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TRANSCRIPTION OF AUDIO RECORDINGS
KELLY RAB MEETINGS, 2004
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1 (Tape of 4-26-04, Kennedy H.S., Booz
2 Allen.)

3 CHAIRMAN: Good evening. It's 6:30.
4 We'd like to go ahead and start the RAB. Because we
5 have elections of community member co-chair tonight,
6 Mr. Antoine is going to serve in his role as government
7 co-chair and get the meeting started.

8 Adam, I'll turn it to you.

9 MR. ANTOINE: Okay. Thank you, Dave.
10 I'd like to welcome everybody. I see we've got a big
11 crowd tonight. Welcome you all back from what I hope
12 was a good week of Fiesta. It looks like the weather is
13 getting better so spring is here, so welcome to all of
14 you and we'll get right into the agenda.

15 We've got a pretty busy schedule, as Dave
16 has mentioned, so why don't we go ahead and call the
17 meeting to order.

18 The first thing we want to do is to
19 approve the January, February and March RAB meeting
20 minutes, and you'll find those in your first tab, RAB
21 members.

22 Is there a motion to --

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Excuse me. Before we
24 go to the approval of meeting minutes.

25 MR. ANTOINE: Pardon?

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'd like to go back
2 to the approval meeting minutes for October. They were
3 not -- They never received a consensus and I'd like to
4 go back and make corrections.

5 MR. ANTOINE: Okay. Have you already
6 given us some input on what corrections you want to make
7 for October?

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Correct, October.

9 MR. ANTOINE: Okay. I don't think we're
10 going to be able to go back to October to approve
11 minutes from January, February and March, but we'd be
12 glad to take any notes you have on recommended changes
13 to those minutes in October.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, sir, there was
15 never a consensus met at that time and I can prove that
16 today right now. The meetings weren't approved and I
17 don't even remember hearing a second, and if we can go
18 back and to find that out now, we can fix this or we can
19 --

20 MR. ANTOINE: Well, we can go back and
21 review tapes or records of the meetings, if you would
22 like.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, I do have the
24 tape handy right now and I can play it for you.

25 MR. ANTOINE: All right. But we're not

1 going to be able to entertain that here. We're going to
2 have to proceed with the agenda as it's written.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, until we get
4 those October meetings clarified, there's no reason to
5 clarify these other minutes.

6 MR. ANTOINE: Okay, we can still take a
7 vote on whether those January, February, and March
8 minutes are correct.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, I'm going to
10 oppose that until we get the October minutes clarified.

11 MR. ANTOINE: Okay, that's fine. You can
12 oppose it, that's fine.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I move that the
14 meetings in question, February, March and -- January,
15 February, March meeting minutes be approved.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'll second that
17 motion.

18 MR. PEREZ: Excuse me, excuse me. My
19 name is Nazarete Perez. I want to abstain from February
20 the 10th and March the 9th on the minutes. Thank you.

21 MR. ANTOINE: Okay, it's been motioned
22 and seconded to accept the minutes as written. All in
23 favor, say "I."

24 (Response of "I.")

25 MR. ANTOINE: All opposed.

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I oppose.

2 MR. ANTOINE: We have one, two, two
3 opposed. Thank you.

4 Okay, I think we can move right into the
5 Pledge of Allegiance, next up.

6 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

7 MR. ANTOINE: Thank you. We'd also like
8 to take a moment of silence.

9 (Moment of silence.)

10 MR. ANTOINE: Thank you. I'll turn over
11 the welcome and introductions to Mr. Smith.

12 MR. SMITH: Thank you, sir. The welcome
13 has probably already been done. I'm trying to scan the
14 audience for people who we would want to make a special
15 introduction for.

16 RAB members, are you satisfied where we
17 stand at this point?

18 All right, let me move us ahead. The
19 goals for this meeting are two, plus another. One is
20 the standard goal of advice and comment on former Kelly
21 Air Force Base environmental matters and documents, and
22 number two is to receive updates on environmental
23 remediation projects.

24 As you've already heard too, we also have
25 a responsibility tonight for selecting a new community

1 co-chair, so we'll have to add that to our goal list.

2 In terms of supplemental packages, RAB
3 members, you have in front of you a notebook, which is a
4 supplement to those things that you've already received.

5 As you've already noticed, the minutes
6 are there, as are the operating principles, in a tab
7 called "Charter Project Updates;" the acronym list,
8 which is always helpful in these kinds of meetings. We
9 try to avoid the acronyms when we can but they have a
10 way of slipping into the conversation pretty rapidly. A
11 set of contact information for people who you might need
12 to get in contact with and a section for requests for
13 information, so all of those are, in fact, in your
14 notebook. We may be referring to those as we go
15 throughout the evening.

16 From there, we go to this, as we've
17 suggested, this selection of a RAB community co-chair.
18 My task is simply to invite you RAB members to make
19 nominations for whoever you might like to nominate for
20 that position, and with your permission, we'll open that
21 floor for nominations.

22 Mr. Muskez.

23 MR. MUSKEZ: I nominate Rubin Pena.

24 MR. ANTOINE: Rubin Pena has been
25 nominated.

1 Is there a second?

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I oppose that one.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Second.

4 MR. ANTOINE: We have a second for that
5 nomination. Are there other nominations?

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I have a nomination.

7 MR. ANTOINE: You have a nomination?

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mr. Rodriguez.

9 MR. ANTOINE: Sandra, can we hold that
10 one for a minute? If we do have another nomination out
11 there, let's see. Mr. Rodriguez, do we have a second
12 for that?

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Second.

14 MR. ANTOINE: Nazarete. Mr. Perez is
15 seconding that, is that correct, sir?

16 MR. PEREZ: Right.

17 MR. ANTOINE: All right. Are there other
18 nominations?

19 Sam, can I entertain your --

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I move to proceed.

21 MR. ANTOINE: You moved that the
22 nominations be closed.

23 Is there a second for the closure?

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I so move.

25 MR. ANTOINE: Can you clarify that? I

1 didn't hear exactly?

2 There was a second for the closure of the
3 nominations. So at this point then, there are two
4 candidates, Mr. Garcia and Mr. Pena, is that correct?

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Excuse me.

6 MR. ANTOINE: I'm sorry, did I mis-hear
7 that?

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You just
9 mis-pronounced the name, Rodriguez.

10 MR. ANTOINE: Okay.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's Mr. Rodriguez.

12 MR. ANTOINE: Mr. Rodriguez. I'm sorry,
13 I mis-heard. I heard Rodrigo. I'm sorry, Mr. Rodrigo,
14 all right. He's not here. Are we going to be -- All
15 right.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'd like to entertain
17 a couple of questions to Mr. Pena, who is being
18 nominated for the position. May I go ahead?

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I would only -- if I
20 may.

21 MR. ANTOINE: Please.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Being that
23 Mr. Rodriguez is not here, in all fairness, for him to
24 support or defend his nomination, I don't think it's
25 proper nor just one candidate to be able to answer

1 questions.

2 MR. ANTOINE: So you would prefer not to
3 answer questions or address this?

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, in all fairness
5 to him, he's not here. I mean, if they're going to ask
6 questions of the candidate, then the questions should be
7 asked of both candidates, not just single one out.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: What's the original
9 duration of a community co-chair?

10 MR. ANTOINE: The original duration?

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes.

12 MR. ANTOINE: One year terms.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: One year terms. If
14 we're not going to get a question answered, I move that
15 we do this election next month. I would like to make
16 that motion.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I second it.

18 MR. ANTOINE: Motion on the floor to
19 postpone the election for a month.

20 Did I hear a second for that motion?

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I second the
22 motion.

23 MR. ANTOINE: Ms. Galvan seconds the
24 motion.

25 All those in favor of postponing?

1 MR. ANTOINE: Let me repeat that.
2 Apparently people didn't hear me. The motion, as I
3 understand it -- someone say it back to me to make sure
4 I'm right -- is to postpone the election to the May 11th
5 meeting, is that correct?

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That's correct.

7 MR. ANTOINE: And that was your motion?

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That was my motion,
9 yes.

10 MR. ANTOINE: And Ms. Galvan was second
11 on that, is that correct? So the motion is to postpone
12 the election until May 11th.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Point of order. We
14 had a motion for nominations. Is that in keeping with
15 the proper practice on this?

16 MR. ANTOINE: This one the one night our
17 parliamentarian is not with us, of course, to --

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Wouldn't this work as
19 a substitute motion? Isn't this a substitute motion
20 that we can vote on it?

21 MR. ANTOINE: I'm sorry, George, I'm not
22 hearing you.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I believe we can vote
24 on this if it's put forward as a substitute motion.

25 MR. ANTOINE: I'm not sure what the

1 parliamentary process is here but it seems to me that
2 there's enough sentiment to look at the question that we
3 do need to go ahead and respond to it, to the vote
4 process.

5 Are there any further comments before we
6 move to a vote? Yes?

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, I would like to
8 comment on this sudden legal, because this is the first
9 I've become aware. I mean, the notes here say we're
10 doing a re-election of co-chair but I don't remember
11 having an opportunity for the community to apply or
12 anybody else, and that's sort of a concern, so maybe we
13 can correct that by going ahead and moving it to the
14 next RAB meeting.

15 MR. ANTOINE: I believe that that was
16 pretty carefully followed in terms of the way the
17 charter specifies that this works. In fact, we're kind
18 of pushing the boundaries of that as we consider the
19 idea of moving this election date.

20 Pete, did you have a. --

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Shouldn't we just
22 vote on the second motion?

23 MR. ANTOINE: I think we should, yes.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: If it passes, we hold
25 off. If not, we go on and elect the co-chair.

1 MR. ANTOINE: Brittany, would you kind of
2 help watch this vote? Are there any further comments
3 before we vote? I think we should move into that
4 voting.

5 Now this is a vote on the second question
6 of deferring until May 11th, correct? Okay, all in
7 favor of deferring the community co-chair election to
8 May 11th, please raise your hand so we can get a count
9 on this vote.

10 We have five, all right.

11 Community members, all those opposed to
12 deferring the election to May 11th, please raise your
13 hand.

14 Seven. Okay, the motion fails. Yes,
15 sir.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Can we get a piece of
17 paper that we can write the names on the --

18 MR. ANTOINE: We sure will do that, yes.
19 The election process will be by ballot. Brittany will
20 bring you just simply a sheet of paper, asking you to
21 record the name of the person for whom you wish to cast
22 your ballot, Mr. Rodriguez or Mr. Pena.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Excuse me. I would
24 further like to make a statement before we get on with
25 this voting, to further request Mr. Pena's

1 qualifications, I'd like to know before we actually do a
2 vote, and if we can't get those qualifications, then I
3 so make a motion to again delay the vote until the next
4 time we can hear his qualifications.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Do you want to
6 explain what the qualifications are to be a RAB
7 co-chair?

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No, his professional.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: There are no
10 professional requirements, okay, other than to be a
11 community member.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Is he an American
13 citizen?

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'm sure he is.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay, can we get
16 that.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'm sure he is.

18 MR. PENA: Actually, I was born April 26,
19 1955 in Kingsville, Texas. Today is my birthday. I'm
20 49 years old, and yes, I'm an American citizen.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: If he's going to
22 answer these questions, I guess we open up the floor for
23 more questions.

24 MR. ANTOINE: We're not opening the
25 floor. This is a vote for the RAB community, among the

1 RAB community members. We're moving very quickly into
2 this process.

3 You have ballots. If you will mark down
4 the name of the candidate for whom you would like to
5 cast your vote, Brittany will collect those.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mr. Facilitator, I
7 know that it might be out of order to speak now.

8 MR. ANTOINE: Yes, sir.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: But I'd like to hear
10 from a lawyer with regard to Mr. Rubin Pena, concerning
11 what his qualifications and so forth. (Inaudible.)

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I second that.

13 MR. ANTOINE: I think Mr. Pena has that
14 option if he so chooses. He's made a point that he does
15 not think that that is appropriate given the fact that
16 the other candidate is not here.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We need to proceed
18 with the vote.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That's right.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'd also like to hear
21 back --

22 MR. ANTOINE: I'm sorry, you're out of
23 order. We're not taking comments for that. You'll have
24 an opportunity.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'm speaking, and

1 when I speak, don't interrupt.

2 MR. ANTOINE: You'll have an
3 opportunity. You're out of order.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I realize
5 (Inaudible.)

6 MR. ANTOINE: RAB members, will you go
7 ahead and complete your voting process?

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: If this motion to
9 delay the vote is not going to be heard -- (Inaudible.)

10 Mr. Facilitator, (inaudible) did not
11 allow me to speak. I think that was wrong and I think
12 this situation that you have of facilitating now is
13 wrong. Your job is to facilitate, not to make
14 decisions.

15 MR. ANTOINE: Is there a second person to
16 look at that?

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes.

18 MR. ANTOINE: Mr. Pena, congratulations.
19 You've won the election.

20 MR. PENA: Thank you.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Pardon me. There's a
22 comment I would like to make along the lines of the past
23 actions of Mr. Pena along the voting lines of members to
24 this Board here.

25 If I'm not mistaken, he actually was

1 interrupted by a phone call from Ms. Powers that he took
2 over a voting procedure. That, in itself, is a
3 violation of Roberts Rules. Now why can't we have the
4 exception for him to speak out?

5 MR. ANTOINE: Mr. Pena, you've won the
6 election. At this point, I'M going to turn the chair
7 back to you in your role as community co-chair.

8 The next item on the agenda is the
9 environmental progress update from Mr. Caras.

10 CHAIRMAN: Douglas, are you here?

11 MR. CARAS: Hi. My name is Doug Caras.
12 I'm the Public Affairs Officer for Air Force Real
13 Property Agency.

14 What I want to do briefly is just talk to
15 you all about some of our sampling results that we got
16 this year finalized in January. We sample the ground
17 water every year and that's how we can tell if our
18 systems are working properly and if we're making
19 progress, and also just a general overview of a lot of
20 other sites that we're dealing with here.

21 First, I'll talk a little bit about the
22 chemicals of concern, the shallow ground water, what it
23 is, sort of the plume data and our statistics in terms
24 of size that we closed and sites that are still open.

25 Our main chemicals are concern of PCE,

1 Perchloroethylene, and TCE, Trichloroethylene. These on
2 base were used as solvents to degrease engine parts from
3 aircraft. Through spills and the actual approved
4 disposal practices at the time, those chemicals entered
5 the ground water and we have a plume that extends from
6 east Kelly several miles east of the base.

7 Along with TCE and PCE, which were the
8 chemicals we used on base, they break down into two
9 other chemicals before they become harmless substances.
10 Those two other chemicals are Dichlorethylene and vinyl
11 chloride.

12 (Man speaking in background - Inaudible.)

13 MR. CARAS: The shallow ground water is
14 15 to 40 feet beneath the surface. It's not a pool of
15 water. It's more or less water trickling through the
16 space between rock and dirt in the shallow ground
17 water. So over the years, we dug about 1400 sampling
18 wells. I think every year we still sample about 400 of
19 them so that we can see what the extent of the plume is.

20 Fortunately us, it's not a drinking water
21 source here and the Edwards aquifer is separated from
22 this shallow ground water by a thousand feet of rock and
23 clay.

24 Even if Kelly hadn't been here, we really
25 wouldn't want to use this shallow ground water as a

1 drinking water source because you have a lot of other
2 things impacting that; you know, street run off, septic
3 tanks, fertilizers, gas stations, that sort of thing,
4 anywhere where you have underground storage tanks.

5 Right here, you can see, this is the PCE
6 contamination plume in the year of 1999. That was right
7 around the time where we felt very confident that we had
8 the whole plume characterized, that we knew the extent
9 and the concentration of the plume.

10 Can you go back one for me?

11 Right in this area, I'd like you to pay
12 special attention, because this way you can see how the
13 plume has changed in its shape and size over the last
14 five years.

15 Okay, next slide.

16 You can see now because of the source
17 control systems that we put in along these boundaries,
18 we've seen a great deal of change in the plume. It's
19 separated into two different lobes and so we've seen a
20 great deal of reduction in the plume.

21 Now one thing I want to talk about, since
22 I'm up here, is that we're putting in off base systems.

23 One we've just finished putting in last
24 month at 34th Street. It's a permeable reactive
25 barrier. What that is is you more or less dig a

1 trench. You fill it with sand and iron filings. As the
2 ground water brings the contamination into contact with
3 iron filings, the chemical solvents are broken down into
4 harmless substances. As I said, we just finished
5 putting one in there. Later on this year, we'll put one
6 in this area and one along in this area near Commerce
7 Street.

8 Now what that does is we have sealed off
9 the sources of contamination and now we're going out to
10 put systems in to treat the areas of highest
11 concentration off base.

12 Next slide.

13 Okay. Now this is the TCE contamination
14 plume in 1999. This is of real importance here. You
15 can see that we had TCE going off base at that time.

16 Go ahead next slide.

17 Now you can see that we don't really see
18 that plume any more going off base. One of the things
19 that we did was we put one of those permeable reactive
20 barriers in there in 2002 so we have seen some, it looks
21 like we have seen some reduction as part of the
22 installation of that PRB.

23 Also along this area, we've seen a lot of
24 reduction in the plume as well. It used to be just a
25 solid sort of depiction of green along that area, so

1 we're seeing these systems work and we're really hopeful
2 that once we get the other systems off base, we'll see
3 some dramatic improvement as well.

4 Okay, I want to go ahead and just talk to
5 the DCE, the breakdown products. This is what it looked
6 like in 1999, 2003. This is what it looks like. We're
7 not really seeing very much there, just some right in
8 that area, or very little off base.

9 The next one, vinyl chloride, this is
10 what it looked like in 1999. This is what it looks like
11 today. Again, very little off base contamination from
12 vinyl chloride.

13 This is more or less all of the sites
14 we're working on. Our total is 708 sites. They're
15 broken down into various categories determining as
16 opposed to what the contamination is.

17 As of now, we've got -- next slide --
18 we've have got about 40 percent of the sites closed. We
19 expect by 2010 we should have about 93 percent of the
20 sites closed. The remaining seven percent are part of
21 this installation restoration program. These are the
22 ones, for example, with the ground water where we have
23 to do long-term monitoring so we won't be able to close
24 those out for awhile, but hopefully by 2010, we'll have
25 about -- that's our plan is to have about 93 percent

1 closed.

2 (Unidentified female speaking -
3 inaudible.)

4 MR. CARAS: Sure. You got about seven
5 percent of the sites require long-term monitoring so we
6 won't be able to officially close out with the
7 regulators for quite sometime. It could go as long as,
8 you know, 2030. It just depends on how the systems work
9 and if they do what we expect them to do, so every year
10 we're going to be testing again and again to make sure
11 that the systems are working properly and successfully.

12 (Unidentified female speaking -
13 inaudible.)

14 MR. CARAS: Right. We can put the remedy
15 in place. You know, we can put the clean-up system in,
16 but until it's completely done its work, we can't really
17 close it out, you know, so we're going to have to do
18 long-term monitoring. Like, for example, like some of
19 the sites, perhaps if we have an underground storage
20 tank, we can go in. We dig it up and we can dispose of
21 it properly. We give the state a report or the
22 regulators, the EPA and the state regulators a report,
23 and then if they're satisfied with that, then we can
24 close that site out, but some that require long-term
25 monitoring we'll have to monitor for quite some time

1 before we can show that everything is working properly.

2 Questions from RAB?

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Was there any testing
4 done for porcelain or agent orange?

5 MR. CARAS: We're dealing here with
6 mainly the ground water plume. There's a document, I
7 think it's the final closure report for site S7, in
8 which they evaluated, you know, for agent orange,
9 because we know agent orange was stored on east Kelly
10 for some time. We submitted that report and got it
11 closed by the state.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That doesn't answer
13 my question if you were testing for it.

14 MR. CARAS: In the water?

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Air, water, ground,
16 are you testing for it?

17 MR. CARAS: I think probably the best
18 thing, if you want to have access to that report, we can
19 get it to you electronically.

20 (Unidentified male speaking - inaudible.)

21 MR. CARAS: Well, that concludes this
22 briefing.

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I have a question.
24 Mr. Caras, I have a question.

25 You were saying that the PRB's are going

1 to be placed on Commerce Street?

2 MR. CARAS: That's the plan.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: By that early
4 childhood center sometime next year, is that what you
5 said?

6 MR. CARAS: No. If I said that, I
7 mis-spoke. We're hoping to do that this summer.

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: This summer?

9 MR. CARAS: Uh-huh.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE. Okay. And these
11 maps, all of these maps are very hard to read, all of
12 them. I mean, you would need a magnifying lens to see
13 exactly where these streets are.

14 Are we, as RAB members, going to get a
15 good map or is this all the information we're getting as
16 RAB members to communicate to the community?

17 MR. CARAS: I mean, actually those are
18 Power Point slides. We've posted on these posters the
19 actual maps.

20 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Right.

21 MR. CARAS: And I would be happy to meet
22 with you and show you the actual maps.

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: No, I'd like a copy
24 of the map. I would like copies of these maps.

25 MR. CARAS: Okay. We'll take that

1 request down.

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you.

3 MR. CARAS: Yes, George.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, Doug, I'd just
5 like to make a comment about the data on the PRB results
6 for the northeast corner of the base up in Zone 5. You
7 gave me some data on that.

8 MR. CARAS: Yes, sir.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And I haven't looked
10 at it completely yet but it appears that the PRB is
11 working well in some places and is not working very well
12 in other places. Would you agree with that?

13 MR. CARAS: Well, I'm not qualified to
14 make that statement. I do know, I mean, it seems to me
15 when I talked to the technical people, because I try and
16 understand this myself, they say that after you put them
17 in, it takes some time sometimes to settle down, and I
18 know what I'd said to you is what they told me is these
19 are real preliminary results. It's kind of hard to make
20 a conclusion from what we have thus far.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The data that I have
22 spans about a year.

23 MR. CARAS: Yes.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And it appears that
25 in at least some places, that the concentrations on the

1 other side of the permeable barrier wall are about the
2 same as they are on the upgradient side.

3 In other words, the wall does not appear
4 to be removing a substantial amount of chlorinated
5 solvents.

6 I just wanted to make that comment, then
7 if any of the technical folks wanted to get together
8 with me and give me an explanation or something, I'd be
9 happy to get together with them.

10 MR. CARAS: Okay.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'd like to ask a
12 question in regards to the surplus of Mr. (Inaudible)
13 statement about handling surplus agent orange and it
14 being handed out to whom or what, we're not sure of, and
15 on that note itself, shouldn't we be concerned about
16 testing for those chemicals of concern?

17 MR. CARAS: Well, the agent orange that
18 was stored on base was investigated and there is a
19 closure report on that site, site S7.

20 I'm going to go ahead and turn --

21 (Tape cut off. End of tape.)

22 (Beginning of Side 2.)

23 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Caras. You all
24 will notice from the agenda at this point we're
25 scheduled for a break.

1 Let me remind you that our community
2 comment period is item number six on the agenda, which
3 we'll have an operating guidelines update immediately
4 after the break and then community comment time.

5 If you wish to make a comment, will you
6 please fill out one of the community comment cards at
7 the table back there that sort of designates what you
8 want to comment on it and see to it that we do, in fact,
9 receive those.

10 Brittany tells me that there's also a
11 sign-up table at the back where you can sign up for any
12 specific clean up information that you might like to
13 have, and that would be available to you during the
14 break and throughout the evening.

15 So why don't we take ten minutes, take a
16 quick break here and then we'll come back and take a
17 look at the operating guidelines update, followed by
18 community comment period.

19 (Recess taken.)

20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. We're on item
21 number five on the agenda, "Operating guidelines
22 update." Mr. Muskez, Mr. Pena.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: If I may, during the
24 break, I was given notice that we've got some guests in
25 the house this evening and I'd like to recognize them.

1 First of all, one of our alternates by
2 the name of Belinda Kaufman has asked her UT Health
3 Science Center class to be here and they're in the room
4 with you all. Please stand and get recognized, all of
5 you, please.

6 Thank you for taking the interest in
7 being here.

8 And also Professor Tom Smith from Palo
9 Alto, his toxicology class is here. Would you all stand
10 up, please? Thank you.

11 Thank you for being here.

12 And also this evening at the table, we
13 have an alternate and the alternate is for Ciro
14 Rodriguez. Ms. Gina Castanella is his alternate this
15 evening and she's at the table there. Would you all
16 recognize her?

17 Okay. Before Pete, before he does his
18 talk or introduction or whatever is going to happen
19 here, I want to thank all the members who showed up to
20 the RAB workshop back in March. Thank all of you for
21 taking of your time for coming in the workshop.

22 That evening, what happened, one of the
23 things that happened was a work group was put together,
24 or a sub-committee, I believe we call it a task force,
25 if I may, for correction, of three volunteers who

1 decided that they would take the time and the task to
2 look at the charter revisions, and I want to thank
3 them. It's Mr. Roderick Garcia, Jr., Pete Muskeez and
4 Mike Denitio. They've met once and they'll be meeting
5 again in about two weeks and hopefully they'll be
6 looking at amendments to the charter and come back with
7 something that the RAB itself can look at and vote on
8 and hopefully have some changes to the charter as it
9 stands now. With that, I'll turn it over to Pete.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I have a question.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Go ahead.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: With regard to the
13 recent revision of the RAB and the charter, you're
14 saying that it will be voted and approved on, but when
15 was it initially approved or voted by the table to head
16 into the direction of re-charter, re-writing it?

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: At one of the last
18 meetings and at the workshop, we were asked to look at
19 revising the charter. At the workshop, the committee,
20 the members that were there agreed that we would have a
21 task force to look at the reviewing the charter. It
22 doesn't mean that they're going to have changes, it
23 doesn't mean that they're going to have deletions, it
24 doesn't mean that they're going to take out the old and
25 put in the new.

1 That's why the committee is going to be
2 looking at the charter as it stands and come back with
3 some kind of recommendations as to whether we keep it
4 the way it stands or that they'll submit some changes.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Are you saying that
6 it was never voted on or are you saying that it was
7 voted on?

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No, it's my
9 understanding -- Did we do it at the last meeting, at
10 the last RAB meeting, Brittany?

11 (Unidentified female speaking -
12 inaudible.)

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'm sorry.

14 (Unidentified female speaking -
15 inaudible.)

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Right.

17 (Unidentified female speaking -
18 inaudible.)

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. Okay. The
20 executive committee -- Thank you for reminding me of
21 that. The executive committee had asked that a task
22 force be put together to look at the charter as it
23 stands.

24 At the workshop, it was agreed upon that
25 we would do that and also by consensus and also we asked

1 for volunteers to be on that particular task force and
2 we had three volunteers that evening.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: All right. Well, who
4 on the executive committee came up with this and why did
5 they think we needed it?

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Because we're being
7 asked to look at the charter.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Again, who on the
9 executive committee thought of re-doing the charter?

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, it's the
11 members of the executive committee, which is Rodrigo
12 Garcia, Dan Gonzalez, myself, Mr. Adam Antoine, Gary
13 Miller. And who else? And that's it. Okay, Pete.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I'd like to make a
15 correction on that. I'd like to make a correction on
16 that, Mr. Pena.

17 MR. PENA: Go ahead.

18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I believe that
19 Mr. Rodrigo Garcia only volunteered to work on charter
20 review but he never initiated to review the charter. Am
21 I correct, Mr. Rodrigo Garcia?

22 MR. GARCIA: Yes, I volunteered to work
23 on it and I volunteered to join the committee and I
24 volunteered to do a lot of work.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Right.

1 MR. GARCIA: I also join all the
2 committees that I volunteered for.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Right, but
4 initially it was reviewed or started by another
5 committee, which you were not involved in, and it had
6 just been revised by Mr. Quintanilla, so the purpose --
7 I never did understand the purpose for re-doing the
8 charter again.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, the purpose for
10 re-doing the charter is because there's a lot of
11 unanswered questions and a lot of undefined procedures
12 that have to be defined.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Go ahead.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No, we met at the
15 last meeting. These are just proposed changes. Now we
16 don't have to change the charter but when we
17 volunteered, we volunteered to look at the existing
18 charter. If there's any procedural changes that can be,
19 you know, re-worded to better clarify the mission of the
20 RAB or something that's out of date or needs to be
21 updated, that's what the committee is -- That's what
22 we're looking at.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: But it was never
24 brought before the whole Board? You took it upon
25 yourselves as an executive committee to make an

1 initiation that wasn't brought before the Board.

2 How can you initiate something without
3 the Board overseeing or overlooking or at least having a
4 voice?

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mr. Silvas, if you
6 had been at the workshop, you would have had an
7 opportunity to discuss and have your comments that
8 evening, as everyone else that was there that evening,
9 to talk about revisions to the charter.

10 MR. SILVAS: Well, that's why I'm voicing
11 my opinion now.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, I understand
13 that but you missed the meeting. We're moving forward.
14 We're trying to do something --

15 MR. SILVAS: You're going backwards.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We're trying to do
17 something positive. We have not voted on any revisions
18 because no revisions have been brought to this Board.
19 The committee is meeting to look at whether it needs to
20 be changed. If it doesn't need to be changed, they will
21 come back with that recommendation. If they have
22 revisions, they'll discuss it.

23 We will then, as a RAB Board, have an
24 opportunity to vote it up or vote it down, so you'll
25 have another opportunity to voice your opinion.

1 MR. SILVAS: I'd like to make a motion
2 now to have the Board vote now if they want RAB charters
3 other than to wait.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We've already
5 discussed it. It was done by --

6 MR. SILVAS: No, you never voted on it.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It was done by
8 consensus at a workshop. You missed it. It's your
9 fault for not being there and I can't do anything about
10 it.

11 Look, there's an addendum in the charter
12 section of your notebook of some proposed changes. Any
13 changes that you would like to see added or removed,
14 just submit them to Brittany and Brittany will get them
15 to the volunteers for that sub-committee, and that way
16 everybody can review them before the next meeting and we
17 can vote on them "Yea" or "Nay." That's it.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That's it. Thank
19 you, Mr. Muskez.

20 Okay, we move into the Community Comment
21 time portion.

22 I have speakers cards from -- I'm sorry,
23 I haven't counted them, several folks here. Let me
24 simply move through these and invite you to come to the
25 center and the mics will be turned on for you.

1 Let me remind you you have three minutes
2 during which to make your set of comments, and Brittany
3 is trying to be helpful to us here in terms of kind of
4 keeping track of time and she has her cards in place and
5 will help you see how that works.

6 Okay. First name on the list is Rose
7 Ramos.

8 MS. RAMOS: I would like to make --
9 (Inaudible.)

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay, we have one or
11 more cards that say that. May I hold that one for a
12 minute and we'll see how those all fall together?

13 MS. RAMOS: Okay.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Gloria Ramos Cortez.

15 MS. RAMOS CORTEZ: I would also like to
16 -- (Inaudible.)

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: All right. I'm going
18 to set that aside.

19 Adrian Cortez. Same.

20 Albert Ramos.

21 (Unidentified male speaking - Inaudible.)

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Gilbert, I'm sorry.
23 I couldn't read below the line.

24 Paul Romo.

25 (Unidentified male speaking - Inaudible.)

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I have three cards
2 that say something similar. Belinda Silvas would like
3 to donate time to Mr. Wilkinson. Is that still valid?

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: All right. And
6 Yolando Johnson, still valid, and Ben Galvan, still
7 valid?

8 Mr. Wilkinson, I have your card here.

9 Mr. Quintanilla.

10 (Unidentified male speaking - Inaudible.)

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: My name is Alejandro
12 Quintanilla and I've lived in this community and the
13 contaminated community, oh, since 1952 to the year
14 2000. I was a member of the RAB from 1994 until the
15 year 2002. And what I'm seeing here, I'm very
16 displeased. Instead of the RAB having more community
17 participation, we're having less, and one of the reasons
18 we're having less is because of the facilitator.
19 Mr. Antoine, the facilitator, is supposed to make it
20 easy for the people to participate, not only for the RAB
21 members to communicate with each other but for the whole
22 community.

23 One time your facilitator there pulled
24 the microphone from me and kept me from speaking as a
25 member of the RAB. I did not like that and I did not

1 like what I saw here today.

2 But that's one thing. You're talking
3 about the RAB charter, that it needs revision. I agree,
4 the RAB charter needs revision in view of the RAB rule,
5 but you should wait until that RAB rule becomes
6 effective so that you'll know how to change it, not just
7 jump into it and change it and have to change it again.
8 I think that needs to be done.

9 One other thing that needs to be done is
10 the TRS committee. Your TRS committee is the back bone
11 of this organization. It meets once a month. It has
12 not met at all this year, according to the little magnet
13 schedule that was handed out.

14 If the TRS committee had been meeting,
15 you would not have been surprised by what George just
16 mentioned, that the PRB's are not working, and that's
17 supposed to be the job of the technical review
18 sub-committee.

19 It's also the job of that technical
20 review sub-committee to make sure that there are funds
21 to get a second opinion on some of the clean-up issues
22 that are brought before the RAB. That hasn't been done
23 in, oh, I'd say in the last four or five months.

24 The other thing that I wanted to talk
25 about is the community involvement plan. We worked for

1 a long period of time, since the year 2000, and it just
2 came out last week the community involvement plan.

3 That community involvement plan says that
4 the people, the community, do not have any trust in the
5 RAB or in the proceedings of the Air Force, nor is the
6 Air Force accountable to the community. None of you
7 voted for the PRB, none of the RAB members voted. It
8 was shoved down the people's throat. This should not
9 happen. This is not community participation.

10 This is supposed to come from the
11 community. And that's just one of the many things
12 concerning the community involvement plan and concerning
13 account ability.

14 I've just learned from some of the people
15 that filed a \$10,000 lawsuit, I think there's 2000 of
16 them, and the Justice Department says, you know, we
17 would like to pay the \$10,000 to the people who have
18 filed this lawsuit for the damages that have occurred to
19 our property.

20 The people are saying that we've paid
21 taxes on properties, or not properties that have been
22 contaminated for years by the Air Force. The answer
23 from the Air Force to the community, to these people
24 that filed this lawsuit, was we don't want to give you
25 the money, we would rather give it to the city and

1 that's the only way you're going to get it.

2 And one of the reasons for this is
3 because the Air Force wants to be looked at like a
4 virgin, pure as a virgin and they have done no wrong.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mr. Quintanilla,
6 you're a minute overtime.

7 MR. QUINTANILLA: Give me a half a
8 minute.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I make a motion to
10 give him another three minutes.

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: I won't need that
12 much. But anyway, the Air Force must be accountable.
13 Why is the Air Force so weak in this? If the Department
14 of Justice, who was handling the lawsuit, says give the
15 people \$10,000, why don't they do it? Why are you not
16 accountable? This is why the people are saying that
17 they can't trust the Air Force? You have to do
18 something about this. Bring trust to the Air Force.

19 Thank you very much.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: My calculation is
21 right. I have nine cards here, including
22 Mr. Wilkinson's, at three minutes a piece, which gives
23 27 minutes.

24 MR. WILKINSON: Hello. My name is
25 Mr. Wilkinson. I currently live in Corpus Christi. In

1 the past, I've lived at Lake Tawakoni, which is 60 miles
2 east of Dallas, I've lived in San Antonio, I went to
3 Highlands High School. I have worked at Fort Sam
4 Houston. I did sub-contracting cutting grass at Kelly
5 Air Force Base. I worked for the U.S. Railroad
6 Department and I would purchase materials at Texas
7 Surplus.

8 You may not understand it, but, see, I
9 know that agent orange was sold in '74 because our
10 school bought some. I know agent orange was sold in '74
11 because of workers at Sabine River Authority told me
12 about it. They told me who they purchased it from, what
13 salesman. I've given this intimation to the U.S.
14 Justice Department but I'm not here now, I'm here very
15 much. I want to tell you how Mr. Phil Bonham with the
16 Texas Water Commission, while gathering his S7 site,
17 which I can prove that I originally found through the
18 Freedom of Information office, I found that site, that's
19 my site. I got the FR7 report on Region 1, stamped by
20 the Texas Water Commission. And who gave me this
21 report? Mr. Phil Bonham.

22 Now when he was giving me this report,
23 the people that gave him this report, which they have
24 their names on it, also told him that there were two
25 warehouses that were once stockpiled with agent orange

1 but they weren't going to do no IRP reports.

2 Now Mr. Phil Bonham -- There's two
3 warehouses on that base that were once stocked with
4 weapons of mass destruction, chemical warfare agents.

5 You know, you're not only looking at 24
6 agent orange, you're looking at 245T, 24D, solvents.
7 All these chemicals are not just commercial grade
8 herbicides. Porcelain was added to these chemicals.
9 That's what made it a chemical warfare agent.

10 Porcelain extends the life of all these
11 chemicals. Porcelain is illegal to use in the State of
12 Texas but Texas Surplus was selling it by the tons.

13 I have an EPA statement where Mrs. Nawon
14 was visiting Mr. Phil Bonham -- No, Phil Bonham, Phil
15 Bonham, his name sure is coming up. He sure is a
16 handyman for the Texas Water Commission for keeping you
17 all out of lawsuits because you all financed the
18 spraying of agent orange in Lake Tawakoni to the Sabine
19 River Watershed project.

20 Now we go back to these two warehouses.
21 Why should I be lying about that? Give me a reason.
22 Why am I crazy or berserk, like the Water Commission has
23 me, trying to have me committed all the time and
24 everything? No, it's to cover up their crimes. Well,
25 if everybody was to go to Rains County, Texas and look

1 up Sammy Hurst, two months, July, August, September, he
2 died around September, he died of led arsenic poison.
3 He was a Sabine River worker. His boat driver, while he
4 was spraying, the boat driver told me all the story. He
5 died of led arsenic poisoning.

6 Why? You have reports, led arsenic
7 poisoning, high 24D concentration, high 245T
8 concentration. Yet the Water Commission, with Joe
9 Woodard, your big buddy, Joe Woodard, concealed
10 information up there.

11 You all are obstructing justice. I'll
12 see you all in the federal penitentiary. I hope you all
13 like that. With that Attorney General they got there, I
14 hope you all are best friends. I would think they would
15 mix people like that with murderers. You all have
16 killed a half million people at Lake Tawakoni.
17 Statistically done, if you use the Vietnam Veterans'
18 statistics and you use the statistics, 8000 barrels,
19 guarantee you 8000 barrels, maybe more, was sprayed in
20 Lake Tawakoni of agent orange.

21 Agent orange was sprayed one gallon to 2
22 1/2 acres. Lake Tawakoni is 36,000 acres. They sprayed
23 that lake 20 times. That's called over broadcast.
24 twenty times more than what it should be over a five
25 year period. Every 36 weeks, spray it again. They were

1 spraying four to six barrels of agent orange daily,
2 Mr. Sammy Hurst and Kirk Stuart.

3 Texas EPA has been sitting on their butt
4 in Dallas and hadn't come out of their lilly white tower
5 to even investigate. They've been sitting on their
6 butts. Texas Water Commission has been covering it up.
7 I've gone to every Water Commission person. They're
8 tired of me because every time I talk -- I can't -- They
9 made an investigation. I don't know if you all have
10 copies of all this. I'm not lying. I'm not making this
11 stuff up.

12 So what are you all going to do about the
13 two agent orange warehouses? Yes, one thing. Jerry
14 Miller has already talked to Phil Bonham. One of your
15 other Board members has talked to Phil Bonham. He's not
16 going to divulge the information.

17 Well, you have one option. You take your
18 envelope and you write the District Clerk's office, FBI,
19 District Court in Durango, then you put inside of that
20 that you request, you write to the foreman of the
21 federal grand jury and then inside of that envelope to
22 the foreman of the federal grand jury, you ask the
23 foreman of the federal grand jury that you want this
24 investigated.

25 You can bypass all the prosecuting

1 attorneys because they're not going to do nothing. Oh,
2 yes, Mi Hon said that large quantities of agent orange
3 were sold throughout the state of Texas but it was
4 legal. I got documents that it wasn't legal. Military
5 herbicide, porcelain was never legal.

6 So what are we going to do with these two
7 warehouses? Either you all can be fined for selling
8 contaminated warehouses that are contaminated with
9 weapons of mass destruction and chemical warfare agents,
10 because you all are covering it up because there's that
11 third person, the person that gave that book, they know
12 and they were Kelly Air Force Base personnel. Huh, I
13 wonder if he's sitting over there? Was that him over
14 there? I don't know. Maybe, maybe not. But there's
15 two warehouses, big warehouses full of stockpile, full
16 of agent orange.

17 Why should I lie about that? I don't
18 have nothing to gain from it. One of the buildings were
19 in the 100's and one was in the 300 range. This was
20 back in 1990. I've been doing research. Before you all
21 even thought about RAB, I found S7 solvent. Did you all
22 have to find S7 solvent? No, it was already found when
23 you all started because I found it.

24 These people have destroyed my family,
25 the Water Commission, because Sabine River is their

1 little buddies, just like the EPA, the Water Commission
2 is their little buddies. Everybody has a little buddy
3 that they can push all their slob work off to.

4 Sabine River Authority was funded the
5 septic tanks. They are the only people that do septic
6 tank permits on behalf of Texas Water Commission.
7 Through Sabine River Watershed project, they received
8 funds from the Texas Water Commission, Sabine River did,
9 to buy the agent orange. So if you take all these
10 pictures together, they're all real good buddies
11 together.

12 Now what are you going to do? Are you
13 going to order tests to be done on all the warehouses?
14 Because you all don't want to settle up. The warehouse
15 -- You already took the S7 site and made a baseball
16 diamond out of it for Little League players. "Slide,
17 slide, Johnny, slide into third base."

18 There's that porcelain on your thing.
19 That's the most stupidest thing I've ever seen, billed a
20 Little League baseball diamond. This is where Little
21 League players are playing today. These are S7 pictures
22 of all the docks and all the contaminants.

23 On this site, it's now a Little League
24 baseball diamond. That's how responsible the Air Force
25 is, and they're not coming up and say there's two

1 warehouses. Oh, we forgot. They already know. The
2 Water Commission stamped in 1990. I was there, you all
3 weren't and you're trying to call me a liar, because you
4 all weren't even there. I was there. I got documented
5 proof. Two warehouses, two warehouses.

6 Now that little thing he's talking about,
7 electronically and digging a ditch, arsenic is high,
8 arsenic is found in agent orange. That's what killed
9 Sammy Hurst.

10 The Water Commission is looking at
11 criminal homicide charges if I can prove that they
12 covered up. In 1980, they did a very devious thing,
13 they covered up. Then they switched over and they said,
14 "Oh, we just have 23 buried drunks." Well, the Sabine
15 River Authority investigated themselves and they said
16 they did nothing wrong.

17 Well, when they buried those 23 drunks,
18 there was high 345 and some other chemicals that wasn't
19 supposed to be buried within a quarter mile of the
20 lake. Did the Water Commission ever arrest them, charge
21 them with felonies? No, they continued to let those
22 mass murderers, and then they had the gall to come out
23 there, I had to use them to do biperk (?) tests on my
24 house. I had to walk off \$120,000 worth of property
25 because of the Water Commission was covering up their

1 crime as murderers.

2 Sammy Hurst, 45 years old, 70 pounds,
3 went down to 70 pounds. Could have been saved but the
4 Sabine River told his doctor not to give him a blood
5 transfusion. Let arsenic poison him, arsenic, arsenic,
6 arsenic. That's a basic chemical, isn't it? That's a
7 basic chemical. I guarantee if I poisoned him with
8 arsenic, I would go to jail but he can poison me with
9 arsenic and walk around, la, de, da de, da, de, I kill
10 people for a living. Yup, him, him, Kelly Air Force
11 Base, they're guilty of murder, a half million people
12 probably. And we can sue you all.

13 That's the second area. I want you all
14 in jail. I want you all to serve the time with five
15 years for every murder, a half million people, you all
16 can be in there for like five million years. We'll have
17 to put you all in suspended animation.

18 You all are dodging the bullet, you all
19 are dodging the bullet but it's going to come out and
20 that bullet is going to ricochet and hit you right in
21 the back of the head.

22 Every one of you RAB members, if you all
23 don't investigate this in a proper manner, these two
24 warehouses, and let these murderers say, "Oh, we don't
25 have no warehouses, we don't have no warehouses."

1 You know, I checked with Phil Bonham and
2 he said didn't say that. Phil Bonham is a liar. The
3 Water Commission is a liar. They're looking at criminal
4 lawsuits. They're looking at killing people. They
5 killed people. They brought agent orange from Kelly Air
6 Force Base and sprayed it to Dallas's drinking water.
7 No crime there? Oh, okay, that's what I've been told by
8 the EPA. Oh, agent orange doesn't cause nothing. We
9 can't prove agent orange caused nothing.

10 How many minutes do I have?

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: (Inaudible.)

12 MR. WILKINSON: What?

13 They need to find those two warehouses?
14 You all need to find those two warehouses because if I
15 find them first, I'm going to turn that information over
16 to whoever buys them or wait till somebody buys them and
17 then give them that information and they're going to
18 turn around and sue every one of you on this Board.

19 You have to divulge what that building
20 was at one time, I guarantee you. Two warehouses. I
21 think I wrote the warehouses down but I've gone through
22 my papers and I can't find them. I was a very sloppy
23 person.

24 So what are you all going to do? The
25 community is for me. They wouldn't have gave me all

1 these minutes. Last time you all just wrote me off but
2 this was the plan of retaliation towards the Board.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: May I ask a question?

4 MR. WILKINSON: Excuse me?

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I just want to ask a
6 question.

7 Are you saying that there was agent
8 orange disposed on Kelly that was never reported either
9 to the regulators --

10 (Tape cut off. End of tape.)

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1 (4/26/04, Kennedy High School, 7:30 a.m.
2 to 8:30 p.m.)

3 MR. WILKINSON: -- aquifer, which is a
4 state agency. Anybody ask the Texas Water Commission,
5 how many times have they prosecuted a state agency for
6 contaminating the site or toxic waste? You know what
7 the answer will be? Zero. The blue law. They do not
8 turn in their fellow people because any lawsuit filed
9 against any other state agency would come back to Austin
10 and then suck their budget dry because everybody's
11 budgets would dry up if that state agency had to pay a
12 fine.

13 The blue law, just like police don't turn
14 each other in, the State of Texas don't turn the Water
15 Commission in. You ask them, you ask the Water
16 Commission to bring one -- See, they were investigated
17 in 2000, which I don't have a copy. Robert has a copy
18 of the allegation. Mr. Booker, Harry Booker and Sarah
19 Hansen asked the Interior Department in the Travis
20 County District Clerk's office interior unit to
21 investigate themselves. They opened up the door, the
22 wrong door.

23 They covered up that. These are covered
24 up, people. These are covered up. There's members on
25 the Board that specifically do cover-ups. Now I

1 guarantee you they're deadly and I'm the friendly person
2 from up there. I've documented this all. Wait till
3 those people find out exactly who the names are covering
4 up the information down here like Mr. Miller, and he
5 goes to Dallas and the information gets out to Lake
6 Tawakoni and they find out their kids were killed by
7 this and Mr. Miller is helping them cover it up.
8 They're going to go ballistic on it. I'm the friendly
9 one. They think I'm the mean one, I'm the friendly
10 one. I'm documenting it all. I got federal grand jury
11 training. I was on the federal grand jury when Judge
12 (Inaudible) was killed. I know what federal law, state
13 law, local law. So --

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'd like to ask a
15 question to Mr. Wilkinson. Out of probably the --

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: About the two
17 warehouses?

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The two things that
19 are most important would probably be to locate those
20 warehouses, and I agree that maybe that should be looked
21 into, and in your opinion, I mean, what would be the
22 best thing to get that information? How should we get
23 that?

24 MR. WILKINSON: Well, basically you've
25 talked to somebody and Mr. Gary Miller, EPA

1 representative, talked to somebody. He's not willing to
2 talk. That's Mr. Phil Bonham. I think every one of you
3 RAB community should write to the federal grand jury and
4 have then subpoenaed.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You think that's the
6 only way?

7 MR. WILKINSON: Give them immunity or
8 whatever it takes. They can give them grand jury
9 immunity, then he has to talk or he'll sit in the bottom
10 and rust.

11 You want those two warehouses. You don't
12 care about Phil Bonham to go to jail or not, you want
13 that information where those two warehouses are. They
14 have ways of doing it, I guarantee you. I've seen them
15 do it to a person. They took away all his rights, Fifth
16 Amendment rights, gave him immunity, he wouldn't talk.
17 He was down at the bottom of the federal courthouse for
18 18 months, didn't see sunlight for 18 months because he
19 wouldn't divulge the information.

20 The Texas Water Commission is trying to
21 get Phil Bonham to get his retirement. Phil Bonham,
22 they're trying to get his pension saved because the
23 Integrity Department was about to charge him with
24 falsifying government documents, which is punished by a
25 year in county jail and a thousand dollars fine. But

1 they had to cover that up because poor Phil needs his
2 pension.

3 How about the poor people, my next door
4 neighbor, my relatives, everybody dying because Kelly
5 didn't want to spend the money to dispose of agent
6 orange in a proper way and turn around and selling this
7 generic non-selected weed killer, which is on the bids
8 of Texas Surplus, if I can ever find it, and they were
9 selling it at 75 or a 100 lots drums.

10 Let's talk about porcelain, porcelain.
11 Does the Water Commission or the EPA know what porcelain
12 is? No. They send you all, the people that don't know
13 about contaminants because then they don't find
14 nothing.

15 What is porcelain? Porcelain is an
16 additive added to 24D, 245T, agent orange, which
17 produced to mix agent orange with porcelain, 245T with
18 porcelain, which is illegal. It's always been illegal
19 to use because there's no commercial use for porcelain.

20 What porcelain does, if you have
21 something filled with 245T and you sprayed it, three
22 weeks later you could plant seeds there and they would
23 grow. If you added porcelain to that same 245T, you
24 couldn't plant nothing there for a year or two years.
25 It extends the life of that toxic chemicals. It just

1 like holds it together. Go 245T, kill, kill, kill,
2 kill, kill. Well, that's what it does. Porcelain is
3 the additive that makes it a chemical warfare agent. I
4 don't see him testing for porcelain. No, they don't
5 want to do that. 245T is illegal because there's a
6 Texas administrative law that says zero or less dioxin
7 levels are not tolerated in the state of Texas and that
8 soil has to be removed.

9 There's soil samples showing dioxin
10 levels at the baseball diamond. Has that dirt been
11 removed? I doubt it. I'd have to look it up
12 electronically, wouldn't I?

13 Well, I'm going to end my meeting and let
14 you all take a break and if you all have any questions,
15 there's some, you can either contact Robert or the EPA
16 or something, because they will probably try and come
17 after me and try and kill me now. Thank you.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I guess I have a
20 question for the regulators here.

21 I wonder if you all have heard this
22 information before, and if you have, if you could
23 perhaps at our next meeting just give us a brief report
24 on what you found out about it and what you concluded or
25 what was done about it.

1 Let me ask that to you, Mark.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: What was the question
3 again, George?

4 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Wilkinson made some
5 allegations about agent orange being disposed on Kelly
6 and either not reported to regulators or not reported to
7 the public, and my question to you is, and to Gary with
8 the EPA, have you all heard this before, and if you
9 have, could you tell us what you've done about it and
10 maybe at the next meeting give us a brief report on what
11 you found and what you concluded.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'm aware of the, I
13 believe, site S7. This is the first time I've heard of
14 warehouses in which the agent orange was stored, and the
15 storage of agent orange in warehouses, in and of itself,
16 there's nothing wrong with that.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, right.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: This is the first
19 I've heard of it. We can talk with the Air Force folks
20 and have them, you know, review their EBS information,
21 see if these warehouses can be identified.

22 Again, there's nothing wrong with storing
23 it in these warehouse us. That, in and of itself, has
24 no problems. If the stuff was disposed of or something
25 like that, that's an issue that we would want them to

1 address.

2 (Unidentified male speaking - Inaudible.)

3 CHAIRMAN: I'd appreciate hearing about
4 it because these are -- You know, he appears to be
5 saying very serious things and I think if we can hear
6 from you guys.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I just make a motion
8 that we make that an action item for the next RAB
9 meeting, just to, you know, to evaluate or however
10 report back on the evaluation of the EBS integrity
11 report.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Pardon me?

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The integrity report,
14 the environmental baseline survey that's required by the
15 Air Force to do on all their properties to determine
16 where anything might have been stored, I have no idea
17 what integrity report you're talking about. Enlighten
18 me. I mean, I have to say I've heard all kinds of
19 allegations here. This is the first I've ever heard of
20 it. Please enlighten me, Robert.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mr. Sirhan and
22 Mr. Booker, the Integrity Report from the individuals.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: This is the first
24 I've heard of it.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, see those

1 gentlemen worked for you and maybe you can pick some
2 leads from there, sir.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mark, you did put a
4 motion out there, I believe, that that become an action
5 item for the next meeting.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: If somebody wants to
7 second it.

8 CHAIRMAN: Is there a second for that
9 motion?

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry, where did that come
12 from?

13 From George. Okay, motion has been made
14 and seconded.

15 All in favor of -- I'm not quite sure
16 what I'm asking for here. A report.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, I guess the
18 motion would be that we ask the Air Force to evaluate
19 the environmental baseline survey of Kelly to see if
20 there's any documentation of warehouses in which agent
21 orange was stored. That would be the only place I would
22 think to begin with.

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Excuse me. I have
24 a question for you.

25 CHAIRMAN: Just a moment, please. I'm

1 sorry, I'm losing track of where we're coming from.

2 Okay.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay. You're from
4 the Texas Water Commission?

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I work for the Texas
6 Commission on Environmental Quality.

7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay. Which is
8 part of the Texas Water Commission?

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's the predecessor
10 agency.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay. Right here
12 in front of me, I have a letter dated April the 25th of
13 1991. I believe you need to get your office straight so
14 you can get some of these reports to you and you can get
15 caught up, because I just got this.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I believe that was
17 information that was provided by the TCEQ to the RAB,
18 and this was nothing to do with anything on Kelly Air
19 Force base. This is what was the Ackerman Road site in
20 which there was a supposed disposal of agent orange.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Exactly, but if
22 there's an allegation, I would believe that we should
23 follow up with it.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That is all the
25 information that the TCEQ had on the investigation of

1 Ackerman Road site and the investigation of that site
2 has been closed. There's nothing further investigation
3 we're going to do.

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I believe
5 Mr. Wilkinson had about six minutes left and I would
6 like to take that.

7 First of all, you guys are the RAB --

8 CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry, ma'am --

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: You guys are
10 supposed to be --

11 CHAIRMAN: Ma'am, ma'am, I'm sorry but
12 you --

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: -- the community
14 voice.

15 CHAIRMAN: Ma'am --

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: No, sir. There was
17 about six minutes left.

18 CHAIRMAN: No, I'm sorry.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: There were nine
20 people that gave him his time to speak and he did not
21 have six.

22 CHAIRMAN: We've moved beyond this
23 agenda.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Can we just make a
25 motion to let her speak, please?

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I second.

2 CHAIRMAN: I have a motion on the floor
3 and a second on that motion.

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I'm not going to
5 wait for a motion. I'm just going to ahead and say what
6 I need to say, okay?

7 You've had the mic all night, sir. It's
8 my turn. You guys, as the RAB, I want to know what you
9 guys, on this end here, you're supposed to be the
10 government part of it. You're supposed to be the voice
11 for the people and you all are on the RAB for the
12 community that's been effected.

13 Now I want to know what you all have done
14 or what you all plan to do, because the last three or
15 four meetings that I've been here, I've never heard
16 anybody say anything about how it effects the people.
17 You all have well admitted plenty of times on the big
18 screen up there you all have a lot of papers back here
19 that say what the contaminants are and I want to know
20 what you guys are doing or what you plan to do to try to
21 help the people that have been affected.

22 Nobody has said anything about that and I
23 want to hear that. And I still have a couple more
24 minutes left so I want to go ahead and hear what anybody
25 has to say about that.

1 Anybody on the government side of it?
2 Co-chair, Mr. Pena, you're running up for election
3 here. Again, I want to know what you have to say about
4 that.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: May I ask, please,
6 what is your name, ma'am?

7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: My name is Gloria
8 Ramos Cortez and I grew up right here on Cartage Street.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'm not questioning
10 your residency. Ms. Cortez, the process here this
11 evening, under Citizens To Be Heard, is for us to --

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: For three minutes
13 to speak and I'm taking Mr. Wilkinson's remaining three
14 minutes.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Ms. Cortez, I
16 listened to you. Now will you listen to me, please?

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: You're obviously
18 not listening to me. I'm asking you a question and
19 you're not answering me.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'm trying to answer
21 your question.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Well, it's going to
23 have to begin with something that --

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I sat here and I
25 listened to you --

1 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay, go ahead and
2 speak. Answer my question.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: If you allow me to, I
4 will.

5 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Go ahead. Go
6 ahead.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The process here
8 tonight during Citizens To Be Heard is for the RAB to
9 hear the citizen, not to --

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: You guys sit here
11 and have your own circus.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Ma'am, let me finish,
13 please.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Go ahead.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I let you finish, now
16 let me finish, okay?

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Go ahead.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Now the process is,
19 again, that we listen to the citizens. That's part of
20 the process. We do not respond to questions or comments
21 from the citizens during the Citizens To Be Heard.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Three minutes is
23 long enough for you to understand that you have taken
24 away my father's eyes. You have taken away some of my
25 brother's capabilities. You have taken away some

1 muscles from my mother. Who knows what the hell has
2 happened to me. I have no idea.

3 Now I'm the voice. I'm the other person
4 on the side, okay. You guys think that this happens to
5 other people. I'm the other people. I'm right here.
6 I'm looking at you guys.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I can't answer your
8 question.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Now you tell me --
10 You're not answering my question.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You're not allowing
12 me to speak.

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: You're not
14 answering the question. You're dancing around in a
15 circle like you guys have been doing on and on and on
16 again.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I can't answer your
18 question.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Now my point has
20 been proven. Ladies and gentlemen, I just want you all
21 to see that. You guys from the UT Health Science
22 Center, my best friend goes there. I commend you guys
23 for your work and for you all coming out here
24 (Inaudible), and everyone who's been effected, if any of
25 you have any questions, please come to me, please,

1 because I don't want you all to hear what you have to
2 say about it.

3 There's a few people on the Board that
4 are genuinely trying to help the people but the rest of
5 them don't want them to be heard, so please, if you all
6 have any questions and if you all can help us in any
7 way, we'd greatly appreciate it.

8 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Now if, for those
9 of you who are in the audience this evening, I'll repeat
10 the process.

11 The process is during Citizens To Be
12 Heard, as we hear from the citizens, we hear their
13 comments. They're being recorded. We're taking notes.
14 We have a meeting. We'll discuss items that come up.

15 There was a motion that was made to
16 discuss or to go back and review some things. Once we
17 get a chance to do that and review that, then we're able
18 to go back and make some comments, but during the
19 Citizens To Be Heard, we're not allowed to give comments
20 because we take up of your citizen time, the three
21 minutes or six minutes or 27 minutes that you were
22 granted this evening that you asked for to be heard.
23 We've heard you. We heard you.

24 Let's move on, please.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay, I have a

1 comment. Go ahead, Mr. Rice. Go ahead, Mr. Rice.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think we need to
3 vote on my motion.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I want to clarify the
5 motion, if I can, thank you. I'd just like to add
6 something to Mark's motion. He talked about agent
7 orange in warehouses. I'd just like to expand that
8 agent orange at Kelly, whatever is in a warehouse or
9 wherever --

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I guess you're
11 wanting to make a friendly amendment?

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Friendly amendment.
13 Accepted?

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I want to hear what
15 it is before I determine if it's friendly or not.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The amendment is that
17 rather than just confining, looking for information on
18 agent orange in warehouses, we'll look for instances
19 where agent orange has been identified on Kelly, you
20 know, wherever it occurred.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That's fine with me.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, I think the
24 reason I focused on the warehouses was that was, from
25 what Mr. Wilkinson said, that's what his concern was,

1 that there were two warehouses out there in which this
2 stuff had been stored.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I understand.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Nobody had
5 investigated it or what have you.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, understood.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: All right. So where
8 we are is that we have a motion, a second, a friendly
9 amendment, which is made by the seconder.

10 Are there any further --

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Would you repeat the
12 friendly motion that's been stated, please?

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: How about if I do
14 this? We'll ask the Air Force to evaluate the
15 environmental baseline survey to determine if there were
16 warehouses or other areas where agent orange was stored
17 or disposed on Kelly.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: In particular, the
19 herbicide and the agent orange.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: They did that in
21 1990.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, the evaluation
23 of the EBS would go back to as far as they've got
24 records.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: How convenient.

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Sounds good.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: George, are you okay
3 with that?

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes. Okay, we have a
5 motion. It's been seconded. We have a friendly
6 amendment to the motion. It's been seconded.

7 Does everyone understand what it is we're
8 voting on? Okay, go ahead and call for the vote.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The vote is on
10 responding to this motion for the agenda to the next
11 meeting, is that correct?

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, rapid. That's
14 May 11th.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Right.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. I would call
17 for a vote on that. All those in favor of the motion,
18 please raise your hand.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'd like to re-state
20 the motion to actually include the herbicide and agent
21 orange in particular, to note that down, and porcelain
22 specifically.

23 (Unidentified male speaking - Inaudible.)

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Excuse me, we need to
25 be specific.

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I have a motion and a
2 second. We have votes. We're not going to change the
3 motion in the middle of this vote. If you want to make
4 another amendment later, that would be great.

5 Are there any who are opposed to the
6 motion?

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Until we get more
8 specific.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: One opposed, two
10 opposed. All right. Motion passes for the next
11 meeting.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. The next item
14 on the --

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Excuse me. I'd like
16 to make another motion for an action item before we move
17 on. One in particular, I'd like to get an expert from
18 the Veterans' Administration Hospital here who is an
19 expert in agent orange to brief us in the community and
20 get that approved on an action item.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I second that
22 motion.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Say it -- Are you
24 guys catching it? Let's make sure we get it written
25 down.

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Would you be kind
2 enough to say it again so I can catch it up here?

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, sir. I would
4 like to have an expert from the Veterans' Administration
5 Hospital that deals with agent orange and have him give
6 a briefing or have him attend the meeting so the
7 community and the RAB can direct questions to him.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: If I could just
9 capture the essence. You're asking for an expert from
10 the VA Hospital who has experience with agent orange to
11 provide a briefing at the RAB meeting. Is that close?

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Correct, for the
13 chemicals in agent orange.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I second that.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And Ms. (Inaudible),
16 you're seconding the motion as it is?

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. Conversation,
19 questions, comments on the motion?

20 All in favor of the motion, please raise
21 your hand.

22 All those opposed?

23 The motion carries.

24 Okay, we move then to the announcement
25 section of our agenda. This section is, the first item

1 in there is the community update on events and issues
2 relevant to constituencies. This is for RAB community
3 members, if there are things occurring in your
4 constituencies that you want to make comments on, this
5 is your time to do so.

6 Yes, sir, Sam.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: My name is Sam
8 Sanchez. I'm with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health
9 District. We're planning on having a workshop on June
10 the 26th on Kelly health issues and also other health
11 issues in regard to the south side. I know that the
12 health district has highlighted some nine zip codes that
13 are in the area in San Antonio that account for about 50
14 percent of all of the social service dollars that are
15 expended in San Antonio. That's part of it. But one of
16 the other things that we've done in this community is
17 also gather information on health in this particular
18 community and so we're trying to have a workshop and
19 we're looking to have it at Our Lady of the Lake
20 University. It will be on June the 26th and we'll have
21 other forthcoming information to be provided to the
22 community. Thank you sir.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you, Sam.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'd like to add
25 something to his comment that they're going to have

1 health studies or health comments.

2 Can you have someone there that has any
3 kind of expertise in chemical agent orange there?

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'll try to find a
5 speaker. Actually there are some people that have done
6 that type of work here at the health science center that
7 have been on some of the national advisory panels and
8 I'll try to have some of those people for that
9 workshop.

10 I'm holding to this very tight time line
11 on June 26th. If there are some people here in this
12 community -- It will be an all day deal. It will be on
13 a Saturday. It will be from the morning till about 4:30
14 in the afternoon. We'll have some presentations and
15 then we'll have some break-out sessions where that, you
16 know, we can have a discussion and talk specifically
17 about some issues. And again, if there are some people
18 in this community that would like to come forth and help
19 me and organize it with our staff, again, I can see you
20 after the meeting and we'll try to get the word out and
21 I'll try to be glad to do that. Okay.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you,
23 Mr. Sanchez. Thank you.

24 Other community members?

25 Okay. Next item on the agenda is the

1 BRAC clean-up team update. Norma, I believe you're
2 going to do that one.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Good evening. For
4 those of you that don't know me, I'm Norma Landez. I'm
5 now the base environmental coordinator for Kelly Air
6 Force base and I'm here to report on the BRAC clean-up
7 team meetings that we had in February and in March since
8 I don't think we've had a report since then.

9 In February, we discussed the closure of
10 the CE yard at south base and also quite a few storage
11 tanks, underground storage tanks on Kelly Air Force base
12 with the EPA and TCEQ. We reviewed some of the
13 preferred alternatives for Zone 2 and 3 and the
14 corrective measures study that we're in the process of
15 submitting to TCEQ and EPA this month.

16 Also, we reviewed status of our projects,
17 the EPCF, the Environmental Process Control Facility
18 that was south of the base. We have now completed and
19 demolition is complete and we're going to be submitting
20 a report to the TCEQ.

21 Building 360, the permeable reactive
22 barrier and the (Inaudible) wall have also been
23 completed. The 34th Street permeable reactive barrier
24 was in progress and is currently completed. They just
25 have to finish doing the street repairs, and also the

1 air monitoring that was done by the San Antonio
2 Metropolitan District was reported upon.

3 In March, at the meeting, we discussed
4 some criteria that we're working on developing for
5 operating properly and successfully with EPA so that
6 eventually once our remedies are in place, we can talk
7 about transferring property.

8 We also talked about (Inaudible) and
9 warehouse, some are in the 1500 area, that we're going
10 to be proposing to transfer later this summer.

11 We also talked about closure of some old
12 tanks. We had had a report that we forgot to submit.
13 We updated, we're updating the information and going to
14 be submitting it to TCEQ. Also updated information on
15 some contamination that we're removing on Mr. Ruiz's
16 property next to property on the south portion of the
17 base.

18 We also talked about the final Zone 3 RFR
19 report that we submitted to the TCEQ and EPA in early
20 April time frame.

21 That's all we've been talking about and I
22 think, I believe the minutes have been provided --

23 (Male speaking - Inaudible.)

24 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay, they will be
25 in your May RAB packets then for the February and March

1 minutes. And then also we'll be having another BCT
2 meeting on May 11th, the same day that you're going to
3 have the next RAB meeting. Thank you.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you. Next item
6 on the agenda is the Greater Kelly development Authority
7 update. Gary Martin.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Gary did call in and
9 indicate that he wasn't going to be here.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: All right. Next item
11 is Metro Health update. Sam, is there any more to add?

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think I already
13 did. However, I can talk some more.

14 I know one of the things that Metro
15 Health has worked on is there was some concern about the
16 PRB's in term of when they were digging and doing the
17 trenching and there was some concern that there be some
18 air monitoring to be done while that work was being done
19 to be sure that if there was any chemicals, anything
20 that was there, that we would have some information so
21 that we could say, you know, to protect the community.

22 Metro Health hired a contractor, several
23 environmental, to do that work. They've been doing air
24 monitoring during the PRB's on 34th Street and we'll
25 have a report on that possibly by the next meeting in

1 terms of what they're doing.

2 One of the other things that I wanted to
3 say is that I think in previous RAB meetings, Rodrigo,
4 you mentioned about the air quality aspect, that we want
5 to look at air quality in this part of the city.

6 We do not have any air quality monitors
7 anywhere on the southwest part of the City of San
8 Antonio, and so one of the issues that has come up in
9 some discussions that Metro Health has had with TCEQ is
10 about locating some air quality monitors in the
11 southwest part of the city to look at particulate, and
12 this will be permanent monitors to look at the 2.5
13 particulate standard and have it in place so we can have
14 at least some information, some physical information on
15 our quality and also begin to gather somewhat they call
16 speciated information on BOC's, because we have none in
17 this part of the city. All of the air quality monitors
18 are toward the east and off to the northwest part of the
19 city but there are none over here.

20 I think that we made progress on that and
21 I think that we'll be able to support having some of
22 those sites here on this part of the city, and I'll be
23 glad to bring that information back to the Board as
24 those talks develop. We're on a pretty fast track to do
25 that.

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you, sir. The
2 next item on the agenda is Air Force Real Property
3 Agency.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Sam, if I may, when
5 the city does their whatever they call it for air
6 quality or for the ozone days, since we're in violation,
7 where are they getting the report?

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The way that those
9 air monitors were located with regard to prevailing wind
10 direction, so the air monitors actually are in the
11 northwest part of the city. They're around John
12 Marshall High School. The actual chemicals that
13 contribute to the ozone are actually formed in the city
14 but because of the wind, it actually moves the ozone
15 through the northwest part of the city and that's where
16 it forms and that's where they have the monitors to
17 measure that, so that's where those -- And then there
18 are some air monitors that are done that have been
19 placed on the east side to look at the air emissions --

20 (Tape cut off. End of tape.)

21 (4/26/04 - Kennedy High School - Tape 2, Side
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23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: -- be impacting from
24 the coal fired plants on the east part of Bexar County.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Does VIA do the same

1 thing?

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: VIA?

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No.

5 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Sam. Questions?

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes. Concerning this
7 air monitoring and this air pollution stuff, I've been
8 bringing this up meeting after meeting after meeting
9 after meeting and I asked the federal officials, state
10 officials and I asked everybody when are we going to get
11 into this and it's been time that we get into this. I
12 know, I read the 1996 air emissions inventory study
13 about them putting them on the north side by John
14 Marshall and by the airport because of the wind
15 direction and all of this, but we've been forgotten here
16 and I'm not going to put up with it any more.

17 I've asked for federal air pollution
18 reports from the Air Force on which airplanes, the C5's,
19 the B52's and all this history of aircraft have caused
20 the pollution. I've asked for EPA and other pollution
21 records from the Air Force and all of this. I want to
22 know how this pollution can cause health problems for
23 the west siders, the south siders and east siders and
24 the southeast siders and the southwest siders and all of
25 this and I'm hitting a brick wall.

1 Now Mr. Antoine, I ask you this one time
2 that I need to see some action, I need to see some
3 reports, I need to see a plan of action, how we're going
4 to deal with the air pollution studies because I'm
5 losing my patience. I've brought this up time and time
6 again. I've looked into January meetings. Mrs. Galvan
7 and I brought that up back then and I'm not going to be
8 stonewalled any more. I want to see a plan of action.
9 I want to see something done as to how we're going to
10 deal with air pollution caused by Kelly and I want to
11 see a history of it and I want to see Air Force records,
12 EPA records and anything else you can dig up on all of
13 this thing, because we're not going to be treated as
14 second class citizens any more and have the monitors at
15 Marshall and at the airport and then on the east side
16 for the coal fired plants.

17 That wind from the coal fired plants also
18 blows this way into the southeast, the south side, the
19 west side, the southwest and everywhere else. I'm not
20 going to mess around with this any more. I need some
21 questions, I need to put this on the agenda and it's
22 about time this thing was studied, was begun studied in
23 1996 by the Alamo Area Council of Governments. It has
24 been studied it ever since. They have several different
25 types of clean air plans in place. There's some reports

1 on our compliance with the air standards and what's
2 going to happen with those air standards, and so far we
3 have not heard anything from the Air Force, the EPA or
4 anybody else. I'm sick and tired for waiting for all of
5 this. Now either I get this project going with one way
6 or the other, I'm going to get it going because we need
7 to deal with this issue also.

8 Also I need a status report on all health
9 studies that are being done, not only by the health
10 department but also from the ATSDR, and also we
11 mentioned the agent orange. I would like to see some
12 sheets on the health data sheets, Material Data Sheets
13 on these chemicals and the Material Data Sheets that
14 have been authorized by the hazardous communication
15 laws, both state and federal, and what these chemicals
16 have caused as part of the report and part of the
17 presentation by the EPA people. And I would like to see
18 a lot of that come our way pretty soon because we have
19 not dealt with air pollution and a lot of this and I'm
20 not going to get stonewalled any more.

21 One way or another, we're going to have
22 to bring a lot of issues from the table and I want to
23 see more health studies and I want to see a lot of the
24 people that came in here complaining about health
25 studies, I want them to be informed that they can go to

1 the Las Palmas Clinic and they can go over there and
2 read some of the studies that we've done, so we have
3 acted on this. You need to go to Las Palmas Clinic and
4 read those studies over there on what we've done so
5 far.

6 True, we need to do some more, but I live
7 in this area, I graduated from this high school so I
8 know what's going on. We need to get more involved in
9 all of this and you can go to Las Palmas and read some
10 of the studies that we have. It's not that we don't
11 care. We have a lot of work to do and it's overwhelming
12 us and we have to deal with it, so you all need to do
13 your part and go read about all the work that we've
14 done, but we need to get going on a lot of these studies
15 and a lot of things that we need to do.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you, Sam.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN: Okay. Next item on the agenda
19 is the Air Force Real Property Agency update.
20 Mr. Antoine.

21 MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Dave. I'm not
22 going to attempt to respond to Rodrigo here because we
23 probably would be here all night on some of the issues.
24 What I might mention though is that, you know, we're
25 talking about air quality as one of the big concerns and

1 it's not just Kelly Air Force Base, it's the entire city
2 and the entire county that I think we're starting to
3 hear concerns about.

4 The issue of air monitoring stations
5 throughout the City of San Antonio and why there aren't
6 city or EPA or state air monitoring stations on Kelly
7 Air Force Base is a valid question but it's something
8 that we, as the Air Force, can't answer for the city or
9 for the state, for that matter, or the county, so I
10 think those are issues that we can look at.

11 The issue of historical air emissions,
12 there's still an ATSDR report that we're also eagerly
13 awaiting on past air emissions from Kelly Air Force
14 Base, and I think we've relayed the concerns of trying
15 to re-create data from the 1960's in the Vietnam era,
16 when B52's were claimed to be flying in and out of here
17 every three minutes.

18 Unfortunately, there's not information on
19 what kind of emissions and what levels of emissions
20 available to us today to re-create those scenarios, so
21 those are some of the things that ATSDR is trying to
22 piece together, through interviews of people who worked
23 here at the time, estimating, you know, what kinds of
24 air emissions these aircraft back in those days
25 emitted.

1 They're doing models to try to project
2 the types of contaminants and the potential exposures,
3 but to try to re-create that information, I'm afraid
4 there was no data collected. There were not monitoring
5 systems available in the 1960's to do the kind of
6 analysis that I think a lot of people think is really
7 available to the Air Force. So that's unfortunate.

8 You know, medical technology is not to
9 the point, nor was data collection or legal requirements
10 back during that time. So I'm afraid we're asking for a
11 lot of things here as a RAB that we, it's humanly
12 impossible to re-create and to present, so, you know, I
13 have the same emotions that many of the people have
14 here. I have family and friends who have worked here
15 and died here at Kelly Air Force Base, so I appreciate
16 what you bring to us and we would surely like to address
17 all your concerns but I'm afraid that as a group,
18 sometimes we're asking for things that are just
19 impossible for us to deliver, and I'll apologize as many
20 times as I need to to this community and to you
21 individually for our inability to do that.

22 And so I hope you accept that and
23 hopefully you can accept what we're doing in terms of
24 progress in cleaning up the shallow ground water, as
25 Mr. Caras alluded to earlier, on 36th Street.

1 You know, we've dealt with a lot of the
2 people in North Kelly Gardens and shallow ground water
3 is the predominance of what we're dealing with here and
4 the clean-up of the shallow ground water.

5 Unfortunately, you know, the air, there's
6 nothing we can do it clean it up, okay. This stuff was
7 put here in the 1940s '50s, '60s, through the '90s.
8 It's still there. We can do something about that.
9 We're here because we're cleaning it up, ma'am, just as
10 fast as we can. I'm not going to get into a debate.
11 There's a lot that I'm doing. I'm spending about 30
12 million dollars of your taxpayer money every year to
13 clean it up, Mr. Quintanilla, okay.

14 (Unidentified male speaking - Inaudible.)

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: There's a lot we're
16 doing. There's something we're already doing. We're
17 doing as much as we can.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Pick up the phone,
19 write a letter to the Congressman and --

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hey, I've got letters
21 from Congressmen that I get every day, Armando, and they
22 come from you, so what good is that doing us?

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Expedite the air
24 emissions study. It was supposed to have been done two
25 years ago.

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You've done nothing
3 but sit on your --

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's time to get up
6 --

7 MR. ANTOINE: I don't see you up here
8 sitting on yours, so let's not get into that, okay?

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I don't sit down on
10 mine.

11 MR. ANTOINE: Okay, we've had enough of
12 you sitting down on your's here, okay.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Come on, folks, let's
14 not lose --

15 MR. ANTOINE: I don't want to get into
16 the question and answer, so I appreciate --

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: But you should do
18 that.

19 MR. ANTOINE: Well, I don't want to get
20 into a shouting match with you, Armando. I've learned
21 that it does no good, okay.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Give me a chance --

23 MR. ANTOINE: Okay, give me a chance
24 too. The public is participating in all the clean up
25 efforts we're doing.

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You're not listening
2 to the public.

3 MR. ANTOINE: No, I'm not listening to
4 you and some of your nonsense, okay.

5 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Oh, Adam, that is
6 not nonsense. Adam, you know that's not nonsense.

7 MR. ANTOINE: You need to round up the
8 public.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You think that what
10 I'm saying is nonsense. (Inaudible.)

11 MR. ANTOINE: I hear from him all the
12 time, Armando. I've got a letter --

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: What do you mean
14 nonsense? I'm a legally blind man. I live in the area,
15 sir. That's not nonsense, that's not nonsense.

16 MR. ANTOINE: I'm sorry. I apologize.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Can you see, sir?
18 Can you see, sir?

19 MR. ANTOINE: I apologize. I apologize.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Can you see, sir?

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Come on.

22 MR. ANTOINE: No, I can't see, but my
23 father died from a disease from working here at Kelly
24 too, so I understand.

25 (Unidentified male speaking - Inaudible.)

1 MR. ARNOLD: I'm sorry about that.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: (Inaudible.) I'm
3 asking just you, are you legally blind? Can you see?

4 MR. ANTOINE: No, no.

5 (Unidentified male speaking -
6 Inaudible.)

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Folks, folks, please.

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I think we need to
9 cool off for now, chill.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Please, please.

11 MR. ANTOINE: I apologize, sir.

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you,
13 Mr. Antoine.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you,
15 Ms. Galvan. Thank you. I appreciate that. Sam?

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: In regard to those
17 past air emission studies, for what it's worth, I've
18 been in contact with the ATSDR, and again, they've been
19 delayed and delayed and delayed, and I don't know why,
20 but they did say that they hope to have this summer to
21 produce the past air emission health assessment with
22 regard to Kelly Air Force Base. This came from the
23 ATSDR people, so I'm just passing on the word that I
24 heard from ATSDR. Thank you.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Robert, Mr. Silvas,

1 did you want in there?

2 MR. SILVAS: Yes. I wanted to briefly
3 comment on some of the comments from Adam in regards to
4 what the Air Force has done and has tried to keep up
5 with, you know, concern from the community. And I guess
6 out of my two years of being on here, I've seen a lot of
7 stories and a lot of people who are effected by, you
8 know, decisions made from Adam and his colleagues and
9 agencies up here alongside.

10 There's some things out there that, you
11 know, technology-wise is available if the Air Force was
12 to consider would benefit the community, and one in
13 particular is a recent kind of, it's done based on the
14 atoms of the speed and the rate of atoms, and this is
15 done through high technology and it's so accurate down
16 to numbers that it will identify every manmade chemical,
17 and in some cases in particular, dealing with issues
18 like agent orange and things like that, those kind of
19 technologies need to be brought to the table and applied
20 and there's no room for error, and I got to, you know,
21 hand it to Adam and say Adam, you know, your job is no
22 job that I would ever want but I do want to say thank
23 you for sitting up here and trying to listen and we'll
24 be heard one way or the other, and although the
25 arguments begin, there's a lot of passion between what's

1 going on here, so you can see how it effects the people,
2 people living there, people who have passed on and
3 people who will continue to work there, so just take
4 that and keep that in mind.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you.

6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I want to make a
7 comment also; that I when I first started in this RAB, I
8 believe my husband and I questioned one of these health
9 exhibits and health talks about the food and nut study.
10 We were the first ones to suggest it and we were laughed
11 at by the San Antonio Health Department because we
12 questioned and we said, "Well, do the pecan trees, don't
13 the roots reach the 25 feet?" Some of these pecan trees
14 are real big and they laughed at our face. I'm not
15 saying you personally, Sam Sanchez, but some of your
16 workers did, and that was an insult. That was an insult
17 to the community and to the future RAB member that I was
18 going to be. And that's why I became a RAB member. And
19 people like that lady back there that laughed also at my
20 question -- yes, you -- don't turn around -- she also
21 laughed because of the taxes.

22 I thought of maybe a moratorium on all
23 the people's property taxes until it was cleaned up and
24 she laughed, "Oh, well, maybe my taxes should be paid
25 just like yours," and her comment, and she apologized

1 later, but still, these are the kind of comments that we
2 get from this being, for being on this Board, for
3 questioning, for constantly questioning, yet they're not
4 the ones that have their lives at stake or their
5 illnesses that they suffer, which we haven't made that
6 connection yet but you don't know what the future
7 holds.

8 With more people coming out like this
9 gentleman to bring us evidence that maybe some of these
10 chemicals that were stored at Kelly have effected not
11 just in San Antonio but are effecting Dallas, Texas,
12 because of the way they dumped agent orange, we're going
13 to have a lot more opening up, and I really hope to God
14 that you all will say to your errors and make amends
15 with God and with the people of San Antonio.

16 CHAIRMAN: Okay. To move us along, we're
17 reaching that stage where we need to look at beginning
18 to wrap up.

19 One of the things we do in that process
20 is to make sure that we've addressed the action items
21 from the previous meeting.

22 RAB members, you have those in your book
23 but let me dig them out for you and tell you that there
24 were three.

25 One of them was that the Air Force would

1 provide copies of maps from the 34th Street PRB to
2 interested RAB members upon request. My understanding
3 is that that has, in fact, occurred, and am I right in
4 remembering that there are some of those maps available
5 tonight at the information table?

6 The second item was that the Air Force
7 would provide preliminary PRB data to Mr. Rice, and
8 Mr. Rice, I believe that that did happen, is that
9 correct?

10 MR. RICE: That's right.

11 CHAIRMAN: And then kind of an ongoing
12 reminder action item was that TCEQ will provide updates
13 on information discovered about off base sources as they
14 become available, so those were the three action items
15 from the past meeting.

16 Yes, Mr. Silvas?

17 MR. SILVAS: I had an action item at the
18 last January meeting, if I'm not mistaken, in regards to
19 the sign-in sheet and mailing list.

20 Was that ever completed?

21 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: For the community
23 just to be aware as you come in, any information that
24 passes through here, if you're interested, please sign
25 and initial the box so you can have access to this.

1 CHAIRMAN: Okay. All right. Action
2 items from this meeting, I've tried to keep track of up
3 here and I think we've captured most of them.

4 Both of them came in the form of the
5 motions that we talked about before. One of them is
6 that the Air Force evaluate the baseline survey report
7 out of the May 11th meeting regarding agent orange at
8 Kelly. That's not quite exactly what was said but the
9 second motion was to amend to get an expert from the VA
10 Hospital who has experience in working with agent orange
11 to provide a briefing at the RAB for chemicals in agent
12 orange.

13 Yes?

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Do we have an
15 opportunity to add something, more actions?

16 CHAIRMAN: I think we do at this point.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, sir. There's
18 one to begin with that has been a concern in the past,
19 and that is the spill report summaries should be
20 reported at both TRS's and the RAB's. I know we
21 practiced it before at the RAB when I would attend and
22 now we're only doing it at the TRS.

23 Can we please get an action item and have
24 that back on the RAB, spill reports?

25 CHAIRMAN: Robert, can you put that in

1 the form of a motion, please?

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Then again, I would
3 like a motion to make spill reports on the RAB meetings.

4 CHAIRMAN: May I have a second to that,
5 please?

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I second that.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I second that,
8 Mr. Rice.

9 CHAIRMAN: So I think what you said is
10 ongoing. There will be an ongoing spill report summary
11 at each of the RAB meetings, at TRS meetings as
12 appropriate, right?

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Correct. Since they
14 report it now only at the TRS, now we need to have it
15 reported also along at the RAB.

16 CHAIRMAN: All right. Discussion on the
17 motion?

18 All in favor?

19 (Response of "I.")

20 CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

21 Motion passes.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: There's another
23 action I would like to bring up, and that's the mailing
24 list for phone numbers for the recent electees.

25 Has there been a new one made up? Can we

1 have those distributed?

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's in the back of
3 your book.

4 CHAIRMAN: They're in the back of the
5 book. It should be in your contact list.

6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We've actually made
7 a RAB point of contact card and I'm going to pass it
8 down the line and it's in the working stages, so if you
9 would please check the number next to your name, that
10 it's correct, so we can print these and hand them to you
11 all at the next meeting, I'd appreciate it.

12 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: One other action item
14 would be the update for the Zone 3 response from the Air
15 Force and the comments, written comments from them.

16 Yes, the actual response letter, was this
17 recently or was it ever mailed out to the gentleman who
18 did the draft review, Mr. Lynch? If it wasn't, can we
19 please get it mailed to him, written responses?

20 CHAIRMAN: Robert, I think the answer is
21 no one is quite sure but they'll check that to see if it
22 was and see that it gets mailed, if it has not been.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: All right. That's
24 all I have.

25 CHAIRMAN: All right. Additional

1 comments?

2 Okay. The next RAB meeting, as you all
3 know by this time, is proposed for Tuesday, May 11, 2004
4 at 6:30 in this room. The next TRS meeting is proposed
5 for Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at the Environmental Health
6 and Wellness Center at 6:30 p.m.

7 That completes the agenda as it is on the
8 page.

9 Could I have a motion for adjournment if
10 you're ready to do that?

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I would like to have
12 something final to say before we close the meeting.

13 In regards to the RAB and the community
14 members, I just want the community to leave with this in
15 their mind, and that's to remember that when we're up
16 here, we have very limited time. We don't dedicate
17 ourselves to eight hours, ten hours a day to study data,
18 review it. However, we are doing our best, and our best
19 may not be enough but we're going to keep trying and
20 just bear with us because some of us are fighters and
21 we'll go on with this and do the best we can with what
22 we got, and I want to thank you all for being here
23 tonight and try to come more often because it's good to
24 see faces.

25 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Garcia?

1 MR. PEREZ: My name is Nazarete Perez and
2 I'm here, part of the community, represented in my area
3 and others too, of course. I do report to the city
4 council. Normally I go over there and speak on
5 Thursdays, and I do want to let you know that not too
6 long ago, let's say about nine days ago, I went to a
7 hearing and I was put on the role of speaking.

8 There was some confusion between the
9 unions and I'll state what I've told them and I'll
10 repeat it, that I don't take bribes and I don't go
11 manipulating the system. I'm here speaking on behalf of
12 the people, especially of my Area 2, and I do declare
13 and I do want to let you know that I'm considered a good
14 guy, not a bad guy, and I'll work my best, and I know
15 others will do the same thing, and if there's a
16 conspiracy, conspiracy falls under the bad, not for the
17 good, but if there's a conspiracy, eventually it's going
18 to bloom out. We're going to notice. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Mr. Garcia.

20 MR. GARCIA: First of all, I want to tell
21 the community members, there's been a lot of emotions
22 expressed here tonight from both sides, but please
23 remember this: We're all on the same side. A lot of
24 you have expressed illness. Well, I'm sick too. I'm
25 going through preliminary tests and getting treatments

1 for cancer, so it's not only you people that are getting
2 sick.

3 We must work together. We must
4 compromise. We must deal with the bureaucrats, we must
5 deal with the system, we must deal with everything, you
6 know.

7 And if any of you knew me as well as
8 Mr. Quintanilla does, bureaucrats and I do not get
9 along, and I've taken a lot of issues up with
10 bureaucrats and I'm doing my best to do what is right
11 for this community, because I live here, I graduated
12 from this school in 1969 and I know about all this
13 pollution. I know what these B52's and the C5's and all
14 the pollution. I used to see all those black clouds and
15 all of that all the time.

16 We used to go outside and we couldn't
17 play outside or march in the band outside because
18 sometimes the smoke from these planes got so bad. I
19 know how bad it is, but we must learn to control
20 ourselves and we must learn to deal with each other.
21 We're here to hear from you, take notes and see what you
22 have on your mind, but we must keep our cool and we must
23 work together and you must realize that we cannot get
24 into arguments with you. Sometimes we do but we're here
25 to listen to what you have to say. We have a lot of

1 work to do. Nobody says this is easy. It's not. We
2 have a lot of bureaucrats to deal with, a lot of things
3 to deal with and a lot of things to do, so you have to
4 realize that when we ask you for your opinion, we value
5 them highly. We take notes, like I do and most of us
6 do, and we deal with this issue the best way we can.
7 It's a long hard road but we're going to deal with all
8 of this.

9 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir. Mr. Silvas?

10 MR. SILVAS: I have some questions I'd
11 like to turn in at the end of the meeting.

12 CHAIRMAN: All right. You'd like to turn
13 them in, is that what I heard you say?

14 MR. SILVAS: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN: Motion for adjournment?

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Is there a motion for
17 adjournment?

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I move it.

19 CHAIRMAN: Sam. Second it?

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I second it.

21 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

22 (Response of "I.")

23 CHAIRMAN: Meeting adjourned.

24 (End of tape.)

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