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IN RE THE MATTER OF:
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PRESENT:

Tracy Mc Coughlin	Booz Allen Hamilton
Owen Thompson	USEPA
Chris Hill	IEPA
Bill Harris	AFRPA
Tim Mitchell	News-Gazette
Lorraine Wirges	RAB Member
Caryl E. Fothergill	RAB Member
Mark Rodriguez	AFCEE
Greg Hazel	Village of Rantoul
Pete Passarelli	Village of Rantoul
Dewey Shreves	Citizen of Rantoul
Reed Berger	Village of Rantoul
Diane Shields	Village of Rantoul
Howard Pissert (sp)	Citizen of Rantoul
Pete Johnson	Citizen of Rantoul
Katy Podagrou	Citizen of Rantoul
Dave Wacker	Booz Allen Hamilton

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MS. DAWKINS: Good afternoon,
3 everybody. My name is Larisa Dawkins. I am the
4 Interim Public Health -- excuse me, Public
5 Affairs Officer. And so I'm just going to be
6 running the Meeting today, and I'll probably be
7 here for your next RAB. But then after that,
8 I'll kind of phase out because you're going to be
9 hiring a Public Affairs Officer.

10 So just to let you know, don't get used
11 to the face. Well, kind of get used to the face.

12 Okay, I'd like everyone -- is it okay
13 if everyone just introduces themselves?

14 MR. FOTHERGILL: That would be fine.

15 MS. DAWKINS: Start with Reed.

16 MR. BERGER: Okay. I'm Reed Berger
17 with the Village of Rantoul and I apologize about
18 the chairs, too. You've got to watch them when
19 you kind of lean back. You're safe back there.

20 I just wanted to very quickly just
21 mention that I am the Representative for the
22 Village on the Air Force Base area that we lease
23 from the Air Force for those of you that are new
24 here.

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1 We don't own it, not yet, but we're in
2 process slowly.

3 MR. HILL: I'm Chris Hill. I'm the
4 Project Manager for the Illinois Environmental
5 Protection Agency.

6 MR. THOMPSON: And I'm Owen Thompson.
7 I am the Project Manager from the US EPA,
8 Region 5 in Chicago.

9 MR. HAZEL: I'm Craig Hazel. I'm the
10 Director of Public Works for the Village of
11 Rantoul.

12 DR. HARRIS: I'm Bill Harris. I'm the
13 BRAC Environmental Coordinator here at the
14 facility.

15 MR. FOTHERGILL: Caryl Fothergill, RAB
16 Member.

17 MS. WIRGES: Lorraine Wirges, RAB
18 Member.

19 MS. MC COUGHLIN: Tracy Mc Coughlin
20 with Booz Allen Hamilton. I'm a Community
21 Relations Specialist and I support Larisa Dawkins
22 and the Air Force.

23 MS. PODAGROU: Hi, I'm Katy Podagrou
24 and I'm a citizen.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm Mark Rodriguez.
2 I'm temporarily coming back and forth. You might
3 be seeing me here in September also. I work with
4 AFCEE while Darren is on deployment and I'll be
5 substituting with Craig Peterman.

6 MS. SHIELDS: Diane Shields, citizen
7 and employee of the Village of Rantoul.

8 MR. SHREVES: I'm Dewey Shreves, local
9 resident.

10 MR. PASSARELLI: I'm Pete Passarelli.
11 I'm the Assistant Director for Public Works for
12 the Village of Rantoul.

13 MR. MITCHELL: Tim Mitchell with the
14 News-Gazette.

15 MR. WACKER: I'm Dave Wacker. I work
16 with Booz Allen Hamilton and I support Dr. Harris
17 here at the Base doing environmental work.

18 DR. HARRIS: Just one thing for some of
19 you that might not know, Darren is our -- Darren
20 Guttman, our AFCEE Field Engineer, is on a
21 military deployment for six months to
22 Afghanistan.

23 So hopefully your thoughts are with
24 him. His family is still here in town. And

1 we're hoping everything goes well over the next
2 six months for him.

3 MS. DAWKINS: Next slide. So we have a
4 couple guests the, that's good. Nice to see you.

5 And now we need approval for the
6 Meeting Minutes. Has everyone had an opportunity
7 to go over them?

8 MS. WIRGES: I so move.

9 MR. FOTHERGILL: I second.

10 MS. DAWKINS: Okay, passes. The
11 Meeting Minutes are approved.

12 The next item up for business is we
13 need to -- appointment of any additional
14 Community Members.

15 Are there any Community Members that
16 would like to be a part of the RAB that are here?

17 (No audible response.)

18 MS. DAWKINS: Any takers?

19 MR. BERGER: In relation to that
20 question, if people want to be on the Board, do
21 we -- I just haven't caught up here on whether or
22 not -- did we put out a publication requesting
23 people to attend today or for people that want to
24 be a part of the RAB?

1 MS. DAWKINS: Well, there's always an
2 advertisement that goes out announcing that the
3 meeting would take place today.

4 MR. BERGER: Right.

5 MS. DAWKINS: But as far as
6 specifically --

7 MR. BERGER: -- asking if they want
8 to --

9 MS. DAWKINS: -- to be on the RAB, no.

10 MR. BERGER: I was just curious.

11 MR. FOTHERGILL: It was advertised in
12 The Rantoul Press numerous times. It was also
13 advertised in the News Gazette.

14 MR. BERGER: For getting members to --

15 MR. FOTHERGILL: For this meeting.

16 MS. DAWKINS: For the meeting today.

17 MR. BERGER: Right.

18 MS. PODAGROU: Advertised or
19 publicized?

20 MS. DAWKINS: Publicized I think.

21 MR. FOTHERGILL: Publicized for anybody
22 who wants to attend.

23 MS. PODAGROU: Because I don't take The
24 Rantoul Press and if it's like an ad in the

1 Gazette, I'm not going to find it. But normally
2 if there's an article --

3 MR. FOTHERGILL: It was just in last
4 week's.

5 MS. MC COUGHLIN: I'll get you a copy
6 of the ad.

7 MS. PODAGROU: Oh, I don't need that.
8 I just was wondering if there was a mailing list.

9 MS. DAWKINS: Not yet but we'll be
10 working on that.

11 MS. PODAGROU: Yeah, I'll like to be on
12 a mailing list.

13 MR. BERGER: I think that will be one
14 of the issues we'll want to talk about.

15 But my question is specifically related
16 to: Have we made a request out as a part of
17 publicity that we want more people on the RAB?

18 MS. DAWKINS: Not yet.

19 MR. BERGER: Okay.

20 MS. DAWKINS: We just finished a
21 Community Relations Plan.

22 MR. BERGER: Right.

23 MS. DAWKINS: And we're going to be
24 going over that and coming out with a next step.

1 MR. BERGER: Okay.

2 MS. DAWKINS: And that's probably one
3 of the next steps.

4 But right now anyone in here, I'm just
5 asking, is there anyone in here who would like to
6 become a Community Member?

7 MR. BERGER: Okay.

8 MS. MC COUGHLIN: We haven't solicited
9 officially for any RAB Members.

10 MR. BERGER: Okay, all right. I was
11 just curious.

12 MS. DAWKINS: So, once again, Community
13 Members, any Community -- any people from the
14 community present who would like to be Community
15 Members on the RAB, Restoration Advisory Board,
16 Voice of the People?

17 (No audible response.)

18 MR. BERGER: We probably have a lot of
19 things to cover today. Do I understand we're
20 going to be taking a tour?

21 MS. DAWKINS: No. That tour has been
22 canceled due to the weather, so we're going to
23 reschedule that. Is that right, Bill?

24 DR. HARRIS: Well, I guess that's the

1 option of the Community Members here whether
2 you'all want to go out there today.

3 You know, we'll probably have to stick
4 to the roads pretty much because of the mud and
5 so forth out there but we'd be more than glad to
6 take you if you want to go.

7 Or we can we reschedule it for another
8 date. It doesn't have to be associated with a
9 RAB meeting necessarily. I just -- I don't want
10 to get stuck behind some landfill.

11 MR. BERGER: I agree. It's probably
12 very difficult to move out around out there and
13 it's not a good time to do it, unless somebody
14 feels a great urge to get out there. But I would
15 like to still think that we're going to do that.

16 MS. MC COUGHLIN: Can I -- that's
17 actually in --

18 MS. DAWKINS: That's actually in the
19 slide presentation.

20 MR. BERGER: Okay.

21 MS. DAWKINS: We'll get to that.

22 MR. BERGER: Okay.

23 MS. DAWKINS: Is that okay?

24 MR. BERGER: Oh, yeah, move it along.

1 MS. DAWKINS: Okay, all right.

2 So since there aren't any appointments
3 of additional Community Members, any current
4 sitting RAB Members, is there a Motion -- would
5 either one of you -- there are only two today?

6 MR. BERGER: There's always a question.
7 I think I'm on the list. The RAB? RAB Members?
8 Is that what you're asking?

9 MS. DAWKINS: Uh-huh, so then that's
10 three?

11 MR. BERGER: That would be right.

12 MS. DAWKINS: Okay, so there are three
13 here?

14 MR. HILL: Are you talking from the
15 Community?

16 MS. DAWKINS: From the Community. What
17 I'm actually looking for is to try to see if at
18 this meeting you'all want to appoint a RAB
19 Co-Chair.

20 From my understanding, the previous
21 gentleman left and he appointed someone in his
22 stead.

23 MR. WACKER: Gary Adams, are you
24 talking about?

1 MS. MC COUGHLIN: I don't think he
2 appointed anyone. I think it's vacant at this
3 point.

4 MS. DAWKINS: It's vacant at this
5 point?

6 MR. WACKER: Right.

7 MR. BERGER: If we could unless it's
8 absolutely necessary right now, I would ask that
9 we defer that --

10 MS. DAWKINS: That's fine.

11 MR. BERGER: -- (continuing) the reason
12 being is that we have done historically as we
13 have had -- since the Village of Rantoul
14 Administrator, we're very close to a decision on
15 that.

16 MS. DAWKINS: On selecting one?

17 MR. BERGER: On selecting a new one. I
18 think there was discussion last night at a
19 special Board Meeting.

20 So while I can't speak to that at this
21 moment, I know there are steps being taken that
22 we should have that vacancy filled very quickly.

23 MS. DAWKINS: So if that's the case, if
24 you want to hold off on that, would you also like

1 to hold off on potentially adopting the RAB
2 Guidelines?

3 MR. BERGER: I would prefer that right
4 now until we've had a little more discussion.

5 And my other question is it's about our
6 overall attendance of our membership. There are
7 some people here that are also missing and it
8 would be nice to at least get some contact with
9 them unless you've heard.

10 MS. DAWKINS: Yes, ma'am?

11 MS. WIRGES: In regard to the RAB
12 Members, the civilian members, Cathy Marsh
13 indicated to me that she could no longer serve.

14 And Lou Kowalski is critically ill.
15 And my understanding at the last meeting was that
16 Caryl and I were going to try to find people who
17 would be interested in sitting on the Board as
18 civilian members.

19 And I had no luck in that, and
20 Caryl --

21 MR. FOTHERGILL: No.

22 MS. WIRGES: -- (continuing) you didn't
23 have any luck either?

24 MR. FOTHERGILL: No.

1 MR. BERGER: May I suggest -- I was
2 just going to suggest that maybe we haven't gone
3 out and contacted all our Base users about this
4 particular issue, but being that there are people
5 also on the Base today, suppose when we consider
6 Community Members if they're citizens of Rantoul
7 but also work, live on the Base.

8 MS. DAWKINS: Tracy, could you explain
9 how that process works real quick so everyone has
10 a basic understanding of how the process works.

11 MS. MC COUGHLIN: Well, as far as
12 soliciting and what we've done here to get more
13 RAB Members, and what we've done in the past is
14 we can advertise in the paper to solicit for
15 Community Members.

16 But also I think a lot of the mailing
17 lists that are out there, we can send post cards
18 and start marketing in that form and approaching
19 your tenants and also the property management.

20 MR. BERGER: But, Tracy, one of the
21 qualifying parts of this is they also have to be
22 also a citizen of Rantoul.

23 MS. MC COUGHLIN: You know, I can
24 double-check on that, but I don't even think that

1 that's outlined specifically in the marketing
2 guidelines.

3 DR. HARRIS: What we need to do -- when
4 RABs were originally formed, the guys at the Base
5 said you have to have a vested interest in the
6 area.

7 MS. MC COUGHLIN: Right. You don't
8 have to live in the area.

9 DR. HARRIS: It doesn't mean that you
10 have to be a Resident of Rantoul for instance,
11 but somehow you have an interest in the
12 environmental restoration of Chanute Air Force
13 Base.

14 So it may be tenants or even people in
15 the adjacent communities.

16 MS. MC COUGHLIN: It's very vague and
17 really left open for interpretation.

18 MR. THOMPSON: Okay.

19 MS. MC COUGHLIN: So it opens the
20 window, if you want to say that.

21 MR. THOMPSON: I've worked with RABs at
22 a number of different sites, and the ones that
23 seem to be more active than others, I remember
24 Ft. Sheridan was probably one of our most active

1 RABs. There would be 20 members that came on a
2 regular basis.

3 And man, those people came from, you
4 know, the suburbs. But we had a high school
5 student from about 20 miles away but she had a
6 general interest. And she was one of the most
7 effective people on the RAB there. She really
8 had some, you know, good opinions and ideas.

9 If they're members from environmental
10 organizations, people from Chicago who traveled
11 all the way up because they had an interest in
12 the kind of issues, you know, Lake Michigan and
13 open land and things like that. So that's
14 probably the people that live right there.

15 MS. DAWKINS: So right now what I'm
16 feeling from the RAB is that you all would like
17 to wait on the election of the Community
18 Co-Chair, once that person has been designated by
19 the City of Rantoul, a replacement to Adam, and
20 then you'all would like to wait on the discussion
21 of the potential adoption of the Guidelines; is
22 that okay?

23 (No audible response.)

24 MS. DAWKINS: Okay.

1 MR. THOMPSON: It's kind of overkill to
2 have, you know, this case is part of our legal
3 document covering an organization where only two
4 people are coming.

5 MS. DAWKINS: Well, there might be more
6 than two people.

7 MR. THOMPSON: But I think there are
8 going to be more --

9 MS. DAWKINS: Exactly.

10 MR. THOMPSON: -- (continuing) because,
11 you know, in the next few months as we start
12 making these clean-up decisions, it's going to be
13 a lot -- there will more interesting things to
14 talk about.

15 MS. DAWKINS: Once we do the next step
16 concerning the Community Relations Plan I'm
17 almost positive there should be a lot more
18 interest of the residents and those who have a
19 vested interest in the area.

20 And if all hearts and minds are clear,
21 the next slide, please.

22 The Landfill 2 Update and the
23 operations and maintenance contract, it was
24 awarded. And for that particular contract,

1 there's going to be -- the access road and
2 fencing is to be installed. And then the ground
3 cover continues to be monitored for sufficient
4 growth.

5 And if someone could pronounce the next
6 word for me.

7 DR. HARRIS: Leachate.

8 MS. DAWKINS: Leachate collection
9 system operations and study will commence this
10 fall.

11 Next slide.

12 MR. HAZEL: Where would be the
13 placement of the fence on Landfill 2 with regard
14 to the Creek?

15 DR. HARRIS: It's going to be between
16 the -- locations between the monitoring wells and
17 the landfill. So the monitoring wells will
18 actually be outside the fence.

19 MR. HAZEL: But the fence will be on
20 the landfill side --

21 DR. HARRIS: Yes.

22 MR. HAZEL: -- (continuing) of the
23 creek.

24 DR. HARRIS: Yes.

1 MR. THOMPSON: I think we've got an
2 ultimate goal here to try to get the (inaudible).

3 DR. HARRIS: Yes, that's our ultimate
4 goal.

5 MR. BERGER: What sort of a mechanism
6 achieves that?

7 MR. THOMPSON: It depends on how we
8 agree to clean up the Creek.

9 DR. HARRIS: I don't think the Creek is
10 actually a topic here.

11 As a matter of fact, just yesterday we
12 had a meeting with the risk assessors and so
13 forth on the Creek and have kind of a path
14 forward. And one of the concerns was risk for
15 fish tissue similar to the Heritage Lake issue.

16 And the Air Force has agreed to put
17 signage along the Creek until we take the action
18 that it's catch and release. People shouldn't be
19 ingesting the fish.

20 Now my experience down there at the
21 Creek, I've never seen any fish big enough to
22 eat. But, you know, if there are, there will be
23 signs there telling people, you know, to catch
24 and release them for now until we can move

1 forward with an action.

2 That action would have to go through
3 the normal process and there will be a Decision
4 Document that will be issued hopefully in the
5 next year that will formalize, you know, what the
6 approach will be for the remedy for the Creek
7 itself.

8 And during that time, we'll have public
9 hearings so the public has input into whether
10 they concur with our approach on the Creek and I
11 would envision that's probably a year from now
12 approximately.

13 MS. DAWKINS: But, Bill, as each remedy
14 is put in place --

15 DR. HARRIS: Then the goal is to where
16 the signs will come down and the fence will come
17 down, and we'll keep the fence in place.

18 The Regulators have requested we leave
19 the temporary fence in place along the Creek
20 until we do the remedy in the Creek.

21 MR. BERGER: Can I offer up another
22 thought?

23 DR. HARRIS: Okay.

24 MR. BERGER: Why would we have fishing

1 permitted, allow it, want it in any Creek anyway?

2 The Village would be saying why do we
3 want people parking along the road and fishing in
4 the Creek?

5 MR. WACKER: When I've seen it before
6 there's a lot of kids. It's been kids before
7 that just walk from either the trailer park there
8 at Chandler and 45 --

9 DR. HARRIS: Okay.

10 MR. WACKER: And they'll just walk down
11 with a couple rods and fish there, where the
12 storm water comes in between Landfills 1 and 2.
13 That's the biggest place I've seen fish.

14 MS. PODAGROU: Why would you put
15 restrictions on the Community when it really
16 isn't necessary?

17 I mean, what's it hurt to park back
18 there and fish in there if you're not going to
19 eat them?

20 MR. BERGER: No, I think the question
21 was whether or not we want to encourage any
22 fishing along the road. There's a narrow area
23 between the park up where the Creek is and the
24 Perimeter Road that goes around there. That was

1 my --

2 MS. PODAGROU: Give people credit for
3 being an adult, and let them take care of
4 themselves, you can't take care of them forever.

5 MR. BERGER: No, I understand.

6 DR. HARRIS: We're not encouraging
7 fishing. We're just making sure that people know
8 that if they do fish, use it as sport to catch it
9 and release.

10 MR. BERGER: Okay, that's good. I've
11 never seen anyone fish in there. But that's
12 okay.

13 MS. DAWKINS: Do you have a question
14 regarding --

15 DR. HARRIS: But I think -- going back
16 to the fence issue also taking down the temporary
17 fence. Right now the plan is to remove that
18 temporary fence along the Creek once that action
19 is complete. But we will have the fence in on
20 the Landfills with this current contract.

21 MS. DAWKINS: Any other questions
22 regarding the Landfills?

23 MR. HILL: Um-mmm. Could you give us
24 some information on the contractor that got

1 Operations and Maintenance Contract?

2 DR. HARRIS: It's EQM.

3 MR. HILL: Okay, now where are they
4 based out of?

5 DR. HARRIS: Cincinnati. They do spell
6 out Environmental Quality Management. But
7 they're an AFCEE contractor through AFCEE and
8 they won that based on -- it was a firm
9 fixed-price bid process.

10 And it's a contract to install some gas
11 probes, install some monitoring wells, and do the
12 fencing and then maintenance of the cap. It's
13 the primary issue, you know, erosion and so
14 forth, they will be required to do that. And I
15 believe it's a quarterly inspection, what it's --
16 whatever.

17 MR. HILL: I think it is primary. Does
18 that include mowing, too?

19 DR. HARRIS: The mowing was let as a
20 separate contract previously, and I think we took
21 mowing out of their contract. I believe that was
22 taken out. I don't imagine it's in there.

23 MR. MITCHELL: How long is the
24 contract?

1 DR. HARRIS: The contract -- I want to
2 say it runs through March of next year. And the
3 reason for that is our typically -- when we
4 usually get funding is the first part of the
5 calendar year, because it takes three months for
6 DOD to get the funding in place.

7 So we'll have it available in January
8 and then we'll use that first quarter to do our
9 contracting process. And then at that point, it
10 will be an annual contract. But this particular
11 one runs through March.

12 MR. HAZEL: Starting when?

13 DR. HARRIS: Starting now. It's been
14 awarded. It's been awarded.

15 They're producing some of their
16 documents, contract documents and also some
17 documents that they have to provide to the
18 Regulators.

19 MR. THOMPSON: Are we going to talk
20 about clearance along the side road? Do they
21 have the contract to do that?

22 DR. HARRIS: No, they're not the ones.

23 MR. BERGER: What's the side road?

24 DR. HARRIS: The drainage ditch that

1 runs along the south border of the Base that the
2 Air Force -- when the Air Force was active, the
3 Air Force had agreed to maintain a drainage ditch
4 along the south border of the Base, back to just
5 where Landfill 3 starts and discharges into the
6 Creek.

7 During the last ten years I guess we
8 have not maintained that. It was brought to our
9 attention, and we have since secured funding and
10 we have a bid in.

11 And I'm not sure it's been awarded yet.
12 But it should be awarded. If it hasn't been
13 awarded, it should be awarded within the next
14 week to remove the growth from the drainage
15 ditch;

16 And that's the -- like the willow trees
17 and all the trees that have grown up in there,
18 and also remove the sediment that's blocking the
19 farm tiles that are discharging from the farmland
20 in that area. So right now we're impacting that
21 farmland because it's not draining properly.

22 MR. BERGER: Is that -- do you think
23 that's a resolution with the farmer in this case?
24 I mean, did that satisfy their concerns; do you

1 know?

2 DR. HARRIS: Yes, I think that will
3 satisfy to the extent the ditch will satisfy.

4 MR. THOMPSON: If it works, yes.

5 DR. HARRIS: But there are other issues
6 as you go down the creek.

7 MR. JOHNSON: I've got a question. I'm
8 a farmer near there. Future maintenance like for
9 willow control, brush control and also for the
10 tile, outlet pipe linked tile, that tile's going
11 to be replaced; is that correct?

12 DR. HARRIS: If they're damaged during
13 removal of the sediment, they will be replaced
14 there at the edge -- the outfall.

15 Second part of that agreement: the
16 maintenance on that, the way we funded it is
17 based on our impact for our activities for
18 landfill construction and so forth.

19 The future requirement will go to the
20 future property owner, whoever owns that
21 property. So they will have the requirement to
22 maintain that as a drainage ditch.

23 MR. JOHNSON: A quick question: Now
24 some of the ditches when they dredge them out,

1 they'll go ahead and put a brush killer on the
2 stems.

3 And when it grows up the brush and the
4 dirt, you know, would it be possible to have the
5 Air Force, whatever they can see, to spray that
6 at that time to keep it down to a minimum?

7 DR. HARRIS: We have no intentions of
8 doing that. It's not in the contract to do that.
9 And we would probably have some concerns based on
10 our current investigations as to how that may or
11 may not impact those investigations. So I think
12 we -- the Air Force would be reluctant to do
13 that.

14 Now in the future when we no longer own
15 it, that's a different issue as to how you're
16 going to maintain it. And I think it will
17 eventually revert over to the Village as part of
18 the property that they're receiving.

19 MR. JOHNSON: So in the interim, say it
20 would take three years, five years for the
21 property to be transferred legally and the brush
22 does happen to grow, who would be responsible in
23 that interim?

24 DR. HARRIS: There's a lease

1 requirement for the maintenance of systems in the
2 lease language for each lease. The reason the
3 Air Force has agreed in this case to maintain
4 that on a one-time basis is really because prior
5 to the lease we had not maintained it, and we
6 also had significant impact we feel during a
7 construction activity at the Landfill.

8 MS. DAWKINS: Any other questions
9 regarding the Landfills Update?

10 (No audible response.)

11 MS. DAWKINS: Next slide.

12 Fuel storage, oh, I'm sorry.

13 MS. MC COUGHLIN: I was like, why are
14 you saying -- sorry about that.

15 MS. DAWKINS: On the Fuel Tank Update,
16 out of the 280 current or former fuel storage
17 tanks, we've actually closed 120 of them, and in
18 that process the tanks were removed and tested.
19 The soil was tested where the tanks were located,
20 and also we received Regulatory approval in our
21 remediation of those tanks.

22 And then the remaining tanks are in the
23 final stages of closure or they're either in the
24 planning or field work stage.

1 Any questions regarding the fuel
2 tanks -- fuel storage tanks?

3 MR. MITCHELL: Do you have an estimated
4 time when those tanks will be completed?

5 MS. DAWKINS: Bill?

6 DR. HARRIS: Our tank program right now
7 should be completed within the next 12 months.
8 That's assuming that we have no contamination
9 that will extend beyond that. But right now our
10 projection is 12 months and we should have
11 everything closed.

12 Most of the remaining tanks actually
13 are in some process -- part of the process of
14 closure, and we only have a few that really have
15 field activities still remaining.

16 MS. DAWKINS: Any other questions?
17 Yes, sir?

18 MR. HAZEL: I need to go back to the
19 landfill questions. The leachate collection
20 system operation --

21 DR. HARRIS: Yes.

22 MR. HAZEL: -- (continuing) study, what
23 will that entail?

24 DR. HARRIS: Primarily, we're doing

1 flow rate studies: how much leachate can we
2 extract? What's the consistency of that leachate
3 and constituents, and we have a pretreatment
4 system that we're going to be operating, and
5 we're ensuring that that system will adequately
6 treat the leachate to allow it to be direct
7 discharged to the Creek and meet all the
8 discharge requirements.

9 MR. HAZEL: So the initial interest in
10 that force main will drain to the Village?

11 DR. HARRIS: Probably has gone away.
12 We probably will not --

13 MR. HAZEL: What direction?

14 DR. HARRIS: -- (continuing) discharge
15 to the Village. We'll discharge directly.

16 MS. DAWKINS: Any other questions
17 regarding the Fuel Storage Tanks Update?

18 (No audible response.)

19 MS. DAWKINS: Okay. The Base wide
20 sampling since May 2002, we've completed 90
21 percent of it. And we have water sampling at
22 Heritage Lake and we've also done a sampling of
23 the Salt Fork Creek dredge piles.

24 Any questions regarding the Base wide

1 Sampling Update?

2 (No audible response.)

3 MS. DAWKINS: Next slide.

4 MR. SHREVES: Yeah, I have a question.

5 What's it mean when samples are complete?

6 DR. HARRIS: That means we've gone to
7 the field, we've done the actual collection
8 process, we've sent them to the laboratory, and
9 the laboratory has completed their analysis, and
10 sent us back the results.

11 So we have those initial results in
12 hand. Now there's another part of that process
13 to get them to final acceptance by the Regulatory
14 Community and that's a validation process to
15 ensure that the laboratories when they ran the
16 samples, the number value they give us is an
17 actual number that we can use to make decisions
18 from.

19 So the 90 percent completion means
20 we've been to the field, sent to the laboratory,
21 and we have results those results back.

22 MR. SHREVES: Okay, once that decision
23 is made, is there any further sampling?

24 DR. HARRIS: Yes.

1 MR. SHREVES: That the military has
2 responsibility for?

3 DR. HARRIS: Yes. We will continue
4 to -- a lot of times when we get samples back we
5 do our analysis on a location, what we have is we
6 have what we call data gaps. Where we're saying
7 well, we thought we had all the samples we
8 needed, but we really think we kind of have a
9 hole over here that we need additional
10 information.

11 The Air Force is responsible and will
12 go out and collect those additional samples and
13 then send them off to the same process.

14 We also have requirements if we have a
15 system in place or like if we have water --
16 groundwater issues or something. We have
17 long-term sampling requirements there that we'll
18 continue to do until such time as the Regulatory
19 Agencies give us the approval to discontinue our
20 sampling.

21 MR. THOMPSON: Also, if there's a
22 clean-up action to be taken that required
23 something to be dug up and removed, there will be
24 sampling involved, with closure sampling.

1 DR. HARRIS: This 90 percent complete
2 is really on our initial study area, for the
3 study --

4 MS. PODAGROU: From a layman's
5 perspective, on a scale say of one to ten, ten
6 being the best and one being the worst, on the
7 average what are you finding out there?

8 I mean, is it something the Community
9 should be uncomfortable with, like two's and
10 three's, if one's the worst?

11 Or is it mostly eight's and nine's?

12 DR. HARRIS: Just to give you some idea
13 of my previous experience, there's basically 30
14 major Air Force installations that have closed
15 into BRAC property.

16 I personally have been to about 24 of
17 those installations. If I was to rate Chanute
18 and rack 'n stack it, Chanute is on the least
19 concerned part of those I've seen.

20 It's not to say that we don't have some
21 areas that have things to be concerned about.
22 There are some small isolated areas. The
23 advantage here at Chanute is the soil type.

24 The soil is very tight, lots of clays.

1 They tend to hold contamination in place and it
2 actually creates a lot of problems when you're
3 trying to investigate. You can't investigate it
4 very effectively.

5 Things don't move where you think it's
6 going to. So from that standpoint, we do have
7 locations - and primarily down around the OU-2
8 which is the southern part where the Fire
9 Training Area is, the landfills --

10 MS. PODAGROU: Say the 900 Area?

11 DR. HARRIS: The 900 Area. We have --
12 down in those areas I think - and these guys can
13 agree or disagree - but I think those are the
14 areas that we see that we have some chlorinated
15 solvents, like, you hear TCE, those type of
16 things have been released from some sort of
17 historical operation.

18 We're trying to determine now and
19 ensure now that it's not impacting both the Creek
20 and also going deeper into a deep drinking water
21 supply for someone. But the deeper groundwater
22 is 100 feet, something like that, and we're
23 really seeing most of our contamination stopping
24 more like 30 right now.

1 We haven't noticed it going deep, deep.
2 But there are some isolated areas; building 995
3 comes to mind. That is probably a concern area.
4 It's one of our biggest concern areas.

5 MS. PODAGROU: Which -- which --

6 DR. HARRIS: That is a test cell
7 where -- I don't remember what the operations
8 are.

9 MS. PODAGROU: Oh, back there, that
10 trashy place?

11 DR. HARRIS: Yes.

12 MS. PODAGROU: Oh, okay.

13 DR. HARRIS: Which creates its own
14 problems for us, because we try to get out there
15 and sample and it's difficult to get out there
16 and sample. But some of the operations that
17 happened when the Air Force were there. We're
18 also looking over around the landfill to make
19 sure that the landfill --

20 MS. PODAGROU: That's okay. I hear
21 it -- anyway, we're not -- every city in the
22 United States has problems.

23 DR. HARRIS: Right.

24 MS. PODAGROU: These are not

1 inordinate, especially in the major part of the
2 Base where the major part of the industrial and
3 commercial activity is going on.

4 DR. HARRIS: No. I think overall for
5 the nature of the operations that an Air Force
6 Base has that our problems are not --

7 MR. THOMPSON: Well, there isn't a
8 major human health exposure going on.

9 DR. HARRIS: Yes, that's true.

10 MR. THOMPSON: Which is why this
11 project was structured for so long. It didn't
12 present major human health threat directly to
13 anybody.

14 The challenge here is that there's lots
15 of areas of contamination that are kind of spread
16 around a large area. In fact, it's going to be
17 kind of hard to clean them up or figure out what
18 to do.

19 MS. PODAGROU: Maybe this isn't the
20 right time in this meeting to ask this question,
21 but I -- but it's a burning question with me, and
22 that is that I'm concerned that more and more of
23 the Base properties especially on the main part
24 of the Base are looking dilapidated.

1 And that grass over there, I think it's
2 just this side of the -- what's that hangar? And
3 I don't know if, if it's the trucking, I don't
4 know if Rental Products uses that or not, but
5 it -- you know, but it's over in this area of the
6 Base, the grass needs to be cut.

7 And it's my understanding that it can't
8 be cut because that's an area of concern. Well,
9 I was talking with some other Air Force people at
10 a meeting out at Monterey this past week - and
11 they might have called you, I don't know. Some
12 of them said they would.

13 DR. HARRIS: I talked to John.

14 MS. PODAGROU: Did ya?

15 DR. HARRIS: I didn't talk to him. I
16 got a message from him.

17 MS. PODAGROU: Okay. But he said
18 there's no problem with cutting it as long as it
19 lays there.

20 DR. HARRIS: It does not.

21 MS. PODAGROU: Then why can't we clean
22 it up?

23 You know, people are coming out here
24 now to look at our Community and that is our

1 Community. And everything that can be made to
2 look better should be made to look better.

3 And I know that the Village of Rantoul
4 has some responsibility, but I also think, you
5 know, that somebody else does in areas like that.

6 So I would just appreciate --

7 DR. HARRIS: I -- I --

8 MS. PODAGROU: If you're looking at it
9 from a community standpoint and let's get some of
10 this cleanup done.

11 DR. HARRIS: We do have limitations on
12 what we can spend funding on our leased property.
13 And all the property is technically leased.

14 And in the past, my understanding was
15 that some of the mowing we had agreed to do with
16 environmental funds which is an a real stretch.
17 I'll be honest, it's just a real stretch.

18 But I think everything that we're
19 responsible for mowing is under contract and is
20 being mowed.

21 MS. PODAGROU: Is that area that I'm
22 talking about part of it?

23 DR. HARRIS: I don't know. I'll have
24 to see on that.

1 MS. PODAGROU: Well, whoever is
2 responsible, I don't care if it's the Village of
3 Rantoul, I don't care if we have to go out and
4 raise money by selling -- putting up a lemonade
5 stand. We need to get this place cleaned up.

6 I think that gentleman may have
7 something to say over there.

8 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, my name is Pete
9 Johnson and that area you're talking about, last
10 year we mowed it for the Air Force. This year
11 it's supposed to be mowed by the Air Force twice.

12 That's the way the contract -- the way
13 it's let. It got mowed once earlier this year
14 and it hasn't been touched since, but it's
15 supposed to be mowed again.

16 MS. PODAGROU: Twice a year isn't
17 enough on the major part of the -- on the main
18 part of the Base where potential industrial and
19 commercial developers are coming in to look at
20 these properties. I'm concerned that we show off
21 the Community to the very best that we can, and
22 some of those areas just don't do that.

23 MS. DAWKINS: Yes, ma'am?

24 MS. WIRGES: My understanding was when

1 the leases were re-accomplished during the last,
2 say nine months, that the upkeep of the property
3 was to be by the Lessee.

4 MR. BERGER: We do that with some of
5 our tenants. You are talking about a piece of
6 ground that at this time is not leased to any
7 individual. It's property that we were asked not
8 to go into because there was an environment
9 issue.

10 And as I think Mr. Johnson just stated,
11 there is a contract with the Air Force to have
12 that -- the mowing accomplished out there.

13 But we do not go out there nor are we
14 supposed to go out there and cut certain areas
15 that there is an environmental concern. We're
16 not saying the issue isn't on part of the airport
17 that we deal with, whether it was a shooting
18 range, where we don't touch that grass.

19 That's hands off for the Village on/or
20 tenant to take care of that. So there are going
21 to be cases like that.

22 But it's true every time we lease a
23 piece of property, in most cases we like to have
24 the tenant responsible for that and then we have

1 to manage the tenant in some case to get that
2 work done.

3 I would say overall they do a fairly
4 good job all around. There are a few bad apples.
5 We, the Village, have been behind, particularly
6 this year, we got a real slow start with kids
7 coming out of school just to take care of what we
8 have, and then if it's still not getting after
9 the weeds in particular.

10 So it's a continuing battle for all of
11 us. And I think the point being made here is
12 that there is this one area where, you know,
13 maybe we're not getting -- you know, we're not
14 cutting enough or enough times the grass.

15 So it's not that the Air Force doesn't
16 have a responsibility or has taken on a
17 responsibility for that because it probably needs
18 to be done more often so that it doesn't get
19 overgrown.

20 I mean, one year it was fine because
21 there was hardly any rain or anything to bring up
22 weeds or anything. And this year everything is
23 growing.

24 MS. DAWKINS: Did you have another

1 question?

2 MR. FOTHERGILL: On the sampling, to
3 change the subject a little, on the lake
4 sampling, did you do any kind of lake bottom
5 sampling?

6 DR. HARRIS: There were attempts to do
7 sediment sampling. And I'm trying to remember if
8 we collected additional sediment.

9 What this was was filling in some data
10 gaps that we had from previous sampling events.
11 And there was going to be some attempts again to
12 collect some more dredge -- or not dredge,
13 sediment samples in the bottom of the lake and we
14 had trouble getting them, actually collecting
15 them.

16 I mean, we were going to send out scuba
17 divers to try and collect some.

18 MR. FOTHERGILL: What's the water
19 depth?

20 MR. WACKER: Approximately --

21 DR. HARRIS: Fifteen?

22 MR. WACKER: Yeah, ten to fifteen.

23 DR. HARRIS: One other thing on the
24 mowing, we'll -- I'll go back and research a

1 little bit on why we would, for environmental
2 reasons, not want to have somebody mow the grass.

3 MR. BERGER: And I'll give them a site,
4 too.

5 MS. PODAGROU: And not only that site
6 but any site that looks bad. I mean, there's a
7 big difference between the 900 area and right
8 down here in the industrial/commercial area of
9 the main part of this property.

10 DR. HARRIS: Right.

11 MS. PODAGROU: We have to show off our
12 Community to the best that we can. And whenever
13 it gets that bad, you've got to try to steer your
14 guests to other -- you know, get some dancing
15 girls and put them on that side of the street or
16 something to keep them from looking on that side.
17 It's just -- it's just bad.

18 MR. JOHNSON: While you're on the
19 subject of mowing, can we get some guidance from
20 you for the life of the stakes they put out to
21 mark the various -- when they do their sample
22 drills, they start out the survey, they put
23 stakes that stick up three-foot depending on what
24 they have to locate.

1 We try to cooperate by leaving them
2 alone but they never remove them. Can we assume
3 that after a month or after a week or is there a
4 period of time that we can assume that we can
5 move those to mow the grass?

6 DR. HARRIS: To answer to your
7 question, yes. There should be a time when those
8 should be removed. And I think the reason
9 they're leaving them in place is primarily if we
10 have a sampling problem, we know right where it
11 was.

12 But we also go out there and we GPS the
13 location. So we should be able to find the
14 location again anyway. I will check on -- do you
15 have a particular location or area that --

16 MR. JOHNSON: Well, I'm trying to
17 maintain the 900 areas.

18 MR. BERGER: The smaller T cell
19 grouping.

20 DR. HARRIS: Okay.

21 MS. DAWKINS: Yes?

22 MR. HAZEL: I just wanted to clarify
23 something that Bill was talking about when he was
24 talking about the drinking water and the shallow

1 drinking wells.

2 The water supply for the Village is not
3 affected by this. They're boring much deeper
4 wells 275 - 300 feet plus. And so there's no
5 risk to the Community water supply. I wanted to
6 offer that clarification.

7 DR. HARRIS: I agree.

8 MR. HAZEL: The other aspect was an
9 additional sampling came in and with regards to a
10 couple locations. Back before Darren left, they
11 came in and took some samples at the electric
12 substation probably May/June time frame.

13 DR. HARRIS: Uh-huh.

14 MR. HAZEL: And then I know last week
15 they were doing some sampling in some
16 ground-mounted transformers, put big fenced in
17 areas in the 900 area.

18 DR. HARRIS: Yeah, the two are really
19 not related.

20 MR. HAZEL: For instance, the timing of
21 the samples were different?

22 DR. HARRIS: Right.

23 MR. HAZEL: I have not heard about the
24 first round.

1 DR. HARRIS: We don't have the results
2 on the first round, but it's over in the 700
3 area. It has to do with the former fuel station
4 facility over there.

5 The other location that you're talking
6 about where we're conducting a PCB investigation.
7 That includes, the first part of that visual site
8 inspection, and that's what they were just doing
9 this last week, where they went around and
10 located areas of known releases and those areas
11 where we have staining or suspected releases that
12 we are then going to follow-up with actual
13 sampling.

14 And then if those are determined to
15 have releases, we will delineate how large and
16 address those. The present state right now where
17 we just last week, we did the visual site
18 inspection.

19 MR. HAZEL: Most of those locations
20 have not been touched since the transition from
21 the Base closing to the Village operation of the
22 electric system.

23 DR. HARRIS: Right.

24 MR. HAZEL: Most of those transformers

1 were in place?

2 DR. HARRIS: Right. The transformers
3 themselves, let me just --

4 MR. HAZEL: And there may be ones that
5 pre-dated those?

6 DR. HARRIS: Yes, because the Air Force
7 had a program to remove all PCB containing
8 transformers and/or electrical equipment from
9 their facilities. This was back in the '80s.
10 That was accomplished here at Chanute.

11 But prior to that there were
12 transformers that contained PCB's like
13 everywhere. So what we're doing is we're looking
14 for visual signs and also known release locations
15 to go back and sample.

16 So if we do find PCBs, they're probably
17 not from existing equipment; they're part of the
18 previous equipment.

19 MR. HAZEL: And it's what we found?
20 The transformers that we have removed or taken
21 out of service or it failed, when we have
22 disposed of them, we have found they've all been
23 non-PCB equipment out there.

24 As far as I know, the Air Force is

1 extremely thorough in that.

2 MS. DAWKINS: Next slide.

3 We've also drilled 550 soil borings and
4 collected 1300 soil samples, installed 40
5 monitoring wells, and we've also evaluated 100
6 groundwater screening locations.

7 And we're in the process of reviewing
8 the sampling data and validating the data to make
9 sure that it's correct. And then after the
10 validation, we will complete -- we'll either do
11 one of these options: We'll either close the
12 site if we found no that further cleanup is
13 needed.

14 Or we'll clean up and then close the
15 site. It just depended on what the sampling
16 event showed.

17 Any questions?

18 (No audible response.)

19 MS. DAWKINS: Next slide.

20 What I was trying to get to you earlier
21 the Community Relations Plan has been finalized,
22 and we're in the process of actually coming up
23 with the next step concerning that.

24 And, of course, one of them will be

1 trying to get more involvement from the Community
2 of Rantoul and any other parties who have an
3 outside interest.

4 We were going to take a tour today. I
5 think that we agreed to take the tour at a later
6 date. Does that --

7 DR. HARRIS: I mean, I don't want to
8 dictate that.

9 MS. DAWKINS: Why?

10 DR. HARRIS: So that would just -- if
11 we wanted to get --

12 MS. DAWKINS: Certain things you might
13 want to see might be -- it may not be
14 advantageous to go out there because of the rain
15 from today and yesterday.

16 MS. PODAGROU: But it's up to you guys.
17 It seems like it would be better after the City
18 Administrator is hired and he has had an
19 opportunity to go on that tour, wouldn't you
20 think?

21 MR. BERGER: Absolutely. I think it's
22 to our benefit to hold off. And by the way, just
23 from a weather standpoint, I'm assuming that when
24 we look at Landfills 1, 2, and 3 we might

1 actually --

2 DR. HARRIS: We were hoping that around
3 Building 950 which what used to be liquid coal
4 storage areas and now -- I don't remember what
5 company that is.

6 MR. WACKER: Farmers Ag.

7 DR. HARRIS: Farmers Ag. We have
8 recently just during the last two weeks been
9 backfilling out there for holes that we had open
10 for three years.

11 We've got property pretty-well leveled
12 off and I guess we wanted to demonstrate that we
13 can fill holes that we dig.

14 It was one of my goals when I got here
15 in January was fill a hole and we've accomplished
16 that there. So we want to show that one off.
17 But it is extremely muddy out there right now
18 because of all the rain. But I'm more than
19 willing -- anybody that wants to go out and at
20 any time, we're available.

21 MR. HILL: Our next RAB meeting is not
22 until November, and it might be pretty muddy in
23 November and then I guess we'll have another one
24 in January, so you might want to consider --

1 DR. HARRIS: -- something in between?

2 MR. HILL: Right.

3 MR. BERGER: I agree. Just set up
4 something that's just off upon its own. And as
5 soon as we get our Board Administrator on board
6 we should just set a time and place and announce
7 it, you know, in terms of getting people out and
8 about. I don't know if you have a bus or
9 something kind of thing.

10 DR. HARRIS: Well, we're lining up a
11 van and we have a mini-van. So, yeah, we can, we
12 can accommodate.

13 MR. BERGER: And we could maybe provide
14 our recreation buses for the public. So that
15 way, maybe we can work together on that.

16 DR. HARRIS: I understand that the
17 chiggers are pretty bad out there right now.

18 MR. JOHNSON: I got a question, just
19 talking about knowing the Landfills and I may not
20 have heard everything correctly, but wasn't it at
21 one time the seed that was put on there was
22 supposed to be a mixture of grass and wildflowers
23 must be moved?

24 DR. HARRIS: I think those were

1 primarily on the side slopes and not totally on
2 top. And it's my understanding that we are
3 mowing the top. And what we were trying to do
4 was wait until it went to seed. Because the time
5 before we actually mowed it down, the top, but
6 not the sides. We won't be doing the sides and
7 that's where the wildflowers were reseeded.

8 MS. WIRGES: I think somebody mowed it.

9 DR. HARRIS: The sides already?

10 MS. WIRGES: Earlier this spring.

11 DR. HARRIS: I think the whole length
12 of one cap was mowed.

13 MS. MC COUGHLIN: Are they seasonal
14 wildflowers though?

15 MS. WIRGES: Wildflowers grow all year.

16 MS. MC COUGHLIN: Oh.

17 MR. HILL: I guess the point is that if
18 the wildflowers aren't there, we're still having
19 some concerns there we'll be seeing some work
20 done to reestablish.

21 DR. HARRIS: Yes. That's part of the
22 maintenance contract they need to ensure -- if we
23 don't have adequate ground cover, it's part of
24 the requirement.

1 MS. DAWKINS: Yes, sir?

2 MR. JOHNSON: Another question I was
3 wondering if it would be appropriate to put these
4 in around about and along the Creek. I've got an
5 area of concern for the farm ground out there. I
6 remember farming the ground on the south of the
7 main east-west runway.

8 There's several holes developing in
9 the ground. There's a 5-foot storm drain tile
10 underneath the runway. I know approximately
11 20-foot to the south of the runway there, I
12 already dug it up about three or four years ago
13 when Gary Adams was here.

14 But at that time there was cavitation
15 of approximately a foot completely underneath
16 that 5-foot tile. And I've afraid in time that
17 cavitation if it continues on this runway, when
18 will that runway start to drop?

19 Will it ever create problem where a
20 plane will be wrecked? You know, that's been a
21 big area of concern. I brought it up starting
22 about five years ago when I started digging
23 there. To me, it's a safety issue, and I know
24 there's some various ways to going about it to

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1 repair it before it really gets out of hand.

2 DR. HARRIS: I was out there.

3 That's the ongoing Base issue as to
4 whose responsibility that is, and I can't really
5 talk to that because I'm not sure what our
6 final -- you know, my understanding is lot of
7 this has gone to our real estate folks and our
8 Legal Department to determine who's responsible
9 for that storm system.

10 MR. BERGER: And I can make it real
11 clear: From the Village's position, we think it
12 is the Air Force's responsibility and that's our
13 position and we're going through that process.

14 For Pete's sake -- Mr. Johnson's sake,
15 you know, I think we've flagged these. We try to
16 get out there and just look for more depressions
17 before we actually have some kind of cave in.

18 The runway itself, we've been
19 monitoring that on a regular basis just to see if
20 we see any cracking or deflexion because that
21 would be a cause for great concern. It's
22 something that started there.

23 One of our primary objectives related
24 to this is get an inspection done and I think

1 that is something that is back in front of the
2 Air Force to actually undertake the inspection
3 that's necessary to understand what's where,
4 where's the problem.

5 It's also a point that it's not
6 something that's been transferred as a utility
7 back over to the Village. And before we start
8 accepting land or anything, it's our position
9 that we need to know what we're accepting on
10 behalf of the citizens of Rantoul.

11 So we're very concerned about the
12 safety issue. I know that the Air Force is to
13 get back to us. We're going to -- so everyone
14 knows in terms of due diligence - there's another
15 entity here in addition to the EPA and the Air
16 Force that has a great concern, and they're not
17 here at the RAB meeting.

18 It would be nice if they were because
19 they're going to become in a sense the new folks
20 on the block that are going to inherit a lot of
21 this and that's the Federal Aviation
22 Administration.

23 This is a public conveyance that the
24 FAA has a lot of say in and they're the folks

1 that we're going to meet with in September with
2 the Air Force and hopefully other agencies that
3 have a direct interest, and to start to work
4 through a lot of the issues that are related to
5 deed conveyance, which is the next step after we
6 resolve our environmental issues.

7 And it's just that all the bodies
8 haven't been all sitting around the same room for
9 many years, and we think it's time for us to get
10 that going because it holds up one of the next
11 topics on the Agenda, which is Reuse.

12 DR. HARRIS: I'm not sure you got an
13 answer to your question --

14 MR. JOHNSON: Like the free fall
15 people, you know, if they swear and say you're
16 got people in the plane and if it ever lands or
17 something, you know, whatever it goes, it will go
18 all at once. I don't think you'll see a crack.

19 You know, it's sort of like you see in
20 the interstate system in Ohio that one time where
21 a full line or something like, you know, both of
22 them sitting on the highway and it collapses and
23 cars dropped off. I hate to see it with anybody,
24 whether there's one individual in the plane or

1 none. That's a big concern of mine.

2 DR. HARRIS: I know that the Air Force
3 is aware of the issue and the senior leadership
4 in Washington is reviewing it, and they're
5 working with the Village to come to an agreement.
6 But I'm not personally involved with that.

7 MR. BERGER: And it directly is
8 impacted with the FAA and it's in front of the
9 FAA as well. They care about planes hitting
10 runways.

11 DR. HARRIS: Have a runway there to
12 hit, right?

13 MS. DAWKINS: If no one -- if you'all
14 don't mind, could we go ahead and try and set
15 that date, that in-between date for the tour?

16 I would hate for you all to be out and
17 to have to contact you individually to see if it
18 works with your calendar or not. I think it
19 would be easier if we try to set a date now if
20 that's okay. Tracy, get the calender up there.

21 MS. MC COUGHLIN: With all my personal
22 stuff on there. We're in August, end of
23 September --

24 DR. HARRIS: We have a meeting

1 September 15th of the BCT and I think we're still
2 probably going to have that. So I don't know if
3 we want to decide -- we want to accommodate that
4 one side or the other of that. I mean, you would
5 have access to the Regulators also being here.

6 MR. HILL: URS is going to be doing
7 smoke testing on the 16th, the day after the
8 meeting, so if we're out and about, that might be
9 something kind of interesting.

10 DR. HARRIS: You might actually see
11 some of the work that we're doing in the field.

12 MR. PASSARELLI: What are they testing?

13 DR. HARRIS: Farm drainage tiles to see
14 where they go. We can't seem to find all the
15 locations.

16 MR. JOHNSON: I've got a question.
17 They had requested bids on repairing three tile
18 lines, two of them around Perimeter Road, you
19 know, to find out if it was a viable tile or not,
20 an operative tile.

21 And then also in Landfills 3 and 4
22 there's an area there that we had dug up and it
23 goes up into the farmer's field and they wanted a
24 bid proposal on that.

1 And at the time around when Darren was
2 here, I was out there and I told them
3 approximately what it cost just to go out and
4 check it out and everything.

5 Well, then they wanted a bid process
6 and I kind of wanted to bid. Then at that time
7 they wanted sod and water and everything else in
8 the cost of it and I bid higher than what I told
9 Darren for all three operations, that one time
10 was just one operation.

11 And then combined all three and so it
12 was higher than what I told them for basic farm
13 tile repair.

14 What's ever happened to that position
15 for bids?

16 DR. HARRIS: You should have gotten a
17 proposal back from the contracting officer.

18 I do not personally know but I think it
19 was done through the Mc Cullen contract.

20 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, and Darren said the
21 bid -- I called him and he said it was too high.

22 DR. HARRIS: Well, let me find out.
23 That's a little bit different than smoke testing.

24 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, but I just thought

1 we were talking about it. The stuff that I
2 didn't protest was actually part of that.

3 DR. HARRIS: Right.

4 MS. DAWKINS: So we have the 15th of
5 September?

6 DR. HARRIS: The 16th.

7 MS. MC COUGHLIN: The 16th. You're
8 going to join the smoke testing?

9 DR. HARRIS: Yes, that's on a Thursday.

10 MS. DAWKINS: When they're doing smoke
11 testing?

12 What time?

13 MS. MC COUGHLIN: In the afternoon?

14 DR. HARRIS: Whatever works for the
15 folks that want to have --

16 MS. DAWKINS: Two? After lunch.

17 MR. BERGER: I won't be there. I have
18 other obligations out of town that day.

19 MS. WIRGES: I have other obligations
20 that day.

21 MS. DAWKINS: Wednesday the 15th?

22 MR. BERGER: The 15th would be better.

23 MS. DAWKINS: The 15th of September?
24 Is the afternoon good for you at all, around 2?

1 Bill, is that good for you?

2 DR. HARRIS: Yes, we have a meeting
3 that day anyway so.

4 MS. MC COUGHLIN: Will the BCT be over
5 by then though?

6 DR. HARRIS: Sure.

7 MS. DAWKINS: So the 15th of September
8 at 2 and we'll just meet here.

9 MR. HAZEL: When you do that smoke
10 testing, are you going to GPS the routes or are
11 you going to look for --

12 DR. HARRIS: Well, we're doing a couple
13 things. One is we're going to smoke test and
14 we're also going to do some televising and we're
15 also doing some sort of magnetometer I guess.

16 It's something that they're going to
17 put a system up there so they can try to trace
18 them from the surface. And with that we'll try
19 to be mapping them so we know where they're at
20 for the future.

21 It will be mentioned on our DNR GIS
22 system so that we can give you a file.

23 MR. HAZEL: On that last list it
24 mentioned the water tower as being something that

1 was going to be looked at; was that referring
2 to --

3 DR. HARRIS: -- the ones across the
4 street.

5 Primarily, just what we have going on
6 at the water tower across the street is we did
7 some analysis underneath for lead. Lead and
8 chrome were the primary ones.

9 And we also looked at PCB's because of
10 some historical information that potentially
11 there was some PCB's in some of that paint and/or
12 paint of a similar nature.

13 MR. HAZEL: All right.

14 DR. HARRIS: Well, we were just going
15 over there just to show them the area impacted.

16 MR. HAZEL: What have you done?

17 DR. HARRIS: There's always elevated
18 levels of lead and chrome underneath old water
19 towers because of the way -- it used to be you'd
20 go and sand blast it and it all fell down on the
21 ground and you repainted it and you went on your
22 way.

23 So we fully expected to find something
24 there. The levels aren't alarming. But we

1 probably will propose to go in and when we can
2 get a concurrence from them and to get the
3 validated data back, we'll probably propose to go
4 in and scrape, you know, probably 6 inches of
5 soil or so off.

6 MR. HAZEL: How big of an area?

7 DR. HARRIS: I think the impact zone
8 that we looked at was about 120 feet wide and
9 probably extends 20 to 40 feet on each end of
10 that. I'd have to go back and look at the actual
11 drawing and see what the impact area is.

12 And we'll have to look at our numbers
13 as to where they're at, whether they meet the
14 criteria that we wouldn't take that out. But it
15 will be very shallow.

16 MR. HAZEL: Have you been involved with
17 the coordination of the potential removal of that
18 water tower at 900 --

19 DR. HARRIS: I'm aware of it. But
20 that's an ongoing discussion.

21 MS. DAWKINS: Reed, go ahead.

22 MR. BERGER: Kind of related to that,
23 on the information side, I know a lot of
24 questions have been asked about digging holes,

1 finding data. Data is obtained, and at one point
2 it becomes public domain or where the public can
3 access that information about all of this
4 environmental activity as opposed to just what we
5 put up here for this group.

6 And could you explain where and how the
7 public obtains the environmental data, what you
8 find as you're exploring?

9 DR. HARRIS: All of our studies that
10 are done under our Installation Restoration
11 Program is considered a CERCLA action. We have a
12 requirement to make public the information in the
13 Administrative Record.

14 Our public access Administrative Record
15 can be accessed really at two locations: The
16 primary location is the Post Library here in the
17 Village of Rantoul.

18 Until recently we also had an on-line
19 web active system which is in the process of
20 being reactivated through another location and
21 should be back on-line hopefully within the next
22 three months. And that gives you a lot of the
23 really old historical data.

24 The stuff that you'll get in the

1 library is primarily everything that's been done
2 in about the last three years. So that's all
3 there.

4 Now as the data comes to us and we
5 incorporate it into a report, all those reports
6 will be in the Library. We're putting in there
7 draft documents even, to show you ahead of time.

8 You'll also see in there the comments
9 that come back from the Regulators and then how
10 we address those comments on these documents. So
11 all of those are part of the decision process
12 that we're going through.

13 And they are available, at any time
14 through the public library.

15 The other location that we have the
16 Administrative Record is here in this building.
17 It's in our offices. And so we can help you
18 locate information on a particular site or
19 something that you're looking for.

20 MR. THOMPSON: And I assume there will
21 also be in the presentation for the RAB as the
22 reports are finalized.

23 DR. HARRIS: Yes. Yes. So, we'll have
24 data on there and so forth but it won't be as

1 extensive as what you'll see.

2 MR. JOHNSON: I've got one curiosity --
3 I read some of the, one of these big magazines, I
4 forgot which one it was at one time there. But
5 for some of the landfills out east, they're
6 planting trees, a certain class of trees

7 DR. HARRIS: Final remediation process?

8 MR. JOHNSON: Something like that or
9 the building is using material that they're
10 matting down. Would that probably not work here
11 because of the --

12 DR. HARRIS: Well, final remediation is
13 primarily used in locations where you have plumes
14 of organic substances that you're trying to
15 intercept or you're trying to remediate. You use
16 primarily Poplar trees.

17 In our case, our landfill caps actually
18 have a barrier, a synthetic barrier that would
19 keep trees from even being able to penetrate down
20 that far.

21 Now one of the places that may be
22 applicable would be in the interface between the
23 Creek and a landfill, the discharge from the
24 landfill or something.

1 The problem we have here locally is
2 beavers. Beavers and final remediation don't go
3 hand in hand. They love those new trees and they
4 chew them up before you get them in the ground.

5 I've had some experience at other
6 sites. I also know from folks with a lot of
7 experience in that area. We've talked to them.
8 And one of the first things that comes up is the
9 beaver problem. So if we didn't have the
10 beavers --

11 MR. BERGER: Do they like every kind of
12 wood or is there some that are more favored?

13 DR. HARRIS: I think they pretty much
14 chew on anything that's there from what I can
15 tell.

16 MR. JOHNSON: They need a dental
17 program set up to remove their teeth.

18 DR. HARRIS: But it is a good process
19 to use and it's very effective. And Poplar
20 trees, they use those primarily because they
21 grow. They are just rapid growers. They don't
22 have deep root structures.

23 MS. DAWKINS: Reed, did you want to say
24 anything unless about Reuse project.

1 becoming more and more difficult to rehab a
2 building to reuse a building.

3 So we're really starting to reach that
4 point where the buildings that can be occupied
5 and leased are, and those that are not, are going
6 to become more questionable as to whether or not
7 they have any utility, if there's a market for
8 it, whether there's a market for us.

9 It just becomes more of a challenge to
10 us as what to do if we can't fill some of these
11 buildings. So we are now starting to engage in
12 the activity one inventorying and understanding
13 how many of these buildings are out there as well
14 as the infrastructure and what we're dealing with
15 that we aren't going to use, that can't be used.

16 First, what we have is what we lease
17 from the Village which is about half the
18 property. And the other half as to what the
19 private property owners have that may not have
20 utility use.

21 And that's fairly important in terms of
22 where the next step probably is, at least as I
23 envision it, and that is that we have a lot of
24 opportunities to be looking at development out of

1 the ground and reusing the land as opposed to
2 reusing some of the buildings.

3 But in between is the challenge of what
4 the cost is to take down buildings, buildings
5 that have asbestos, a lead-free paint which
6 really are burdens that are placed on the Village
7 to address and/or the private property owners.

8 And so those are some of the challenges
9 we face and we have not addressed this
10 comprehensively and we're attempting to do so and
11 how to accomplish that. So that work is
12 underway.

13 Additionally, the one little project
14 that we've been working on recently you may have
15 heard of is the Korean War Museum. We've leased
16 out for two years some space at Grisse(sp) Hall
17 next to the (inaudible) Chanute Aerospace Museum.

18 We think that's a good fit for the next
19 couple of years. They're here moving from
20 Tuscola with the idea that they're going to be
21 designing and funding and ultimately constructing
22 a building just north of Grisse Hall.

23 And that's a process that is underway.
24 We have not leased any property. We made a

1 commitment that if we can agree on a lease and
2 accept a building a design that is acceptable to
3 the Village that they would have a place to build
4 it.

5 But I don't want anyone to think that
6 we've already come to that agreement. We have
7 not. We've just given a temporary residence at
8 Grisse Hall to allow them to try to continue to
9 develop the funding and come up with a design for
10 a new museum.

11 MS. WIRGES: Would that be back or next
12 to the residential area across from Grisse Hall?

13 MR. BERGER: Yes, it would be. It
14 would be very -- there would be some green space
15 beyond the -- there's a diagonal sidewalk.

16 You know, we should probably have a map
17 here every time we're talking, because we're
18 always needing to point.

19 MR. FOTHERGILL: Directly east like --

20 MR. BERGER: We probably always need
21 one Power Point slide that we always have or
22 something you can bring up on the computer.

23 MS. MC COUGHLIN: And maybe a nice
24 poster size.

1 MR. BERGER: Something that we can
2 point to, but it would certainly work just fine
3 on the overhead slide. But the point is that
4 there's some green space and a sidewalk between
5 where the museum would be. But the museum would
6 be very close to Jackson Hall, close to Eagle
7 Drive if you know where that is.

8 The front door right now would be
9 proposed to be fairly close to Eagle Drive as
10 well with the idea that we have a lot of parking
11 space that would be shared with (inaudible)
12 Chanute Museum, but would not be directly across
13 from competing for the primary parking space that
14 Chanute Aerospace Museum has now.

15 Again, this is all planning that's
16 being discussed. But no plans to show -- I'd
17 like to do that. And if we're at a stage where
18 we can share something with you, we can do that.

19 Certainly, we expect we'll have a Plan
20 Commission of Village Trustees involved at the
21 stage where there are some plans to start to
22 distribute. That's pretty much -- I mean, given
23 our time and everything that's pretty much all I
24 need to say at this point. But I'll take any

1 questions anyone has.

2 MS. PODAGROU: I don't know who to
3 address this to, but when you're talking about
4 the dilapidated buildings, the Finance Building
5 has to go.

6 MR. BERGER: Um-mmm, help me --

7 MS. PODAGROU: It's the worst looking
8 building right down there in the heart of
9 everything, right next to the Headquarters
10 Building, just south of there.

11 MR. FOTHERGILL: Two-story building
12 there on the --

13 MR. BERGER: The wood one?

14 MR. WACKER: Yeah.

15 MR. BERGER: This is the wood one
16 that's not included within the historic building.

17 MS. PODAGROU: No. It's never been
18 used. It's dilapidated. It probably can't be
19 used, and I don't see any reason why you can't
20 condemn that building and get it high on the
21 priority list. It's my understanding it's owned
22 by a private individual.

23 MR. BERGER: Let's get our inspector
24 to --

1 MS. PODAGROU: Exactly. Exactly.

2 MR. BERGER: -- (continuing) look at
3 that in terms of --

4 MS. PODAGROU: And then that park
5 across there behind the headquarters should be
6 cleaned up. And at one time that was a beautiful
7 park. Some attention needs to be given to that
8 whether you need to get the Lincoln Challenge
9 kids out there or Boy Scout groups or whatever
10 you need to do besides trimming trees, that park
11 needs to be brought back to its --

12 MR. BERGER: That's same property owner
13 that has White Hall --

14 MS. PODAGROU: Well, they need some
15 help, whatever it is. You know, it needs to be
16 cleaned up.

17 MS. DAWKINS: Any other questions?
18 Yes, sir.

19 MR. JOHNSON: I have a question about
20 the fire towers up there. I don't know if that's
21 within the scope of what we could ask here or
22 not.

23 DR. HARRIS: Sure.

24 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. We've been looking

1 at these fire towers sitting out there for years
2 empty. It's something the taxpayers have paid
3 for and I realize it belongs to the Air Force but
4 the public can get a lot of benefit out of it.

5 DR. HARRIS: And you're talking about
6 the two that are out there at the Fire Training
7 Area?

8 MR. JOHNSON: That's correct. There
9 were six fire departments that gave those in
10 addition to Chanute, and it seems like if there's
11 no decision made as to what to do with them, they
12 can give them to me. We can use them in the
13 meantime.

14 DR. HARRIS: The condition of them that
15 I've seen in my trips out there, I wouldn't allow
16 anyone to use them because of safety. And
17 adjacent right next to that tower is where we had
18 an excavation.

19 That excavation has since under minded
20 a lot of that asphalt out there. I don't think
21 either one of those structure would probably
22 survive our process of the fire training area.

23 Those structures really have not been
24 maintained at all, and they're full of trash. We

1 would be very reluctant to allow somebody to go
2 in there right now just because we couldn't
3 ensure a safe environment.

4 MR. JOHNSON: So is it your department
5 that decides that? I don't quite know how to --

6 DR. HARRIS: The Air Force still --
7 yes. In that location because we have
8 significant environmental concerns and because of
9 the nature of what -- the actions that we started
10 out there but haven't completed, that, that
11 location is really not safe.

12 MR. JOHNSON: Initially they were in
13 good condition. Why were they allowed to
14 deteriorate like that?

15 DR. HARRIS: That I can't address.
16 Most locations those structures are removed
17 because of the nature of activities that went on
18 in them, we find that it's easier to remove them
19 and remove any central contamination in them.
20 Mainly we just turn them over because of the
21 liability associated with them.

22 But why these particular structures at
23 Chanute were allowed to stay in this condition, I
24 have no idea.

1 MR. BERGER: I think there's a mutual
2 interest to have buildings removed and even the
3 ones that we lease, we've encouraged the Air
4 Force to take those buildings and remove them.

5 But it's not something that they're
6 going to do.

7 DR. HARRIS: The only time we can
8 remove a structure is if there's an environmental
9 issue with it or there's a real significant -- I
10 don't want to say safety issue. But in most case
11 if we lease them, at the time of the lease they
12 were habitable buildings. We can no longer -- by
13 law we cannot spend money on it.

14 As much as some of us may want to, by
15 law you're not allowed to

16 MR. JOHNSON: So these buildings fall
17 into a class that you can't remove them because
18 they're released or they fall in a clause that
19 you can remove them.

20 DR. HARRIS: These structures that
21 you're talking about, I would say fall into the
22 class of there's environmental contamination in
23 the area that probably will require us to address
24 those structures.

1 MR. THOMPSON: There might be
2 contamination underneath buildings, and the only
3 way to get to it is --

4 DR. HARRIS: And right adjacent to,
5 especially the taller tower, right behind there,
6 it appears you can drive behind there, but I
7 wouldn't do it because it's all undermined right
8 now.

9 That's another case of where we dug
10 something out and haven't filled it back in yet.

11 MR. HAZEL: Is that blocked off so no
12 one can --

13 DR. HARRIS: Yeah, it's fenced. The
14 air is looked, that whole area back there.

15 MS. DAWKINS: So just to make a note
16 the next meeting is the 18th of November at noon
17 right before Thanksgiving.

18 Does anyone else have any questions or
19 comments before we adjourn?

20 MS. MC COUGHLIN: If you have not
21 signed in, if you could sign in that would be
22 great. And if you have an e-mail address, I'd
23 really appreciate if you put that down. I'd like
24 to start sending things electronically so we can

1 get them to you faster. If you do not want them
2 electronically, please let me know, and then
3 we'll shoot it to you in the mail.

4 MS. PODAGROU: When you do send out an
5 e-mail, I don't open mine unless I know who it's
6 coming from.

7 MS. MC COUGHLIN: It will be in the
8 subject line.

9 MS. PODAGROU: So make sure under the
10 subject line you put what it's all about.

11 MS. MC COUGHLIN: It will probably say
12 Chanute Air Force Base.

13 MS. PODAGROU: Good.

14 MS. DAWKINS: Any other questions?

15 (No audible response.)

16 MS. DAWKINS: Do you have a Motion to
17 adjourn the meeting?

18 MR. FOTHERGILL: I move that we
19 adjourn.

20 MS. DAWKINS: I need a second.

21 MS. WIRGES: Second.

22 MS. DAWKINS: See you all on the 15th.
23 (Which was all the
24 proceedings had in this
cause.)

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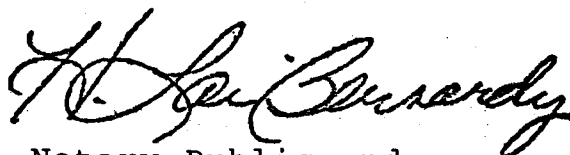
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