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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	MR. BRECHEEN: I think we'll go ahead and get
3	started. I guess for the reporter, let's go around
4	the room.
5	MR. KRAVITZ: Rob Kravitz with Midwest
6	Environmental Consultants.
7	MS. WIRGES: Lorraine Wirges, Member of Board.
8	MR. FOTHERGILL: Carl Fothergill, Member of
9	Board.
10	MR. ADAMS: Gary Adams with the Village of
11	Rantoul.
12	MR. BRECHEEN: Tim Brecheen, Air Force Base
13	Conversion Agency.
14	MR. BOUDREAUX: Ray Boudreaux with the Village.
15	MR. SCHAFER: Gary Schafer, United States
16	Environmental Protection Agency.
17	MR. HILL: Chris Hill, Illinois Environmental
18	Protection Agency.
19	MR. BRADY: Dan Brady Air Force Center for
20	Environmental Excellence.
21	MS. KOZAK: Donna Kozak, UNITEC.
22	MS. SMITH: Jennifer Smith, Montgomery Watson.
23	MR. MILLER: Chris Miller, Montgomery Watson.

MR. PIPER: Jay Piper, Montgomery Watson.

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1	MR. BRITTON: Mark Britton, Illinois EPA.	
2	MR. STEWARD: Ron Steward, Illinois EPA.	
3	MR. HUTCHINSON: Mark Hutchinson, Air Force Base.	
4	MR. MASON: Tom Mason, Jacobs Engineering.	
5	MR. RICE: Charlie Rice, Air Force Center for	
6	Environmental Excellence.	
7	MR. MITCHELL: Tim Mitchell, the News Gazette.	
8	MR. HEIDLAUF: Dave Heidlauf with Montgomery	
9	Watson.	
10	MR. KRAVITZ: Did everybody get an agenda?	
11	MR. BRECHEEN: Do we want to cover the minutes?	
12	MR. KRAVITZ: Sure. We don't have any new guests	
13	tonight. The minutes from last meeting, did everyone	
14	have a chance to look at those? Any comments?	
15	(No audible response.)	
16	MR. KRAVITZ: Do we have a motion to accept the	
17	minutes?	
18	MS. WIRGES: I so move.	
19	MR. FOTHERGILL: I second it.	
20	MR. KRAVITZ: All in favor?	
21	RAB COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.	
22	MR. KRAVITZ: Opposed?	
23	(No audible response.)	
24	MR. KRAVITZ: The meeting minutes are accepted.	

Over to you, Tim.

MR. BRECHEEN: Unless there's any questions from the members, I'd like to get started with the presentation. As everyone is probably aware now -- or if any of you all have seen the paper or the television -- have you all?

MS. WIRGES: Thank you for getting my name to them some way or another, the television people. I wouldn't tell them what they wanted me to tell them or say what they wanted me to say about contamination, so they didn't show me on television.

MR. BRECHEEN: Well, I guess we'll just keep it a secret, what you said. So you were at the table?

MS. WIRGES: I was at the table, my back to the camera. 6:00 news, Monday night.

MR. ADAMS: The reason they didn't put anything on is all those things she was saying (inaudible) --

MS. WIRGES: I wondered how they got my name.

MR. BRECHEEN: The fact of the matter is that on Friday, December 1, the USEPA put a part of Chanute Air Force Base on the proposed list to be a National Priority Site. There's approximately 1200 sites across the country that are on the list.

MR. BOUDREAUX: On the list, not on the proposal.

MR. BRECHEEN: That is correct. So, 1200

National Priority List Sites. And this is a step in the cleanup process that EPA felt was needed for Chanute Air Force Base, and that would provide some additional insurance - if that's a fair word - to ensure the cleanup is done and completed.

It does not affect the residential areas, it affects the areas in what's called Operable Unit 2, which are the landfills where you've seen all the construction. So, a couple of the Fire Training Areas and some other sites in that area. The way the EPA does this is based on a ranking system where they score the sites, and that information is available how they score it.

There's a 60-day public comment period, so that would be December or January, where the public - anybody that's interested - can submit comments to the EPA. They'll evaluate the comments, and then render a decision if it should be on the final list. So I guess that's kind of the facts.

The impact to the Air Force is that -there's an extra step. It will not slow down our
aggressive cleanup schedule. We're committed to work
with the regulators. We meet with them monthly. I

think we have a solid relationship with the 1 regulators, and there's what you say is called a BRAC 2 3 cleanup team, which is myself and Gary Schafer, and Chris Hill. 4 We're committed to clean up the base and 5 6 turn it over to the Village in a way that they can use 7 it, and if it means that we need to be on a proposed National Priority List to help that, then that will 9 just be a necessary step. MR. KRAVITZ: I want to point out that there is a 10 1 1

MR. KRAVITZ: I want to point out that there is a fact sheet that we put together on what the NPL is and what it means, and most importantly, I included the address of where to send comments, if you wanted to comment.

MR. FOTHERGILL: I don't know who did it specifically, but it was a really good piece of information.

MR. KRAVITZ: Thank you.

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MR. BOUDREAUX: I do have one little question on that: You have 28 and a half. What is the range of possible scores on the grading sheet?

MR. KRAVITZ: Good question. I don't know if there's a high score. Just like bowling.

MR. SCHAFER. Gary Schafer, USEPA. I think the

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ultimate high score would be 100. 20.5 is the cutoff point. Anything 28.5 or above, we feel is optimum for listing on the NPL; anything below 28.5, we do not move forward on.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Okay.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Does the aggressive action we're taking right now mean we may or may not get on the list if we continue in our present direction of getting all this stuff done? I mean, we're doing a lot of work now, and turning a lot of dirt. I'm really proud of the Air Force. Does that mean that we may not get put on the list then?

MR. SCHAFER: The decision, with respect to the placing of the site on the NPL, it does not rest with me, it rests on a number of factors. Obviously, there's all the comments generated by the public. That is what is going to be happening now. Also, we intend to begin negotiations with the Air Force and the State of Illinois to enter into a formal Federal Facilities Agreement with them.

Within the FFA, there is a negotiated schedule, and there are provisions for penalties if the schedule is not met. My Agency's position, as I believe is the State's, is that if we can successfully

negotiate a Federal Facilities Agreement with the Air Force in the interim period, that would be something to consider if we have that done and have that in hand when it's time to file.

MR. ADAMS: Gary Adams. So now we're in the period the 60-day time frame for public comment, and your Agency is getting with the Air Force on that agreement that may or may not be worked out. Whatever lands in the next 60 days will dictate how this might or might not go forward -- what might happen at the end of that period of time.

MR. SCHAFER: The interim period, Gary, between proposed and final, I'm not sure is 60 days. I think it may actually be longer than that.

MR. ADAMS: Sixty days just for the public comments. I apologize.

MR. SCHAFER: Well, that's quite all right.

There are other administrative things that we would have to do, and I'm not completely sure what that length of time is.

MR. ADAMS: Whatever the time frame is, forget the 60 days. Whatever the time frame is, there is a period of time from when the list first came out, December 1, up until whenever, that your Agency and

the Air Force are at least sitting down and going to talk about and hopefully negotiate this agreement.

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Whatever happens with that of course is between your Agency and the Air Force. If there is something successfully negotiated, it might have some impact on that final listing. It might not, but it could.

MR. SCHAFER: That would be a factor for us to consider.

MR. ADAMS: Also the public comment, I assume that that period of time is also to hear whatever the public's got to say, if anybody has anything to say, and that might also impact that in some way.

MR. SCHAFER: Absolutely.

MR. BOUDREAUX: And I know that that address did not end up in the paper. But Tim you might want to consider if there's anybody who wants to comment how to get that address. That's good. I was familiar with that process. I just want to make sure that we got that down.

MR. BRECHEEN: There's a lot of activity taking place. It was going to --

MR. BOUDREAUX: -- (continuing) mitigate some of it.

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Yes, it will. We have a great MR. BRECHEEN: team of folks sitting around the room and everyone is working really hard. However, the cleanup won't be completed in time, in the 60-day period that would impact the score, the way we understand that.

MR. ADAMS: Let me also -- I think I just want to add in on behalf of the Mayor and our Board and the community, there's a much different level of the cooperation and work effort that's going on. I think anybody that's been around realizes that clearly. I think now maybe the corner has been turned, and progress is being made between the Air Force and all the contractors and the folks at Illinois and US EPA.

I think everybody is really happy. think things are really moving along, and we're really doing a good job, on everybody's part. It's real positive, and I know the Mayor is very happy and very pleased with all the level of cooperation. I think everybody is working together, and that makes a big difference. That's just a hand of applause for all the people that are working on it. So it does make a big difference.

MR. BRECHEEN: If we all start saving a quarter a week, maybe we'll have this big steak cookout when

1 we're done.

MR. ADAMS: Gary said that USEPA is going to fund it. They would pay for it. It's in his budget. He had it set aside.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Yeah, I like that.

MR. ADAMS: If you believe that, we've got some ocean front property.

MR. BRECHEEN: Does anyone else have some questions on the listing? And we'll be glad to answer questions later or afterwards on that if they do come up.

Landfills Investigation - something that we've been working on for some time - to kind of characterize for the four landfills, Heritage Lake, Salt Fork Creek, the levels of contamination. And we're doing that through several types of sampling and testing. We're nearing completion of that phase. The Investigation Report is planned for the spring of next year.

After the investigation portion, we conduct a Feasibility Study to determine the alternative action. The prime action will be landfill caps.

That's due in the summer of 2001. And the follow-on to that investigation is the Landfills Remedial

Action, which is the landfill caps, and we're planning on constructing RCRA-Equivalent Caps on all four landfills. We just learned that the Illinois EPA has signed the Interim Record of Decision, along with the USEPA.

(WHEREUPON participants applauded.)

MR. SCHAFER: Thanks to --

MR. BRECHEEN: Thanks to Ron and Company for lots of hard work, and thanks to Chris Hill for being on board and helping us through the next steps.

So I don't know if anyone who drives around this base, there's probably quite a bit of landfill activity out there. We're consolidating the waste right now. And the plan was -- when they constructed the landfills 30 - 40 years ago, it was spread out pretty far, and sometimes the edges were only a foot or two deep worth of trash. And to put a cap over that and tie up that property forever was really not the best decision.

So what we did or are doing is going out to the edges and digging out that waste, and bringing it back to the middle and kind of shaping it up and making it a smaller area so that other property around

it can be used for something useful.

MR. BOUDREAUX: In fact, the Mayor talked about that in another meeting, just recently, the shape and design and the slopes and hills. Even talked about somebody put a golf course out there. I don't know. But, yeah, he's anxious, if you have a recommendation.

MS. WIRGES: I think that one hill is almost a ski slope.

MR. ADAMS: We need to get the ski lift up there.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Rope tow? There is, though -the sledding hill, I think would be great. That was a
recommendation here. You know, the one out at Rotary
Hill, out at the golf course, is so out in the open
that the snow blows off. These have actually a bowl
in them, and we might actually be able to get some
snow. Never mind.

MR. SCHAFER: I have a question: Would you mind going back to this slide? Tim, "complete the cap construction" up there in '01, is that going to be all four of them now? Does that include Landfill 4?

MR. BRECHEEN: That's our goal. One step for Landfill 4 that we need to do, prior to beginning construction, is clearing the target practice and range. That is currently slated for the March time

frame, which is still kind of in the winter season, if that can be completed, and we can give the green light to our experts to begin construction, and the remaining part of the funding.

MR. SCHAFER: That's in the report, the remaining part of the funding. The funding to complete Landfill 4 is not guaranteed as of yet.

MR. BRECHEEN: Correct. What we've done is, we have construction season this year that is fully funded, paid for, being completed, and we have construction season next year. But it's a fairly long construction season. Hopefully, from March until whenever we're completed. A pretty big chunk of money.

So what we're telling headquarters is give us the first part first, let us get out there and get the job done, and give us the next part, okay? That IROD signature was really important, because that released -- that signature we just got today just released a huge chunk of funds to allow us to do that first part of next year's construction activities.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Because we're moving right along. There's still machines out there every day.

MR. SCHAFER: We had some discussion about

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Landfill 4 being moved to '02, and I was wondering if 1 that was still the case. 2 MR. BRECHEEN: We're trying our best. 3 we talk funding to Headquarters, we're talking multi. 4 When we say, hey, we need "X" number of dollars, we're 5 including all four. 6 7 MR. BOUDREAUX: You just can't imagine the difference. Well, you've been here. How long have we 8 9 been talking about that? MR. SCHAFER: Since before I was here. 10 11 MR. BOUDREAUX: Yeah, I know. It's huge. 12 it. MR. BRADY: I've got a question that may be 13 14 of interest to everybody, that I'm interested in, and 15 I live on the base, too, besides working here. Gary, I know it took a long time to get on the proposed list 16 17 to be on - and this is a pessimistic question - if we 18 do end up on the NPL, then how tough is it to get off? 19 Do you just have to complete your cleanup 20 and get -- and then you're off, and we put that in the 21 newspaper, hey, Chanute is off the list. Yeah. MR. SCHAFER: It would certainly have to be 22 23 cleaned up first.

MR. BRADY: Yeah. Oh, I understand that.

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mean, is it as tough to get off as it was to get on?

As lengthy as it was to get on? You know what I'm saying?

MR. BRECHEEN: It's kind of like, you know when you get a cavity and you start brushing your teeth?

MR. SCHAFER: That's a hard question to answer. We do have a process by which we de-list sites, but we don't even begin to think about de-listing sites until the cleanup is completed. And I would point out there are many, many years of cleanup in this site before that topic can even be contemplated.

MR. KRAVITZ: But EPA has been speeding up.

MR. BRADY: Yeah, but you know, getting on and getting off.

MR. BRECHEEN: Don't we have to go through a five-year review?

MR. SCHAFER: I believe that's the case. I'm not completely certain of that, but I believe that's the case. The first Five-Year Review is the earliest opportunity, and the Five-Year Review process is something that's unique to CERCLA.

After a site is cleaned up, there's ongoing -- there's generally ongoing data that's collected and such to evaluate the effectiveness of a

remedy. And a Five-Year Review is a task that looks at that data, and the purpose of the Five-Year Review is to ensure that the remedy remains protective.

So the Five-Year Review would be the first opportunity, I think.

MR. BRITTON: To start the five-year clock at the end of the Construction Completion Report which is after the last cleanup has occurred.

MR. SCHAFER: That's correct.

MR. BRITTON: Not five years from when it was listed.

MR. SCHAFER: Yes. It would be five years after of the last cleanup action.

MR. BRITTON: Eight - ten years, maybe.

MR. BOUDREAUX: That's why it's almost terrible.

The only thing that would be positive about being on
the list is if we could get a whole lot of money, and
I don't think we can.

MR. SCHAFER: Well, the way my Agency understood this - and I believe the State does, too - is now that the site is on the NPL, it about becomes more of a compliance issue for the Air Force, rather than a decision of do we want to fund this this year or not.

It becomes a must fund rather than an

elective thing. So my Agency feels very strongly that this action will force the Air Force to treat Chanute as a priority, because Chanute is competing nationally with other sites; many other sites that the Air Force has, and the other National Priority List Sites in other states are getting funded before this base is.

That is a fact of life. So, Chanute has been at a disadvantage for funding for many, many years because it's not been on the NPL. So we feel that this is going to put Chanute up in that top tier of projects of sites that are going to get attention from the Air Force.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Not necessarily from the other money, from the Air Force money.

MR. BRECHEEN: And that's a big distinction.

When an industrial site gets on the National Priority

List, they do get special funds called Superfunds.

MR. KRAVITZ: If they're not able to do it themselves. If they refuse to do it themselves.

MR. BRECHEEN: However, the same people who were funding Chanute last year will fund it this year and next year, and that's the Air Force Base Conversion Agency. But EPA feelings that this would give the Air Force Conversion Agency a different view of

prioritizing, but it will still be the same pot of funds.

MR. SCHAFER: That's true. The same people that would do the funding -- in our view, it simply puts

Chanute in a position to get a bigger piece of the pie. Funding is slowing down, and it's going to be incredibly competitive. There are no more BRAC

Associations that I'm aware of. And the site has been around for 12 years. The cleanup is not complete, and that BCT pot of money is going away.

So the -- there are other sites that aren't finished either. So the Air Force is going to find itself competing not only internally with the Air Force for the funding, but I think the day is coming very shortly where they're going to be competing with the Army and the Navy for cleanup dollars, too.

And the sites that are compliance sites, they're NPL Listed Sites, they're going to have an Enforcement Order. Those are going to be the "must funds" for the military. And the stuff that's not "must fund," it's going to be pretty tough for them to get the money that they need. Especially if they have a lot of work facing them still left to do.

MS. WIRGES: Should we have been on this list

several years ago? Was there a possibility of getting 1 on this list prior to now? 2 MR. SCHAFER: Yes. Yes, there was. 3 4 MS. WIRGES: Thank you. MR. BRECHEEN: I guess jumping back to the 5 landfills, as most everyone is aware, and a great deal 6 7 of the Village of Rantoul, the system -- the Detention Pond and capture of the soil for our landfill cover, 8 which started back in early August - we've been 9 10 hauling for a couple months now. I'm sure everyone 1 1 has seen the flaggers out here and everything. 12 There's quite a huge hole. Dan, do you know how many cubic yards? 13 14 MR. BRADY: Roughly, about 100,000 cubic yards so 15 far. 16 MR. BRECHEEN: And all that soil has gone to 17 assist with the construction of the covers. 18 MR. BRADY: I think we also hauled about 14 for Veterans Parkway, and that was mostly topsoil. 19 20 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay. And that's a diagram of 21 where that property is at. 22 MR. KRAVITZ: It shows the haul route. 23 MR. BRECHEEN: So what we're currently doing at 24 Landfills 1, 2, and 3 is preparing the sites for

consolidating the waste, bringing it in from the outside, putting it on top, bringing the bar source from the detention pond area. We're grading it, of course, clearing any new brush or any trees, and installing what's called leachate collection systems to capture any water inside the landfill itself.

MR. BOUDREAUX: The forced main to the POW's, are you doing that yet?

MR. BRECHEEN: Construction's started.

MR. BRADY: This week. The water one is a 30-day; the forced one, there's not a requirement on it. The water was a requirement because of MSCI and fire fighting ability.

MR. BRECHEEN: In the spring, we plan to come back and start Landfill 4 with the range clearance that we talked about, and conduct the same work for Landfill 4 to kind of catch that up to 1, 2, and 3. Which, we'll be installing the leachate collection systems, the gas venting systems, the caps with all the liners, and final site grading.

And our goal is to complete all that next year. It's a lot of activity, but we've got some really sharp folks to help out in the field and coordinate all that. This is earth moving equipment

that are grading the sites and moving the soil for us.

A lot of excavation of the soil from the outside,
that's why we see so much growth in the pile. It's
not just bringing in a lot of new dirt, but we're
consolidating from the exterior. This is right on the
edge of Salt Fork Creek.

Those steel pilings that get hammered to the ground that kind of lock together. The landfill was constructed right up to the edge of the creek, and was actually pushing into the creek, so part of our effort was to excavate back and grab all the other construction debris and other material in the landfill and pull it back away from the creek, and then come back in with clean topsoil and borrow soil along the edges of the creek, and that would eliminate any pathway for leachate water or any other type of media to be contaminated.

MR. FOTHERGILL: So that steel piling fence is going to stay right at the present location? You didn't move it?

MR. BRECHEEN: We have not moved it yet.

MR. BRADY: But it's going to come out eventually, and there's going to be gabions, which is an interlocking basket type thing that goes along that

bank between the landfill and the creek, and those gabion baskets will then be filled with big rift raft rocks.

MR. SCHAFER: I'd like to clarify one thing:
With the work that they are doing, pulling the waste
away from the creek, putting in the leachate
collection system around the perimeter and putting the
cap on, what that effectively does is that will reduce
anything from eroding or coming into the landfill,
first of all, and that's why the sheet piling was
there, is to try and stop that.

But anything running off of the landfill and getting into the creek, this should cut that off. One question that's still open, however, and what the remainder of our studies are going to address that we don't know, is whether the impact of groundwater getting into the creek from beneath the landfill.

That's still an open question, and that's something that we're going to be evaluating as we go on. So some of the contaminate pathways to the creek have been cut off by the construction cap, but not all. Groundwater is still an open question that we're going to have to deal with.

MR. BOUDREAUX: The collection doesn't take care

of that? The leachate collection system doesn't take care of that?

MR. SCHAFER: The leachate collection system gets basically leachate mounted water that's at a level that's comparable to the waste.

MR. ADAMS: It's down below.

MR. SCHAFER: Groundwater is typically below that level, and probably fairly close to creek level. I guess I would look to Jacobs for something a little more specific than that.

MR. BOUDREAUX: As far as 10 feet below the surface.

MR. BRADY: The other thing we'll be doing is to keep water from coming in from the lake into the landfill too, we're going to put a slurry wall, a slurry of clay between the lake and the landfill, and that will keep any water that could possibly come from the lake level being higher than groundwater in the landfill. That will stop that water from leaching through the landfill.

MR. BRECHEEN: And if it's shown that's required -- because one of the things we need to do is measure the water level differences in the lake versus the groundwater versus the head on the creek, and just

see what sort of communication there is.

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And that's one of the things out there now - I don't know if you all saw the drilling rig out there - is to install wells very close to the creek, and to measure the water differences in the creek versus the well, to see which way is the water being pushed, and that could fluctuate by the seasons, but to see if the groundwater is in fact moving towards the creek and vice versa and from the lake, and that's kind of a good intro to the next slide.

MR. SCHAFER: Right. The groundwater getting to the landfill is doing one of two things, and the testing we're going to do is going to give us the answer. I believe, it's either -- we believe it's moving toward the creek and coming up through the base of the creek, through the sediments and the bottom of the creek, and basically discharging into the creek.

But there's the possibility maybe that the groundwater is moving under the creek all together.

So we need to figure out which of those two relationships are going on.

MR. BOUDREAUX: And do we know yet what the groundwater is carrying? I don't know. Is it carrying anything?

MR. SCHAFER: The Air Force does have some results. There are various things that are coming out of the landfills.

MR. BOUDREAUX: But that's what this cap hopefully will stop.

MR. SCHAFER: To a certain extent. It will stop any future rainwater from percolating down through the waste, and getting into the water.

MR. BRECHEEN: And you could really call the caps a solution for the soil problem. It's not a solution to the groundwater problem. So now we have to determine to what extent do we have a problem in the groundwater. It hasn't really been determined yet, and that's what --

MR. BOUDREAUX: I think it's important that everybody understand we don't drink groundwater or surface water. Our wells for drinking are much lower. Groundwater is typically what?

MR. SCHAFER: We understand that, but there are still regulations required.

MR. BOUDREAUX: No, I think that's important to do that. But we don't drink that.

MR. BRITTON: Groundwater is any from ground surface to below, so even water 80 to 100 feet may not

be the same water, but it is groundwater. Any well is groundwater. It just may not be the groundwater that's in connection with the landfill groundwater type of stuff.

MR. BRECHEEN: And all of the groundwater is going to be investigated on a base-wide investigation which covers not just the sites on the southeast portion of the base, but some sites that are up on the main part of the base.

MR. FOTHERGILL: One quick question. Could you go back to the previous slide? On Landfill 1, where the firing range used to be, is that that old firing range? The content, and lead and all that, is that being moved out of the landfill?

MR. BRECHEEN: And placed underneath.

MR. BOUDREAUX: In fact, it's already in there.

It's pretty much gone.

MR. BRECHEEN: There's approximately 38 sites, including some that are near residential areas that we need to investigate. After we investigate them, we'll conduct a feasibility study to evaluate what sort of cleanup alternatives we will go forward with. Really, we start with developing site conceptual models using different sorts of data collection techniques, define

the boundaries of the sites.

A lot of these sites are just from simply looking at aerial photographs, or somebody coming in and saying, I remember when I was here and this activity took place. I think it took place over there. So we kind of have to start with a broad brush, and do the activities we can, to narrow in where the true problems are.

And we're doing that for both Operable
Units. Operable Unit 1 ,which is closer to the main
portion of the base, and Operable Unit 2 which is on
the southeast portion.

MR. KRAVITZ: If I may interject: The reason I put "including several near residential areas," we're looking at a couple of -- where the rifle range is, pistol range is, that are near housing units now, and we're going to be starting activities fairly shortly in terms of doing some geophysics at the beginning of the year, and then later in the spring, some geo-probe or drilling activities.

So we want to sort of get word out, and we're going to do formal communications as well with the residents, but as RAB Members in the community, just so you're aware of what's going on out here,

there's going to be some activities probably starting right around the first of the year.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Can you show us? Probably someone else would be better. Tom, can you point out those?

MR. KRAVITZ: I know there's one down in here.

MR. BRADY: Yeah, right in there. And then there's one right up on the edge of the golf course, right in that area.

MR. MASON: Those are the two rifle ranges.

There's also a skeet range that we'll be looking at.

MR. BRADY: And there's another rifle range right up there where -- see right above Landfill 1? Right in there.

MR. MASON: And there's also some water towers up here that we'll be looking at. So there will be some activity starting right after the first of the year where they'll actually be taking -- it's pretty neat technology that they take electromagnetics -- because it's metals we're looking at.

And so they can take this technology and having miniature electrical fields that they can measure resistance of the different compounds in the soil, and put that on a map that shows kind of like a

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infrared map. It can show different levels of resistance, and different levels of resistance would correspond to different amounts of things other than soil, such as larger areas of lead.

It was used extensively on the landfills because you can take that over a landfill and see exactly where the trash is, because it has a different resonance than native soil. So it's fairly quick technology, so if you see guys out there walking with these big poles and different things -- but very effective. So we'll see more activities like that. We might see work trucks.

We'll start seeing stamping vehicles, kind of like miniature drill rigs out there. So we'll start to be seeing a lot more activity, and we want to make sure we're communicating with the Village and then doing. everything we can to let the folks know we're out there doing this.

We don't want to disturb people anymore than we need to, but that means activity, and that means progress. So we want to do this as quickly and painlessly as possible. We're right now in the planning stages, and like Rob said, after the first of the year, the first screen, the first portion will

begin.

And then, full data collection, which means sampling, sampling soil, sampling groundwater, sampling deep soil, all that will take place next spring and summer, and hopefully be completed by winter of next year. So next year, there's going to be a lot of activity out here, a lot of construction, because we're serious about taking care of the situation.

MR. BRECHEEN: In addition to those 38 or so sites, we have about 180 sites that are mainly underground storage tanks, petroleum tanks or separators and that type of thing, that we need to resolve. Of those sites, approximately 70, we know we need to move forward with sampling, doing what's called visual site inspections on 36 sites, which is step one.

And then we feel about a little over 70 of those sites, we just need to complete the paperwork.

A lot of these sites were tanks that were taken out a long time ago, some that were taken out when the base was closed. But we want to make sure we're dotting our "I's" and crossing our "T's" on everything.

We're not just looking here at just the big

a letter.

landfills, but everything. We want to make sure we're doing the right thing, and toward that end, we've already conducted 64 soil borings, located wells, prepared tech memos, cleaning some tanks, removed some tanks, and kind of prioritize the ones for reuse for the Village; clean up smaller separators.

Kind of in the future, what we have from now until late in '01, is several steps to completing all the actions. And, again, everything we do has to be approved by the regulators, so when we're done, the regulators have approved and it's not just our word, it's part of the process that we get their approval.

MR. BOUDREAUX: We observed today they're working on the sulfuric tank by Hangar 4. And I took Steve over around and showed him there's still those four barrels.

MR. BRECHEEN: They've already worked that with the museum.

MR. BRECHEEN: We're also conducting sampling for four residential well locations south of the base.

Four rounds have been completed. I think we sent you

MR. BOUDREAUX: Because those came out of 21?

MS. WIRGES: Some interesting statistics there.

MR. BRECHEEN: I don't know if we sent you the letter from the Department of Public Health.

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MR. BRECHEEN: We will have that one sent to you as well. Because one of the things that was established was that we send the results to the residents, but also, the Illinois Department of Health has an independent review of the things found, and the levels of the constituents(sic). And they write a separate letter to each resident, explaining in laymen's terms, if there are any problems. So that's provided to us.

Like Gary Schafer said, we currently do not have a clear picture of the overall groundwater situation, and it's going to take us about another year or so before we have the whole picture, and we install all the wells and all the different aquifers we need. We've done the computer modeling, and we've researched to have the full extent of any potential contamination.

And until we do that, we're committed to help the residents, and we do that by sending a letter out to them and saying we want to come back and every quarter sample your well.

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MS. WIRGES: That's what I was going to ask is how you determine the time element for sampling, because it seems to me, looking at these statistics, that there is correlation between fall fertilizing and pesticides and herbicides in the area in the fall, and then again in the spring that affects the statistics.

MR. BRECHEEN: Okay, one of the things we wanted to do by doing it quarterly is eliminate the seasonal fluctuations with rain and whatever. We haven't really come to that same conclusion on those results, but we met with the landowners actually two nights ago, with the regulators here.

We appreciate Mark Britton from Springfield coming over from Illinois EPA, and we also had Gary Wear(sp) with the Department of Public Health, and met with the folks and just talked with them, and I think had a great meeting, answered their questions, had a few comments and concerns and questions, and seemed to appreciate what they heard.

MR. BRITTON: We're going to try and talk to them next week and do the same.

MR. BRECHEEN: Yeah, thanks for bringing that up. We are scheduled to do what's I guess we'll call the fifth round next Tuesday. We are still committed to

providing bottled water if they want it. And again, just because we don't know, has the Air Force caused a problem with these wells?

We don't know, but because there's the potential, we want to do what's right. And then when we have all the facts, then we'll sit down with the agencies and evaluate it, and determine what the appropriate long-term steps are.

MR. FOTHERGILL: Are you still going to monitor their wells after the cap installation?

MR. BRECHEEN: Yes, sir.

MR. FOTHERGILL: For low long?

MR. BRECHEEN: Well, if the cap installation is solving the soil problem, part of this base-wide investigation is going to look at the groundwater, and that's going to take about a year or so, maybe a little bit longer.

MR. FOTHERGILL: But until you find out which way the water is going, we'll keep monitoring the well?

MR. BRECHEEN: Yes, sir.

MR. BRITTON: And the caps do help the groundwater because if there is a source from normal rainfall going through landfills and contributing continuously, it cuts that route off. And so if it is

found that the landfills contribute to the groundwater, the landfill caps in effect will stop that from continuing from now on.

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But then you still have to deal with anything that's moving through until it's intitulated. And we do have sites throughout the state that sometimes it's determined that the natural elements are going to break things down, and we basically let the earth kind of take care of it themselves, and there are other ones that I know of that have -- you know, give an indication that hundreds of years from now, a problem will still exist. So the range on what can happen in a groundwater investigation is enormous.

MR. BRECHEEN: The caps -- you know, like how you have the straw in the cup. You place your finger on the top of the straw and lift up, and the water stays in the straw until you let go -- until you let go of your sister or something like that. That's what the cap does.

It's like putting a finger on top of that straw. It holds anything from moving and then also prevents anything else from entering. So it's very, very effective, and that's why it's our first scenario. That kind of concludes the slides, but I'll

be sure and answer any questions.

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MR. BOUDREAUX: Closer than that actually.

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MR. BRITTON: Some within 50 - 60 feet of the

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MR. BRADY: The farthest distance apart is about

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MR. BOUDREAUX: If you stop in my office, you can

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MR. BRITTON: And depending on how deep the wells are, it depends on what aquifers you'll be in, and even if two of them, let's say, have their wells the same foot depth, it doesn't mean they're the same aquifer, because natural geologic or underground structure could be sloping different ways.

So it's very complicated, and that's why it takes as long as it does. To determine something that is 100 feet deep at one point could be 10 feet at

another or vice versa. Or it could be everyone that has an 80 foot well are all drinking the same water out of the same aquifer.

You don't know that until you do a real extensive, full investigation. And going to quarterly monitoring, since it had been a six-month monitoring, that will increase the number of data and the results that we have to analyze things.

MS. WIRGES: Most of the wells in this area are 150 foot deep.

MR. SCHAFER: No, I think a couple of these that we're looking at are less than that.

MS. WIRGES: When we had a well put in, it was 150, and there's people in that area -- yours out there was 150, right?

MR. BOUDREAUX: Yes, ma'am. And it was great water. And my well was within -- less than a mile from the old landfill, the City landfill that's out there. You're only what? Three miles north of that landfill?

MS. WIRGES: I'm not even that.

MR. BOUDREAUX: Not even that, and it's great water out there. I know.

MS. WIRGES: Less than a mile.

1	MR. BOUDREAUX: RCRA caps are pretty effective.
2	MS. WIRGES: And then, those wells are all
3	inspected before anybody can move in and use it.
4	MR. BOUDREAUX: I used to send mine in annually
5	to Public Health.
6	MR. BRITTON: That's a whole different testing.
7	MS. WIRGES: They were high in sodium.
8	MR. BOUDREAUX: What the Public Health Department
9	does is a very minimal test compared to what they do.
10	MS. WIRGES: Right, I realize that, but I'm just
11	saying they do require they just don't dig a well
12	and move into the home in the country.
13	MR. BRITTON: And I think you referred to the
14	fluctuations that you saw from pesticides and
15	herbicides?
16	MS. WIRGES: Uh-huh.
17	· MR. BRITTON: That's much more associated with
18	surface water supplies. I'm from Springfield, and
19	every spring they pray it doesn't rain for three weeks
20	after the farmers apply, because otherwise we get
21	atrazine in our lake.
22	But these wells, once you get beyond 30 -
23	40 feet deep, unless there's something wrong with the
24	well, as far as going down, like you have a cracked

pipe or something, the surface applications of pesticides and herbicides have very little effect on

the actual wells.

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There's something called a seep well that a farmer houses -- they used to dig them 20 feet deep, and the water from around the farm would drain into it. Those are dangerous because those can get surface. But I think -- who from Jacobs -- what are the shallowest wells? I think it's like 80 feet?

MR. MASON: In that range. I don't know the exact depth, but it's not a surface well like you described.

MR. BRITTON: So they wouldn't have any of the pesticide/herbicide things coming in from the surface. It really wouldn't make it down through 80 feet of soil in the period of applying in spring and showing up in the next quarter.

MS. WIRGES: There's been a lot of concern in the area though. The Farm Bureau has had meetings to try to train people in how to cover or seal their farm wells, the farmsteads that are being deserted because of the potential dangers.

MR. BOUDREAUX: It's important that he explain

when they dig a well for sampling purposes, whether it's shallow, medium well, or deep well; they use proper digging techniques, Number One. And Number Two, when they're done with that, they're required to abandon with the right procedure. I mean, there is a procedure to do that, and I don't know what that is. But to prevent anything from the surface getting to any of those levels or from below up, there's a whole process.

MR. BRITTON: Yeah, if you don't abandon a well, think about it: You drilled a hole down -- or you dug a hole 30 feet deep, and they leave, and somebody else comes in and drills a new well and the old one is out there. That basically is a sewer pipe directly from the surface down, and it doesn't allow the soil to do its job of insulating.

So that's why the State has a very aggressive program to get a hold of old wells to get them sealed, because then you do have pesticides/herbicides going straight down a pipe and getting into a lower supply, where they normally, naturally could not do that.

MS. WIRGES: They've really been preaching that around here the last year.

MR. BOUDREAUX: I think it's important to know 1 when they say they abandon a well, that means they --2 MR. MASON: -- dig it out or use concrete. 3 MR. BOUDREAUX: Essentially, what they've done is they've done it right. They've abandoned it right. MR. BRITTON: We even come out and do it for 6 7 free. MR. SCHAFER: The well and everything has been 9 physically removed, with the shallow wells pulled out. 10 For the deeper wells, I think the State requires they 11 be overdrilled, and either way, whether the well stays 12 in or not, it's overdrilled or it's backfilled with 13 rock cement. 14 MR. BRECHEEN: An upside down statue. 15 MR. BRADY: We did about 200 of them this year. 16 MR. BRECHEEN: Well, do you all want to move on 17 to reuse? Or do you have any questions? 18 MS. WIRGES: I thought Ray was done. 19 MR. BOUDREAUX: I could be done. I only have 2.0 four little things. I think last time, I told you 21 that the T-Hangars were full. Did I tell you that? 22 And it's interesting, right now we're in an 23 investigation to find out if there is a requirement for another one. 24

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The State has authorized \$100,000 estate money, and our money is about 20,000 to do a second taxi-way project, but the first thing we have to do is find out if there's enough need, and that's one of the research projects we're doing right now. We've got a core sampling project coming tomorrow.

I've notified Steve of that. We will be doing some core samples down the Runway 0927 in preparation for the project in the spring. We should be doing the 5/8 inch overlay and repair of the unusual cracks that are out there that we've talked about at this meeting, and we're pretty comfortable just because the surface plates are moving in different directions. They're going to core sample and find out, and that's going to happen tomorrow.

I'm sure you saw in the paper a couple of interesting projects: A new computer company moving in which we're real happy about. That's our first of hopefully many. We've had meetings with the people who provide fiber optics, monitoring, and those kinds of things, and we're working with those folks to hopefully get those installed in the next 60 days, which means even you all will have your fiber. So, Steve will be a happy camper. That's all, unless

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MS. WIRGES: I have one question off the record.

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MR. BRITTON: And you didn't make it on the TV?

I understand we need to do an otter study now because of the otter eating the fish, and so they would be an

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MR. KRAVITZ: The fish are not glowing, right?

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MR. BRADY: I ate the fish last summer; do you

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MR. BRECHEEN: I guess to answer your question, no, they're not glowing, and we did go fishing and collect a lot of fish samples, and it's a fairly scientific process where different species of fish and different size fish, you either blend-o-matic, you know, and you take the whole fish, put it in a blender, and sample an entire fish -- because some species are feeder fish, and so a larger fish will eat the smaller fish, so you have to look at the whole fish.

But then when we get into the larger fish, like your bass, you also have to separate the filets, so you cut off the head, and tail, and the guts, and

sample just the filet.

MS. WIRGES: Scale them a little bit, too.

MR. BRECHEEN: Yeah, that helps. But you do all this different type of scientific testing, and that's been completed. And so, we have all of the numbers from all of that testing. And now the question is:

What do you do with the numbers? And that's kind of the stage we're at right now.

MR. BOUDREAUX: What do the numbers mean?

MR. BRECHEEN: Yeah, that's another way to say it is there are some compounds that were in the fish samples, and certain types of fish done certain ways. Are those compounds at unsafe levels? We are right now putting together kind of our methodology, our recipe for how to take all those numbers and do the calculations to say, what is the level of risk? Or what's the appropriate action?

We'll be submitting that to the agencies for their review. If they agree with our recipe, we'll go back and run those numbers, and we'll come to an agreement if is there a risk or not, do we need to do a fish advisory or not. And at that time, we would make that information public. But, certainly, if you guys have anything to add --

1 MR. SCHAFER: No. That's correct. MR. BOUDREAUX: Early on, I think the one reason 2 that we were all told is that since the lake has a 3 head pressure that's greater than anything around it, you anticipate that there wouldn't be much of an 5 infiltration - and I think that came from you, Gary -6 that doesn't mean anything. It still has to be 7 investigated, and you still have to find out. 8 MR. BRECHEEN: But we are trying to do that as 9 quickly as possible, because if it is, then it's upon 10 us to take the right approach. 11 12 MR. BOUDREAUX: Make sure about the otters. 13 MR. BOUDREAUX: I move we adjourn. 14 MR. FOTHERGILL: I second it. 15 MR. BRECHEEN: All in favor? 16 RAB MEMBERS: Aye. 17 MR. KRAVITZ: February 8 I think is the next one. 18 Thank you all for coming. 19 HEARD AND TAKEN 2.0 21 22

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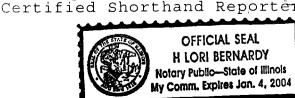
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