

1 KELLY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

2 January 12th, 2010 6:30 p.m.
3 AFRPA Headquarters
4 485 Quentin Roosevelt
5 San Antonio, Texas 78226

6 **RAB Community Members:**

7 Beverly Abbott
8 Jose Arzola
9 Rodrigo Garcia
10 Nazirite Perez
11 Paul Person

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13 Paul Carroll, Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA),
14 Government Co-Chair
15 Kyle Cunningham, San Antonio Metropolitan Health Department
16 (SAMHD), Alternate
17 Paco Felici, Port Authority
18 Jorge Salazar, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
19 (TCEQ), Alternate
20 Katherine Thomas, United States Environmental Protection
21 Agency (EPA)
22 Mark Weegar, TCEQ

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24 Melissa Baird, Contractor
25 Daniel Dunning, Contractor
26 Laura Guerrero-Redman, Contractor
27 Jose Martinez, Contractor/Facilitator
28 Bob Moore, Director
29 Steve TerMaath, Chief, BRAC Program Management

30 **Elected Officials:**

31 Stephanie Smith, Office of Charles A. Gonzalez

32 **Public Attendees:**

33 Cindy Cash, HydroGeoLogic, Inc.
34 Juan Gonzalez
35 William Howard, Contractor
36 Greg Lyssy, RAB Alternate
37 Adela Mendoza
38 Robert Silvas
39 Robert D. Victoria, Health Department

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RAB Members Not Present:

Eloy Garcia
Lidia Martinez
Brian Skrobarcek

1 (Proceedings began at 6:47 p.m.)

2 MR. MARTINEZ: Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen.
3 My name is Jose Martinez. I will be your facilitator for the
4 meeting this evening. Welcome to the January 2010 meeting of
5 the Former Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board, or
6 the RAB as we refer to it.

7 I would also like to welcome you to the permanent
8 facility, space, meetings facility for the Restoration
9 Advisory Board from now until the end of all remediation
10 efforts at the former Air Force base. You have noticed how
11 large this facility is. I've been told that before the end of
12 this calendar year there will be up to 2800 persons working
13 within this facility. Eleven different Air Force agencies
14 will be located here and the Air Force Real Property Agency is
15 the first one to be located here. So we are the first tenants
16 if I may say we, myself.

17 As usual, the first item on the agenda, I would like
18 to ask the members of the RAB that are seated around the table
19 to introduce themselves by name and who they represent. And
20 I'd like to start with Ms. Abbott.

21 MS. ABBOTT: My name is Beverly Abbott. I'm the
22 principal of St. John Berchmans School just down the street.
23 I live and work here in the affected area and I represent the
24 area schools.

25 MS. CUNNINGHAM: I'm Kyle Cunningham. I'm with the

1 San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

2 MR. PERSON: Paul Person. I'm the environmental
3 field manager and the haz-mat manager for the Union Pacific
4 Railroad and I work right across the street.

5 MR. ARZOLA: I'm Jose Arzola. I represent the
6 community. I work at St. Philip's College. I'm the program
7 director the city on training and it's my first -- well, my
8 second meeting, my first as an official board member. So glad
9 to be here.

10 MS. ABBOTT: Welcome.

11 MR. GARCIA: Welcome.

12 MR. PEREZ: Nazirite Perez, community member of the
13 community and I -- right now I represent the people of
14 District One, River Authority and I'll be going to Washington
15 next month, the 9th, 10th and 11th. So I got a few things to
16 take, to relay to the higher officials. Thank you.

17 MS. THOMAS: Kathy Thomas with EPA out of Dallas.

18 MR. WEEGAR: Mark Weegar, Texas Commission on
19 Environmental Quality. I'm the Kelly Air Force Base project
20 manager.

21 MR. GARCIA: Rodrigo Garcia. I represent the
22 community. I live in Edgewood up here, north of Castroville
23 Road and I've been involved with the RAB for over 15 years,
24 ten years, ever since this got started. A long time.

25 MR. CARROLL: And I'm -- this is Daniel Dunning.

1 He's helping me run the slide show tonight. He's one of our
2 contractors who assists us in our program so ...

3 And I'm Paul Carroll. I'm the BRAC Environmental
4 Coordinator for the former Kelly Air Force Base.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you. I'd like to state again,
6 as I usually do in the beginning of these meetings, the
7 purpose of the meeting, this meeting of the RAB. It is to
8 exchange information between the Air Force staff and
9 contractor staff to the RAB and of course to facilitate
10 discussion between the members of the RAB, the community
11 representatives as well as the public representatives.

12 For those of you seated, general public, around the
13 table, I'd like to point out to you that there is a time
14 certain or at least item certain on our agenda, the public
15 comment period, during which the general public will be
16 provided up to three minutes per person to make any comments,
17 ask any questions, of either the staff contractors or members
18 of the RAB. So all the other action items listed on the
19 agenda are solely for the discussion between the members of
20 the RAB, the Air Force staff and contractors.

21 The next item on the agenda is a listing of
22 administrative or action items. At the last meeting in
23 October, the RAB requested staff to follow through on several
24 actions, one of which was to inquire as to the public
25 involvement process at the Lackland Air Force Base RAB. And

1 there was a letter signed by Paul Carroll that was included in
2 your packet. And if you don't have a copy and you would like
3 to have a copy, I do have an extra one here with me.

4 Other action items, I would like to state that there
5 was an inquiry as to -- to contact Mr. Gil Vargas of The Port
6 Authority. Is Mr. Vargas present or is a representative of
7 the -- go ahead.

8 MR. FELICI: I am so sorry. I'm Paco Felici with
9 the Port of San Antonio.

10 MR. MARTINEZ: Are you the official representative
11 of the Port Authority?

12 MR. FELICI: Yes, sir, I'm the public information
13 manager.

14 MR. MARTINEZ: Could I please ask you to step
15 forward? As a member -- representative of a public agency,
16 you have a right to be seated as a member of the RAB then.

17 MR. FELICI: Thank you.

18 MR. MARTINEZ: Could you repeat your name, please?

19 MR. FELICI: Paco Felici, P-A-C-O F-E-L-I-C-I.

20 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you and welcome.

21 MR. FELICI: Thank you.

22 MR. MARTINEZ: And the other item, there was a
23 training for new RAB members conducted last month, in
24 December, and I understand that in attendance were Mr. Eloy
25 Garcia, Mr. Jose Arzola and Ms. Lidia Martinez. And I don't

1 believe Ms. Lidia Martinez is present this evening so far.

2 Other action items or administrative items in your
3 packet that you received in the mail, there was items, copies
4 of newspaper announcements, two announcements, that appeared
5 in the San Antonio Express News. The second one was in La
6 Prensa and then there were articles written about the
7 environmental remediation process at the former AFB. They
8 were The Current, the Kelly Observer and the Lackland
9 Tailspinner. So the staff and contractors continue to share
10 information with the general public through local print media
11 and articles are being written about the continuing progress
12 on site.

13 I'd like to ask if Mr. Jose Arzola -- I know you
14 made a few statements, but would you like to state further as
15 to why you have an interest in being a member of the RAB? You
16 don't have to, but I'd like to give you the opportunity.

17 MR. ARZOLA: Well, I've always been -- since I did
18 retire from -- from the Navy, I've been very active within the
19 Edgewood area, not only with PTA as a past council president
20 of PTA, but also with veterans' issues, homelessness, youth.
21 And if it affects my community, it affects me. And I lived in
22 Edgewood for about 28 years. I was born and raised here in
23 San Antonio.

24 I have an undergraduate from St. Mary's and master's
25 in public administration from the University of Texas and I'm

1 very involved and very interested in anything that affects
2 this -- this whole area.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you. Thank you very much.
4 You're an asset to the RAB.

5 With that said, I'd like to then very quickly go
6 through the agenda that will then be covered primarily by
7 Mr. Paul Carroll. You'll notice that the next item on the
8 agenda is the environmental update. It will be a report on
9 two items. The environmental outlook, we'll be reporting on
10 the three items listed there. Then under the property
11 transfer, again, reporting on the one item as listed on your
12 agenda.

13 The next item will then be the future of Kelly RAB
14 meetings and we'll get into more detail. If I may, I'd like
15 to delay further comments until we get to that item.

16 Following that will be the public comment period
17 that I summarized earlier and, as is the tradition, then the
18 RAB members will be asked to suggest items to be considered at
19 the next RAB meeting. And that will then cover our agenda.

20 So Paul, environmental update.

21 MR. CARROLL: Thank you all for coming tonight.
22 It's a new place. Looks like everyone -- I don't know how
23 many people had trouble finding this specific location, but we
24 appreciate all your presence and glad you were able to find
25 it. You got your exercise walking down the hallway.

1 I want to first go over site MP and that's the -- as
2 most of you know, there was a big hole out here right in our
3 parking lot all -- pretty much all of last summer. And what I
4 want to report tonight, we've covered a lot of that excavation
5 activity and what Tetra Tech did to remediate that site, but
6 we've done some groundwater sampling since they got finished
7 with their excavation.

8 I want to report the results of the groundwater
9 monitoring and how things are looking on -- on that part of
10 it.

11 So the initial sampling that they did before they
12 got out and started excavating the site was done January 12th
13 through 14th, 2009. They analyzed samples for site specific
14 chemicals of concern and results showed elevated levels of PCE
15 within the slurry wall of that site from 230 to 12,000 ppb,
16 parts per billion, and TCE ranging from 20 to 2800 parts per
17 billion.

18 Okay. In your packet, you may have a map that shows
19 a little bit more clearly what -- what we're seeing here. But
20 within this purple outlined area is where the excavation took
21 place. And these inside wells were the wells that were so
22 high in PCE and TCE and we sampled all of the -- all of those
23 inside wells plus selected outside wells to get an indication
24 of how it looked both inside that -- where they were doing
25 their excavation and externally so we can see what impact

1 there was. Okay?

2 And the annual groundwater sampling event took place
3 in August of 2009 after they were done with their excavation
4 and those results were compared to results from the baseline
5 sampling event that we just saw. And what they saw was a
6 significant decrease in the levels of the solvents that were
7 in there. In the two replacement wells, this one that was at
8 12,000 ppb is showing non detect now. So we're seeing that
9 the project was successful in reducing the contaminants in
10 some locations to non detect, which means they didn't get any
11 readings of those contaminants in that well.

12 And monitor well 321 is now at 67 parts per billion
13 and the baseline was 230.

14 There was a third new well that we installed inside
15 the slurry wall and it was at 340 ppb for PCE.

16 And the results outside the slurry wall indicate
17 that we have ranging from 3.2 ppb to 380 ppb of PCE and -- and
18 we noticed that biodegradation was occurring as planned by
19 installation of those bioreactors inside that location that
20 had the cotton seed mulch and vegetable oil to break down the
21 contaminants. That's what -- that's what we're seeing the
22 success of that project showing. Okay, Daniel.

23 As you see, here's the plume contour. Here's
24 another plume that's coming from the 301, 360 area. This is
25 what's in the immediate vicinity of Site MP and we're seeing,

1 you know, of course the contamination extends to this well
2 here, which is a new well we installed that was showing 380
3 parts per billion. And these are the new wells inside that
4 area that we installed. You also notice downgradient wells
5 that we have that we're monitoring.

6 Okay. The next -- next slide will show this is --
7 this is TCE. Same kind of thing here. We got some results a
8 little bit outside the slurry wall and then some inside also.

9 This is something you may not have seen before, but
10 this is a tracking map that we use or the environmental
11 consultant at HydroGeoLogic uses in their understanding of
12 what's happening with the contaminants and what we're doing to
13 treat those.

14 We have extraction wells. They pump the groundwater
15 from downgradient. Water is moving that direction and
16 downgradient of this site. So these particles are showing
17 that everything that's within, you know, for a significant
18 distance outside this Site MP area are being captured by those
19 extraction wells. That water is sent down to our treatment
20 system. It's properly treated. We've briefed that before.
21 That treatment system is down in Zone 2 and we have a
22 permitted discharge. Once it's treated, cleaned up to
23 standards, it's discharged as clean water basically.

24 Okay. So there -- those are the results of the post
25 excavation sampling of Site MP. We're showing that we do

1 have -- still have some levels of PCE and TCE that are above
2 the U.S. EPA maximum contaminant level, which is the level
3 we're targeting for cleanup, and we still have some work to
4 do. That's why those wells are pumping that water that's
5 around outside of that slurry wall and outside of that
6 excavation that we had to continue that cleanup until it's
7 done.

8 So, you know, the bottom line of this is the
9 excavation, the installation of those treatment --
10 biotreatment cells is showing a lot of success. We still have
11 work to do though and we'll continue to do that work until the
12 groundwater plumes are cleaned up.

13 Any questions?

14 MR. JUAN GONZALEZ: That map you have there, the
15 wells, is that the ones right here?

16 THE COURT REPORTER: Your name, sir?

17 MR. JUAN GONZALEZ: Right across the street?

18 MR. CARROLL: Right out in the parking lot here,
19 yes, sir.

20 MR. JUAN GONZALEZ: How many wells did you put in
21 there?

22 MR. CARROLL: We reinstalled three wells inside the
23 slurry wall and installed two wells -- three outside? About
24 three outside.

25 MR. MARTINEZ: Could I ask you to introduce

1 yourself.

2 MR. GONZALEZ: My name is Juan Gonzalez. I'm a
3 property owner right out the gate. I worked here in this
4 building when it was the main warehouse. I worked for Kelly
5 for 33 years and I know most of the buildings that were
6 considered contaminated. This building right here where the
7 plating shop, over there next to 303, what was 303, the former
8 machine shop, next to it was another plating shop.

9 MR. CARROLL: 301.

10 MR. GONZALEZ: So I'm just here as a citizen.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you. If I may, again, I'd like
12 to remind the audience -- I do thank you for your question,
13 but in order for us to expedite the meeting, I'd like for the
14 meeting, again, the discussion to be between the members of
15 the RAB, unless the cochairs would then like to begin
16 recognizing questions from the audience.

17 But the reaction -- the preference is to keep the
18 discussion among the members of the RAB until we get to the
19 point of general public comments and then we'll take
20 additional comments from the audience. Thank you.

21 MR. CARROLL: Next up --

22 MR. GARCIA: I've got some more questions for you.
23 Are we doing enough pumping to keep it out of the railroad
24 property and not on the adjacent community?

25 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, those -- those particle tracking

1 lines showed us that all of the pumping is capturing
2 everything that could be extending off-base, yes.

3 MR. GARCIA: Okay. Once after we pump it out, it's
4 being disposed of at the -- where is it being disposed at?

5 MR. CARROLL: It's being treated and cleaned down at
6 the Zone 2 treatment plant down the other side of Military
7 Drive.

8 MR. GARCIA: Yeah.

9 MR. CARROLL: Down Military.

10 MR. GARCIA: Zone 2 treatment plant.

11 MR. CARROLL: Yes.

12 MR. GARCIA: Okay. And then how long are we going
13 to keep up this process?

14 MR. CARROLL: It's anticipated to take us until
15 about 2019 or 2020 to clean that up. So we're -- if it takes
16 longer than that, we'll be here longer than that. If it's
17 shorter, we'll continue until we reach the MCL, the EPA's
18 maximum contaminant level for that site.

19 MR. GARCIA: So we still got a long way to go, at
20 least nine or ten years just cleaning this one up.

21 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. That's what we've anticipated
22 it will take.

23 MR. GARCIA: Thank you for your honest answer. I'm
24 just curious as to how long it's going to take and if the
25 pumps -- the pump and the bioreactors are keeping pace as --

1 as it builds up under there to make sure that it doesn't spill
2 out from that -- from that location and according to that
3 diagram that you're showing us there.

4 MR. CARROLL: Uh-huh. That's happening.

5 MR. GARCIA: Okay. That answered my question.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other questions from members of
7 the RAB to Mr. Carroll on Site MP? If not, we'll go on to the
8 next one. Paul.

9 MR. CARROLL: Okay. Site S1, most of you remember
10 we've been talking for about a year about Building 301 where
11 we have this electric resistive heating going on. The
12 electrodes are in the ground, they're heating the soil and
13 they volatilize the contaminants that's being vacuumed out by
14 a soil vapor extraction system. This is another similar site.

15 It's up in the northern part of the base. And
16 that -- I'll point out over here, at least get you the general
17 vicinity. In this area is that area, Site S1 north of Growdon
18 Road. So this system was successful at Building 301 and we
19 anticipate it to be successful at this site, too. This is to
20 expedite the cleanup to, you know, get us out of Dodge
21 basically on the cleanup quicker and more efficiently.

22 It was -- that site was a former waste oil storage
23 facility and it was used from the '60s to 1973 for
24 intermediate storage of waste including mixed solvents, waste
25 petroleum, oil and lubricants. The source of contamination

1 was a former sump that served as a collection point along the
2 drain line connected to an above-ground storage tank there.

3 In 1995, a pump and treatment system with six
4 recovery wells was installed and in 2000 the soil vapor
5 extraction systems that vacuumed out the contaminants from the
6 soil were installed and there was also a groundwater recovery
7 system installed there.

8 Okay. As part of the remediation activity, there
9 was a large excavation in that sump area that I discussed.
10 That was done in 1999 and it went down to 28 feet below the
11 ground surface. That took out a lot of the source of that
12 contamination, but it didn't take all of it. There's still
13 some levels of chlorobenzene and petroleum hydrocarbons in
14 that former sump area.

15 And then, due to that remaining contamination, we
16 selected electrical resistive heating as the preferred
17 technology for source treatment in that area for enhancement
18 of the remediation, to speed it up.

19 That's expected to reduce our long-term operation
20 and maintenance cost and get us to site closure and cleanup
21 soon. Systems very similar, as I said, to Building 301 ERH
22 system. The difference -- there's a couple of key differences
23 and one is that the S1 system is designed to target
24 groundwater where the 301 system was designed to target the
25 soils above the groundwater. And also, there is contaminants

1 here. PCE, tetrachlorethylene was the primary contaminant of
2 Building 301, where at this site this is chlorobenzene so this
3 is a little bit different chemical. It's in the groundwater
4 instead of in the soil so there's different parameters that we
5 have to look at to -- in order to clean up this site as
6 opposed to the other site. We know the technology works well
7 so we'll have to make that those adjustments. And CAPE is the
8 same contractor that worked on 301. They got the award for
9 this contract also.

10 Kind of a busy map that you see here, but a lot of
11 the things that we see -- I just want to kind of show you
12 Growdon Road is kind of down here a little bit further off the
13 picture, but this is within our groundwater treatment
14 building, part of it. All of these red spots are where the
15 electrodes are going to go and the soil vapor extraction
16 points, this is targeting that contamination in the
17 groundwater. So we know where the contamination is. We're
18 going to install those in that location.

19 Well, six of them are going inside of our treatment
20 building so that's going to pose an additional issue, but
21 we're prepared for that. The contractor knows that's a --
22 that's what we have to do so there will be a special drilling
23 rig to get inside that building and we'll be able to install
24 those six points within that building.

25 That's really what I wanted to show there. We'll

1 see as we go -- as we progress, we'll see what the
2 contaminant -- what the initial contamination was and how much
3 progress we're making as we proceed along that path as we've
4 been showing at the last few RABs for this other Building 301
5 site.

6 Okay. Any questions on that? Yes, sir, Mr. Weegar.

7 MR. WEEGAR: Mark Weegar, TCEQ. When do you
8 anticipate the ERH system will be installed and up and running
9 at S1?

10 MR. CARROLL: I think it's about a four, five-month
11 process. They've already started the preliminary site
12 clearance and layout of the system. We've -- we've done the
13 final work plan with them, given them comments so it should be
14 within about the next four months.

15 MR. GARCIA: This system will go on for
16 approximately how many years?

17 MR. CARROLL: We've anticipated it's going to take
18 about 180 days once the system gets up and operating for it to
19 do its job. So we see about the same time frame as we did for
20 Building 301 overall. It was about a year from start to
21 finish for 301, including some extra work, extra targeted
22 area, you know, that we had to -- that was being a little
23 difficult and wasn't listening to us. So we anticipate no
24 more than about a year to clean this part up.

25 MR. GARCIA: What's the relationship of this to the

1 PRB, the building on 34th Street?

2 MR. CARROLL: Location?

3 MR. GARCIA: No, I know the location. The permanent
4 reactive barrier is buried on 34th like this. The site where
5 the old tanks are was over here across the street from Growdon
6 Road.

7 MR. CARROLL: Pretty much due south of that.

8 MR. GARCIA: I'm sorry. There's two different
9 functions here.

10 MR. CARROLL: Yes.

11 MR. GARCIA: This one is using the ERH and the other
12 is collecting the samples, groundwater; right?

13 MR. CARROLL: Yeah.

14 MR. GARCIA: Two different functions?

15 MR. CARROLL: The PRB wall on 34th Street to the
16 north will be treating a tetrachlorethylene plume that goes
17 through that area and that is separated from this
18 chlorobenzene that's at this site.

19 MR. GARCIA: Two different projects.

20 MR. CARROLL: Yes.

21 MR. GARCIA: And the PRB on 34th Street, has what,
22 40 more years to go or so?

23 MR. CARROLL: We don't know exactly what the time
24 frame is on that. I don't remember exactly what the time
25 frame is on that, but it's not 40 years. It's probably more

1 like ten to 15.

2 MR. GARCIA: Yeah. I knew it was -- it was real
3 high up there when we first started. Last report we got was
4 like five years ago. So we need a report on the PRB and the
5 rest of the PRBs, see how they're working.

6 MR. CARROLL: We'll check back and get an update on
7 that time frame. Kyle?

8 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Kyle Cunningham. How are y'all
9 working with the North Kelly Gardens community? I mean this
10 project is going to be very different from 301. 301 wasn't
11 really that visible to the community, but this project will be
12 very visible and we will, I know, have questions. I know many
13 of the people that live in the North Kelly Gardens area and I
14 think it's to be expected that there will be -- they'll have
15 questions. And I'm wondering how are y'all going to go about
16 the public relations there.

17 MR. CARROLL: We should -- I think we could do a
18 release for that neighborhood and give them a public
19 information number for them to call. We could do that like we
20 did here for this site. You know, we notified all the tenants
21 and the local folks that there would be something going on and
22 give them an update, you know, periodically. The RAB is one
23 of our main avenues for doing this and we hope that you're
24 able to spread that word and to keep them informed as well as
25 what we do.

1 MS. CUNNINGHAM: We'll certainly be working on that.

2 Also one of the things that was done in the past
3 always for projects, and was done for the S1 site as well as
4 for the treatment plant as well as for the tanks that were
5 removed right in that area, that there was a sign made that
6 explained the project that was put on the fence that citizens
7 could see and had numbers where they could call, information
8 numbers.

9 MR. CARROLL: That's definitely a good idea.

10 MS. CUNNINGHAM: But we will certainly be working
11 with the community and we'll help in any way we can with that.

12 MR. CARROLL: Okay. We'll sure do that.

13 MR. GARCIA: Rodrigo Garcia.

14 MR. CARROLL: We can do like they do in realty.
15 They do the information fliers that we could put in there. I
16 think we can do that, too.

17 MR. GARCIA: Yeah. We can do a standard
18 construction site sign, a standard construction sign. That's
19 4-foot by 8-foot, a sheet of plywood, 4-foot by 8-foot, and
20 then on the bottom put all the information on there, bottom
21 put for information and put call and put it right there for
22 the project where they can call also. They'll be able to see
23 a sign and they'll be able to get a number if they want to
24 call for information.

25 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

1 MR. MARTINEZ: Anymore questions on this project?

2 Paul will continue with the next item on the agenda,
3 the environmental outlook.

4 MR. CARROLL: Y'all get to listen to me for three
5 straight things.

6 Okay. One of the things we're working on with a lot
7 of our bases and AFRPA and we're working on at Kelly is to
8 initiate a performance-based cleanup contract and that is
9 planned for later on this year. And what the -- kind of how
10 that is developed and how it -- what it consists of is for us
11 to go out and work with Air Force Center for Environmental
12 Excellence or for Engineering Excellence and work with them to
13 get a solicitation for bids for a contract to address all of
14 the sites on Kelly and with ongoing remediation actions. And
15 we're going to include also the sites that are on Lackland as
16 part of our Permit and Compliance Plan.

17 The objectives of the performance-based remediation
18 contract are to reduce Air Force life-cycle costs while
19 maximizing the number of site closures. That's how we, you
20 know, get that out to the contractors who are going to bid on
21 this and tell them, Okay, first thing we want -- the primary
22 concern of ours is to close as many sites as possible with no
23 restrictions on reuse. So, you know, as many as they can, as
24 quickly as they can, get the site closure, have no further Air
25 Force liability there.

1 The second requirement is, If you can't do that,
2 what kind of optimized remedial strategy do you have that will
3 maximize the efficiency of the cleanup systems, help us to
4 ensure that the cleanup will go on as planned and be expedited
5 by what they do. Even though they -- the Air Force might end
6 up with still sites to clean up after the performance-based
7 contract is through, it will reduce that long-term requirement
8 as much as possible, as much as can be done.

9 So for instance, on landfills, you can't get a site
10 closure on landfills because they're forever. You've got
11 requirements forever on a landfill that you've got to do so we
12 couldn't ask a contractor to give us a site closure on a
13 landfill and them come in with something under a billion
14 dollars, you know, or probably at all.

15 And the third priority is to continue to comply with
16 TCEQ Permit and Compliance Plan while making minimal changes.
17 That's -- that's the least favorable. We want them to comply
18 with the TCEQ permit. They have to do that under any
19 scenario. But what we do -- what we want them to do is to do
20 that while getting us to site closure in an expedited way.
21 And we've had a lot of success with these performance-based
22 contracts nationwide.

23 They're showing that, you know, the industry can do
24 this. They know how to do this stuff. And it take some of
25 that decision-making out of the Air Force's hands, puts it

1 into private entities who are environmental professionals,
2 environmental people who do this for a living and, you know,
3 they're all anxious and willing to show the Air Force what
4 they can do to help -- help expedite cleanup in a more
5 efficient manner. So saving money for the Air Force and for
6 of course government -- for taxpayers.

7 Our expectation is that this PBR contract is going
8 to be awarded this next summer and the period of performance
9 is going to be anywhere from six years to maybe up to ten
10 years depending how we -- how we do this. That will give the
11 contractor enough time to implement their remedies and to get
12 us to site closures -- as many sites as they can.

13 The contract vehicle that we're looking at for this
14 contract is DBR2, Design, Build, Restore and Remediate. That
15 doesn't mean anything to you guys, but it's a contract that
16 AFCEE has that's actually in place at AFCEE that's -- you
17 know, all of that contracting process with all these
18 contractors listed here has been evaluated and awarded and
19 what we really need to do is get this solicitation for this
20 contract out, get it through the proposal process. There's a
21 lot of extra steps that's actually going out and doing source
22 selections for these contractors.

23 Okay. And that's -- really we're in preliminary
24 stages. The PBR contracting action, we're still subject to
25 change directions on this and we're still subject to this

1 being not exactly the way I'm describing it here, but this is
2 where we're at right now and the directions we intend to go
3 with this.

4 So we'll be reporting at the next RAB. We should be
5 at least, you know, to the point where it may be awarded by
6 then or it may be this significant distance towards being
7 awarded. This will have one contractor over everything that's
8 still remaining here on the base. The Air Force is still
9 going to be involved. We'll still be, you know, the
10 responsible agency. TCEQ and EPA will not easily let us out
11 of that responsibility. They will not let us out of that
12 responsibility so we'll still be here. We're still
13 responsible for the cleanup and we'll still remain active in
14 those decisions and those activities that go until we get the
15 property cleaned up. Any questions?

16 MR. GARCIA: You got small businesses in here, small
17 and large businesses.

18 MR. CARROLL: Yes.

19 MR. GARCIA: Where are the minorities? SMBE or SWMB
20 or Hispanic minorities, are they --

21 MR. CARROLL: I'm not sure --

22 MR. GARCIA: You know, I'm concerned about why --
23 why there are not any minorities in here.

24 MR. CARROLL: This is how this contract was awarded
25 and these folks -- I think AFCEE went through the FAR

1 regulation in getting this contract awarded to all of these
2 folks and some of them are small business, some of them -- I'm
3 not too sure. You know, we can find out which ones are the
4 disadvantaged small business and whether they --

5 MR. GARCIA: I thought there was a federal law that
6 says so much has to be -- I thought there was a federal law
7 that says contracts like this have to be small business,
8 disadvantaged business and small minority businesses --

9 MR. CARROLL: Yes, there is.

10 MR. GARCIA: -- and all that.

11 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. And that's the --

12 MR. GARCIA: That's in the --

13 MR. CARROLL: -- very low end --

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Excuse me. One at a time.

15 MR. CARROLL: I'm sorry.

16 That's a hurdle that AFCEE will go through to be
17 sure that that is addressed during the contracting process.

18 MR. GARCIA: Another thing I want to say, some -- a
19 lot of those board members that are new have never even read
20 or seen the whole content of all this so I would recommend
21 that all board members receive copies of Zone 1 through 5.
22 Remember the big packets of zone -- well, that was before.
23 There was --

24 MR. CARROLL: The information packets from EPA?

25 MR. GARCIA: Yes, for Zones 1 through 5 so that

1 everybody can see everything that has happened and everything
2 that is going to happen and --

3 MR. CARROLL: Actually --

4 MR. GARCIA: -- we want staff to mark on there Zone
5 1 through 5 and mark on there just in pen what has --

6 MR. CARROLL: There are things might be --

7 MR. GARCIA: -- been done and what's not been
8 done --

9 MR. CARROLL: -- more useful than that --

10 MR. GARCIA: -- and what we're working on.

11 MR. CARROLL: That's kind of out of date, but during
12 our RAB orientation we condensed that and updated all of the
13 sites and we can -- we can actually give that out to all the
14 RAB members.

15 MR. GARCIA: All right. Do that about ongoing work,
16 planned work. You want to get in the past work, get into
17 ongoing work, future work and everything else that's going on.
18 Also one more thing.

19 MR. CARROLL: I think that turned out pretty well;
20 didn't it?

21 MR. GARCIA: One more thing. When you said that it
22 includes sites at Lackland Air Force Base that are located in
23 Zone 1, does that include Leon Creek?

24 MR. CARROLL: That's all the sites surrounding Leon
25 Creek, yes.

1 MR. GARCIA: Well, we need to be briefed on that. I
2 have tried dealing with Lackland, the federal cochair like
3 I've told you. I tried dealing with the Community Council on
4 Restoration, get information. I was told to go to the
5 computer and the Internet. I told them I don't have a
6 computer and the Internet. They told me, That's your tough
7 luck, and hung up on me. I'm getting ready to get an attorney
8 and file a racial discrimination lawsuit against the
9 commanding general and the federal cochair. Maybe that will
10 grab their attention.

11 They cannot just hang up on somebody and tell them,
12 It's your fault that you don't have a computer to look all
13 this up. So I just want to let you know that I'm -- they're
14 going to start taking me seriously because there's a lot of
15 minorities that live around Leon Creek and they have not
16 addressed it. I will report --

17 MR. CARROLL: I will say that it's our -- addressing
18 that comment from the last RAB, we did meet with the Lackland
19 environmental folks. We gave them your concerns. You know,
20 they gave us -- again, they gave us when their meetings are
21 scheduled and that everyone is invited to attend their
22 meetings.

23 MR. GARCIA: I did go to their meeting and that's
24 what I was told. It's your tough luck you don't have a
25 computer. We're not going to give you any information. So I

1 told them --

2 MR. CARROLL: And the other thing that we briefed at
3 the last RAB was also the Compliance Plan Report for Zone 1,
4 which is their site, but it's our Compliance Plan. So we
5 did -- we actually did talk about what's going on over there,
6 what the contaminants are, where things are, what the levels
7 are. So we did -- we were able to brief the RAB what we can
8 about that Zone 1 area as it relates to our Compliance Plan
9 that we're responsible for. And that's the limit. You know,
10 that's our limit. So that's as far as we can go. But I think
11 that's --

12 MR. GARCIA: Okay.

13 MR. CARROLL: I think that gives you a lot of what
14 you need to know about especially Leon Creek, because
15 that's -- Zone 1 surrounds Leon Creek, you know, as it goes
16 through there.

17 MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Arzola.

18 MR. ARZOLA: Yes, sir. Two things. Mr. Carroll,
19 did I hear you say that there's DBR2 contractors, the ones
20 that are eligible to bid, that you've done business with them
21 before, that you've checked them out as far as the kind of
22 work that they've done?

23 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. The Air Force Center for
24 Engineering Environment does go through and they do the con --
25 they're our agent who does contracting for all of our actions.

1 Well, the majority of our actions. All of our actions on
2 Kelly. So yeah, they -- they do --

3 MR. ARZOLA: So they've been checked out?

4 MR. CARROLL: They do all that. They check on that.
5 That's a lot more than I know. I mean I -- it's above --

6 MR. ARZOLA: Okay.

7 MR. CARROLL: -- my head on everything that they do,
8 but they -- they go through all those contracting actions and
9 do that research and check it out.

10 MR. ARZOLA: And also, along the lines of what
11 Mr. Garcia stated, minority-owned contracts, veteran-owned
12 businesses.

13 MR. GARCIA: That, too.

14 MR. ARZOLA: Okay. And also, had this company been
15 checked out if they're hiring veterans? There is a -- there's
16 also a proviso in there that states that they have to hire X
17 number, a certain percentage of veterans, especially disabled
18 veterans.

19 MR. CARROLL: I don't know the specific answer to
20 that. I can give you generalities, but I can check with AFCEE
21 to get a response, a written response from them.

22 MR. ARZOLA: Right. You know, when you're checking
23 on his if you can check on that also.

24 MR. CARROLL: Okay. We can do that as one of our
25 action items.

1 MR. GARCIA: Put that on the next agenda for an
2 action item, let them explain their action on why they're not
3 complying with what he said and any minorities like I have
4 asked. These are huge contracts.

5 MR. PERSON: You don't know that they're not.

6 MR. GARCIA: Well, I want to find out.

7 MR. PERSON: You don't know that they're not by
8 looking at this.

9 MR. CARROLL: With the --

10 MR. PERSON: So all he's got to do is bring his
11 contract officer here the next time and give a presentation.

12 MR. CARROLL: Yeah.

13 MR. GARCIA: Okay.

14 MR. PERSON: And that will solve the problem. Move
15 on.

16 MR. GARCIA: Okay.

17 MR. CARROLL: The existing DBR -- I have an existing
18 DBR contract at another base and I do know that they hire a
19 lot of other subcontractors who are local to the community,
20 minorities and otherwise. So, you know, that's -- that's
21 encouraging to all these contracts, too.

22 MR. ARZOLA: Thank you.

23 MR. MARTINEZ: Ready for Kelly Property Transfer?

24 MR. CARROLL: Yes, sir. Just want to give y'all an
25 update on the property transfer progress. As you know, the

1 last three -- this is our third year of working on some --
2 some major property transfers at Kelly. And we're working
3 with EPA and TCEQ down here to -- to ensure remedies are in
4 place at all locations on the former base and to demonstrate
5 operating properly and successfully in Zone 3 in order to
6 transfer the remaining 368 acres of property in FY10.

7 That's the zone we're sitting in right now. It's
8 all of this green area. And as y'all know, it's the -- all of
9 the most industrialized portion of the base. It's got the
10 longest history. It's got the most activities of aircraft
11 maintenance, of the shops and the activities at plating shops
12 that -- you know, all of that stuff that went on that Kelly
13 was famous for, the majority of that occurred right in this
14 area. So this is the last and the biggest, most complicated
15 transfer that we've done to date.

16 It includes -- it's about 368 acres. And we've met
17 with the EPA and TCEQ twice in the last two months to discuss
18 specifically what we're doing to demonstrate operating
19 properly and successfully here. We've gone over a number of
20 sites. I believe there are ten or 15 major sites that we've
21 gone over and taught -- you know, some of them well by well,
22 treatment system by treatment system, to demonstrate, to show
23 EPA, Okay, this is what we have now, this is what we're doing
24 to try to demonstrate that we're ready to transfer this
25 property. These systems are working as they were intended as

1 they were installed.

2 So meeting with them on monthly basis almost and
3 we'll continue to meet with them until September of 2010 when
4 this OPS gets finalized. Still a lot of things that we're
5 working on. So we'll keep you informed as to the success of
6 this or whether -- you know, whether things happen where we're
7 not able to demonstrate that yet, if things go on into the
8 next year we'll be sure and keep you guys updated.

9 Our goal and what we're working to achieve is to get
10 this done by September of this year. And we're on track for
11 that. So when that happens, that will be a hundred percent of
12 the property transferred from the former military property to
13 the Port Authority San Antonio for local reuse. So it will be
14 all in their hands. The remediation will remain ours. We'll
15 still be -- we'll still have a presence on the cleanup.

16 So the property will be completely in the hands of
17 the Port Authority. They will be responsible, as they are
18 already, under lease for all of the activities on
19 redevelopment that occur on the base.

20 And as we talk about these remediation systems, I
21 want to focus on some of those in Zone 3. As you can see, a
22 lot of these call-outs, these little yellow tags -- on your
23 handout you can probably read them a little better, but they
24 show there are a lot of systems in this area that we've got to
25 make sure are operating properly and successfully and

1 demonstrate that that's happening. So it's no small task and
2 we're -- we're definitely planning on getting that done in
3 September.

4 But, you know, the big picture is we've been talking
5 about this for the past two or three years. You know, the
6 first one we looked at was all of this blue area. And we kind
7 of went through that and then the Zone 4, the East Kelly area
8 we transferred two years ago, that was over a thousand acres.
9 And then last year we got down to Zone 2, which is south of
10 Military Drive. I believe it was about 68 or 70 acres and
11 then Zone 3 is the final transfer. So it's a culmination of a
12 lot of investigations, a lot of remedial actions that we put
13 in place, a lot of cleanup that's gone on and how many years
14 of RAB meetings? What did you say, 14 years?

15 MR. PERSON: Longer than that.

16 MR. CARROLL: Longer than that.

17 MR. GARCIA: Longer than that, since '90, '92.

18 MR. PERSON: Forever. A lifetime.

19 MR. CARROLL: There are no immediate results in the
20 environmental I don't believe. I haven't found one yet. So
21 do we have another slide following this?

22 Okay. This is the map that we show every time.
23 It's the plume map. And they're over here in hard copy if you
24 want to come up and take a real close look at them. But
25 really this is it, the Zone 3 area is right here. As you can

1 see, there's a large plume that's pretty much within the Zone
2 3 area. This Site MP right out here in our parking lot is
3 right here (indicating). As y'all know, in some of the early
4 days of RAB in 1998 and around that time, this was the major
5 source of this plume, three miles off the base. And that's
6 been cut off, you know. That slurry wall that y'all were
7 participating in getting that done, that stopped that.

8 I mean this final cleanup that -- the dig and haul
9 we did was the final cleanup on that so, you know, we're
10 showing some success there. That's over 50 percent cleaned up
11 as a result of all these remedial actions that have been put
12 in place. So we hope to continue that and even with this
13 performance-based contract try to expedite that, expedite that
14 and get out -- get out of people's hair sooner, make --
15 hopefully make people feel better about how this is done and
16 the fact that we actually are making progress after all these
17 years.

18 Okay. And there's the TCE plume map. It's a little
19 bit different. You can probably look at these side by side
20 and notice some of the little differences, but a lot of the
21 same areas are covered by the trichlorethylene, which is --
22 number one it could have been -- it may have been used as a
23 cleaning solvent and that's what was in the groundwater or it
24 could even be a breakdown product of the PCE that we saw in
25 this previous map.

1 So it may be a combination of both. That's why
2 they're both in the same area. Okay.

3 MR. PERSON: Doesn't the TEC break down to vinyl
4 chloride?

5 MR. CARROLL: Yes, sir.

6 MR. PERSON: Do you have a vinyl chloride map?

7 MR. CARROLL: We do have vinyl chloride maps. We
8 don't have one here with us tonight.

9 MR. PERSON: Next time.

10 MR. CARROLL: We'll bring it next time. We don't
11 have widespread problems with vinyl chloride. There are --

12 MR. PERSON: Well, it's just a degradation product
13 of the two and it's going to turn into vinyl chloride
14 eventually so...

15 MR. CARROLL: That's right. We can show that at the
16 next RAB. Anything else?

17 MR. MARTINEZ: Anymore questions of Paul from
18 members of the RAB?

19 Next item on the agenda is -- I made reference
20 earlier at the beginning of the meeting is titled future of
21 Kelly RAB. Maybe it should be better titled the future of
22 Kelly RAB meetings.

23 You heard Paul and staff over the -- most of the
24 year, there's continued progress on environmental remediation
25 on site. He just finished a very graphic, very clear

1 explanation and indication of where the major steps have been
2 taken with your guidance, your support, for that completion of
3 the remediation. He also stated that by September of this
4 year, the balance of the properties that are still under the
5 ownership of the Department of Defense, the Air Force, will be
6 transferred to the Port Authority. So you are making
7 progress. By you, I mean not only the staff and the
8 consultants, contractors, but you, members of the RAB, at
9 cleaning up the environmental contamination on this site.

10 So the question is -- as you move forward, there's
11 going to be less and less information to report to you as
12 members of the RAB. So the question is, as you know, at one
13 point there were monthly RAB meetings and we have reduced it
14 to quarterly meetings. So the question open for your
15 discussion among the members of the RAB is do you want to
16 continue meeting on a quarterly basis or do you feel there is
17 justification to reduce the number or the frequency of the RAB
18 meetings?

19 So that is a question that is open for discussion
20 among members of the RAB. And Paul is obviously here to
21 answer, provide any further justification, guidance as to why
22 there may be a possibility of a suggested reduction in the
23 frequency of the meetings. So the cochairs, you are in
24 charge.

25 MR. CARROLL: I'll start out just briefly -- I don't

1 want to belabor any points that I've already brought up, but,
2 you know, our -- our stance with the Air Force is that, you
3 know, we're here for the RAB. If the RAB wants to continue to
4 meet, we're here for that.

5 Our justification for reducing the frequency is a
6 couple. And one is we're getting ready for a final property
7 transfer this fiscal year so all the property will be
8 transferred. According to the RAB rule, you know, that's one
9 thing that you consider when you start considering adjourning
10 RABs or reducing the frequency.

11 Another thing is, you know, are the cleanup systems
12 put in place? Well, as you see here, cleanup systems are in
13 place. And we're looking at demonstrating those being
14 operating properly and successfully for -- you know, to EPA
15 and the major -- a lot of the major environmental work that
16 we've been doing has been occurring the last couple of years
17 at the site MP, Building 301, Building 360. A lot of this
18 stuff is going on and going back about five years with the
19 installation of these off-base permeable reactive barriers and
20 a lot of that stuff is in place.

21 A lot of the work that we're going to be doing, you
22 know, let's -- performance-based contractor comes in and wants
23 to do something drastically different to speed things up that
24 is a lot better than -- you know, they think is a lot better
25 than what's installed now, there's going to be a lot of

1 operation of these systems going on. So that's -- that's my
2 stance on kind of why we think that the RABs could meet on a
3 semiannual basis rather than quarterly for a while.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: Comments, discussion, members of the
5 RAB? Mr. Garcia?

6 MR. GARCIA: I've been involved in this in the very
7 beginning. We've made some progress. But as you heard me
8 tonight, I have brought up a lot of issues and a lot of
9 concerns over all of this. Yes, we're going to get the
10 property to the Port Authority people. Yes, they're going to
11 take over property, they're going to use that property. But
12 bottom line is there's too many uncertain, unanswered
13 questions about Leon Creek. There's too many unanswered
14 questions about monitoring, how this cleanup is going to go
15 for the next ten, 15 years.

16 We need to sit down and look at all the problems we
17 have, all the cleanup we still have to do and then prioritize.
18 After we see our agenda, then we decide whether we go to
19 quarterly or semiannually or annually meetings, but we have
20 too much things still on our plate to cut down to a
21 quarterly -- from quarterly to semiannual meeting.

22 As you can see, I mentioned a lot of things. Some
23 of them things are very critical like health issues. Some of
24 the things like Leon Creek, which I take very personally
25 because that creek runs right through minority neighborhoods

1 and I do not like the way these Air Force people have been
2 treating minorities who ask for information. That will be
3 dealt with in a court of the law and with the joint chiefs of
4 staff. And they're going to find out I'm not messing around
5 with them.

6 We still have too many issues. We still have too
7 much cleanup to do to go to semiannual meetings. Before we
8 decide to do that, we need to look at all the issues we still
9 have, all the cleanup that is still going on, the time line
10 for all of that and one thing that has never been answered to
11 from anybody in the Air Force is to give me a budget agenda,
12 year by year breakdown and to give us future projections on
13 how much money is being spent.

14 Maybe a lot of you are not -- still have not been
15 around to remember the reign of terror we had under Adam
16 Antwine and he had never cooperated with us and he will pay a
17 price for that, but we still have too much work to do, too
18 many things on our plate and we need to keep having quarterly
19 meetings and the first thing we need to do is find out
20 everything that needs to be cleaned up, all the work we still
21 have to do, then we decide whether we're going to go to
22 semiannual meetings.

23 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other comments from other --
24 discussion items?

25 MR. PERSON: I think we got a lot more out of Adam

1 than we got out of Larry Bailey.

2 MR. GARCIA: Yeah, that's true. But still, he still
3 had a lot of problems with former RAB members and other people
4 that asked him for information. And I -- I've never approved
5 of his actions and I never did -- did get any answers to
6 everything that I asked him.

7 MR. MARTINEZ: Ms. Abbott?

8 MS. ABBOTT: My question is what are your
9 expectations of us as a RAB? And our expectations, can they
10 be met in semiannual or do they need to be met quarterly? You
11 know, what is expected of us in the next -- in the future
12 here?

13 MR. CARROLL: As I, you know, kind of --

14 MR. PERSON: Can I answer that? If you don't mind.

15 MR. CARROLL: Go ahead, if you want to.

16 MR. PERSON: The RAB's position here is to be able
17 to disseminate information to the public on all the projects
18 that they already have in place or are planned to be put in
19 place.

20 He stated here a little while ago that they're not
21 all in place. There are still some projects that are planned;
22 therefore, we cannot go to semiannual. You haven't finished
23 what you started yet. So we're going to continue on as we are
24 until that is finished and then at that time we can reevaluate
25 to whether or not we need to meet every six months or every

1 year. You haven't finished. You haven't -- you picked, but
2 you haven't installed.

3 MR. CARROLL: Right.

4 MR. PERSON: You've bid, but you haven't contracted.
5 So until that time, it's going to stick the way it is.

6 MR. CARROLL: There are a couple of big things that
7 will be going on here in the next year.

8 MR. PERSON: Correct. There's a lot of --

9 MR. CARROLL: S1, performance-based --

10 MR. PERSON: -- information that has to be
11 disseminated to the public. These folks need to do that to
12 the locals around here, keep them informed. Unless you want
13 to fend off all the arguers.

14 MR. CARROLL: We do anyway, but --

15 MR. PERSON: I mean we're going to point them at you
16 anyway.

17 MR. CARROLL: Yeah.

18 MR. PERSON: If you want to know -- if you want them
19 all pointed at you, that's fine.

20 MR. CARROLL: No, I don't need them. I won't
21 volunteer for anymore than those we --

22 MR. MARTINEZ: We still have a question that I'd
23 like to know if that answer was sufficient or whether you need
24 still need further explanation.

25 MS. ABBOTT: No, that's fine. Thank you.

1 MR. CARROLL: And I can answer -- elaborate just a
2 little bit. Mark already had his hand raised.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: We do have a question. Mr. Arzola.

4 MR. ARZOLA: As a new members, I mean I feel we
5 should continue as we're doing. I echo the sentiments of
6 Mr. Garcia and Mr. Person. There's too much from what I've
7 heard that's going on that we still need that information.
8 I've been doing my own research, my own reading, but this
9 meeting has helped me clarify some technical questions. I'm
10 not a tech person.

11 I personally would like to meet -- continue to meet
12 as we are, number one, only so I can get up to speed; number
13 two, so I can be able to answer the questions that my
14 community has. And, you know, I'd like to -- personally I'd
15 like to just continue, you know, as we are, once a quarter.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Weegar.

17 MR. WEEGAR: I just want to clarify something.

18 Paul, all the cleanup systems have been selected and
19 have been installed, otherwise, the Air Force couldn't have
20 transferred all the other property other than Zone 3 and
21 they're currently going through demonstrating right now to EPA
22 and TCEQ that the systems that have been installed are
23 operating properly and successfully.

24 S1 is a optimization of -- of a selected remedy.
25 The remedy for cleaning up those sites was selected. They're

1 going back in now and doing the ERH there to help speed up
2 what the installed remedy is and more than -- more than
3 likely, whoever ultimately gets that base-wide
4 performance-based contract, you know, there are -- they have
5 incentives, financial incentives, to try to, where they can,
6 optimize these systems and speed the cleanup. And I -- I
7 don't doubt that they'll come back and propose some, you know,
8 modifications, alterations, other, you know, new, innovative
9 technologies to help get the cleanup to its end point a little
10 bit quicker.

11 But I just want to be sure that everybody
12 understood, there's not a bunch of sites out there that haven't
13 been investigated that have cleanup systems waiting to be
14 installed. They've all been installed, but there are -- there
15 are tweaks to the system just like, you know, MP was, you
16 know, a tweak to the system and the ERH at the S1 is the same
17 thing. It's just a way to try to get that cleanup system
18 that's been approved and installed to the end point a little
19 bit quicker.

20 MR. PERSON: You got 48 months.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Perez.

22 MR. PERSON: You got 48 months and I'm out of here
23 so...

24 MR. PEREZ: I think we should continue the same
25 process. To all concerned, I thought that we were the

1 watchdogs, you know, that keep up to what's going on and I
2 need some answers. I do traveling and so on and they ask me
3 questions, I don't want to go like que pedo, you know, like I
4 don't know what's going on. Including my neighborhood. Thank
5 you.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: I hear very clear from three members
7 of the community representatives of the RAB that you want to
8 continue forward or you want to continue on a quarterly basis.

9 Ms. Abbott, I'm not asking for a vote but just a
10 general discussion of your perception.

11 MS. ABBOTT: It sounds like the majority of them
12 would like to stay as we are, with quarterly meetings.

13 MR. MARTINEZ: Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. THOMAS: I just want to say that I think we
15 should continue with the quarterly at least until you do the
16 transfer. That's in September and then maybe reevaluate at
17 that time to see if you still need to continue. But for now,
18 I think you should keep doing it quarterly.

19 MR. PERSON: That's nine months away.

20 MS. THOMAS: I know, but at least two more meetings.
21 Why stop now? Just couple more -- couple more meetings.

22 MR. MARTINEZ: Could that be brought back for
23 discussion? If you wish to bring it back for discussion at a
24 subsequent meeting, some time later in 2010.

25 MR. ARZOLA: I think that's a good idea.

1 MR. PERSON: That'd be a good idea.

2 MR. CARROLL: Going through a couple of those things
3 and, you know, and Mark put it very well. You know, these are
4 improvements to the system. These are improvements to the
5 contracting mechanism. So, yeah, you know, those are
6 significant things that the community needs to be aware of
7 that are going on and we're here for y'all.

8 I mean that's -- I don't want to try to twist
9 anyone's arm one way or another. It's your meeting and that's
10 what our -- our job is to do this, to make sure that y'all are
11 aware of things that are going on and solicit your input on
12 that and of course your job is to get us that input and also
13 spread it out and spread the word.

14 MR. PERSON: I have another question. This building
15 is going to be occupied by about 3,000 people and six
16 generals. How soon is that date?

17 MS. BAIRD: End of October I believe.

18 MR. TERMAATH: What, the building?

19 MS. BAIRD: Uh-huh.

20 MR. TERMAATH: Around that time frame.

21 MR. PERSON: So access --

22 MR. CARROLL: By then it will be fully occupied.

23 MR. PERSON: Access is going to be still relatively
24 painless?

25 MR. CARROLL: I think there's going to be an

1 entry -- there will be a fence; there will be an entry guard,
2 entry location and there will be -- of course we already have
3 the secured entry into the building; is that correct?

4 MR. TERMAATH: You'll be able to continue to have
5 meetings here like you got in tonight. It's going to be a
6 while before any increase in things happen. That will just be
7 because of fencing away from the building or more protection,
8 the way they normally do with any government building not
9 because of what's in here, but normal government building
10 fencing out there. For now, I think you won't have any
11 trouble. It will be like tonight getting in out and out of
12 the building and continue to meet here.

13 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

14 MR. MARTINEZ: May I ask if we're ready to go to the
15 public comments period of our agenda? That being the case, a
16 reminder to any member of the audience that would like to ask
17 a question or make a comment. We provide three minutes per
18 person. And Mr. Robert Silvas has signed up to be the first
19 person.

20 MR. SILVAS: All right. Yeah, I have a question to
21 Ms. Katherine Thomas. I know I sent you some e-mails in
22 regards to some issues that I've been looking into to present
23 to the board. The one document I showed you was the history
24 of the U.S. Department of Defense programs for testing and
25 evaluation of storage of herbicides, (inaudible) herbicides.

1 That would be the Agent Orange that was kept here. You're
2 aware of the Agent Orange?

3 MS. THOMAS: Yes, I'm familiar with Agent Orange.

4 MR. SILVAS: On this dossier here, there's no
5 listing of Kelly Air Force Base having been able to store that
6 stuff.

7 MS. THOMAS: Okay. First, you sent this to my
8 office and it --

9 THE COURT REPORTER: Ma'am, I need you to speak up.

10 MS. THOMAS: Okay. Sorry.

11 You sent an e-mail to my boss and you need to make
12 sure you get my e-mail right because my e-mail is not actually
13 forwarded to me. And that took a while so I'm --

14 MR. MARTINEZ: Can't hear you.

15 MS. THOMAS: We should really be having this
16 conversation privately though.

17 MR. MARTINEZ: For the record though, we need to --

18 MS. THOMAS: Okay. Okay. You have my e-mail wrong.
19 I sent you an e-mail back and you should have my correct
20 e-mail address from now on. Okay? So if you need to send me
21 something, you have phone number, my voice mail works. Send
22 me an e-mail to that.

23 The Agent Orange stuff was looked at years ago and
24 our information and everything that we found in the
25 investigation is that there was no Agent Orange here. There

1 was possibly the pesticides that would be combined into Agent
2 Orange and those very investigated thoroughly. The sites
3 where pesticides and herbicides were stored were cleaned up.
4 There's no indication that there's any of that stuff here now.
5 So I don't understand why you're bringing this up again. I
6 mean do you have -- do you have new information?

7 MR. SILVAS: This is the information showing it was
8 never allowed to be stored here, documents provided by the Air
9 Force on Site S7, East Kelly. It plainly states that this
10 stuff was already mixed in barrels of predetermined stripes of
11 orange and blue.

12 MS. THOMAS: Okay. Well, when I went back and
13 looked at the records, the only herbicide sites were
14 investigated and they were cleaned up. There's not an issue
15 there anymore.

16 MR. SILVAS: Well, there is an issue. It's ongoing.
17 And I know that, again, the State of Texas has the lead
18 oversight on this cleanup of Kelly. It's illegal. They
19 should have never had oversight to this. EPA should have had
20 it under Superfund.

21 Authorization has never been proven or provided to
22 the community why they had a lead on it. It's apparent that
23 State of Texas is going to go ahead and take the
24 responsibility of allowing this to happen by taking the lead
25 of all the documents being proved and sent through EPA instead

1 of being done under Superfund and otherwise.

2 But I'm going to provide this to Mr. Carroll here so
3 he has a chance to look at it. And I know for a fact that if
4 he looks at this S7 document that he'll see that Agent Orange
5 was kept here.

6 MS. THOMAS: Okay. Well, if it was kept here, are
7 you saying that it still is kept here?

8 MR. SILVAS: No. I'm saying the documents prove
9 it -- provide and given and sites turned over illegally when
10 they shouldn't have been turned over because the investigation
11 of those sites were not done properly.

12 MS. THOMAS: So you're saying they weren't
13 adequately cleaned up; is that the allegation?

14 MR. SILVAS: That's correct, yes. That's correct.

15 And I'm just going on the record that Mr. Carroll is
16 going to have this full document and I will be sending it to
17 the White House for them to look at because now I have sent it
18 to the judicial department which my congressman sits on and
19 he's going to be looking at it and going through it. It's far
20 from over. That's all.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, Mr. Silvas.

22 Any other member of the audience who would like to
23 make a comment?

24 Yes, sir. Again, introduce yourself.

25 MR. JUAN GONZALEZ: Juan Gonzalez. I worked for

1 Kelly for 33 years. A lot of these buildings already been
2 torn down, you don't really -- all of you don't know which is
3 the location of these wells. Probably some of you don't know
4 that the wells are right here in the parking lot. You
5 probably parked in front of one of the wells. So I would
6 think that maybe they can make a drawing before when they --
7 the buildings were there so y'all know how close you were to
8 those wells or are you going -- where? Now the past, present.
9 That's all I'm asking.

10 And for those that can't make it here, I worked for
11 Kelly for 33 years. I had -- when the wage board and white
12 collar were segregated by rules saying that you could not
13 travel from wage board to white collar until 1976 when a
14 general started cussing people out and he got tape-recorded
15 and a year later, we could travel back and forth. I got
16 hired. I was a wage board for five years, was white collar
17 for 15 years.

18 Now this is for the public health. Three of my
19 friends died of cancer before they even quit and they were
20 wage board. My question is how many die of cancer, wage
21 board, and how many die of cancer, white collar. Because the
22 white collar were always in the building and the wage board
23 were outside.

24 That's all. You know, that's for the guys that
25 didn't make it here.

1 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, sir. Anybody else, member
2 of the audience like to make a comment, ask a question?

3 Thank you. The next item on the agenda, again, as
4 is tradition, to allow members of the RAB to suggest items to
5 be brought before -- to be placed on the agenda for the
6 subsequent meeting and already there were a few suggestions.
7 And I -- Paul, you've been I guess taking notes about those
8 suggestions. Anybody else would like to add to the list? Any
9 member of the RAB? Items for discussion at the next RAB
10 meeting?

11 MR. GARCIA: Did you put a preliminary report on
12 Leon Creek from Zone 1 on there? Not a preliminary, a status
13 report on Leon Creek.

14 MR. CARROLL: Next RAB is going to be in April? We
15 will -- we will have the results of our Semiannual Compliance
16 Plan that is due in January so we can report and give you an
17 update on that, which includes -- what does include of Leon
18 Creek, Cindy? Does it include the --

19 MS. CASH: July 2009 sampling event.

20 MR. CARROLL: Okay. We can give an update on that.

21 MR. GARCIA: Also, when you give us an update on the
22 Compliance Plan, the Semiannual Compliance Plan, an executive
23 summary on each issue or something that -- and four or five
24 pages that we can read and -- without having to read the whole
25 thing because you are not going to give us a whole book. And

1 if you do, you give us a disk and a lot of people like me
2 don't have computers, you know.

3 MR. CARROLL: I can do something similar to what I
4 did last time. Were you here at the one we talked about the
5 Semiannual Compliance Plan?

6 MR. GARCIA: Yes.

7 MR. CARROLL: I can give you the slides that
8 basically do that very same thing with the pictures, too.

9 MR. GARCIA: All right. Give us a little written
10 narrative or something.

11 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

12 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other comments, questions,
13 suggestions for members of the RAB? Items to be considered?

14 MR. GARCIA: One more thing. For the benefit of new
15 members, do you wish to give them an executive summary of Zone
16 1 through 5, how they were formatted, how they were set up and
17 the progress or status report on each zone?

18 MR. CARROLL: That's what we did. I don't know if
19 we reported. We did an orientation training on December 8th
20 with all the new members and we went into great detail of all
21 the zones and all the history of Kelly and everything leading
22 up to where we are now and what we're doing to clean up the
23 entire base. And that's that was given out to --

24 MR. GARCIA: Was it oral or a slide presentation or
25 written report?

1 MR. CARROLL: Both.

2 MR. ARZOLA: Both.

3 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. And Jose got a copy of that.

4 He was here for that training. Actually had a tour --

5 MR. ARZOLA: Took us on a tour.

6 MR. CARROLL: -- of a lot of the major sites also.

7 MR. GARCIA: Can you mail me a copy so I can ask you
8 maybe 50, 60 questions on the report?

9 MR. PERSON: Next meeting is April 13th? I mean
10 14th? 13th, is that right.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: Second Tuesday part.

12 MR. PERSON: 13th.

13 MR. CARROLL: April 13th.

14 MS. ABBOTT: That's Easter.

15 MR. CARROLL: That's also right before tax time.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: Any other items requested for
17 discussion at the next RAB meeting?

18 MS. ABBOTT: I appreciated that tour you took us on.
19 So when I pulled into the parking lot, it was like, Where did
20 the hole go? Because we were -- you know, we didn't see all
21 of that when we came through that. So I really do appreciate
22 the tour because it makes it easier for me to understand a lot
23 of what you were saying tonight. It's like, Okay. I remember
24 being there and seeing those -- those things.

25 MR. CARROLL: It really does help; doesn't it?

1 MS. ABBOTT: What also helped out is when we were
2 over at the new building is when you had the representative --
3 is it from Tetra --

4 MR. CARROLL: From HGL, HydroGeoLogic?

5 MS. ABBOTT: Yes. When they came and explained the
6 big dig and --

7 MR. DENNING: CAPE?

8 MR. CARROLL: Oh, Tetratech.

9 MS. ABBOTT: Tetratech, right. When they came and
10 talked about the big dig, that was good. That helped. Maybe
11 we can have somebody from CAPE come and tell us. Because you
12 give us your perspective; maybe they can give us their
13 perspective of what they see is going on over there at the
14 site.

15 MR. CARROLL: I bet they would be glad to do that.

16 MS. ABBOTT: We would love to hear from them. Not
17 that we don't want to hear from you but ...

18 MR. MARTINEZ: Break the --

19 MS. ABBOTT: Break the monotony.

20 MR. MARTINEZ: Next item on the agenda is a one-word
21 item. Adjourn. Motion?

22 MR. PERSON: Motion.

23 MS. ABBOTT: Second.

24 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you.

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