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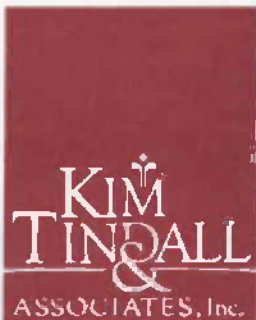
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1 On the 18th day of June, A.D. 1996,
2 between the hours of 6:06 o'clock p.m. and 9:10
3 o'clock p.m., the above entitled meeting came on
4 for discussion before said JUAN SOLIS, SR., and
5 the following proceedings were had:

6 MR. SOLIS: Good afternoon. The
7 meeting of the Kelly Air Force Base Restoration
8 Advisory Board will please come to order.

9 Would you make the introduction. Larry?

10 MR. BAILEY: Since this is the
11 first time that we've met in this particular
12 part of the area off of the north side of
13 Kelly Air Force Base and we have talked to some
14 people here -- this is their first Restoration
15 Advisory Board meeting from the community -- if
16 we could just go around the table and introduce
17 to them who the -- who you are and who you
18 represent.

19 Mr. Rodriguez, will you, please?

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: My name is
21 Nick -- My name is Nicolas Rodriguez and I'm
22 with the Bexar Metropolitan Water District.

23 MR. RICE: My name is George Rice
24 and I represent the community.

25 MR. SANCHEZ: My name is

1 Sam Sanchez and I'm with the San Antonio
2 Metropolitan Health District.

3 MR. WEINSTEIN: I'm Ed Weinstein
4 and I'm with San Antonio Water System.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: My name is
6 Armando Quintanilla. I live in South San in an
7 area that is contaminated by Kelly Air Force
8 Base.

9 MS. JOHNSON: My name is
10 Yolanda Johnson and I represent the North Kelly
11 Gardens and -- and -- this is the first
12 meeting we've had here and I thank you for it
13 very much.

14 MR. PERSON: My name is
15 Paul Person and I represent Union Pacific
16 Railroad.

17 MR. CULBERTSON: Tom Culbertson,
18 independent, and I would like to see a feasible
19 solution.

20 MR. SOLIS: I'm Juan Solis. I'm
21 a resident in the area. I've been in the area
22 for 38 years -- since 1958. I worked at Kelly
23 for 11 years, saw conversions with the
24 environment and what exists today.

25 MR. BAILEY: Good evening. My

1 name is Larry Bailey and I'm the Kelly Air Force
2 Base co-chair, along with Mr. Solis.

3 MR. HAGELTHORN: My name is
4 Allan Hagelthorn and I just represent the
5 community on the north side.

6 MR. LENE: My name is Gene Lene
7 and I'm with St. Mary's University.

8 MR. BEYER: I'm Gary Beyer. I'm
9 with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation
10 Commission.

11 MS. PEACE: I'm Annalisa Peace
12 and I'm with Bob Ross, Council District Seven,
13 in the City of San Antonio.

14 MR. SOLIS: At this time, do we
15 have any conflict of interest disclosures?

16 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes, I have a
17 conflict of interest -- and, at this time,
18 Mr. Chairman, I would like to bring out the fact
19 that we also have other conflict of interests
20 that have not come forth, in the past. I'm
21 talking about members from TNRCC who are funded
22 by the Department of Defense and are actually
23 members of this Board. I believe that
24 constitutes a conflict of interest.

25 MR. SOLIS: Thank you.

1 Mr. Rice?

2 MR. RICE: Yeah. My conflict
3 remains as it has been. I'm working with the
4 folks on the north side of the base, helping
5 them collect samples and interpret the results
6 of the analysis.

7 MR. SOLIS: Thank you, Mr. Rice.

8 MS. JOHNSON: (Inaudible).

9 MR. SOLIS: Thank you,
10 Ms. Johnson.

11 Anyone else? No further conflict or
12 disclosures?

13 Do we have new members?

14 MR. BAILEY: At this time, I
15 would like to introduce Mr. Paul Pierson --
16 Person -- excuse me -- from the Union Pacific
17 Railroad.

18 At the last Restoration Advisory Board
19 meeting, he was identified as the alternate. He
20 is now the primary and he's switching with
21 Mr. Tom Smith. Mr. Smith will become the
22 alternate. Mr. Person will become the primary
23 for Union Pacific Railroad.

24 MR. QUINTANILLA: If he's
25 becoming the primary -- Have we seen his --

1 MR. BAILEY: He just handed it to
2 us and we're going to be circulating it around.

3 MR. SOLIS: At this time, have
4 all the members received their RAB -- the
5 minutes of the May 8th meeting we had?

6 MS. JOHNSON: I don't have it.

7 MR. SOLIS: Are there any
8 corrections or additions to the minutes of
9 May the 8th?

10 If not, I'll entertain a motion to accept
11 the minutes of May the 8th.

12 MR. RICE: I move we accept the
13 minutes.

14 MR. SOLIS: It's been moved and
15 seconded. Those in favor, say "aye."

16 (Vote by the RAB members.)

17 MR. SOLIS: Opposed?

18 (Vote by the RAB members.)

19 MR. SOLIS: The minutes are
20 accepted as written.

21 With that -- Is Mr. Roberson here.

22 MR. BAILEY: He's not here right
23 now.

24 For those of you who may not know
25 Mike Patterson, on Kelly Air Force Base there

1 are various people who are assigned as zonal
2 managers. Mr. Patterson has been identified,
3 for a number of years now, in dealing with not
4 only Zone 5, which is what we're going to be
5 talking about, but some other zones. But more
6 specifically, he will be focusing tonight on
7 Zone 5 and with reference to what is commonly
8 called Site S-1, which is near the fuel hydrant
9 tank farm, otherwise known to Kelly folks and
10 some of those off base as the 1592 fuel tank
11 farm.

12 Mr. Patterson?

13 MR. PATTERSON: I'm going to turn
14 off the lights. Excuse me. Let me get myself
15 turned on. Can everybody hear me all right?
16 Excuse me while I get the lights.

17 Good evening. As Mr. Bailey said, my name
18 is Michael Patterson. I'm a geologist with the
19 Kelly Air Force Base Environmental Management
20 Directorate. Tonight, I'll be providing you an
21 update on the Installation Restoration Program's
22 Zone 5, which is a warehouse and flightline
23 portion of the base.

24 This is a general site diagram of Kelly Air
25 Force Base. The highlighted area -- the boxed

1 in area -- is the topic of our discussion
2 tonight. Within this area, the soil
3 contamination is generally restricted to the
4 area of the sites themselves. The movement of
5 contamination, especially its migration off the
6 base, has been within the shallow groundwater.

7 Within Zone 5, we have seven locations that
8 we are currently studying. Tonight, we are
9 focusing on three of these sites, IRP Site S-1
10 and the fuel spill sites in the 1100 and 1500
11 areas. They're -- They are those that are
12 highlighted in blue. These areas are located in
13 the northern and northwestern portions of the
14 base.

15 Of approximate 2,500 acres called Zone 5,
16 there are roughly 32 acres beneath the
17 neighborhood areas which may require cleanup of
18 the shallow underground water to meet existing
19 regulatory standards.

20 Where is this impacted shallow
21 groundwater? It is contained in the moist soil
22 below the water table. The water moves slowly
23 between the grains of sand and gravel or in the
24 air space within the dirt itself. The pipes
25 carrying drinking water from your home are in

1 the dry soil above this layer. The impacted
2 water cannot get into your drinking water. The
3 tightly packed dry soil above the water table
4 traps and filters any fumes or vapors that may
5 exist. The very low level of cleaning solvents
6 in this wet soil means that the water probably
7 would not give off a harmful level of vapors,
8 even if it were to -- even if it were to be
9 exposed to the air. Because no one uses this
10 water for cooking, drinking or bathing, it does
11 not present a health risk. If it cannot reach
12 you, then it cannot affect you.

13 If it doesn't affect anyone, you might ask
14 why we are spending so much time, money and
15 effort to clean it up. Well, it's the law. The
16 shallow groundwater in Texas is considered a
17 potential drinking water source. This layer of
18 water must be cleaned to meet the Safe Drinking
19 Water Act standards, which are the levels that
20 the regulatory agencies require us to clean up
21 to -- even though no one is using it.

22 What is in this underground water that we
23 are treating? Well, for example, at Site S-1,
24 there was a storage area which operated from the
25 early '60s to 1973. Drums of liquid waste were

1 held there until a contractor could pick them up
2 for recycling. Cleaning solvents, fuels and
3 other industrial chemicals from the various
4 workshops were sent there. Some of these drums
5 leaked and some spills occurred. The liquids
6 soaked into the soil and got caught up in the
7 tight clay and silt. Each time it rains, some
8 of the chemicals wash out of the dry soil and
9 into the wet soil below.

10 In a moment, I'll be showing you
11 groundwater impact maps for the northern area of
12 Zone 5. These charts represent published data
13 for areas off base which may have been reached
14 by the impacted groundwater. The lines depicted
15 on these charts represent the Maximum
16 Concentration Limits or "MCLs." An MCL is the
17 highest allowable level of a particular chemical
18 in a drinking water under the Safe Drinking
19 Water Act. Levels above the MCL usually require
20 action to restore the environment. Levels below
21 the MCL don't require any cleanup. These
22 standards are set by the Environmental
23 Protection Agency and the Texas Natural Resource
24 Conservation Commission.

25 To help us visualize what an MCL is, we've

1 included this slide to show you -- to give you
2 sort of an idea of what a part per billion is.
3 For example, a single part per billion is like
4 one drop of water in an Olympic-sized swimming
5 pool. Keeping this and these other examples in
6 mind, I'll read some Maximum Concentration
7 Limits -- or MCLs -- for the Safe -- for the
8 Safe Drinking Water Act, which establish our
9 cleanup goals: Benzene is five parts per
10 billion; chlorobenzene is 100 parts per billion;
11 perchloroethylene -- or PCE -- is five parts
12 per billion; trichloroethene -- or TCE -- is
13 five parts per billion, also; dichloroethene --
14 or DCE -- is seventy parts per billion; and
15 vinyl chloride is two parts per billion. The
16 standards -- called the MCL or Maximum
17 Concentration Limit -- are set well below the
18 point at which research predicts that any health
19 effects may be seen.

20 Here's our first slide from the
21 comprehensive groundwater monitoring done in
22 June of '94. This simple map shows the limits
23 of benzene and chlorobenzene that exceed the
24 standard. Again, benzene is five parts per
25 billion and chlorobenzene is 100 parts per

1 billion. You can see how the contours are
2 aligned with the location of the recovery system
3 currently in place at Site S-1. Remember, this
4 system was not there when this data was
5 collected. You can see the extent of the
6 impacted water. S-1 is that small L-shaped --
7 inverted L-shape there -- that you see in the
8 S-1 system.

9 On this next diagram, the contour lines are
10 a composite of chlorinated solvents plotted out
11 to the MCL -- or Maximum Concentration Limit.

12 And now I'd like to show you the location
13 of 1500 area fuel spill with respect to the S-1
14 Site. This slide shows our current bioventing
15 cleanup system in the 1500 area. By providing
16 the oxygen to stimulate the naturally occurring
17 microbes, we help them to consume and digest the
18 jet fuel that leaked from an underground fuel
19 pipeline there. This bioremediation technology
20 has proven itself to be an effective and low
21 cost solution to the soil cleanup problems
22 there. The biggest investment here is time.
23 The microbes that eat the fuel take years to do
24 so. In the process of cleaning up, they leave
25 only water and carbon dioxide gas.

1 If I can get this to work -- Let me show
2 you some photographs of the site itself. This
3 is -- This is the 1500 area treatment system --
4 if I ~~cannot~~ trip -- looking towards the north,
5 this is Growdon Drive, which you can see -- I
6 apologize if the slide is -- it's a little too
7 bright in here. This is Growdon Drive in
8 North Kelly Gardens neighborhood and just off --
9 just off the picture we have the S-1 system and
10 the 1500 tank farm just behind that.

11 Here's another picture looking westward
12 towards the flightline. It gives you an idea of
13 what's -- of what's out there. The bioventing
14 system -- these are monitoring wells on --
15 around the bioventing system is this small
16 little generator and blower, which blows air
17 down into the soils to provide oxygen for the
18 microbes.

19 This next slide here shows our current
20 cleanup system at the fuel spill site in the
21 1100 area. Here, too, we're relying on the
22 natural microbes to eat the fuel constituents in
23 the soil. Instead of sending the air down,
24 however, we're using a vacuum to pull the vapors
25 up out of the soil -- and this also pulls air

1 through the soil, supplying the microbes with
2 oxygen. There are some slides of that area,
3 also.

4 This is a picture of the treatment system
5 there at the 1100 area, looking southward to
6 where the C-5s are parked and looking northward
7 to where the 980 -- 980 -- excuse me -- the
8 980 fuel tank system is located. This is the
9 other above ground storage tank fuel system
10 that's located on base.

11 These presentation slides with the maps are
12 also on the walls as posters behind you and to
13 the side. During the break or after the
14 meeting, we invite you and the members of the
15 public here tonight to view these slides and
16 other data we've prepared. Members of the EM
17 staff will be available at the posters to answer
18 your questions.

19 Let's talk specifically about Site S-1
20 now. You don't see much activity at Site S-1,
21 so it may give the impression that not much
22 cleanup is going on. This is not the case at
23 all. Three separate demonstrations of new
24 cleanup techniques were carried out at Site
25 S-1. We had hoped to find a way to get cleanup

1 results faster than traditional methods.
2 Unfortunately, the tests showed that Site S-1
3 was a tough challenge. The tight clays and silt
4 of the soil don't easily let go of the chemicals
5 that have been caught up in them. This is good
6 news because it means that vapors or fumes don't
7 slip through the soil to reach the surface. But
8 it also means that we must go back to more
9 traditional, costly and long-term ways of doing
10 the cleanup.

11 When our data showed us that the water was
12 slowly moving off base and under Growdon Drive,
13 we designed a system to cut off that slow flow
14 and isolate the source from the neighborhood.
15 Here's a diagram of the Site S-1 system --
16 interim remediation system. Six wells along the
17 base fence line capture the water and send it
18 back to a treatment unit on Site S-1. The water
19 cleaned by this system is pumped to a tank. The
20 treated water is stored at the site and then
21 taken by truck to the Base's Industrial
22 Wastewater Treatment Plant. We spent about half
23 a million dollars just on the Site S-1 interim
24 system and it began operation in March of 1995.
25 I have some photographs of this system, also --

1 and I apologize for the darkness of the slide.
2 There was a lot of cloud cover. Maybe we can
3 get that other -- that other light.

4 This is a photograph taken from the top of
5 one of the small tanks there in the 1592 tank
6 farm. Here's Growdon Drive. Here's the
7 street -- runs perpendicular to this road
8 here -- just beyond those -- or just in front
9 of those warehouses. The six wells are
10 situated -- are situated along the fence line
11 here with two wells this way forming that
12 inverted "L." The system is a pneumatic,
13 meaning the pumps in the wells are driven by air
14 that force the water out and into a pipe -- a
15 piping system -- underground piping system --
16 that connects to those wells with this treatment
17 unit system here. The pipe -- The pipe goes
18 underground from these -- from these six wells
19 into this unit here -- which I have a close-up
20 photograph of.

21 These are components of the treatment
22 system. This is what's known as an equalization
23 tank. All the water from the six wells gets
24 pumped to this tank, which then fills to a
25 certain height, trips the air stripper which

1 pumps water into the air stripper, which pushes
2 water -- as the -- as the air -- as the water
3 trickles down, it pushes air up and volatilizes
4 those -- those constituents in the water.

5 Once it's clean, it goes to a large
6 stainless steel tank on the site -- which this
7 is a very accurate representation of. That is a
8 28,000 gallon tank which we use to hold the
9 water before it is pumped to the -- before it's
10 carried by truck to the -- to the Environmental
11 Process Control Facility -- or -- or the
12 Industrial Waste Treatment Plant there on the
13 base -- before it's released to Leon Creek. So,
14 it's treated once and then it's taken to the
15 plant and treated again. Here's -- Here's a
16 photograph of the -- of the off-loading system
17 of -- the pump that takes it to the truck from
18 the tank.

19 Here we see a sketch of the Zone 5 area in
20 the main warehouse portion of Kelly Air Force
21 Base and a portion of the neighborhood off
22 base. It also shows the approximate location of
23 the S-1 interim recovery system. This system
24 was not designed to be the final, complete
25 answer for this site. It was a timely response

1 that cut through the red tape to stop the water
2 from moving off base.

3 Remember, the system shown here is an
4 interim measure. We are currently doing a study
5 of the shallow groundwater in the northern and
6 northeastern area of the base. The purpose of
7 this study is to determine what areas need
8 additional cleanup. A companion study is
9 examining ways to augment this interim measure
10 by removing the on-base source of the
11 contamination and capturing any affected
12 groundwater that the interim system doesn't
13 reach.

14 So, to summarize the status of our cleanup
15 systems in Zone 5, let me see say that we now
16 have two groundwater recovery systems in place.
17 One is at the 1100 area and the second is at IRP
18 Site S-1. The system at the 1100 area also uses
19 an air stripper, as S-1 does, to treat the
20 water. The system at Site S-1 is a line of six
21 wells designed to halt off-base movement of
22 impacted shallow groundwater and treat that
23 collected water. Our most recent data indicates
24 that it is performing as designed.

25 Soil in both the 1100 and 1500 areas is

1 being treated by providing air to the natural
2 bacteria, which digest the jet fuel that's
3 clinging to the soil. Our data show that this
4 process is working well, also. But we're not
5 stopping with only interim measures. We're
6 currently finishing our study of the Zone 5 area
7 and are aggressively seeking the most effective
8 cleanup methods to expedite the cleanup of
9 impacted shallow groundwater.

10 This list of potential cleanup actions
11 summarizes the type of cleanup activities that
12 you may see in the studies that will be
13 completed later this year. They follow the
14 general direction Kelly Air Force Base is
15 currently taking to address the impacts on
16 shallow groundwater.

17 So, what's ahead for Zone 5? Here's some
18 activities that are coming up: The Agency for
19 Toxic Substances and Disease Registry -- or
20 ATSDR -- a separate federal agency that is part
21 of the Department of Health and Human Services
22 will be sending specialists to perform
23 interviews and cross-check our assessments of
24 health risk. They're already reviewing health
25 and risk data from our reports. The "Remedial

1 Investigation Report" in Zone 5 and the
2 "Basewide Remedial Assessment" are reports that
3 will be released later this summer.

4 The "Zone 5 Feasibility Study" is the next
5 step in the cleanup process. It opens the door
6 to the designing and installation of a cleanup
7 system -- of a final cleanup system. We will
8 also release a study that looks specifically at
9 the shallow groundwater in the North Kelly
10 Gardens and Jamar Village neighborhoods that
11 will identify what is required for cleanup.

12 The TNRCC is also issuing Kelly Air Force
13 Base a permit that will govern all future
14 cleanup activities on the base. We will
15 continue to update you board members, as well as
16 the -- as well as the public, at future RAB
17 meetings, of the progress of the Zone 5 cleanup
18 efforts.

19 I'd like to leave you with two very
20 important points -- excuse me -- I went too
21 fast. First, the Air Force and the Department
22 of Defense will be here to do the cleanup until
23 the Texas Natural Resource Conservation
24 Commission and the Environmental Protection
25 Agency say that the cleanup goals have been

1 met. And the second point is that -- based on
2 our data from more than a decade sampling and
3 studying the situation -- no one is coming into
4 contact with harmful substances from our cleanup
5 sites.

6 This concludes my briefing and I'm open to
7 questions from the RAB members about this
8 presentation.

9 Mr. Rice?

10 MR. RICE: Site S-1 --

11 MR. PATTERSON: Yes, sir.

12 MR. RICE: How did the
13 contaminants get there? Was that a dump or --
14 or what was it?

15 MR. SOLIS: Use a mike, George.

16 MR. PATTERSON: The question
17 was: How did the contaminants get there? Was
18 it a dump or what?

19 Site S-1 was a depression in the ground
20 where they had dug up dirt, evidently, to use
21 somewhere else on the base. That depression in
22 the ground was used as a storage area for -- it
23 had tanks that existed there -- above tanks that
24 existed there from -- again, as I said, from the
25 '60s to -- to 1973. It had tanks that stored

1 used petroleum products and used cleaning
2 solvents for recycling. A recycler would come
3 by and empty those tanks and empty those drums
4 that existed there and take that -- take those
5 solvents and fuels off the base.

6 It was ceased -- They ceased to use it in
7 1973 and the area itself was regraded with --
8 was filled back to the surface. Now, those --
9 during the process of using that from the '60s
10 to '73, spills occurred, obviously, in the -- in
11 the transfer of the cleaning solvents and the
12 products and the -- and the petroleum products
13 that were -- that were stored there.

14 MR. PATTERSON: Does that answer
15 your question, sir?

16 MR. RICE: Yeah. Just one more
17 question, Mike. Looking at the report, there
18 are fairly high concentrations of metals, also,
19 at the site. Could they have been in the
20 solvents -- and then when the solvents were
21 spilled they got in the soil?

22 MR. PATTERSON: More than likely,
23 yes, sir, they were probably in the solvents.

24 Mr. Sanchez?

25 MR. SANCHEZ: This is directed to

1 TNRCC. You mentioned that a -- that a permit is
2 going to be issued by TNRCC that will govern all
3 the -- all of the future cleanup activities at
4 Kelly Air Force Base, Mr. Patterson; is that
5 correct?

6 MR. PATTERSON: Yes, that's
7 correct.

8 MR. SANCHEZ: What kind of permit
9 is that.

10 MR. BEYER: This is a
11 post-closure care permit. It's a permit for the
12 four RCRA units and the solid waste management
13 units that are on -- on the -- on the --
14 entire main Kelly.

15 MR. SANCHEZ: Is there a specific
16 criteria for that kind of permit to be issued?

17 MR. BEYER: It's under the
18 Resource Recovery and Conservation Act. It's
19 RCRA.

20 MR. PATTERSON: Four sites were
21 designated previously as -- as RCRA post-closure
22 care -- closure and post-closure care units as
23 RCRA sites. We had submitted years ago
24 post-closure care applications for those four
25 sites. Based on those applications, they are

1 going to give us a permit that also has what's
2 called a groundwater compliance plan attached to
3 it that governs -- that -- that regulates the
4 cleanup activities at the -- at the IRP sites,
5 as well as -- at the CERCLA driven sites, as
6 well as the RCRA sites.

7 Mr. Quintanilla?

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'm looking at
9 your chart in here on this focused --

10 MR. PATTERSON: Focused
11 feasibility study.

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yeah. Focused
13 contaminated groundwater. How many acres of
14 contamination groundwater in Zone 5 is there on
15 base and off base?

16 MR. PATTERSON: In Zone 5?

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: In Zone 5.
18 It's 85 acres in South San. How much is it in
19 this -- Zone 5?

20 MR. PATTERSON: To be honest with
21 you, sir, the only calculation I did was based
22 on the '94 basewide remedial assessment data,
23 which gave us the 32 acres -- or roughly 32
24 acres on the -- on the -- just on the -- just
25 on the -- just in the North Kelly Gardens area.

1 The 32 acres are from the North Kelly Gardens
2 area -- and that's only off base. I haven't
3 done the calculations for all of that that
4 exists under the 2,500 acres of -- of -- of
5 Zone 5 property.

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: Thank you very
7 much.

8 MR. PATTERSON: Yes, sir.

9 Ms. Johnson?

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Patterson,
11 while this pit was there, we used to get rain in
12 North Kelly Gardens and the rain -- the base was
13 higher than we were because we didn't have a
14 draining system there -- and, so, we would see
15 that it would run over there and we would get --
16 run into our area. This is why we are concerned
17 on that side of the base about this. It has
18 spilled over into our neighborhood.

19 MR. PATTERSON: Well, it's a
20 valid concern. But the site itself was actually
21 a depression. It was -- It was several -- It
22 was several feet deep -- up to ten to fifteen
23 feet deep -- from what we know from aerial
24 photos and from -- and from previous work that
25 was -- that's -- research that's been done by

1 some -- some contractors that we had that
2 performed the remedial investigation.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Since that road has
4 been paved, you are almost level with us -- a
5 little bit higher now -- or lower in that
6 area -- but, still, if you go through that area
7 when it rains -- and I have pictures of water
8 stagnant there in that area -- right there --
9 because it's across the fence and across the
10 street.

11 MR. PATTERSON: On -- On Kelly
12 Air Force Base, it basically ponds right on top
13 of where S-1 is now -- where the S-1 Site is.
14 Water collects at that spot. That sort of
15 drains down from Growdon Road -- on the southern
16 side of Growdon Road.

17 If I can call up the map -- Well, let me
18 just say on the southern end of Growdon Road
19 water drains to that spot right in front of --
20 right in front of -- right in front of
21 Mr. Villar's house, actually -- just on the
22 south -- southern end of Growdon Road.

23 MS. JOHNSON: We still get that
24 sometimes -- into the -- into that one piece of
25 land right there.

1 MR. PATTERSON: Oh, on the
2 northern end of Growdon Road?

3 MS. JOHNSON: Uh-huh. Of course,
4 we haven't had rain for so long -- but when it
5 rains --

6 MR. PATTERSON: Annalisa?

7 MS. PEACE: What amount of water
8 are you talking about, like, in acre feet that,
9 at peak capacity, that shallow aquifer could
10 hold?

11 MR. PATTERSON: At peak
12 capacity? Well, I can tell you that the S-1
13 system collects water -- collects water at a
14 rate of -- the -- the slowest -- the slowest
15 rate it has collected water has been 400 gallons
16 a day. That interim collection system collected
17 water of the six wells -- and that was in --
18 that was in January of '96.

19 In April of -- In April of '95, is when it
20 collected the most water -- and that was at
21 about 2,500 gallons a day -- and it's
22 fluctuated -- it's fluctuated in that range from
23 400 to 2,500, but it's been very close to the
24 400 range for most of the months that it's been
25 in operation.

1 MS. PEACE: Right.

2 What's the current status of that fuel
3 pipeline that leaks? Is it still in operation.

4 MR. PATTERSON: The 1500 area
5 pipeline, yes, ma'am -- yes, ma'am. That was a
6 valve that leaked in 1990 -- the 1500 area --
7 the one that's very close to that area. It
8 leaked at -- It leaked at the subsurface -- it
9 was -- it was found there -- and was -- was
10 repaired -- and based on the spill, the
11 estimated volume was about 2,000 gallons,
12 objectively.

13 MS. PEACE: Did they do any
14 remediation at the time?

15 MR. PATTERSON: Right. The soils
16 were dug up when they -- when they -- when
17 they fixed the valve -- were -- were hauled
18 away.

19 MS. PEACE: What process -- Are
20 you using the same process at the industrial as
21 you are the on-site treatment for that water.

22 MR. PATTERSON: The Industrial
23 Wastewater Treatment Plant?

24 MS. PEACE: Uh-huh.

25 MR. PATTERSON: That basically

1 operates like a wastewater treatment plant.

2 MS. PEACE: And what level are
3 you treating to before you release it?

4 MR. PATTERSON: The -- Gosh. The
5 levels that -- the levels required to be able to
6 discharge to a -- to a surface water.

7 MS. PEACE: To a surface water?

8 MR. PATTERSON: Which is
9 Leon Creek.

10 MS. PEACE: Yeah. And, finally,
11 have you checked in -- are you-all releasing a
12 significant enough amount that we could, like,
13 declare that as being released for downstream
14 use so that it would ameliorate the impact of
15 the amount that San Antonio is capturing right
16 now?

17 MR. PATTERSON: I do not know the
18 exact amount of water that we discharge from
19 the -- from the wastewater treatment plant. I
20 don't know the exact numbers. I think it
21 changes -- if Mr. Bailey --

22 MR. BAILEY: We are discharging,
23 roughly, in excess of one million gallons per
24 day from the Industrial Wastewater Treatment
25 Plant. We're at 1.2 -- I think is what the

1 average is now -- and the concept that Kelly put
2 together years ago was to recycle that water, if
3 we could, back onto the base so that we could
4 stop withdrawing as much water as we currently
5 get from the Edwards Aquifer.

6 MS. PEACE: Right.

7 MR. BAILEY: So, the game plan
8 that we have -- it's a little bit outside of
9 here -- but just for information -- is to seek
10 the funding for this project where we'll take
11 that one million plus gallons back into the base
12 and reuse it and, hopefully, get to the point --
13 this is where we're working very, very closely
14 with the Greater Kelly Development
15 Corporation -- to basically have a turn-off
16 valve there. So, then, we would use the water
17 on the base and stop using Edwards water.

18 MS. PEACE: Right.

19 MR. BAILEY: So, the project that
20 we have identified, if it would ever come to
21 fruition, would reduce our water consumption
22 from the Edwards to the tune of 40 percent or
23 45 percent of what we currently use.

24 So, our goal is to reuse it on the base as
25 much as we can.

1 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Mr. Bailey,
2 were the -- were the residents notified when
3 those spills took place?

4 MR. BAILEY: Which -- Which
5 spills.

6 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Were the
7 residents in that area of North Kelly notified
8 when those -- fuel spillage took place.

9 MR. PATTERSON: The spill in the
10 1500 area?

11 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Both.

12 MR. PATTERSON: The 1500 and 1100
13 area is quite separate --

14 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Were the
15 citizens notified in those areas?

16 MR. BAILEY: We can --

17 MR. PATTERSON: I don't know if a
18 progress --

19 MR. BAILEY: We don't know.

20 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: You don't
21 know?

22 MR. BAILEY: No, sir.

23 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: You seem to
24 know everything, but you don't know the crucial
25 questions.

1 MR. PATTERSON: I don't know if a
2 progress report was -- was -- was delivered to
3 the public on the 1500 area, but I do know that
4 the spill was notified -- or we notified the --
5 the Texas Water Commission was in existence at
6 the time -- and notified them of the -- of
7 the --

8 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: So, you're
9 saying that -- that none of that contamination
10 has migrated past the -- the fence of the
11 United States Air Force into the community,
12 except on that underground shallow water?
13 That's what you're saying? That none of that
14 contamination has absolutely migrated off base?

15 MR. PATTERSON: From the 1500
16 area, I can say that we haven't seen --

17 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: North Kelly --
18 North Kelly. We're talking about North Kelly
19 Gardens?

20 MR. PATTERSON: From the 1500
21 area site, I can say that we haven't seen any --
22 any fuel from that site migrating off the base.

23 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Can we call it
24 North Kelly Gardens? Because that's what the
25 community is called.

1 MR. PATTERSON: Well -- Yeah. I
2 was speaking to two sites that are there.
3 There's the 1500 area, which is the fuel spill
4 from the pipeline, and from the S-1 area. The
5 S-1 area -- A remedial investigation was
6 conducted just for that site.

7 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Okay.

8 MR. PATTERSON: And --

9 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: And when do we
10 get to give a presentation from the community
11 side? You're giving the Air Force side. When
12 do we give the side of the community and the
13 kind of problems that they're facing? When do
14 you hear that? Because I don't -- I don't see
15 any citizen participation. That's why I had to
16 get up, because it doesn't indicate on the
17 agenda that we're even here. Why are we having
18 a meeting if we don't get to participate? I'm
19 sorry to -- to interrupt your presentation.

20 MR. PATTERSON: That's fine.

21 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: But I don't see
22 that there was room made for us -- and we've got
23 concerns.

24 MR. PATTERSON: Our intent was to
25 inform you of what we've done to --

1 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Yeah. But we
2 you have information and we have problems that
3 we've never been afforded equal time to present
4 like that -- include you.

5 MR. BAILEY: Let me say two
6 things: One is today at the -- You can make a
7 presentation. That's why we provided the
8 opportunity there. Also, in about another 45
9 minutes, all of this we're going to say -- we
10 have brought a medical doctor here, we have
11 brought a toxicologist here, we have brought
12 other people to respond to certain questions
13 that have been raised through the Restoration
14 Board members.

15 The purpose of this board membership is for
16 those people to raise community interests --
17 which they have done so -- at the same time to
18 hear what you have seen. So, yes, sir, we will
19 be hearing you -- not only at the break time and
20 afterwards -- and more important, if you would
21 wish --

22 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Where are we --

23 MR. BAILEY: Excuse me -- if --
24 if -- I'm telling you that that's the
25 purpose -- why it was put together -- and you

1 are on here. If you would wish to voice
2 yourself separate from all these other
3 opportunities -- if you wish to have a town hall
4 meeting or something -- which is what we
5 attempted to have the other day -- we would be
6 more than willing to come back out into the
7 community and to meet and hear what you have to
8 say.

9 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Where is it
10 citizens are to speak -- or citizen
11 participation? I don't see it.

12 MR. BAILEY: It's under -- It's
13 under the Break/Poster Station Discussion and at
14 the end, which is where we have people. We've
15 informed the people here that that's what our
16 intentions were and that's what we plan on
17 doing.

18 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: So, we -- at
19 the end?

20 MR. BAILEY: No, sir. When we
21 break after Mr. Roberson talks and we have some
22 time and then again --

23 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: What time is
24 that? What time are you --

25 MR. BAILEY: When we get there,

1 sir. If you let us get there, we'll get there.

2 MR. PATTERSON: I will say that
3 we -- we had a -- we had a public meeting held
4 at the Door Church there right at -- in the --
5 in the Jamar Village area -- and, so -- and we
6 had hoped to have -- have --

7 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: We weren't
8 allowed to participate in that, sir, because two
9 gentlemen from the Air Force came and told the
10 minister there that there was going to be some
11 troublemakers and to call CEJA --
12 Ms. Johnson -- and tell her that -- because they
13 didn't want the media there -- and that was
14 Mr. Estrada and Mr. Walters who went there --
15 and the minister called us -- all afraid --
16 that his donations were somehow going to be
17 affected because there was going to be a --
18 either a demonstration or bad publicity that
19 he -- and he told us that he depended on those
20 donations and he didn't want any problems.
21 That's why we boycotted the meeting, sir, and
22 that's why -- we would not go there, if we were
23 going to impact on the minister's Drop In
24 Center, which is essential to the community.

25 MR. ESTRADA: I understand what

1 the problem --

2 MR. BAILEY: Wait just a second,
3 Mike. Wait just a second. Mr. Estrada is
4 here. Let Mr. Estrada address this in his
5 perspective. You have your perspective. Let
6 the gentleman give his -- and to not take
7 away from the whole point of meeting with the
8 community and hearing what they have to say.

9 Mike?

10 MR. ESTRADA: Good evening. My
11 name is Mike Estrada. I'm Public Affairs
12 Environmental Coordinator. We spent a
13 considerable amount of time setting up a
14 community meeting last week at the
15 Door Christian Church. We sent out
16 approximately 500 letters to people in both the
17 North Kelly Gardens and Jamar Village area. I
18 was not personally at the meeting. My associate
19 Dick Walters was. He tells me we had
20 approximately eight people come to that
21 meeting.

22 Now, perhaps, sir, you can tell me why you
23 weren't there?

24 MR. LOPEZ: I'll tell you why we
25 weren't there. We weren't there because the

1 community is being intimidated -- you know,
2 they're being called -- the people in
3 North Kelly Gardens are troublemakers just
4 because they're trying to get some resolution to
5 the contamination.

6 But this is not the first time it's
7 happened. The very first time it happened, it
8 happened with you -- Mr. Estrada -- and
9 Mr. Walters. We were having an informational
10 picket line right in front of Growdon Road and
11 you went over there and threatened us by calling
12 the police and arresting us. So, it's not the
13 first time this has --

14 MR. ESTRADA: Let me interrupt
15 you there, sir. Can you prove that you were
16 arrested on that occasion.

17 MR. LOPEZ: You threatened us.

18 MR. ESTRADA: Can you prove that
19 you were threatened?

20 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

21 MR. ESTRADA: Okay. Fine. You
22 present that and we will accept it. But I
23 contend that you were not threatened -- and, in
24 fact, you threatened us. Number two, you were
25 not arrested. You just stated that you were and

1 I can tell you for a fact you were not.
2 Number three, I will tell you if you talk to the
3 pastor at the church, he received a call from
4 somebody in the neighborhood saying that there
5 was going to be trouble. That call did not come
6 from the Air Force.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Estrada?

8 MR. ESTRADA: Yes, ma'am.

9 MS. JOHNSON: The pastor, indeed,
10 called me and he named you and Mr. Walters --
11 and this was on the -- not on the Monday that
12 the meeting was going to be held. This was
13 before the weekend when you first went to make
14 arrangements for the hall.

15 MR. ESTRADA: Okay.

16 MS. JOHNSON: He, indeed, called
17 me and told me that -- and, so -- I represent
18 these people --

19 MR. ESTRADA: Yes, ma'am.

20 MS. JOHNSON: -- and I don't want
21 any trouble at no church, because I do respect
22 the church and --

23 MR. ESTRADA: And that was the
24 concern of the pastor at the time.

25 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: So, we didn't

1 make a tape recording to have proof for you.

2 MS. JOHNSON: This is why --
3 because he sure did say that you and Mr.
4 Walters -- Mr. Estrada and Mr. Walters had just
5 left and he gave -- they -- you gave him my
6 number and he was calling me to tell me that he
7 didn't want any trouble there and he didn't want
8 the news media there and he didn't want anybody
9 that was going to cause some problems because of
10 the way he ran his church and his little
11 fund-raisers that he held there and he wanted to
12 stay in good with the community.

13 MR. ESTRADA: That's correct.

14 MS. JOHNSON: He did call and he
15 did mention your name and Mr. Walters.

16 MR. ESTRADA: In fact,
17 Mr. Walters and I met with him after he had
18 received this anonymous phone call from the
19 neighborhood. At that time, he was very
20 concerned, like you stated -- and he told us
21 that we should, perhaps, look for another
22 meeting location. Later that afternoon, after
23 he had talked to you and a couple of other
24 people, he changed his mind and decided that the
25 church should be involved in that and he allowed

1 us to use his --

2 MS. JOHNSON: Well, Mr. Estrada,
3 right then, I told him that I would not attend
4 the meeting and I would tell people that I
5 represent not to attend the meeting. I told him
6 that. So, I don't think that he changed his
7 mind just because --

8 MR. ESTRADA: Okay. If we had a
9 problem with this meeting, why don't you have
10 another meeting. We should --

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: As long as
12 there is no interference from the base. I
13 understand there's been interference before when
14 these people had demonstrations and the base
15 interferes. We do not want interference from
16 the base.

17 MR. HAGELTHORN: What kind of
18 interference was there -- was there? I mean,
19 you make a statement there was interference --

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes, there
21 was -- at one time, the people were making a
22 demonstration and Mr. Estrada and Mr. Walters
23 went and interfered with that demonstration,
24 sir.

25 MR. HAGELTHORN: How did he

1 interfere with that?

2 MS. JOHNSON: -- was going to
3 push one of the gentlemen and he reminded him
4 that -- "Go ahead and push me, so that I can sue
5 you" -- and then he refrained from --

6 MR. SOLIS: Continuing on with
7 agenda, we will have an opportunity to listen to
8 you and to address your concerns. I also live
9 in the area and I have concerns, too.

10 So, with that --

11 MR. CULBERTSON: May I ask a
12 technical question of the speaker?

13 MR. SOLIS: Yes, sir, please.

14 MR. CULBERTSON: Mike is a
15 geologist and he's probably thought of a number
16 of different ways of solving the problem. But
17 it bothers me, the fact that he says that
18 there's been no use made of this water -- Page
19 3 -- no use. Have you thought about disposing
20 it down at depths below our Edwards, say at --

21 MR. PATTERSON: Below the
22 Edwards?

23 MR. CULBERTSON: Below the
24 Edwards at a deep --

25 MR. PATTERSON: The volume -- The

1 volume of water would preclude being able to do
2 that in some sort of cost-effective manner.

3 MR. CULBERTSON: A good drain
4 well --

5 MR. PATTERSON: Well, the volume
6 of water would preclude us from doing that
7 because it costs a lot of money to get a well
8 beneath the Edwards. The Edwards is 1,000 feet
9 just at the beginning of it.

10 MR. CULBERTSON: That's right.

11 MR. PATTERSON: And in order to
12 be able to drill that well -- it would cost
13 quite a bit of money to do so and --

14 MR. CULBERTSON: It's done every
15 day in the -- It's done every day in the oil
16 fields. They drill oil wells and then they
17 drill water wells to push the oil over it.

18 MR. PATTERSON: Understood. But
19 we haven't -- we haven't generated enough water
20 to -- to find that disposal method the -- the
21 best disposal method of the --

22 MR. CULBERTSON: But it does seem
23 like you're spending a lot of money and time.
24 That's one of the things I think these people
25 are bothered by -- is the -- is the time and the

1 process. It kind of confuses them.

2 Now, I'm not necessarily on their side.
3 I -- I don't live in their area or anything, but
4 I'm sympathetic -- and we want to solve these
5 problems -- and this is one way that could be --
6 you could get rid of it -- evaporation or
7 injection -- you know, to bring it up and treat
8 it, then put back in. It's time for something
9 and it's costing money and there's certain
10 hazards connected to it.

11 MR. PATTERSON: The water -- The
12 water is -- is collected and treated there on
13 site and stored in that tank and then it's
14 carried to our other treatment plant where it's
15 run into the process with the rest of the
16 industrial wastewater from the base and --

17 MR. CULBERTSON: Now, introduce
18 some of these people around -- to the process,
19 maybe they would understand it a little better.
20 Now, you've never even taken the advisors around
21 to these different locations. We've never even
22 been around these --

23 MR. HAGELTHORN: There's been one
24 large tour where the original members of the RAB
25 participated in and there's at least one, if not

1 two, other tours that have been offered to new
2 members of the RAB -- and it's also been
3 addressed to the RAB members, anytime any member
4 of the RAB wants to see the facilities to give
5 Mr. Bailey a call and he will make the
6 arrangements.

7 MR. CULBERTSON: Well --

8 MR. PATTERSON: And that offer
9 shall stand.

10 MR. CULBERTSON: I'm about to the
11 point where I'm -- I'm wondering what -- what is
12 the process here myself, because it seems like
13 it's -- it's almost like a snow job. Mike, I'm
14 just telling you --

15 MR. PATTERSON: I'd be glad to
16 show you around personally, sir. If you'd like
17 to go, I'd love to show you.

18 MR. CULBERTSON: This is the
19 thing: If you want to take -- relieve these
20 people from their doubt and their anxiety and
21 their anger, I think that if you'd actually take
22 them around and see the process that maybe they
23 would not feel so bad.

24 MR. BAILEY: That's an excellent
25 idea and that's exactly what we've put forth to

1 every RAB member here, to go back out to the
2 public, if they wish to bring them in by car, by
3 bus, by whatever, we'll be glad to take you
4 around and show them exactly what's going on.
5 It's a standing invitation for the people --
6 not only here -- but people in the community.
7 We have some RAB members that have even offered,
8 "Hey, we're going to take these people around
9 and show them."

10 MR. HAGELTHORN: I've taken my
11 son.

12 MR. CULBERTSON: This is what we
13 want to do. We want to solve this thing so that
14 we don't have this misunderstanding.

15 MS. PEACE: I'd like to address
16 this to General Roberson. Since there seems to
17 be a problem here as -- with the Air Force
18 hosting the meeting, would it be possible for
19 the City of San Antonio to host the next meeting
20 for the neighborhoods?

21 MR. ROBERSON: We could certainly
22 do that. I think the answer to that is, yes,
23 that we could. I'm not sure it's necessary, but
24 we certainly could if the RAB thinks it's a good
25 idea to do.

1 MS. PEACE: It seems like it
2 might work better.

3 MR. BAILEY: Just to get back to
4 that point, I think there was an unanswered
5 point that was raised earlier by Mr. Quintanilla
6 and Ms. Johnson with Mr. Estrada -- and the
7 point is relative to having some other public
8 forum -- I think is what you're talking about.

9 MS. PEACE: Right.

10 MR. BAILEY: And the answer is
11 absolutely -- and if it appears as -- not
12 appears -- it -- by the comments tonight, we
13 definitely need to have that -- then we need to
14 have -- and, so, the RAB membership needs to
15 decide when we wish to have that next meeting
16 with the people out in the community.

17 MR. PATTERSON: Our attempt with
18 the public meeting last Monday was to -- was to
19 hear the concerns and -- and the -- the
20 miscommunication, obviously, caused some --
21 caused some problems and we -- and we do not
22 want that to happen again, obviously, because
23 the point of the public meeting was to -- was --
24 was to hear the neighborhood's concerns. That's
25 why it was held there in the neighborhood.

1 Mr. Quintanilla?

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: I just wanted
3 to ask one question here concerning your
4 presentation. Has any tests been done on -- on
5 the contamination of the soil at Kelly Air Force
6 Base in Zone 3 -- still, Site S-1 and -- and the
7 other site?

8 MR. PATTERSON: Have any soils --

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: Soil
10 contamination.

11 MR. PATTERSON: Soil
12 contamination, yes, sir.

13 MR. QUINTANILLA: And it is
14 possible that some of that soil contamination
15 could go into the neighborhood with the rain?

16 MR. PATTERSON: At this time, I
17 would say, no, sir, unless -- unless we get a
18 flood of water several feet high. Because that
19 area where S-1 is now is -- is quite depressed
20 from the crown of Growdon Road. It would take a
21 few feet of water. It would probably flood the
22 1500 area -- warehouse area -- high enough in
23 order to be able to crest that road.

24 MR. QUINTANILLA: All right. The
25 question that I'm leading up to -- if -- if the

1 contaminated -- contamination studies of the
2 soil has been done on base, can the same kind of
3 studies be off base to determine if the same
4 type of contaminants are in the same place?

5 MR. PATTERSON: Yes, sir.

6 Soil -- Soil borings and monitoring wells were
7 put in for the -- S-1 had a remedial
8 investigation done on it -- on it alone -- and
9 some off-base soil borings were put in the -- in
10 the North Kelly Gardens area, as well as the
11 wells -- which exist there now -- and the
12 results of that data -- I will present to
13 you -- I -- I can't give you --

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: They should
15 have been presented tonight so that the people
16 would know, "Yes, we have contamination in" --
17 "on base and off base," or, "No, we don't."

18 MR. BAILEY: That is an excellent
19 point and when we have this public forum --
20 which it appears as though we need to have --
21 that's exactly what we'll provide.

22 MR. QUINTANILLA: They seem to
23 think that we're hiding things by not bringing
24 them out.

25 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: As long as the

1 community has -- have time -- you know, equal
2 time at that meeting so we can make our very --
3 you know, we have slide projectors, too -- and
4 we know how to use them.

5 MR. PATTERSON: It will be for
6 you, sir.

7 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Rice, do you
8 have a comment?

9 MR. RICE: Sam's got one.

10 MR. SANCHEZ: On Page 7, the --
11 the -- the plume of -- the underground plume of
12 contaminants that have migrated off the base --

13 MR. PATTERSON: Yes, sir.

14 MR. SANCHEZ: It's in the shallow
15 aquifer.

16 MR. PATTERSON: Yes, sir.

17 MR. SANCHEZ: Is that under
18 anybody's home?

19 MR. PATTERSON: As evidenced by
20 the -- by the maps, yes, sir, there is
21 residential --

22 MR. SANCHEZ: Have you broken
23 down the residential --

24 MR. PATTERSON: I haven't counted
25 the homes, sir. That's a -- That's a

1 generalized location of the plume down --

2 MR. SANCHEZ: I think it's
3 germane to the same issue -- you know, I know
4 that the agency for -- the ATSDR is making a
5 health risk analysis. Is that specifically
6 something that they're going to be looking at?

7 MR. PATTERSON: They're going to
8 be looking at all of the -- all of the risk and
9 health -- health risk data that was -- that has
10 been generated by Kelly -- that -- that
11 information, also.

12 MR. SANCHEZ: Has --

13 MR. BAILEY: Wait. Wait. Wait.
14 Before we leave that point now, the letter that
15 came from the ATSDR -- and back to
16 Congressman Tejeda -- indicated that they were
17 going to look at the request made by this
18 board. This board asked the ATSDR to look at
19 Quintana Road and the southeast part of the
20 base. So --

21 MR. SANCHEZ: They're not going
22 to look at that site?

23 MR. BAILEY: Pardon me.

24 MR. SANCHEZ: They're not going
25 to be looking at that site.

1 MR. BAILEY: I don't know that.
2 I just know the letter that we wrote -- what it
3 said. I want to make sure that that's -- that
4 we're all well aware of that.

5 MR. PATTERSON: We have provided
6 information on that area to them. They have
7 come and looked at all of our documents.

8 MR. BAILEY: We have provided
9 data for the entire base -- not just Quintana
10 Road -- to them, because we didn't want them
11 just to limit it to Quintana Road.

12 MR. PATTERSON: That's correct.

13 MR. SANCHEZ: In the same vein,
14 if the -- if this analysis is -- you know,
15 will -- becomes more comprehensive, is there
16 some place in time where the people will be
17 notified that are impacted by that?

18 MR. PATTERSON: There's a
19 gentleman from Armstrong Laboratories, which is
20 the Air Force's point of contact for the ATSDR.
21 His name is Cornell Long and he's -- he's in
22 back there. He can answer -- I think -- Can you
23 speak to that, Cornell.

24 MR. LONG: Yes, I can.

25 Again, my name is Cornell Long and I'm from

1 Armstrong Laboratories at Brooks Air Force Base
2 and our office acts as liaison between the Air
3 Force and the Agency for Toxic Substances and
4 Disease Registry.

5 At the meeting last week -- part of the
6 reason that I came to the meeting last week that
7 Mike was talking about, was to gather community
8 concerns for the agency -- and we're helping the
9 agency set up a visit to Kelly and we're helping
10 to describe and identify the concerns the
11 community has. I'll be here at the break. I'll
12 be here afterward. I am here to listen to any
13 of your concerns.

14 The things that ATSDR looks at include
15 environmental data -- which Kelly has plenty
16 of -- they look at health hazard data -- which
17 I understand Yana Bland is doing a health survey
18 of her own -- and they also entertain community
19 concerns. They look at three main issues.
20 Community concerns is on equal weight with the
21 other two. So, we need to know those concerns.
22 I need to collect those. I want to help the
23 agency collect those. So, I'm here to do that.

24 MS. STALL: Are you saying
25 Brooks Air Force Base will actually be doing a

1 health survey?

2 MR. LONG: Brooks Air Force Base
3 will not be doing a survey. There are.

4 MS. STALL: Will Armstrong Labs
5 do a --

6 MR. LONG: They are not doing a
7 survey. What Armstrong Lab does -- and part
8 what I do -- is look at the environmental data
9 in the same fashion that ATSDR would. ATSDR is
10 the actual agency that comes in and gathers
11 community concerns, looks at how -- data -- and
12 makes a correlation as to whether or not
13 environmental contamination could have caused
14 those --

15 MS. STALL: So, you're under
16 contract --

17 MR. LONG: I'm not a contractor.
18 I'm an Air Force employee.

19 MS. STALL: Okay. Thank you.

20 MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Rice?

21 MR. RICE: Two topics -- but,
22 first, I'd like to say I think that idea of a
23 forum hosted by the City is an excellent idea
24 and I -- I would hope that the Air Force would
25 look at it as only a -- a place for the

1 community to make a presentation, because I
2 think that -- I think that's very important, but
3 I think the Air Force should also anticipate
4 and -- and let everyone see both sides of this
5 issue.

6 Second, I'd like to talk a little bit about
7 the soil sampling that me and Mrs. Johnson and
8 some others have been involved in in North Kelly
9 Gardens -- you know, there -- there is this
10 question: Is there a pathway for contaminants
11 to get from Kelly Air Force Base into the
12 soil in the neighborhood in North Kelly
13 Gardens? And the answer is, there's a potential
14 pathway, flooding, going across Site S-1,
15 entering the neighborhood and depositing
16 contaminants.

17 What we have found in our soil sampling are
18 elevated concentrations of arsenic, lead and
19 barium in the shallow soils in the North Kelly
20 Gardens neighborhood. Now, at this point, we
21 don't know where they came from. They may have
22 come from Kelly or they may have come from one
23 of the other industrial operations that are in
24 the neighborhood. What I would very much like
25 to do is take our data, sit down with you folks

1 when you finally publish the soils data that
2 you're going to be coming out with -- let's sit
3 down, let's pool our data, let's see if we can
4 come up with some kind of an answer. Is this
5 Kelly's responsibility? Is it someone else's
6 responsibility? And if we can't come up with an
7 answer like that, then let's try to form a plan
8 that -- in order to collect additional samples,
9 so that we can answer this question.

10 The concentrations of these metals are
11 elevated. That's a fact. The question is:
12 Where do they come from? I know the folks in
13 the neighborhood are very interested in
14 answering that question, even if they're not
15 from Kelly, and I would hope you guys would
16 be -- also be interested in answering that
17 question, whether or not they're from Kelly.

18 MR. BAILEY: Absolutely.

19 MR. PATTERSON: Sure. And to add
20 a couple of things -- a couple more facts --
21 Mr. Rice spoke with me at the public meeting
22 that we had and he has actually -- he's actually
23 relating the levels that he has found in the
24 soils off base with a background study that was
25 conducted -- a metals background study that was

1 conducted by Kelly Air Force Base -- which
2 generated acceptable levels of naturally
3 occurring metals in -- in soils.

4 What are the general levels for the types
5 of soil that we have in and around Kelly Air
6 Force Base? So, he has used that. He's used
7 our data that -- that we've -- that we've given
8 freely, so that you can -- so that you can
9 collect data such as that and actually compare
10 it to something that -- that's relative to what
11 is out there -- what's relative to what the
12 soils are at Kelly Air Force Base.

13 MR. BAILEY: That's a very good
14 point, George -- and one of the items that
15 George and I and others have -- have talked
16 about, too -- and at great length -- is that we
17 want to make sure that good science and good
18 public health information is what's discussed.

19 Yes, that's an excellent idea to sit down
20 and take a look at that information separate and
21 aside from this RAB meeting, a technical meeting
22 or something separate from that. It's like the
23 subject that we had talked about last Friday,
24 getting together to talk about the upcoming
25 proposed cleanup-type remedies. It sounds like

1 that would be the opportunity to take a look at
2 that -- maybe a separate setting, but take a
3 look at that subject matter.

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: Mr. Bailey, if
5 it's in order, I would like to make a -- a
6 motion that we do hold a special open forum
7 meeting for the citizens to participate,
8 sponsored by the City of San Antonio at the
9 fastest possible date.

10 MR. RICE: I'll second that
11 motion.

12 MR. ROBERSON: Let me make one
13 comment on that, Armando. We've got to keep in
14 mind that -- that it's the federal government
15 that's responsible for this cleanup here and
16 I -- I don't want to -- I want to be very
17 careful that this board doesn't recommend
18 something that's going to imply that we're
19 letting the federal government off the hook.
20 Once the City of San Antonio steps in and
21 sponsors this, I hope we're not implying that
22 the City is now responsible for the cleanup of
23 Kelly. Because if we let the Air Force off the
24 hook, we are making a big mistake.

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: No. We -- All

1 we want is -- is for the City to let the --

2 MR. ROBERSON: But don't you see
3 what you're doing, Armando? You're -- You're
4 transferring responsibility now.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: No. All we --
6 All we want is for the City just to back us
7 up -- to back its constituents up by hosting
8 it. That's all.

9 MR. ROBERSON: Okay. But I just
10 want to make it very clear that -- that the City
11 is -- the City is not going to spend \$200
12 million of these people's money to clean up the
13 contamination caused by the Air Force.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: I am well aware
15 of that.

16 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: That's
17 precisely our worry. Again, this cleanup for 30
18 years is that nobody is going to want to own,
19 you know, a multi-million dollar cleanup and --
20 and if we don't have a cleanup plan that's
21 within five years time within the -- the closure
22 of the base, then we're never going to get it --
23 not from the City, not from anybody else. We're
24 seeing it right now.

25 MS. PEACE: General Roberson,

1 I -- I suggested that -- not so that the City
2 would be -- seem to be assuming the
3 responsibility, but just to act as a mediator so
4 that both parties -- clearly, the neighborhood
5 doesn't feel like they are being adequately
6 represented at these meetings that are held by
7 the RAB. So, if the City was hosting it, both
8 groups would get equal time to make
9 presentations if they so desired. It would be
10 just neutral turf, rather than any assumption of
11 responsibility.

12 MR. BAILEY: So, you're asking --
13 Greater Kelly is what we call them now -- but
14 it's the City who you're really asking to
15 facilitate the meeting.

16 MS. PEACE: Exactly.

17 MR. BAILEY: Just to have
18 somebody say, "Give a presentation, give a
19 presentation," go through it, so that the people
20 from the community can have an open forum for
21 them to discuss it.

22 MS. PEACE: Exactly.

23 MR. BAILEY: Did I state that --

24 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes, that's --
25 that's what we want.

1 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

2 MR. SOLIS: You moved, right.

3 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes -- and
4 seconded.

5 MR. SOLIS: Motion was moved
6 and -- made and seconded. All in favor?

7 (Vote by the RAB members.)

8 MR. SOLIS: All opposed?

9 MR. SANCHEZ: Wait a minute. I
10 think you have to have discussion on that
11 issue. I hate to be a stickler on it, but as I
12 see it you have the Air Force and you have this
13 community. Why couldn't there be a meeting
14 between them and -- and then come up with an
15 agenda that they could both own the meeting, but
16 both have some -- share some responsibility for
17 the -- for hosting the meeting?

18 Okay? Because -- and I think that's
19 eventually what you're going to have to do,
20 regardless.

21 MR. ROBERSON: I personally think
22 that's a good idea and maybe we could do it --
23 rather than the City hosting a meeting -- which
24 I think is getting off on the wrong step here.
25 But I think that I'd get maybe the Air Force and

1 the community sitting down, coming up with the
2 agenda -- and -- and we in the Greater Kelly
3 Development Corporation would be more than happy
4 to facilitate the meeting -- but it would still
5 be an Air Force/community meeting.

6 MR. SANCHEZ: I think that that
7 has to be -- that's probably the best --

8 MR. ROBERSON: Because
9 ultimately -- See, the thing we're getting into
10 here -- ultimately, the Air Force and the
11 community have got to sit down and -- and come
12 to some agreement or some -- some -- or at least
13 some common understanding of the issues, because
14 the federal government is the one who's going to
15 have to pay for this cleanup -- and, so, we need
16 to do that. But I think if we did that -- if
17 the Air Force and the community was a joint
18 meeting at which -- at which we'd be more than
19 happy to be there to facilitate, I think that
20 would work.

21 MR. SANCHEZ: I think also
22 that --

23 MR. ROBERSON: Would -- Would --
24 Armando, would that meet your goals?

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: As long as the

1 community and the Air Force gets together and
2 establishes the agenda -- you facilitate it.

3 MR. ROBERSON: I think that would
4 work.

5 MR. SOLIS: Any other comments or
6 recommendations?

7 MS. PEACE: Well, I'd like --

8 MR. SOLIS: Yes --

9 MS. PEACE: I'd like to make a
10 motion to amend that -- the previous motion --
11 that the Greater Kelly Development Corporation
12 be the host of the meeting rather than the City
13 of San Antonio.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'll accept
15 that.

16 MR. SOLIS: We have an amended
17 motion --

18 MR. CULBERTSON: Say that again
19 now, Annalisa.

20 MS. PEACE: I wanted to amend the
21 previous motion so that instead of the
22 City of San Antonio hosting the next forum, it
23 would be would the Greater Kelly Redevelopment
24 Corporation.

25 MR. ROBERSON: Could we say --

1 rather than host it -- it will be a joint
2 Air Force/community facilitated by
3 Greater Kelly.

4 MS. PEACE: Facilitate.

5 MR. CULBERTSON: Okay. All
6 right.

7 MR. SOLIS: Motion has been
8 amended. Do we have a second on the amended
9 motion?

10 MR. QUINTANILLA: I second it.

11 MR. SOLIS: Any more discussion?
12 All in favor -- "aye."

13 (Vote by the RAB members.)

14 MR. SOLIS: Opposed?

15 (Vote by the RAB members.)

16 MR. SOLIS: Motion carries.

17 MR. BAILEY: Mike?

18 MR. PATTERSON: Any other
19 questions? No more questions?

20 Thank you very much.

21 MR. SOLIS: Thank you,
22 Mike Patterson.

23 Mr. Roberson, now, will give us an update
24 on the base property reuse.

25 MR. ROBERSON: Thank you very

1 much, Mr. Solis.

2 I'm just going to take a couple minutes and
3 give you a -- just a -- just a quick run down
4 of what the Greater Kelly Development
5 Corporation is all about, because it's -- it's
6 something you're going to read about and hear a
7 lot about over the coming months and years.

8 Greater Kelly Development Corporation is a
9 public, not-for-profit corporation, created by
10 the City of San Antonio for the purpose of
11 representing the citizens in the community of
12 San Antonio in the redevelopment of Kelly as the
13 Air Force mission phases out. If you look
14 long-term, the plan is for the Greater Kelly
15 Development Corporation to take over, as
16 landlord, the operation of the -- of the land
17 and the facilities at Kelly, once the Air Force
18 completes its transition and closes Kelly as an
19 Air Force base in the year 2001.

20 Right now, we're very much involved in
21 working closely with the Air Force on
22 privatization planning. I think you all know
23 that all the work -- all the maintenance work
24 that's done at Kelly right now is -- is
25 programmed to be privatized in place or turned

1 over to private contractors. We're working very
2 closely in the planning with the Air Force on
3 that -- and our -- our role in that -- in that
4 partnership is to ensure that the interests of
5 the community is -- is represented -- that --
6 that we're doing that in a way that's going to
7 meet the needs of -- all of our needs in
8 San Antonio.

9 Of course, a part of that is going to be
10 keeping an eye on and monitoring these
11 environmental issues along the way. Another
12 major responsibility we have is to develop a
13 reuse plan -- and, in fact, we are in the
14 process right now of contracting with a company
15 to come in and help us develop a reuse plan --
16 that will be, basically, taking all of what's on
17 Kelly now and developing a very detailed plan
18 for how the land and the facilities will be
19 reused, and then we will, sometime early next
20 year submit that plan to the Air Force, the Air
21 Force will then incorporate that into their
22 environmental planning and do an environmental
23 impact statement to determine what the impact of
24 our reuse plan is going to have on the
25 environment, and then once they complete that

1 process, we'll have a final reuse plan that will
2 represent the long-term master plan for how
3 we're going to plan to redevelop all the
4 facilities at Kelly.

5 The third thing that we're involved in
6 is -- is actually beginning now to look at some
7 commercial opportunities for Kelly. A large
8 part of the privatization effort will utilize a
9 large part of the maintenance facilities and
10 some of the warehousing facilities, but there's
11 still going to be a lot of land and a lot of
12 facilities that will become available for reuse
13 and we're already now starting to look at some
14 commercial prospects that would -- that we could
15 bring into Kelly that would represent
16 opportunities to achieve our objectives, which
17 are economic development and job creation, and
18 as we do that, we want to keep a very close eye
19 on environmental impacts and the -- the future
20 of the environmental situation at Kelly.

21 I am not a geologist. I'm not a
22 hydrologist. If you ask me any detailed
23 questions -- and I'm going to be very much like
24 most people in this audience and really kind of
25 struggle to understand some of the stuff that

1 these guys talk about up here -- but -- but
2 we -- we in the Greater Kelly Development
3 Corporation will have expertise available to us
4 down the road so that we can monitor very
5 carefully what the Air Force is doing.

6 The point I was making earlier -- I think
7 it's very important for all us to recognize and
8 we need to keep in mind -- that any
9 contamination caused by the federal government
10 at Kelly over the last 80 or 90 years is the
11 responsibility of the federal government.
12 Larry Bailey will be the first one to tell you
13 that, that they've got that responsibility and
14 that they're committed to take action to clean
15 it up. Now, clearly, there are going -- there
16 are clearly differences of opinion about whether
17 those actions are timely and whether they're
18 appropriate and probably what we're doing here
19 tonight and what we've got to keep doing is to
20 have this open communication and forum for
21 discussion -- is something that's going to be
22 absolutely critical to make sure we get through
23 this environmental process, you know,
24 satisfactorily.

25 Yes, sir? Go ahead.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's been
2 on the radio that Pratt & Whitney is looking at
3 Kelly; is that right?

4 MR. ROBERSON: Well,
5 Pratt & Whitney has got some commercials that
6 talked about how they'd like to come to Kelly.
7 That hasn't happened, yet.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Are they
9 being offered an exclusionary clause?

10 MR. ROBERSON: No, they're not at
11 the moment. I mean, there are some discussions
12 going on, obviously.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: As far as
14 any -- any involvement in the -- in the
15 contamination?

16 MR. ROBERSON: I'm not sure
17 exactly what question you're asking.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Are they
19 being offered -- or is anyone being offered
20 exclusions as far as contamination?

21 MR. ROBERSON: Exclusions from --
22 from what? From --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: From
24 any -- From any liability.

25 MR. ROBERSON: What -- What I'm

1 going to say would not -- does not apply only to
2 Pratt & Whitney. It applies to --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm
4 talking about long-term.

5 MR. ROBERSON: It applies to any
6 company that comes in. If you talk about
7 exclusions, anything that the federal government
8 caused, the federal government will be liable
9 for forever -- and that will be true even after
10 we transfer deeds, which will occur in the next
11 two or three or four years. Deeds will be
12 transferred from the federal government probably
13 to the Greater Kelly Development Corporation or
14 to other entities. Even after those deeds are
15 transferred, there will be covenants in those
16 deeds that state that anything caused before the
17 transfer of those deeds by the federal
18 government, the federal government is
19 responsible for forever. So -- And nobody is --
20 that's not being waived by anybody and that will
21 be true -- Now -- and, of course, commercial
22 firms that come in here, whether it's to take
23 over the work that the federal government is
24 doing now or to bring in pure commercial work,
25 you know, part -- there will be very clear

1 definition of environmental covenants in the
2 leases that will be negotiated with those people
3 that put very strict controls and -- and
4 requirements on them to prevent the kind of
5 thing that, you know, happened years ago and
6 that we're now trying to clean up.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well,
8 that -- that was part of what I was looking for,
9 but I just didn't want to see the City getting
10 involved with giving someone exclusions.

11 MR. ROBERSON: That will not --
12 and I guarantee you -- we're going to be the
13 first ones to get -- because the way this will
14 work -- either -- either we will be -- have the
15 deeds transferred to us -- to the City -- via
16 the Greater Kelly Development Corporation -- or
17 we will enter in -- just long-term leases with
18 the Air Force, if -- if that's the route we
19 go -- and we will -- I mean, we will -- the
20 Air Force will be looking at those documents
21 very closely -- so will we -- and one of our
22 goals is to make sure that it's very clear that
23 the federal government is always, forever,
24 responsible for anything they caused before the
25 deeds are transferred and the leases signed --

1 and -- and that's federal law. I mean, that's
2 a requirement. All the people here -- Larry
3 and all the people working at the Air Force --
4 are -- are -- I mean -- you know, they support
5 that 100 percent.

6 MR. QUINTANILLA:

7 General Roberson, one of the questions that I
8 had when the City Council appointed the seven
9 LRA commissioners in there, that they have
10 someone in there that would represent the
11 communities outside of Kelly Air Force Base --
12 the neighborhoods. I understand that -- that
13 Ruth Jones McClendon appointed Navarra Williams
14 to that effect, that he look out after us -- you
15 know, after the -- the neighborhoods. Is that
16 being done?

17 MR. ROBERSON: Well, I can tell
18 you there are seven members on our board of
19 directors -- and let me name them -- I'll answer
20 this and then get right back to you --
21 H.T. Johnson is the chairman of the board;
22 Navarra Williams is on it; Chave Gonzaba is on
23 it; Luis Terrazas, who's a small businessman
24 here in San Antonio, is on it; Frank Herrera,
25 who is a lawyer -- has his own law firm -- is on

1 it; Bob Salvatore, who is an official with the
2 AFL-CIO labor union, is on it; and Tullos Wells,
3 who is the president of a law firm, is on it.

4 This board has made a commitment to a
5 number of things, including commitment to the
6 workforce at Kelly to do everything we can do to
7 make this transition as smooth as possible and
8 to -- and to try to make sure we've got jobs for
9 everybody. It's made a commitment to small
10 business in the community to try to make this
11 realignment as -- as painless as we can for
12 small business people and it's made a commitment
13 to the communities that not only surround Kelly,
14 but were -- you know, throughout the entire
15 community -- to do everything we can to make
16 sure that -- that this transition is as smooth
17 as possible.

18 Now, one thing we are going to start
19 doing -- we are going to hold our own public
20 meetings, starting in July, and we plan to start
21 those public meetings in -- in neighborhoods
22 surrounding Kelly Air Force Base. Our -- Our
23 plan is to hold one public meeting a month --
24 and as soon as we get a schedule made up --
25 starting in July -- we'll get that -- and we'll

1 get it -- the widest possible distribution we
2 possibly can. Those meetings would be designed
3 to do two things. One, inform the communities
4 about what we're doing and what the issues are
5 that we're working -- and where we think we're
6 heading -- but also to provide another
7 opportunity, in addition to the RAB or other
8 community meetings we set up, for the community
9 to tell us what their concerns are.

10 So, that's the vehicle we're setting up,
11 Armando, to try accommodate --

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: I strongly
13 endorse it. I'll -- because we need a
14 champion. Right now, we do not have a champion,
15 as far as who is looking out after us in the
16 neighborhoods. Our neighborhoods have been
17 contaminated. It's going to take 30 years to
18 clean them up. That's too long and we need the
19 LRA to help us in that.

20 MR. ROBERSON: Well, we'll -- we
21 will certainly provide an opportunity for the
22 community to express their feelings.

23 Sir, you had a question?

24 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Yes. Well,
25 there's two concerns in relation to

1 privatization. One is the -- the issue of the
2 jet fuel storage tanks becoming a gasoline or
3 other kind of fuel holding tank or -- or farm
4 that could be expanded or could be utilized
5 with -- not the standards that the
6 U.S. Air Force has maintained -- which has not
7 been very good -- but some of the other ones
8 are even worse, believe it or not.

9 And the other piece is that we read in a --
10 in an industry magazine where it indicates that
11 they're bringing a waste -- hazardous waste
12 treatment and -- plant -- where they're
13 bringing in all this new technology and they're
14 going to put -- here in Kelly -- and they're
15 bringing in hazardous waste from other military
16 installations -- and some of those new
17 technologies -- some of the ones that -- the
18 community feels that we've been used as guinea
19 pigs to try out all these microwaves -- and we
20 got all the fumes and -- it doesn't take a
21 scientist to know that if you're going to boil
22 something, some -- some vapors are going to come
23 out and somebody is going to breath the vapors
24 and it's whoever is next to the prevailing
25 wind -- and it's the community, again.

1 So, the -- the fact that those fuel storage
2 tanks could expand and not be removed -- but
3 even be expanded -- is of grave concern to the
4 community -- and, then, secondly, is the fact
5 that it becomes a hazardous, you know, toxic
6 treatment center -- that we receive all those
7 fumes again -- and we become the victims all
8 over again.

9 MR. ROBERSON: Those are two good
10 comments. I -- With regard to the fuel tanks,
11 as I said, we will be developing a reuse plan
12 and -- and that -- that plan will include
13 what -- you know, whatever looks like it's
14 the -- the most reasonable thing to do with that
15 part of the base.

16 Before that plan is finalized, we will have
17 a series of public hearings on that plan, so
18 that all the community, and particularly those
19 immediately around Kelly, have an opportunity to
20 let us know what they think about what we're --
21 and I'm not suggesting that the plan is going to
22 include an expansion of that at all -- I have no
23 idea what -- what the results are going to be in
24 the plan -- but whatever it is, you'll have an
25 opportunity to comment on before that plan is

1 finalized. I can guarantee you that.

2 With regard to this hazardous waste plant,
3 I've read that same thing. There -- There is a
4 company that is proposing to do that, by the
5 way -- and -- you know, that's -- I mean, it's
6 a proposal that we'll consider and we will also
7 have public hearings about, if we should
8 decide -- but we're a long ways from that point
9 right now -- and we'll just have to see where
10 that goes -- but there would be opportunities to
11 comment on that before -- and I can guarantee
12 you that -- that anything that has the potential
13 for any hazardous impact -- or any impact on
14 the community -- obviously, we're going to have
15 a very -- a very -- we're not going to be
16 interested in that sort of thing.

17 Yes?

18 MS. PEACE: I'm just curious.
19 Have you identified the contractors that are
20 going to be chosen -- or how -- how -- are
21 the, you know, contractors that will ultimately
22 be using the base going to have input into this
23 detailed reuse plan that you're formulating?

24 MR. ROBERSON: Well, there are
25 several different categories of contractors.

1 There's the contractors that will come in and
2 take over the work that -- the Air Force depot
3 work that's being done right now. The Air Force
4 has a strategy for that already. They've
5 basically broken the work down into four major
6 business areas. There will be one big contract
7 for all the engine work, one big contract for
8 all the C-5 work, one big contract for what they
9 call the electronics work.

10 MS. PEACE: Right.

11 MR. ROBERSON: And then a fourth
12 area for the C-17, which is not here yet, but we
13 still hope to bring here. The Air Force will go
14 out with requests for proposals -- and I'm sure
15 they'll get a number of proposals -- and then it
16 will be a competitive bid process and the
17 Air Force will be the source selection
18 authority. They'll make the decision on who
19 comes here -- and when they let that contract,
20 by the way, those contractors in their contract
21 will have all these environmental provisions in
22 their -- you know, in their contract and in the
23 lease arrangements to ensure that we do things
24 in an environmentally safe fashion.

25 Now, there's another set -- there's another

1 contractor -- and that's a contractor that we,
2 GKDC, are going to hire to do the reuse plan.
3 We will also do that in a competitive fashion.
4 We've got a request for proposal out right now.
5 The bids are due in the 19th of July -- and then
6 we'll do a -- we'll do a competitive evaluation
7 and select a contractor to do our -- our reuse
8 plan.

9 MS. PEACE: I'm confused about
10 how you can do a detailed plan without knowing
11 what the nature of the business of the
12 contractors that will ultimately locate there.

13 MR. ROBERSON: The -- That's one
14 of the things that the reuse plan will
15 determine. Part of the plan will be to do what
16 they call a target industry study. What kind of
17 industries make the most sense to bring into
18 Kelly, based on the workforce, the skills we
19 have in the community, the kinds of facilities
20 we have, our transportation network, et
21 cetera -- that will be part of the reuse
22 plan -- is making -- is making some judgments
23 on the best kind of industries to bring in.

24 MS. PEACE: But the choice of
25 those industries is the Air Force's?

1 MR. ROBERSON: Well, there's two
2 parts to this. We are going to privatize the
3 work here -- I mean, that work is going to be
4 done. That's --

5 MR. PEACE: Right. I understand
6 that.

7 MR. ROBERSON: -- and the
8 selection of those contractors is the Air
9 Force's decision, yes.

10 MS. PEACE: Oh, I see.

11 MR. ROBERSON: Because that will
12 be a contract with the Air Force.

13 MS. PEACE: But the excess
14 capacity, aside from that, will be the City's
15 decision?

16 MR. ROBERSON: It will -- Yes, it
17 will. Because we will -- we'll define in our
18 reuse what kind of industries want to go in --
19 and that will be subject to public hearings and
20 public comments -- and then, once we have that
21 in place, then we'll go out and recruit --
22 market -- to bring those industries in -- and
23 that will be a contract, basically -- at least
24 with the Greater Kelly Development Corporation.

25 MS. PEACE: Will, also, you send

1 out a call for RFPs before you do the detailed
2 plan?

3 MR. ROBERSON: Well, there is an
4 RFP out right now. I mean, it's on the street
5 right now. The bids are due the 19th of July.

6 MS. PEACE: Before you start the
7 plan?

8 MR. ROBERSON: Yes.

9 MS. PEACE: Okay.

10 MR. ROBERSON: Yeah. That will
11 be a competitive process.

12 MS. PEACE: Okay. Thank you.

13 MR. ROBERSON: Did that answer
14 your question?

15 MS. PEACE: Yeah, it did. Thank
16 you.

17 MR. ROBERSON: Any other
18 questions?

19 If I could make one final comment. I --
20 and I hope nobody takes me the wrong way here.
21 Let me just warn you up front. I have worked
22 with Larry Bailey and with the Air Force people
23 for -- for about a year now on this project.
24 Once they made the decision to close it and --
25 and I can tell you honestly that -- I really

1 come from the viewpoint, after having worked
2 with him, that these people working on the base
3 are really trying to do this correctly and
4 trying to do the cleanup correctly and trying to
5 do it in a way that's going to be -- meet the
6 needs of the community. I think that -- I mean,
7 my view is that -- my honest belief is that
8 they're coming from this with very honest
9 motives and -- and honest intentions.

10 But I have another belief -- I mean, I also
11 believe that everybody in this audience is
12 exactly like that, too. I mean, you've got
13 concerns, you've got interests that -- you know,
14 that have to be dealt with and you're coming
15 from it at -- from a very honest perspective,
16 also. So, what we've got here is two groups of
17 people -- both of whom, I think, have got honest
18 motivations -- that are trying to deal with what
19 is a very complex, very difficult and probably
20 very emotional issue at times -- because it
21 affects our lives -- all of us -- and we've got
22 to find a way to get this communication working
23 here so that we're talking to each and not at
24 each other -- and maybe this idea -- this
25 meeting -- where -- at least we start that --

1 where we get, you know, the Air Force and the
2 community to, you know, start talking to one
3 another, maybe we can start meeting some mutual
4 ground where we can define things, define terms,
5 define interests, find some mutual areas of
6 interest and then work from there.

7 I've got to believe that if two groups of
8 people with honest motivation -- which I believe
9 is the case here -- I am -- I am -- I am
10 optimistic that we're going to find some common
11 ground to -- to come to agreement on these
12 issues -- maybe not on everything -- maybe not
13 on everything -- but on the majority of them.
14 So, anything we can do at the Greater Kelly
15 Development Corporation to facilitate that
16 process, we would -- we would be very interested
17 in doing, because ultimately -- ultimately the
18 Greater Kelly Development Corporation will be
19 the -- the landlord at Kelly four or five years
20 down the road -- and we obviously want this to
21 be done right. We want the Air Force to meet
22 their obligations. We want the community
23 interest to be met -- and, so, we've got a real
24 motivation, also -- and I think a very noble
25 one -- is to try and help bring this to some

1 kind of common understanding where we can define
2 mutual objectives and -- and work towards
3 achieving them. I -- I think that's possible --
4 maybe not 100 percent -- but if we get to
5 98 percent, we'll have accomplished a great
6 deal.

7 MR. SOLIS: Thank you,
8 Mr. Roberson.

9 Mr. Bailey now will give us an Installation
10 Restoration Program Update.

11 MR. BAILEY: Dan could not make
12 it tonight. His wife had a little baby boy last
13 week and so he's now at home with his parental
14 responsibilities -- and, so -- there are a
15 couple of items that I'd like to go over
16 tonight.

17 At the last Restoration Board, we had
18 talked about some pump tests. These are pump
19 tests where we will be sitting down with the
20 City of San Antonio and working on a schedule
21 regarding when we were going to be able to do
22 those pump tests. We're still in the
23 negotiation process with the San Antonio Water
24 System people. We hope to have that finalized
25 within the next couple of weeks. Again, the --

1 the reason for this is to determine the volume
2 of water near the Building 171 area on base and
3 in the off-base area running underneath Union
4 Pacific Railroad and off over to Zone 3.

5 Other than the pump tests, the ATSDR
6 issue -- bring you an update there --
7 everybody will recall last year -- October, I
8 believe, time period, is when we sent a letter
9 to the ATSDR people that Mr. Long talked about.
10 We requested them to come in. We did not hear
11 anything. So, in the December time period --
12 in January -- Kelly Air Force Base
13 representatives phoned ATSDR and said, "What is
14 it going to take for you-all to come down
15 here?" And they said, "Well, we can't take your
16 money," at that time -- at least, that's what we
17 interpret them -- interpreted to them to say.
18 Then, we get a letter back from the ATSDR
19 people, who had reviewed the Brooks Air Force
20 Base information -- we got that letter roughly
21 two weeks ago -- and in that letter they
22 indicated they would be coming to Kelly Air
23 Force Base in the June time period. Now, we
24 understand that there is a cost associated with
25 it and the Army, I believe, or the Base

1 Conversion Agency -- some other entity other
2 than Kelly -- will be taking care of the cost
3 to have them come and take look at the review or
4 perform a public health review like they did at
5 Brooks Air Force Base. So, we're trying to push
6 that hard as we can to get them here as quickly
7 as we can.

8 The last item was: There was a question
9 raised at the last board meeting relative to
10 cleanup strategies and sitting down and -- and
11 meeting. Mr. Rice and I had discussed this last
12 Friday. George was kind enough to come out to
13 the base to meet with General Childress, our
14 commander, and General Bergren, vice
15 commander -- and we will be setting up a meeting
16 in the next couple of weeks -- two to three
17 weeks -- to sit down and talk about cleanup
18 strategies. We will be inviting the board
19 members. It's important to note that there
20 are -- that we've asked if there is some
21 proprietary information -- should that come up,
22 that that cannot be discussed outside the
23 setting -- and there may be other types of data
24 that the contractors talks about. But the
25 thrust of the meeting is going to be talking

1 about what cleanup strategies are out there and
2 which ones we will be looking at, regarding,
3 hopefully, cleaning up the base in much faster
4 time period than what was proposed a couple of
5 years ago -- and those are the three items.

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: Does that mean
7 that the -- the RAB will be involved before the
8 35 percent of the planning has been completed?

9 MR. BAILEY: Yes.

10 MR. QUINTANILLA: That's very
11 good. This is what the Super RAB said, that we
12 should be involved before that -- and that's
13 good -- that's good progress that we've made.
14 Thank you.

15 One more question: On this pumping test,
16 what does it involve? We haven't heard about
17 this before.

18 MR. BAILEY: Well, we've talked
19 about it twice before -- and what it amounts to
20 is a test where you actually have the contractor
21 go out and -- and pump water out at a certain
22 rate to determine how much water is in this
23 area.

24 MR. QUINTANILLA: From the
25 Edwards or from the groundwater?

1 MR. BAILEY: Well, that's -- we
2 are trying -- Well, it's in the shallow
3 groundwater area, yes.

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: In South San or
5 on the north --

6 MR. BAILEY: No. It's around
7 Building 171, off base, and near the area
8 that -- if you were to draw a straight line --
9 an arrow -- over to East Kelly. So, we are --
10 we are trying to determine the volume of water.
11 There's a lot of water that's still there -- and
12 then with these drought conditions and all --
13 and we're trying to find out where that water is
14 coming from.

15 As an example -- as -- as we've been told
16 by the San Antonio Water System folks and other
17 people -- on the Northside of I-90 --
18 Highway 90 -- there are some Edwards Aquifer
19 wells that are artesian pressure -- meaning they
20 flow all the time -- we may have some uncapped
21 Edwards wells in this area -- not on base, not
22 in the area -- but outside -- that are doing
23 just that -- causing the water to flow in this
24 general direction. So, that's what we're trying
25 to find out and -- and we need the City to work

1 with us, because what we're proposing to do is
2 to take this water and then to discharge to the
3 public-owned treatment work.

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: This is the
5 San Antonio Water System or the Bexar
6 Metropolitan Water System?

7 MR. BAILEY: San Antonio.

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: San Antonio?

9 MR. BAILEY: Right.

10 Yes, sir?

11 MR. RICE: Larry, I just wanted
12 to add one thing to what you had to say about
13 our meeting with General Childress. I know
14 you've said this before, but I just want to
15 repeat it so that everyone on the RAB is -- is
16 clear about this. We're going to develop a new
17 plan to clean up Quintana Road neighborhood.
18 The plan that had been proposed is now off the
19 table and we're going to come up with something
20 that we think will be satisfactory to everyone.

21 MR. BAILEY: The point is that --
22 just as George was saying -- and it doesn't need
23 to go through a lot of amplification and this is
24 not a tit for tat -- it's exactly what he
25 says -- regarding looking at not just there --

1 but what we've done and what we've pointed out
2 previously is when you get a team of people --
3 which is what we've done with multiple
4 engineering companies -- take a look at what's
5 being done, you'll find out many times that
6 there are new technologies -- and as we said at
7 the last RAB meeting and as we've said in
8 technical subcommittee meetings, the technology
9 over the last two years has advanced up to a
10 certain point. What we're trying to find out
11 is -- located throughout the country -- what
12 are those technologies that have proven
13 themselves? There are some that people talk
14 about that are not proven and there are some
15 that are marginally successful, but we're
16 spending -- or have the potential to spend --
17 millions of dollars of taxpayers' money -- and
18 before we do that we want to make sure that we
19 come up with the most viable option.

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: Does this mean
21 that the Zone 3 plan that was presented to TNRCC
22 and we had an open meeting on in June of -- July
23 27th -- is no longer valid?

24 MR. BAILEY: No. It may mean
25 that portions of it are but -- but not all of

1 it. We have -- We are looking at different
2 technologies. So, the technologies and the
3 approach that we proposed are what's being
4 looked at. So, it doesn't say that it's not all
5 invalid. It just says that the basics behind it
6 might have been, but there's other
7 technologies -- other information that's been
8 collected that we want to bring to the table.
9 We're not doing --

10 MR. QUINTANILLA: Does this --

11 MR. BAILEY: And we're not doing
12 it just for Zone 3. We're doing it for Zone 2
13 and Zone -- and doing it for other areas, too.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: Does this mean
15 that we're going to have another open hearing
16 after we -- after the RAB.

17 MR. BAILEY: If we change that
18 before we go to the State, we're going to have
19 to, yes.

20 MR. ROBERSON: Armando, that's
21 good.

22 MR. QUINTANILLA: That is good.
23 We wanted one. We wanted one. Thirty years was
24 too long.

25 MR. SOLIS: With that, let us

1 adjourn for 15 minutes and take a break.

2 MR. BAILEY: For those people who
3 have questions -- there were some people that
4 talked about community participation -- there
5 are people here. We've got a medical doctor.
6 We've got a toxicologist. We've got others that
7 will be more than willing to talk with you.

8 (Short break taken.)

9 MR. SOLIS: Please return to your
10 seats. We need to reconvene at this time.

11 For your information -- For your
12 information, the resource people that are
13 visiting with us tonight will be here after the
14 meeting for further questions, if you have any.

15 At this time, we're going to have
16 Mr. Sanchez -- to give us an update on
17 Newsletter Subcommittee.

18 MR. SANCHEZ: Mr. Solis, the --
19 we do not have any -- any real items to report
20 as far as the newsletter and subcommittee at
21 this time. However, we remain open, you know,
22 to more membership on the RAB Board -- on -- on
23 the subcommittee -- somebody should choose to
24 write anything to -- general information to the
25 community.

1 Right now, the two members of the
2 subcommittee are myself and Mr. Armando
3 Quintanilla. Bill Sain resigned. So, it's just
4 basically two members right now. Maybe at some
5 point down the line when these community
6 discussions take place -- there may be some
7 information that we may want to send out to the
8 community in terms of the results of the
9 discussions.

10 MR. SOLIS: Thank you,
11 Mr. Sanchez.

12 With that, Mr. Hagelthorn -- give us an
13 update on the Charter Committee.

14 MR. HAGELTHORN: We're going to
15 take a look at the charter. The charter that we
16 completed about a year ago that's been signed --
17 there's been a number of revisions -- there are
18 proposed revisions to that charter. So, what
19 I'd like to ask the board members -- if they
20 could give me input -- their input of what they
21 would like incorporated into the charter -- you
22 can send it to the Environmental Management
23 office -- Mr. Bailey's attention -- I'd like
24 to receive it by the 25th of July. I'll review
25 that data and then I'll get together with the

1 members and we'll establish a date to start the
2 revision of the new charter and see what
3 changes.

4 There is a -- some new guidance out from
5 the Department of Defense and from the federal
6 government and the Environmental Protection
7 Agency on the revisions of charters, on
8 formation of boards and just a myriad of other
9 information. We'll take a look at all that when
10 we revise the charter.

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: Mr. Hagelthorn,
12 when this RAB does meet, I would like perhaps a
13 clarification on this conflict of interest and
14 whether or not this RAB is a decision-making
15 board or not. Mr. Overbay from EPA came down
16 and said it was "no." In your newsletter, we
17 said "no," that this was not -- that the RAB was
18 not a decision-making body. At the last meeting
19 in South San, Mr. Tad McCall said "yes," we were
20 a decision-making body -- and then on this --
21 application forms for the new members coming in
22 it says that we're not a decision-making body.
23 I think that needs to be clarified.

24 MR. HAGELTHORN: You're exactly
25 correct. According to the law, we are not a

1 decision-making body. Mr. McCall may have his
2 own opinion of what we are. Until he decides to
3 change the law, we have to go by what the law
4 says.

5 What I would like, Mr. Quintanilla -- if
6 you have an input to this and an input to the
7 revision of the charter -- I like would like it
8 in writing directed to my attention through
9 Mr. Bailey's office by the 25th of July. If we
10 have that input, of course, the committee will
11 consider it and we will review it. We'll review
12 the law and how tightly the code is written and
13 how it applies to this board.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: I have a copy
15 of the law, Mr. -- and -- and I also have one
16 vote on this particular board and I will vote
17 that way.

18 The other thing that I would like for -- to
19 be clarified is the conflict of interest issue.
20 We have members on this board that do have a
21 conflict of interest -- issues -- to bring it
22 up -- but we also have other members on this
23 board that have a conflict of interest and never
24 bring it up. That's got to be clarified.

25 MR. HAGELTHORN: Again, we'll

1 address conflict of interest. We'll look at the
2 rules --

3 MR. QUINTANILLA: And I'm talking
4 about TNRCC.

5 MR. HAGELTHORN: -- that --
6 conflict of interest. But I -- again, I would
7 also like you to address it in writing.

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: No. I brought
9 it up before and I can bring it up when you
10 bring it up.

11 MR. HAGELTHORN: The rules of
12 engagement, sir, will be -- we will look at
13 information from the board members to be
14 received by the 25th of July before the
15 committee meets again. If you do not want to
16 comply with it, Mr. Quintanilla, then --

17 MR. QUINTANA: If you don't want
18 to accept my suggestions, that's fine.

19 MR. SOLIS: Do we have any items
20 of new business?

21 MR. QUINTANILLA: I don't have an
22 item of -- Go ahead, George -- George, go ahead.

23 MR. RICE: I'm sorry. I came in
24 late after you started your presentation,
25 Allan. So -- I -- I apologize. But I was

1 asking Sam whether or not there already has been
2 a subcommittee meeting -- charter subcommittee
3 meeting -- or whether there is going to be --

4 MR. HAGELTHORN: There will be a
5 new charter subcommittee meeting, yes.

6 MR. RICE: And has a date for
7 that been set?

8 MR. HAGELTHORN: Not yet. But I
9 would like -- before we establish that date --
10 to take a look at some of the concerns the board
11 members have, put those in writing, so we can
12 address those and -- and hold a meeting to
13 address those concerns.

14 MR. SOLIS: Mr. Quintanilla, you
15 have --

16 MR. QUINTANILLA: With new
17 business or old business, I wanted to bring it
18 up.

19 MR. SOLIS: Okay. Same -- Same
20 issue.

21 MR. QUINTANILLA: No, it's a
22 different issue.

23 MR. SOLIS: Okay. We're now on
24 new business.

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: I don't have --

1 This is old business.

2 MR. SOLIS: Okay. Any other new
3 business to be discussed at this time?

4 MR. BAILEY: I'd like to raise a
5 couple of points -- schedule-wise -- to make
6 sure that all the RAB members know that we've
7 got a couple of documents that we should be
8 seeing in the late August time period. One is
9 the Basewide Remedial Assessment and one is a --
10 either a Focus Feasibility Study -- or
11 Feasibility Study -- for the -- I believe
12 it's -- is it for Zone 1 or for S-1 -- Zone 1?

13 MR. PATTERSON: It's for the
14 Zone 5 area. It's for the off-base area of --
15 of -- north and northeast of --

16 MR. BAILEY: Okay. So, it's a
17 Focus Feasibility Study in the late August time
18 period for the Northeast Kelly Gardens area and
19 the area south and east of that. So, those two
20 documents should be coming to us in the late
21 August time period.

22 MR. SOLIS: In view of the
23 foregoing, since we have no other reports which
24 is not an update, I would like to entertain a
25 motion that the next RAB meeting be scheduled

1 for the 26th of August. Now, this does not mean
2 that we cannot have community meetings -- or
3 continue with those. I'll entertain a motion at
4 this time to schedule the next RAB meeting for
5 August the 26th, at which time the report will
6 be in. Do I hear a motion?

7 MR. HAGELTHORN: I'll make a
8 motion that we have the next RAB meeting in
9 August.

10 MR. SOLIS: Is it moved?

11 MR. WEINSTEIN: I second the
12 motion.

13 MR. SOLIS: Moved and seconded.
14 Discussion?

15 All in favor, "aye."

16 (Vote by the RAB members.)

17 MR. SOLIS: Thank you. Motion
18 carries.

19 At this time -- Are there any preferences
20 by the RAB members of the meeting location? We
21 had Price and Dwight and -- and here. Any
22 recommendations? Any suggestions?

23 MR. PERSON: What topics will be
24 discussed at the next meeting?

25 MR. SOLIS: We're going to be

1 discussing that next -- items for the next --

2 MR. PERSON: The location of the
3 zones.

4 MR. BAILEY: A basewide document
5 and then there's a document associated with this
6 particular area.

7 MR. PERSON: Right. And what we
8 have talked about last time -- moving to the
9 area that is associated with the -- what we're
10 talking about.

11 MR. BAILEY: So, it's basewide
12 and -- and here.

13 MR. PERSON: Okay.

14 MR. BAILEY: So, that's why -- I
15 guess it's three locations.

16 MR. PERSON: This is fine.

17 MR. SOLIS: I'll entertain a
18 motion that we have the next meeting here since
19 it will affect this area.

20 Made and seconded? Any discussion?

21 All in favor, "aye."

22 (Vote by the RAB members.)

23 MR. SOLIS: Opposed?

24 (Vote by the RAB members.)

25 MR. SOLIS: Motion carries.

1 Now, we go to old business.

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: Mr. Chairman, I
3 just have one -- one item -- and that is the
4 letter that was discussed at the -- Dwight
5 Middle School last week -- last month --
6 concerning the letter from TNRCC to the county
7 judge on the contaminated water in South San. I
8 understand that you have a copy of the letter,
9 Mr. Bailey has a copy of the letter and
10 Mr. Sanchez, I believe, has a copy of the
11 letter. I got a copy of the letter from
12 Mr. Gary Beyer. I would -- want to know if a
13 copy of the letter can be made available to all
14 the members of the board?

15 MR. SOLIS: Certainly.

16 MR. QUINTANILLA: Okay.

17 MR. SOLIS: A copy will be made
18 and mailed to each member of the board.

19 Mr. Rice?

20 MR. RICE: Now, regarding a
21 meeting that we talked about earlier -- where
22 Greater Kelly Development will be the
23 facilitator -- should we decide on when that is
24 going to be or are we going to leave that to
25 later on? Since we won't meet again until

1 August, maybe we ought to talk about it now.

2 MR. BAILEY: Well, I think that
3 the key is to talk about the agenda items -- and
4 that was one of the items that -- that we had
5 talked about. We can talk about that -- because
6 I don't know what all the agenda items are
7 coming from the community. We can -- We can
8 select a date, but I would suggest that we take
9 a look at -- maybe a two-week time period to put
10 it in -- rather than a specific date.

11 MR. RICE: Sure. My concern --

12 MR. BAILEY: We want to make sure
13 that the Greater Kelly people are there and
14 we've got to make sure that the community people
15 have their opportunity to prepare what they're
16 going to prepare.

17 MR. RICE: Sure. My concern was
18 that we didn't forget about this until the next
19 meeting.

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: I would like to
21 hear from the community as -- as to what they
22 would like to have there at the meeting.

23 MS. PEACE: The reason that I
24 suggested that that -- that organization
25 facilitate -- was so that they could facilitate

1 matters that would come from them -- and -- and
2 both groups would have absolutely --
3 withstanding --

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: Mr. Chairman, I
5 would like to recommend that perhaps July the
6 26th -- or a month before the -- the regular
7 RAB meeting -- and that the negotiations for an
8 agenda start immediately with the community.

9 MR. SOLIS: Is that July 16th,
10 you said -- the 26th?

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: A month before
12 the next meeting -- say, July 26th -- or a
13 couple of days before or after.

14 MR. ROBERSON: That week?

15 MR. QUINTANILLA: Uh-huh.

16 MR. BAILEY: So -- Pardon me.
17 Why don't we tentatively set it for the week of
18 July 26th -- and then when we meet -- I don't
19 have a calendar, so I'm just assuming --

20 MR. PATTERSON: That's from the
21 22nd to the 26th.

22 MR. BAILEY: So, it's the week of
23 the -- the week of the 22nd -- that we'll
24 tentatively set -- and then immediately
25 following this meeting, we can sit down and

1 start talking about items and then continue with
2 discussions -- because Mr. Roberson is here --
3 and we can talk about that.

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: Just real
5 tentative. It could be moved back, you know,
6 another week or two.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Bailey, I'll be
8 on vacation on July 26th, but could some members
9 from CEJA come and sit on the agenda -- you
10 know, so that we can discuss what you-all talk
11 about?

12 MR. BAILEY: Absolutely.

13 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

14 MR. BAILEY: Again -- just like
15 what Mr. Quintanilla was talking about -- is --
16 that's -- if we can't hold it on the 26th --
17 maybe the 25th -- or push it back to the next
18 week. The idea is to have it at a reasonable
19 time period prior to the next RAB would meet.

20 MR. SOLIS: Okay. Now, we will
21 move on to Community Discussion. We have mikes
22 set up in the center. For those that have not
23 had an opportunity to present their concerns, if
24 you wish to address the board, you may do so at
25 this time.

1 MR. JOHNSON: Hello. My name is
2 David Johnson and I grew up in the North Kelly
3 Gardens area. A couple of items of concern for
4 me is -- as far as getting some information out
5 into the community -- that one of them is the
6 permeability rate of all the solvents that we
7 were talking about. I don't -- I don't think
8 that's come into play at all here. We're
9 concerned and we're asking questions, "How
10 can" -- "How can all these toxins get over to
11 the other side?" What I can tell you is --
12 growing up there -- the term of storage being
13 used -- I can tell you firsthand -- I used to
14 see them dump it in the ground. So -- I mean,
15 that's -- that's really just a term that's being
16 used for storage. Some of the tanks were
17 actually left there. But I can tell you, they
18 were dumped in the ground. I used to stand
19 across the fence and watch the guys in the white
20 suits, you know, dump that stuff. There is a
21 pathway there.

22 Secondly, the elevations that are currently
23 there, were nonexistent as I was growing up.
24 Growdon Road has received continual updates for
25 drainage purposes, but even at that -- it drains

1 all the way down to 36th Street. 36th Street
2 floods and it drains back on the other side.
3 The pathways, I don't think, have been studied
4 well enough -- or any of the geological --
5 previous geological studies have been brought
6 out, as well.

7 The other thing that we're concerned -- and
8 I'm glad today -- we've -- we've pretty much
9 started that -- is in previous RAB meetings --
10 and I've discussed it -- that there really was
11 no dialogue between the community and what the
12 RAB was doing. So, this is the first step and I
13 really commend the RAB for doing so.

14 Finally, with -- with all the wells that
15 are being dug throughout the Jamar Village area
16 and around there, we have a problem in receiving
17 what -- the data and where exactly each well is
18 located, so that we ourselves can map and track
19 the area -- and we would appreciate any and all
20 information. We understand that there are
21 certain protective issues on how to extract and
22 all that, but all -- all information that --
23 that can be made available -- we would like to
24 work with Mr. Rice, as well -- so that we can do
25 some data analysis, as well.

1 You've had -- I don't know how many years
2 you've been working on this program, to be able
3 to analyze and come up with a feasible plan --
4 understand, with this timetable, we're only
5 having a matter of a couple of months between
6 each remediation action to be able to analyze
7 and assess what we feel should be done, as
8 well. So, I would also ask that we can expedite
9 the -- the process there and try to bridge this
10 communication gap as quickly as possible, so
11 that we can all work together. Thank you.

12 MR. SOLIS: Thank you,
13 Mr. Johnson.

14 MR. LOPEZ: My name is
15 Chavel Lopez. I'm with the Committee for
16 Environmental Justice Action and I want to just
17 tell the RAB, you know, that the community there
18 in North Kelly Gardens has conducted a health
19 survey -- a community health survey -- back in
20 1994 and '95 -- where we conducted -- we went
21 door to door to the different houses there in
22 North Kelly Gardens and we did find, you know, a
23 lot of health problems -- symptoms -- for
24 example, a lot of people with asthma, a lot of
25 young children with -- with nose bleeds, a lot

1 of people with bone defects, people with -- with
2 different -- with several different problems --
3 and we also just got through conducting a
4 comprehensive symptom survey, also, where we
5 also interviewed 100 adults in the area -- and
6 children -- and we found several -- also --
7 also found several health problems in the
8 area -- and that -- that survey is going to be
9 analyzed by the University of Texas at Galveston
10 and we'll be getting some results back probably
11 around late July or August. We have done that
12 and -- and it is a concern to us. There's a lot
13 of health problems in the area and we are -- I
14 mean, people that live there, you know, say that
15 there is a big possibility that, you know,
16 these -- these health problems are coming from
17 the contamination that Kelly -- Kelly has caused
18 in the community.

19 MR. SOLIS: Thank you, Mr. Lopez.

20 MS. ADAMES: My name is Dominga
21 Adames and I've lived at home for 22 --
22 23 years. I heard something about --
23 contamination can't cross that borderline fence
24 that you have. Does that fence keep the wind
25 from blowing the dirt to my house? I live right

1 in back of the tanks. My sliding door and my
2 windows are open and all that dirt comes
3 inside. You can see it on my -- Does that mean
4 that that dirt is not contaminated because the
5 fence keeps your contamination to your side of
6 the fence? Does it?

7 MR. BAILEY: No.

8 MS. ADAMES: When it rains, does
9 the contamination stay on your side of the
10 fence? A lot of times water -- when -- when it
11 used to rain a lot -- the water would go up the
12 back porch almost inside the house. Does that
13 fence keep it to your side of your own private
14 place? Then, what causes contamination? What
15 is wrong with me?

16 Nobody has answered me any questions. You
17 say that fence -- that borderline thing that
18 you have there -- is supposed to keep it to
19 your side. Does it? You go to my house on a
20 windy -- on a windy day and you tell me that
21 that dirt is just mine -- or is -- does it come
22 from your side of the fence? Thank you.

23 MR. SOLIS: Thank you,

24 Ms. Adames.

25 The next person?

1 MS. MEDINA: Hello. My name is
2 Patricia Medina. I attended the last meeting at
3 Dwight and I was told that I was going to be
4 given an answer why those two pumps -- it took
5 so long to be covered up -- and I haven't heard
6 anything. Does anybody have an answer why it
7 took three weeks to cover two -- two of those
8 pumps that were exposed to the public?

9 MR. BAILEY: I have no idea. I
10 assumed that that evening the gentleman who we
11 had assigned to talk to you was going to talk to
12 you about that.

13 MS. MEDINA: No, sir. It's
14 already been a month and I have not received any
15 calls. I have a caller ID and there's no call.

16 MR. BAILEY: Okay. I will phone
17 you, then, first thing tomorrow morning. I -- I
18 did not know this, but that's not the point.

19 The explanation that was given to me
20 before, relative to that, was the -- something
21 had to do with whatever -- but as the gentleman
22 explained this last time, there is no excuse for
23 taking the time period -- there is no excuse for
24 that -- and I sure as heck don't know what
25 the -- what the reason is -- is now -- other

1 than to tell you, there is no excuse -- and I
2 will phone you personally tomorrow.

3 MS. MEDINA: And another thing is
4 the manhole where my backyard -- or the
5 alley -- I'm sorry -- that was uneven. I was
6 told that some people came to my house -- they
7 talked to my sister -- I wasn't available -- I
8 was still at work -- but that somebody was going
9 to go level out the back alley, because you can
10 only drive on one side. The manholes are
11 sticking up about that much. They told her that
12 the trash men would go through there. They
13 haven't. My mother has raised -- been raised
14 over there in the Quintana area. There's never
15 been any dumpsters that went through the alley.
16 But that, too, was just brushed off. There was
17 no more further progress on that.

18 MR. BAILEY: What's the issue
19 now? There are manholes --

20 MS. MEDINA: The land is uneven
21 in the alley.

22 MR. BAILEY: Yes.

23 MR. MEDINA: And we wanted that
24 to be filled, because when it rains all that
25 gets flooded in the back. They went and

1 surveyed my house for the pumps -- because I
2 told them that it was -- you know, the --
3 because the little cement hill around the pump
4 was high -- and then, also, I had told them
5 about the alley. I live on -- between Holder
6 and Bynum. I live on Fenfield Street and the
7 alley back there is -- it was sinking.
8 Nothing's been done. That's been a good two --
9 maybe two and a half months --

10 MR. BAILEY: Was that an action
11 taken by the City? My understanding was that
12 was an action taken by the City, not by
13 Kelly Air Force Base.

14 MS. MEDINA: I -- I just know
15 they were going to take care of it and it's
16 still not done.

17 MR. BAILEY: We will talk to the
18 City of San Antonio.

19 MS. MEDINA: Yeah. I'd
20 appreciate that.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Is there a
22 monitoring well right there in the area?

23 MR. MEDINA: No. It's a
24 manhole -- We have two manholes in the back of
25 the alley. I'd like something to be done about

1 that, too. That's all. Thank you.

2 MR. SOLIS: Thank you,
3 Ms. Medina.

4 Anyone else?

5 MR. CULBERTSON: I'd like to say
6 something.

7 MR. SOLIS: Yes, sir.

8 MR. CULBERTSON: On behalf of the
9 community, as well as the advisors, I'd like to
10 say I'm really disappointed in the way the
11 library has been misinformed about the volumes
12 of works that's been put out by Kelly. I've
13 been over there three different times to the
14 City library and two different librarians -- one
15 a man and one a woman -- each told me they knew
16 nothing about Kelly Air Force's library -- not
17 even what their last thing that was put in the
18 library -- and I've informed the proper
19 authorities, but the last time I informed them
20 they said, "Well, it's in his desk and he's
21 sorry, but he" -- that's true. He -- It ought
22 to be out. Well, how can a person study and
23 find out what's going on in these reports if you
24 have to go ahead and make a study just to find
25 out what's in -- what the index is. In other

1 words, I'm really disappointed in the way
2 they -- that this library situation has been
3 handled.

4 And in addition to that -- There's some
5 other things that I just don't think is exactly
6 right. The report that was last put out by our
7 chairman here is that our air is all pure and
8 there's nothing wrong with it -- and, yet, the
9 fact is we're under a real close situation with
10 regard to nonconformance with federal standards
11 in our area -- and I'm speaking particularly
12 about ozone. This is not even mentioned and
13 here we're supposed to have a chemical report.

14 I think this is a disgrace. I don't see
15 why I should be -- stay here any longer. I -- I
16 would like to -- to -- I'd like to see a
17 peaceful solution to this thing, but the way
18 things are going -- it's -- it's too long in
19 between meetings. We're not getting a
20 heart-to-heart. It takes too long to get the
21 people together to lay them out to tell that
22 they're unhappy. I think that you should
23 have -- you should right now decide to have a
24 field operation -- that is, going around to
25 everything that you're doing and inviting the

1 people to do it with you. I never was invited
2 to go out myself. So, every time I look at
3 something -- I'm -- I'm a hydrologist -- a
4 trained hydrologist -- professor -- and it
5 takes me a little while to keep up -- keep up
6 with things and I still don't identify with it,
7 the same as I would if I went out there and
8 looked at and saw the water being transferred
9 from pipe to pipe -- and I still believe there's
10 a better, cheaper way to do things than the way
11 it's being done.

12 The idea that \$100 million has been spent
13 on this and they plan to spend, according to the
14 newspaper, some \$200 million -- it's just
15 absurd -- with this country in the state it is.
16 It seems to me that these people that are
17 confused on it -- and brought into this thing a
18 long time ago -- and they ought to be
19 compensated in some way for the problems that
20 have been assured there. It just -- It's
21 wrong. I'm sorry. I wish -- I wish I could
22 continue to work with you -- and I would if --
23 if I felt that there would be a fundamental
24 change. But if there is no change -- I don't
25 know -- I'm just wasting my time. Really.

1 Larry, go ahead.

2 MR. BAILEY: Let me just say
3 that -- you know, when we put the RAB group
4 together, we went out to the various parties and
5 we said, "Let's get a group of people in here
6 that are going to provide input." So, let me
7 take a -- let me just take a -- an observation.
8 This is an indictment against this RAB and
9 that's against me and everybody who is on this
10 RAB. We --

11 MR. CULBERTSON: I'm sorry to say
12 it, but that's what it is.

13 MR. BAILEY: Well, thank you for
14 agreeing me -- that it includes everybody.

15 The issue is one where when we talk as a
16 RAB group, we say, "What can we do to get to
17 these people in the community?" From day one,
18 we have asked for feedback from the RAB members
19 on not only what's happening in the community,
20 but let's go out and get these block meetings
21 going, get those going and your own, you
22 represent the community --

23 MR. CULBERTSON: Did you look for
24 some of the key leaders in the community?
25 People that have the courage to speak up?

1 MR. BAILEY: Yes -- Today, yes.

2 MR. CULBERTSON: We're just
3 getting them now?

4 MR. BAILEY: Yes.

5 The point is that once -- when we put this
6 program together, we said mail-outs aren't going
7 to -- are not going to be the end-all -- nor is
8 there one end-all solution to this. We sent out
9 10,000 letters, three -- four times a year -- we
10 sent out 500 letters the last time we had a
11 meeting. These people who came here tonight
12 can -- can you tell you how difficult it is --
13 there are RAB members that have told me, "We try
14 to get these people out, but they just don't
15 come out."

16 So, we've listened to some of the
17 techniques -- that's why the technique that has
18 been told to us by some of these community
19 people -- is to come out into our neighborhoods
20 and to have some type of meeting. So, we
21 constantly have said, "RAB members, if we're
22 going to work as a team" -- which we are trying
23 to do that -- "but we've got to make sure that
24 we get this information out to the people." So
25 we said, years ago, "Progress reports in English

1 and Spanish. The other information in English
2 and Spanish."

3 The issue, though, right now is -- is one
4 where -- now, it's a case of, "Well, you didn't
5 tell us" -- and those kinds of things. I submit
6 to you --

7 MS. FLORES: I just want to
8 say --

9 MR. BAILEY: Excuse me. Let me
10 just finish --

11 MS. FLORES: We just receive
12 letters of cleanup and -- like you said, we did
13 receive that. But, you know, Kelly wasn't
14 closing last year or the year before. This has
15 started now that Kelly just started closing,
16 right? So, now -- I think this is why we're
17 very concerned now, because Kelly is going to be
18 closing and we want the cleanup before they
19 close.

20 And another reason is, too -- because our
21 children are now starting to get sick. I have
22 two children right now. One of them has kidney
23 disease, high blood, high cholesterol -- and
24 she's only 12 years old -- and I live right
25 where she lives -- where is -- the one with

1 the dirt that blows into your -- your house --
2 same thing -- you know, and my other daughter,
3 the same problems -- she's having the same
4 problems -- you know, my concern and the reason
5 I'm here is because I would like to know, too,
6 is that -- is there going to be some kind of
7 medical doctor that could maybe help me to run
8 some tests on my children to see if this is
9 causing -- the contamination is causing my
10 children to be sick? Because I'm not even sure,
11 because -- I take them to the doctor and the
12 doctor says it could be -- it could be -- you
13 know, I have, like, three different specialists
14 right now. My daughter just had surgery the 3rd
15 of this month. She had kidney damage and she
16 had to have surgery.

17 So, one thing I am looking for is some kind
18 of medical -- somebody that can help me with
19 that.

20 MR. BAILEY: Can I answer that
21 question?

22 MS. FLORES: Yes, sir.

23 MR. BAILEY: There is a
24 gentleman -- Sam, I'm not going to put words in
25 your mouth, please -- he can speak to part of

1 that. There is a Texas Department of Health
2 point of contact that we can get for you. There
3 is a gentleman who actually took a look at the
4 similar kind of data that was conducted and --
5 and collected over at Brooks Air Force Base that
6 he's -- familiar with the community here.

7 MS. FLORES: Okay.

8 MR. BAILEY: At the same time, we
9 have a gentleman who is here in the audience
10 with us who is a medical doctor --

11 MS. LOPEZ: Can I get their names
12 or their cards?

13 MR. BAILEY: Okay. So, the
14 starting point -- I would suggest that you talk
15 to Mr. Sanchez. We can get you that -- that
16 name for the Texas Department of Health. Those
17 are two individual parties that have that type
18 of responsibility. We -- We, the Air Force,
19 have a gentleman who is here who can talk to you
20 about some of that information.

21 MS. FLORES: Okay.

22 MS. PEACE: May I suggest, also,
23 that if -- if there is -- specifically, going
24 to be looked at -- you know, medical problems
25 in -- in light of the contamination here, that

1 any -- any cases like this also include off-base
2 contamination -- anything that's been
3 identified, you know, should also be -- because
4 if -- if Kelly gets cleaned up and the
5 contamination here -- you still do have some
6 sites in -- in certain areas -- I know in the
7 Quintana Road area -- that are off base that are
8 private concerns that won't go away even when
9 this does.

10 MR. BAILEY: Well, I don't really
11 follow that. But let me just say this: That
12 the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease
13 Registry -- where is that young -- where is that
14 the lady that stood up -- pardon me --
15 that's -- that's an agency group that will be
16 coming in here. They're the people that took a
17 look at Brooks. They'll be coming in here,
18 too -- and the point that was made by Mr. Long
19 earlier -- getting the comments from you,
20 forwarding back -- I don't know that those
21 people will come out and interview you, but
22 they will also collect that same type of data.
23 I can't speak for the Texas Department of
24 Health, but the person whose name we -- we give
25 you -- this gentleman -- one of their

1 functions -- from what I'm led to believe --
2 is to go out in the community and to talk and
3 truly find out what information is there.

4 The -- The focus of all these groups is to
5 take a look at -- to ensure that the information
6 that is collected supports what they call sound
7 science. That means that if there are --
8 samples are collected and someone says, "Well, I
9 don't believe in those samples," they have to go
10 back and take a look at -- and make sure the
11 chain of custody was collected, proper
12 mannerism, sent to a certified lab -- all those
13 things take place -- so that you know that that
14 information is collected in accordance with what
15 these people say is the proper way to do it.

16 That's why we want to make sure that the
17 community here -- and I'm sure I would --
18 speaking for all of us -- military people --
19 want to make sure that whatever data goes out is
20 supported that way. It doesn't mean that some
21 data that doesn't go through all those levels is
22 not good data. It just means that it's
23 difficult to compare a peanut with an orange.
24 It has to be the orange/orange comparison.

25 Yes, sir?

1 MR. CULBERTSON: I think you're
2 meaning well, Larry, and I think we ought to
3 probably try again and we ought to probably pray
4 to be -- together.

5 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Tom.

6 Sir?

7 MR. ROSAS: Hello. My name is
8 Anthony Rosas and I live right there -- right
9 behind those gas tanks -- and I also have the
10 same concerns as that lady.

11 I have three little girls. One of them
12 is -- has some kind of a skin disorder. We took
13 her to the pediatrician and the first thing he
14 told me was to get some tests done on her --
15 maybe some lead checking on her blood or
16 something like that, because he's -- supposedly,
17 he's treating another little girl that had some
18 kind of problems with the Alamodome dirt that
19 was moved around. I don't know.

20 I need to get some -- find out from
21 somebody -- to help me get some tests on my
22 daughters and -- I mean, I don't know what --
23 all this -- all these terms that you-all are
24 using. But all I know is, I live right behind
25 those tanks. You can smell those tanks when

1 they -- They stink. When there's no breeze,
2 they stink.

3 Some gentleman tried to tell me about --
4 there was some water or somebody went and threw
5 some fish or something that makes them stink.
6 I'm tired. I live at that house and I live with
7 my daughters. We have nowhere else to go. I
8 mean -- I mean, we -- I'm not even done
9 building my house. I'm not going to move out
10 just because they tell me that it's
11 contaminated. They tell me that they're not
12 going to give me -- when the day comes that I'm
13 going to sell my house -- what it's worth. I
14 bought two lots. I want to build two houses.
15 Where I'm going to build two houses? They won't
16 give me what -- what it's worth.

17 The root of the problem is those damn
18 tanks -- that's just it -- and all this, you
19 know, stuff about, "Let's get a meeting
20 together" -- Now, these people that are meeting
21 together -- they -- it's -- it's beyond that
22 already. It's already beyond that. We need to
23 fix it. We need to get those tanks out of
24 there.

25 Now, whoever says that -- you're going to

1 tell me that everything from those tanks that
2 goes out that fence, that it doesn't go out
3 through my property? Who's going to tell me --
4 Who's willing to tell me that -- all that
5 contamination?

6 I'm tired. I want this done -- something
7 done and quick -- and all of this about getting
8 a meeting together and getting this community --
9 this is all -- you know, it's just -- it's
10 beyond that. We -- We need -- We need to do
11 something -- get to the problem right now and
12 the problem is those tanks. We're not --
13 They're not telling us everything that we
14 should -- that we need to know. They're not
15 telling us everything that we need to know.

16 What else can I say? I'm just -- I'm just
17 going to go home right now. Everybody is going
18 to go home tonight -- and I'm going to go to my
19 same house where I -- where we live -- so are
20 these people. So, you tell me. What am I
21 supposed to do when I get home and my girls come
22 up to me -- and what am I going to tell them if
23 something ever happens to them? If my daughter
24 comes up like -- he said he's lived all his
25 life -- but the things that haven't -- do you

1 think I want my daughters to live like that? I
2 want to move out, but I can't be buying property
3 where -- you know -- and I'm just -- you know,
4 I'm just tired. I just want to --

5 MR. CULBERTSON: Let's start to
6 pray.

7 MS. PEACE: Can I ask -- Has --
8 Has the RAB ever made a recommendation -- Has
9 the recommendation that the Air Force consider
10 buying these people out come from the RAB thus
11 far?

12 MR. BAILEY: There has been a
13 discussion of that and the focus that we set on
14 that is -- for example -- I'm not taking
15 everything away from the gentleman's comment --
16 as an example, when the -- when the point was
17 raised regarding these tanks, no one -- there
18 was some question -- let me just kind of go back
19 to that -- so, we actually had some people go
20 out and collect some data. We forwarded that
21 data to RAB members. We were, then, wanting
22 that information to go out to the public, so we
23 actually put some of it that way. There is --
24 Well, we just -- from what some people have
25 said -- "You are saying these tanks are safe,

1 but, even if you've collected this data, there
2 still are other causes out here." And that's
3 why we suggested that what we do to the RAB
4 members and others is to bring those comments
5 back -- why we've got Mr. Sanchez -- not why we
6 have -- why he's joined the board -- so that he
7 can listen to what the concerns are that are
8 being raised -- and, hopefully, these people can
9 go out there and talk with -- talk to them,
10 giving them insight on what information is here
11 and what it truly means, so that at least the
12 people can leave thinking -- at least someone --
13 if you don't believe the Air Force -- at least
14 someone is overseeing what's going on, someone
15 else -- a relatively independent party --
16 meaning they're not paid on a contract -- but is
17 taking a look at the data -- and that someone is
18 looking at the situation out here within the
19 neighborhoods. That's not a consolation --

20 MR. ROSAS: We need to stop
21 talking and we need to start acting.

22 MR. PEACE: I would still -- even
23 with that -- I mean -- I, myself, would like to
24 see a recommendation come from this board that
25 the Air Force consider that -- you know, I -- I

1 don't know -- you know, that it needs to be put
2 on the table as something that the Air Force
3 needs to seriously think about.

4 MR. BAILEY: If the board wishes
5 to come up with that, the board can come up with
6 that. It's just like what we said all along.
7 We will -- It's the science -- It's the
8 information that is collected, not just --

9 MS. PEACE: Would I be out of
10 order to make a motion to that now?

11 MS. STALL: Could I make a
12 comment before you make a motion, please? It is
13 possible?

14 Okay. The test that -- The air test -- The
15 monitoring test that you-all did on the tank
16 that was good for a 24-hour period -- you had
17 eight air monitors -- and I -- I'm not a
18 scientist -- but I question how accurate it is
19 in such a short period of time. And, of course,
20 as you're saying, the tanks aren't the only
21 concern of health. It's the most visible and --
22 as gentleman said, that they can smell the fumes
23 coming from them.

24 Is it possible to get some more extensive
25 testing done --

1 MR. BAILEY: Absolutely.

2 MS. STALL: -- at that --

3 MR. BAILEY: Absolutely. But
4 getting back to that test, what is important to
5 note is under what conditions was that eight
6 hour test done -- or that 24-hour test? And it
7 was done under what we consider to be -- or what
8 I was led believe to be -- under the fueling
9 operation for the worst case situation.
10 That's -- That's why it was done.

11 MS. PEACE: But aside from such
12 tests --

13 MR. BAILEY: -- but separate and
14 aside from that.

15 MS. PEACE: -- couldn't we have,
16 like, something much simpler for everybody to
17 understand, which is to have a real estate
18 appraiser come out and appraise these home and
19 see if they would stand up to the value, given
20 the situation out here. That seems to me like
21 that would be much easier for everybody to
22 understand.

23 MR. BAILEY: The RAB Board can
24 recommend -- If that's what you wish to
25 recommend, recommend.

1 MS. PEACE: I mean, we -- we can
2 establish, you know, a -- a cause, you know, for
3 buy-out -- several ways, you know, that are much
4 more difficult to dispute than -- than
5 scientific testing methods that hardly anybody
6 understands -- or people in the community
7 certainly don't.

8 MR. BAILEY: Well, there is a
9 presumption that, in fact, Kelly is contributing
10 along with no other parties -- whatever --
11 and, so -- but the board can recommend what it
12 wishes to recommend. I'm just telling you from
13 an Air Force perspective, it's the information
14 not only collected by us, but other people from
15 the community -- there's a community health
16 survey being conducted that the gentleman just
17 spoke about back here. We've not seen that
18 information. We hope that can see that soon
19 while it's in the early finding stages, too, so
20 that we can see how it was collected, where the
21 data was analyzed -- those kinds of things -- so
22 that moving on down the road -- that we can get
23 the ATSDR group, which is the national group to
24 do these things -- is the group that will come
25 in and provide that kind of judgment.

1 I would hope that people in the community
2 recognize that this is a totally independent
3 third-party and whatever they come up with is
4 whatever they come up with. If they happen to
5 indicate -- now, this was a surprise to the
6 people living off Brooks Air Force Base -- the
7 people off of Brooks Air Force Base believed --
8 it's a different situation, so I can't compare
9 apples to apples or oranges to oranges -- but
10 they believed that the contamination coming from
11 Brooks was, in fact, causing health concerns in
12 their neighborhood.

13 The study -- I don't want to say it's
14 elaborate. I don't want to say there's a lot of
15 detail. But the one conducted by the ATSDR
16 showed that wasn't the case. There comes a
17 time -- I don't know if that's going to happen
18 here. I have no earthly idea what the ATSDR is
19 going to come up with it. But there comes a
20 time when we and the community have to stand up
21 and say, "What data are we doing to believe?"

22 If we're saying, "Kelly Air Force Base,
23 conduct two or three more studies" -- but if
24 ATSDR comes in here and they show what you're
25 saying and that's not accurate -- it gets back

1 to what Mr. Roberson has talked about --
2 Mr. Quintanilla has talked about for a long
3 time -- saying, "There has to be a buy-in at
4 some particular time."

5 MS. PEACE: Well, I think -- you
6 know, based on what I'm hearing from these
7 people -- I've heard economic concerns,
8 people's -- say that they can't resell their
9 houses -- that there's no market for the
10 houses -- that they've made investments in
11 their homes, that they believe that they will
12 never recover, that there, you know, are
13 questions about health effects and -- based on
14 any of these -- it doesn't have to be based on
15 health -- if we can base this -- you know,
16 they -- if they make these claims that they
17 cannot, you know, get what they put into their
18 houses when they try to sell them because of
19 this contamination effect at Kelly, then I think
20 that that also should be addressed by the
21 Air Force. What I'm saying is I think that
22 there's a responsibility, not only for health
23 effects, but for any ill effects that the people
24 in this community have suffered because of
25 this. Because for years the Air Force has been

1 dumping hazardous material here and if it's
2 affected the people nearby, it needs to be
3 addressed -- and I would like to reiterate --
4 I'd like to make a motion that the RAB recommend
5 that -- at this time, that the Air Force
6 seriously examine the possibility of a buy-out.

7 MR. RICE: And I would second
8 that motion.

9 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: If I may, my
10 name is Ruben Solis. I'm with the Committee for
11 Environmental Justice Action.

12 MR. SOLIS: Ruben, hold on just a
13 second. We have a motion on the table right
14 now.

15 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Okay. Do you
16 need to vote on that right now, first -- or
17 what?

18 MR. SOLIS: Yes.

19 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Okay. I'll
20 wait.

21 MR. SOLIS: Has that motion been
22 seconded?

23 MR. RICE: Yes, it has.

24 MR. CULBERTSON: Yes, it has.

25 Mr. George Rice has --

1 MR. SOLIS: Okay. All in favor?

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: No discussion?

3 MR. SOLIS: Pardon me.

4 Discussion?

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: I think the
6 suggestion made by Annalisa Peace is an
7 excellent suggestion -- and I think the LRA is
8 an excellent body that could accomplish this
9 buy-out, if -- if the time comes to that. I
10 think they're authorized to do this by law and I
11 most certainly will vote for the motion.

12 MR. SOLIS: Any further
13 discussion?

14 MR. CULBERTSON: I'd like to say
15 that Annalisa Peace has, historically, been for
16 clean air and water. She was the first
17 president of the Clean Air & Water Association
18 in this -- in the San Antonio area -- and I
19 think what she recommended has got a lot of
20 merit.

21 MR. SOLIS: Thank you, sir.

22 MR. ROBERSON: The only caution I
23 would raise is that I'm not -- I mean, for
24 everything I've listened to -- I -- I don't
25 understand where the scientific data is that

1 would support such a motion. We've got a lot of
2 anecdotal data, but you can't make a -- in fact,
3 I'm sure the Air Force is not going to make an
4 economic decision as large as this without more
5 scientific data. It might be -- It might be
6 more appropriate to adjust the motion for
7 something like -- to collect -- to set up a
8 procedure to collect that data -- and -- and
9 then, based on that data, make a decision as to
10 whether a buy-out would be appropriate.

11 MS. PEACE: I didn't ask for a
12 decision. It was just that they consider
13 this -- that they put this -- you know, as
14 something that they have not, you know, ruled
15 against -- and that they know that it is under
16 consideration and people can begin to work, you
17 know, to present that data -- or whatever.

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: It's a good
19 idea.

20 MR. ROBERSON: I guess I made a
21 motion to adjust -- to amend your motion to say
22 that the recommendation would be that we collect
23 more extensive scientific data and then, based
24 on that, decide whether a buy-out would be
25 appropriate.

1 MS. PEACE: I -- I still would
2 like my motion to stand -- that -- that they
3 be directed to consider this now -- at this
4 time -- not -- not pending, you know, any more
5 data coming in -- at this time -- that they
6 consider it.

7 MR. SOLIS: George?

8 MR. RICE: I'd like to support
9 what Annalisa just said. As I understand it,
10 we're not making this motion based on scientific
11 data. We're making it based on the recognition
12 that people have been damaged economically.
13 That's what we're talking about here and -- and
14 we -- we're asking the Air Force to redress
15 that damage.

16 MR. SOLIS: Any further
17 discussion?

18 MR. SANCHEZ: I think that in
19 regards to this motion, that -- that the motion
20 itself does not address any kind of criteria
21 that the Air Force is going to be used for --
22 for making those kind of assessments. So, in
23 this -- and the capacity of this board -- it's
24 strictly an advisory board -- you know, pending
25 any -- any changes to our status as a -- you

1 know, whether it's advisory or decision-making.

2 Then -- This is strictly advisory. We're
3 asking the Air Force to consider -- and we're
4 not even putting out any criteria or anything
5 else -- based on the fact that some people may
6 come forward and say that -- that they have been
7 damaged economically and they would like some
8 redress to those damages. I think I could
9 support a motion like that.

10 MS. PEACE: Okay. Because I'm
11 trying to say -- you know, we've heard these
12 concerns over and over and over and I want to
13 send the message -- you know, that we have heard
14 these and -- you know, that we think that --
15 that the Air Force itself needs to be
16 considering what we've heard here.

17 MR. SOLIS: Any further
18 discussion?

19 Please repeat your original motion?

20 MS. PEACE: I'd like to make a
21 motion that the RAB directs the Air Force to
22 consider a buy-out, if it is warranted.

23 MR. SOLIS: That motion was
24 seconded.

25 MR. RICE: Uh-huh.

1 MR. SOLIS: All in favor of
2 the -- of the motion as originally made by
3 Annalisa, please say "aye."

4 (Vote by the RAB members.)

5 MR. SOLIS: Motion carries.

6 MR. QUINTANILLA:

7 General Roberson made a motion, Larry, to amend
8 it. However, that was not seconded. So,
9 General Roberson's motion does not take a --
10 amendment does not carry. It was just strictly
11 her motion.

12 MR. SOLIS: Good point.

13 Yes, sir, Mr. Solis.

14 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Yes,

15 Mr. Solis -- and that's not an echo. But I
16 think that the heart of the problem here is --
17 is -- really comes to light in this
18 discussion -- that even in the RAB -- and I
19 don't how -- how long you have been working
20 together and meeting together -- there is --
21 and there should be -- dissention or difference
22 of opinion as to what should be done.

23 There's been an attempt -- from our way of
24 looking at it, there's been an attempt from the
25 Air Force part to do what we call damage

1 control -- that is, from the very beginning,
2 they accepted -- their strategy was that they
3 would accept that there was contamination,
4 because you couldn't just obviously -- couldn't
5 negate it, but that they would immediately put
6 it on this 30-year frame -- and that's coming
7 down -- that's -- that's breaking down because
8 it's not -- it's not plausible. People will be
9 dead in 30 years. So -- So that -- But instead
10 of -- We begin to see the mode of operandi.
11 Instead of coming to sit down open handed and
12 say, "What's the problem and let's deal with the
13 problem," we set up all these different
14 structures to prevent us from really coming to
15 grips with the problems and the complaints and
16 the extent of the problem. And, so, it seems
17 like we -- you know -- and -- and we've --
18 we've seen this presentation -- they're very
19 good presentations -- educational to a very
20 complex issue -- but they only say the side of
21 the Air Force and when the -- when you read the
22 literature about what the Air Force is doing,
23 the high tech approach to environmental cleanup,
24 you would think that all of the problems of
25 environmental issues in the whole United States

1 are going to be solved with this new technology
2 and that is not so.

3 It is not so, first of all, in the
4 technological piece -- and if we have the
5 technology, then why are we waiting 30 years to
6 start cleanup -- because that's what's
7 happening. The minute that it was put in the
8 media "30 years," it was set in the mind 30
9 years back. And, so, when are we going to deal
10 with it? And that's what's coming up. If you
11 do not allow a forum to develop where people can
12 come and give the input -- because when the
13 Pentagon people were here up at the airport
14 hotel -- after a two-day meeting, they had a
15 30-minute time frame at the end of the second
16 day for citizen participation. That's been the
17 approach and the mode of operandi that the Air
18 Force has used -- and also the LRA and -- and
19 Mr. Roberson -- in terms of the master plan --
20 and we went and presented those issues and they
21 never came out in no master plan. There was
22 never no concerns about this.

23 There has never been a citizens group
24 that's been formed. The closest that we've
25 gotten is a RAB. And, so, when we say that

1 we're making an outreach to the community --
2 well, we also have the question with what heart
3 we're making that outreach. If you're inviting
4 somebody that you don't really want them to come
5 to your house, there's many ways of inviting
6 them and making them feel not wanted -- and
7 that's what happened in the community --
8 and -- and those are real perceptions. They're
9 not made up by anybody who's -- or by anybody
10 trying to gain something from it. Everybody has
11 a stake in this, not just you sitting on the
12 RAB -- and because you're giving out of your
13 time voluntarily to be there -- that's good --
14 that's great -- you know, but that's not all.

15 I mean, there's a whole other piece over
16 here from the community that looks at this
17 technological vocabulary and says, "Who am I to
18 ask a question when all these people know
19 everything?" Everything is decided -- you know,
20 this woman she says -- or the -- the woman that
21 spoke about her two children -- and you gave her
22 the Texas Department of Health. That's a nice
23 answer, but it's not no solution. Because you
24 go there and you could get bumped from five
25 people who will talk to you and who you'll

1 explain the problem -- and not ever get to the
2 one person that will tell you, "Okay. Let
3 me" -- "Let me" -- "Let me listen and see what
4 kind of solution we can come up with."

5 Same with this woman here -- and we had a
6 public meeting. Everybody says, "Yeah. We're
7 going to send somebody up there." It's the next
8 meeting and nothing's happened -- and -- and
9 we keep dragging this same problem -- you
10 know -- and -- and not -- not dealing with it,
11 not really sitting down and saying, "What is the
12 problem? Let's hear from the community. Maybe
13 they even have a solution about the problem,
14 too" -- you know -- I mean, we have some ideas
15 in the community. People are feeling these
16 things.

17 So, we bring this out -- and here's CEJA,
18 which is a -- a small -- the Community for
19 Environmental Justice Action -- small group with
20 Ms. Johnson, who ten years ago started bringing
21 these issues to the attention of -- of
22 public -- and she's still at it -- and, so --
23 so, I'm telling this gentleman right here,
24 "Don't give up, because we're just getting
25 started on the one hand." But the other, is

1 that we're doing an environmental survey and we
2 have no resources and the Air Force has pumped
3 100 million and 200 million -- and who knows
4 how many -- and we still don't even -- we don't
5 even accept what the problem is.

6 So -- I mean, my -- I do planning and --
7 and my elementary -- Step one is what?
8 Recognize what the problem is. If you're going
9 to find a solution, we have to recognize the
10 problem. Nobody knows the problem. Let's all
11 piece the problem together and look for a
12 solution -- but -- but we've got to have citizen
13 participation. At the agenda today, there was
14 no place for us. We made a place -- and -- and
15 it was very accommodating that the meeting is of
16 the nature that -- that allowed us to do that.
17 I mean, if we have -- sometimes we -- we would
18 have been threatened to be jailed and then we
19 look like the troublemakers -- and -- and what
20 we're bringing in is real genuine concerns.

21 I mean, the people who got up here to speak
22 do it with -- like -- you know, with -- with
23 nervousness. But they come and tell you
24 exactly -- exactly what they're feeling and what
25 the problem is -- and we're not doing anything

1 different.

2 And, so, that's why we came with that
3 message tonight. I think we were successful,
4 but I don't know that we got anywhere. Because
5 getting somewhere is not just setting up
6 meetings, but let's begin to identify the
7 problem. Now, the community is here and -- and
8 speaking and -- and is willing -- I think
9 there's people willing to come back and -- and
10 present the problem and get it taped and --
11 and -- you know, like send it to the president
12 and -- and the Department of Defense -- we're--
13 you know, people are willing to do that. But we
14 don't want a good PR -- you know, presentation
15 that -- that says nothing, because you can spend
16 a lot of money doing that and get nowhere.

17 Thank you.

18 MS. MEDINA: Hello. I can
19 sympathize with these people -- what they're
20 saying about their homes. I purchased a duplex
21 on Fenfield and we converted it to a house -- a
22 four-bedroom house -- two bath. I put a roof on
23 it -- a new roof. I put a privacy -- a
24 six-foot fence in the back. Last week, I put a
25 four-foot fence in the front. We painted it.

1 We have a whole set of windows right there next
2 to the garage. We don't know to put them up or
3 not.

4 When I purchased that house, I purchased it
5 for 22,000. There's nowhere I'll find a
6 four-bedroom house -- two bath -- for no
7 22,000. So -- Also, when I purchased the house,
8 my neighbor on Valley Hi -- I've known them
9 for -- I guess 17 years -- I told them, "Hey,
10 look. They're selling duplexes down here. One
11 hundred dollars, you'll get it. You can move
12 in." One hundred dollars -- he gave two -- six
13 months for me -- to save up two thousand -- he
14 even gave me a month's rent free. There's
15 nowhere to get a deal like that and not -- for a
16 duplex -- where even you can live on one side,
17 rent the other.

18 My mother purchased one about two years
19 before I did. She lived on one side, rented the
20 other until she became paralyzed and then she
21 had to pass the house on to my sister. So,
22 after that -- last year -- another sister of
23 mine bought -- and we all live in the same block
24 (inaudible) -- I'm blessed. I don't have to
25 worry about daughters. We're all neighbors.

1 Like I said, even my neighbor moved and followed
2 me. We're really bonded there on our street.

3 I had a meeting Saturday at my house.
4 There was some people I didn't even know. I
5 confronted them about this contamination,
6 which -- that word isn't mentioned a lot in a
7 lot of this mail we get. Another thing, it's
8 not in Spanish. We had a guest speaker that
9 came to my house and I requested it to be
10 bilingual. I think there were only two people
11 there that spoke English. So, a lot of the -- a
12 lot of the problems are that -- they thought
13 that this card was dealing -- was on base. If
14 you just see Kelly -- you see these big
15 words -- and you don't even know how to read
16 English -- you know, you are going to think it's
17 dealing with Kelly -- and everybody would throw
18 it away. That's what they would tell me. Even
19 I used to throw it away, but -- not until I came
20 to our meeting over there at Keep South San
21 Proud over here -- then I knew what it was
22 about. But there's not one word in Spanish
23 here -- and -- and these people, they -- they
24 don't understand what you-all are saying. It
25 needs to be broken down -- and there was a

1 couple that came to my house. They were -- I
2 guess maybe 70 years old -- and then they hear
3 it's going to take 30 years to clean it up,
4 right there -- you know, all they're going to
5 give their kids is a problem. They're not going
6 to be around in 30 years. So --

7 MR. SOLIS: Thank you,
8 Ms. Medina. We'll review that. It should have
9 been translated to Spanish.

10 MS. MEDINA: Yes.

11 MR. SOLIS: I agree.

12 MS. MEDINA: And, again, like
13 this lady said over here, something needs to be
14 done now because everybody isn't going to live
15 30 years. Thank you.

16 MR. SOLIS: Thank you.

17 MS. STALL: My name is
18 Carol Stall and I've been -- written a couple of
19 articles on Kelly and gotten to know the people
20 and -- somewhat up on the situation, I think.
21 I've done a little bit of research and I kind of
22 want -- I have a few questions and a couple of
23 questions are pretty specific, but I think the
24 people need to have a little more information.

25 And the first questions are directed toward

1 Mr. Patterson. Is he still here?

2 All right. At the S-1 site, according to
3 documents that I found when that site was moved
4 to East Kelly -- DMRO site -- they used to
5 store items there such as halogenated solvents,
6 sludges, cyanide, herbicides -- which might
7 indicate Agent Orange or Agent Blue -- and I --
8 we -- or we should know what was tested for at
9 that site. Is that information available?

10 MR. PATTERSON: Yes. Pesticides
11 and herbicides were tested for in a remedial
12 investigation conducted for the Site S-1,
13 specific. All volatile organics and
14 semi-volatile organics -- just -- all the range
15 of those types of organic compounds that I --
16 that I put up on the slide were tested for in
17 the S-1 area, both on base and off base on
18 some -- on some borings -- some monitoring wells
19 that were conducted off base -- and that --
20 and that report is available.

21 MS. STALL: Okay. You said --
22 just tested for heavy metals, as well; is that
23 correct?

24 MR. PATTERSON: Heavy metals.
25 Yes, ma'am.

1 MS. STALL: Because I know that
2 they also stored metal sludge at that site.

3 The other question -- and I may have missed
4 something on your remediation -- was the air
5 stripping. In the diagram, it says the harmless
6 vapors go out. How do the vapors become
7 harmless as they -- are they filtered or what --

8 MR. PATTERSON: Well, they're
9 deemed -- they're deemed harmless by -- by
10 virtue of their -- of their amount. The amount
11 meets -- meets the exemption by the TNRCC of
12 those things that can actually be put off in the
13 air.

14 MS. STALL: So --

15 MR. PATTERSON: Harmless in
16 that -- that they are not above a level deemed
17 acceptable for -- for release by the TNRCC.

18 MS. STALL: So, it's -- it's like
19 the amount that goes out at one time is under
20 the maximum level; is that right?

21 MR. PATTERSON: Well, the overall
22 amount that is released by that is -- is
23 exempted from --

24 MS. STALL: Okay. I know that
25 they outlawed some of those methods in some

1 areas, because it added to the air pollution.

2 So, I wondered --

3 MR. PATTERSON: I'm not sure of
4 the method you're talking about. But I know
5 there that our system --

6 MS. STALL: Your air stripping --

7 MR. PATTERSON: -- our system was
8 looked at by the -- by the State and it -- and
9 it meets their -- it meets their requirements
10 for -- for the -- for release of the --

11 MS. STALL: Okay. And how did
12 you determine what tests were at that site --
13 the S-1 Site? Was that based on records that
14 were kept? Because I had difficulty getting my
15 hands on the records. I mean, I haven't gotten
16 them yet.

17 MR. PATTERSON: Well, the -- the
18 analysis -- the analyses that were conducted
19 basically test for everything -- everything
20 that -- that could be found, any -- any sorts of
21 organics, those things that would be in -- those
22 things that a chlorinated solvent would have in
23 it -- was tested for. Metals were tested for.
24 Pesticides were tested for. Basically, the
25 whole suite of what could be found was -- was

1 tested for.

2 MS. STALL: Okay. Did you -- Did
3 you also test for radioactive materials?

4 MR. PATTERSON: At S-1?

5 MS. STALL: Yes.

6 MR. PATTERSON: I don't believe.

7 MS. STALL: So, you have no
8 record of storing radioactive material?

9 MR. PATTERSON: No, ma'am.

10 MS. STALL: Thank you very much.

11 Okay. And, then, for General Roberson -- I
12 have a question on -- are you familiar with
13 the -- with the Defense Department
14 Reauthorization Bill that's now pending?

15 MR. ROBERSON: Not in detail.

16 MS. STALL: Okay. Well, one of
17 the details included is in Section 346, which
18 actually amends CERCLA, which is the Superfund
19 law -- and it's kind a back door thing.
20 Usually, when you amend Superfund, you -- you do
21 it as part of the reauthorization. It just kind
22 of goes behind. And one of the things -- It
23 does allow for the transfer of federal
24 facilities, meaning the military can sell the
25 land that Kelly is on. What kind of

1 repercussions do you see that having on the
2 cleanup?

3 MR. ROBERSON: Well, you're going
4 to have to give me more details about what the
5 change this in the authorization bill. You
6 didn't -- You didn't --

7 MS. STALL: Well, they're going
8 to allow that the land be transferred. You can
9 sell it. Right now, my understanding is that
10 you cannot sell the property, that you have
11 leases -- and that was as of last year --
12 long-term leases.

13 MR. ROBERSON: No. Under the --
14 Under the current law, you can't -- you can't --

15 MS. STALL: If it's cleaned up to
16 a -- to a particular standard.

17 MR. MCCULLOUGH: If the -- If the
18 changes --

19 MR. BAILEY: Could you introduce
20 yourself?

21 MR. MCCULLOUGH: Well, he can
22 tell about it. This is not fair, because the
23 gentleman sitting next to me --

24 MR. BAILEY: Both of you can
25 speak.

1 MR. MCCULLOUGH: -- knows far
2 more about this than anybody else in the room.
3 But, essentially, what you're talking about is a
4 new authorization within a law -- and it was
5 posed as a new a law -- it's not there yet --
6 that would allow the Governor of the State to
7 waive the requirement to complete cleanup before
8 a deed is transferred, but it would not waive
9 the requirement to clean up the property. Did I
10 state that correctly?

11 It depends on whether it's an MPL site or a
12 non-MPL -- indicates that Kelly is -- it would
13 be governed. It does not require the
14 government -- the Governor to waive that. More
15 than likely that request would come from the
16 City to say, "We believe the City" -- "We need
17 the property now. We would like to have the
18 deed to the property now, because we want to do
19 construction" -- or something like that. "Could
20 you please waive the requirement to have the
21 cleanup in place before the property is
22 transferred?" And the Governor would, then,
23 go -- probably check with his legal counsel
24 and -- and get a recommendation from them.

25 Nobody is required to give away anything

1 under that. It is just the ability to be able
2 to move on -- the property transferred and
3 any -- complete the cleanup as the cleanup can
4 occur. This was placed in Congress by
5 communities who had closing installations who
6 were impatient in getting the land into reuse
7 through deed. So, it -- there's two sides to
8 every coin. One side is in a hurry. The other
9 side is not.

10 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Can you
11 identify yourself?

12 MR. MCCULLOUGH: Yes. I'm
13 Pat McCullough. I'm from the Air Force Base
14 Conversion Agency. I live here in San Antonio.

15 MR. QUINTANILLA: I did not hear
16 that, sir. Will you repeat that again?

17 MR. MCCULLOUGH: Pat McCullough
18 from the Air Force Base Conversion Agency and I
19 live here in San Antonio.

20 MS. STALL: Okay.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well,
22 actually -- Excuse me. But, actually, the land
23 should -- will be clean. The Air Force is
24 cleaning it -- so it should be clean.

25 MR. MCCULLOUGH: That's right.

1 It will be clean before the Air Force --

2 MS. STALL: Okay.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: To answer
4 that now -- the damage that's been done over the
5 years -- contamination of the -- but the land is
6 clean. The land is going to be cleaned by the
7 Air Force.

8 MR. ROBERSON: That's correct.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They're
10 doing a good job, but our real concern is the
11 damage that has been done.

12 MR. ROBERSON: And I think your
13 answer -- I think my answer would be -- without
14 spending a lot of time or getting legal advice
15 on this --

16 MS. STALL: Of course, yes.

17 MR. ROBERSON: Is that -- The
18 first thing is that there would have to be --
19 continue to be absolute assurances that the
20 Air Force -- federal government -- would
21 remain liable for the cleanup. I mean, there
22 would have to be guarantees in place that the
23 cleanup would be done.

24 MS. STALL: I think you would
25 have to amend another law in order to do that.

1 MR. ROBERSON: Well -- I mean, I
2 would not be in favor of that change if there
3 was not that guarantee then. I mean, we have to
4 have those guarantees. If that guarantee was
5 there, I think as a general principle that I
6 would support anything that gives flexibility to
7 the community and let the community decide what
8 it wants to do, rather than somebody else
9 decide. So, given that principle -- I mean,
10 we'd have to evaluate the specifics given that
11 principle.

12 MS. STALL: Okay. Now, given
13 that one of the -- the groups that's interested
14 in using Kelly is a waste management facility
15 that would be, perhaps, transporting waste to
16 Kelly. I think you're familiar with that. I
17 think it's called M-4. I don't know -- you
18 know, how close they are in -- you know, getting
19 into the -- in the -- into the area. But even
20 though you say that there will be ecological
21 restrictions on whatever groups that come in
22 there, still -- particularly when you're dealing
23 hazardous waste -- these things happen. What
24 scenario can you envision if somebody has a
25 spill who has taken over the plant and yet the

1 military has promised to clean up the existing
2 pollution? I mean, wouldn't there have to be
3 tests to determine whose pollution it is and --
4 and who's got the liability? I mean -- and if
5 it were still in the process of being cleaned
6 up, could this not be involved in litigation for
7 decades?

8 MR. ROBERSON: Well, you've put
9 your finger on a very difficult issue. The
10 federal government liability will only be for
11 what they did and any -- you know, any
12 contamination or pollution caused by someone
13 subsequent to that, obviously the federal
14 government will not be liable for -- and I guess
15 it is feasible that -- you know, you could get a
16 difference of opinion about who caused what
17 contamination. That's why I'm saying that the
18 Air Force has ongoing -- right now, the
19 Environmental Baseline Study is so -- so very,
20 very important to document what the current
21 condition is, because that will be the data that
22 will have to be the baseline, eventually, for
23 any determinations on what you're talking about.

24 MS. STALL: Okay. The other -- I
25 ask the neighbors to bear with me -- some of

1 this is pretty technical -- but there are two
2 other fields that are coming up -- well, one
3 other -- really -- the Superfund
4 Reauthorization Bill and -- I don't know -- I
5 think Larry might have some input on what's
6 going on with that. Are you up on that at
7 all -- the Superfund Reauthorization, Senate
8 Bill 12 --

9 MR. BAILEY: Which portion of it
10 and --

11 MS. STALL: Well, there's -- I
12 think a lot of it is going to be impacting Kelly
13 and I kind of wanted to ask you about that and
14 how you would see that impacting the cleanup at
15 Kelly.

16 MR. BAILEY: I'm not familiar
17 with how it will directly impact us.

18 MS. PEACE: This isn't a
19 Superfund site. We aren't funded by Superfund.

20 MS. STALL: No, but the military
21 patterns its cleanup after CERCLA and it would
22 amend CERCLA.

23 MR. BAILEY: Well, we are going
24 down a pathway right now of working with the
25 Environmental Protection Agency and the State --

1 TNRCC -- to come up with this combined plan or
2 permit. If there are changes in the
3 Superfund -- or CERCLA statutes -- and it
4 impacts that process, then that -- then that
5 process would be changed accordingly. But,
6 specifically, I don't know.

7 MS. STALL: Okay. Well, we can
8 go into that another time.

9 And, then, I wanted to back up what
10 Ms. Peace was saying. I did speak with the
11 DERTF board when they came and I asked them what
12 kind of remedies people would have with their
13 property and there was some question as to
14 whether or not people's property had been
15 devalued, because it hadn't yet officially been
16 quantified -- and the final answer was that they
17 do not have a program in place to reimburse
18 citizens for land that's been damaged by toxins
19 that has come from the military base -- and that
20 it was -- was, quote, "a tort issue." So, in
21 other words, the people would have to sue to
22 regain their property values and -- so, I -- I
23 think it's a real good idea -- the -- the
24 motion. Thank you -- Thank you very much.

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: Mr. Bailey, she

1 brought up a real good point of this Super --
2 Oh, go ahead, sir. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

3 MR. EICHMAN: My name is Eichman
4 and I live at 650 McLaughlin, South San. I
5 remember when that place was built. Will,
6 Hammond & Kramer built that whole addition in
7 1950. I've got a whorehouse on one side of me
8 and a vacant house on the other side of me --
9 don't know what the hell -- but, anyway -- I'm
10 just telling it like it is.

11 When I went to work out here for the
12 government -- and don't ever forget what I'm
13 saying -- we, the people, are the government --
14 don't ever forget that. Anyway, I went to work
15 for the government May 1st, 1941 at \$30 a
16 month. It wasn't Kelly Field then. It was just
17 Duncan Field. That's a dollar a day. Now,
18 they're closing it -- but that don't make it
19 right.

20 But, anyway, our strongest asset is our
21 people. I don't care if you're black, blue,
22 purple or green. We're all in this and there's
23 no problem that this country can't solve. This
24 country can feed the world tomorrow, but -- you
25 know, we've lost it. If we don't stand up in

1 the next three months -- if we, the people,
2 don't do something in the next three months --
3 and the government -- that's all of us --
4 they're going to tell you how many times you can
5 go to the bathroom and how many times you can
6 have sex.

7 I'm 73 years old and I've got two things to
8 do, die and pay taxes -- and I'm not scared of
9 nobody. I just tell it like it is. If we, the
10 people, don't do something in the next three
11 months, we're not going to have a country -- and
12 another thing, money will never solve our
13 problems. There is no problem this country
14 can't solve, but we've got to work together.

15 Thank you.

16 MR. SOLIS: Any other -- Any one
17 from the community want to speak at this time?

18 I promised Mr. Rice 45 seconds to give us
19 an update on your meeting with General Childress
20 yesterday.

21 MR. RICE: Thank you, Juan. I've
22 already had it. I appreciate it.

23 MR. SOLIS: Thank you.

24 MR. QUINTANILLA: Mr. Solis, if I
25 may, a lady -- Carol Stall brought up some real

1 good points. One is the pending legislation.
2 If we could have Mr. Bailey -- someone in the
3 Judge Advocate's office come in and -- and
4 explain to us what the coming Superfund
5 legislation is that's -- that's coming about,
6 how it will impact the City of San Antonio,
7 Kelly Air Force Base, the community -- I think
8 it would be good for the board.

9 The second thing that I wanted to bring up,
10 Mr. Bailey -- we had some excellent speakers
11 from the community today. We had Chavel and
12 Mr. Solis speak. I think an invitation ought to
13 be extended to them to be part of this
14 particular board. We need people like this.

15 MR. SOLIS: Yes. We have
16 applications for RAB membership. In fact,
17 that's how I got on this board. I attended a
18 meeting, asked for an application -- before I
19 know it, I'm given co-chair.

20 But, yes, please come forward. We have
21 applications, submit them and -- and you're in.

22 MR. LOPEZ: Well, we only have
23 one condition. There's got to be some
24 enforcement -- power -- that this committee
25 has got to have. Otherwise, we can advise to

1 death and we're still going to --

2 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: I want to be
3 here when decisions are made, not where the
4 advise is not taken.

5 MS. PEACE: One thing I'd like to
6 say to that is that you are all citizens of the
7 City of San Antonio -- I believe -- and I
8 understand that you might not have absolute
9 faith in your councilmen, but call your
10 councilmen, call the Mayor, and express these
11 concerns. Because I think that this is
12 something where the City should be sticking up
13 for your rights, as well.

14 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: Well, in our
15 case, our council person --

16 MS. PEACE: I understand.

17 MR. RUBEN SOLIS: -- we invited
18 our -- we invited the County Commissioner and we
19 invited the school board president to a
20 community meeting that we held in Ms. Adames'
21 backyard so that we would be right next to the
22 fuel tanks that we want so much out of the
23 community and would you believe that none of
24 them showed up and only one of them actually
25 contacted us beforehand to say that he would not

1 be available. The rest -- One even swore that
2 he would be there, then didn't show up -- but
3 that's the same guy that -- that's been coming
4 out in the media for other interests. But --
5 But -- you know, we get to the -- to the same
6 problem -- is -- you know, nobody really wants
7 to own up to the problem -- you know, everybody
8 wants to go around it.

9 MR. SOLIS: Thank you, Mr. Solis.

10 With that, I'll entertain a motion to
11 adjourn.

12 MS. JOHNSON: I'll second it.

13 MR. SOLIS: Moved and seconded.

14 All in favor, "aye."

15 (Vote by the RAB members.)

16 MR. SOLIS: We're adjourned.

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