just very quickly, IRA -- it
9 stands for interim remedial actions. Those are
07:39 10 activities where we've basically gone out --
11 prior to walking through the whole IRP process,
12 we've gone out and made some assumptions --
13 say, "This is probably the technology that
14 we're going to be using here at this particular
07:40 15 site. Let's go ahead and put it in rather than
16 study the site to death." We've done that
17 quite extensively in Zone 1. In fact, it's
18 probably one of the first areas where we've put
19 in a lot of our pump and treat systems -- and,
07:40 20 right now, we're continuing to optimize those
21 systems. Optimization is kind of a process
22 that will occur through the life of the cleanup
23 program. After you get these systems in place,
24 you want to continually make sure they're
07:40 25 operating successfully and satisfactorily.

07:40 1 Okay. I'll move on to Zone 2. Again,
2 Zone 2 is the area in the south part of the
3 base -- Southwest Military Drive and down by
4 Leon Creek. We're in the process, right now,
07:40 5 of actually developing the remedial design for
6 the soil and -- and the groundwater -- and, in
7 fact, the regulators should -- I think, either
8 this week or next week -- probably receive
9 final remedial -- that should be coming -- and,
07:40 10 again, the groundwater remedial design project
11 is also occurring at the same time that that
12 is.

13 I don't want to go too much into the
14 technologies that we're looking at -- because
07:41 15 that -- that's a whole different conversation
16 to itself. But, primarily, we're looking after
17 the soils -- really, just a handful of
18 technologies that we really find most
19 applicable to the sites on Kelly -- and that's
07:41 20 primarily an excavation -- maybe you can get
21 the materials out of there and it's feasible to
22 do so -- if you're able to do that, then --
23 we've actually done quite a bit of that in the
24 past and we'll continue to do that for the
07:41 25 RD and RA for the rest of this year -- and the

07:41 1 other option, of course, is -- is capping.

2 Okay. So, after we finish up the -- after
3 we get approval from the regulatory community
4 on remedial design, we, then, move into the
07:41 5 remedial action phase where we actually go out
6 and we construct or we excavate the assorted
7 remedies for those sites.

8 Moving on to Zone 3 -- again, this is
9 industrial area. Some of you may be familiar
07:41 10 with the some of the sites in Zone 3 -- in
11 particular -- probably our most famous site, if
12 you will, is Site MP -- location of the former
13 metal plating shop. The remedial design
14 activities in Zone 3 are actually ongoing right
07:42 15 now -- and this is another one that we're
16 getting ready to send to the regulators,
17 also -- it should be going out here in the very
18 near future -- is the final remedial design for
19 soil around the different sites in Zone 3 --
07:42 20 and following approval of remedial design, we
21 will go ahead and, then, start the remedial
22 action process of implementing the alternatives
23 selected for this soil in the Zone 3 sites.

24 Also, starting earlier this year, we -- we
07:42 25 actually did a lot of upgrades to the interim

07:42 1 remedial actions that we have in the Zone 3
2 area. Most notably, the -- we really are
3 just -- we're just actually finishing up the
4 optimization project on the containment system
07:42 5 for Site MP. So --

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: This remedial
7 action that you have there for Zone 3, is that
8 in the neighborhoods?

9 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: The one I was
07:43 10 referring to was Site MP, Mr. Quintanilla.

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: Was what, sir?

12 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Was Site MP.

13 Site MP is in the former metal plating shop at
14 the intersection of --

07:43 15 MR. QUINTANILLA: But you will not
16 have any in place for the neighborhoods by the
17 end of the third quarter -- any remedial
18 actions in place?

19 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: No, sir, not off
20 base.

21 MR. QUINTANILLA: When do you plan to
22 have some remedial actions off base?

23 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: I don't know if I
24 can answer that right now, sir. I think those
07:43 25 are decisions there we're going to get into

07:43 1 with the regulators after we work through the
2 remedial design process. But it's a question
3 that we will certainly entertain -- if you want
4 to make a note of that one, Dick.

07:43 5 Okay. Moving on --

6 MR. RICE: Tom, just to clarify,
7 everything you're talking about here is on base
8 rather than off base; is that correct?

9 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Well, actually,
07:43 10 no. Zone 4 -- I'm going to start talking about
11 off base.

12 MR. RICE: Okay. Thank you.

13 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: And on that note,
14 let me talk about what we're doing in Zone 4
07:44 15 off base. Right now, as you may know, we have
16 the ongoing remedial investigation project --
17 and what we're -- what we're doing is -- at
18 this point, essentially, trying to go out and
19 further delineate the extent of the
07:44 20 contamination that is going off base. As -- As
21 late as last week, I think, we put together
22 some proposed locations of additional
23 monitoring wells for the off-base area. Those
24 were mailed out. Mr. Sandoval received a copy
07:44 25 of that and the regulators also received a

07:44 1 copy. Those locations, as I said, are
2 proposed. So, we still have some massaging to
3 do in terms of exactly where those are going to
4 go and where the best spot is to put those, but
07:44 5 those activities are -- are ongoing at this
6 point -- and will be for some time, as you can
7 see, through the remainder of the year.

8 MR. SANDOVAL: Tom, let me just add
9 one thing -- excuse me for interrupting because
07:44 10 I know how disturbing that is when you
11 interrupt a presentation -- we have an
12 individual -- Joe Ebert is going to give us
13 a -- a little -- a quick overview -- brief
14 presentation on what that Zone 4 off-site
07:44 15 monitoring as being. Basically, what it is --
16 it's a map with proposed well locations -- and
17 I think this is good information that -- you
18 can look at the map and see, where the
19 monitoring wells are going to go -- we can
07:45 20 explain the issues -- and this will be done
21 right after Thomas' presentation. Thanks, Tom.

22 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Sure.

23 Okay. And happening concurrently with the
24 remedial investigation is the feasibility study
07:45 25 for the soil and the groundwater in Zone 1.

07:45 1 Okay?

2 I talked a little bit earlier about the
3 focus feasibility studies and the concept of
4 interim remedial action -- because, ultimately,
07:45 5 what we're doing -- if you've been reading the
6 papers and attending the community forums --
7 we've kind of been beating that drum that we're
8 going to -- we're going to go in and,
9 basically, put in what are called interim
07:45 10 remedial actions around the perimeter of the
11 Zone 4 geographical area -- okay -- and,
12 again, the purpose of Joe -- Joe Ebert is the
13 project manager for that and he will address
14 that after my discussion.

07:45 15 Okay. The last zone I'll talk about is
16 Zone 5. Again, this was the central region of
17 the base. The remedial investigation,
18 actually -- I think we're in the final throes
19 of getting this one finished up. We've got
07:46 20 some comments that we're working on from the
21 regulators and we're sort of -- we're finishing
22 that one up -- and, concurrently with that,
23 we're also working on the feasibility study for
24 the soil and the groundwater for all the sites
07:46 25 in Zone 1.

07:46 1 Of particular noteworthy mention, though,
2 is the work that we're doing up at Site S-1,
3 which is on the north side -- northern boundary
4 of the base. We have what's basically a focus
07:46 5 feasibility study for a source removal up there
6 that we are presently engaged in -- and,
7 ultimately, that will hopefully be the final
8 remedy for that site. The last one there is
9 something I intended to delete so you can
07:46 10 disregard the one -- that was an optimization
11 project for the extraction system up there,
12 which actually occurred -- has already taken
13 place.

14 Okay. I'd like to just very quickly hit
07:47 15 on a project known as the basewide remedial
16 assessment or the BRA -- and what the BRA is --
17 it's an annual -- what's called a groundwater
18 snapshot. It's a -- It's a brief moment in
19 time, if you will, that we try to get a picture
07:47 20 of what our groundwater conditions look like,
21 both on base and off base. Okay? And here's
22 the key activities that are associated with
23 BRA -- and I've got a few of them listed here:
24 There's quarterly events that are happening;
07:47 25 RCRA monitoring for RCRA regulated units on

07:47 1 base and basewide water level measurements.
2 Also, the annual sampling event which is really
3 our big event for each and every year that --
4 that we used to develop the plume maps that you
07:47 5 saw this evening back -- by the back of the
6 table back there -- that will be -- actually be
7 occurring this month into May and part of June.
8 Okay. And just to wrap it up -- I just
9 want to give you a feel for -- just a matrix
07:47 10 for what it is we're kind of dealing with in
11 terms of our site inventory. We do have 52 IRP
12 sites. Okay? Of those -- this year, we're
13 presently still on the study phase for about 16
14 of those. We have about 15 sites where we are
07:48 15 in the process of developing what's called
16 decision documents. Okay? And if you continue
17 to move to the right there, you can see that
18 we have 21 NFRAP sites. NFRAP means no
19 further remedial action planned -- and those
07:48 20 are sites either that didn't warrant or that
21 didn't need cleanup activities or that have
22 already been cleaned up -- and when we get
23 state regulator -- state and EPA concurrence on
24 that -- we call those sites "site closed."
25 Okay?

07:48 1 So, if you look down at the end of '98 --
2 hopefully, this year -- we are going to
3 actually be moving a lot of the sites into the
4 cleanup category, administratively -- that
07:48 5 means we will have -- just signed decision
6 documents in place -- and, also, we'll actually
7 be able to -- hopefully, move over a lot of the
8 sites in the site closed category -- and that's
9 what we're working on right now.

07:49 10 So, with that, I will wrap it up and turn
11 it back to Mr. Sandoval.

12 MR. RICE: I have a question, Tom.

13 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Yes, sir.

14 MR. RICE: For your cleanup
07:49 15 activities -- interim remedial actions or
16 remedial designs or focus feasibility
17 studies --

18 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Yes.

19 MR. RICE: -- do any of those -- are
07:49 20 any of those being conducted for off-base
21 areas?

22 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: The interim --

23 No -- No, sir. Right now, the --

24 MR. RICE: FFS, RD and IRA?

07:49 25 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: The FFS -- focus

07:49 1 feasibility studies -- are all for on-base
2 areas. The IRA is for all -- for containment.
3 MR. RICE: All on base?
4 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Right.
07:49 5 MR. RICE: And the remedial design?
6 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: We're not there,
7 yet -- in the off-base area --
8 MR. RICE: Okay.
9 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: -- not in that
07:49 10 stage of the game, yet.
11 MR. QUINTANILLA: When will you be?
12 MR. RICE: Thank you.
13 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Well, let's see. I
14 think -- if we looked at, probably, Zone 4 and
07:49 15 Zone 5 -- I think the RD is going to be '99.
16 Does that sound right? '99? '99 -- next year.
17 MR. QUINTANILLA: Zone 3?
18 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Zone 3 --
19 MR. QUINTANILLA: '99?
07:50 20 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Yeah.
21 MR. QUINTANILLA: That means that our
22 neighborhoods are going to be -- start being
23 cleaned up in '99?
24 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: We will be looking
07:50 25 at doing the remedial design in '99 --

07:50 1 MR. QUINTANILLA: But the cleanup --

2 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: -- and remedial --

3 remedial action is actually -- really -- you

4 know, you're putting the remediation systems

07:50 5 into the ground -- that will occur after the

6 remedial design, which will be before 2001.

7 MR. SANDOVAL: Thanks, Tom. A couple

8 of comments that I had: As everybody can see,

9 this is a very complex -- between Zone 1 to

07:50 10 Zone 5 -- and everything from the PA all the

11 way to long-term monitoring -- and I think we

12 had talked about this, as far as tracking

13 documents.

14 In regards to what you presented, can we

07:51 15 make a note to try to get a list of documents

16 of when they're going to hit so that the RAB

17 and the TRS kind of know what's coming out at

18 least a couple months in advance?

19 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Yes. Actually, we

20 have something like that that we've recently

21 developed with the help of the regulators and

22 we can share that.

23 MR. SANDOVAL: Let me ask another

24 question, too: We talked about implementation

07:51 25 of off-base systems -- or the implementation of

07:51 1 remedial actions. Has it always been the year
2 2001 for a commitment date or has that been
3 pushed back or moved forward?

4 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Do you mean -- I
07:51 5 guess our goal, really -- and just speaking in
6 general terms -- our goal, I think, for some
7 time has been to have cleanup systems in place
8 before July, 2001.

9 MR. SANDOVAL: All right. Thank you,
07:51 10 Tom.

11 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Yes, sir.

12 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Good.

13 MR. SANDOVAL: We'd like to move
14 right into Joe Ebert's presentation on the
07:52 15 installation of monitoring wells off base for
16 Zone 4 -- and, I think, if you can give us the
17 quick purpose and the rationale --

18 MR. EBERT: I can probably do that.

19 MR. SANDOVAL: You may -- Excuse his
20 presentation materials. This is something we
21 just found out about and wanted Joe to talk us
22 through, so -- he doesn't have all the pretty
23 graphs.

24 MR. EBERT: This is, kind of,
07:52 25 come-as-you-are. I'll do the best I can with

07:52 1 what we have here.

2 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Joe, back up right
3 against the screen so the maximum number of
4 people can see from each side, if you would,
5 please -- right up against the screen.

6 MR. EBERT: Okay. How's that? Can
7 everybody see that pretty well?

8 Hi. I'm Joe Ebert and I'm the Zone 4
9 project manager -- and, again, this is just a,
07:53 10 kind of, come-as-you-are presentation about
11 what's going on with the Zone 4 off-base
12 investigation.

13 Last summer, we put a new line of wells
14 out here -- and it looks like this plume has
07:53 15 grown over the last year or so. Well, it
16 really hasn't grown. This has been here for a
17 number of years. We just found out that --
18 with that string of wells that -- you know,
19 "Hey, we've got a problem." It's gone out
07:53 20 further than we thought originally -- and we
21 got to this point here and we still hadn't
22 found the end of the plume -- the solvent
23 plume -- and, so, what we did -- we got with
24 our contractor and we developed a rationale to
07:53 25 go out further and try and find the end of this

07:53 1 groundwater plume.

2 Now, this map really isn't big enough,
3 because our investigations actually go off of
4 the end of this map here. But what we plan on
07:54 5 doing is putting in a number of wells on five
6 different lines -- about four wells per line.
7 There's going to be four on this line coming
8 off the top of East Kelly to the east, off of
9 the center of East Kelly to the east, down at
07:54 10 the bottom part of East Kelly to the east, kind
11 of to the southeast here and, then, the
12 southeast down on this other part of the plume
13 right here -- and we spaced them approximately
14 800 to 1,000 feet apart -- and our rationale
07:54 15 for that is -- we tried to determine what the
16 maximum extent of the contamination -- the
17 travel of the contamination could be based on
18 how fast the water moves in this area. We
19 think it's going to be about 10,000 feet from
07:54 20 the boundary of the base. So, we've gone out
21 to that last -- that 10,000-foot distance --
22 and that puts us approximately at
23 Pleasanton Road to the east -- it's a bit
24 past 35 -- 35 runs right here --
07:55 25 Pleasanton Road is right over here. When we

07:55 1 get to that point there, we -- we feel like
2 we've -- we're going to find an MCL -- the
3 maximum contaminant level -- of the contaminant
4 at that point -- and our rationale -- our
07:55 5 methodology is -- we're going to go out along
6 these -- these five lines along the -- that
7 I've told you about -- where -- the southeast
8 to the east -- and we're going to put in a soil
9 boring to begin with and we're going to take a
07:55 10 screening sample off the bottom of that -- out
11 of the hole -- out of the soil boring -- and we
12 hope that by the time we get -- we go out
13 sequentially from the west to the east, we hope
14 that somewhere along that line we're going to
07:55 15 reach the MCL line of the plume -- and that's
16 kind of the rationale and the methodology that
17 we're going to use.

18 BGEN. BARNIDGE: And time line on
19 this, Joe?

07:56 20 MR. EBERT: Well, we plan on going
21 out to the field by the end of April -- first
22 part of May -- we'll be out there in the
23 neighborhood -- and you'll see us out there
24 with our drilling rig in those areas -- and we
07:56 25 hope that, by the end of June, we'll have all

07:56 1 the wells in and we'll be sampling all these
2 wells with our basewide remedial assessment all
3 at one period to give us a bigger picture.
4 Instead of getting different information at
07:56 5 different times, we'll get all the information
6 at one time and, then, we'll be able to
7 generate another map like this and show you,
8 yes, we have found the end of it or, no, we
9 haven't -- and, possibly, we have to go out
07:56 10 even further. What we hope -- by the time we
11 get to that last line of wells, that's going to
12 be as far as we need to go.

13 George?

14 MR. RICE: Yeah, Joe. This is a
07:56 15 Zone 3 question, but you may know the answer.

16 MR. EBERT: Okay.

17 MR. RICE: You know, when we
18 installed the well on Armando's property, we
19 found that the groundwater was contaminated
07:56 20 there. So, do you-all have any plans to go --
21 extend monitor well network -- around or south
22 of his property to see how far that plume might
23 extend?

24 MR. EBERT: Not under my project.
07:57 25 We're going off of East Kelly now -- because

07:57 1 Rhonda Hampton, who is the Zone 3 manager --
2 maybe Tom de Venoge can talk about that, but --
3 she is doing some additional investigation down
4 here, I believe. You can talk to her a little
07:57 5 bit, but I --

6 MR. SANDOVAL: Can we make a note of
7 that, Dick -- and, then, we'll deal with that
8 as the TRS or -- as an issue -- an agenda
9 item?

07:57 10 That's a good point, George.

11 MR. EBERT: I hope that answered
12 everyone's questions. Again, I didn't have a
13 whole lot of prepared information, but I'm
14 willing to answer any questions you-all have
07:57 15 about Zone 4.

16 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. From the RAB
17 membership, any other questions about this? A
18 point I'd like to make is: As you can you
19 tell -- this is both for the membership, as
07:57 20 well as for the audience -- we're struggling
21 mightily here to get away from spending time on
22 procedure and pomp and circumstance and more
23 towards the substantive issues that I think
24 we're all interested in. Sometimes this will
07:58 25 cause introduction of things like this -- as

07:58 1 we -- as we find out about them or find out
2 that information would be interested -- as
3 Damian brought this up tonight and he said --
4 you know, "Everybody would be interested in
07:58 5 this" -- and it just didn't occur to anybody,
6 so -- so we quickly lined this up. But
7 that's -- that's the direction that we're --
8 we're trying to move the RAB and -- and I --
9 and just like we're moving the technical
07:58 10 discussions -- like George's very appropriate
11 question there -- to the TRS for the technical
12 subcommittee in this -- in a more oversight
13 broadcast kind of fashion -- the way Joe did
14 here with this -- to give everybody, kind of,
07:58 15 the big picture -- and that's -- that's what
16 we're about -- and I appreciate that, Joe.
17 From off the top of your head, you did real
18 good and thanks to Damian for bringing it up.
19 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Thanks, Joe,
07:59 20 appreciate that.
21 Next on our schedule is Item No. VI:
22 Results -- Health Department Well Study -- and
23 that's by Mr. Sam Sanchez.
24 MR. SANCHEZ: The Health Department
07:59 25 looked at about 62 different sites in that area

07:59 1 on East Kelly when the first information had
2 come out that there was a plume that had gone
3 farther than was originally thought of,
4 according to the information that Kelly Air
07:59 5 Force Base had provided. We went out and
6 sampled residences, businesses, schools and
7 day care centers, primarily, for those four
8 chemicals of concern that were indicated; TCE,
9 PCE, vinyl chloride and DCE. We did not find
07:59 10 any -- anything on any -- we did not get any
11 hits on any of that water. So, that was -- you
12 know, we can -- right now -- at least, the
13 local health department is fairly well assured
14 that the drinking water that the residents are
07:59 15 drinking in that area is safe.

16 We are continuing to look at other wells.
17 Citizens are calling our department and we're
18 looking at -- not necessarily at East Kelly,
19 but even in the north Kelly area some -- some
08:00 20 residents have contacted us -- and when that
21 occurs, we'll -- I'll send a team of health
22 inspectors out to the site. We will map the
23 location of the well from where it is in
24 relation to the property and get a -- kind of
08:00 25 get a little bit better fix. Many of the wells

08:00 1 that are there are old agricultural wells
2 that -- the locations are almost lost, really,
3 in time. Many of the wells that we did survey
4 were not in use. We found three of the
08:00 5 wells -- out of 28 wells that we surveyed,
6 three of them were actually in use, two of them
7 were being used for drinking water, one was
8 being used for bathing purposes. We did not
9 find any of those chemicals in the -- in
08:00 10 that -- those that we did sample -- and -- and,
11 also, for the purpose of analysis, we used a
12 private reference laboratory -- San Antonio
13 Testing Laboratory -- to give us a different
14 laboratory analysis.

08:01 15 I will say, though, that the
16 Bexar Metropolitan Water Company -- which is
17 the primary purveyor of water to the area on
18 East Kelly -- also conducted some samples of --
19 for raw water purposes -- and those are
08:01 20 Edwards wells that they did sample -- and they
21 sent -- they used Southwest Research as their
22 reference laboratory -- and those samples came
23 out negative, as well. So, we're very
24 comforted in that -- however, I don't think
08:01 25 that -- that we can relax any vigilance in

08:01 1 terms of looking at the groundwater in this
2 area. There may be other -- you know, some
3 people that have wells or -- you know -- or
4 that -- that may be on wells that they don't
08:01 5 know they're on wells. I mean, this is a very
6 real possibility.

7 What we have come up with -- with the
8 Air Force -- is to try to look at an -- do an
9 electronic search of CPSB connections and water
08:02 10 connections and try to determine if there is
11 anybody else using water that we cannot account
12 for -- and that particular aspect of the
13 investigation is continuing.

14 That's all I have to report, sir.

08:02 15 BGEN. BARNIDGE: I've got a
16 question. Excuse me. Sam, what is the
17 location of those Edwards wells you say you
18 sampled?

19 MR. SANCHEZ: The Edwards wells were
08:02 20 located in -- Well, they were right -- right
21 where you see that plume -- they're right --
22 the plume is right over those wells.

23 BGEN. BARNIDGE: And they came back
24 negative?

08:02 25 MR. SANCHEZ: Those were water wells

08:02 1 that Bexar Met uses for -- those are called
2 distribution wells -- that's the actual wells
3 that they pump out of and pump into their
4 storage tanks for distribution to their
08:02 5 customers.

6 BGEN. BARNIDGE: And they came back
7 negative?

8 MR. SANCHEZ: They came back
9 negative, yes.

08:02 10 MR. SANDOVAL: George?

11 MR. RICE: Yeah. Sam, I think it was
12 two technical committee meetings ago when you
13 and Nick, from Bexar Met, said you would get
14 the analytical data to the RAB. Do you think
08:03 15 you'd be able to have that by the next TRS
16 meeting?

17 MR. SANCHEZ: I can provide it to
18 anybody, George --

19 MR. RICE: Can I just give you a
20 call -- and, then --

21 MR. SANCHEZ: You can just come to my
22 office and --

23 MR. RICE: Sure.

24 MR. SANCHEZ: -- we'll pull it out
08:03 25 and you can take a look at it.

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MR. RICE: Thanks.

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MR. SANCHEZ: And not just for

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George, but for anybody else in the community

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that wants to take a look at it -- they can

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take a look at it.

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MR. QUINTANILLA: May we have copies

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of it?

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MR. SANCHEZ: Absolutely.

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MR. SANDOVAL: Can you write that

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down as an action item -- or, Sam --

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MS. HUENI: Sam, I have a question.

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The 28 wells that you -- that you talked about,

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were those shallow wells or deeper wells?

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MR. SANCHEZ: They would be

08:03 15

considered shallow wells.

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MR. POSNICK: For my clarification --

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I know Kelly is in the process of doing a

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shallow well survey. Is that within the

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existing area of contamination or does it go --

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is that survey going to go beyond the currently

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defined extent of contamination?

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MR. EBERT: I can probably answer

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that one, as well. I'm doing that project,

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too.

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We've gone out to the extent -- Let me

08:04 1 look at the map over here. We've gone -- We've
2 done -- in the past -- an area north of main
3 base over here in the Quintana Road
4 neighborhood and just over here. Now that we
08:04 5 found this plume is further out, we've extended
6 our search area out to 35 for private wells --
7 not only shallow wells, but Edwards wells, as
8 well.

9 Anybody who has a well and wants it
08:04 10 sampled, we'll go out and take a look at it.
11 We've discovered -- in this new survey --
12 about another ten wells that need to be looked
13 at -- and we're willing to go out and look at
14 any others we can find. Yes, we have extended
08:05 15 our search out to 35.

16 MR. SANDOVAL: Joe, this begs the
17 question again: Are we going to have another
18 massive out-mailing to residents in the area
19 who could be potentially impacted like we did
08:05 20 for the first well?

21 MR. EBERT: If we find that the
22 contamination is further than we think it is, I
23 would think, yes. We did 14,000 in December to
24 the area that we're concerned about now. If we
08:05 25 don't find the end of that plume, we may have

08:05 1 to go further.

2 MR. SANDOVAL: Just so I get clear in
3 mind -- as far as sequencing -- you guys are
4 going out to install wells first from west to
08:05 5 east to find out if it's gone beyond what you
6 think it has? And, then, does the water --
7 does the Health Department follow that activity
8 or do they do that in concert with your wells?

9 MR. SANCHEZ: Our sampling is
08:05 10 independent from the Air Force and we --
11 you know, citizens -- if they identify a
12 water -- you know, a well -- water wells in the
13 area -- obviously, the Air Force has a lot more
14 resources than the Health Department in
08:06 15 San Antonio -- but, right now, I think the
16 Health Department is the only other outside
17 agency that's looking at those water wells,
18 that I know of.

19 MR. EBERT: What we do -- Excuse me,
08:06 20 Sam. Go ahead.

21 MR. SANCHEZ: But if they identify --
22 you know, they will identify those wells and
23 survey them -- and after they're identified, I
24 will send a team of inspectors to verify that
08:06 25 they're not being used for drinking purposes.

08:06 1 If they are being used for drinking purposes, I
2 will sample them independently of the Air Force
3 to determine if there is any contamination
4 there -- and I think I have to do that.

08:06 5 MR. EBERT: And what we have done,
6 Damian, is give the information to the
7 Health Department for them to be an independent
8 third-party. So, the residents are not getting
9 all their information from the Air Force. We
10 give it to him so that he can be the --

11 MR. WALTERS: If I could point out:
12 Our mailings always go further than the map.
13 So, the map goes out -- the mail went to 35.
14 When the map begins to approach further out,
08:07 15 the mailing, again, will go beyond the map. We
16 stay ahead in households we've reached.

17 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you.

18 Okay. Good topic. Good, kind of,
19 off-the-cuff, kind of, presentation.

08:07 20 Next item -- Point No. VII. This is kind
21 of a new agenda item where we -- we discussed,
22 over a couple weeks -- or after the last RAB
23 was -- we were getting a lot of questions
24 asked, but there wasn't really a formal process
08:07 25 to deal with or answer these questions in the

08:07 1 RAB. So, we came up with a process to identify
2 the question, identify the person and the
3 action and -- at the next formal RAB
4 meeting -- to actually bring up those issues
08:07 5 and go ahead and present them. So, as we go
6 through the list -- these questions are a
7 result of the last RAB meeting.

8 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Since
9 99 percent of them are -- I owe the answer on
08:07 10 them -- let me just run down the laundry list
11 here.

12 First of all, Ms. Adames, we talked at the
13 last RAB about the potential need for CEJA to
14 have some time in a RAB session to come in and
08:08 15 present either comments or -- or concerns --
16 and, as we talked, I believe we -- you were
17 going to think about whether this forum was
18 functioning fine as it was with the
19 representation that CEJA has on it or whether
08:08 20 we needed to structure some individual time.
21 So, I'd ask for your thoughts, please.

22 MS. ADAMES: No. Everything has been
23 going fine. As I stated, our community did
24 hold a meeting and we discussed it and -- if
08:08 25 there's any further need, we'll get in touch

08:08 1 with you.

2 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Excellent.

3 Thank you. And that's -- that's what we -- the

4 way we want to keep it -- is just -- if it

08:08 5 ain't going right, give a call and we'll --

6 we'll work it.

7 Okay. The next -- I believe I owe

8 Mr. Quintanilla a comment on rules for

9 disestablishment of RABs. As I recall, the

08:08 10 question, "Was there any guiding legislation or

11 guidance" -- "formalized guidance?" And,

12 interestingly, we've -- we came up with quite a

13 lot of dialogue on the disestablishment of

14 RABs -- and, in fact, the final answer was

08:09 15 there is no defined guidance.

16 Mrs. Pat Rivers, who -- you may know the

17 name --

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: I know her.

19 BGEN. BARNIDGE: -- was the lead for

08:09 20 DoD -- and there was -- they were in the

21 process -- for everyone else's benefit -- they

22 were in the process of creating some rules on

23 how to disestablish RABs and that created such

24 a --

08:09 25 MR. QUINTANILLA: Furor.

08:09 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Furor? A furor? It
2 created such a furor of objections that they
3 just withdrew the -- the initiative to do
4 that. So, there is no guidance on how to --
08:09 5 disestablishment. So, I suppose the way that
6 we would do it here would be -- is when
7 everybody decides -- who's a member of the
8 RAB -- that we no longer need ourselves, that's
9 when we'd do it. But, until then, there's no
08:10 10 guiding legislation or rules or policy or
11 anything else.

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: Before you go --

13 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Sir?

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: They started out
08:10 15 with the disestablishment of RABs, then they
16 decided to sunset the RABs and now the latest
17 is that they're going to adjourn the RABs. The
18 conflict is: What will the responsibility of
19 the RABs be if they continue? I believe
08:10 20 Mr. Posnick has some information on that.

21 MR. POSNICK: Well, I just have some
22 information I picked up concerning the last
23 DERTF meeting held in Phoenix, Arizona, where
24 they -- there was a discussion at that DERTF
08:10 25 meeting concerning adjourning RABs and -- the

08:10 1 criteria that DoD was looking at for -- meeting
2 criteria for possibly adjourning a RAB or -- it
3 wouldn't appear that this RAB would meet any of
4 those criteria -- and, like I say, this was
08:10 5 just discussion. I don't know what -- what
6 conclusions might have been made at that DERTF
7 meeting. But some of the criteria was: When
8 there is no longer an environmental restoration
9 program, when all the restoration decisions
08:11 10 have been filed and all remedies are in place
11 and operating properly and successfully and all
12 the BRAC cleanup teams have been
13 disestablished, where there is no longer
14 sufficient sustained community interest. We
08:11 15 don't have any of these criteria here, so --
16 just for what it's worth --

17 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Good.

18 Thank you.

19 The next one was city/county community
08:11 20 forum highlights and -- actually, I think the
21 best presentation of the highlights was in the
22 media -- both -- both on the TV when I was
23 stuttering and stammering and -- and better
24 by -- by our journalist for both Express-News
08:11 25 and La Prensa. If anyone -- for the sake of

08:11 1 time management -- if anyone needs to know or
2 would like to know any particular aspects of
3 the city/county community forum, then -- then
4 we -- Damian and I both -- and anyone else who
08:12 5 attended -- can certainly tell you, it was a
6 very, very good forum -- a very healthy forum,
7 I think -- that everybody agreed -- and there
8 is another one, which -- as I have heard
9 lately -- will be scheduled in June -- after an
08:12 10 ATSDR report is out. So, that's -- that seems
11 to be where the train is headed -- and that's
12 not finalized, yet -- but I did hear that
13 recently.

14 Let's see. I owed Mr. Quintanilla a
08:12 15 comment as to whether or not a permit was
16 required for the Quintana Road project and the
17 answer is no. As the lawyers the last time
18 told you -- we went at it from a different
19 angle than what they did, but the -- but the
08:12 20 answer turned out the same and -- tell you the
21 truth, I don't remember all the details of why
22 any more.

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: Well, one of the
24 questions was: Is this cleanup? Are we
08:13 25 cleaning up the Quintana Road area when we

08:13 1 contract with the City of San Antonio to put
2 this containment on McLoughlin and
3 Quintana Road?

4 BGEN. BARNIDGE: And the answer to
08:13 5 that was, yes, in part.

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: It is cleanup?

7 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Right -- which is
8 why they were using --

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: If it's cleanup and
08:13 10 Air Force funds are being used, why is there no
11 permit?

12 BGEN. BARNIDGE: I don't know the
13 answer to that.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: Put that on the
08:13 15 board, please.

16 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Well, let's see what
17 Allan -- have you got something to say, Allan?

18 MR. POSNICK: Well, as we indicated
19 in the last RAB meeting, this -- this action
08:13 20 is -- it's being done under Kelly -- as part of
21 Kelly Air Force Base's cleanup program.
22 However, the management of the soils does not
23 require any particular permit. It's -- It's
24 going to be those -- any contaminated soils
08:14 25 that are removed will be brought back onto

08:14 1 Kelly for management by Kelly -- and that
2 action does not require a permit.

3 BGEN. BARNIDGE: I think that's what
4 John German and his crowd said last time,
08:14 5 wasn't it? Wasn't it the same thing?

6 MR. POSNICK: Uh-huh.

7 MR. QUINTANILLA: Well, they're going
8 to pump -- according to Mr. German, they're
9 going to pump the contaminated groundwater out
08:14 10 of these trenches over -- over land onto Kelly
11 Air Force Base for cleanup and disposal. That
12 is cleanup. I don't understand, you know, the
13 reasons that are being given to me here by --
14 either by TNRCC or by Kelly Air Force Base.

08:14 15 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Well, I'll
16 tell you what the -- what we're talking about
17 is state or city -- what kind of permit are we
18 talking about?

19 MR. QUINTANILLA: We're talking about
08:14 20 a waste permit that you-all have applied for --
21 and I think a hearing is scheduled for this --
22 unless some agreement has come up -- for -- for
23 May.

24 BGEN. BARNIDGE: No. I know --
08:15 25 you're talking about the state permit thing.

08:15 1 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes, that's what
2 I'm talking about.

3 MR. SANDOVAL: Are we --
4 Mr. Quintanilla, are we talking about the
08:15 5 permit for treatment of the water and the soil
6 or --

7 MR. QUINTANILLA: We're talking about
8 cleaning up the neighborhood. The neighborhood
9 is contaminated and they're -- and as --
08:15 10 they're going to put this containment in to
11 contain -- from going on to my street -- which
12 already it has. It's on McLoughlin and
13 Quintana Road. This is where you're going to
14 put the containment there. They're going to go
08:15 15 about 40 feet down and they're going to put
16 some layers in there -- some liners -- to
17 hold the contaminated water. If there's any
18 contaminated water, they're going to pump it
19 out. The dirt is going to be transported to
08:15 20 Kelly. I think all of that is cleanup of my
21 neighborhood.

22 MR. POSNICK: Right. The TNRCC has
23 reviewed those plans for doing that action and,
24 if there was any special permit we thought was
08:16 25 required in terms of -- of managing the

08:16 1 groundwater or the soils, we -- they would be
2 required to. But the groundwater is going to
3 be managed under Kelly's existing wastewater
4 treatment permit and -- as I say, the soils are
08:16 5 going to be brought onto Kelly and they're
6 going to be subject to our solid waste
7 requirements for management of soils. If
8 it's -- if they're hazardous -- determined to
9 be hazardous waste, then they would have to
08:16 10 remove them off-site within 90 days.

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: And I have a
12 quarrel with that. Because your permit only
13 lists 52 sites on base. It does not list the
14 Quintana Road project -- the contaminated areas
08:16 15 there. It does not list the contaminated areas
16 on East Kelly nor does it list the contaminated
17 areas in North Kelly Gardens. It does not list
18 any of those contaminated areas -- only the 52
19 sites at Kelly.

08:16 20 MR. POSNICK: If -- Armando, I'll
21 show you the sections of permit that indicate
22 that Kelly is required to clean up all off-site
23 contamination that they have caused -- and --
24 and I believe those off-site areas are related
08:17 25 to some of the IRP sites located on the base,

08:17 1 so -- as the source areas for that
2 contamination. So, I do think that permit --
3 believe me, that permit is covering those
4 sites.

08:17 5 MR. QUINTANILLA: And I'm concerned
6 with this: We are setting up all of this --
7 these containment areas for the base to be
8 transferred over to the City as soon a date
9 possible. It is -- Nothing is being done to
08:17 10 clean up areas at the same time that we're
11 cleaning the on-base areas -- and I'm talking
12 about the -- the East Kelly area where you're
13 putting this -- this containment barrier
14 here -- area in -- and I'm also talking about
08:17 15 the South San area between McLoughlin and the
16 Quintana Road barrier.

17 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Let me make a
18 proposal here. You've got -- because I don't
19 know where to go -- except TNRCC -- to get
08:18 20 any more to the answer. We heard the lawyers
21 last time from the City and we've heard the
22 State now. I would -- I would like to leave it
23 at that -- that Allan will carry the item back
24 and search for any additional information,
08:18 25 other than what he's already said. If he's

08:18 1 got -- if he comes up with additional
2 information -- and, Allan, you're obligated to
3 present it to us next time, but -- but --
4 I -- I don't know --

08:18 5 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'll go along with
6 that. But I want to make one more point --
7 that the contamination is already beyond
8 McLoughlin Avenue. It is already beyond
9 that -- and I think this may be a waste of
08:18 10 Air Force dollars for cleanup. How are you
11 going to clean up the areas -- the other
12 side -- south of McLoughlin?

13 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Does Camille have
14 something to say?

08:18 15 MS. HUENI: The only thing I wanted
16 to add is, to the best of my knowledge, the
17 Zone 3 decision document or ROD that was put
18 out by the Air Force speaks to contamination
19 within the boundary of Zone 3, but, also,
08:19 20 outside the boundaries of Zone 3, including
21 Quintana Road -- and -- and any kind of final
22 remedial design for that area will -- will
23 actually incorporate a remedy for both areas.

24 MR. QUINTANILLA: All right. Will it
08:19 25 incorporate the areas south of

08:19 1 McLoughlin Avenue? Because that is
2 contaminated -- that area is contaminated --
3 and you're putting a barrier on McLoughlin --
4 and right south of that, it is contaminated --
08:19 5 and that's a waste of dollars.

6 MR. SANDOVAL: Let me ask another
7 question: If the record of decision is a
8 document that says, "This is the proposed
9 plan," and we identify a site outside of the
08:19 10 contaminated area, would we have to re-look at
11 this ROD and see if -- if that area that he's
12 talking about is not covered?

13 MS. HUENI: I think that question
14 would have to be answered as we proceed to the
08:20 15 RD phase. So, that is one thing we'll be
16 looking at.

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: See, we never
18 did -- this RAB never did look at the ROD for
19 the Quintana Road area.

08:20 20 MS. HUENI: Well, the ROD is out.
21 It's been out, I think, for probably about a
22 year or so. The RD will be coming out,
23 I think, some time -- is it this year -- for
24 Zone 3? Okay.

08:20 25 MR. SANDOVAL: So, it's not been

08:20 1 finalized?

2 MS. HUENI: No.

3 MR. SANDOVAL: So, that gives us a
4 chance to look at it.

08:20 5 Another thing I was going to ask --
6 Allan, can you -- when you do your research,
7 can you give us a written position from the
8 TNRCC on that site so we have something in
9 writing that we can look at and see --

08:20 10 MR. POSNICK: Sure.

11 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Did you get
12 that, Dick.

13 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. So, what
14 we've done is we've taken it a little bit
08:20 15 from -- from a search for additional
16 information to a response in writing out of --
17 from TNRCC -- to the question of whether a
18 permit is required or and not and does the
19 extension pass McLoughlin -- McLoughlin?

08:21 20 MR. QUINTANILLA: McLoughlin.

21 BGEN. BARNIDGE: -- McLoughlin
22 Street -- change the -- the construct of the
23 ROD or the -- the documents that are in being?

24 Did you get all that, Dick? All right.

08:21 25 Good.

08:21 1 Okay. Oh, yeah -- next is soil
2 samples -- Quintana Road Project Soil
3 Samples -- and I'm not sure why, David, you
4 asked whether we're going to take soil samples,
08:21 5 but -- I read the transcript pretty closely
6 last time -- and, so, we went down and I made
7 sure we got everything.

8 The answer -- You asked, "Are we going to
9 take soil samples out of Quintana Road as
08:22 10 Armando is talking about?" And the answer is
11 yes. Every time we dig, we take samples to --
12 for a number of reasons. Probably foremost
13 among those reasons is to check for
14 permeability on the -- on the material that we
08:22 15 pull out of there -- again, trying to continue
16 to ensure that the Edwards is protected -- or
17 not -- or -- or if there's any degradation of
18 that protection such -- and, also, any material
19 that would be imbedded in that -- any
08:22 20 contaminants that may be imbedded in that -- we
21 look for that, as well. So, the answer to your
22 question is yes. I don't remember why you
23 asked it, to tell you the truth.

24 MR. JOHNSON: The reason why I had
08:22 25 asked is to see whether or not there had been

08:22 1 actual -- actually any heavy concentrations
2 that migrated off that would be captured in
3 soil or that would contribute to higher MCLs
4 the farther up you go.

5 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay.

6 MR. JOHNSON: And that was part of
7 the reason that I was asking.

8 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Good. The --
9 and-for-what-it's-worth category -- the guys
08:23 10 did dig up -- I have never seen Navarro clay
11 before, but if you haven't -- I have some in a
12 jar here -- and, as well, for the audience --
13 I'll pass it around -- and, then, the after
14 the -- the meeting, if you ever want to see
08:23 15 what Navarro clay looks like -- there's a chunk
16 of it. No, that's clean as -- you can eat it.
17 All right? I'm not going to, but you can.

18 All right. The next item was Interim
19 Actions in Place -- List of Interim Actions in
08:23 20 Place -- and what did we do about that?

21 MR. SANDOVAL: The action item was,
22 I think -- Mr. Bailey and I had a discussion at
23 the last RAB on how many interim actions were
24 already in place and operating and -- operating
08:23 25 efficiently -- that was the question.

08:23 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. And I don't
2 know the answer. Do you?
3 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Sir, there's a
4 printout in your folders.
5 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay.
6 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: It looks like -- It
7 looks like this.
8 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yep, here we are.
9 It's entitled Kelly Installation Restoration
08:24 10 Program Sites with Interim Remedial Actions in
11 Place -- that's the reason I didn't know the
12 answer, because it was in a printout -- and
13 it's in your handout and that's the answer to
14 that.
08:24 15 MR. RICE: A question regarding this
16 list?
17 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yes, sir?
18 MR. RICE: Are any of these off
19 base?
08:24 20 BGEN. BARNIDGE: I don't know.
21 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: No, sir.
22 MR. RICE: None are off base?
23 MR. SANDOVAL: Are any of the
24 systems --
08:24 25 MR. MCGHEE: Can I make a comment?

08:24 1 My name is Mike McGhee. I'm the Deputy
2 Director of Environmental Management at
3 Kelly Air Force. There's a question that's
4 threaded through the remaining conversations
08:24 5 here tonight regarding on-base/off-base and the
6 discussion, I believe, comes up -- it seems
7 it's most often to me when we're talking about
8 interim actions that are being taken -- interim
9 remedial actions -- IRAs, as we call them.

08:25 10 These interim steps are designed to
11 prevent an existing situation from getting
12 worse. There is a process that we are required
13 to follow by law and regulation and that
14 process does take time, as you've seen by some
08:25 15 of the presentations here, including
16 Captain de Venoge's briefing and the schedule.
17 Everyone recognized, I think, earlier on in
18 these types of cleanup programs that, due to
19 the length of this process, you might miss an
08:25 20 opportunity to do something really smart and
21 really fast. So, there's allowance when you're
22 taking an interim step -- a temporary step --
23 to do an interim remedial action that is not
24 the final action, but which takes advantage of
08:25 25 an opportunity to do something smart and fast.

08:25 1 And if I can offer a brief analogy that
2 pops to mind -- if the staff here at this
3 school were to come in this room early tomorrow
4 morning -- and, say, it had rained all night
08:25 5 and they were to find that -- oh, my gosh --
6 there's a leak in the roof in that corner of
7 the room -- they would find water has spread
8 onto the floor -- it's about to run out that
9 door out there and get into the rest of the
08:26 10 school. So, what would the smart thinking
11 person probably do right away? Well, what
12 would come to my mind is: Grab that big trash
13 can over there and slide it under -- under the
14 leak and try to capture that leak and stop the
08:26 15 situation that exists from getting worse. That
16 does not remedy the problem that there's water
17 all over the floor. What it does help remedy
18 is stop any more water from getting on the
19 floor and, perhaps, spreading out into the rest
08:26 20 of the school. That's what an interim action
21 tries to do -- is stop a problem from getting
22 worse -- and that, in many cases, is what our
23 interim remedial actions are also doing. They
24 are attempting to stop the flow of groundwater
08:26 25 which is contaminated from flowing any further.

08:26 1 Now, let's out extend my analogy a bit
2 further. If there were a -- just a line drawn
3 from that corner of the room across the floor
4 to this corner of the room and, say, on this
08:26 5 side of the line was Kelly Air Force Base, on
6 this side of the line was not -- was -- was
7 off base -- I have certain -- as an Air Force
8 person, I'd have certain flexibilities to
9 operate on this side of the line -- certain
08:27 10 things I can do and make happen right away with
11 the blessing of a gentleman like
12 General Barnidge. Off base, I don't have those
13 flexibilities. It's often a very valuable
14 thing that I have and I can take an immediate
08:27 15 step on this side of the line to keep the
16 problem from getting worse on that side of the
17 line -- and that's why these interim actions
18 are placed on base.
19 It may be that, in fact, there's nothing I
08:27 20 can do that's real smart that can be done real
21 fast that's going to affect all this area
22 that's off base or on the other side of the
23 line. There's nothing I can jump out there and
24 do right away. But on base -- close to the
08:27 25 source -- close to the leak in the ceiling --

08:27 1 there are things I can do right away -- that's
2 the flavor and character of an interim action.
3 It's not that we're only working on Kelly Air
4 Force Base side of this and not working on the
08:27 5 community side of the things, that's not true.
6 We're taking advantage of an opportunity to do
7 something quick and smart.

8 Also, these systems are not cleanup
9 systems. They are not treatment systems. They
08:28 10 are not final remedies. These are interim
11 actions designed to create -- or to keep a
12 problem that exists from getting worse. When
13 the time comes to select and bless and design
14 the final remedy, which will address these
08:28 15 areas on the other side of the line, they will
16 also address the areas on Kelly Air Force
17 Base. We're not cleaning up Kelly Air Force
18 Base right now and ignoring the community --
19 that's not occurring -- that is not
08:28 20 occurring -- make that -- that point clear.

21 It so happens that, because we are
22 collecting the water and attempting to stop it
23 from getting worse -- now, we've got a bunch of
24 water to deal with. The trash can is getting
08:28 25 full from the leak in the ceiling. We've got

08:28 1 to do something with that. So, we're treating
2 that water. Yes, we are treating the water
3 we're collecting. But that is not clean -- not
4 until the Air Force -- because it's a very poor
08:28 5 way to go about cleaning up Kelly Air Force by
6 just simply collecting water. But as a means
7 to stop the situation from getting worse, it's
8 one of the best opportunities available.

9 So, just because we're collecting water on
08:29 10 base and treating it, that does not mean we're
11 cleaning up Kelly Air Force Base at the expense
12 of the neighborhoods. I hope to make that
13 perfectly clear.

14 MS. PEACE: Isn't the -- part of the
08:29 15 Quintana Road project an IRA -- that involves a
16 remedial action --

17 MR. MCGHEE: It is the same
18 strategy. There is an opportunity that
19 presents itself. Someone is about to dig a big
08:29 20 hole and that big hole can be taken advantage
21 of to stop any contaminants from spreading out
22 further across the room. Yes, they're already
23 across --

24 MS. PEACE: I understand.

08:29 25 MR. MCGHEE: -- yes, they're already

08:29 1 out there. But let's take advantage of that
2 opportunity.

3 MS. PEACE: Right.

4 MR. MCGHEE: If they were not digging
08:29 5 that big hole, chances are we would not be
6 putting that interim action in place.

7 MS. PEACE: And is there anything,
8 though, with -- you know, the authorities or
9 the agencies that you would be dealing with off
08:29 10 base that would prevent you from doing the same
11 type of measures off base?

12 MR. MCGHEE: Is the question --
13 I'm sorry. Could you repeat that?

14 MS. PEACE: Okay. You did coordinate
08:30 15 with the City to do that IRA on the
16 Quintana Road project, but it appears to me
17 that it's not -- Okay. You're saying that you
18 don't have the same powers, you know, off base
19 as you do on base. Have there -- you know, has
08:30 20 any agency -- city or county -- or any other
21 entity tried to prevent you from doing these
22 off base?

23 MR. MCGHEE: Not to my knowledge, no.

24 MS. PEACE: Okay. So, why has not --
08:30 25 I mean -- I understand your analogy and

08:30 1 everything, but I still want to know: If you
2 could recognize it on the Quintana Road
3 project -- you know, aren't there other areas
4 where it would be just -- you know, as
08:30 5 apropos?

6 MR. MCGHEE: If there are other big
7 holes being dug by someone, yes, we would take
8 advantage of that and seek -- see if there's an
9 opportunity there to do something smart and
08:30 10 quickly.

11 If there were, for example, a situation
12 off base where there were an emergency -- there
13 were something that required an immediate step
14 be taken -- we could work with the
08:30 15 Environmental Protection Agency and the State
16 to institute an emergency response action. In
17 the case of the Quintana Road area, it is
18 not -- Now, I'm not downgrading the
19 situation -- it is not an emergency response
08:31 20 action. We would be able to obtain the
21 authority working with the regulators to go off
22 base and do things if there were, in fact,
23 emergency response actions required.

24 MS. PEACE: I understand. But the
08:31 25 fact -- that you-all haven't really been --

1 until recently -- you know, drilling
2 monitoring wells off base. So, I don't see how
3 you would -- you know -- I mean, you aren't
4 really looking for a case where you could take
08:31 5 an emergency action. I don't see how you could
6 recognize one without the data.

7 MR. MCGHEE: I would disagree. I can
8 find you the data on when we started drilling
9 wells off base to track contamination and look
08:31 10 for it. I can get you that. I think you'll
11 find that's -- that's several -- several
12 years old that we've been doing those kinds of
13 actions -- but I will -- I will track that
14 point down and get you an answer on that.

15 MS. PEACE: Okay.

16 MR. QUINTANILLA: Just one comment on
17 this big hole that you're talking about on
18 McLoughlin. We dug that big hole on McLoughlin
19 about eight years ago and we put drainage on
08:31 20 that street, we put curbs on that street and
21 sidewalks on that street. We do not need to
22 dig it up again -- except for the Air Force.
23 The Air Force is paying seven-and-a-half
24 million dollars so that they can contain that
08:32 25 contamination on McLoughlin -- which is already

1 one block south of that.

2 MR. MCGHEE: If the City were to
3 cancel their project -- that project you're
4 speaking of -- tomorrow, we would not take any
08:32 5 further steps to do that action on our own at
6 that site -- that is a City-driven initiative.
7 I can't speak for the City.

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: How is the City
9 driven?

08:32 10 MR. MCGHEE: I can't speak for the
11 City. It is, I know a City-driven initiative.
12 It's not a Kelly-Air-Force-Base-driven
13 initiative.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: In 1988, we're
08:32 15 going to do complete drainage work on that
16 entire neighborhood all the way from Quintana,
17 King, Burd and the other streets in there.
18 However, we found contaminated fuel when we
19 started on Quintana Road. Some of the workers
08:32 20 that were digging the trenches there became
21 over -- were overcome by jet fuels, so we
22 stopped the project with the Air Force, filled
23 up the hole and the Air Force said, "Hey, we
24 will pay for this if you will do this." That's
08:32 25 the way it's always -- it came about.

08:33 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Well, it sounds like
2 we have a joint project going on now and --
3 MR. QUINTANILLA: We do.
4 BGEN. BARNIDGE: -- either way -- and
08:33 5 the -- I think the -- the question about the
6 funding out south of McLoughlin -- the
7 questions that we've got standing and are good
8 questions and we -- we owe answers to them.
9 I'm not sure where our dialogue was headed.
08:33 10 David?
11 MR. JOHNSON: If I may, I think part
12 of the concern with the community is that
13 natural attenuation seems to play a big part of
14 it and -- specifically, in the areas where MCLs
08:33 15 exceed -- it's of grave concern to us. Not
16 only that, we only have about three years left
17 before this RAB is actually dissolved or
18 adjourned or however you care to term it and
19 I've asked at the technical meeting whether or
08:33 20 not there's any indication of more of this
21 technology coming off base -- and, as of right
22 now, we haven't received any indication that
23 any of this technology is coming off base. To
24 stop the source from migrating, that's fine as
08:34 25 an interim. But I think somewhere -- and,

08:34 1 again, because of time constraints -- the
2 three years -- we'd like to see some kind of
3 indications. Where are we going? I mean,
4 we're kind of blindly going this way. These
08:34 5 are interim and all that. We have not
6 discussed anything -- or any indicators -- as
7 to what would be best for phytoremediation --
8 and, so, that still is a grave concern to us.
9 BGEN. BARNIDGE: It sounds like we
08:34 10 need -- what we're looking for is more
11 specificity to the -- to the briefing
12 Tom de Venoge -- I don't remember if you were
13 here when he was giving his or not. He just
14 laid out his schedule and -- and -- the
08:34 15 broad-based schedule. I don't know how much
16 more detail there is -- because -- as -- as
17 Damian said, we're not there, yet -- as they --
18 many of the answers that we're -- the designs
19 that we're asking for answers for don't exist,
08:35 20 yet.

21 MR. SANDOVAL: Let me just try to
22 recap -- and let me know if I'm off base -- but
23 on the steps that were talked about for the
24 BRAC process, you start off at one level and
08:35 25 you go all the way up. Well, right now, in

08:35 1 certain zones, we're in certain phases -- and
2 I -- and probably a lot of people were not when
3 the Zone 3 ROD was submitted for review.
4 However, the Zone 4 -- where we are right
08:35 5 now -- is in the feasibility phase where, in
6 the document, they address ten different
7 alternatives of possible interim solutions.
8 The next step is the proposed plan. In that
9 proposed plan, they identify which of those
08:35 10 alternatives they'll select as the interim and
11 propose -- I think they'll propose what they'll
12 use for the final remedy -- and that's where
13 we'll get to say, "No, the UV oxidation system
14 won't work. It won't grab enough of the water
08:36 15 off base." So, I think when we're in those
16 particular phases, then, we make those
17 comments.

18 Like, right now, if we were in the Zone 4
19 proposed plan or ROD scenario, we would be able
08:36 20 to see what final remedy selections they've
21 made -- and that's why I say, "I don't think
22 we're there, yet." We need to be there.

23 MR. JOHNSON: For argument sake,
24 let's take Zone 5. Okay? I believe we've just
08:36 25 completed -- What was this last step? The RI?

08:36 1 Okay. And the next step would be the
2 feasibility study. Within that feasibility
3 study, are -- are final remediations
4 discussed?

08:36 5 MS. HUENI: (Individual nods.)

6 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. When are we
7 scheduled to release the draft from the
8 feasibility --

9 MR. SANDOVAL: I think that was an
08:36 10 action we asked to get a list of -- go by each
11 zone, find out what decision documents are
12 coming out and when we, as a RAB, know that
13 they're coming out so we can take a look at
14 them. Because there's -- there's --

08:37 15 BGEN. BARNIDGE: In fact, that's the
16 one you proposed -- that is a schedule that the
17 Air Force owes us, as a RAB -- and we did take
18 that as an action item.

19 MR. JOHNSON: And the other concern
08:37 20 would be that all these RODs would be coming in
21 all at one time. It's very hard for us to go
22 back and -- and actually be effective as a RAB,
23 if all these RODs are -- hit with one after
24 another. So -- I don't know. I know we're on
08:37 25 a time line and everything, but --

08:37 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yeah. Let me -- Let
2 me say this about that: This is where we
3 really need to get the TRS -- I mean, this is
4 TRS stuff we're talking about right now --
08:37 5 and -- by any definition, in fact -- and what
6 we've got to do is get ourselves organized to
7 the extent that not only do we have schedules
8 put out -- like you're saying -- but we are
9 able to consume this -- because the last thing
08:38 10 anybody wants to do is slow down the doggone
11 process as it is. But we -- we have to -- we
12 have to posture ourselves so that we can -- can
13 consciously accept and -- and -- -- and
14 cognitively react to -- to the -- to the
08:38 15 information that comes out. And, so, what I
16 would like to suggest is, is that when we get
17 our response on our schedule here, then let's
18 take a focused look at that as the TRS and
19 decide, "Is this something we're going to
08:38 20 swallow or not?" And -- And if so -- if not,
21 then what have we got to do about it? And --
22 And I think that -- that we can position
23 ourselves -- and, also, by looking into the
24 future -- as the schedule allows us to do a
08:38 25 little better than we have in the past -- we

08:38 1 got some lead time to allow the Air Force side
2 to -- to, maybe, help -- yeah -- sequence
3 things or -- or whatever. I mean, I don't know
4 what the possibility is until we look at it and
08:39 5 see what -- what -- you know, what our
6 evaluation is. But I think we're going to make
7 some money with this -- with this enhanced TRS
8 function -- and -- and, again, insight into
9 what the -- the future is holding for this
08:39 10 schedule. I really do believe that.

11 Good. Okay. Let's see. Last action item
12 that I owed Ms. Peace was risk assessment
13 training. Would risk assessment training be
14 available? And, if so, how do we go get some
08:39 15 of that stuff? Do you remember that?

16 MS. PEACE: Uh-huh.

17 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Oh, okay. I just
18 wanted to be sure. I remember it.

19 The answer is yes. Risk assessment
08:39 20 training is available. We can get from Brooks
21 by the scientists -- and -- and, in fact, to
22 the point where they said for us to pick a
23 Saturday -- Now, they did say a Saturday in
24 May. It would take three to four hours and
08:40 25 they'd be available. It wasn't available in

08:40 1 April. And -- And, so, what -- I'm not sure
2 how we need to think our way through that,
3 but -- there again, do we want the TRS to think
4 through that -- and, then --

08:40 5 MR. SANDOVAL: I think we might want
6 to find a project that we can apply this
7 knowledge to right before we meet as opposed to
8 getting the training three months or four
9 months ahead of time.

08:40 10 MS. PEACE: I think that's a good
11 suggestion.

12 BGEN. BARNIDGE: That is a good idea,
13 yeah.

14 MR. SANDOVAL: I think, as a TRS,
08:40 15 that we can make this an action item to find
16 the next appropriate risk assessment report
17 that will have to be evaluated by the -- by the
18 RAB and TRS --

19 MS. PEACE: But making sure that
08:40 20 all -- not only the members of the technical
21 subcommittee -- but all RAB members are,
22 you know, invited to come to that.

23 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Well -- and you will
24 have your answer, as a matter of fact, before
08:41 25 the next out-of-cycle RAB -- we're going to do

08:41 1 in May -- and, then, we can put the word out.
2 MS. PEACE: Okay.
3 BGEN. BARNIDGE: I think George --
4 MR. SANDOVAL: George?
08:41 5 MR. RICE: As a suggestion along with
6 this -- some -- something I'm real fuzzy on is
7 the issue of risk-based cleanups versus
8 cleanups to MCLs and that sort of thing. I
9 wonder if -- along with risk assessment
08:41 10 training -- we could have a little block in
11 there where someone could talk a little bit
12 about the regulatory issues.
13 MR. SANDOVAL: Let me preface that by
14 saying the TNRCC -- in the near future -- are
08:41 15 going to be submitting proposed changes to all
16 the risk assessment they're doing --
17 MR. POSNICK: Yes.
18 MR. SANDOVAL: -- which means, on the
19 next two months, the public, in general, is
08:41 20 going to have a chance to comment. What
21 they're trying to do is bring in all the LPS
22 State petroleum sites, any other landfills --
23 any other type of sites that come up under one
24 umbrella -- risk assessment program. So, if we
08:42 25 look at something now which is occurring, it

08:42 1 may change in four months. So, I preface the
2 request with that statement -- and, again, I
3 think it's -- we have a time situation -- and,
4 again, the thing about that is if we -- if they
08:42 5 propose the new rules and they have so many
6 comments not to change, they may not even
7 change. So, we're kind of in that situation.
8 Do we go with what's current or do we wait with
9 what's proposed?

08:42 10 MR. JOHNSON: Just to make a
11 suggestion. I would recommend -- or it would
12 be my recommendation that we go ahead and learn
13 what's in place now, so that as the changes
14 occur we have an understanding -- or have a
08:42 15 better understanding of what exactly is
16 changing. So --

17 MR. POSNICK: Just to add to what
18 Damian said, those rules are currently on the
19 TNRCC Web page and will be available for public
08:42 20 comment beginning April 8th for a 60-day
21 comment period.

22 BGEN. BARNIDGE: You may want to tell
23 them how -- how -- how thick the rule book
24 is.

08:43 25 MR. POSNICK: I actually have a copy

08:43 1 of it with me. It's about that thick with the
2 preamble. It's over 300 pages, I'd say.

3 BGEN. BARNIDGE: After the --

4 MR. POSNICK: I think -- I agree with
08:43 5 your point that right now Kelly is working
6 under current rules and those would be the ones
7 that might be the ones to --

8 MR. JOHNSON: Well, yeah. But focus
9 on the ones -- that would be great.

08:43 10 MR. SANDOVAL: So, there's two issues
11 of training with the TRS that we need to look
12 at -- the next risk assessment project -- look
13 to see when the next risk assessment training
14 can be and, then, also look at some training on
08:43 15 the existing risk -- risk reduction rule.

16 MR. POSNICK: One thing I wanted to
17 add. The TNRCC has its annual environmental
18 trade fair -- and, actually, I have the
19 calendar -- and they have a five-hour workshop
08:43 20 on our risk rules. The first four hours are
21 dedicated to how the agency implements its
22 current risk rules and the last hour will be on
23 the proposed rules -- and that will be on
24 May 5th in Austin at the Convention Center.

08:44 25 MR. SANCHEZ: Allan, is there a

08:44 1 registration fee for that?

2 MR. POSNICK: Yeah, I believe there
3 is. But --

4 MR. SANCHEZ: Is there any way that
08:44 5 the RAB Board could, maybe, send some people
6 that -- from our board to -- and pick up their
7 expenses?

8 MR. POSNICK: Yeah. I think we -- I
9 can check into that and probably get that for
08:44 10 you.

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: That's a good idea.

12 MR. POSNICK: I'll --

13 MR. SANDOVAL: Did you get that,
14 Dick?

08:44 15 MR. POSNICK: I'll follow up and let
16 Damian know.

17 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Let's see.
18 That's it. We're over to new business there,
19 Boss.

08:45 20 MR. SANDOVAL: All right. We're
21 getting close to the end now.

22 New business: What we wanted to do here
23 is -- is -- over the last couple months,
24 we -- we sat back -- and those of us -- and
08:45 25 those of us that have been on the RAB for a

08:45 1 long period, kind of, experienced what the RAB
2 was initially, what it went through in the
3 transition period and the growing pains that --
4 that were attributed to the RAB -- and, then,
08:45 5 what the RAB and the TRS has done in the last
6 six months. What we wanted to do is take a
7 hard look -- with all the information that's
8 been presented today from Zone 1 all the way
9 through Zone 5, including the BRA -- what we
08:45 10 wanted to do is take a hard look at three major
11 issues. Are we doing what we're supposed to be
12 doing as a RAB? Are we on target? Are we on
13 target performing with what we, as the RAB,
14 have to do? And, then, three, if we're not,
08:45 15 how do we get back on track?

16 So, as we discuss this issue, one of the
17 best ways we thought to have -- was to have a
18 special meeting and call it a RAB Introspection
19 meeting of which -- what we have in our packet
08:46 20 is the creation rules for the RAB. We also
21 have the RAB charter and the proposed RAB
22 charter that Mary detailed earlier. But what
23 we'd like to do -- and I don't want to get into
24 a lot of discussion now as far as the agenda --
08:46 25 but have a special meeting, conduct that on

08:46 1 Monday, May the 11th, at Building 1680, which
2 is the -- What do you call that building?
3 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Oh, headquarters
4 building --
08:46 5 MR. SANDOVAL: The headquarters
6 building on Kelly at 6:00 o'clock -- and we'll
7 get an agenda out to everybody. I think
8 there's enough information in the packet to
9 find out what's in there -- and, again, the
08:46 10 issues we're going to be talking is -- you
11 know, what is the RAB? What are the
12 responsibilities of the RAB members, of
13 co-chairs -- and that goes as far as
14 accountability. Have individuals been hitting
08:47 15 the meetings that we needed to be? And, if
16 not, maybe we need to talk about removing some
17 members. Those are the issues that we're going
18 to try to deal with -- so we can get a
19 streamline system -- so we can move on. I
08:47 20 think everybody knows, there's going to be a
21 lot of information coming really, really fast
22 and we want to, kind of, position ourselves to
23 be able to adapt and work within these rules.
24 So, that's my proposal as a RAB introspection
08:47 25 meeting.

08:47 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Any discussion on
2 that?

3 MR. HOFFMAN: Let's do it.

4 BGEN. BARNIDGE: You, kind of, got
08:47 5 to -- you know, it, kind of, comes down to --
6 you got a new leadership team here and --
7 and -- so that's -- all is fair. If you've
8 got a new leadership team, you ought to have
9 your shots at getting things changed a little
08:47 10 if you don't like what -- the way things have
11 been going -- and looking in-house is real --
12 is sometimes a good thing to do.

13 Okay. So, it's the 11th at 1800 --
14 1800 -- at 6:00 p.m. -- and that will be at
08:47 15 the San Antonio ALC Headquarters -- i.e., where
16 my office is for -- I think everybody knows
17 that -- 6:00 in the evening -- and we'll just
18 do it in the conference room there. There will
19 be no cost -- and -- and that will be for an
08:48 20 executive session -- members only. Okay?
21 We'll have our legal counsel there.

22 Sam?

23 MR. SANCHEZ: The purpose of this
24 meeting will be for the RAB people to take a
08:48 25 look at where it is, isn't it?

08:48 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: As an entity, yes.

2 MR. SANCHEZ: Would that be, also --

3 is it possible to have an outside facilitator

4 guide that RAB in that kind of a discussion?

08:48 5 Sometimes, it's very difficult for people to

6 see that -- you know, that you're accomplishing

7 anything because everybody -- you're part of

8 the process -- you know -- and if -- if

9 possible, I wondered -- you know, if it can be

08:48 10 done without any cost. I know that -- you

11 know, the city/county forum, for instance, has

12 gotten a volunteer facilitator to help us

13 with --

14 BGEN. BARNIDGE: I'll be happy to

08:49 15 call Bob, if you wish.

16 MR. SANCHEZ: No. Really, I think

17 he's done a -- that's an example of one, but

18 there may be others in the community that you

19 might be aware of. Because I think it would be

08:49 20 a -- it would -- it would certainly help.

21 BGEN. BARNIDGE: I'll be happy --

22 MR. SANCHEZ: That's just a

23 suggestion.

24 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Do others feel --

08:49 25 yes or no -- on -- Larry?

08:49 1 MR. HOFFMAN: I think on something
2 like that -- when you are looking inward -- a
3 disinterested third party is very effective
4 many times. So, I will go along with that.

08:49 5 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Generally, yes?
6 Generally, no?

7 Okay. All right. I'll -- unless somebody
8 has got a -- I'm sorry. George?

9 MR. RICE: Yeah. Just one more thing
08:49 10 regarding this meeting. We got some materials
11 to look over before the meeting -- that's
12 good. But I was wondering if we could get any
13 information -- maybe from Armando -- from that
14 meeting he attended -- of how do other RABs
08:49 15 operate? That might give us some good ideas
16 for this meeting. I wonder if we could get --
17 any of those beforehand to study.

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'll call
19 Arc Ecology. They have input from 200 RABs
08:50 20 throughout the United States and I could get
21 some data from them and see if they have any
22 problems.

23 BGEN. BARNIDGE: If you will get
24 something of reasonable size, I'll get it
08:50 25 Xeroxed and send it out.

08:50 1 MR. QUINTANILLA: I don't want to put
2 the Air Force out.

3 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Well, I understand.
4 I understand. This will be free.

08:50 5 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'll get it.

6 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Just -- Okay.

7 MS. PEACE: I'd just like to say
8 in -- in light of the -- of the -- you know,
9 other amounts of money -- I'm not saying
08:50 10 that -- you know, they're all just fine or
11 anything -- but I -- I think that we should --
12 if we did ask Mr. Ashcroft, we should offer
13 some nominal fee like -- you know, \$200 or
14 something to do it. Because we would --

08:50 15 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Well, we won't do
16 that with EM funds. I'll ask him to come
17 gratis -- or if you'll want to pass the hat,
18 that's fine. We won't do that with
19 environmental funds out at Kelly. So --

08:51 20 MR. QUINTANILLA: He's a good
21 trainer.

22 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Oh, he's a good
23 guy. Yeah. I mean, there's -- there's no
24 argument there at all. You can think about
08:51 25 it. I mean, if you want to -- like I said, if

08:51 1 you want to pass the hat or something, that's
2 one thing. But --

3 MR. QUINTANILLA: I think the law
4 that says we can -- you can pay him funds out
08:51 5 of your account.

6 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yeah. Yeah. But
7 we're not going to do this -- not -- not for
8 this type of arrangement.

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: It's there in the
08:51 10 law -- lots of it.

11 MR. SANDOVAL: Would any of he
12 agencies have --

13 MR. QUINTANILLA: If we're going to
14 look at ourselves, we might -- I mean, we
08:51 15 really need to start -- seeing what we're
16 doing. Let's go back to the basics -- back to
17 the law. What does the law say that we can
18 do? What is our purpose? How are we trained?
19 All of that is in the law.

08:51 20 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Well, that
21 may be. We're not going to spend Kelly's
22 environmental funds on a facilitator for
23 this -- this forum here. Bob Ashcroft is a
24 good guy. I think if he's available, he'll be
08:52 25 more than happy to help us. And -- but that's

08:52 1 where we'll stand.

2 MR. SANDOVAL: You'll ask him?

3 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yeah. I'll be happy

4 to call him.

08:52 5 MR. SANDOVAL: As a secondary option,

6 maybe, maybe one of the resource agencies as a

7 facilitator or an option there to help us out.

8 MR. POSNICK: I can certainly look

9 into it, if Bob wasn't available -- or I can do

08:52 10 some internal checking.

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: I know EPA has some

12 excellent ones. I attended an environmental

13 justice seminar meeting here in San Antonio.

14 They had some excellent facilitators.

08:52 15 MR. SANDOVAL: Would that be amenable

16 for everybody? If we can't get Bob Ashcroft to

17 have an EPA or an TNRCC facilitator?

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes.

19 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Would we rather have

08:52 20 one of them than Bob?

21 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'd rather have Bob

22 and pay him. Because I know the -- the

23 procedure is there that we can pay him.

24 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Any -- Any --

08:53 25 Okay. The dialogue was about Bob versus a

08:53 1 TNRCC or EPA facilitator. Any comments or
2 anything?

3 Okay. I'll go after Ashcroft -- like I
4 said, try to get him gratis -- and if that
08:53 5 doesn't work, I'll let you all two know and,
6 then -- then we'll see what we come up with.

7 MR. POSNICK: I have a few people in
8 mind, I think, that would actually be pretty
9 good, too. So --

08:53 10 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Very good.

11 MR. SANDOVAL: And, again, that date
12 will be Monday the 11th, 6:00 p.m.,
13 Building 1680.

14 Other new business issues: I think
08:53 15 George Rice has -- has one issue -- but let me
16 address a couple more.

17 Update on the TAPP. Did we talk about
18 that?

19 BGEN. BARNIDGE: No. Go ahead. Oh,
08:53 20 you want me to. Yeah. Okay. TAPP -- I've
21 forgotten what the first two words were.

22 The TAPP program application: We're going
23 to work that through the -- Were we going to
24 fill it out through the TRS? Yeah. The -- Oh,
08:54 25 I remember now. The -- What we had is -- is,

08:54 1 we've got a call into -- the date hasn't been
2 established, has it? Oh, it has. What's the
3 date? Why don't you explain it, Damian?

4 MR. SANDOVAL: I guess I know a
08:54 5 little bit more about this.

6 The TAPP process was something that was
7 presented to us back in January or February --
8 I'm not sure -- but what it's going to do is
9 allow us to go after a certain amount of funds
08:54 10 to try to use -- to try to train -- try to get
11 a professional expert to help us with some of
12 our issues -- i.e., risk assessment, report
13 evaluation, et cetera. The last time we left
14 it, we had discussed that the people who
08:54 15 provide training for the TAPP may come down at
16 the next TRS meeting which is scheduled for
17 April 21st, I believe. So, we may have a
18 two-hour block of instruction on what the TAPP
19 is and how to fill out the TAPP paperwork.

08:55 20 So, I think for the TRS members, RAB
21 members and any community members interested in
22 what our first focus will be on using the TAPP
23 is going to be detailed at that first meeting.

24 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yeah. And what I
08:55 25 can add to that that I do know is: This is

08:55 1 big-time high vis. It's the first one of its
2 kind in the Air Force ever done. They won't --
3 and, in fact, the reason that this training
4 thing came up -- is because they don't want to
08:55 5 consider our application until they train us on
6 how to fill it out and help us do that sort of
7 thing -- actually, that's probably going to be
8 for our benefit in the end state so that we
9 don't get into a circular dialogue -- and,
08:55 10 also, by the way -- if you think about it --
11 it's in their interest -- since this is the
12 first one -- to make it look right and look
13 good. So, I think we've got something great in
14 the making here and -- and this -- this is --
08:55 15 this is coming together well. So --

16 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. George, you had
17 a -- one or two questions?

18 MR. RICE: Yeah. I had three items
19 that I wanted to bring up. I spoke with Damian
08:56 20 and he said this would probably be the best
21 time. It will only take about a minute each.

22 I want to talk about access to on-base
23 information, then -- a continuation from the
24 last RAB meeting about the well that was
08:56 25 installed on Armando's property -- and,

08:56 1 finally, of Kelly contaminants in an Edwards
2 well -- you know, a few meetings ago, we had a
3 lot of discussion about getting access to
4 Air Force information that's on base -- and my
08:56 5 understanding was that any member of the public
6 could come on base and look at that information
7 that the Air Force has. Well, I was able to
8 come on base twice, but I'm no longer being
9 permitted to come on base.

08:56 10 General Barnidge, at my third request,
11 asked me to hold off until he could get back to
12 me and I could come back on base to look at
13 these materials and he hasn't, yet, gotten back
14 to me.

08:57 15 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Why do you put it in
16 that tone?

17 MR. RICE: Excuse me. But that was
18 about a month ago.

19 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yeah, you're right.
08:57 20 I forgot about it.

21 MR. RICE: So, my question is -- And
22 I hope I can get an answer before the next RAB
23 meeting -- is: Has the Air Force's policy
24 regarding access to on-base information
08:57 25 changed?

08:57 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: The answer is no.

2 MR. RICE: So, I'll be able to come

3 back on base next week?

4 BGEN. BARNIDGE: As soon as I call

08:57 5 you back.

6 MR. RICE: Thank you.

7 MR. SANDOVAL: That will be next

8 week.

9 MR. RICE: The second issue is

08:57 10 Armando's well -- you know, I, as a technical

11 expert for Armando, and Air Force experts were

12 arguing as to whether or not there was any

13 groundwater beneath Armando's property. So,

14 the Judge told us -- as part of the

08:57 15 lawsuit -- just quit arguing and install the

16 well. We did -- and we found that there's

17 plenty of water beneath Armando's property.

18 As a sidelight, the Air Force has spent

19 over \$77,000 on these experts who said there

08:58 20 wasn't water. But not only is there water

21 there, it's contaminated. So, now, these same

22 experts are saying that it's not Kelly

23 contamination -- and that's the point we're at

24 now -- and, as I've said in the past, this is a

08:58 25 very serious issue for San Antonio. Because my

08:58 1 personal feeling -- and all it is is a personal
2 feeling -- is that for much of the
3 contamination on that map that we saw
4 earlier -- all those green areas -- what the
08:58 5 Air Force is going to say is that that is not
6 Air Force contamination and the
7 City of San Antonio is going to be left holding
8 the bag.

9 The final item is -- as -- one of the
08:58 10 things I discovered when I came on base to look
11 at these documents was that contaminants from
12 Kelly Air Force Base have entered into
13 Edwards Aquifer wells here on base -- you know,
14 for years, we were told by the Air Force that
08:59 15 this would never happen. This is impossible.
16 But the Air Force discovered, in 1988, that
17 this happened and they published a report on it
18 in 1991. To the Air Force's credit, they
19 sealed that Kelly well so contaminants can no
08:59 20 longer -- they sealed that Edwards well so
21 contaminants from the shallow aquifer on Kelly
22 can no longer enter the Edwards Aquifer. But
23 I'm personally quite -- I don't know if the
24 word is miffed -- it's not surprise, but --
08:59 25 when I say "for years," we were told that

08:59 1 contaminants from the shallow aquifer on Kelly
2 could not get into the Edwards. All along the
3 Air Force knew that it had, in fact, occurred.

4 And that's, really, what I have to say.

08:59 5 MR. SANDOVAL: George, did you ever
6 forward a copy of the results from your well
7 installed at Mr. Quintanilla's property -- the
8 analytical results?

9 MR. RICE: No. Was that on -- Was
09:00 10 that something I was --

11 MR. SANDOVAL: No, that's just a
12 question.

13 MR. RICE: No. I certainly can do
14 that and I can bring them to the next TRS
09:00 15 meeting. I can also bring the results that the
16 Air Force -- as well.

17 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. All right.
18 Thanks. Thank you, George.

19 The next section: Community Comments. I
09:00 20 think there's been a lot of information
21 presented here tonight, some of it very
22 complex, some of it very general so that all of
23 us can understand it.

24 Is there anyone who would like to get up
09:00 25 and speak a couple of minutes on a topic?

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Gene?

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If you could, state your name -- and, if you're with someone, an organization -- and, then, your statement.

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REV. SHEPPARD: I'm Reverend

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Gene Sheppard. I'm president of the AARP

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chapter right here on Gerald, two blocks south

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and two blocks west. I'm a member of the

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Keep South San Proud Neighborhood Association,

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member of South San Ministerial Alliance, and I

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work close with Carlos Ureste -- in fact, he

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asked me to give him a report on the activities

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Most of my senior citizen friends and

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associates are very interested in how far this

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contamination goes. Tonight, I haven't heard

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any plans of going south. I have one lady that

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belongs to our group that is in her nineties.

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She lives three blocks south of Military Drive,

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but nobody is considering that area down

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there. If they are, I haven't heard about it.

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I encourage you to get a survey done --

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what's our maximum contamination? How far does

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it go? You don't know how big a problem you

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got, until you find out -- and I thank you for

09:02 1 the meeting on the 11th of February and the
2 31st of March and I'm looking forward to the
3 one -- I'm quite sure it's going to be at
4 JFK High School.

09:02 5 Thank you very much.

6 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you, Gene.

7 MS. HUERTA: My name is Tanya Huerta
8 and I'm a community member -- and I'm not a
9 real technical person -- so, if there's words I
09:02 10 shouldn't be using, you-all can feel free to
11 tell me. I have two concerns and one of them
12 we talked about at the community forum. There
13 were a lot of questions raised there and I
14 would like those questions to be added to your
09:02 15 list. Because it is a matter of accountability
16 as a public agency and a public board.

17 Where is the recycle water plant? Is it
18 downstream from the discharge zone for this
19 plume of contamination? There have been other
09:03 20 cities in our nation that have taken recycled
21 water that was contaminated and spread it all
22 over town into the recycle -- all the
23 recreational areas -- and I still haven't heard
24 how far that plume goes and where the discharge
09:03 25 zone is for this underground water -- the

09:03 1 shallow water that we're talking about -- to
2 reassure people that it is downstream from the
3 recycled water that we're talking about. I
4 mean, we're talking about a lot of different
09:03 5 types of waters and projects -- and I don't
6 think that's real clear for people.

7 My second comment -- and I'm not sure if I
8 heard everything correctly -- but it concerns
9 the meeting that was held at St. Mary's
09:03 10 University where a quorum was called and a vote
11 was taken about the CEJA contract -- and I
12 question if that's a violation of the
13 Open Meetings law. I really question that. I
14 tend to think it might have been -- and if you
09:04 15 would add that to your list of questions -- and
16 what does that do to the contract that was
17 voted on?

18 Thank you.

19 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you. I think we
09:04 20 can address that last question.

21 Mary?

22 MS. KELLY: With regard to the RAB
23 and its being subject to the Texas Open
24 Meetings law, the RAB is not a political
09:04 25 subdivision of the State of Texas nor a state

09:04 1 board or commission. Those are the kinds of
2 entities which are subject to the Texas Open
3 Meetings law and the Texas Public Information
4 Act, which used to be called the Texas Open
09:04 5 Records Act.

6 Nevertheless, even though this RAB is not
7 subject to those state laws, in the interest of
8 openness and community and public
9 participation, both the Air Force and this RAB,
09:04 10 as a body, has committed to follow the
11 procedures outlined in the Open Meetings law
12 and the Public Information law to the extent
13 applicable.

14 There are some situations where the Open
09:05 15 Meetings law would not apply. One situation
16 has to do with the type of public notice that
17 is required. If this were the board of a
18 political subdivision, it would have to
19 advertise in either -- it would have to put
09:05 20 notice in, for example, the courthouse -- which
21 is the seat of government for this county. If
22 it involved persons from other areas in the
23 state, we'd have to advertise in the
24 Texas Register, in order to give members of the
09:05 25 public information about where these meetings

09:05 1 are held. Those don't apply. Those wouldn't
2 be useful to the persons who are interested in
3 the restoration of Kelly Air Force Base. So,
4 instead, different procedures are used.

09:06 5 Notices are sent out, publications are made --
6 not in the -- not just in the major local
7 newspaper -- but in La Prensa and a number of
8 other community papers.

9 So, there is not strict adherence to the
09:06 10 Texas Open Meetings law, but general
11 adherence -- and it's followed in all
12 situations where applicable. The meeting held
13 at St. Mary's was held on short notice because
14 of the requirements to proceed with -- with a
09:06 15 matter that had to do with a permit application
16 and a hearing that was scheduled -- and certain
17 procedures had to be followed within a very
18 limited time frame -- and a committee
19 recommended that the matter be taken to the
09:06 20 full board for discussion and approval. Had
21 this been a public body, it would have been
22 appropriate to post a notice and then go into
23 executive session -- I mean, a public body
24 subject to the Open Meetings law.

09:07 25 So, I just want to clarify. It is being

09:07 1 done as a courtesy to the affected public, that
2 to the extent applicable, the principles and
3 policies of the Texas Open Meetings law are
4 followed. They are not, however, required to
09:07 5 do so.

6 BGEN. BARNIDGE: I think what may
7 have generated the question was: I made an
8 earlier reference to -- tonight -- to the
9 Opening Meetings thing -- and -- and, truly,
09:07 10 from the Air Force side, we're committed to the
11 extent humanly possible to -- to -- to
12 support and adhere to those -- those precepts.
13 You said it very well about the -- he -- the
14 meeting on -- on the -- on the permit
09:07 15 issue -- and we had to take quick action as
16 a -- as a body and we accomplished that and I
17 think we -- we achieved what we were after
18 and -- and made progress. So -- but I did make
19 earlier reference to it and that may have been
09:08 20 what brought up the question.

21 Okay. Thank you. Anything else?

22 MR. QUINTANILLA: General -- you
23 know, having these closed meetings and secret
24 meetings -- I think we're losing the trust of
09:08 25 the people. I think we should strive to have

09:08 1 every meeting open to the public. I really do.

2 BGEN. BARNIDGE: There is -- There
3 is --

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: Except -- you know,
09:08 5 when a personnel matter is going to be
6 discussed -- or a legal matter is going to be
7 discussed, then it should be --

8 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Well, like that
9 permit was -- I would throw under a legal
09:08 10 matter. But that -- be that as it may, I --
11 I -- I didn't see anyone saying that that was
12 a closed meeting. What we did was invited all
13 the RAB membership on a -- on a very short
14 string to gather and -- and the meeting was
09:08 15 conducted.

16 To tell you the truth, there were people
17 who wasn't RAB members in that setting -- in
18 that meeting -- it just happened to be support
19 staff -- but there was nothing closed or
09:09 20 secretive -- I think -- I disagree with your
21 use of the word secretive. We don't -- We're
22 not in the secretive business here.

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: I hope not.

24 BGEN. BARNIDGE: I'm certainly not.
09:09 25 So -- And I don't think that anyone else is,

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either.

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We will spread the word to the extent appropriate for out-of-cycle meetings --

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because I'm sure that's what you're making reference to.

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MR. QUINTANILLA: I'm making

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reference to the next meeting -- an executive board meeting that's only for RAB board

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BGEN. BARNIDGE: Right. And I think

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that when you have an introspective session

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like that, the RAB membership deserves to have

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the opportunity to look at themselves and talk

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about themselves -- and, then, if we decide we

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want to solicit -- or see a need for public

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comment, based on our thought processes, then,

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by all means, we should do that. But we ought

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to be able to have an opportunity, as a body,

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to discuss what we think about our business.

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Anybody -- Any other comments on that?

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Okay. Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead.

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MR. JONES: I have a comment, but

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it's not applicable to what you-all were just

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talking about. I was just wondering -- is

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there a possibility of putting some of this

09:10 1 information on the -- create something like a
2 Kelly page or a Web site?

3 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Your community
4 co-chair is way ahead of you, as he usually is
09:10 5 on me. He's beating us up pretty good about
6 making that happen and -- and we're working at
7 that. That's -- That's on the agenda. If
8 you'll take that as an answer, that's coming.

9 Okay.

09:10 10 MR. SANDOVAL: Not to digress from
11 the schedule, but are there any more -- other
12 community comments? If not, we'll close that
13 portion of the meeting.

14 Okay. Last issue: Summary and Closing.
09:10 15 I'd like to say a couple of -- a couple of
16 quick words on this whole issue. I think we've
17 seen some changes in the since -- the last RAB
18 meeting to this RAB meeting -- specifically,
19 the way the chairs were aligned. The note
09:11 20 taking by Mr. Walters is an excellent
21 opportunity. I think we're going over those
22 things -- now -- before we close the --

23 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yes. We need to run
24 down and see what applies to what.

09:11 25 MR. SANDOVAL: And I think what we

09:11 1 want to try to do is not to try to answer all
2 these questions, as far as time line and is it
3 a RAB or is it TRS or a joint issue? But,
4 maybe, just clarify the question and we can get
09:11 5 back to you.

6 BGEN. BARNIDGE: And see who's
7 responsible for it.

8 MR. SANDOVAL: We can just identify
9 the question and find out which entity is
09:11 10 responsible for it and, then, we'll take those
11 questions and act upon them by the next
12 meeting.

13 MS. PEACE: I have an item for new
14 business -- I mean, for the next agenda --
09:11 15 either the next one or the October 21st
16 meeting. I would like to have
17 Dr. Marvin Legator, from the U.T. Medical
18 Branch, come and give us a presentation because
19 they have, I think, completed their assessment
09:12 20 for the community health survey and I'd like to
21 get a presentation on that. So, whichever -- I
22 guess, at his convenience -- either the July
23 15th or the October 21st public -- for the end
24 of the year.

09:12 25 MR. SANDOVAL: You'd like to see that

09:12 1 as a RAB agenda item?

2 MS. PEACE: Yeah.

3 MR. SANDOVAL: How long do you

4 think -- How much time do you think he would

09:12 5 need?

6 MS. PEACE: Well, I would like,

7 you know, to give him 20 minutes to a half an

8 hour -- I mean -- because I don't think that he

9 can make that long a presentation, but I think

09:12 10 we're going to have a ton of questions for him.

11 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Well, let's make

12 sure everybody -- I mean -- that's fine. Let's

13 make sure everybody agrees with that -- just

14 like on every one of these things -- and, then,

09:12 15 we'll certainly schedule it.

16 MR. SANDOVAL: Let's start with that

17 one, first. Annalisa is proposing to have

18 Dr. Legator give a 20- to 30-minute

19 presentation at a RAB meeting.

09:12 20 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Comments?

21 Okay.

22 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Let's go to the

23 top --

24 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Can we get Annalisa

09:13 25 to contact him and -- Who's going to contact

09:13 1 him?

2 MS. PEACE: Well, I think you-all
3 should as co-chair -- yeah. I think we should
4 have the co-chairs --

09:13 5 MR. SANDOVAL: Can you give me the
6 phone number?

7 MS. PEACE: Oh, sure.

8 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Damian will
9 contact him and set up the time.

09:13 10 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Advertisement
11 of TRS meetings: We're going to try to get you
12 guys to look at that and see how far we can
13 take that, as far as advertisement.

14 BGEN. BARNIDGE: That's an Air Force
09:13 15 action item -- and, actually, I'll communicate
16 the response back to Damian for the TRS group.

17 MR. SANDOVAL: Right now, to verify
18 which people are being notified -- TRS members
19 and, I believe, each RAB member is getting a
09:13 20 copy of the TRS agenda. Beyond that, I'm not
21 sure what's happening. So, we need to clarify
22 that. That's an Air Force item.

23 MR. SANDOVAL: Comment was: Hold TRS
24 meetings on the south side. We looked at that
09:14 25 one time -- having the meeting and at

09:14 1 Union Pacific Yard and that fell through.
2 We've not looked at any other issues -- any
3 other sites that will hold the TRS group of
4 around 10 to 20 folks. If someone has an idea
09:14 5 or a facility, let us know and we'll definitely
6 look at that. So, that's a TRS issue.

7 MR. QUINTANILLA: I want to suggest
8 one for you. Maybe you'll like it; maybe you
9 don't -- you won't. It's the fire station
09:14 10 right here on Zarzamora. We used to hold our
11 RAB meetings there. They're available. If you
12 need space, it can be made available by any
13 City Councilman for you.

14 MR. SANDOVAL: At no cost?

09:14 15 MR. QUINTANILLA: No cost.

16 MR. SANDOVAL: Overhead projector?

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes.

18 MR. SANDOVAL: Do you have a phone
19 number?

09:14 20 MR. QUINTANILLA: 207-7040 -- that's
21 for City Council.

22 MR. SANDOVAL: 207 --

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: -- 7040.

24 MR. SANDOVAL: I'll look at -- I'll
09:14 25 look at that.

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BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay.

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MR. QUINTANILLA: If you need any help, I'll be happy to help. I think Mayor Peak or any City Councilman can get it for you.

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BGEN. BARNIDGE: Juan -- by the way, as a comment, Juan, earlier, made the comment about not wanting to go anywhere you get tied up in traffic and --

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MR. QUINTANILLA: There's parking space.

BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay.

MR. SANDOVAL: There was an issue about land transfer -- and I think we were talking about the use of a permit and when the LRA would accept the property based upon soil cleanup versus groundwater cleanup. I think that's an issue we're going to have to present at a -- either TRS or a RAB -- as a RAB agenda item.

MR. POSNICK: I don't mind -- EPA and TNRCC will be -- we'll talk about, "What are the requirements to do cleanup under the permit," and, "What are the requirements to transfer property?"

1 MR. BARNIDGE: Good.

2 MR. SANDOVAL: So, that could be a
3 RAB thing?

4 MR. POSNICK: Yeah.

09:15 5 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. The next
6 question was, "When will you have your remedial
7 action in the Quintana Road neighborhood and
8 other off-base areas?" And I think that goes
9 back to your question, David, about when the
09:16 10 final remedies go into which particular zone
11 and phase. Other than a more detailed -- Well,
12 I think the schedule of the documents would
13 kind of help us resolve that issue. What
14 document is going to cover what zone and what
09:16 15 action? So, I think that's the document
16 schedule and that would be an Air Force issue.

17 MR. JOHNSON: If we can -- just to
18 help answer some of the questions to the
19 general public. Just as we have all of this
09:16 20 information right here, I was just wondering
21 when we could have -- actually, the entire time
22 line spaced out -- and, basically, highlight
23 the ones -- or -- or show exactly where we're
24 at by zone. I think that would be very useful
09:16 25 to help aid us in answering some of these

09:16 1 questions.

2 MR. SANDOVAL: Just to follow up on
3 that, I think we had talked at the last TRS
4 that there's a committee from -- is it from
09:17 5 Brooks -- that's looking at -- from AFCEE --
6 that's looking at a total critical path
7 schedule that takes every site from the -- its
8 inception at a site all through cleanup. Is
9 that still being worked on? Okay. And that
09:17 10 will be available -- summer?

11 CAPT. DE VENOGÉ: Summer.

12 MR. SANDOVAL: Summer? And that will
13 be a TRS issue, as well.

14 BGEN. BARNIDGE: By the way, RAB
09:17 15 membership -- the reason we're going down
16 this -- if anybody has got any different twist
17 to the question or objection to the question or
18 anything, please -- you know, we're -- sing
19 out. Because the point is -- is we want to
09:17 20 make sure that everybody understands what we're
21 signing up to do -- and if you think -- if you
22 have a different thought, please let us know.

23 MR. SANDOVAL: Next point was further
24 delineation of Zone 5 off base -- Zone 3 --
09:17 25 I'm sorry -- and that goes back to the ROD,

09:18 1 I believe, for the Quintana Road project.

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: We have never seen
3 the ROD for Zone 3 -- the one that's been
4 forwarded to TNRCC. This RAB has never seen
09:18 5 it. I don't know what it has or anything. I
6 don't know even if it can be amended, based on
7 the conversations that we've had here and the
8 comments that were given here.

9 MR. SANDOVAL: I think the TRS could
09:18 10 take a look at that -- especially the areas
11 affected and what the remedial action of the
12 affected areas would be. Would that be
13 appropriate?

14 BGEN. BARNIDGE: What is it we --
09:18 15 What is it we need? Do we need a presentation
16 on the Zone 3 ROD or what --

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes. Something --

18 MR. POSNICK: I wonder if -- has the
19 Zone 3 ROD been issued for groundwater? I
09:18 20 don't know if that has, yet.

21 BGEN. BARNIDGE: I don't know.

22 MS. HUENI: The ROD itself, from what
23 I recall, is fairly general. We might get more
24 detail once we actually go into the RD phase.
09:19 25 So, I would suggest that we actually entertain

09:19 1 a presentation at the 30 percent design phase
2 for the RD on Zone 3 for groundwater.

3 MR. QUINTANILLA: I have a question.
4 Have you seen the ROD?

09:19 5 MS. HUENI: Uh-huh.

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: How come we -- None
7 of us have seen the ROD. I would like to see
8 the ROD, even if it's general.

9 MR. SANDOVAL: Is it at the library?

09:19 10 MR. QUINTANILLA: No, it's not in the
11 library.

12 MR. SANDOVAL: If it's not, why isn't
13 it at the library?

14 MR. MCGHEE: We believe it is at the
09:19 15 library, but you've always got to double-check
16 these things. We had some items, actually,
17 taken from the library a couple weeks ago. So,
18 I'll double-check to make sure that they're
19 there.

09:20 20 By the way, it is an internal decision
21 document. It's --

22 MR. QUINTANILLA: The record of
23 decision --

24 MR. MCGHEE: A ROD -- A record of
09:20 25 decision or ROD is -- it's -- it's jargon,

09:20 1 but it applies specifically to national
2 priorities list sites -- other sites -- we
3 use the term "decision document." So, when you
4 see "decision document," that is equivalent to
09:20 5 the ROD.

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: But it has never
7 been presented to this RAB, has it?

8 MR. MCGHEE: Okay. We'll get copies
9 of that.

09:20 10 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Well, how big is
11 this thing? I mean, is this something that --

12 MR. MCGHEE: Sir, honestly, I
13 couldn't tell you. I'd be happy to follow it
14 up tomorrow morning and make you fully aware of
09:20 15 what we've got.

16 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. How about
17 this as a compromise? We'll check and make
18 sure it's -- if it's a book this thick --

19 MR. QUINTANILLA: I don't want it.

09:20 20 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Right. You don't
21 want it and we don't want to produce it. If
22 it's a little thing that we can easily hand
23 out, we're going to do that --

24 MR. QUINTANILLA: I would be happy
09:20 25 with an executive summary from that.

1 MS. KELLY: It is a summary.

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: Okay. That's what
3 I want.

4 MS. KELLY: That's what a decision
09:21 5 document is. It is like an executive summary
6 that refers to other documents that may be very
7 long.

8 MS. HUENI: That document was based
9 on the feasibility study for Zone 3, which --
09:21 10 which was -- I believe that also went out for
11 public notice and comment.

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: Well, I would like
13 to see if my comments are in there -- that's
14 the reason for seeing it.

09:21 15 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. We'll check
16 to see if it's hand-out-able -- and, if it is,
17 we'll hand it out and, if not, we'll tell you
18 where it is in the library.

19 MR. QUINTANILLA: Or I'll send in for
09:21 20 a Freedom of Information --

21 BGEN. BARNIDGE: That's slower than
22 going to the library.

23 MR. SANDOVAL: We may do the
24 presentation, if appropriate -- or are we going
09:21 25 to delay that until the 30 percent --

09:21 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yeah. Let's do
2 the -- Is that all right -- to do the
3 presentation --

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: You can do a
09:21 5 presentation -- that will --

6 BGEN. BARNIDGE: With the -- No. I'm
7 talking about with the 30 percent design.
8 Let's just hand out the ROD --

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: That's too long.
09:21 10 We're putting it off. I don't like that.

11 MS. HUENI: I think that's going to
12 be much more meaningful -- because I think
13 you'll find that decision document is fairly
14 general. But --

09:22 15 MR. QUINTANILLA: It might be, but a
16 lot of decisions have already been made. All
17 you're going to do on the 30 -- on the
18 30 percent is just ratify it.

19 BGEN. BARNIDGE: No. What we're
09:22 20 talking about, though, is either handing the
21 thing out, so -- where you've got a 100 percent
22 presentation or -- Well, I mean, that's what
23 we're talking about it -- is getting -- is
24 having you see the whole thing --

09:22 25 MR. SANDOVAL: Can we look at the ROD

09:22 1 first, Mr. Quintanilla, and see --

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'll leave it up to
3 you. I trust you.

4 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay.

09:22 5 MR. SANDOVAL: Give me -- or us -- a
6 copy of the ROD -- and if we think that there's
7 some questions that need to be addressed --
8 you know, quickly, then we'll bring that up
9 between us. How's that? We can go forward and
10 make a report at the next RAB meeting.

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'll go along with
12 that.

13 MR. RICE: Regarding this item, all
14 this stuff about the ROD is fine. But the
09:22 15 original question was: Because contaminants
16 were found in Armando's well, will the
17 Air Force do additional groundwater
18 characterization in that area or south of his
19 well to try to determine how far the plume has
09:23 20 gone? I hope that we can get an answer to that
21 question by the next TRS meeting.

22 MR. SANDOVAL: So -- our Zone 3
23 manager would have to take a look at that.
24 George, say that question again so we can --

09:23 25 MR. RICE: Does the Air Force intend

09:23 1 to further delineate the extent of
2 contamination in the vicinity of Armando's
3 house or -- preferably further south of his
4 property?

09:23 5 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. I think we got
6 that this time. That would be an Air Force
7 action.

8 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yep.

9 MR. SANDOVAL: Next item was:
09:24 10 Sam Sanchez provided data for the drinking
11 water wells to Mr. Rice at the next TRS by
12 April 21st.

13 Okay. TNRCC action item: Any additional
14 information on the permit for the Quintana Road
09:24 15 project and TNRCC will also provide a written
16 statement of the position why there is no
17 permit required.

18 MR. POSNICK: Right. We'll do that.

19 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Data? When
09:24 20 off-base sampling begins.

21 BGEN. BARNIDGE: That goes back --
22 that was more dialogue about the data --
23 You wrote -- Hey, Dick, you wrote down, "Data
24 when off-base sampling begins."

09:24 25 MR. WALTERS: Yes, sir. There was a

09:24 1 question earlier saying you didn't have any
2 data out there -- you didn't have any wells out
3 there -- and I believe someone on the Air Force
4 side said they would like to bring in that
09:25 5 data -- when we began off-base sampling --
6 which is a very early date.

7 MR. MCGHEE: Yes, that was Annalisa's
8 concern, that we'd only recently begun looking
9 off base -- at wells off base and I said I
09:25 10 believe we've had wells off base for several
11 years, but I promised to get her that
12 information -- about what wells are off base
13 and when they were installed by the Air Force.

14 MR. SANDOVAL: Is that a voluminous
09:25 15 act to do?

16 MR. MCGHEE: I'm sorry.

17 MR. SANDOVAL: Is that going to be a
18 very difficult act to -- if you go back to the
19 inception of the program?

09:25 20 MR. MCGHEE: I don't believe so, no.
21 I mean, I think I can pull that together.

22 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. So, you owe
23 her the number of wells off base and when they
24 were installed?

09:25 25 MR. MCGHEE: Right. Yes, sir.

09:25 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay.

2 MR. SANDOVAL: Before the next
3 appropriate risk assessment, ASTDR set up risk
4 training with Brooks. I think that was the
09:25 5 issue about finding when the next risk
6 assessment project that we're going to need
7 risk assessment training and any follow-up risk
8 reduction -- TNRCC risk reduction training
9 program -- and that action item is for the TRS.

09:26 10 MR. POSNICK: And I'll get you some
11 information tomorrow, Damian, on passes to
12 attend the trade fair and that five-hour
13 workshop on risk assessment training.

14 Our risk rules -- you can get them on the
09:26 15 Web. Our Web address is TNRCC.State --
16 S-t-a-t-e -- .TX.US.

17 MR. SANDOVAL: Follow up to that
18 question: Let's say there is -- I know the fee
19 was \$185 to attend for all three days. Would
09:26 20 that be a fee that we would solicit to try to
21 get paid for through BRAC cleanup funds to send
22 one or two folks?

23 BGEN. BARNIDGE: That's what I --
24 I've got to check on that. I don't know the
25 answer to that.

09:26 1 MR. POSNICK: Well, I'm going to try
2 to get a waiver so you can go that one day
3 without paying anything, so -- I'm going to
4 check on that.

09:27 5 BGEN. BARNIDGE: That's the better
6 answer.

7 MR. HOFFMAN: We like that one.

8 BGEN. BARNIDGE: We like that answer.

9 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Next question
09:27 10 was: How do other RABs operate? And
11 Mr. Quintanilla was going to get some
12 information out.

13 MR. QUINTANILLA: I will call them.
14 I will call them tomorrow so I can get that.

09:27 15 MR. SANDOVAL: So, you'll give that
16 to General Barnidge and he'll distribute it.

17 TNRCC/EPA availability of facilitator if
18 we can't get Bob Ashcroft.

19 BGEN. BARNIDGE: And I'm going to
09:27 20 call Ashcroft.

21 MR. SANDOVAL: Confirmation of TAPP
22 training for the next TRS meeting. Air Force
23 action.

24 Two public comments or questions --

09:27 25 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Oh, wait a minute.

09:27 1 Wait a minute. What is the -- Confirm TAPP for
2 TRS meeting. Tell me again what that is.

3 MR. SANDOVAL: The training -- they
4 were going to come down and give us some
09:27 5 training to fill out the application.

6 BGEN. BARNIDGE: I thought you said
7 we -- that was a confirmed date --

8 MR. SANDOVAL: The confirmed date was
9 the date of the TRS meeting.

09:28 10 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Oh, we're talking
11 past each other.

12 Okay. Yeah. We owe -- What is going on
13 on this deal is -- is -- again, because it's
14 the first one -- the hype is -- all that --
09:28 15 they want to come train us -- and Larry Bailey
16 is actually brokering between Damian speaking
17 for the TRS and AFBCA -- a common time when
18 they come down and give us the training for the
19 thing -- see if they can come down for the next
09:28 20 TRS meeting -- that's what's going on -- and,
21 so, yes, that is an Air Force action item.

22 MR. SANDOVAL: Two public comments we
23 had: Where is the recycle plant and where is
24 the discharge point going to be? And I'm not
09:28 25 sure if that is referring to the FFS study or

09:28 1 is that with existing -- Leon Creek? Can you
2 clarify that again? Because --

3 MS. HUERTA: I think the question
4 is: When you talk about all the water and
09:29 5 where it goes and where it's discharged, I
6 don't think it's been said where the natural
7 discharge zone is for that underground water.

8 MR. SANDOVAL: Are you talking about
9 the existing discharge system in place?

09:29 10 MS. HUERTA: Right -- the natural
11 one -- where the -- where the groundwater --
12 where does it end up as it is now? It sounds
13 like the study hasn't gone that far out. Do we
14 even know where the discharge is for that
09:29 15 zone?

16 MR. SANDOVAL: I think we're talking
17 about the Leon Creek one -- the one that's
18 pulling water from the golf course areas and,
19 then, getting treated at the treatment plant
09:29 20 and being discharged into Leon Creek.

21 MS. HUERTA: Well -- No. I keep
22 hearing that the water is plumed over southeast
23 of Kelly. So, where does that water -- where
24 does it eventually end up? That's the
25 question.

09:29 1 BGEN. BARNIDGE: What water? The
2 underground water?
3 MS. HUERTA: Yeah. Does it stay
4 still?
09:29 5 MS. PEACE: I think she wants to
6 know -- like, are there any springs where it
7 pops up or any of that kind of stuff.
8 MR. JOHNSON: Or does the alluvial
9 aquifer actually discharge it to another
09:30 10 tributary? Where does it end up? That's the
11 question.
12 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yeah, that's
13 different than what we --
14 MR. JOHNSON: Is that close to what
15 you're --
16 MS. HUERTA: That's the question.
17 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. In other words,
18 the groundwater -- this -- this alluvial
19 aquifer on the east section -- or the
09:30 20 southeast section -- we know that the pluming
21 has picked up. But is there any -- has there
22 been any action to find out exactly where are
23 the discharge points of the migration -- not
24 necessarily towards the plume itself, but where
09:30 25 does this water flow and where does it end up?

09:30 1 MS. PEACE: And, also, like in -- in
2 the event that -- you know, that aquifer is
3 filled to capacity, where would it come out?
4 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay. Let us take
09:30 5 the question, "Do we know the answer to that?"
6 Because I don't know whether we know the answer
7 to that.
8 MR. QUINTANILLA: I know where it
9 used to -- around 50 years ago -- maybe 60.
09:30 10 MR. JOHNSON: Just to make a point:
11 When the TRS was -- not necessarily TRS --
12 we're holding it at Kelly -- I had asked then
13 how hydraulic flow -- whether it's rainy
14 periods or drought periods -- how it affects
09:31 15 this particular aquifer? And I think that it's
16 still an open question.
17 BGEN. BARNIDGE: An open question?
18 MR. JOHNSON: Right -- that really
19 hasn't been answered. Because it would affect
09:31 20 the -- it would affect the conductivity of
21 particular solvents --
22 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yeah.
23 MR. JOHNSON: -- and how quickly they
24 migrate.
09:31 25 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yeah -- No, that --

09:31 1 that, I understand.

2 MR. SANDOVAL: Air Force action?

3 BGEN. BARNIDGE: We'll take the
4 question, "Do we know the answer?" And I don't
09:31 5 know whether we know the answer or not -- and I
6 don't even know whether we know when we're
7 going to know the answer, if we don't. So --

8 MR. HOFFMAN: Find out as much you
9 can.

09:31 10 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yeah. We'll tell
11 you what we know.

12 MR. SANDOVAL: The last question was,
13 again, from the public comment period:
14 St. Mary's University -- the Open Meeting
09:32 15 law -- was that a valid meeting or was that
16 against any particular laws? I think Mary
17 addressed that issue.

18 My issue is to try to contact
19 Dr. Legator -- I had one other RAB agenda
09:32 20 proposed item and that would be to actually get
21 a presentation on the update of the -- get the
22 name of this permit right -- of the Kelly Air
23 Force Base Post-Closure Care Permit and
24 Compliance Plan -- and I think if we can
09:32 25 schedule that for the July meeting --

09:32 1 MR. QUINTANILLA: That would be a
2 good one.

3 BGEN. BARNIDGE: What is it?

4 MR. SANDOVAL: It's the post --
09:32 5 Post-Closure Care Permit and Compliance Plan --
6 an updated status.

7 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Okay.

8 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Just -- again,
9 one other change we'd like to do is go quickly
09:33 10 around the table -- fifteen to ten seconds --
11 if you have a response or a comment.
12 Hopefully, there's nothing long-winded -- just
13 give everybody an opportunity to, kind of,
14 close -- close their side of the meeting --
09:33 15 and, then, we'll end with myself and, then,
16 General Barnidge.

17 Ed, if you want to start off --

18 MR. WEINSTEIN: I have nothing to
19 add.

09:33 20 MR. JONES: I don't have --

21 MR. RICE: Nothing.

22 MR. SANDOVAL: Gene?

23 DR. LENE: (Individual shakes head.)

24 MR. PUFFER: (Individual shakes
25 head.)

09:33 1 MS. ADAMES: I have a comment to the
2 that lady -- that if she's really interested in
3 what's going on, just go ahead and come to our
4 meetings -- and, like they told me, you're
09:33 5 welcome to join the RAB, also. It's very
6 informative.

7 MR. QUINTANILLA: I believe we're
8 going to have some vacancies.

9 MR. PUFFER: Most of our meetings
09:33 10 have minutes, I believe, that are taken and
11 you're always welcome to look at the minutes.

12 MR. SANDOVAL: Sam?

13 MR. SANCHEZ: I really think we have
14 to start working at streamlining our meetings,
09:34 15 Damian. I think we're -- just looking out in
16 the audience, I don't think I see very many
17 community members. I think one of the reasons
18 is that the meetings drag on so long. It
19 almost discourages people from coming back to
09:34 20 one of these meetings. So, we really have to
21 look at our agendas carefully and
22 retrospectively -- you know, see if they're
23 going to accomplish the work that we're going
24 to need to be doing -- or -- either that or
09:34 25 maybe refer a lot of those action items back to

09:34 1 the TRS where they can take that time to ponder
2 those issues and report back as a general body
3 back to us. Because I think we're wearing out
4 the community, you know, by having them here
09:34 5 for a long time.

6 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you. David?

7 MR. JOHNSON: (Individual shakes
8 head.)

9 MR. SANDOVAL: Larry?

09:34 10 MR. HOFFMAN: I agree. Let's try to
11 keep it as concise as you can. It's tough even
12 on the members, not only the community.

13 MR. MURRAH: Thank you.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: I just want to
09:35 15 offer something. Mr. Sam Goodhope -- I had a
16 long conversation with him. He's the special
17 assistant to the Texas State Attorney General
18 in Austin, Texas. His number is (512) 463-2191
19 and he would be willing to come to the RAB here
09:35 20 and make a presentation on early transfers or
21 how other RABs operate across the whole
22 State of Texas.

23 MR. SANDOVAL: What was his name?

24 MR. QUINTANILLA: Goodhope. He's a
09:35 25 good speaker.

09:35 1 MR. SANDOVAL: And his number again?

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: Area code

3 (512) 463-2191.

4 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Thank you.

09:35 5 Anything else?

6 Again, it's been a very long and enduring
7 meeting. There's been a lot of information
8 passed -- and I think that RAB introspective --
9 that's one of the very essential topics of,

09:36 10 "Do we have appropriate meetings? Do we have
11 appropriate lengthy meetings and topics?" So,
12 with nothing much further, I just want to thank
13 everybody for showing up -- both community, DoD
14 personnel, RAB members and other staff. Thank
15 you.

16 BGEN. BARNIDGE: Yeah. I just want
17 to say we have the impetus for change here and
18 use that introspection meeting like Damian
19 said, please. You can make -- You can make a
09:36 20 change and we can -- we can do it. This --
21 These meetings, I would submit, are far better
22 than what I've heard past times were. I hope
23 that's true. And, if it's not, then decide
24 what we need to do and we'll do it. Because
09:36 25 what you see is what you get these days, Gang.

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All right?

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Thanks. Have a great evening.

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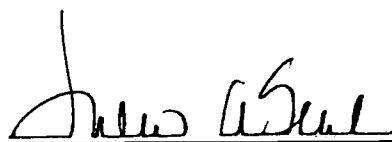
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