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BEFORE THE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

IN RE THE MATTER OF:

CHANUTE AFB INSTALLATION
RESTORATION PROGRAM

BOARD MEETING

Proceedings had on February 8th, 2001, at AFBCA
Public Meeting Room, 1 Aviation Drive, Rantoul,
Champaign County, Illinois, commencing at the hour of
7:02 o'clock P.M., before the Restoration Advisory
Board, before H. Lori Bernardy, a Notary Public of
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PRESENT:

Ray Boudreaux	Rantoul, RAB Member
Gary Adams	Village of Rantoul
Carl Sahre	AFBCA
Robert Kravitz	MEC
Steve Pitts	AFBCA
Gary Schafer	USEPA
Chris Hill	IEPA
Dan Brady	AFCEE
Lorraine Wirges	RAB Member
Greg Hazel	Village of Rantoul
Tim Mitchell	Rantoul <u>News-Gazette</u>
Caryl E. Fothergill	RAB Member
Donna Kozak	UNITEC
Mark Hutchinson	AFBCA
Dave Heidlauf	Montgomery Watson
Chris Miller	Montgomery Watson
Jennifer Smith	Montgomery Watson
Tom Mason	Jacobs Engineering
Charles Williams	Jacobs Engineering
Bryan Ardell	Jacobs Engineering
Rich Weber	Montgomery Watson

1 P R O C E E D I N G

2 MR. BRECHEEN: Good evening. Are we set? Any
3 introductions we need to make?

4 MR. BOUDREAUX: We have one new guy, Greg Hazel
5 with Public Works.

6 MR. BRECHEEN: Great.

7 MR. ADAMS: If anything goes wrong, it's his
8 fault.

9 MR. BRECHEEN: A big responsibility. Minutes?
10 Any comments?

11 MR. BOUDREAUX: Did you like this?

12 MR. BRECHEEN: Did I hear a second?

13 MS. WIRGES: I'll second it.

14 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay, all in the favor of
15 approving the minutes?

16 RAB MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. BRECHEEN: All opposed?

18 (No audible response.)

19 MR. BRECHEEN: Ray said the motion -- and do you
20 need our names? Okay, let's quickly go around.

21 MR. KRAVITZ: I'm Rob Kravitz, Midwest
22 Environmental Consultants.

23 MR. HILL: Chris Hill, Illinois EPA.

24 MR. SCHAFER: Gary Schafer, US EPA.

1 MR. BOUDREAUX: Ray Boudreaux, Village of
2 Rantoul.

3 MR. ADAMS: Gary Adams, Village of Rantoul.

4 MR. HAZEL: Greg Hazel.

5 MS. WIRGES: Lorraine Wirges, the RAB.

6 MR. FOTHERGILL: Caryl Fothergill, a RAB Member.

7 MR. BRECHEEN: Tim Brecheen, Air Force Base
8 Conversion Agency.

9 MR. WEBER: Rich Weber, Montgomery Watson.

10 MR. MITCHELL: Tim Mitchell, News Gazette.

11 MR. ARDELL: Bryn Ardell, Jacobs Engineering.

12 MR. WILLIAMS: Charlie Williams, Jacobs
13 Engineering.

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15 MR. HUTCHINSON: Mark Hutchinson, Air Force Base
16 Conversion Agency.

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19 Conversion Agency.

20 MS. SMITH: Jennifer Smith, Montgomery Watson.

21 MR. MILLER: Chris Miller, Montgomery Watson.

22 MR. HEIDLAAF: Dave Heidlauf, Montgomery Watson.

23 MS. KOZAK: Donna Kozak, UNITEC.

24 MR. BRADY: Dan Brady, Air Force Center for

1 Environmental Excellence.

2 MR. BRECHEEN: Ready? Are you all ready to
3 start? Okay. These were briefed at the last meeting:
4 The base has been proposed on the National Priority
5 List, a portion of the base, what we call Operable
6 Unit 2 on the southeast corner of the landfills and
7 the Parkway area. The public comment period was
8 December and January.

9 We provided comments to the EPA and the
10 Village provided comments to the EPA stating our
11 concerns and our comments on the listing and how they
12 scored the site. So, now the EPA will review those
13 comments, and then make a decision if you want to pick
14 the site to be on the final listing on the National
15 Priority List.

16 MR. ADAMS: What's the time frame for that? When
17 do they make the decision?

18 MR. SCHAFER: I would guess it's probably within
19 the next couple months. I would guess.

20 MR. ADAMS: It's a little period of time. It's
21 not immediate?

22 MR. SCHAFER: Well, I guess one thing that might
23 make it a little bit different this year is decisions
24 of this level are typically made by people at the top,

1 the final decision is. It's kind of hard for me to
2 guage it for you guys because there's a new transition
3 team coming in with the new Administration, but it's
4 not anything that's going to happen soon.

5 MR. BOUDREAUX: They'll call our Mayor if they
6 have questions?

7 MR. SCHAFER: Yes, certainly.

8 MR. ADAMS: And do we get some formal notice
9 whatever the decision is? Or does it come to you, or
10 to Tim? What's the notification process once they
11 make whatever decision they make? Do you know?

12 MR. SCHAFER: It's my understanding that if we
13 decide to go forward, the site will be listed in the
14 Federal Register in the next couple of months. If we
15 choose, for whatever reason, not to move the site
16 forward, it might be we can go back and recalculate
17 the score perhaps. I'm not real sure what the next
18 step is for that.

19 MR. ADAMS: But I mean, other than listing in the
20 Federal Register, do they actually notify like the
21 Mayor? Or is that the only notification that's made
22 is in the Federal Register?

23 MR. SCHAFER: I'm not sure. I can check on it
24 for you.

1 MR. KRAVITZ: They generally notify the
2 Congressional Office.

3 MR. ADAMS: The Mayor asked me. Okay, thank you.

4 MR. BOUDREAU: Did you get a copy of the Mayor's
5 comments?

6 MR. SCHAFER: This is the first time I've become
7 aware of the fact that the Village had submitted any
8 comment. I haven't seen the comments from either you
9 guys or the Air Force yet.

10 MR. BRECHEEN: I've got copies.

11 MR. BOUDREAU: Just make sure he gets a copy.

12 MR. BRECHEEN: Any other questions on that?

13 MR. ADAMS: Could I ask one? Are we in a
14 position to discuss the City's position here?

15 MR. BOUDREAU: I don't know, Gary. What do you
16 want to know, or are we not supposed to do that?

17 MR. ADAMS: We discussed this before. It's kind
18 of a mutual position that was stated by the Village.
19 Has that changed?

20 MR. BOUDREAU: I don't have a copy of the final
21 letter. This is the one we put together.

22 MR. ADAMS: Do you have a copy for him?

23 MR. BOUDREAU: Yes.

24 MR. ADAMS: Because I haven't seen a final copy

1 either. All I've seen is the draft.

2 MR. BOUDREAUX: Okay. Well, here is copy, and
3 essentially the Mayor preferred that it not go any
4 further, and the Air Force is committed to cleaning it
5 up and we're convinced that if they're telling us they
6 will, they will. So we would prefer it not be gone
7 into.

8 MR. ADAMS: I don't think it's a lot different
9 than the comments that he relayed through me to you
10 the last time we talked, but I don't remember. Of
11 course, I'll tell that you, and then it is. Look at
12 the letter first.

13 MR. BRECHEEN: After you look at it, if you want
14 to give me a call?

15 MR. SCHAFER: Sure.

16 MR. BOUDREAUX: Do you have that with you
17 tonight, so he can have it?

18 MR. BRECHEEN: About 50 feet that way.

19 MR. BOUDREAUX: We need to get this done first.

20 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay. One other topic that we had
21 slides with, but dropped out: Funding. And I guess
22 we'll start off with the not so good news: Drastic
23 funding cuts to all BRAC, Air Force, Environmental
24 Programs. Our Director, Mr. Lowas, sent a letter to

1 the all the communities that are impacted by this, so
2 all the BRAC bases, I believe it was the 18th of
3 January.

4 So he wrote the letter to the Village that
5 basically stated Congress has cut the BRAC Program and
6 DoD, which meant DoD cut into most of the services.
7 The Air Force went from approximately \$230 million
8 dollar 2001 program requirement to a funding of about
9 \$100 million dollars.

10 So a \$230 million dollar requirement funded
11 at \$100 million. So a fairly significant cut. What
12 that means for Chanute is, we a proposed level of
13 effort that we are ready to execute. This entire team
14 is geared up and ready to go, but now we're funded at
15 about 30 percent of what we were ready to do.

16 MR. BOUDREAUX: 60 percent?

17 MR. SCHAFER: No.

18 MR. BRADY: Cut 60.

19 MR. BOUDREAUX: Cut 4.6 out of 10.6, right?

20 MR. SCHAFER: That was the second cut.

21 MR. BRECHEEN: But we wanted more than that. We
22 were prepared to execute on a larger figure than that.
23 So, what that means is we're going to have to
24 re-group, work with the agencies and everyone else on

1 what do we do with what's left to get the most bang
2 for the buck, hit the priority sites, and complete
3 what we need to complete.

4 And we're still committed to the cleanup,
5 and from what I understand, the funding cut in fiscal
6 year '01 rolls the money to fiscal year '02. So, come
7 October 1st, that's a new funding cycle and we kind of
8 receive back the cut we got now, so we have to work
9 with what we have between now and the end of
10 September.

11 MR. ADAMS: We hope.

12 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes. So that's sort of the bad
13 news. The good news is I think we have a solid plan
14 for what's left. We can complete Landfill 1 and
15 Landfill 2, which are the two landfills that border
16 Salt Fork Creek, which are the priority landfills. We
17 can get those completed, we have a contracting team of
18 contractors that have kind of re-grouped and sharpened
19 the pencils to give us what we need with what we have
20 left.

21 We can also proceed with the project that
22 looks at all the storage tanks, underground tanks,
23 above-ground tanks, oil/water separators. Now that
24 project will proceed. We're also looking at the

1 Investigation in Operable Unit 2, the southeast corner
2 of the base, the Fire Training Areas, and all the
3 other industrial sites there, that investigation will
4 continue. The Investigation in Operable Unit 1, we'll
5 complete the Workplan and some field screening, and
6 we'll have to stop.

7 MR. BOUDREAUX: This will get you through when?
8 August?

9 MR. BRECHEEN: Depending on the speed at which we
10 execute, but we're looking at a July-August time
11 frame. We've got a great deal of activity that we're
12 geared up for. So we're looking at July-August being
13 kind of 100 percent spending on the funds that we
14 have.

15 MR. ADAMS: Then, theoretically October 1, there
16 will be some new funding level, yet to be determined
17 for sure; is that right?

18 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes.

19 MR. ADAMS: Okay.

20 MR. BOUDREAUX: And this is all Air Force
21 funding? It's not Congressional funding? Where do we
22 need to make our input?

23 MR. BRECHEEN: Congress made the cut.

24 MR. BOUDREAUX: That's what I thought. So that

1 you know, they didn't cut anything out of the Air
2 Transportation Bill, interestingly enough. What
3 happened was is that the budget essentially was cut
4 across the board, like, what was it? Like, 10 percent
5 or something like that, Gary?

6 MR. ADAMS: I don't know.

7 MR. BOUDREAU: Well, what happened was that
8 those areas that stayed at 100 percent, like the Air
9 Transportation Bill which is important for some
10 projects we have out here that we got funded for, the
11 other projects got cut deeper. So, that's what
12 happened.

13 MR. ADAMS: For all practical purposes, then that
14 means that the schedule especially for 3 and 4 and
15 whatever else is pushed back at a minimum until
16 October 1, 2002.

17 MR. BRECHEEN: That is correct. Well, October
18 2001.

19 MR. ADAMS: I mean, 2001, I'm sorry. This coming
20 October 1.

21 MR. BRECHEEN: That is correct, because we were
22 initially geared up, I mean, if fully funded, we're
23 gearing up to completing the clean-up of the base.
24 And we're looking at completing 3 this summer, and

1 getting a good start on 4, so, yes, that will be
2 delayed if no additional funds are received.

3 MR. ADAMS: So from our perspective (inaudible)
4 and for all practical purposes that thing is going to
5 stay shut down for at least another year. I mean,
6 that's what's happened. And I don't need to talk
7 about that, but for all practical purposes.

8 We just had a meeting about that the other
9 day, and we had a lot of people inquire about it. It
10 used to be used a lot. It's a dead spot for now until
11 this is all done. So we might as well just not plan
12 on doing anything with that for another year.

13 MR. BRECHEEN: A portion of the fencing will be
14 able to be relocated, that type of thing for 1 and 2.

15 MR. ADAMS: That's only on the backside. That's
16 not around on the front side?

17 MR. BRECHEEN: Correct. So the fencing that goes
18 along the creek and everything --

19 MR. BOUDREAUX: -- it's got to stay. That's too
20 bad.

21 MR. FOTHERGILL: What about if these projects
22 were put on the super fund list, like Mr. Schafer
23 would like to see, wouldn't that force the Air Force
24 funding to go head with those projects?

1 MR. BRECHEEN: A very good question. Do you want
2 to comment on that?

3 MR. SCHAFER: I'd love to. Quite honestly, you
4 know, this is the reason why we feel the site needs to
5 be listed, because in the unlikely event that the Air
6 Force is able to get more money, they've made cuts
7 across the board all the way. Now, if the Air Force
8 finds themselves in a position where they have money
9 come June that the base can't spend for whatever
10 reason or they come up with money from who knows where
11 that they can spend on a site.

12 And Tim talked about the possibility of
13 additional funding, and that's true. But I think the
14 likelihood is going to be that the Air Force is most
15 likely going to take that additional money and put it
16 on the NPL sites, if there is additional money.

17 If there is additional money, in the
18 funding scheme of things since this site is not on the
19 NPL, it can't compete with all those Air Force Bases
20 out on the west coast, in the state of California that
21 are on the NPL. Because there's legal enforceable
22 agreements associated with those sites that basically
23 say you need to meet those milestones in these time
24 frames or you're fined.

1 So, obviously, the Air Force on those
2 sites, as a sound business decision, they've got to
3 deal with those, because there's circumstances if they
4 don't, so they really have no choice.

5 Another thing the City should be considered
6 about has to do with Operable Unit 1. We've heard
7 that that's going to -- by necessity because of the
8 funding now, it's going to come to a point where we're
9 going to get some of the introductory work done and
10 we're to have to essentially stop. And it's unclear
11 as to when we'll be able to start again, because even
12 getting money from next year, completing landfills is
13 obviously still a bigger priority certainly by
14 environmentalists.

15 So it kind of has a cascading effect. So a
16 point for the City is, until that RI and attendant
17 cleanup that needs to be done in Operable Unit 1 can
18 happen, there can be no more transfers of property
19 from the Air Force to the community. And I think
20 that's something that impacts you guys very directly
21 that you need to be aware of. So the longer things
22 get put out into the future, that just delays the City
23 getting their hands on the property and the
24 redevelopment.

1 MR. BOUDREAUX: I'd have to agree with you that
2 if there's a fineable situation, an NPL site that has
3 already reached a milestone that had to be met and
4 therefore a fine would have to be implemented if they
5 didn't do something, I would agree the money would be
6 put into that project rather than fines. But being on
7 the other side, okay, speaking from past experience, I
8 can tell you that those that perform get the
9 financing.

10 So our plan - and I believe firmly that our
11 plan has become so wonderfully aggressive compared to
12 what it was over the last eight years. Over the last
13 24 months, we've done an awful lot of work, an awful
14 lot of work that didn't get done over the previous
15 eight years.

16 Now, because we are performing, I think
17 you'll find that the Air Force would say hey, we would
18 love to get out of there get. If we can get it done,
19 we'll throw the money over there to get it out -- to
20 get the work done and get out of there.

21 MR. SCHAFER: I agree with you, Ray. I'm surely
22 not questioning the Air Force's good intentions.

23 MR. BOUDREAUX: No, they are resolved.

24 MR. SCHAFER: But the fact of the matter is this

1 site is a BRAC '88 site, and the BRAC funding is over.
2 And, unfortunately, with the progress on this site,
3 all those years that you correctly point out that work
4 didn't get done, those were the years when the BRAC
5 appropriations were in place, for Tim's boss to go get
6 the money to deal with the site.

7 That opportunity has been missed, and those
8 budgets aren't there anymore, and they won't be. So
9 now, where all the other sites or a lot of the other
10 sites were cleaned up during that point in time,
11 Chanute is still kind of, you know, we've got the
12 lion's share still ahead of us. And, of course, the
13 Air Force -- there's a lot of good intentions here,
14 and I believe that's the case.

15 But all the good intentions in the world
16 aren't going to get the site cleaned up. There's got
17 to be funding. So unless there's things done to
18 ensure the money is there, all the good intentions in
19 the world aren't going to translate into getting the
20 site cleaned up.

21 MR. BOUDREAUX: Do you really believe the NPL has
22 a better chance of getting funds?

23 MR. FOTHERGILL: Absolutely.

24 MR. SCHAFER: Yes. Yes, I do.

1 MR. BOUDREAUX: Well, I don't know that that's
2 true, because there's so many of them. I mean,
3 there's a trillion dollars worth of work and a half
4 billion worth of financing, so I don't know whether
5 that's going to help or not.

6 MR. SCHAFER: From my perspective, the way I look
7 at it, is by making a simple business decision: If I
8 ask for \$10, and I need 20 to pay my bills -- or I
9 need 20 and I only get 10. I'm going to get fined if
10 I don't pay one of them. I'm going to put the money
11 where I'm going to get the fine.

12 MR. BOUDREAUX: Right, only if the area's
13 fineable that's out there, but it takes a long time
14 before you end up with any fines.

15 MR. SCHAFER: No, sir, it doesn't.

16 MR. BRECHEEN: Ray, I mean, you're exactly right,
17 because -- I mean, this is not an Air Force problem.
18 It's a problem that we've inherited.

19 MR. BOUDREAUX: That's right.

20 MR. BRECHEEN: But we have to be postured the
21 best we can so we can go get additional dollars. And
22 here's the message for the night. Can you all read
23 that? "Life's Not Fair." You know, I wish it was,
24 but the situation has come up, and this is the hand

1 we're dealt with, and we're going to do the best job
2 we can with the resources we have to get the
3 priorities and be postured very well to --

4 MR. BOUDREAUX: -- accept the dollars when they
5 do become available.

6 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes, sir. We are not slowing
7 down; we're not slowing down. We're going to keep
8 working until September. We're going to aggressively
9 attack the problem until we need more money to
10 continue, and that's the plan to we're going to take.
11 We've got the right stuff in place right here.

12 MR. SCHAFER: That may have worked when there was
13 always a budget. I think you need to look at budget
14 reality.

15 MR. BOUDREAUX: We're not going to solve the
16 problem in this room. I'm just --

17 MR. SCHAFER: Absolutely.

18 MR. BOUDREAUX: That's the way they want to play.
19 That's the game; that's the way it works.

20 MR. BRECHEEN: But Mr. Lowas did want to make the
21 community aware -- I mean, this is what he's received.
22 I mean, he's doing the best he can with the resources
23 he's been given. So that's kind of where we sit on
24 the funds.

1 Are there any more questions on that?

2 MR. MITCHELL: Tim, what was your overall budget
3 supposed to be for this year, and what is the new one
4 with the new cut?

5 MR. BRECHEEN: Can we discuss it?

6 MR. ADAMS: Tim, what I think what he's asking is
7 you had said something about 230 million and it was
8 cut to a 100 million. That's the number that you had
9 talked about a little bit ago.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: AFBCA wide.

11 MR. SAHRE: That's not just for Chanute.

12 MR. ADAMS: No. That's the number that you had
13 originally, and then it was cut to \$100 million.
14 Everybody had, not you, but everybody.

15 MR. SAHRE: And your question specifically was
16 what's our budget proposed here?

17 MR. MITCHELL: That's in effect here, yeah.

18 MR. SAHRE: Well, the reason we hesitate is
19 because there are contractors in the room. I'm not
20 sure we're getting in a situation where we're telling
21 contractors what we are going to spend -- I'll talk
22 more about it when the meeting is over.

23 MR. SCHAFER: Without giving specific numbers and
24 respecting the Air Force's relationship with the

1 contractors what it means is what we've asked for, Tim
2 basically has got something - and we haven't
3 calculated it down to the decimal point - but it's
4 somewhere between 25 and 30 percent of what we want.
5 So we have somewhere between a fourth and third of
6 what we needed to get. Is that accurate?

7 MR. BRECHEEN: Very accurate, and that's because
8 we had such an aggressive agenda.

9 MR. BRADY: That was just this year's programs.

10 MR. BRECHEEN: Correct.

11 MR. BRADY: That's not -- that was just this
12 year.

13 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay. We're talking about the
14 Landfills Investigation. That's something that is
15 fully funded. We're out on Heritage Lake. For the
16 first time, I guess in years, Heritage Lake froze over
17 and I had a great time with my family out there. Took
18 the sleds up on the hill, and you can go pretty far
19 across the ice. Those deep, cracking sounds, kind of
20 concerned.

21 But very safe, about eight inches of ice
22 out there on the lake, which is very significant. So
23 what we're able to do is cut through the ice and
24 collect sediment sampling at the bottom of the lake.

1 It's kind of one of the final steps of the
2 Investigation to see if there's any contamination in
3 the sediment that's in the lake.

4 Our Draft Report is coming out the spring
5 of this year. This is for the four landfills and
6 Heritage Lake, five sites. And the Feasibility Study
7 will come out this year as well. It moves us to the
8 Remedial Action capping of the landfills. You can see
9 at the bottom, we've shaped and graded the landfills
10 the year.

11 Cap construction will be now be over this
12 year and in next year. Around March, hopefully the
13 soil will have thawed out, and we can start hauling
14 from the borrow source again.

15 MR. BOUDREAUX: You might want to remind
16 everybody - and the Mayor is very concerned about this
17 - that we finish digging the lake this year, even with
18 the cut.

19 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes, sir, and we've gone back to
20 out contractors to confirm the cubic yards removed.
21 It's going to be tight.

22 MR. BOUDREAUX: Going to be close.

23 MR. BRECHEEN: And I'll explain why on the next
24 slide. This here is the actual pond area, north of

1 the base where they're digging. The blue area is the
2 drainage pond. The drainage pond is approximately
3 450,000 cubic yards. The amount of cubic yards
4 required on Landfills 1 and 2, which are the two we're
5 now able to complete -- 350 -- 300?

6 MS. KOZAK: About 250.

7 MR. BRECHEEN: 250. Which means there's 200,000
8 cubic yards, minus the 50 already received, so there's
9 about 150,000 cubic yards after we finish 1 and 2 that
10 we still need to take out of the lake.

11 MR. ADAMS: So, the lake is not going to be
12 finished this summer.

13 MR. BRECHEEN: Well, we're looking at a couple of
14 issues. That is a very important goal for us.

15 MR. ADAMS: Well, it's important, too, because
16 the Mayor is under the assumption that it's going to
17 be completed this summer, and if it isn't, I think he
18 needs to know so that he's not making incorrect
19 statements that he's basing on information he had, and
20 if it isn't, I think he just needs to know that. It's
21 just important.

22 MR. BRECHEEN: All this funding information is
23 fairly new.

24 MR. ADAMS: I realize that.

1 MR. BRECHEEN: The old picture, when we were
2 doing Landfills 1, 2, 3, and maybe 4, it was not an
3 issue. So we're looking at a couple options: One,
4 depending on how we execute, there could be a small
5 amount of funds left on 1 and 2 to work on 3 which
6 brings us soil.

7 The second option is potentially
8 stockpiling some of the soil on the site. If we can
9 do that without a great deal of double handling.

10 MR. ADAMS: Just whenever you get some final
11 answer.

12 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay. So in 2001, we're looking
13 at some repair work along Perimeter Road, some
14 excavation, near and under the road, which we talked
15 about at the last meeting.

16 MR. BOUDREAU: When we close that road, we just
17 need some kind of notice.

18 MR. BRECHEEN: And I'll work with you in the next
19 week or so. I need to get a letter to you with the
20 details of what we're going to be doing. It's not
21 just the solid caps, you know that, we have the
22 leachate systems and the RCRA caps as well.

23 Now in 2002 construction season, Landfills
24 3 and 4, we'll do the same thing at those sites: the

1 caps, the leachate systems, and the RCRA caps.

2 This is a picture of Landfill 2. You can
3 see the retaining wall on 3, where they've actually
4 excavated, and pulled back pulled back the waste and
5 the trash from the creek, so there will be a clean
6 area between the landfills.

7 The next large Investigation is what's
8 called the Base Wide, which takes care of sites in the
9 main area of the Base, and also in the southeast
10 corner, approximately 40 sites. Investigate the
11 sites, study what the alternatives are.

12 First of all, we'll look at the screening
13 level where we do sampling that's called
14 non-intrusive, where we can do a geophysical looking
15 for historical information. So, you'll see us out
16 there. There's some firing ranges, and we'll be out
17 doing geophysical surveys with like fancy metal
18 detectors out there that can detect lead that's spread
19 out or concentrated so we don't have to go digging
20 holes in yards and people's places of work.

21 All that will be done, and then the next
22 step will be collect definite soil samples and water
23 samples as needed.

24 MR. BOUDREAUX: Tim, why don't you want explain

1 how you all found these, because these are all new,
2 essentially. Remember we did a Base Wide
3 Environmental Check in what? In 1991 and again in
4 '93, and now we found all these others. Most of them
5 from photographs, right?

6 MR. BRECHEEN: You might be able to answer that
7 better.

8 MR. SCHAFER: There was an Environmental Baseline
9 Survey that was done prior to my coming on the site.
10 It might be '91. I became involved in '93, so it was
11 before that. What we're finding now, I think quite
12 honestly, is that Environmental Baseline Survey quite
13 honestly didn't look at the buildings and the
14 operations associated with all these buildings to the
15 level it should have.

16 So we're finding what appears to be new
17 sites that maybe because that initial effort was very
18 narrow in focus, we weren't aware of these sites. And
19 we're finding things through like aerial photographs.
20 One site we've come to know about, there was a
21 gentleman that came to one of our RAB meetings and
22 told us that carbon tetrachloride had been routinely
23 spilled out, and that's how we found out about that
24 one.

1 So, it's a combination of things how we're
2 finding them. Right now, the Air Force is going to --
3 I don't know if you've ever put Steve's list up, but
4 the Air Force, the guys here, have basically put
5 together a pretty comprehensive list based on all the
6 buildings and what went on in those buildings.

7 They've identified a lot of potential
8 problems out there. That's the thing that should have
9 been done in '91, and wasn't. So, sort of an
10 outgrowth of now taking a really good look at things,
11 there are things still coming out.

12 MR. BOUDREAUX: I think a lot of that happened
13 because of the early bases -- because they got what
14 they asked for, they just didn't asked for the right
15 stuff. And now they've asked for the right thing, and
16 they're finding a lot more information.

17 It doesn't mean that there's going
18 necessarily to be anything that has to be cleaned up.
19 It just has to be investigated, and it has to have at
20 least an evaluation, and that's what they're doing.

21 MR. BRECHEEN: So they're not new as in new
22 contamination, but they're new as in --

23 MR. BOUDREAUX: Investigative reference.

24 MR. BRECHEEN: -- (continuing) newly understood

1 potential sites. And the Air Force is committed to
2 due diligence. Even now, if someone comes forth -- in
3 fact, we talked about a former Base employee just last
4 week, who said hey, there was a potential that --
5 there was a certain activity taking place in a
6 building that was not on our radar screen previously,
7 but after the BCT today, it is.

8 So that's another building that we will do
9 due diligence on, even though it was not on the list
10 previously. So we're not stuck.

11 MR. SAHRE: The number might be high, but the
12 fact that this has come to light is not. It happens
13 fairly regularly throughout the Air Force. Somebody
14 comes up at a RAB meeting or with a letter or
15 someplace saying, we'll when I worked here, we did
16 this here. But when the initial investigations were
17 done, that was never brought to light. It's a new
18 site, therefore it's established that we have to go
19 out and investigate.

20 You just can't take somebody's word for it.
21 Otherwise, you'll be digging holes here for the rest
22 of your life. It's not an uncommon thing. The number
23 is higher, but to have to go back and redo that is not
24 uncommon.

1 MR. BRECHEEN: Or reuse. When you're out digging
2 a foundation some day, you find something.

3 MR. BOUDREAU: There's stuff out there.

4 MR. BRECHEEN: And that's why the laws are in
5 place. The Air Force always has the liability for
6 that type of incident.

7 MR. BOUDREAU: Which reminds me, 519 OWS, is
8 that clean? And can we use that now? The Rec
9 Department wants to go ahead and wash trucks in the
10 bays.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Carl Thomas.

12 MR. BOUDREAU: Is that him?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Rich Thomas.

14 MR. BOUDREAU: Rich Thomas?

15 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes, got a message from him today.

16 MR. BOUDREAU: They want to go ahead and wash
17 trucks, and I think that's been investigated and
18 cleaned.

19 MR. BRECHEEN: That is correct. We'll be
20 discussing that tomorrow at the BCT.

21 MR. BOUDREAU: But you're going to be sending a
22 letter out to him that's it's turned over so he can
23 use it?

24 MR. BRECHEEN: In fact, we'll give him a call

1 after the meeting.

2 MR. BOUDREAU: Great. Okay, thanks.

3 MR. BRECHEEN: We got through the planning stage,
4 the screening, and we'll be collecting data starting
5 this spring as soon as the weather turns. We had
6 hoped to do it all this year. We were going to do the
7 whole Base, hit it all, hit hard, and now it will be
8 this year and next year, okay?

9 The non-CERCLA sites, all the storage
10 tanks, that type of thing, I wanted to show a couple
11 things: One of the things we've done on the Base
12 Wide, see if I've got this -- can everyone see this
13 okay? What we've done is, this is the way we have
14 been doing business.

15 We collect a sample, by the time you can
16 see it on a table, and it's usable, it's 93 days, even
17 for residential well sampling. The new way we're
18 doing it, the time between collecting a sample to it
19 being available is 37 days. That's cut by a third.
20 That incredibly significant because that means we can
21 make a decision in a month, instead of decisions in
22 three months.

23 That means when we go out to a resident's
24 well, in 37 days, we're writing them a letter with the

1 results, instead of as we did it before. So we can
2 provide the information to the public quicker. I'm
3 not saying that's not better quality, and when we
4 we're doing our investigation, oftentimes we'll go and
5 investigate, find something, receive the data, the
6 information, and say, okay, we need to do some more
7 sampling, receive that information, then we need to do
8 the final sampling. So there's several iterations,
9 and now we've cut iteration down by a third.

10 MR. BOUDREAUX: Give yourself credit.

11 MR. BRECHEEN: Cut it to a third, not by a third.

12 MR. BOUDREAUX: That's thunder.

13 MR. BRECHEEN: Non-CERCLA sites. Okay, we've got
14 two charts here.

15 MR. ADAMS: You're not asking us if we can read
16 that one?

17 MR. BRECHEEN: This is conceptual only. What
18 we've done and what Dave Heidlauf and his group has
19 done, we have put together a road map. This is all
20 the decisions that we're going to make for the next
21 two years on the underground tanks, above-ground
22 tanks, oil/water separators, and fuel sites on the
23 Base.

24 It's all the decision points, okay.

1 Agencies Review Draft Final Workplan, mid-March and
2 April. Agencies approve plan, yes, okay. No, revise
3 and re-submit. And we walk through all the steps.
4 What this creates is kind of a checkbook balance
5 ledger which right now, open sites, current status is
6 213, okay. Underground tanks, fuel tanks, oil/water
7 separators, above-ground tanks, other sights.

8 In April of this year, if we get the
9 workplan approved, this is what drops out, 125, and
10 we're left with 88. And there's about six key
11 activities to take place over the next 18 months or
12 so. This is what comes off on every one of them,
13 leaving a balance of this, and getting hopefully down
14 to 0 in 2002 on the non-CERCLA Sites.

15 The trail is a little bit longer on the
16 CERCLA sites, again, impacted by funds, about a two or
17 three months split. So instead of September, it will
18 then be December. But this is the type of planning
19 that we're doing to show our Management we know what
20 we're doing, we have a clear plan of action, give the
21 regulators up front and early what we're doing so they
22 agree and know what we're doing.

23 And that's the way that we're sort of
24 developing our plan of attack. As you can see, a huge

1 number of sites that we're conducting investigations
2 on. We've conducted 90 soil borings, soil samples at
3 20 sites. Looking at the fuel sites at 950, taking
4 out all the old sites.

5 MR. BOUDREAUX: I talked to the people that rent
6 that, and they're probably going to paint that this
7 summer. And because it is not yet that bad, they'll
8 just be able to paint it.

9 MR. BRECHEEN: The tanks?

10 MR. BOUDREAUX: Yes, and that was recommended by
11 you guys. You probably ought to paint it now.

12 MR. BRECHEEN: Good. Also prepared a lot of
13 documentation.

14 Now, this is what we plan to do, if you see
15 us out in the spring and summer and all the way to the
16 fall next year. It's a lot of steps. You think
17 filing your taxes is paperwork, closing out one of our
18 sites is like filing taxes 213 times.

19 So, a lot of paperwork that these guys are
20 doing. We've got the right team in place, who
21 understand the regulations, so we get it right the
22 first time. It's a tremendous amount of work.

23 MR. KRAVITZ: That's right.

24 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay. That kind of concludes the

1 slides. Are there any other questions or comments
2 before we move on for Reuse? Lorraine?

3 MS. WIRGES: Do you have anything to report on
4 the private water samples?

5 MR. BRECHEEN: We conducted sampling December 12
6 through 14 -- back up a second. We had a RAB meeting,
7 met with the citizens, had a sit-down with them, and
8 requested from them that they allow us to continue
9 sampling. Because as of yet, we do not know the full
10 picture of the groundwater leaving the Base.

11 So that's one of the key projects we're
12 focusing on, but we don't have the full picture, and
13 we're working hard to understand it. But until we
14 understand it, we think the responsible thing to do is
15 continue sampling those residences.

16 MS. WIRGES: Three? Three residences?

17 MR. BRECHEEN: Four. We requested from them, but
18 it's still their property. We let them know kind of
19 where we're at with the Investigation, that there is a
20 period of time, potentially, a year or more, before we
21 know the full picture.

22 So we would like to do quarterly sampling,
23 every three months, of their private well, provide
24 them the information, provide it to the Illinois

1 Department of Public Health, as well as do an
2 independent assessment of that information, which they
3 provide to the residents. So they get our version and
4 the Department of Public Health's version, or their
5 interpretation. So they agreed to do that quarterly,
6 so we were able to do a re-sample in mid-December.

7 We promised them to write them a letter
8 within 45 days of the sampling, and we did. So we
9 sent them a letter. Sampled then the 12th through
10 14th of December, sent them a letter out toward the
11 end of January with the results, and our results are
12 consistent with what they've always been. A proposal
13 is to go back in March. So in that letter to them,
14 the thank you for letting us sample, we said we'd like
15 to come back out on a quarterly basis.

16 MS. WIRGES: Good. Thank you.

17 MR. BRECHEEN: Does that answer it?

18 MS. WIRGES: Yes.

19 MR. ADAMS: One quick question: I think it's
20 Landfill 3, I believe, the water line relocation, will
21 that then be next year as well? Or do you know?

22 MR. BRECHEEN: This year as soon as --

23 MR. BRADY: Due to the cost.

24 MR. WEBER: We had a projected time schedule for

1 that. It's almost -- we plan on it.

2 MR. ADAMS: Are you going to get a permit from
3 IEPA for that?

4 MR. BRADY: We already got it.

5 MR. ADAMS: I was just talking to Springfield
6 about another issue today is the reason I ask the
7 question.

8 MR. BRADY: We got both of them: One for the
9 water line and one for the sewer line.

10 MR. ADAMS: Okay, thank you.

11 MR. BRECHEEN: Reuse?

12 MR. BOUDREAUX: Reuse is progressing as always.
13 It seems to be going okay. I think probably the one
14 we should talk about tonight may be the opportunities
15 for Hangar Number 2. We had talked a little bit about
16 that previously, but currently, we have two or three
17 different options on that building, and we're working
18 finally to get some reuse in Hangar Number 2.

19 It's been kind of the stepchild; it hasn't
20 been used. So we're focusing on that building to get
21 some good reuse in it. Other than that, we're so
22 busy, we can't keep up getting packages out to people
23 inquiring. There's a lot of it activity out there. I
24 don't know where it's all coming from, but there's

1 just an awful lot of activity.

2 We're getting calls for packages on the
3 Internet, we're getting calls on the telephone.
4 There's people stopping by the office early in the
5 morning saying hey, I need this, this, and this, and
6 no, you can't know my name, and no, you can't know
7 what company I'm with, and no -- just give me the
8 data. I'll see you on Sunday or something like that.

9 So, it's quite exciting right now and quite
10 busy just responding to all that activity. I'm sure
11 everybody read in the paper some of the layoffs and
12 those kinds of things that's happened to industries
13 here, in the nation, and all over the country. We've
14 had meetings, Gary and I meet with the industrial
15 managers every three months.

16 And essentially what they believe is the
17 first quarter is going to be a kind of a bloodbath all
18 over the country, but it looks like it's going to pick
19 up in the second quarter and the third quarter.
20 Unemployment rates were 1.9 in December, and they're
21 forecast to be over 3 in the month of February. So
22 everything is changed. But it hasn't decreased the
23 amount of activity we're seeing. So, unless there's
24 questions, that's all I have.

1 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay, any other comments?

2 MR. BOUDREAU: I guess April is the next
3 meeting.

4 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes, sir.

5 MR. SCHAFER: Is this date correct?

6 MR. BOUDREAU: It's every two months now.

7 MR. BRADY: Yeah, the 1st is on a Sunday. The
8 5th is in the first full week.

9 MR. BRECHEEN: What we'd like to propose is that
10 we move the RAB back a week, if we can all do that.

11 MR. ADAMS: To the April 5 date?

12 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes, if the April 5 could be moved
13 to April 12.

14 MR. BOUDREAU: Oh, back the other way, okay.
15 When is Easter?

16 MS. WIRGES: Before Good Friday? That's Holy
17 Thursday night.

18 MR. ADAMS: How about Wednesday? Wednesday is
19 all right.

20 MR. BRECHEEN: It's all right with me.

21 MS. WIRGES: Bridge club.

22 MR. ADAMS: Never mind, Gary. Sorry. You're not
23 going to compete with Bridge Club, unless Tim wants to
24 provide a room for the rest of the Bridge Club, and

1 Lorraine can come in here to take a break and then go
2 back.

3 MR. BOUDREAUX: What happened to the 5th? What
4 hurt us there?

5 MR. SCHAFER: Some conflict.

6 MR. ADAMS: So we're going to do it on the 11th
7 then? Is that what I heard, or no?

8 MR. ADAMS: Can you get an excused absence for
9 that one night?

10 MS. WIRGES: Yes, I guess I can be excused.

11 MR. ADAMS: I'll write you an excuse. So it's
12 the 11th.

13 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes, sir.

14 MR. BOUDREAUX: Have Linda put out notice.

15 MS. KOZAK: Tim, maybe move the time, if it would
16 work for Lorraine?

17 MS. WIRGES: Don't worry about it. No problem
18 it's church every night that week.

19 MR. ADAMS: We can meet early.

20 MS. WIRGES: No. Don't worry about it.

21 MR. BRECHEEN: Is this scheduled every two
22 months?

23 MR. BOUDREAUX: I'd like to meet earlier in the
24 day, but it all depends on the other RAB Members.

1 MR. ADAMS: 6 too early? 6 P.M.?

2 MS. WIRGES: No, that's fine.

3 MR. ADAMS: Does that cause a problem, for you
4 guys? Rob?

5 MR. KRAVITZ: No.

6 MR. SAHRE: Just a question: Is that Ash
7 Wednesday?

8 MR. BOUDREAUX: No. No.

9 MR. ADAMS: So 6 PM then on the 11th?

10 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay. All right. Is there
11 anything else? Thank you all very much. Hope
12 everyone stays dry.

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