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8 Mr. Billy Brown
9 TNRCC, San Antonio;

10 Mr. George Rice
11 Groundwater hydrologist;

12 Mr. Armando C. Quintanilla
13 American Assoc. Of Retired People;

14 Mr. Carl Mixon
15 Bexar County Fire Marshal;

16 Mr. Allan Hagelthorn
17 Community co-chair;

18 Ms. Yolanda A. Johnson
19 Committee for Environmental
20 Justice - Action;

21 Prof. Gene W. Lene
22 Academic Community;

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25 Alternate;

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1 On the 6th day of March, A.D. 1995,
2 the above entitled meeting came on for
3 discussion before said LARRY BAILEY, and the
4 following proceedings were had:

5 MR. BAILEY: Welcome to this
6 evening's Restoration Advisory Board. My name
7 is Larry Bailey and I'm the co-chair of the --
8 RAB -- as it's called. My fellow co-chair is
9 not with us this evening. I'm glad to see with
10 us tonight that we've got at least eight
11 representatives and/or their alternates -- who
12 are with us tonight.

13 Please remember that it is of the
14 membership that is here that will make a
15 determination on the issues that we surface. If
16 we feel that there are some issues that we get
17 into that we'd like to postpone -- and one of
18 the issues on the overall agenda tonight is the
19 relative risks of the sites -- we can postpone
20 that, but we will talk about that as we get to
21 that during the meeting.

22 Again, I'd like to welcome -- to open up
23 and welcome everybody for coming. Tonight,
24 also, I would like to make it a point that if we
25 do have something to say from the RAB group and

1 later in the audience, if before you -- or prior
2 to speaking, if you would introduce yourself, so
3 that we can make sure that we have an
4 accountable record of anything and all things
5 that are said.

6 I apologize for not being here last week.
7 There were some meetings that were going on with
8 the Air Force Materiel Command -- that's the
9 headquarters group that I work with. We were
10 talking about some important issues relative to
11 the cleanup program. I will get into those
12 later during the overall presentation. There
13 are some things which it's important -- very
14 important for the RAB membership to hear, as
15 well as people in the local community, on the
16 possibility of future funding decreases in the
17 restoration program. It doesn't mean they're
18 going to happen. They're just talked about
19 today, but we'll go into that in some kind of
20 detail.

21 At this time, I'd like to go to the
22 agenda -- and for those of you who have a copy,
23 I will be starting off with the administrative
24 topics and going A through F. At this time, I'd
25 like to open and ask for approval of the January

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1 30th, 1995, meeting minutes. If there are any
2 questions, the forum is open. If there are no
3 questions or are no comments, if we could
4 approve these minutes.

5 MR. MIXON: I make a motion we
6 approve as ready.

7 MR. RICE: I have a comment,
8 first.

9 MR. BAILEY: Yes, sir.

10 MR. RICE: It has to do with Item
11 No. 8 -- and just to let the folks know what
12 Richard and I spoke about after the meeting --
13 and that's not included in these minutes here.

14 MR. BAILEY: If you could,
15 introduce yourself.

16 MR. RICE: My name is
17 George Rice. After the meeting, Richard and I
18 talked for about 15, 20 minutes about the issue
19 of proprietary modeling and there I came away
20 with the understanding that I would -- I and
21 other members of the RAB would be given access
22 to those models, if we so desired. I just
23 wanted to make sure that was -- I didn't
24 misunderstand anything and that was also your
25 understanding.

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1 MR. TREVINO: That's correct.

2 MR. RICE: Thank you. And if I
3 could just take a couple of seconds to explain
4 to the other members of the RAB why I'm
5 interested in this -- you know, hydrologists and
6 geologists -- even environmental
7 contractors -- I look at them a lot like
8 doctors. You know, you've got some -- most
9 doctors are okay -- some are excellent and some
10 are terrible -- and that's the same thing with
11 environmental contractors. So, what I intend to
12 do is -- for at least one or two projects --
13 find out the quality of work that's being done
14 here at Kelly, and I intend to do that by going
15 through one or two of these projects with a fine
16 tooth comb, and in order to do that I need
17 access to these programs. Thank you.

18 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Are there any
19 other comments about the meeting?

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: I would like to
21 serve on the subcommittee to that effect. I
22 understand that other bases -- McClellan has
23 subcommittees -- RAB subcommittees that does
24 what -- exactly what he's saying and I would
25 like to work with him on that.

1 MR. BAILEY: Let me ask you
2 this: Would you like to be in charge of that
3 subcommittee? It sounds like there's only two
4 people that are on it right now that would like
5 to come into --

6 MR. RICE: I'd certainly be happy
7 to work with anyone else who's interested in
8 doing it. I could certainly use the help.

9 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

10 MR. BEYER: I'd like to be on the
11 subcommittee.

12 MR. BAILEY: Could you-all
13 introduce yourselves, so we know who wants to be
14 on the subcommittee.

15 MR. BEYER: My name is Gary Beyer
16 with the TNRCC in Austin.

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: My name is
18 Armando Quintanilla, a community member.

19 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

20 MR. LENE: My name is Gene Lene,
21 a geologist.

22 MR. BAILEY: Okay. So, we have a
23 subcommittee that we're going to form. Mr. Rice
24 will be the focal point for now -- if you
25 would -- and let's make sure that whatever

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1 information that we start to take a look at,
2 that we get that information and it flows back
3 in to the RAB group.

4 Now, the point is, making sure that that
5 information pertaining to the models is readily
6 available so that you can take a look and see
7 what is actually taking place. Okay?

8 Going back to the minutes -- if I could go
9 back -- are there any other comments? If there
10 are no other comments, can I hear approval of
11 the minutes? All in favor?

12 (Collective aye.)

13 MR. BAILEY: It looks like a
14 consensus.

15 MR. MIXON: Do you need our
16 names? Carl Mixon made the motion, seconded
17 by --

18 MR. LENE: Seconded, Gene Lene.

19 MR. BAILEY: Second item on 2.B.,
20 membership issues -- B.1., approval of new
21 members; and issue B.2., removal of absent
22 members. There are some applications that we
23 have received from people who would like to be
24 on the RAB board. Do we have the copies?

25 MR. TREVINO: Yes, sir.

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1 MR. BAILEY: These are the
2 copies. If I could pass these out -- I would
3 like for you to take a look at these. We can go
4 down this way. And if I could ask you to take a
5 look at these now -- if you would, possibly
6 share those. The information on these is
7 consistent with the other information that
8 present RAB members have provided.

9 MR. TEAGUE: Mr. Bailey, could I
10 ask you --

11 MR. BAILEY: Yes.

12 MR. TEAGUE: Adding members, do
13 you see that as expanding the size of the RAB,
14 and then if you take people who have missed
15 meetings off, that those are vacancies that are
16 created or --

17 MR. BAILEY: No. These would
18 be -- the possibility of adding new
19 membership -- new members to the RAB group. I
20 want to make sure that you-all are given an
21 ample time -- if, in fact, you do not feel
22 there's ample time, please let me know. But if
23 I could just ask for initial feedback from those
24 people who have finished reviewing the
25 applications as to your thoughts on adding the

1 three proposed members to the RAB list to our
2 membership, it's open for discussion.

3 MR. RICE: I'm in favor of
4 admitting them.

5 MR. LENE: I have a question. Do
6 we have maximum number on the RAB board?

7 MR. BAILEY: No, sir, we do not.
8 We had talked about it initially and asked
9 informally to try and keep the list at a
10 manageable level. We did not define what
11 manageable level was. There may come a time
12 where we reach that -- whatever that might be.

13 MR. LENE: In that case, I
14 concur.

15 MR. MIXON: I have a question.
16 Carl Mixon. Is all of the three that are
17 here -- are they here -- Tom Smith for the
18 railroad? I don't see him here. How about --

19 MR. BAILEY: Lexia.

20 MR. MIXON: Lexia? They're not
21 here, either?

22 MR. BAILEY: No.

23 MR. MIXON: Well, I know both
24 Tom Smith and also I know Joan Falkenberg and I
25 can speak and feel comfortable to vote for those

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1 two folks, but I don't know Lexia -- and a
2 question I would ask if they were here is --
3 they say they're a builder and developer with 30
4 years experience in the area -- what have
5 you -- I don't -- I don't really see how that
6 applies to what we're working with -- and that
7 would be the question -- is why would they be
8 interested in this respect to serve. What does
9 this have to do with hazardous materials or
10 reclamation?

11 MR. BAILEY: Okay. We have a
12 point that's been made from Carl relative to
13 asking one of the candidates a specific question
14 relative to his background and desire to
15 participate as a RAB member. Going around, do
16 we have any other feedback from any of the RAB
17 members relative to the three parties who are
18 asking to be?

19 MR. LENE: The only one I know is
20 Joan Falkenberg and she --

21 MR. BAILEY: Well, let me attempt
22 to go through these names and then ask you.
23 First of all, do we have a -- do you feel that
24 we can add all three members or does the RAB
25 group wish to, in essence, agree to identify one

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1 or two to be RAB members and then leave the
2 third member for further questioning? How do
3 you wish to go about this.

4 MR. HAGELTHORN: What's the
5 current membership?

6 MR. BAILEY: It's 21, I believe.

7 MR. HAGELTHORN: 21?

8 MR. BAILEY: Yes, sir.

9 MR. HAGELTHORN: Adding three
10 more brings it up to 24. That's -- My personal
11 opinion is that I think it's probably bringing
12 it up too high.

13 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: We don't have
15 room in here for it.

16 MR. BAILEY: Well, we have talked
17 about the possibility of three other people who
18 we were going to ask to take off the RAB list
19 keeping it at that -- so -- I'm not saying it's
20 a one for one now.

21 MR. HAGELTHORN: No. I don't
22 think it means one for one, but 21, I think, is
23 probably the maximum that -- workable number in
24 my --

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: I agree with

1 his comment, 21 is a workable number.

2 MR. MIXON: I don't know so much
3 that I'm that concerned with numbers, because I
4 don't know how many are showing up. But what
5 I'm concerned with is what concern they have if
6 they are a bona fide -- or actually into this
7 kind of work or a concerned -- and as far as a
8 concerned citizen and that type of thing -- what
9 they bring to the committee. That would be my
10 concern.

11 MR. HAGELTHORN: Well, the three
12 people that I see on this list -- I know Joan
13 and I think that she would -- if we accepted
14 her -- she'd definitely bring a different flavor
15 to the Board and lot of experience that would be
16 beneficial to the Board. I'm not familiar with
17 the other two people. I've talked to both of
18 them on the phone and they both have a very
19 strong interest and desire to be on the Board.
20 Whether or not we can say that they have a --
21 the experience necessary -- what is the
22 experience necessary? The RAB board is a board
23 compromised of members in the community --
24 concerned citizens -- and that's basically the
25 only criteria for it.

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1 MR. MIXON: Yeah. I don't know
2 that I want to say criteria. I mean, interest
3 or -- or experience -- I'm sorry -- but what
4 is it they're bringing to the RAB board, you
5 know, rather than just --

6 MR. HAGELTHORN: I think we ought
7 to ask them.

8 MR. MIXON: That's what I say. I
9 know Tom Smith and I know the work that
10 Tom Smith does. Dealing with hazardous
11 materials, he's on several committees that I've
12 served and I can speak to his qualifications and
13 concern rather comfortably.

14 I know Joan Falkenberg and I can speak very
15 positively of the work that Joan's done and I've
16 worked with committees that Joan has served on
17 and I feel that she would be a good member as
18 well.

19 I don't know the other individual that was
20 listed and I would -- you know, if I could -- if
21 I knew them and -- then I could feel more
22 comfortable. But just to be given a sheet of
23 paper and say, "Okay. I'm going to vote 'yea'
24 or 'nay' on this," without knowing the
25 individual and without them being here to ask

1 them questions, I feel uncomfortable about that.

2 MR. RICE: I'd just like to make
3 the point that we all got on here just by giving
4 a sheet of paper and nobody asked us about what
5 our qualifications were or anything like that.
6 In my opinion, if somebody shows enough interest
7 to put in an application, that means they're
8 interested in what's going on here and I welcome
9 them.

10 MR. BAILEY: Further comments.

11 MS. MCCARTNEY: I would agree
12 with that statement. I would agree with that.

13 MR. QUINTANILLA: If I had my
14 choice here, I would vote without hesitation for
15 Joan Falkenberg. I think she's tops. She's the
16 only one that I know and her work is directly
17 related to the environment. I would not
18 hesitate to -- I would like to put the other two
19 off until the next meeting.

20 MR. BAILEY: Okay. As a RAB
21 group, we have a proposal. The proposal is to
22 approve one of three candidates and to postpone
23 approval of the other two -- is with that
24 proposal also the need to contact them so
25 they're here so that we can talk to them? Is

1 that the voice?

2 MR. HAGELTHORN: I would agree
3 with that. If they're not here to talk to --
4 I'd like to talk to them face-to-face just to
5 get an idea of their concern and what they want
6 to do for the purpose -- I don't have any reason
7 why I would not want them on the board. I'd
8 just like to hear from them.

9 MR. BAILEY: So, we have two
10 proposals. We have one proposal that says, "Let
11 us approve all three as is," and we have one
12 that says, "Let us approve one individual and
13 have the other two come and then let us talk to
14 them face-to-face." Okay? Let us have a sign
15 of hands, then, for those people -- let us go
16 through the voting process -- for those people
17 who would prefer to approve all three candidates
18 tonight.

19 (RAB members vote.)

20 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Let us have a
21 sign of hands, then, for those who would approve
22 of one candidate tonight and having the other
23 two come and talk to them at the next RAB
24 meeting --

25 MR. MIXON: Which particular --

1 MR. BAILEY: Ms. Falkenberg.

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: Ms. Falkenberg,
3 yes.

4 (RAB members vote.)

5 MR. BAILEY: We will go by the
6 second motion, then. Ms. Falkenberg will be
7 moved in as a RAB member and the other two
8 people we will invite to the next RAB meeting
9 and discuss with them what questions -- So,
10 please remember that before this next meeting --
11 take a look at the application. If you do not
12 have one, please ask us afterwards and we will
13 get you a personal copy should you have any
14 question.

15 MR. QUINTANILLA: Just one small
16 comment here on Lexia. "If you're affiliated
17 with a group, please specify:" The application
18 is incomplete. It might be that he is
19 identified with a lot of environmental groups.
20 I don't know. But, you know, not seeing that
21 there, I have my doubts.

22 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

23 QUINTANILLA: Have the
24 application more fully filled out.

25 MR. TREVINO: This is Richard

1 from Kelly -- and, Mr. Quintanilla, you hit on a
2 good point and that's really what I'm talking
3 about in Item D -- is looking at revising the
4 application and potentially the charter itself.
5 So, we'll be getting to that here shortly, sir.
6 That's a good point.

7 MR. BAILEY: Ms. Falkenberg,
8 would you like to come up to the area up here?

9 MR. MIXON: Could I make one
10 comment while we're waiting for Joan to come
11 up? I didn't know we just filled out a sheet
12 and that's how we got here. I thought it was a
13 little bit more elaborate than that.

14 MR. BAILEY: We're glad to have
15 you.

16 MS. FALKENBERG: Thank you.

17 MR. BAILEY: Going to the next
18 issue under II, B, 2., is removal of absent
19 members. We have identified in the past that
20 if, in fact, members are not able to make it to
21 two consecutive meetings, then, in fact, we
22 would ask -- or we would recommend that, in
23 fact, they no longer be considered to be members
24 and that -- this is identifying three particular
25 people who have neither been here themselves nor

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1 sent an alternate. So, please note that we can
2 send alternates should we not be able to
3 attend.

4 The three peoples' names are Mr. Ricardo
5 Jimenez, Mr. Jessie Bankston and Mr. Leonel
6 Benavidez. Those are the three names. The two
7 latter gentlemen have not been here on two
8 occasions and the first gentleman has not been
9 here at any time. These are people who do not
10 represent, from my understanding, any
11 organization. They are people who were
12 interested and who wanted to participate. So,
13 the issue before the RAB membership today is:
14 Do you wish to remove these people as members of
15 the RAB, per the charter?

16 MR. MIXON: Make a motion and
17 remove them.

18 MR. HAGELTHORN: I'm sorry. I
19 didn't hear the motion.

20 MR. MIXON: That we remove them,
21 per the charter.

22 MR. HAGLETHORN: I second that.

23 MR. BAILEY: Is there any
24 discussion? It's been so moved and seconded.

25 MR. BAILEY: Next issue,

1 frequency of RAB meetings. This meeting is and
2 has been pushed back intentionally to give
3 people time to take a look at documents, to
4 review various documents that have been prepared
5 at certain repositories, to ask questions --
6 there is a recommendation that I would like to
7 make relative to having the RAB meetings every
8 six to eight weeks, depending upon the issues
9 that come up. If an issue requires that
10 something come up prior to that time because it
11 needs review and overall approval by the RAB
12 membership, then obviously we will forward that
13 out and we can meet at an earlier time. But at
14 this time, I would like to propose that we have
15 the RAB meetings now scheduled every six to
16 eight weeks rather than what we had previously
17 been doing almost every four weeks.

18 MR. HAGELTHORN: I second that
19 motion. I agree that four weeks is too close
20 together. It doesn't give the staff time enough
21 to create the requirements that we need to
22 successfully and sufficiently run this
23 operation, and I think six to eight weeks is
24 sufficient to do that.

25 MR. BAILEY: Is there other

1 discussion?

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: I have a
3 different view on that -- Armando
4 Quintanilla -- and my view on that is that
5 we're still in the learning process. We've been
6 in operation since December -- we've been only
7 four months -- and I would like to give it at
8 least two more months of monthly meetings before
9 we go into that kind of thing -- into a six week
10 cycle. I think we're still in the learning
11 process and I think we've still got to learn a
12 lot of things before we can let it go to -- you
13 know, to six weeks -- or eight weeks -- and
14 that's -- that's how I feel about it. I don't
15 think that I know enough about it, but --
16 but -- just to let it go and take care of
17 everything in six to eight weeks -- not at this
18 particular point in time.

19 MR. RICE: George Rice. I agree
20 with Armando. There's a whole lot to learn
21 about -- on Kelly and I feel the same way. I'm
22 just beginning to kind of figure out what's
23 going on here and -- and the more frequent
24 meetings, at least for now, are helpful in
25 figuring out what's going on.

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1 MR. BAILEY: So, another proposal
2 is to meet, at least for this time, the next
3 meeting being roughly four weeks down the road.
4 Did you mean for the meeting after that to
5 also --

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: Two more
7 meetings at four weeks apart and then we discuss
8 it at the second meeting.

9 MR. BAILEY: So, the proposal is
10 that we would meet every -- right at four
11 weeks --

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: For the next
13 two meetings.

14 MR. BAILEY: -- for the next two
15 meetings. So, we would have another meeting in
16 the April time period, another one in the May --
17 roughly four weeks apart. That's the other
18 proposal. Okay? Any other discussion? Okay?
19 Let us put these proposals out, then.

20 The first proposal pertains to having RAB
21 meetings -- the two next RAB meetings, April and
22 May, being roughly four weeks apart, and then in
23 the May time period, we would sit down and
24 evaluate as to when the next meeting should be.
25 Do we want to extend it to a six- to eight-week

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1 time period or do you want to continue on a
2 four-week time period? That is one proposal
3 that is out. If I could ask -- and if I'm not
4 saying that, please clarify for me -- that is
5 accurate for what I just said. If I could have
6 a show of hands for going along with that
7 proposal -- Mr. Quintanilla?

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'm all for it.

9 MR. BAILEY: Can I see those sign
10 of hands, please? Can you just keep them up
11 please? Okay. For the other proposal relative
12 to setting up a schedule every six to eight
13 weeks and as issues come up -- we can call them
14 earlier -- that's the second proposal. If I
15 could have a sign of hands for that
16 indicating -- Okay. The second proposal
17 regarding six to eight weeks, then, is what we
18 will go with.

19 Remember, please, there is nothing to say
20 that we cannot meet more frequently as I
21 stated. And should an issue come up where
22 someone feels that we need to get together,
23 that's one of the benefits of having the RAB
24 group.

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: Just one

1 comment on that. I think the longer you spread
2 it apart, the less members you'll have here in
3 attendance. That's been my experience.

4 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Next issue,
5 on C -- pardon me -- and D, potential conflict
6 of interest. There was a letter that we had
7 sent to the RAB members. There is a potential
8 revision to the RAB application and potential
9 revision to the RAB charter. Did everyone in
10 here who is either a RAB member or an alternate
11 have an opportunity to review that. Okay. Some
12 didn't have an opportunity to -- You didn't see
13 it.

14 MS. MCCARTNEY: I didn't see it.

15 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Did everybody
16 else? Okay. Let me open it up for overall
17 discussion. The thrust of it is relative to who
18 can be a RAB member. There has been some
19 information put forth relative to ensuring that
20 there is no conflict of interest with RAB
21 members and possibly some other line of work
22 that they might be in. This is the thrust of
23 it. I've overly simplified it, but, in essence,
24 that is what it is. It's open for discussion.
25 Are there any comments about that?

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1 MR. QUINTANILLA: I need a
2 definition of "community relations." I didn't
3 get that at all. I don't know what you mean by
4 community relations. I got the meaning on
5 whether I was employed by an environmental
6 agency or environmental contractor. That is
7 clear. But community relations, how does that
8 tie in with conflict of interest?

9 MR. BAILEY: You mean --

10 MR. QUINTANILLA: The letter had
11 two different subjects.

12 MR. BAILEY: Right.

13 MR. QUINTANILLA: I sent mine
14 in. You know, I didn't have a conflict of
15 interest on it, but I still don't understand
16 what you mean by "community relations." What
17 kind of work is community relations? What are
18 you --

19 MR. BAILEY: Specifically, what
20 we were talking about -- what we call public
21 outreach or public participation -- going
22 directly into the community -- and that
23 contractor or individual would actually be doing
24 something directly with the community -- the
25 neighborhood adjacent to -- let's say Kelly Air

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1 Force Base -- and having something to do there
2 to where the person who is a RAB member can also
3 have visible to them information pertaining to
4 upcoming contracts, potential for contract
5 awards -- but the specific definition for
6 community is when we consider to be in the
7 immediate area outside of Kelly Air Force Base
8 and also in the San Antonio area.

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: In other words,
10 if I was employed by the environmental
11 contractor as a public relations officer, that's
12 a conflict of interest.

13 MR. BAILEY: Not necessarily so.
14 This is a very confusing point -- excuse me --
15 At this time -- Ms. Williams from our legal
16 office --

17 MS. WILLIAMS: Mr. Quintanilla,
18 what that really was meaning was, as part of the
19 whole process of cleaning up the base and moving
20 towards public hearings, oftentimes a party will
21 hire a community relations firm as their agent
22 to speak on their behalf -- and that really is
23 what we are talking about -- a contractor that
24 would be hired as a community relations official
25 for Kelly Air Force Base. That's the kind of

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1 issue we're talking about.

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: Okay.

3 MR. BAILEY: He would actually go
4 out into the local neighborhoods directly for
5 Kelly Air Force Base.

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: I did not know
7 what it was. That's the reason for the
8 question.

9 MR. MARTINEZ: Sir, would there
10 be a break in ethics if you don't make any
11 decisions -- any type of contract?

12 MR. BAILEY: Excuse me --

13 MS. WILLIAMS: Excuse me?

14 MR. MARTINEZ: Would there be a
15 break in ethics if you didn't make any decisions
16 or any type of purchasing contract or -- or
17 involved in any contracts from Kelly Air Force
18 Base. I don't see any reason why to sign that
19 piece of paper -- you know, not making any
20 decisions considering the environment here at
21 Kelly.

22 MS. WILLIAMS: I'm not quite sure
23 I understand your question, but if your question
24 is: If you are a non-environmental contractor
25 or not involved with community relations, could

1 you sit on the RAB -- and -- because -- is that
2 your question?

3 MR. MARTINEZ: Not really, no.
4 I'm not going to make any decisions when it
5 comes to assigning contractors any type of work
6 concerning the EPA at Kelly Air Force Base. So,
7 apparently, I'm not going to make any decision
8 and no -- or a break in ethics as far as I'm
9 concerned.

10 MS. WILLIAMS: Well, the essence
11 of what we're trying to do is to ensure that the
12 RAB member is not a contractor for Kelly in an
13 environmental context and will not in the future
14 have contracts with Kelly Air Force Base, and I
15 think that's -- as part of revisions of the
16 charter, the hope will be that if you are a RAB
17 member, the implication would be that you would
18 not be -- become a contractor in the future and
19 if you do become a contractor in the future, you
20 can no longer be a RAB member. So, that is what
21 we're going to be moving towards in the revision
22 of the charter and the RAB would be
23 discussing -- probably right now -- about that
24 issue -- if that answers your question.

25 MR. RICE: I have a question on

1 that. There are some pretty large environmental
2 firms that might be seeking contracts at Kelly.
3 Does that mean if someone worked for one of
4 those environmental firms, they could not be a
5 member of the RAB?

6 MS. WILLIAMS: Repeat that
7 question, please.

8 MR. RICE: There are large
9 environmental firms that could be seeking work
10 at Kelly. So, if someone worked for one of
11 those firms, they could not be a member of the
12 RAB.

13 MS. WILLIAMS: No, they could
14 not, because their membership is imputed to
15 their employer.

16 MR. RICE: Thank you.

17 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Still open
18 for discussion. Any other comments or
19 thoughts? Okay. Then, in essence, what we will
20 do is, at the next RAB meeting that we will be
21 having roughly right at four weeks from today,
22 we will be providing back -- as a matter of fact
23 what we'll do is with the minutes that are sent
24 out from this, we will have language in it
25 pertaining to the RAB application and the RAB

1 charter for which was just discussed, so you
2 will be seeing that before the next RAB meeting
3 so that we can formally vote on it -- so you can
4 actually see it in print. While we've talked
5 about it here, it's one thing to verbalize it;
6 it's another thing to see it in print. Is that
7 consistent with everybody's thought? So, we're
8 not asking for formal approval of it. Just
9 right now -- the concept -- and then we'll put
10 into both the application and the charter. Can
11 I see a sign of hands that we recognize that
12 we're going to put this into the minutes, send
13 it to you-all, you'll take a look at it and the
14 next RAB meeting, we will vote on it?

15 (RAB members vote.)

16 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Thank you.
17 Okay. Next topic, topics to be discussed at
18 future RAB meetings. Last week -- or pardon
19 me -- last RAB meeting, there was a discussion
20 that came up. One of the topics was regarding
21 legal standards. At this time, I'd like to
22 introduce one of the environmental attorneys at
23 Kelly Air Force Base, Ms. Adrienne Williams.

24 MS. WILLIAMS: I just want to
25 briefly talk about the fact that -- last time

1 Mr. Hagelthorn had asked that Kelly bring
2 someone from the legal office to talk about
3 legal cleanup standards. What we are going to
4 do is defer that to the next meeting for the
5 following reasons: This process that you-all
6 are involved in is an administrative process
7 that involves standards that we have to follow
8 to investigate a site, clean up a site, include
9 the public in participating in the process,
10 include stakeholders, like adjacent landowners
11 and such, into the process. This process is
12 developed by the federal government under
13 the United States Environmental Protection
14 Agency and by the State of Texas -- the Texas
15 Natural Resource Commission -- Conservation
16 Commission -- and because the state is the
17 oversight personnel and they are the people that
18 oversee our cleanup, we have asked them to speak
19 at our next meeting -- because they were not
20 available to speak at this meeting -- about the
21 legal standards for cleanup. What is Kelly Air
22 Force Base required to do? What is the
23 process -- the risk assessment process -- the
24 health risk issues and all of the standards that
25 we must follow? And they have graciously

1 accepted and they will be coming to the next
2 meeting to discuss these issues, and we are
3 hoping they also will not only have an attorney
4 but a risk assessor to explain in greater detail
5 that process. So, with that I'm going to defer
6 this topic to the next meeting and I will
7 introduce the TNRCC individual at that time.
8 I'll give the meeting back to you, Mr. Bailey.

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: I have a
10 question. Would those people that are coming
11 from the Texas Natural Resource Commission talk
12 about the right of capture on the ground water?

13 MS. WILLIAMS: I'm not sure.
14 I -- I -- That's an issue that maybe we can --

15 MR. BAILEY: We will pose that so
16 they can make sure --

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: That's
18 definitely needed. Talking to some of the
19 people in the neighborhood, they're saying that
20 the water is coming out, it's being cleaned up,
21 it's not being returned back to the aquifer
22 there, but it's being dumped into the -- Leon
23 Creek, which in turn is being used by the down
24 river people. You know, what is the -- the --
25 the rights there --

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1 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

2 QUINTANILLA: -- especially since
3 there's a lot of concern about water in
4 San Antonio? The other item that I had is:
5 Some of the people have talked about damage to
6 the foundations to their home as a result of the
7 water being taken out from the ground aquifer.
8 They claim that this is subsidence and it's
9 affecting their homes. Who is responsible for
10 this -- for the -- for making sure that they get
11 reimbursed for any damage to their homes?

12 MR. BAILEY: We have a name and a
13 phone number for a person at Kelly Air Force
14 Base that people who have that concern need to
15 discuss that with.

16 MR. QUINTANILLA: We need that in
17 a newsletter or in -- on something to all the
18 Kelly neighbors. You know, you write 10,000
19 letters on that -- to those people telling them
20 to come. I know of two people who have brought
21 that up to my attention.

22 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Then we will
23 cover it in the minutes and, at the same time,
24 one of the next mail-outs that we -- go out to
25 the local neighborhoods, we will identify the

1 individual's name, phone number and everything
2 else that goes along with that -- address, too.
3 Thank you very much, Ms. Williams.

4 MS. WILLIAMS: Sure.

5 MR. BAILEY: Next item -- before
6 we get into the public hearing update -- there
7 were a couple of meetings that had -- pardon
8 me -- a couple of issues that had been
9 discussed previously. We're going to postpone
10 these to the end. We will get to these, but
11 we're going to postpone them to the end. These
12 are items -- Administrative Topics II. F., both
13 1 and 2. We will get to those at the end of the
14 meeting, but at this time, I'd like to introduce
15 Mr. Richard Trevino to start talking about the
16 public hearing update items.

17 MR. TREVINO: Thank you,
18 Mr. Bailey. If you can bear with me here, I'm
19 trying to keep from coughing. We're talking,
20 again, about the public hearing. What I'm going
21 to provide for you is a status of the public
22 hearings for the Groundwater Zones 1, 2 and 3.
23 We've talked repeatedly on two different RABs --
24 on two different RABs on where we were going to
25 be at from that standpoint. So, what I'm going

1 to be doing now is giving you a more detailed
2 breakdown on what this public hearing is going
3 to consist of.

4 What we're talking about here predominantly
5 on the public hearing topics -- we'll be going
6 through what the preferred alternative was for
7 Zones 1, 2 and 3, strictly again for the
8 groundwater and we're talking -- the -- the
9 Zones 1, 2 and 3. Let me just give you a point
10 of reference here just to refresh individuals'
11 memories. Again, when we're talking Zone 1,
12 we're talking the golf course -- and, again,
13 this is the golf course area. Here's Military
14 Highway. Zone 2 is the Jet Engine Test Cells
15 and the Environmental Process Control Facility,
16 then Zone 3 is the industrial complex. Here's
17 Berman Road and here's Quintana Road and here's
18 Union Pacific Railroad. So, that's just a
19 reference point. We're going to be strictly on
20 the groundwater for those three preferred
21 alternatives.

22 Now, when we're talking about -- what we're
23 talking about in terms of the topics, we're
24 going to be also conducting the demonstration as
25 we had agreed to in terms of the groundwater

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1 models -- and Mr. Rice had alluded to that in
2 terms of what we're going to be preparing. Now,
3 this is not the only forum that we can provide
4 this particular demonstration and as we get
5 closer to that date -- if, in fact, that -- the
6 subcommittee -- which we do have one formed
7 now -- would like to see that demonstration
8 prior to the public hearing, by all means, we
9 can get together after this meeting or at a
10 later and we can set that up at your and our
11 convenience. And, then, the bottom note really
12 is just to indicate that throughout the public
13 comment period -- which is 30 days -- we will
14 be receiving comments.

15 The key factor there is, with that -- what
16 we're looking for is that -- you-all have
17 received proposed plans for the groundwater --
18 you've had those for about a couple of months
19 now -- and what we're looking for is not to wait
20 until the official public comment period
21 starts. What we're looking for is, if you can
22 give us that feedback as early as possible, that
23 will allow us to better -- be more responsive to
24 your questions. Because what we're trying to do
25 is -- if they're even more technical in

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1 nature -- because we do have some technical
2 experts here on this RAB -- that will allow us
3 to better respond to your questions. And in the
4 same token, what you will be getting here
5 shortly is, in fact, the soil, which is the
6 scored proposed plans, here in about the next
7 two weeks and that -- I would hope and I'm
8 requesting the same thing be applied to that.
9 So, when you see the scored proposed plans --
10 it deals -- as part of a mail-out -- that you
11 review those proposed plans and bring them back
12 to us in terms of comments.

13 Now, in the same token, as part of the
14 review of these documents, what we're going to
15 present to Mr. Hagelthorn, who's our community
16 co-chair, is -- what I have up here in front of
17 me -- since you've already had the proposed
18 plans -- this is a copy of the regulatory draft
19 that -- when I say "regulatory draft," it is a
20 copy of the reports for Groundwater Zones 1, 2
21 and 3 that we have submitted to the regulatory
22 agency. In this case, it's the TNRCC. So, he
23 will have this as the co-chair -- and by
24 charter, we give him three copies -- and then if
25 anyone would like to look at those, by all

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1 means, he will have them -- what I consider the
2 co-chair library. Now, that's -- and as we
3 develop additional reports and present them as
4 part of the RAB he will be given more reports to
5 add to his collection, which is there for your
6 benefit. At any given point in time that you
7 want to talk in more detail about these reports,
8 by all means, just give us a call and we'll be
9 happy to do that.

10 Now, going through -- excuse me -- just the
11 process itself -- and then I'll get into more
12 detail of the actual dates -- hopefully, this
13 will make a little bit more clear the actual
14 public hearing process that we see following.
15 Right now, this is this particular document that
16 we see here. This is a regulatory draft. What
17 that is -- we submitted that to the TNRCC and
18 they're currently looking at that. And, then,
19 from our standpoint, if they concur, we
20 basically go to the next process where the Air
21 Force -- this is our time frame here -- where we
22 look at -- from a contracting standpoint -- to
23 spend maximum three weeks to incorporate those
24 comments and, then, in turn issue what we
25 consider a public draft study report, which is

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1 just another copy of these, but incorporating
2 the regulatory comments.

3 To prepare that from an internal Air Force
4 standpoint to get the documentation and the
5 public releases to make the public hearing
6 become official, we're looking at two weeks
7 maximum to have that process done. That's when
8 the public comment period actually starts for 30
9 days. If, in fact, the public concurs and we
10 get their comments and we address those
11 comments -- we're talking approximately two
12 weeks to address those comments -- and then --
13 this is Air Force self-imposed time -- this is
14 not anything that's mandated -- we want to try
15 to address your concerns as quickly as
16 possible. At that point, then we issue a final
17 document which will be used to generate our
18 final decision document that will be signed by
19 the regulatory agency and the United States Air
20 Force upon -- we agree to use this cleanup
21 technology to clean up this particular
22 groundwater.

23 So, this is -- the time line that we're
24 looking at -- and it may seem quite long and
25 somewhat labor intensive, but that's why, from

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1 our standpoint, that every review process in
2 here is very, very critical. And where we can
3 shorten those time frames and still get the
4 quality document necessary, that's why we're
5 looking -- under this standpoint point, if you
6 do have comments on proposed plans now, by all
7 means, if you can get them to us even while
8 we're up here, we can incorporate those comments
9 even under the public draft FS. So, that's our
10 intent -- just that you try to get a lot of
11 those comments into the earlier stages as soon
12 as possible.

13 Now, to attach time frames to that -- just
14 to give you an understanding of where --
15 time-wise where does this fit into the realm of
16 things -- by the fact that -- if you look at the
17 regulators giving us approval letters on these
18 three documents -- again, assuming by 13
19 March -- just as a date -- 1995 -- these are
20 the dates that we're looking at in terms of
21 preparing the comments, the public draft FS,
22 which basically means this is the date that
23 we're looking at here and that we're concerned
24 with, is that during the 17 April to 17 May is
25 when the 30-day public comment period will

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1 start. With that, what we propose is to do the
2 public hearing in the middle of that. The
3 reasoning for that is to allow you, the
4 community, and the RAB members -- if you
5 haven't provided comments or even reviewed the
6 documents -- give you at least two weeks to
7 look at those documents, have the public hearing
8 and then, once you've had the public hearing --
9 if you have additional comments -- still give
10 you two weeks to come back and provide
11 additional information, so that is the intent of
12 us having in the middle -- that way we can
13 better answer a lot of your questions -- and
14 then from that standpoint, we'll continue
15 through the process -- and we anticipate by the
16 13 July time frame -- is to have a document
17 where we can go out and now say, "We're ready to
18 implement the preferred alternative for
19 Groundwater Zones 1, 2 and 3. Any questions?"

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: In our book,
21 you gave us some documents that says "Final
22 Draft" and it has some dates in there, January
23 20 to March 7, for public comment in a community
24 meeting of February 2nd, 1995. Is this the
25 final draft that you're talking there in the

1 first block?

2 MR. TREVINO: This is the
3 proposed plan, yes, sir. Now, those dates
4 there -- you can basically discard them now,
5 that's correct.

6 MR. BEYER: Are you going to be
7 publishing notice in the paper.

8 MR. TREVINO: Yes, sir.

9 MR. BEYER: Okay.

10 MR. TREVINO: More comments?

11 Thank you very much.

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: One question
13 there. Because of the dates that you have in
14 there for a public hearing of 17 April to 17
15 May, could I ask -- approximate -- when is the
16 next RAB meeting now going to be.

17 MR. BAILEY: The 7th of April.

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: The 7th of
19 April. And there will be no meetings -- Yeah,
20 that's fine. That's fine. That fits well.
21 That fits well. And the public hearing will be
22 on the 1st of May?

23 MR. BAILEY: No -- excuse me --
24 it's the 10th of April.

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: The 10th of

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1 April. Okay.

2 MR. RICE: Have we got a copy of
3 that diagram --

4 MR. TREVINO: This should be in
5 your handouts.

6 MR. RICE: That says "Public
7 Hearing Status"?

8 MR. TREVINO: It should be in
9 there, yes, sir.

10 MR. QUINTANILLA: Now, all three
11 of them are going to be held in about the same
12 time frame? There's no 1, 2 and 3?

13 MR. TREVINO: Yes, sir. Our
14 intention is to follow that so we don't have
15 multiple public hearings.

16 MR. BEYER: This is for
17 groundwater?

18 MR. TREVINO: For just
19 groundwater, that's correct. So, that's why
20 it's critical from our standpoint -- and this
21 putting the burden basically on the TNRCC and
22 also us to ensure when they give us their
23 comments -- and, again, this is a moving date,
24 meaning if, in fact, this takes a little longer,
25 then this entire time frame will be shifted

1 back. So, that's why it's important that --
2 that this -- that this date maintain as close as
3 possible so that we in turn can meet this date.
4 So, that's why, from our standpoint, the
5 community as a whole -- if you have your
6 comments -- and I want to stress that and I want
7 to continue to stress it -- if you have your
8 comments already, please give them to us -- even
9 if it's just handwritten -- even if you want to
10 come and talk to us -- we'll still incorporate
11 those things, because it's important that we get
12 those issues out as earlier as possible.
13 Because our intent is not to delay this ultimate
14 time frame as much as possible. We want to get
15 up and get into the cleanup phase as quickly as
16 possible. That's our goal and that's our
17 intent. Any questions? Thank you.

18 What I can do now is -- I am the -- I'll be
19 talking about the relative risk -- and when we
20 talked in previous RAB settings, we talked about
21 the relative risk rating. We went through a
22 gyration or a methodology of the relative
23 risk -- and what we're talking about in terms of
24 the relative risk is we're talking about, again,
25 the rating of the sites. When we went through

1 the initial assessment, we basically went out
2 and rated a high, medium or low. So, just to
3 refresh individuals' memories, what we're
4 talking about in terms of the relative risk --
5 again, relative risk is not a health risk
6 assessment. It is a priority ranking tool for
7 the Air Force and what it does is that it
8 basically ranks the sites -- when we say IRP
9 site -- into a high, medium or low category --
10 and if it's -- again, focusing from our
11 standpoint -- is that the Air Force's focus
12 is -- right now is to take high and/or medium
13 low -- high or medium sites to a low relative
14 risk, and they're going to apply their funding
15 in that manner, meaning if I have a low risk
16 site -- a low relative risk site -- then we
17 will not be looking at applying funding, because
18 that is considered a low risk. Where, in fact,
19 we have a high risk site, then that is where the
20 Air Force will look at applying those particular
21 funds.

22 Now, in the essence of the shrinking
23 Department of Defense budget, you will have --
24 DOD-wide -- several military sources that do
25 have quite a bit of high and medium sites. So,

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1 the Air Force's challenge is to basically
2 distribute this money accordingly to all the
3 military installations -- and how they factor in
4 in terms of high, medium and low.

5 Now, again some of the factors that do
6 apply to relative risk are five basic factors.
7 One is this relative risk evaluation in terms of
8 what establishes this priority of cleanup
9 actions. The next is any type of regulatory
10 agreements, any kind of public health
11 recommendations -- because if it is a true
12 health risk -- we're talking health risk
13 now -- then that will warn us to take action.
14 The general public involvement -- that is the
15 community as a whole -- and then the
16 stakeholders' involvement -- and that's the RAB
17 here. So, all of these factors -- all of these
18 inputs -- will determine that particular
19 priority. And what we're here to do today is to
20 look at the relative risk for Kelly Air Force
21 Base and to come to concurrence based upon the
22 assessment that the Air Force has done and is
23 recommending to the RAB. We provided those
24 sheets to everyone and have asked if you want to
25 have a more detailed breakdown based upon

1 that -- we hadn't received any requests to do
2 that -- so it's currently my assumption that we
3 have adequately assessed it for you-all. If I
4 am incorrect, please -- please let me know.
5 But, again, what we're looking at from the
6 relative risk standpoint -- what -- we
7 basically have 52 IRP sites. We have closed out
8 20 -- or recommended for no further action,
9 meaning they are not considered even a low
10 risk. They are in the closed category from an
11 Air Force standpoint. We have 32 remaining
12 sites. And of those 32, 26 have been rated high
13 relative risk and six have been rated medium
14 relative risk.

15 MR. QUINTANILLA: You did give us
16 a sheet -- just the way you said it -- of all
17 52 of them and they are all rated high, medium
18 or closed.

19 MR. TREVINO: Yes, sir.

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: One of the
21 things that we asked for is the -- what zones
22 are going to be --

23 MR. TREVINO: Yes. And that
24 should be in your current handout. And what I'm
25 going to show you here is I'm going to show you

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1 the map of the zones -- and, also, what I'm
2 going to be showing you here is a revised
3 listing that everyone should have in their
4 handout, which basically gives you a little bit
5 more definition on the relative risk and also
6 the zone that it is located in. So -- let me
7 just come back over here. So, we're looking
8 about here. This just indicates that -- the
9 number of IRP sites. Here is the zone
10 category. Again, Zone 1 is the golf course,
11 Zone 2 is the Jet Engine Test Cell Facility and
12 the EPCF, Zone 3 is the industrial complex,
13 Zone 4 is East Kelly and then Zone 5 is the
14 remaining flight line area. And if we go and
15 provide the same site name and also the relative
16 risk rating that it's attached to -- high, if
17 it's a high relative risk -- no further acts
18 proposed, if that is the case -- like in this
19 particular site here -- we have a closed, we
20 have a medium and we have no lows. And if you
21 look at the breakdown, it does stipulate 20
22 sites that have been either recommended for no
23 further action or closed. We have six that are
24 medium and we have 26 that are high.

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: I just have one

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1 question that's in Zone 5. Some of the fuel
2 there has gone into the neighborhood and this is
3 not considered a high risk area.

4 MR. TREVINO: Well, if you look
5 at --

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: In Zone 5.

7 MR. TREVINO: If you look at your
8 second sheet -- let me just take one site --
9 well, let's just leave on this first sheet --
10 here's S-1. This is the -- This is on the north
11 side right up in here which is Zone 5 on -- one
12 of the sites that you're talking about -- that
13 is deemed as a high relative risk. And, then,
14 if you go to the Zone 5 right in here --
15 No. 50 -- that is the overall zone. As a
16 Groundwater Zone 5 that is also a high relative
17 risk. So, if we look at that -- if you look at
18 the sites that we have -- with 26 of those being
19 high relative risk -- I think we've pretty much
20 addressed almost everyone's concerns. If, in
21 fact, that -- based upon the input that we
22 have -- that we have given -- and in terms of
23 what we're recommending to the Restoration
24 Advisory Board -- what I'm looking for now is
25 concurrence of this relative risk. So, what --

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1 if I throw it out -- you know, as one, a motion
2 to approve and if we do have approval -- or a
3 motion and second motion -- if you will follow
4 protocol, I guess -- then looking for
5 concurrence just by a show of hands. Do I have
6 a first?

7 MR. HAGELTHORN: I make a motion
8 to --

9 MR. TREVINO: Mr. Hagelthorn has
10 motioned that. Now, may I have a second,
11 please.

12 MS. FALKENBERG: I second. Joan
13 Falkenberg.

14 MR. TREVINO: If I can have a
15 show of hands that have -- that concur with this
16 particular --

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: I have some
18 questions, yet.

19 MR. TREVINO: Yes, sir.

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: Zone 4 and Zone
21 5 -- there will be no public hearing on that at
22 all?

23 MR. TREVINO: There will be
24 public hearings. They are currently not in the
25 remedial -- or the feasibility study phase of

1 that process. They're going to be in the
2 investigation stage.

3 MR. QUINTANILLA: And they're not
4 ready?

5 MR. TREVINO: That's correct.

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: They have not
7 gone through --

8 MR. TREVINO: That's correct.

9 MR. BEYER: As part of TNRCC, we
10 can't really concur with this until we go
11 through all these things first.

12 MR. BROWN: Bill Brown. I just
13 have a comment concerning -- you've got a couple
14 of these rated with medium in Zone 1 -- which
15 is D-3 and D-4 -- and I've got a question for
16 Dan Medina concerning those two sites because I
17 thought one or both of those had groundwater
18 interim recovery activities going on out there.

19 MR. TREVINO: That's correct.
20 Let me go ahead and backtrack -- I'll go ahead
21 and answer, if I can, for Mr. Medina. The way
22 we have done the relative risk ratings for the
23 entire process -- from a groundwater standpoint,
24 we are looking -- if you look at this -- let's
25 take an example here -- Groundwater Zone 1, 2

1 and 3. The way the relative risk is looking is
2 that it focuses on groundwater, soils and
3 surface water or what we consider ecological
4 risk. The approach that has been taken is --
5 as we discussed -- as part of the workshop --
6 we have broken the relative risk where the
7 individual sites are focused on the soil and the
8 surface water or the ecological factors. Where
9 the groundwater comes into play -- we have
10 lumped all that into the groundwater for each
11 independent zone. So, what -- if you look at
12 every zone from a groundwater standpoint, each
13 and every one are a high relative risk and that
14 is where your interim remedial actions come into
15 play to supplement that. Did I answer your
16 question, Mr. Brown?

17 MR. BROWN: Okay. If I can -- As
18 I see it, then, you're saying that the high risk
19 exists in groundwater, but -- but when you talk
20 about the individual sites, you're talking about
21 other than groundwater.

22 MR. TREVINO: Like soils and
23 surface water.

24 MR. BROWN: Soils and surface --

25 MR. TREVINO: That's correct.

1 Now, if, in fact, there is a direct link between
2 the soil to the groundwater, that as still taken
3 into account as part of soils but the primary
4 factor comes into the groundwater assessment.

5 MR. BROWN: It just -- From my
6 experience, it just sounds a little bit
7 different than what I heard when we went through
8 this over at Randolph the other night with the
9 RAB, concerning a couple of their sites and they
10 were rated not groundwater separate from the --

11 MR. TREVINO: Right. The way the
12 relative -- Right. The way the relative risk
13 works -- just as -- as a reminder here -- what
14 we're talking about in terms of the relative
15 risk -- it takes into account three primary
16 factors. The contaminants or what we consider
17 the chemicals in that particular site, whether
18 it's soil, groundwater or surface water, and is
19 there a direct pathway -- and when we say
20 "pathway" -- if it's in the soil, is it getting
21 into the groundwater? "Yes" or "no"? Or is it
22 even getting into the surface water? If it's
23 not, then that pathway is limited to just the
24 soils and not the shallow groundwater. Is there
25 a potential receptor? When we "a receptor,"

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1 we're talking -- is there an individual who is
2 drinking that water a mile down the road, 10
3 miles down the road or 100 miles down the road?
4 Is that receptor -- is it identified -- meaning
5 it's a true risk? Is it potential -- meaning,
6 well, yes -- yeah, maybe it be can be or, no,
7 there is no receptor at all. All these factors
8 come into play and how each individual base
9 rates this is all site specific. So -- like in
10 your case where Randolph Air Force Base may
11 have -- they may have a direct link from the
12 contaminants to the shallow groundwater and they
13 have a receptor, but that's not going to be the
14 case in all of your sites. It's all dependent
15 upon the geology of the base, the specific
16 contaminants that are in that particular site
17 and whether or not there is a true impact to
18 anybody.

19 MS. MCCARTNEY: Are we voting on
20 the whole list or just the groundwater?

21 MR. TREVINO: You're voting on
22 the entire list. Now, what -- what this is
23 going to do -- just so I can provide one
24 additional bit of information to where you in
25 turn -- will help you better see where this is

1 going -- what we're going to take with this list
2 upon concurrence by the Restoration Advisory
3 Board -- is we're going to take this and forward
4 it to our Headquarters Material Command where
5 they in turn would take that information and
6 forward it up to the Air Force channels. What
7 we're looking for, as we indicated several
8 months ago, is to have some type of RAB
9 concurrence because we need to have this
10 concurrence by the end of this month. Now,
11 that's not intended to apply pressure or to
12 imply that you have to agree with it, but I am
13 just merely indicating and stressing that we
14 have brought this issue up several months ago
15 and what I'm looking for is -- from the RAB's
16 concurrent standpoint is that -- is it
17 acceptable or is it not? If it's not, by all
18 means, please let me know and we will attempt to
19 make those changes where we see that we have
20 to. If you look at the way the relative risk is
21 broken out, what we have to apply to it is a
22 realistic or a reality check. Because if, in
23 fact, we had everything that was deemed high,
24 that will not benefit us either and that's
25 where -- from our standpoint -- ours meaning

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1 the community and Kelly Air Force Base -- that
2 is what we have applied from this standpoint.
3 We have taken your feedback from the past few
4 meetings, we've applied them and if you look
5 at -- from the last meeting -- or the last time
6 you had the listing to here -- there are very
7 little changes. So, again, I would indicate --
8 or I would request if there are no disagreements
9 to the RAB -- or to the risk ratings -- I would
10 ask concurrence be given so we may proceed with
11 the process.

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: One question.
13 Once we approve these, they go to headquarters
14 Air Force?

15 MR. TREVINO: Yes, sir.

16 MR. QUINTANILLA: What do they do
17 with them?

18 MR. TREVINO: What they will do
19 is -- from an Air Force wide perspective --
20 look at how the Air Force rates in terms of all
21 the high sites, all the medium sites and all the
22 low sites -- and what they're going to look --
23 from an Air Force wide perspective -- if I have
24 only so much money -- the focus of the Air Force
25 is to apply these initially to the high relative

1 risk sites first, because we have a limited
2 resource and that resource is continuously
3 shrinking. We want to hit those sites that do
4 pose actual risk. If they don't pose a risk, we
5 can defer those down the road and then get all
6 those that are high -- medium -- and then
7 worry about those that are low risk.

8 Now, it does not state that if you do have
9 a low risk that we're just going to forget about
10 it. The Air Force has recognized that there is
11 a benefit in taking action where a low risk can
12 be closed. But, we, as the community and as
13 detectable people for Kelly Air Force Base,
14 we'll have to provide that justification to the
15 Air Force. Because if we fund a low risk site,
16 then -- even within Kelly -- there may be a high
17 relative risk site that will not get funded.
18 That is the reality check.

19 MR. QUINTANILLA: Once it goes to
20 Air Force, it comes back to Kelly. What does
21 Kelly do with it?

22 MR. TREVINO: We will utilize
23 this to establish priorities that we will bring
24 back to you in terms of what we're going to
25 recommend for our cleanup actions.

1 MR. QUINTANILLA: That's where
2 I'm in trouble right now. Some of those
3 priorities that you have -- you're already
4 holding public hearings for them to -- to go
5 ahead and clean up that area, like, for
6 instance, Zone 1, 2 and 3.

7 MR. TREVINO: Yes, sir.

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: And it's
9 already there. You already got them approved
10 someplace. Are we doing this again?

11 MR. TREVINO: No. If you look
12 at -- also at the relative risk, that's in line
13 with the groundwater FS we're talking about. If
14 you look at Zones 1, 2 and 3, all of those are
15 high relative risk. So, that's still in line
16 with the approach that we're talking about in
17 terms of taking action.

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'm saying have
19 these never gone up to Air Force before -- Zone
20 1, 2 and 3 as high risk?

21 MR. TREVINO: No. This is the
22 Air Force's first shot at, that's correct.

23 MR. HAGELTHORN: This is trying
24 to look at the overall -- the shrinking defense
25 budget.

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1 MR. QUINTANILLA: This is the
2 first time --

3 MR. HAGELTHORN: Where to best
4 spend the money that they have.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: \$3,000,000 that
6 they're going to cut this coming year.

7 MR. TREVINO: Mr. Rice?

8 MR. RICE: Armando just asked my
9 question, but I have another one. On the -- In
10 Appendix B-1 -- those preliminary remediation
11 bills -- I was a little bit confused as to how
12 these things are used since some of these
13 concentrations are far higher than drinking
14 water standards.

15 MR. TREVINO: That's correct.

16 MR. RICE: How does that work?

17 MR. TREVINO: All that works --
18 Again, the relative risk is not a health risk
19 assessment. These are primarily priority tools
20 or ranking tools to give you -- or to give the
21 Air Force a baseline assessment. Because each
22 military installation in each state has
23 differing regulatory standards, the Air Force
24 has to put everyone on the same playing field,
25 and the only way they can do that is to have

1 everybody be assessed to a same standard and
2 that's what you see in that relative risk
3 parameter that's in your handout. So, that by
4 no means is the cleanup standard. That by no
5 means is the action level --

6 MR. RICE: These are not cleanup
7 standards?

8 MR. TREVINO: No, sir. It's just
9 a ranking for the Air Force to be consistent
10 throughout the Air Force as a whole, so we can
11 have standardization. Any more questions? I
12 would like to -- Yes, sir?

13 MR. MARTINEZ: Is this list going
14 to be revised next year -- the year after --
15 or is this--

16 MR. TREVINO: If you could state
17 your name for the young lady --

18 MR. MARTINEZ: Florencio
19 Martinez.

20 MR. TREVINO: Yes. As time goes
21 on with every physical budget that does come up
22 every physical year, we will have to go back and
23 revise this listing. So, this listing is not a
24 one-time shot. As cleanup actions are
25 implemented or interim systems are replaced --

1 or are put in, rather -- and the relative risk
2 goes -- let's say -- for -- here we have a
3 high for SA-2 -- and we implement the final
4 cleanup, then this should no longer be a high.
5 It should be at least a low, because this is the
6 final cleanup. If, in fact -- for here -- let's
7 say we have CS-3 as an example -- it's a high --
8 and we implement some kind of interim measure --
9 whether it's a groundwater or whether it's a
10 soil -- that should take it at least to a
11 medium, if not a low. So, with these
12 technologies being implemented -- or even if, in
13 fact, that the regulatory standards change where
14 we have a much more stringent requirement or a
15 less stringent requirement, that will also
16 change the relative risk.

17 MR. MARTINEZ: Will you be adding
18 new wells to this list?

19 MR. TREVINO: I'm sorry, sir?

20 MR. MARTINEZ: Will you be adding
21 more to that list.

22 MR. TREVINO: If, in fact, we
23 feel -- excuse me -- if we have additional sites
24 added to the program, then every site will have
25 to be scored or rated as a relative risk, that

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1 is correct. So, this listing here is a dynamic
2 list. As more data is brought forward, this
3 listing will be revised. So, as time goes on,
4 we will have additional chances to take a look
5 at this and concur and non-concur. This is a
6 dynamic list. I have to make that extremely
7 clear. It's not a one-time shot. Yes,
8 Mr. Beyer?

9 MR. BEYER: When were these sites
10 rated? Just recently or --

11 MR. TREVINO: They were rated the
12 latter part of 1994 -- in December of '94.

13 MR. BROWN: By who?

14 MR. TREVINO: It was done by --
15 internal to us -- and it was quality
16 assurance -- quad controlled -- by
17 Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command and the
18 air staff level and also by an independent
19 contractor. So, we had three levels of QAQC
20 done on it to ensure that there was that reality
21 check and consistency throughout the Air Force.

22 MR. BEYER: Are those documents
23 where you scored the --

24 MR. TREVINO: The worksheets?
25 Sure. We'll be happy to give those worksheets

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1 out.

2 MR. BEYER: If we could have
3 those --

4 MR. TREVINO: Sure. We can do
5 that. If there's no further questions, I would
6 request concurrence. If I can have a show of
7 hands if there's no further -- I take it that by
8 the show of hands, we do have concurrence of the
9 relative risk. I thank you for that. And with
10 that, what I will do is conclude my presentation
11 and I will now turn it back over to Mr. Bailey.
12 Thank you very much.

13 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Richard.
14 Going on to Agenda Item 5 -- which is the RAB
15 newsletter -- last RAB meeting I was not here,
16 but there was an issue that came up relative
17 to -- and please help me if I'm not explaining
18 this as how the discussion flowed -- but it
19 focused on -- focused on a vehicle -- some type
20 of media vehicle -- some type of communication
21 letter to be developed separately from what is
22 currently being done and disseminated to the
23 general public. I hope I am capturing this as
24 as much as I possibly can.

25 The issue is one where we need to -- as a

1 RAB group -- take a look at this and see how,
2 in fact, we wish to go about this as a RAB
3 group. I would like to just throw some ideas
4 out and hopefully that will spur some type of
5 discussion -- ideas such as preparation of this
6 type of document, who will do that. The ideas
7 have floated around relative to the RAB
8 membership being active participants to prepare
9 such a document to disseminate out. Other ideas
10 are, spatially, at what time do you send these
11 kind of documents out? Do you do it on a
12 monthly basis, quarterly basis, semi-annual,
13 annual basis? Other ideas that have been
14 spurred by this are ones relative to -- do these
15 documents need to be prepared because of other
16 documents that are currently being prepared by
17 Kelly Air Force Base? Is there a way to review
18 those documents that go out before they go out
19 and maybe add on to them so that it's more of a
20 comprehensive document? Some of these documents
21 go out -- or most of those documents go out on a
22 quarterly basis. I'd like to just throw that
23 out to the RAB group for discussion and let's
24 toss it around and see what people have to say
25 about it.

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1 MR. MIXON: Let me ask this
2 question -- Carl Mixon -- could we not just
3 release press releases after the meeting as what
4 was decided or what was discussed during the
5 meeting and the direction that the committee is
6 going and just -- a press release which could be
7 faxed to the -- to media outlets.

8 (Short break taken.)

9 MR. BAILEY: We're now going to
10 call the meeting back to order again -- and we
11 were talking about the newsletter as it's called
12 here. Mr. Mixon, would you like to continue
13 your thoughts?

14 MR. MIXON: Let me finish my
15 thought on -- One is if we were to consolidate
16 what we've accomplished at each one of these
17 meetings and do a press release and send that
18 press release out to the media, then they could
19 pick it up and go with it. The other would be
20 to make the minutes available to the public and
21 go with that -- with just the minutes. I don't
22 know that I'm entirely convinced that we need to
23 do a newsletter. Having worked on a couple of
24 newsletters myself, it becomes quite a chore to
25 put one together and then get it out -- and then

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1 after while you start forcing issues just so you
2 can complete your newsletter. So, that would be
3 my concern. I would just think a press release
4 or making the minutes -- or a combination
5 thereof might satisfy the need to get the word
6 out to the public.

7 MR. HAGELTHORN: I'd like to
8 throw -- Hagelthorn -- My experience with
9 newsletters on environmental programs is, I
10 don't think they work. I think the fact sheets
11 that the base is providing and the information
12 they're providing -- the information is there if
13 people want it. What we need to do instead of
14 creating another document is just create the
15 avenue for the people who want the information
16 to receive the information. I think that would
17 be a lot more effective than creating another
18 document just to a create a document.

19 MR. QUINTANILLA: I have to agree
20 with you that the information is there just --
21 if the people want it. But just like if you
22 start to look at the people that are being
23 affected for health reasons or because their
24 property is being damaged -- or whatever is --
25 there's a phone number for them to call. Who

1 has that phone number? Is anyone aware of that
2 phone number? We need a document like that, you
3 know, to inform the people. Yes, Kelly does a
4 wonderful job of coming up with these progress
5 reports. But who gets them? My thought on the
6 newsletter was that it would go to all 10,000
7 people in the South San neighborhood and up
8 there also on -- between 236th Street and
9 General McMullen.

10 MR. TREVINO: This is Richard
11 from Kelly Air Force Base. Just to answer the
12 question about, "Do all the residential people
13 get those progress reports, mail-outs and press
14 releases?" Yes, they do. Our current mail-out
15 listing -- and Mr. Walters can elaborate more on
16 the numbers -- was originally two to 3,000 and
17 that will increase -- as the actual mail-out
18 listing gets larger, that listing is basically
19 going to go out to everybody as well. So,
20 currently right now, if everybody receives
21 that -- not just the RAB members -- what they've
22 been receiving for the last three to four plus
23 years -- is progress reports, fact sheets, press
24 releases -- all that does go out.

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: Now, I live in

1 the neighborhood here and this is the first time
2 I've seen this -- this piece of paper and this
3 is the -- I live in the neighborhood and this is
4 the first time I've seen this piece of paper.
5 It has not been mailed to me.

6 MR. TREVINO: Well, we can add --
7 if it's from just one standpoint -- we can show
8 you the actual complete listing that we have.
9 One of the things that we've always contended
10 from the beginning -- and that's the reason why
11 we've gone back and added to that listing to
12 where it's basically increased initially from a
13 couple hundred to several thousand is for that
14 very reason. We want to ensure that's not just
15 the residential people that get the listing, but
16 a copy also goes to the schools -- whether it's
17 elementary, middle school, high school,
18 parochial, et cetera. So --

19 MR. QUINTANILLA: Again, my point
20 is: I have not received this.

21 MR. WALTERS: It's not been
22 mailed, yet -- just to the RAB tonight, because
23 you're going to know first. You're a RAB
24 member, sir.

25 MR. TREVINO: Right. And that's

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1 why -- from our standpoint -- is that what
2 we're trying to do is to -- as part of the
3 public involvement -- is continue those efforts
4 that we do have. Where we have to make
5 increases to that mail-out listing, we'd be more
6 than happy to do that. One of the things that
7 we have continuously have looked for and have
8 asked for is that if there is a certain segment
9 of a community that people wish to be added on
10 to that listing, we'll be more than happy to
11 include them on that. One of things that we're
12 trying to put in this process, though, is to
13 have some sense of limit where we cannot go out
14 there and have a listing of 20,000 or 30,000
15 plus homes within the San Antonio region --
16 just within Kelly Air Force Base -- because
17 that does become costly at that point in time.

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: I wasn't saying
19 increase it. You have 10,000 names that you
20 have now. I also say in addition to, you know
21 sending these to -- this newsletter -- if you
22 develop one -- also to send the same
23 information to these -- to the Southside
24 Reporter which those people get free -- to send
25 it to La Prensa which they also have -- you

1 know, once a month they have a free throwaway --
2 And that's in English and Spanish both.

3 MR. TREVINO: Correct. And all
4 of our press releases are in English and
5 Spanish.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, they are.

7 MR. TREVINO: I'm sorry.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, they are.

9 MR. TREVINO: Yes -- and that's
10 one of the things that -- when we look at --
11 when we have a public hearing or we have a press
12 release -- and that's exactly what the press
13 release is -- it does go back where we did have
14 two competing newspapers. When we had the Light
15 and the Express News, we ran them both, plus in
16 some of the local newspapers, public access
17 channels and other radio entities. So, I'm not
18 opposed to it. I'm just basically indicating
19 what we currently have done and if it's adding
20 to that or enhancing or changing what we
21 currently have -- I mean, that's what the RAB is
22 here for in terms of --

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: I'm for
24 something that is better than what we've got
25 now. For instance, this particular meeting --

1 there was nothing in the press, you know, about
2 the -- a RAB meeting -- nothing -- not a --
3 not a press release nor a paid ad.

4 MR. TREVINO: That's correct.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: And that's what
6 worries me. We've got to have something that
7 informs the people of the positive things that
8 are being done and that's all that I'm asking.
9 And I thought a newsletter -- whenever it came
10 out -- every four weeks or every six weeks --
11 this is a number to call, this is what we're
12 doing in your neighborhood -- that kind of
13 thing.

14 MR. BAILEY: What if we -- adding
15 on what Mr. Mixon was talking about, what
16 Mr. Quintanilla is talking about -- and not let
17 me try to be the compromiser here -- but let me
18 just try to put this together, if it's
19 possible. If we added to the progress
20 reports -- making sure that prior to the next
21 RAB meeting that we have a progress report to go
22 out -- that talks about how the RAB group has
23 approved the relative risk rankings, identifies
24 some substance to what that is about, what the
25 context is and relative risk -- explains to the

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1 people -- identifies -- so that letters are
2 going out so the people know when the next
3 meetings are -- so there's an upcoming date, so
4 the people know when these meetings will take
5 place, so there will be some type of short
6 summary of the minutes themselves that will go
7 out as well as the date for the next meeting.
8 Is that --

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: That's fine.
10 To me, that is fine. And it also tells
11 information as to where they call for more
12 information.

13 MR. BAILEY: Right. And it adds
14 on to, maybe, other information that may come up
15 during that course of events.

16 MR. HAGELTHORN: What is -- In
17 addition to that -- just for clarification --
18 I know that with an active duty base, they
19 don't -- the Air Force doesn't necessarily
20 follow the guidance on Restoration Advisory
21 Boards. But what is the possibility of -- One
22 thing that the closing base does, is -- and RAB
23 members -- is paid public announcements. What
24 is the possibility of us having a small paid
25 public announcement like you did for the last

1 one and continuing that practice?

2 MR. BAILEY: We can go forward --
3 Well, first, we can talk about it here if, in
4 fact, the public thinks -- if the RAB members
5 believe that that this is a -- the overall
6 approach. But just --

7 MR. MIXON: Whose budget does
8 that come out of?

9 MR. BAILEY: Well, that was my
10 next point. We will have to go forward and
11 request funding for that. So, we may talk about
12 it as though it's an idea that we'd like to go
13 forward. We will take it forward if that's --
14 at the request of the RAB -- but recognize that
15 also there's a price tag we have to go forward
16 with and we will request so many dollars based
17 upon what that request is. Now, that could be
18 done in addition to what we're talking about
19 here -- modifying what I was just talking about.

20 MR. MIXON: If I might --
21 Mr. Quintanilla mentioned about the Southside
22 Recorder and the La Prensa --

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: They're both
24 throwaways.

25 MR. MIXON: And they're hungry

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1 for articles. You send a press release to them,
2 they print it. You send it to the San Antonio
3 Express and you'll be lucky if you get a line.
4 But those papers -- and even the others around
5 the other parts of the county -- will do it if
6 you send them a press release or you send them
7 some good quotes. They'll go with a story.
8 I've had good --

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: The Westside
10 Sun will do the same thing. The San Antonio
11 Express News -- they're hungry for news, also.

12 MR. BAILEY: As an action item,
13 why don't we do this -- if it's acceptable
14 to everybody -- on this portion for sure --
15 whatever we send out -- whatever we're going to
16 call it -- whatever it looks like -- we will,
17 then, distribute it to not only the newspapers
18 and groups that were talked about here, but as
19 an action, we will take it upon ourselves to
20 find out who these groups are. At the next RAB
21 meeting, we will have a listing for everybody so
22 that you know, and then we'll also add them to
23 the list.

24 MR. QUINTANILLA: I didn't
25 understand. I thought we already knew what

1 schools there were and --

2 MR. BAILEY: No, no, no. I'm not
3 talking about the schools. I'm talking now
4 about the media -- the papers. I'm not talking
5 about schools. I'm not talking about TV. Now
6 it's -- it's -- assuming they aren't already on
7 the list -- which some of them might not be -- I
8 do not know -- we will check with our public
9 affairs people, we will check those outlets --
10 media outlets -- and then we'll provide a
11 listing so people will have that and then know
12 what that is. Is that acceptable? Can I have
13 a --

14 QUINTANILLA: As long as we
15 inform the people better than what we're doing.

16 MS. JOHNSON: May I say something
17 to Mr. Quintanilla? Mr. Quintanilla, there's a
18 progress report here that I get at my address
19 and since I represent a group, they have my name
20 down at the bottom of the page and they have the
21 name of my alternate, and you'd be surprised how
22 many calls I get on that. So -- I don't know if
23 you represent anybody or if you represent your
24 neighborhood, but maybe they could -- you could
25 explain to them --

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1 MR. QUINTANILLA: The same thing
2 is applied on this one -- on this piece of paper
3 that I got. My name is on that one.

4 MS. JOHNSON: I just wondered,
5 because this -- it really keeps you going. I
6 don't know if you get -- receive a lot of
7 calls -- but I do -- on the -- 30 sometimes a
8 day.

9 MR. BAILEY: If I could, then,
10 throw this back out as the option -- please
11 feel free to add to it -- the idea about taking
12 the progress report -- as we now know it and
13 adding to it the summary of the minutes -- like
14 what was voted on tonight -- identifying key
15 phone numbers that might come up and names
16 that -- we only have identified one tonight for
17 the claims office -- we haven't gone through the
18 names and all -- but that is just an example of
19 the type of information that we need to
20 include -- and this will be published prior to
21 next RAB meeting, then we'll come back and take
22 a look and see how we wish to carry this
23 further. It may not be that we want to do this
24 before every RAB meeting, but at least before
25 the next one we want to do this. So, we haven't

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1 said we're going to mail this out to 10,000 or
2 3,000. We'll have to take a look at the list,
3 then we'll make sure that the RAB members know
4 the universe of what this is. Is it 2,000,
5 3,000, 4,000 -- we'll be making sure that we
6 give a telephone call -- because some of the
7 mail-outs are a much larger area outside the
8 local neighborhoods and that's why the list gets
9 so large. Is that agreeable?

10 MR. QUINTANILLA: Well, I think
11 you've got some duplications on your list. I
12 get two -- two notices every time.

13 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: That ought to
15 be looked at.

16 MR. BAILEY: Okay. The
17 proposal -- does that sound reasonable?

18 MR. HAGELTHORN: That sounds
19 reasonable.

20 MR. BAILEY: Can we have a --

21 MR. MARTINEZ; I've got a
22 question.

23 MR. BAILEY: Yes, sir.

24 MR. MARTINEZ: Could you let us
25 know how many people are involved in each ZIP

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1 code by your list? Is that a possibility?

2 MR. BAILEY: Why don't we address
3 that afterwards and we'll get that point.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: Okay.

5 MR. BAILEY: If I can have a show
6 of hands for those people that agree with that
7 proposal --

8 (RAB members vote.)

9 MR. BAILEY: Then that's what
10 we'll do. Again, we will -- prior to the next
11 meeting -- summarize what we have here -- any
12 other types of data we have to -- add dates that
13 we talked about here relative to the process
14 flow on approval for the feasibility studies for
15 the groundwater -- those are the types of items
16 that we will include in there. Okay?

17 Next item, upcoming environmental events.
18 Mr. Dick Walters from our public affairs
19 office.

20 MR. WALTERS: As Mr. Bailey said,
21 I am Dick Walters from Public Affairs. I'm not
22 an engineer or a scientist, but I'm able to
23 understand their language and translate it for
24 those of us in the public who are not engineers
25 or scientists. So, I am somewhat your public

1 point of contact in dealing with the public
2 affairs aspect of our cleanup.

3 Mr. Quintanilla kind of stole my thunder
4 tonight, because we have two projects that
5 progress reports will be mailed out to the
6 residents in the areas affected later this week
7 in the one case and early next week on the
8 other. But I bring them tonight for the Board
9 first, because I think it's always best if we
10 inform, whenever we can, our RAB members before
11 we mail something like that. That way you know
12 what's going to be happening and that way, if
13 you receive questions or phone calls, you're
14 able to answer those.

15 One of the projects that we have coming up
16 and from which there is a progress report just
17 about ready for mailing will be some monitoring
18 wells around East Kelly. And of the locations,
19 the Southcross at New Laredo Highway location
20 may have to be moved -- and the tenth monitoring
21 well location has not been determined yet, but
22 each of these areas are approximate, but if you
23 drive through that neighborhood the spots are
24 actually marked with fluorescent spray paint
25 where the well drilling will take place. We

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1 expect -- We anticipate the well drilling crews
2 to be out in the neighborhood March 21st or
3 sometime after March 21st -- and this will be
4 the area between Creighton or perhaps Bynum east
5 to New Laredo Highway -- and that will be in the
6 mail. RAB members do have copies -- and for the
7 public, there should be some copies on the table
8 back there.

9 In the Quintana Road area, we're going to
10 be going out with the Strataprobe following --
11 looking for the leading edge of the contaminated
12 shallow underground water that's been coming
13 from Kelly. We know, basically, where the
14 contamination has been. We know where the storm
15 drain is going to go as a barrier. The city
16 project will be a barrier and will be part of
17 the cleanup. We're now going out a little bit
18 ahead of that to find out what the
19 concentrations may be, whether the contamination
20 has moved that far and, if it has, what's
21 there. And, so, this is some very important
22 data that will be very useful over the course of
23 the next few months. This project -- we could
24 have the Strataprobe crew out in the field as
25 soon as 10 days from now. The Strataprobe is

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1 not a well-drilling operation, but it pushes a
2 probe into the ground -- and it will go into the
3 ground about -- as far as 20 feet. It will take
4 water for sampling and when it's done, the
5 Strataprobe comes back up and the hole is sealed
6 up.

7 So, those are two projects -- again,
8 there's a progress report on that. And it's
9 written in plain English. If you have any
10 trouble with it, it's got my phone number and
11 also my colleague, Mike Estrada's phone number,
12 and you can call us and then we'll try to write
13 better next time.

14 Talking about upcoming environmental
15 events, we've got those two that I just
16 mentioned. In addition, Earth Day is going be
17 to taking place at Woodlawn Park on April 22nd.
18 Fortunately, we will have another RAB meeting
19 before the 22nd of April. We're looking for
20 volunteers who would be able -- or be willing to
21 devote some time to come out with some of our
22 technical staff to man a Kelly display. And we
23 want to show some of the things that we've been
24 doing in our environment -- the cleanup
25 program -- we'll have some information on our

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1 pollution prevention efforts, other things that
2 we've done in the environment and we're looking
3 for some help to go out there and be a
4 representative to the community and it's also a
5 good chance to meet people and find out what
6 some of the community concerns are. Again, the
7 Earth Day activities take place on Woodlawn
8 Lake. There were about 500 people last year.
9 We're looking for more than that this year. And
10 we will have a display, so we're looking for
11 volunteers -- San Pedro Park -- I have been
12 corrected -- not at Woodlawn Lake this year.
13 Thank you, Mike. I don't want to take you to
14 the wrong place. That's a big difference.
15 We'll be at San Pedro Park this year. That's
16 probably why there were so few people last
17 year. Better publicity for a better turn out.
18 We need volunteers wherever it is if you're
19 interested in coming and spending an afternoon
20 helping us out. We'd appreciate it.

21 MR. TREVINO: Again, this is
22 Richard from Kelly Air Force Base -- but, you
23 know, Dick's request and plead for support is
24 genuine. Because what we're trying to do is get
25 the interaction between -- not just a technical

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1 staff -- but also the RAB members in turn to
2 present this at Earth Day to have what we
3 consider a combined team -- as we call it --
4 to represent the -- not just Kelly Air Force
5 Base -- but the RAB as a whole. And, again, it
6 is a Saturday, so hopefully there will be
7 little, if any, conflict and we're asking --
8 yeah -- that would be on everyone's own time --
9 but we would ask for your support on that. If,
10 in fact, that you are interested, again, please
11 get with Mr. Walters or Mr. Estrada. Their name
12 is posted.

13 And one other quick note, while we have
14 drilling activities going on, if, in fact, that
15 you would like to see these drilling activities
16 take place, please, again, make the same contact
17 with Mr. Estrada or Mr. Walters and we'll be
18 happy to take you down there and show you the
19 equipment and see how it basically operates. I
20 mean, we encourage that because that's another
21 level of education that we can offer everyone to
22 see how that particular technology works.

23 MR. BROWN: What dates is it
24 starting on?

25 MR. TREVINO: As an example, the

1 Strataprobe is thereabouts on 21 March -- I'm
2 sorry -- that is the drilling -- that's
3 predominantly monitoring wells. So, you'd like
4 to know how the monitoring of wells takes place,
5 by all means, let us know and we can coordinate
6 that. Because what that's going to allow us to
7 do is better meet your needs in terms of -- when
8 we say "monitoring wells," you know exactly what
9 that means and we say "taking it down to a
10 shallow groundwater," we can actually open up
11 some of these soil -- the soil core samples and
12 show you -- when we say black clay, brown clay,
13 Navarro, it will better help you understand from
14 a geologist-hydrologist standpoint what we're
15 talking about.

16 And, also, more importantly, on the
17 Quintana Road area -- that is the Strataprobe --
18 so if you are interested in doing that, again,
19 please -- if you'll contact Mr. Walters and we
20 can coordinate that. And if you want a much
21 more detailed presentation, we can get the
22 contractors out here. If, in fact, it's more
23 detailed than what we can offer in terms of
24 presentation, we can coordinate that with those
25 particular contractors. So, again, this is

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1 just -- this is for your benefit, so that when
2 you basically get a call from a community member
3 that's out in the residential area, when they
4 say "Well, what in the heck is a Strataprobe?"
5 At least you won't be caught behind the eight
6 ball. You can at least give them some kind of
7 explanation. So, I throw that out truthfully
8 and if you do want to, in fact, have that
9 presentation or that tour, you're more than
10 welcome.

11 MR. CATCHINGS: What were the
12 dates for the Strataprobe?

13 MR. TREVINO: Strataprobe was --

14 MR. WALTERS: Ron Catchings.

15 MR. TREVINO: It will probably be
16 around the 21st. It may be a little bit later
17 than that. It should be late this month.

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: Could we have
19 those dates in these progress reports --
20 approximate date -- March 21 through --

21 MR. CATCHINGS: You know, that
22 depends on when our contractors --

23 MR. BAILEY: Yes, we will put
24 approximate dates in that.

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: Otherwise,

1 that's going to cause a lot of questions -- on
2 both of them -- just approximately on that
3 date -- that's fine.

4 MR. BAILEY: Right. We'll
5 probably put it in terms of a week or whatever,
6 but we'll do that.

7 If I could, I'd like to somewhat -- not
8 jump -- but go from the new business into the
9 overall summary area. There are a couple items
10 that I'd like to make sure that we surface
11 tonight, so that everybody here has some idea as
12 to what to expect in the national news coverage
13 regarding Kelly Air Force Base on two fronts.
14 The first point concerns reduction in -- or the
15 proposed reduction in cleanup dollars.
16 Mr. Quintanilla was talking about -- earlier --
17 about a million -- multiple million dollar
18 reduction in the Department of Defense budget
19 for cleaning up past contaminated sites. The
20 United States house has come up with a certain
21 dollar threshold. The United States Congress
22 has come up with something which is about six
23 times what the house has. They're looking at a
24 compromise right now. How that will impact the
25 program at Kelly Air Force Base, we absolutely

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1 have no earthly idea. But I want to prepare you
2 for it because there's going to be something
3 coming about it in the national press when
4 Congress just says, "The dollars are going to be
5 cut back." Now, if that's going to impact us at
6 all is in question today. But I want to make
7 sure that you're sensitized because there should
8 be a national article on that issue.

9 Another item which concerns the base
10 realignment and closure -- there have been some
11 questions asked of us -- directly prior to the
12 meeting tonight and at other times -- with the
13 closure of Brooks, does it mean that Kelly will
14 be taking on more work? First of all, the
15 closure of Brooks is recommended at this time.
16 There is nothing that has been finalized and
17 until the July 1995 time period of this year, we
18 still don't know what will take place. There's
19 all kinds of options which could surface between
20 now and that time. So, it's truly conjecture on
21 our part to say what would take place. So, in
22 essence, we really don't have an answer right
23 now and probably won't until July -- and maybe
24 not even have one in the July time period -- but
25 we'll do our best to find out for anybody who

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1 wants us to try and get some more facts.

2 Another item that I'd like to call to
3 everybody's attention is -- there has been
4 some -- pardon me -- visual aids that have
5 been used tonight -- visual aids in the sense of
6 overviews -- a map over there -- there is more
7 information which we believe needs to be shown
8 to the general public and there are different
9 ways to go about it. So, I would like to just
10 throw this out as an action for every RAB member
11 that between now and the next time when we meet,
12 if you would, sit down and think about what are
13 some of those visual aids that you have seen
14 used -- the more positive ones -- the ones that
15 have had an impact with the general public to
16 take somewhat complex and technical issues and
17 take them to a level for which the general
18 public will understand. For those people who
19 have had some involvement or have seen something
20 years ago on what happened at Love Canal -- the
21 people at Love Canal had -- not only the 3-D
22 pictures of what actually took place -- but they
23 actually had models to show. In essence --
24 while it's hard to believe that Love Canal was
25 probably a good place to do what they did -- all

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1 of the sudden you had a lot of people come in
2 and start to put infrastructure lines, gas lines
3 sanitary lines and those lines -- when they
4 started to go through all these clay-capped
5 areas -- then allowed the transfer of these
6 chemicals to go from all different types of
7 areas over to residential areas. So, there are
8 some great pictorials that have been used in
9 that area. We're going to try and capture
10 those, but I would ask that when you go back --
11 take a look -- recall where you've been -- what
12 have been those positive ones? Maybe it's
13 something that your kids have done at some
14 science fair or you've seen something that has
15 caught your eye, please bring that information
16 back to the RAB group. Because we need to make
17 sure that the people off the base understand
18 what we're talking about and we're just
19 entering, now, some of the most technical --
20 technically challenging areas that we face in
21 the cleanup program at Kelly Air Force Base.
22 So, it behooves all of us to find those best
23 techniques possible.

24 A couple of the other items -- I'd like to
25 talk about the next RAB meeting. I apologize.

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1 I made the mistake just a while ago -- I'd like
2 to show this very quickly -- I apologize to
3 Mr. Quintanilla. Earlier, we had talked about
4 and voted that we would have the next RAB
5 meeting every six to eight weeks and when you
6 asked me when the next one was I had said --
7 what did I say -- April 10th -- which is four
8 weeks from today. Recognizing what the schedule
9 is, I want to go back over this just to make
10 sure. It's not the six to eight weeks that I
11 talked about and that we had said yes to. It's
12 in a much closer time period. I'd like for us
13 to take a look at the schedule and see if we
14 still wish to go with April 10th or if you wish
15 to move it to April 17th. Do you wish to keep
16 it at April 10th? Because I said six to eight
17 weeks, which would have meant that we would have
18 been meeting more about April 24th or beyond. I
19 want to make sure that I put it in the proper
20 context, because that's what we voted on
21 earlier.

22 MR. MIXON: We voted on six to
23 eight weeks. You just messed up on the date.

24 MR. BAILEY: That's right.

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: We voted on

1 four weeks.

2 MR. BAILEY: Well, I want to make
3 sure that everybody's conscious now of what we
4 see. If we do it six weeks, then what we set
5 it -- April 24th. Does that create a problem?
6 I want to make sure, because I'm the one who was
7 outspoken and should have been quiet.

8 MR. BROWN: Larry, I thought we
9 voted on two 30-day -- or four week --

10 MR. BAILEY: Maybe it's me that's
11 confused even more now.

12 MR. MIXON: There was two
13 proposals. One was for the two four weeks and
14 then the other proposal was for the six to eight
15 weeks.

16 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

17 MR. BROWN: We went with the four
18 weeks is what I thought we did.

19 MR. MIXON: Six to eight won.

20 MR. BROWN: I was asleep.

21 MR. MIXON: He said six to eight
22 weeks won.

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: I have no
24 quarrels with that as long as we meet before
25 May 1st.

1 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Going back to
2 this again then, the next RAB meeting will be
3 April 24th rather than April 10th.

4 MR. HAGELTHORN: Same place?

5 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Next issue is
6 where do we meet. The date, Monday; the time,
7 still 6:00 o'clock; the location -- people have
8 talked about here. I believe we need to find a
9 larger facility for this. So, before next time
10 that we meet, if it's acceptable to everybody, I
11 will take it as an action to come back and
12 provide some alternate locations, so
13 periodically we may still wish to meet here, but
14 possibly meet at other locations in and around
15 the Kelly Air Force Base area. We had talked
16 about it at the first RAB meeting at alternating
17 at times. I want to make sure that we're still
18 focused on that. While this is important --
19 it's close to this neighborhood -- there are
20 going to be some issues that we raise that may
21 be more directly associated with the north
22 side -- while it's not that far away -- it
23 still is -- can we find a place closer to --
24 let's say the Growdon Road area -- also, on
25 other areas closer to what we call Zone 1 and

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1 the Security Hill area and maybe there is a
2 location off base there that's closer to that
3 area so that we can hold a meeting there.

4 So, we're going to be meeting on the 24th
5 and, if it's acceptable to everybody, we will
6 meet back here on the 24th at 6:00 o'clock and
7 then we will have a listing for you of other
8 locations that I'd like for you to take a look
9 at and vote on -- won't have any pictures to
10 show you -- but we'll be able to give you a
11 layout of the size and et cetera. Okay.

12 Yes, sir?

13 MR. MARTINEZ: Did you say the
14 24th of April, sir?

15 MR. BAILEY: Yes, sir.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: I believe that's
17 Fiesta week and the River Parade that night, so
18 I don't know how many people you're going to get
19 to come out there.

20 MR. MIXON: That's a holiday.
21 Can't have that.

22 MR. TREVINO: I thought the night
23 Parade -- This is Richard -- I thought the night
24 parade was on a Friday. The 24th is a Monday.
25 The river parade -- That's river parade?

1 MR. BAILEY: Okay. We have
2 another option. We either move it back a week
3 to May 1st -- have it on May 1st -- on the
4 Monday -- or --

5 MS. MCCARTNEY: That's a public
6 hearing meeting.

7 MR. BAILEY: The 17th of April
8 then? We'll move it back to the 17th of
9 April -- the 17th of April. Somehow I think
10 we've walked around this. At this time, I'd
11 like to formally thank everybody for coming --

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: Before you
13 close, I want to know what the agenda is going
14 to be for the next meeting on the 17th. What
15 items are we going to be discussing?

16 MR. BAILEY: I haven't gotten
17 there yet. I'm going to get there in just a
18 second. There are some specific items that we
19 feel that need to be coming up, so I'd like to
20 just touch upon some of those -- Richard, please
21 feel free to interject. Some of the items that
22 we will be talking about a little bit more in
23 detail are the various zone approaches that we
24 may be hearing coming from the feasibility
25 studies. There are certain types of

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1 technologies that are going to be talked about.
2 We think that the next meeting should take a
3 look at -- where we actually start talking about
4 what these technologies mean, so that the RAB
5 members can be better prepared to discuss that
6 with people off the base and also just to give
7 us feedback on questions and insight that you
8 might have. But it's going to be more focused
9 on those types of technologies that we see being
10 utilized in and around or on or off Kelly Air
11 Force Base. That's going to be the primary
12 agenda item other than the ones that we've just
13 talked about tonight -- and there are going to
14 be very few of those -- so that's what we're
15 going to focus in on.

16 The idea is to bring people in and have
17 them see this as best we can -- what we're
18 talking about. We're going to have pictures,
19 some diagrams, what it means. There have been
20 questions asked from other parties relative to,
21 Are you going to have an incinerator out on
22 our" -- whatever -- well, it's important that
23 we be able to answer those questions, because
24 that's not what we're talking about. We're not
25 talking incinerators out on somebody's property

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1 and -- that's not the kinds of technologies
2 we're looking at here.

3 Yes, ma'am?

4 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Bailey, I'd
5 like to thank Mr. Walters for enlightening me
6 the other day on that tank that was out there on
7 Growdon Road. I had numerous calls about it.
8 Everybody that was going to work was calling me
9 about it and they thought they were digging
10 another hole for another tank to go in there and
11 it was a superficial -- I had gone and seen the
12 base of it and I thought it would be above
13 ground -- but he did come out and he explained
14 to me and I wanted to thank him for it.

15 MR. BAILEY: Well, thank you very
16 much. Were there any other comments?

17 MR. TREVINO: If I could just
18 add -- the issues that we talked about just at
19 this meeting -- just as action items that we
20 have taken back -- is one -- if you follow your
21 current agenda that you have, it will follow for
22 the most part, administratively -- the charter
23 and the application are one that we're going to
24 go back and revise and then we'll be looking for
25 RAB concurrence on the revised charter and

1 application. Also, we'll be looking on the
2 approval of the March 6th meeting minutes, so
3 that would be an agenda topic. We're also going
4 to go back and look at the RAB membership for
5 Mr. Lexia and also Mr. Smith and have them, if,
6 in fact, they wish to now become RAB members,
7 they will be here to basically speak for
8 themselves as we have put it. Also, to
9 coordinate with the Texas Natural Resource
10 Conservation Commission to provide the legal
11 presentation. Also, as action items for us as a
12 point of discussion on recommendations on the
13 newsletter, we're going to come back with the
14 news media in terms of a listing. In addition
15 to that, we're -- the RAB will come back and
16 provide input to visual aids in terms of how we,
17 Kelly Air Force Base and the RAB as a whole, can
18 better communicate the information and
19 because -- what I see as also in there -- since
20 it will be closed to the public hearing -- I
21 would recommend that we provide another update
22 in terms -- we'll be providing to you time,
23 place, date, everything on the public hearing on
24 when it will be taking place. I see that that's
25 six agenda topics. If there are others, as

1 Mr. Bailey has indicated, we can add those to
2 it. Yes, Mr. Rice.

3 MR. RICE: I think -- George
4 Rice -- we'll have received -- or you'll have
5 received some -- some comments on some of the
6 proposed actions by the time we meet next time.
7 Could we just have a quick report on those
8 comments?

9 MR. TREVINO: Yes, sir.

10 MR. BAILEY: Now, please know
11 that -- please note that while we've gone
12 through this listing of specific actions that
13 we've seen from here -- the comment from
14 Mr. Rice -- this is dynamic. So, if something
15 happens in the next two to three weeks and you
16 feel that an issue needs to be added, you need
17 to contact us.

18 MR. TREVINO: What I would ask,
19 is, if, in fact, you do have those comments,
20 please give them to us as early as possible
21 prior to the next RAB meeting. Because it will
22 be very close to the public hearing, we are
23 going to be investing much, much time and effort
24 in coordinating -- not only that
25 demonstration -- but our preparation for the

1 public hearing, because that is going to be a
2 major effort. So, I would ask that, if, in
3 fact, that you do have comments that you give
4 them to us as quickly as possible, because
5 that's only going to give us -- or give us more
6 time to better respond to you. If it does
7 require us much time -- it's very, very
8 technical -- it may take us more than just one
9 RAB sitting to address those issues. So, if you
10 could please get those to us as quickly as
11 possible, I would appreciate it.

12 MR. BAILEY: I'd like to thank
13 everybody for coming.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: Before you
15 close, will you tell us a little bit about
16 this -- the spill into Leon Creek by the
17 contractor on Wednesday, February the 8th, and
18 what is being done to preclude possible --

19 MR. BAILEY: There was an article
20 that was in the newspaper a while back -- maybe
21 over a week ago -- relative to a spill that had
22 reached Leon Creek. Kelly Air Force Base went
23 and investigated the spill incident. We made a
24 determination that a private contractor who was
25 working on Kelly Air Force Base was involved.

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1 The contractor had admitted that they, in fact,
2 did discharge -- we will call it some impacted
3 water -- contaminated water in a storm water
4 outfall -- which did reach Leon Creek.

5 Most of it, fortunately, we were able to
6 stop and divert to the Industrial Wastewater
7 Treatment Plant. However, some did reach the
8 creek. Specifically, the actions that we've
9 taken right now -- some are ongoing with our
10 contracting directorate -- and there are various
11 actions which are being pursued by Kelly Air
12 Force Base to the contractor and we're also
13 working with the TNRCC to see if, in fact, there
14 are any actions that they will be taking. We do
15 not know whether they will be formally taking
16 any action. We do know at Kelly Air Force Base
17 that we will be looking at taking some type of
18 action, but we just don't know what it is to
19 date.

20 There are two key issues of importance.
21 Number one is, because of the work that's been
22 done at Kelly Air Force Base, we now know that
23 if there is some discharge -- we know most of
24 the time -- which means it's not 50 percent --
25 but in our 90 percent confidence level -- we

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1 know where the stuff's coming from. Now, we
2 don't know necessarily who put it there -- in
3 this case, we do know who put it there. To be
4 very candid, the -- a senior official -- it
5 sounds like a newspaper article -- a senior
6 official with the firm admitted fault, so there
7 was no denial on the part of the firm. So,
8 appropriate action will be taken. But I think
9 it's good for people to know that someone else
10 other than Kelly Air Force Base was involved
11 with this and it's not only us who unfortunately
12 has these types of incidents.

13 MR. MIXON: What was it?

14 MR. BAILEY: It was some material
15 that -- I guess you'd say it was a combination
16 of some hydrocarbons and some tar-like
17 substance. It was a paving contractor who was
18 working out on the runway area at Kelly Air
19 Force Base.

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: See, these are
21 good things to let the people know -- perhaps on
22 the progress report -- this happened -- it
23 wasn't our fault -- you know, and this is the
24 things that we're going to do to preclude that.

25 Another thing that should go on the

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1 progress report -- on the wells and the probe
2 that you-all are going to put in -- is the
3 cost. That's what the people want to know.
4 What is this costing and -- you know, an
5 approximate cost of a -- so many wells that
6 you're putting in there. What is the
7 approximate cost of the probe?

8 MR. BAILEY: We'll explain the
9 depth. We'll explain approximately what we hope
10 to find and give some type of range as to what
11 we're looking at within that contract.

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: And also the
13 results of these --

14 MR. BAILEY: Oh, absolutely.

15 MR. QUINTANILLA: The follow-up.

16 MR. BAILEY: Right. That's the
17 key. That's at the point where we are right
18 now. As many people here have pointed out --
19 and I'm sure as more people become very actively
20 engaged in dealing with the general public --
21 now it's a confidence level. You can't afford
22 to let that confidence level go down. Any other
23 comments?

24 MR. MIXON: I move we adjourn.

25 MR. BAILEY: Yes, sir?

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MR. MARTINEZ: I was wondering,
did you guys participate in ECAMP.

MR. BAILEY: Did we participate
in that?

MR. MARTINEZ: Yes.

MR. BAILEY: Yes.

MR. MARTINEZ: Can we get a
report on that? Is there any way we can get a
report?

MR. BAILEY: Sure. Right after
the meeting I will talk to you about that and we
can talk to you about how that works and what
the results show. I'd like to thank everybody
for coming. The RAB meeting is adjourned.
There are some other issues that some people had
said -- that we can talk about -- and we're here
afterwards to talk about. Thank you very much.

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