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9 Community Member;

10 MR. ARMANDO C. QUINTANILLA,
11 Keep South San Proud and CEJA;

12 MR. GEORGE RICE,
13 Groundwater Hydrologist;

14 PROF. GENE W. LENE,
15 Academic Community;

16 MR. TRINIDAD ALMAGUER,
17 (Sam Sanchez's Alt.)
18 San Antonio Metropolitan
19 Health District;

20 MR. ED WEINSTEIN,
21 San Antonio Water System;

22 MS. YOLANDA JOHNSON,
23 Committee for Environmental
24 Justice Action;

25 GEN. PAUL ROBERSON,
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MR. PAUL PERSON,
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MS. TANYA HUERTA,
Community Member;

MR. GORDON BANNER,
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1 On the 28th day of October, A.D.
2 1998, between the hours of 6:30 o'clock p.m.
3 and 10:00 o'clock p.m., the above entitled
4 meeting came on for discussion before said
5 MR. DAMIAN SANDOVAL and BGEN. MURDOCK, and the
6 following proceedings were had:

7 BGEN. MURDOCK: Good evening. I'd
8 like to welcome everyone that is here. Before
9 we begin, I'd like to start at the -- the far
10 end of the table, and have each individual
11 introduce themselves, and if in fact they're
12 representing an organization, if they could
13 indicate as such. So we'll start down at that
14 end, if you please.

15 MR. PUFFER: My name is Mark Puffer,
16 and I represent the residents of Kelly Air
17 Force Base.

18 MS. PEACE: Annalisa Peace, and I
19 represent San Antonio.

20 MS. ADAMES: Dominga Adames,
21 community residents.

22 MR. SOLIS: Juan Solis, I represent
23 the (inaudible) Association.

24 MR. RICE: George Rice, community
25 member.

1 MR. ALMAGUER: Trinidad Almaguer,
2 Metropolitan Health Department.

3 MR. QUINTANILLA: Armando
4 Quintanilla. I'm a resident of South San, and
5 I live in an -- in an area contaminated by
6 Kelly Air Force Base.

7 MR. WEINSTEIN: Ed Weinstein, San
8 Antonio Water System.

9 MS. STANKOSKY: I'm Laura Stankosky
10 with the Environmental Protection Agency in
11 Dallas.

12 GEN. ROBERSON: Paul Roberson with
13 the Greater Kelly Development Corporation.

14 MR. BANNER: Gordon Banner with the
15 TNRCC in Austin.

16 MR. PERSON: Paul Person,
17 representing the Union Pacific Railroad.

18 MS. JOHNSON: My name is Yolanda
19 Johnson, and I'm with the Committee for
20 Environmental Justice Action and that's the
21 neighborhood organization on the north side of
22 Kelly.

23 MR. MURRAH: Sam Murrah, I'm with
24 Clean Air & Water, and also on the Board here.

25 PROF. LENE: And I'm Gene Lene. I'm

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1 with St. Mary's University, and I'm a community
2 member.

3 MR. JACOBI: I'm John Jacobi with the
4 Texas Department of Health.

5 MR. SANDOVAL: I'm Damian Sandoval,
6 RAB Committee co-Chair.

7 BGEN. MURDOCK: Thank you all. And
8 before -- As we begin the administrative
9 portion of our meeting, I'd like to turn the
10 meeting over to -- to Damian for some remarks
11 that he has.

12 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you, General. I
13 just want to say thank you to all of the folks
14 with the community and Air Force wise that put
15 on this -- this pre-RAB tonight. Again, as
16 everybody has probably noticed, these RABs have
17 been changing in the last six, eight months.
18 The true spirit of partnership is they're all
19 involved to get these different groups out
20 there to different poster board stations. So I
21 encourage everybody to -- if they get a chance,
22 to visit with them.

23 I want to welcome all RAB members tonight.
24 It looks like we have a full house tonight, and
25 that's great, we have a lot of exciting issues

1 to vote on tonight.

2 One thing I wanted to disclose to
3 everyone -- that's pretty much what we like to
4 do here at the RAB as public notice -- when I
5 first took the position of RAB co-Chair I was
6 working for the Department of Transportation.
7 Since then I have taken a new position. I
8 actually now work with a company in the private
9 sector called UniTech.

10 They're -- One of their main
11 responsibilities is they're an Air Force
12 contractor who works -- who supports all Air
13 Force installations throughout the country.
14 That does include Kelly Air Force Base.

15 The organization, the way it's structured
16 now, is UniTech has two main primary focuses
17 and that's the Air Force Center for
18 Environmental Excellence. One is working on
19 the BRAC side, which Kelly Air Force Base falls
20 under; and the second is, Compliance and
21 Worldwide Restoration.

22 My specific responsibility is working on
23 the worldwide restoration portion where my main
24 responsibility is, what they call, PAFCA,
25 Pacific Air Force Major Command Area, so my

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1 main responsibility is Hiccum Air Force Base,
2 Hawaii.

3 The reason I felt it necessary to let
4 everybody know was to, one, put the information
5 out there to everybody so that everybody could
6 make a decision if I should continue as a RAB
7 co-Chair. The second was just to notify
8 everybody of what I am doing now. We've
9 established some relationships on the RAB and
10 on the TRS.

11 Just -- and -- And the last thing I want
12 to say is, I think we've done a lot in the last
13 eight to nine months, and I think there's some
14 major challenges, and some major cornerstones
15 we're just about -- we're about to hit. So
16 whatever the result is, I -- I encourage
17 everybody to keep on moving forward with the
18 responsibilities of a RAB member to insure this
19 community is cleaned up, and to hold the Air
20 Force and all involved to the responsibility
21 that they're dealt with. Thank you.

22 BGEN. MURDOCK: As this issue is,
23 obviously, a community issue, I turn the
24 meeting over to those that would like to
25 discuss comments made by Damian. It is not

1 appropriate for me to -- to comment one way or
2 the other, and I would encourage some
3 discussion among the community members relative
4 to Damian's comments. So -- George?

5 MR. RICE: I think Damian has been
6 doing a very good job as community co-Chair.
7 And I don't see how this new position of his
8 will adversely affect his position here, and I
9 hope he remains as co-Chair.

10 BGEN. MURDOCK: Paul?

11 GEN. ROBERSON: I was going to say, I
12 share that view. I think Damian has done a --
13 a great job as our co-Chair, and I would
14 recommend that we -- he continue as the
15 co-Chair with the understanding that if he ever
16 gets involved directly in Kelly issues he
17 should let us know about it. But I think,
18 beyond that, he should continue.

19 MS. PEACE: I agree with Mr. Rice and
20 General Roberson. I think, Damian, you've done
21 a great job. I think you've been up to the
22 challenge. If you feel there's a conflict, but
23 if you don't, you should stay on.

24 BGEN. MURDOCK: Further discussion?

25 MR. JACOBI: As a public member, I'd

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1 like to suggest that Damian has done an
2 exceptional job, and would like to see him
3 continue in that capacity. And if the Chair
4 would entertain a motion to that effect, I so
5 move.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm sorry. You may
7 be able to hear this among yourselves, but in
8 the audience here we find it very difficult to
9 hear and understand what is being said. Could
10 somebody control the volume a little bit?

11 BGEN. MURDOCK: We'll try and -- Can
12 you hear me better if I talk more directly into
13 the mic like that?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (Indicating.)

15 BGEN. MURDOCK: Can everybody in the
16 back hear me when I talk in that manner?

17 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (Indicating.)

18 BGEN. MURDOCK: I guess we've just
19 proved how we need to articulate our
20 conversation this evening, so we'll try and do
21 better. Wave back there if we are remiss in
22 not speaking loud enough.

23 There's been a motion made to continue to
24 have Damian Sandoval remain as the community
25 co-Chair. And I would ask if there are any

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seconds on that motion?

GEN. ROBERSON: Second.

BGEN. MURDOCK: Second? I have to turn to my foremost parliamentarian to keep me straight with the Robert's Rules of Order. But I'll ask for any discussion at this point, if there is any?

(Indicating.)

BGEN. MURDOCK: No discussion. All those in favor, if you would indicate by raising your hand.

MR. MCGHEE: It should be a community vote.

MS. KELLY: It should be a community vote.

BGEN. MURDOCK: Okay. Thank you. I've been advised that it should just be the community member of the RAB that vote. So if those community members would indicate by raising their hands.

(Indicating.)

MS. KELLY: You got it.

BGEN. MURDOCK: Those opposed?

(Indicating.)

BGEN. MURDOCK: Let the record show

1 that there was unanimous consent to have Damian
2 continue as the co-Chair.

3 MR. SANDOVAL: Good. Thank you. I'm
4 glad we got over that hurdle, now on to
5 business.

6 BGEN. MURDOCK: The next item I'd
7 like to go over are the packets that the RAB
8 members and some of the -- some of you out in
9 the audience may in fact have.

10 The first item that I'd like to go over is
11 on the right-hand side of the package, as
12 you're looking at it, towards the very end
13 just -- just prior to this public participation
14 and permitting. And it concerns the Action
15 Items as a result of the July RAB meeting. And
16 I will go over them very quickly, so that you
17 know what our response to those Action Items
18 were. And they are listed alphabetically.

19 The first one being item (A)
20 Mr. Quintanilla asked that -- for guidelines
21 dealing with the information and repository and
22 administrative record, and these requirements
23 are contained at 40 Code of the Federal
24 Regulations which, in fact, are in this RAB
25 package.

1 MR. MCGHEE: If you -- If you could,
2 the package the General was talking about looks
3 like this. (Indicating.) At the top of it, it
4 says, 29 July RAB Action Item Response; below
5 that, it says, Item (A). This is the package
6 he's going through; if you don't have that in
7 your folder, then sorry.

8 This is the response to RAB questions. We
9 can get you a copy of these, if you'd like.
10 These are RAB specific questions, and this is
11 our rely back to them. The General is going to
12 go through them one by one very quickly. And
13 if you'd like a copy of this, please see me,
14 I'll be right over here, and I'll get your name
15 and address and send you one.

16 BGEN. MURDOCK: The item -- The next
17 item (B) TNRCC was asked to provide information
18 concerning reportable spills. I don't know if
19 they're in a position this evening to provide
20 that in -- in writing to the RAB members.

21 MS. POWER: We have it in writing in
22 these packets, and will be passed out tonight.

23 BGEN. MURDOCK: We'll make sure that
24 this information is disseminated to all the
25 members. And, Damian, if you could, remind me

1 of that, please.

2 MR. BANNER: Thank you, Abbey. In
3 case y'all don't know, that's Abbey Power with
4 the TNRCC Regional Office here in San Antonio.

5 BGEN. MURDOCK: Damian has asked for
6 some maps identifying the various zones. We've
7 included zone maps in the RAB member packages.

8 The next item would be a request for the
9 use of standard acronyms, and we have provided
10 that in this package, too. Hopefully, that
11 will be a help to those members and visitors
12 that are not as familiar with the -- the
13 environmental language.

14 There is a list in the package of those
15 project members associated with cleanup
16 activities at Kelly Air Force Base. This is in
17 reference to Item (E).

18 Item (F) was a request for a discussion of
19 the reuse or reinjection of treated
20 groundwater, and a request for that discussion
21 to take place at the TRS. And I believe, SAWS
22 made that presentation on the 25th of August at
23 the TRS meeting.

24 Damian requested on Item (G) a summary of
25 the contamination of the Edwards Well Number

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1 313 at Kelly Air Force Base. And we have
2 included our response to that, and if there are
3 further questions, we would certainly entertain
4 questions on that.

5 I believe, also on this Item (G), the
6 contamination of that particular well, this
7 evening George Rice has asked for some time to
8 make a presentation, and we have allocated time
9 accordingly in the agenda. So if we can defer
10 any questions and comments specifically about
11 that maybe until your presentation this
12 evening, George.

13 Item (H), Mr. Quintanilla said that he
14 would contact ATSDR to see if the RAB could
15 comment on the upcoming public health
16 assessment. And I turn to Armando, and asked
17 if you were successful in -- in getting a
18 response from the ATSDR folks.

19 MR. QUINTANILLA: General, we were to
20 comment on that report on September the 22nd.
21 However, we never did get a copy of the report;
22 it went directly to -- to your office or to
23 your staff, and we never did get a chance to
24 comment on it.

25 That -- The ATSDR was requested by this

1 RAB and by citizens from the community and, for
2 some reason, we -- we got cut off at the -- at
3 the gate by your staff. We did not get a
4 chance to review that. The RAB did not get a
5 chance to review that report.

6 BGEN. MURDOCK: Well, I just comment,
7 that it's not my report or our -- our Air Force
8 report. What -- What did ATSDR say when --
9 when you called? Were they --

10 MR. QUINTANILLA: ATSDR said that you
11 raised some questions concerning the air
12 sampling, and therefore, they had withdrawn
13 that report for peer review.

14 BGEN. MURDOCK: Okay. I have --

15 MR. QUINTANILLA: The RAB never did
16 question it; it was your staff that questioned
17 it.

18 BGEN. MURDOCK: Okay. Let me provide
19 the latest status, not knowing what Armando was
20 able to find out, from the ATSDR folks.

21 I understand that they have, in fact,
22 released a public affairs press release on the
23 current status of the Public Health
24 Assessment. But I don't have that assessment;
25 I just have notes concerning it. And the notes

1 that I have suggest that ATSDR has determined
2 that the modeling used in some of the
3 conclusions -- because it is new modeling, they
4 felt that verification of the modeling was
5 necessary, and thus, have asked for a peer
6 review.

7 This peer review, from my understanding,
8 will take anywhere between four and six weeks.
9 And then the process would, then, be to provide
10 those organizations that provided data for the
11 report to comment on that, followed by a public
12 comment period, and the community, specifically
13 our local Kelly Air Force Base and San Antonio
14 community, will be afforded the opportunity to
15 comment on the draft report prior to it being
16 published.

17 I asked when that time frame might occur,
18 and was told that, at the present schedule,
19 they would -- they thought that it would
20 probably not be until after the first of the
21 year before the draft report has been processed
22 through the peer review and available for
23 public comment.

24 If anybody has anymore additional
25 information that they've garnered, I -- I sure

1 would appreciate comment, but that's the latest
2 as I know it at least.

3 Armando, are you aware of any other time
4 lines that they've articulated to you?

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: It's four to six
6 months, sir, just the way you mentioned it.

7 MR. SANDOVAL: Sir, you a question
8 on -- on kind of the process, I guess,
9 perception. When I came aboard, I wasn't
10 involved in the ATSDR request; however, since
11 then, it's been a topic of discussion.

12 I guess, I've heard some -- some
13 discussions, some rumblings in the community,
14 that if the RAB requested this study to be
15 done, why wasn't the RAB included in the
16 initial review process? And you probably can't
17 answer this, but that's one question. The
18 second question, or the second perception is,
19 if -- that this report was completed in a draft
20 format, it went to Air Force -- Kelly Air Force
21 Base personnel, they didn't like the way the
22 data looked, thus contacted ATSDR, and they
23 rescinded the report, and now the result is a
24 peer study.

25 Now, those are just, I think, two

1 perceptions out there that -- that are out
2 there, and whatever we can do to kind of
3 resolve that, that would be great.

4 BGEN. MURDOCK: I agree. And I would
5 suggest the RAB needs to ask those that
6 authored the report the ATSDR those questions.

7 MR. QUINTANILLA: The -- The question
8 is, General, that the report came to your
9 staff. Your staff should have brought it
10 before the RAB. It was the RAB that requested
11 this; not your staff.

12 BGEN. MURDOCK: It's not my report.
13 I don't -- I am not authorized nor my staff
14 authorized to provide a report given to them to
15 anybody else. It's not my -- It's not the Air
16 Force's report.

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: If you had not
18 questioned the air sampling we would be -- we
19 would have reviewed the report by now. Someone
20 questioned the air sampling, and that's the
21 reason it was withdrawn, and we're not looking
22 at it now. And it wasn't the RAB; it was Kelly
23 Air Force Base staff.

24 BGEN. MURDOCK: Well, I can't answer
25 what -- who -- who it was or who did it. All I

1 can suggest is, that you ask that question of
2 the authors of the report, the ATSDR folks.

3 MR. QUINTANILLA: I did. And that's
4 what they said.

5 MR. SANDOVAL: If I could take that
6 as an Action Item, that I'll draft up a letter
7 on behalf of the RAB, maybe, the community
8 members, and pass that along. And by the time
9 we submit that letter, maybe we can have it at
10 the next TRS meeting, and we can forward that
11 on to ATSDR. Would that suffice to try to get
12 our ans -- the questions resolved?

13 BGEN. MURDOCK: Okay. Item (J) is a
14 person.

15 MR. MURRAH: You skipped (I).

16 BGEN. MURDOCK: Did I skip one?

17 Sorry.

18 Item (I), Mr. Quintanilla requested that
19 Kelly contact ATSDR and request information on
20 the Public Outreach Plans for the upcoming PHA,
21 which is what we've discussed, and we have, in
22 fact, provided an E-Mail from Dr. Fowler, from
23 the ATSDR, which articulates how, in fact, that
24 outreach will occur.

25 Hopefully, that is helpful information to

1 you. But I would encourage you to, maybe, read
2 that, and then also provide additional
3 questions to the ATSDR folks if there is that
4 interest in the community.

5 Item (J), the RAB requested a summary of
6 public involvement opportunities. And that --
7 asked that the TNRCC give a presentation on the
8 subject. I'll turn to the TNRCC folks for a
9 response to that Action Item, if I could,
10 please.

11 MR. BANNER: Right. We sent down a
12 pamphlet that you'll find in the back of your
13 package, this one here. (Indicating.) And
14 this is a -- this is an excellent resource that
15 the Office of Public Assistance at TNRCC put
16 together. A lot of time and energy went into
17 putting this together, and I think a lot of
18 your questions, a lot of the RAB's questions on
19 public participation and opportunities in the
20 cleanup process can be find in this document.

21 So probably the best thing to do would be
22 to take a look through that, and then if there
23 are additional questions by the RAB members
24 they can either give me or the Office of Public
25 Assistance a call, or write us a letter.

1 BGEN. MURDOCK: Okay. Thanks,
2 Gordon, very much.

3 Item (L), was a request that Kelly provide
4 information on the use and position of natural
5 attenuation at Kelly Air Force Base. And a
6 lot -- a letter addressing that subject is
7 included in that package.

8 Item (M), was a request that Kelly provide
9 a list of sites where institutional concern --
10 institutional controls are being considered,
11 and a letter that addresses that issue also;
12 and that's included in the -- in the RAB
13 package.

14 Mr. Quintanilla asked that Kelly get a
15 copy of the materials presented in California
16 by the EPA on natural attenuation. Lisa -- and
17 I don't want to speak for you -- but I
18 understand you'll be attending a conference on
19 that issue next week and will be bringing back
20 some materials on that issue. Is that a
21 satisfactory response, Armando, at this point?

22 MR. QUINTANILLA: That's fine, sir.
23 You may also try the Air Force Center for
24 Environmental Excellence at Brooks Air Force
25 Base, Colonel Selzner, (phonetic) I think, he's

1 got a complete set.

2 BGEN. MURDOCK: Okay. We'll take
3 note of that.

4 Item (O), was a request for the most
5 recent BCT minutes. And they are -- in fact,
6 were distributed at the August TRS meeting.

7 Item (P), was a request to see if
8 Mr. Sandoval would be able to attend the BCT
9 meetings as an observer. Unfortunately, I am
10 guilty, as most, of using acronyms, so I
11 apologize.

12 BCT is the Base Realignment and Closure
13 Cleanup Team, and that organization is composed
14 of about four different organizations or
15 representations from the EPA, the TNRCC, the
16 Air Force Base Closure Agency, and Kelly Air
17 Force Base. And this issue was brought before
18 that entity, and the vote was an unanimous
19 "No," that they would prefer to keep the
20 membership as it is.

21 MR. RICE: Question.

22 BGEN. MURDOCK: Yes.

23 MR. RICE: Could you tell us what the
24 reasoning was behind that decision?

25 BGEN. MURDOCK: The factors that they

1 articulated were that the BCT meets once a
2 month, and it meets either in San Antonio,
3 Dallas, or Austin, it varies between the three
4 locations. And the meetings are typically two
5 business days at -- on every month, and they
6 thought that this would probably be an unfair
7 burden to Damian and his employer to expect him
8 to be relieved from those duties -- from his
9 normal work duties two days a month and
10 traveling unreimbursed to those three different
11 locations. If in fact, that's not a burden,
12 I'd be glad to take it back to the BCT.

13 MR. SANDOVAL: Well, I think it may
14 be better than just me as an individual person,
15 it may be the next RAB co-Chair. I think that
16 the opportunity should lend itself if the
17 meeting is, in fact, scheduled in San Antonio a
18 portion of the meeting may be attended by this
19 individual. So at -- I think if we could get a
20 clarification from the BCT if, in fact, a
21 person can attend a portion of those meetings,
22 if possible.

23 BGEN. MURDOCK: Okay. I guess, I
24 would turn to a representative from the TNRCC
25 or EPA who are members of that organization

1 that may be able to address that this evening.
2 And if no one is here that can address it,
3 we'll take it as an Action Item, and get back
4 with the RAB members.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: I think that's a
6 wise idea, General. Because Environmental
7 Justice requires that people impacted by
8 contamination should be part of the decision
9 making process. So members of this RAB
10 Committee should be on that BCT Committee.

11 BGEN. MURDOCK: Okay. Noted.

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: On the basis of
13 Environmental Justice we should be included in
14 that.

15 BGEN. MURDOCK: Well, I don't see
16 anybody stepping up to the microphone, so we'll
17 take that to as an Action Item and get back
18 with you all.

19 MR. SANDOVAL: In the meantime, we
20 are going to get copies of the BCT meeting
21 minutes on a monthly basis?

22 BGEN. MURDOCK: My understanding was
23 that was not the request, but we can certainly
24 make that request. I believe, it was -- My
25 understanding was a one time what were the

1 meetings from the -- minutes from the last
2 meeting, and we provided that. I didn't
3 realize there was a recurring request, but we
4 can certainly address that. I can put that
5 request to the BCT, if that's the wish of the
6 RAB.

7 MR. SANDOVAL: And a following
8 question. Are the BCT meetings part of the
9 administrative record; do they go to the
10 library?

11 BGEN. MURDOCK: I can't answer that.
12 I don't know the answer to that. We'll have to
13 find out. And we'll include that with the
14 request that you've asked for.

15 Item (Q), was a request for the RAB to
16 consider adding two more Board members. And
17 we'll discuss that in just a minute; and get
18 your input on that. And the last item -- So
19 I'd like to defer that for the moment.

20 And the last item was Item (R), a request
21 for information on the monitoring of the paint
22 in the air during the demolition of the fuel
23 tank out there in 1592 area. As most of you
24 are aware, that tank was, in fact, demolished,
25 and we've got a -- a paper that describes how

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1 that was done, and the process that took place
2 with regards to demolition of that tank.

3 With that, that concludes a brief run down
4 of the action items from the last meeting. And
5 I'd like, at this time, to go down and continue
6 through the introduction portion of the -- of a
7 vote on the minutes for the 29th of July
8 meeting. If -- You all should have received
9 the minutes in a timely manner, and I'd ask
10 that you refer to them, again, in the packet.

11 MR. SANDOVAL: As everybody is taking
12 a quick review of the meeting minutes, I'd like
13 to say that at the last RAB meeting we voted
14 upon the Charter that said that the Air Force
15 should provide meeting minutes in a timely
16 fashion, specifically within a two or three
17 week time frame. And I do believe the Air
18 Force did meet that requirement this time.

19 One other thing, sir, on that issue,
20 though, would be, there's a lot of good
21 information in these packets and, if at all
22 possible, as somewhat of a courtesy to the RAB
23 members if we could try to receive the packets
24 with the advanced Agenda three or four days
25 before the RAB meetings -- Is that a

1 possibility?

2 BGEN. MURDOCK: I would love that,
3 because I would love to get it three or four
4 days prior. But unfortunately, I can't -- It's
5 difficult just because of the amount of work
6 involved in getting that. We will try our very
7 best to accommodate to get the -- the packets
8 out earlier. It's an immense administrative
9 burden, and in many cases, some of the issues
10 for which we have responses in the package are
11 being worked on up to and including the date
12 that the RAB meets. So we try and balance
13 getting a timely response and an accurate one
14 with providing the information in advance. But
15 we will try to do our best to get the packages,
16 certainly out to the RAB members, as early as
17 we can.

18 MR. SANDOVAL: Is there a motion to
19 approve the RAB meeting minutes from the July
20 29th meeting?

21 MR. QUINTANILLA: I have a couple of
22 corrections, Mr. Chairman. The first
23 correction is on the first page. Mr. Allan
24 Hagel -- Hagelthorn was also Mr. Person's
25 alternate. I -- I don't think that that is

1 correct, and nor is it legal. There's no place
2 in the Charter that states that another RAB
3 member can be the alternate for that RAB
4 member, so I need a correction on that.

5 MR. PERSON: I'll respond.

6 Mr. Quintanilla the -- my alternate was picked
7 at that time for that meeting to replace me.
8 He did not, however, get to vote for me. He
9 voted for himself. He can only vote for one.
10 I vote for myself, and Alan votes for himself.
11 He did represent me at that meeting; I will in
12 the future pick another alternate for me. In
13 case I can't make a meeting, I'll have another
14 alternate there.

15 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you.

16 Mr. Quintanilla, did you have something else?

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes. I have
18 another one on Page 5 concerning Mary Kelly,
19 Kelly Air Force Base attorney. That's
20 Paragraph F-1, Mary Kelly, Kelly Air Force Base
21 Attorney-advisor, pointed out that the
22 Department of Defense RAB regulations prohibit
23 reimbursement for travel and other costs
24 associated with individual personal training,
25 but that upon application and prior approval

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1 TAPP funds may be used to pay for certain
2 technical training expenses.

3 I think that portion is not correct. I
4 attended, as a RAB member, the San Francisco
5 National Stakeholders Forum on natural
6 attenuation. It was all paid for by the Air
7 Force. I think it ought to be corrected.

8 BGEN. MURDOCK: I -- If I can
9 speak -- ask Mary to speak to that. I'll
10 direct --

11 MS. KELLY: First of all, thank you,
12 Mr. Quintanilla for pointing that out. With
13 regard to the minutes, the minutes are a
14 reflection of what was said at the meeting, and
15 that is a fair summary of the statements I did
16 make; and I stand by that statement today.

17 And with regard to your attendance at that
18 meeting -- at that conference in San Francisco,
19 there were special circumstances applicable --

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: Under my
21 (inaudible.)

22 MS. KELLY: -- they had volunteers to
23 attend that (inaudible).

24 MR. COLLISON: Thank you. I'm
25 Patrick Collison (phonetic) with the Air Force

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1 Center for Environmental Excellence here at
2 Brooks also a speaker at the conference that
3 you mentioned and also involved in some of the
4 initial organization.

5 When we found out about this issue with
6 respect to other Restoration Advisory Boards
7 across the nation, and it turned out that what
8 this conference was, is the Center for Public
9 and Environmental Oversight made a proposal to
10 the Department of Defense and the Department of
11 Energy saying that they thought it was
12 necessary to provide a forum where
13 stakeholders, like Mr. Quintanilla, could voice
14 their concerns to EPA and via the officials
15 that are essentially writing technical guidance
16 on EPA's behalf, their -- their regulatory
17 guidance. So essentially, they were provided
18 those funds, and then the Center for Public
19 Environmental Oversight decided who were the
20 correct people to attend.

21 The purpose of attending that conference
22 was not to achieve training or to receive
23 training, it was -- You were there to provide
24 the information necessary so that some more
25 national changes could be communicated to EPA

1 and the Department of Defense.

2 So it wasn't meant to be training. You
3 actually had a job there to provide guidance,
4 and concerns, and issues, and -- and that's
5 why, once again, the people that attended that
6 conference were selected independently by the
7 Center for Public Environmental Oversight,
8 Department of Defense, Department of Energy or
9 the EPA did not play in selecting those
10 individuals. And that's why it's different.
11 You had a role there, you had a job there, and
12 it wasn't -- the goal was not essentially to
13 provide classroom or training level experience.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: I just have one
15 question, sir. What regulation allowed that?

16 MR. COLLISON: The --

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: What regulation
18 allowed that? I know that the public law
19 allows for -- for RAB members to attend
20 training and other -- other types of functions,
21 the law says that. Even our Charter says that,
22 our Kelly RAB Charter. But apparently with --
23 Did we go by the law or did we go by
24 regulation.

25 MR. COLLISON: We went by essentially

1 what is regulation within the proper use of the
2 type of funds that are received for
3 environmental. So Walter King with the AFC is
4 our attorney, and he's issued an official
5 letter that is supposed to be distributed on
6 this. And essentially, the funds that were
7 used in the Department of Energy, Air Force,
8 and the US EPA, they allowed for funding of
9 activities involving community outreach and
10 technical exchange. So they can sponsor a
11 university or an independent not-for-profit
12 group to put together a conference or technical
13 workshop. So that's why they were able to fund
14 the Center for Public Environmental Oversight,
15 which is a none-for-profit agency, and
16 essentially -- Not being a lawyer, I -- I now
17 understand that no one is going to go to jail,
18 because that was considered an appropriate
19 direction of funds.

20 BGEN. MURDOCK: Well, what I --

21 MR. JACOBI: First, I understand that
22 the funds -- federal funds were used to pay for
23 this trip out there. Those funds were not
24 Kelly RAB funds, were they; they were a
25 separate source of funds, independent --

1 MR. COLLISON: Yes. No Kelly Air
2 Force Base funds or base specific funds.
3 McClellan had some people from California, and
4 no installation or base level funds were used.

5 BGEN. MURDOCK: What I would like to
6 do is -- because time is at a -- at a premium
7 reiterate, again, that no Air Force funds were
8 used for this particular event. But I think
9 it's important that we be able to provide
10 training for our RAB members, and to attend
11 similar sorts of activities, and what I would
12 like to suggest is, that we take it upon
13 ourselves, we Kelly Air Force Base, for an
14 Action Item, and look at the possibility of
15 other governmental agencies that could, in
16 fact, sponsor and reimburse our RAB members for
17 attending these sorts of activities. Provide
18 that list to the RAB, so that, in fact, we can
19 encourage our members to attend these type
20 activities and be reimbursed. I just don't
21 know what those other agencies are, and the
22 ground rules that they allow travel, but we'd
23 be glad to try and compile a list and maybe
24 that would be helpful.

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: I think that's a

1 great idea, General. The National RAB Caucus
2 is having a meeting in San Francisco, I
3 believe, in February, and they're also inviting
4 people from all of the RABs over the United
5 States.

6 MR. RICE: Gentleman, I think, that
7 idea of a list is a good one. But I think
8 along with that, if we could get some sort of
9 concise statement as to what the policy is,
10 because it's pretty confusing.

11 BGEN. MURDOCK: We will try and do
12 that.

13 MR. JACOBI: One more comment.
14 Again, I don't have a problem with - with
15 getting reimbursed to -- to go to one of these
16 sessions, I think, it's an important function.
17 But if an individual is going to represent the
18 Kelly Air Force Base RAB, I think the RAB ought
19 to know who that individual is, and what the --
20 what the nature of his function is, if they're
21 going to serve in an official capacity. And I
22 do not know who selected the individual to
23 attend this one, but I do not believe it was
24 the RAB.

25 MR. SANDOVAL: That's correct.

1 BGEN. MURDOCK: I'll turn over to the
2 community co-Chair.

3 MR. SANDOVAL: I think
4 Mr. Quintanilla went as an individual, private
5 property landowner adjacent to Kelly, not as a
6 representative of the Kelly Air Force Base
7 RAB. Is that correct, Mr. Quintanilla?

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: I did not -- This
9 RAB did not send me there. I applied.

10 MR. SANDOVAL: Right.

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes.

12 MR. SANDOVAL: You know, I -- I also
13 applied, and I did not get accepted to go.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: You do not live in
15 a site that's contaminated by Kelly Air Force
16 Base.

17 MR. SANDOVAL: Are there any other
18 items that anybody else has noted in the
19 minutes that need correction?

20 MS. PEACE: First, could I just ask
21 that the people that are seated at the other
22 end of the table speak directly into the mic,
23 because we can't hear them at this end.

24 MR. SANDOVAL: Let's all on the RAB
25 Board just try to make a conscious effort to

1 speak directly into the microphone, please.
2 MR. JACOBI: You too, Annalisa.
3 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Are there any
4 other revisions to the meeting minutes in the
5 last RAB meeting?
6 (Indicating.)
7 MR. SANDOVAL: If not, is there a
8 second on the motion to approve the minutes
9 with the changes as stated?
10 MR. RICE: Second.
11 MR. SANDOVAL: George is that a
12 second?
13 MR. RICE: Yes.
14 MR. SANDOVAL: Can I have a show of
15 hands of all approving the meeting minutes with
16 the changes?
17 (Indicating.)
18 MR. SANDOVAL: Any folks not
19 approving the meeting minutes.
20 (Indicating.)
21 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you. Let the
22 record show that the meeting minutes were
23 approved with noted changes.
24 The next item, Item (E), on our Agenda.
25 As many of us heard tonight, there is an

1 individual in the community that has been very
2 outspoken, very verbal about her concerns with
3 her community, concerned about how the RAB
4 operates technical and both community questions
5 that are very important to the functions that
6 all of us have out here. This individual has
7 petitioned the Restoration Advisory Board at
8 Kelly to become a member. In everyone's packet
9 there should be some information -- an
10 application and an attached resume.

11 The current Charter, I believe, states
12 that a maximum number of 25 individuals can be
13 on the Restoration Advisory Board. We had 23;
14 we had one individual who requested to be
15 dropped from the RAB, so that leaves us --
16 We're at 22 individuals right now, I believe.
17 Is that right, Mary?

18 MS. KELLY: That's right.

19 MR. SANDOVAL: So adding one person,
20 a community person, would take our total back
21 up to 23. So I take the -- if you could, take
22 a couple of seconds to briefly look over the
23 application, I would like to have a vote on
24 that tonight.

25 Is -- As address everyone is looking

1 through the resume, Tanya, if you could step up
2 to the microphone and maybe say a few words to
3 the RAB members here, please.

4 MS. HUERTA: Good evening. I'm Tanya
5 Huerta. I went to this Jr. High before it was
6 built like this. I grew up south of here, and
7 I came back here after ten years, and I also --
8 I still live on the south side and I work
9 downtown. The address that you have, I hope is
10 my work address. I have four daughters at
11 home, so I don't publish my home address or my
12 home phone number. Y'all are welcome -- you
13 know, I'll give you ways to contact me; I just
14 don't want it out there, because of my four
15 daughters.

16 But I live about a mile south of the back
17 gate of Kelly, where Security Hill is. And
18 I've been attending the meetings for a year;
19 I'm impressed how well things have come
20 together in the year. I think, y'all are
21 making some good decisions even though they're
22 not easy decisions. So if I can answer any
23 questions, I'll be glad to do that.

24 MR. JACOBI: I move we accept her
25 application for membership.

1 MR. PUFFER: Second.

2 MR. SANDOVAL: Is there a point of
3 discussion?

4 (Indicating.)

5 MR. SANDOVAL: I'm just curious to
6 know, all in favor of accepting Tanya as a new
7 member of the Kelly Air Force Base Restoration
8 Advisory Board, please raise your hands.

9 MR. MCGHEE: Community members only.
10 (Indicating.)

11 MR. SANDOVAL: Community members
12 only, I'm sorry. All opposed?

13 (Indicating.)

14 MR. SANDOVAL: Let the record show
15 that Tanya was unanimously accepted as a Board
16 member. Tanya, I believe, we have a seat up
17 here for you; and we also have a name plate for
18 you tonight, so you can join us.

19 MS. HUERTA: Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. SANDOVAL: We didn't tell you,
22 the new RAB members have to buy coffee after
23 the meeting.

24 Okay. Moving right along. Item (F), and
25 there's a side issue to Item (F) I'd like to

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1 add as well. Item (F) is going on and adding a
 2 water board member to the TRS, and then there's
 3 also another issue of changing TRS Chairmans.
 4 I'd like to do the TRS Chairman real quick, if
 5 I could.

6 Initially, over the last year, I was
 7 acting as a TRS co-Chairman, which, as everyone
 8 can imagine, having two Restoration Advisory
 9 Board hats is very demanding. So at the last
 10 TRS meeting we decided that it would be best
 11 for -- in the interest of the TRS if I would
 12 step down and not to do -- have dual
 13 responsibilities. And the individual that the
 14 TRS selected is Dr. Gene Lene.

15 Dr. Lene brings a lot of experience and
 16 the support of academia behind him to have
 17 meetings at -- on campus at St. Mary's as we've
 18 been having for the last eight months. He also
 19 provides a specific expertise, and it's going
 20 to be very important, as Kelly turns the page
 21 into the next millennium.

22 So I would like to ask the Restoration
 23 Advisory Board to accept my resignation as the
 24 TRS Chairmanship first; we'll make that one
 25 motion. And then the next motion would be to

1 accept the position of Dr. Lene as the new TRS
2 Chairman.

3 MR. JACOBI: I so move.

4 MR. ROBERSON: Second.

5 MR. SANDOVAL: Any discussion?

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: Question.

7 MR. SANDOVAL: Question? Is there a
8 question?

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: No. A question has
10 been called for.

11 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. So can I see a
12 show of hands for all willing to accept my
13 resignation as the TRS Chairman?

14 (Indicating.)

15 MR. SANDOVAL: All opposed?

16 (Indicating.)

17 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you. I have --
18 I have resigned as the TRS Chairman. Now, for
19 the new motion.

20 May I have a motion for someone to request
21 that Dr. Lene be approved as the new TRS
22 Chairman for the Kelly Air Force Base RAB?

23 MR. JACOBI: I so move.

24 MR. MURRAH: I second.

25 MR. SANDOVAL: Point of discussion?

1 (Indicating.)

2 MR. SANDOVAL: Can I have a vote?

3 All those in favor of Dr. Lene being the new
4 TRS Chairman?

5 (Indicating.)

6 MR. SANDOVAL: All opposed?

7 (Indicating.)

8 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you. Let the
9 record show that's also unanimous. There's
10 donuts there with the second vote.

11 Okay. The next issue is incorporating or
12 adding an individual from the water board, I
13 believe it's specifically from SAWS, and that
14 would be Mr. Ed Weinstein. One of the reasons
15 we -- we requested someone specific from this
16 expertise area would be because of the new
17 water issues that are related to the Kelly Air
18 Force Base. So I would like to make a
19 motion -- have someone make a motion to accept
20 the sponsorship or the individual, that's Ed
21 Weinstein, on the TRS --

22 MR. SOLIS: So moved.

23 MR. SANDOVAL: Is there a second?

24 MS. PEACE: Second.

25 MR. SANDOVAL: Point of discussion?

1 (Indicating.)

2 MR. SANDOVAL: May I have a show of
3 hands of all in favor of Mr. Weinstein?

4 (Indicating).

5 MR. SANDOVAL: All opposed?

6 (Indicating.)

7 MR. SANDOVAL: Let the record show
8 that, again, he has been unanimously voted in
9 as the TRS Chairman. Thank you.

10 And I think the task of the new Chair --
11 TRS Chairmanship would be to identify the next
12 TRS meeting date by the end of the night.

13 MR. JACOBI: Let the record show
14 Dr. Lene is the Chairman. Mr. Weinstein is a
15 member of TRS.

16 MR. SANDOVAL: Oh, I'm sorry. So --
17 So stated.

18 BGEN. MURDOCK: Thanks, Damian. The
19 next item I would like to move onto is the
20 current community member term limits. The
21 Charter that we approved at the last RAB
22 specifically articulates how the term limits
23 should be processed and -- and the -- the
24 philosophy behind those limits.

25 And at this point, I'd like to turn the

1 program over to Mike McGhee who will explain
2 how we plan on doing, as fairly as we can think
3 of, coming up with term limits that will take
4 this RAB membership Board through the calendar
5 year '99, and the calendar year 2000, and with
6 your assent, we will proceed in that
7 direction.

8 So, Mike, if you could give a brief
9 explanation as to what we will do and with the
10 concurrence of the members we will come to
11 closure with this issue?

12 MR. MCGHEE: Sure. The RAB Charter
13 was amended to include a way to address term
14 limits, if you will, for RAB members. And what
15 was decided was that we would start with the
16 new calendar year for the next -- the next RAB
17 meeting, 1999, and we would give folks the
18 opportunity to draw lots to see if you're going
19 to have, then, a one-year term starting at the
20 beginning of '99 or two-year term.

21 So what I would like to ask is, first of
22 all, if we could identify who here regards
23 himself as a community member. And there's
24 some -- there's some of you that -- you're with
25 a particular agency, but you're not necessarily

1 here as an agency representative, you're here
2 as a community member. So if I could ask you
3 to identify yourself by raising your hands,
4 what I will then do is distribute an even
5 number of year 2,000 and year 1999 lots. We
6 will place those in the hat and ask you to draw
7 a lot. This sounds kind of dramatic, but it's
8 the best way we could come up with to make this
9 fair. So if I could please ask the community
10 members to raise their hand for a count? And,
11 Damian, could you get the count, please?

12 MR. SANDOVAL: Sure. One, two,
13 three, four, five, six seven, eight, nine, ten
14 eleven, twelve -- twelve.

15 MR. MCGHEE: Okay.

16 MR. SANDOVAL: Are there any
17 community members that aren't here that we need
18 to know?

19 MR. MCGHEE: What we will do, then,
20 is, for the community members who are not here
21 we have a list of who we think those folks are,
22 we'll ask Damian to draw for them. I believe,
23 Mr. -- Did Mr. Quintanilla step out?

24 MR. RICE: Yes.

25 MR. SANDOVAL: Thirteen. We have

1 thirteen.

2 MR. SANDOVAL: 2000.

3 DR. LENE: Also, 2000.

4 MR. MURRAH: 2000.

5 MR. SANDOVAL: When you get your
6 numbers, can you announce what your date is,
7 please?

8 MS. JOHNSON: '99.

9 MR. PERSON: 1999.

10 MS. HUERTA: 2000.

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: I took one. It's
12 2000.

13 MR. RICE: 1999.

14 MR. SOLIS: 1999.

15 MS. ADAMES: 2000.

16 MS. PEACE: 1999.

17 MR. PUFFER: 1999.

18 MR. SANDOVAL: To clarify, too, Mike,
19 you might just want to mention, this just
20 delineates or identifies a term. It doesn't
21 necessarily mean that you cannot re -- reapply
22 to become a RAB member. So if your number is
23 '99, you can reapply for the next 2000 or 3000
24 whatever, as long as the RAB is in session.

25 BGEN. MURDOCK: Okay. What we're

1 doing now is trying sort through those
2 community members that aren't here. And we'll
3 ask Damian to pick for -- for those members
4 that are absent, if there are any.

5 MR. MCGHEE: Yes. There are three.
6 There's Mr. Hagelthorn, Mr. Mixon, and
7 Mr. Jones. Damian, if you could --

8 MR. SANDOVAL: The discussion is --
9 is, rather than me or anyone taking a -- a vote
10 for someone who -- who is not here,
11 specifically Carl Mixon, Mr. Jones, and
12 Mr. Hagelthorn. If, for whatever reason, I
13 pull out '99 and they're not happy with that, I
14 don't know how they would feel. I -- I would
15 rather let them pull their own number out at
16 the next RAB meeting. I don't think it's a
17 critical issue we need to deal with tonight.
18 That would be my recommendation. What would
19 everybody -- how does everybody feel about
20 that.

21 MR. PERSON: I will draw for Alan.

22 MR. SANDOVAL: You will draw for
23 Alan? Okay. Is there any anyone that would
24 feel comfortable drawing for Mr. Jones?

25 (Indicating.)

1 MR. SANDOVAL: Anyone comfortable
2 drawing for Mr. Nixon.

3 (Indicating.)

4 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Let -- Let Paul
5 draw for Alan.

6 MR. PERSON: I'll draw for Carl,
7 too. 2000.

8 MR. MCGHEE: 2000 for Mr. Hagelthorn.

9 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. The remaining
10 members are just two, then, just Carl Nixon and
11 Mr. Jones.

12 MR. JACOBI: I'll draw for Carl, too,
13 and the remaining Mr. Jones.

14 MR. JACOBI: 2000 for Carl Nixon.

15 MR. SANDOVAL: And Mr. Jones gets
16 1999. Good. Thank you everybody for
17 participating in that little venture.

18 BGEN. MURDOCK: The last item in the
19 welcome portion of it is, to solicit a
20 parliamentarian amongst us. I think all of us
21 have very much appreciated Mary Kelly's defacto
22 role in that position, but I think it's
23 probably more appropriate that the
24 parliamentarian come from amongst the RAB
25 members. And so I would ask if there is anyone

1 amongst you that is interested in accepting the
2 position of becoming a little knowledgeable
3 about Robert's Rules of Order and helping us
4 out as the parliamentarian?

5 MR. JACOBI: I would like to comment,
6 if I may. I thought -- I think, that Mary
7 Kelly has done an excellent job of being a
8 parliamentarian. She obviously has the skills
9 and knowledge to do so, and I, for one, am very
10 comfortable with the services that she has
11 provided to this point.

12 MR. PERSON: I second that.

13 MS. KELLY: Thank you. We had Larry
14 Hoffman appointed; Larry has resigned from the
15 Board. And what I did, whenever Larry needed
16 back up, I offered that back up. I would
17 suggest you proceed with appointing a member,
18 and if you ever are in a quandary I'll be here
19 with my Robert's Rules.

20 MR. JACOBI: Based on that commitment
21 on Ms. Kelly's part, I'll volunteer.

22 BGEN. MURDOCK: Thank you, John, and
23 appreciate it. I guess, I would ask for a
24 motion so articulated?

25 MR. ROBERSON: So moved.

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DR. LENE: So moved.

MR. MURRAH: Second.

BGEN. MURDOCK: Discussion?

(Indicating.)

BGEN. MURDOCK: All in favor of Jack as being the parliamentarian for the RAB, please, say --

(Indicating.)

BGEN. MURDOCK: All opposed?

(Indicating.)

BGEN. MURDOCK: Unanimous. Thank you very much, John. I appreciate your stepping up to do that.

MR. SANDOVAL: One quick issue, too, is a question about what's the tenure or the responsible length of time for actual regulatory agencies. And from my understanding, there is not a time limit. They're on the Board as long as the RAB exists. However, I think individual members on agencies can petition to get switched or changed as -- as Camille did, I believe.

MR. JACOBI: If I could make a comment, at this point. I don't think the minutes reflect my affiliation with the Texas

1 Department of Health, but -- If we could
2 correct the minutes to reflect that
3 affiliation. Thank you.

4 BGEN. MURDOCK: At this point, what
5 I'd like to do is open the floor to any
6 community member that would like to make a
7 statement. If there is anybody that would like
8 to do that, I would request that you state your
9 name, and limit your comments to four minutes.
10 At this time I'd more than welcome anybody from
11 the audience, if they desire, to make a
12 statement. Yes, sir. Please, come up to the
13 microphone.

14 MR. DAVES: My name is Larry Daves,
15 and I'm with the San Antonio Alliance for
16 Democracy and with Jobs for Justice. I
17 attended the series of these meetings here
18 about three or four years ago, and I would like
19 to express just as simply as I can, the
20 thoughts that I heard as I was coming in.

21 As I was walking in this afternoon, there
22 were some young kids out in front of the -- the
23 facility, and they said, "We want a cleanup,
24 not cover up." And I think it's -- that's the
25 way that many people in the community feel,

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1 that we would like to see the -- the Air Force
2 respond to this horrible crisis that -- that
3 faces San Antonio.

4 But the impression that I've gotten over
5 the meetings that I have attended, and just by
6 contact with the various members of the
7 community is that, by and large the U.S. Air
8 Force has conducted itself in a way, really,
9 trying to cover up instead of trying to aide in
10 the cleanup. And I hope we get a -- a new
11 beginning to this, and move on with this
12 problem, deal with this crisis, that affects
13 the base and the community in a positive way so
14 that we can look back on this later, all of us,
15 with some pride in our community. Thank you.

16 MR. DOYLE: Good evening. My name is
17 Phillip Doyle. I'm part of the legal team that
18 currently represents the members of CEJA, many
19 of who are -- are members of our RAB. I'm here
20 tonight to make a very public statement to the
21 RAB members, to the Air Force, and to the
22 members of our regulatory community regarding
23 our position on the use of monitored natural
24 attenuation.

25 We have conveyed to both the EPA and the

1 TNRCC that we do not find the use of monitored
2 natural attenuation an acceptable form of
3 remediation. There has continued to be an
4 awful lot of very public discussion about the
5 use of this program as an acceptable
6 remediation process. We are stating to you
7 tonight, publicly, on the record, that we do
8 not hold with the use of monitored natural
9 attenuation. And we will do everything that we
10 can to make sure that the Air Force engages in
11 a program that includes active remediation and
12 to remediate this problem in as short a term as
13 is humanly possible. Thank you.

14 BGEN. MURDOCK: Any other comments
15 that anyone would like to make and take the
16 floor?

17 (Indicating.)

18 BGEN. MURDOCK: Thank you very much
19 we'll move onto the next item.

20 MR. SANDOVAL: The next item, Item
21 Number 3, report by Mr. Quintanilla on the
22 Natural Attenuation Conference that he attended
23 in San Francisco in, I believe, September or
24 August. Mr. Quintanilla?

25 MR. QUINTANILLA: First off, I want

1 to thank General Murdock and Mr. Sandoval for
2 allowing me to be a part of this program
3 today. This short presentation of my trip
4 report on the National Stakeholders Forum, it
5 was held from August the 30th through September
6 the 1st, 1998 at the Western Bayfront Hotel in
7 San Francisco, California. Chart one, please.

8 As a matter of introduction Ms. Sherry W.
9 Goodman, Chair of the Defense Environmental
10 Response Task Force, or DERTF, in her report
11 the Congress defines natural attenuation as
12 follows:

13 Natural attenuation is process of
14 containing and monitoring contamination and
15 allowing the contamination to degrade naturally
16 without active treatment while protecting human
17 health and the environment. Chart two.

18 As to why this forum? First, because more
19 and more responsible parties, that's the Army,
20 Navy, Air Force, are preparing to address
21 groundwater and soil contamination by relying
22 upon monitored natural attenuation; reason
23 Number 2 is, because of regulatory agencies
24 have accepted this approach for the remediation
25 of petroleum products BOC, such as TCE, and

1 inorganics such as heavy metals and short-lived
2 radionuclide; thirdly, to provide a systematic
3 regulatory framework for EPA to develop policy
4 on monitored natural -- natural attenuation;
5 and the fourth reason is, since there has been
6 very few opportunities for public stakeholders,
7 who live in contaminated sites, to express
8 their views to the Center for Public
9 Environment Oversight a program of the San
10 Francisco Urban Institute hosted this Natural
11 Stakeholders Forum. And its purpose was to
12 bring the public, the RABs, into the
13 decision-making process.

14 Approximately 58 RAB members from
15 throughout the United States participated in
16 this forum. Travel, lodging, and other RAB per
17 diem expenses were paid for by the Air Force by
18 Brooks Air Force Base. Chart 3, please.

19 The Agenda for the National Stakeholders
20 Forum is shown on this slide. Because of the
21 airline strike I arrived too late to
22 participate in Sunday's activities. Chart 4.

23 Forum speakers included Tadd McCall,
24 Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Air Force
25 Environmental Safety & Occupational Health;

1 Felicia Marcus, Region 4, EPA Administrator;
2 Todd Weidemeier, Associate Technical Director
3 of Parsons Engineering Sites; Mr. Lenny Seagal,
4 Director for the Center Public Environment
5 Oversight; Air Force Center to Environmental
6 Excellence; and top environmental scientists,
7 engineers, and toxicologists from leading
8 institutions, and universities from throughout
9 the United States participated as speakers.
10 Chart 5, please.

11 The panel on natural attenuation of
12 contaminants focused on the degradation of
13 fuels, DOCs, inorganics, and the perspective of
14 stakeholders. Panelists on groundwater
15 contamination gave an overview of groundwater
16 as a resource, groundwater regulatory policy
17 history and the importance of cleaning up the
18 groundwater. The panel speakers on regulator
19 and community response briefed the forum
20 attendees on federal, state, local government,
21 and the stakeholders' experience on this
22 subject.

23 On groundwater cleanup deposit
24 technologies panelists spoke on conventional
25 cleanup methods such as bioremediation,

1 monitoring technologies, and stakeholders'
2 views. Chart 6.

3 The panelists presented state-of-the-art
4 research on the technologies of natural
5 attenuation. Also, they clarified national
6 policy issues on the use of natural attenuation
7 as a remedy. And thirdly, they offered
8 stakeholders from all contingencies an
9 opportunity to comment and ask questions about
10 the growing reliance of natural remedies for
11 treatment of contaminants. Chart 7, please.

12 This is a sampling of the questions from
13 the stakeholders' break out sessions. They are
14 as follows:

15 Who will pay and monitor for the long-term
16 monitoring of natural attenuation?

17 Who -- Will natural attenuation replace
18 remediation standards?

19 What is the reasonable time frame for
20 cleaning groundwater by natural attenuation?

21 How will natural attenuation protect the
22 human health and the environment of the
23 public?

24 Will the Record of Decision, the ROS or
25 DE, specify the amount of time, the level of

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1 remediation, and residual contamination on
2 natural attenuation sites?

3 Now, no clear definite answers were
4 given. The Senate for Public Environment
5 Oversight will include all questions asked in
6 their report to EPA, to the regulatory
7 agencies, and also to the responsible parties,
8 and to the stakeholders. Chart 8, please.

9 This is a sampling of some of the comments
10 from the stakeholders' break out sessions. The
11 two most often repeated comments were as
12 follows:

13 One, natural attenuation is another DOD
14 do-nothing cleanup remedy.

15 And natural attenuation does not enhance
16 DOD's credibility of cleaning the
17 contamination.

18 These and other comments will be made a
19 part of the final report that is being compiled
20 by the Senate for Public Environment. Chart 9,
21 please.

22 In my research on natural attenuation,
23 before I left for San Francisco, I learned that
24 Cecil Field Naval Air Station is using natural
25 attenuation to remediate groundwater

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1 contamination. The installation has been in
2 operation since the 1940s and operation closure
3 is scheduled for 1999. Upon transfer the
4 community will continue to use the site as an
5 airfield. This 17,000-acre installation has
6 nine sites that contain five major plumes and
7 thirty-two smaller plumes. The heating and
8 storage tanks have been removed to prevent
9 additional contamination from seeping into the
10 soil and groundwater. The soil has been
11 treated using low temperature thermal
12 desorptions to prevent the further addition of
13 contaminants to the groundwater. The
14 groundwater is being treated by natural
15 attenuation. This cleanup process will require
16 25 years to complete. Because of the nature of
17 the future use of the property time was not a
18 major consideration in using this method of
19 cleanup. According to the DERTF report to
20 Congress by Ms. Sherry Goodman, natural
21 attenuation has helped to reduce the cleanup
22 costs for Cecil Field. It is also providing
23 adequate protection for human health and the
24 environment. Chart 10.

25 Ted McFall, Deputy Assistant Secretary for

1 the Air Force for Environmental Safety and
2 Occupational Health stated in his talk, the
3 stakeholder involvement, the RABs, are making
4 America better.

5 He said that the involvement of
6 citizen-based cleanups, RABs, were increasing
7 public awareness and protecting health and the
8 environment.

9 He stated that his goals were to continue
10 public awareness, maintain community dialogue,
11 be a good neighbor, and continue to seek
12 regulator concurrence on cleanup actions.

13 On continuing community awareness, he
14 said, that this would be accomplished by
15 holding public briefings, notices, comment
16 periods, document reviews, fact sheets, and
17 good recordkeeping.

18 On being a good neighbor, Secretary McFall
19 said, that it is being committed to cleaning up
20 the on-base and off-base sites in a manner that
21 protects human health and the environment.

22 On long-term monitoring, he said, that it
23 would be very costly.

24 In closing, he said that if DOD caused it
25 DOD would correct it, and that he wanted to

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1 finish the cleanup as a good neighbor by
2 ensuring that cleanups were operating properly
3 and successfully before land was transferred to
4 the community.

5 The answers to questions concerning the
6 raising of TCE standards from 5 parts per
7 billion to 50 parts per billion in the
8 affirmative. Now, this is the same as Canada's
9 standard, and it was met as another do-nothing
10 cleanup remedy by the attendees. I personally
11 did not do view the DOD action as making
12 America better. Chart 11, please.

13 As to what is next, the Senate for Public
14 Environment Oversight will compile a report of
15 citizens' concerns and comments for EPA, the
16 regulatory agencies, the responsible parties,
17 and the stakeholders. The report will help to
18 ensure that the use of natural attenuation and
19 cleanup programs will meet the needs of
20 affected communities. The report will address
21 natural attenuation in the following context:

22 When is natural attenuation appropriate as
23 part of the remedy?

24 How will we know if natural attenuation is
25 working?

1 And thirdly, what will be done if natural
2 attenuation does not work?

3 I believe, that my time is up, and this
4 concludes my trip report. Muchisimas gracias
5 for your attention. I would also like to say
6 muchisimas gracias for Mr. Walters and to
7 Mr. Ron Charmers for their help in preparing
8 this report. Are there any questions?

9 (Indicating.)

10 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes, Mr. Rice?

11 MR. RICE: Yes, Armando, I would like
12 to make a comment. You know, for sometime many
13 of us have been asking the Air Force for the
14 plans to cleanup the neighborhoods. And asking
15 when are you going to cleanup the
16 neighborhoods, but the Air Force has always
17 refused to give us those plans. So our -- my
18 confusion has been that the Air Force intends
19 to in effect walk away from the contamination
20 in the neighborhood.

21 Now, with all this (inaudible) we here
22 lately on natural attenuation, I believe that
23 more than ever. And I think that Phillip Doyle
24 was right when he made his comments earlier,
25 that the Air Force is laying the groundwork to

1 essentially walk away from the neighborhoods.

2 And I'm also very disappointed that all of
3 our local government elected officials don't
4 seem to care about this.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: George, I had the
6 opportunity to speak to Mr. Tadd McCall after
7 he spoke, and I asked him about natural
8 attenuation on off-base sites. He said that in
9 most -- He didn't comment that it wouldn't be
10 done, but he said, most -- more than likely
11 that it would not be done. Okay. My -- My
12 answer to him was that it was all right if they
13 did it, you know, inside the bases but, you
14 know, not in the communities.

15 MR. SANDOVAL: Tanya, did you have a
16 question.

17 MS. HUERTA: Yes. When is the
18 transfer of property supposed to occur from
19 Kelly? Isn't there a date, an appointment of
20 decision?

21 BGEN. MURDOCK: Paul, do you want to
22 address that?

23 GEN. ROBERSON: Yeah. Kelly will
24 close effective 13 July 2001. And as I
25 understand, all of the remediation measures

1 have to be in place, approved, and operating by
2 that point in time.

3 MS. HUERTA: Has that essentially
4 happened? Are they on time lines for -- Will
5 everything be in place, and approved, and --

6 MR. SANDOVAL: I think -- I think,
7 they're moving towards that. And I don't know
8 with some of the changes that have come up for
9 some of the zones. I think, the global
10 perspective is they're probably are on
11 schedule, but there's a some sites, some zones
12 that may not be on target. The Air Force would
13 be best to talk about that.

14 BGEN. MURDOCK: I'll turn over to
15 Mike McGhee and ask him to provide the answer.

16 MR. MCGHEE: Okay. It's very hard to
17 predict schedules at five, ten years in
18 advance, what's going to happen. We have been
19 required to put together a what-is-your-goal,
20 what-are-you-trying-to-achieve schedule. Since
21 we don't know what alternatives will be
22 considered for some sights, and we certainly
23 don't know what remedy will ultimately be
24 selected for some sites, it's very difficult to
25 make a prediction as to where the schedule will

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1 end. However, what I would propose is --
2 instead of me speaking off the top of my head
3 is, if you all would like to hear a
4 presentation on what the present schedule looks
5 like for completion of the cleanup program,
6 we'd be happy to do that for you.

7 GEN. ROBERSON: But, Mike, isn't it
8 true that -- that the Air Force has got to
9 select the remediation actions by the time the
10 base closes?

11 MR. MCGHEE: No, sir. I do not
12 believe that is true. The -- the -- That is
13 the goal of the Air Force certainly. But I --
14 I will add that I've seen some of the closure
15 record for transferring properties in closure
16 bases and it does not coincide with the date of
17 the closure. The actual transfer of property
18 by deed takes in some cases much longer and in
19 some cases not that much longer, but it takes
20 longer than the actual closure date. So while
21 Kelly Air Force Base may close, the final
22 remedy may not be (A) selected (B) designed (C)
23 installed, and (D) approved by the regulatory
24 agencies that is operating successfully. We
25 have to -- We have to face all those hurdles

1 and get over them before we can say, okay, this
2 property is now ready to be transferred by
3 deed.

4 In the interim, however, as you know,
5 there will be lease in effect where the City of
6 San Antonio, the Greater Kelly Development
7 Corporation will be leasing property from the
8 Air Force if that -- if that actual transfer by
9 deed has not yet occurred. I will state that
10 our goal is to have remedy systems in place and
11 operating successfully at the end of calendar
12 year 2000. Will we meet that goal? I can't
13 say for certain that we will. But again after
14 we install the systems, it is up to the
15 regulatory agency, who -- who accepts community
16 input certainly to that, to approve those
17 systems and state, yes, that are in fact doing
18 what you said they would do, and, yes, we will
19 allow you to transfer this property by deed.

20 Again, going back and looking at the base
21 closure agencies' history on their ability to
22 successfully transfer property it does not
23 coincide with the actual closure dates of the
24 bases. It is beyond that date.

25 MR. SANDOVAL: Let me add one thing,

1 too. I think we need to understand that come
2 July 13th the Air Force is not just going to
3 close up their doors. There's going to be an
4 Air Force entity on base, I believe, it's
5 called the Air Force Base Closure Agency.

6 GEN. ROBERSON: That's correct.

7 MS. SOLIS: I was under the
8 impression that no deed could be signed over
9 before decontamination was complete. What's
10 the status of that?

11 MR. MCGHEE: No, sir. I believe -- I
12 believe, the way -- if -- If I understand your
13 question, I believe, the way that the process
14 works for property transfer is that the
15 regulatory agencies have to agree that the
16 remedy is in place and is operating
17 successfully. It may take, in fact, "X" number
18 of weeks, months, years, probably years, for
19 those systems to actually, ultimately finish
20 completing the job. But it -- the process is
21 such, that if you have a system in place, it's
22 doing the job it was designed to do, it looks
23 like it will clean up the site by a certain
24 given period, the regulatory agencies have the
25 ability to say, okay, that's good enough. We

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1 will allow you to transfer the property by deed
2 at this point. You have proven that you have a
3 system that's in place and is operating, and we
4 will allow transfer by deed to occur.

5 Otherwise, it could that -- if you wait until
6 the actual cleanup is ultimately complete, in
7 some cases, that could be many years away.

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: General, I believe,
9 it's time for break.

10 MR. SANDOVAL: Thank you,
11 Mr. Quintanilla. One more quick thing as an
12 Action Item, though, Mike, if we could take you
13 up on your suggestion and have a program time
14 line presentation at the next RAB meeting, and,
15 maybe, in addition to that or with that, a
16 presentation on property transfer and lease
17 requirements that was mentioned tonight. And,
18 Mr. Roberson, you -- or General Roberson, you
19 may want to help in that lease transition.

20 GEN. ROBERSON: Sure.

21 MR. SANDOVAL: Mr. Quintanilla, if
22 you could do a couple of things, please, sir.
23 Make sure -- or have someone ensure that the
24 RAB members get a copy of the slides, that was
25 a very good presentation.

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1 MR. QUINTANILLA: I think, Mr.
2 Walters will take care of that.

3 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. And a second
4 thing is, are you on the distribution list for
5 the meeting minutes of this meeting?

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: On the distribution
7 list for what, sir?

8 MR. SANDOVAL: For the meeting
9 minutes that you're going to get once they --
10 they can get compiled. Are you on that
11 distribution list to receive minutes?

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes, I am.

13 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. If you'll, when
14 you get those, forward those on, those will be
15 good minutes? I think, we are a little bit
16 behind, so if we could just take a short break
17 and be back in about ten minutes, we'd like to
18 start back at 8:10. Thank you.

19 (Short ten-minute recess taken.)

20 BGEN. MURDOCK: At this point, I'd
21 like to introduce William Ryan from Kelly Air
22 Force Base who will make a presentation
23 providing information on how the public can be
24 involved and the opportunities for it in the
25 RAB process. Mr. William Ryan.

1 MR. RYAN: Good evening. My name is
2 William Ryan; I'm with the Kelly Air Force Base
3 Environmental Restoration Program. And at this
4 time, I'd like to present some opportunity --
5 upcoming events and opportunities for public
6 involvement in the cleanup program. The
7 purpose of the tonight's briefing is to provide
8 advance notice to the RAB and also to the
9 members of the audience of some upcoming
10 documents which will be available for review in
11 the next three or four months, the time frame
12 for release of these documents, where these
13 documents can be reviewed, and also the process
14 for sub -- for submitting comments. Thank you,
15 sir. The -- The RCRA, the Resource
16 Conservation Recovery Act, is pretty much the
17 way Kelly Air Force Base is having to follow
18 its terms and conditions. And it requires us
19 to submit closure plans for four units. The
20 site map located in the upper right corner of
21 the -- this slide indicates the locations, in
22 general, of these sites.

23 There are three sites in Zone 2 which is
24 shaded in yellow, a site at E-3, which is a
25 waste and evaporation unit, SA-2 has already

1 been (inaudible) SD-1, the sludge drying beds,
2 and all three of these sites are inactive. And
3 in Zone 3 there's one site, S-8, which is a
4 former parts cleaning and storage tank located
5 in Zone 3. It's on the eastern border of
6 (inaudible) which is stated in (inaudible)
7 before we planned for these sites (inaudible)
8 the actions necessary and plans to achieve site
9 closures with TNRCC regulations. Next slide.

10 State regulations sets the public
11 involvement requirements. First, public notice
12 of -- public notice of the beginning of the
13 30-day public comment period will be published
14 in the local newspaper, including the
15 Express-News, La Prensa, and the South Side
16 Reporter, in the first week of November. The
17 closure plans will be made available in the --
18 in the San Antonio Main Public Library at 600
19 Soledad, and also at the TNRCC regional and
20 Austin offices.

21 Under -- Under this process it's a state
22 requirement for this public participation, and
23 the state will actually be the recipient of the
24 public comments. So all comments should be
25 addressed to the TNRCC -- to the -- to the

1 appropriate action officer at the TNRCC. And
2 this information, the address, the names will
3 be provided in the newspaper ads, and also in
4 the letters that we will be sending out to the
5 public.

6 Also, at -- at -- during the 30-day notice
7 for public comment the public is invited to
8 submit a request for a public hearing, and that
9 also should go to the TNRCC. Next slide.

10 Also, issued with the hazardous waste
11 permit were the groundwater compliance plan.
12 And this compliance plan requires Kelly Air
13 Force Base to conduct public participation in
14 the Zone 2 soils remedial action work plan and
15 corrective management implementation work plan
16 in regulatories. This work plan will address
17 soil contamination at four sites located in --
18 within Zone 2.

19 This document will describe several
20 technologies, including excavation, removal,
21 capping, and soil vapor extraction, which will
22 be used to remediate soils contaminated by
23 fuels and solvents and metals as the result of
24 past practices at Kelly Air Force Base.

25 This is also a public participation

1 requirement of the TNRCC compliance plan with
2 Kelly Air Force Base. The -- The process
3 will -- will be that we will submit a draft
4 work plan to the TNRCC, EPA, and also to the
5 RAB for review and comment in December of
6 1998. We will then receive comments back from
7 the TNRCC, and EPA, and also from the RAB, and
8 incorporate those comments into a revised work
9 plan. We will then submit that work plan for
10 public process -- public comment and
11 involvement.

12 The notice -- The public participation
13 process is similar to what I just described.
14 We will place notices in the newspapers and
15 have mailings that will go out the public.
16 This notice period is 60 days in contrast to 30
17 days of the previous plans. And also, comments
18 should be forwarded to -- to the TNRCC for --
19 for a response.

20 Another requirement of the groundwater
21 compliance plan is to -- to -- includes public
22 participation in Site S-4, which is located in
23 Zone 3, the soil removal work plan or remedial
24 action work plan. This work plan will -- will
25 outline clean up for Site S-4, which is the

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1 site that has -- which has fuel and solvent
2 contamination in the soils. It's located along
3 the east boundary of Zone 3 of Kelly. The work
4 plan will -- will address and describe the
5 remedial -- will address and describe the
6 remedial actions necessary, including
7 bioventing, which is a primary action at this
8 site.

9 The public participation process will be
10 the same as previously discussed. There will
11 be notices published in the San Antonio
12 Express-News, La Prensa, and the South Side
13 Reporter. There will be a 60-day public
14 comment period with written comments going to
15 the TNRCC. Next slide, please.

16 During this public comment period also
17 there's a 60-day comment period where we're
18 responsible to the TNRCC, and during this time
19 period if there are requests for public
20 hearings or meetings, that should be forwarded
21 to the TNRCC.

22 Also, in accordance with the groundwater
23 compliance plan at Kelly Air Force Base, we
24 will conduct public comment and hold a public
25 comment period on the Zone 3 Groundwater

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1 Remedial Action. This work plan will outline
 2 the -- the remedial actions that we plan to use
 3 in the Zone 3 groundwater, both on base and off
 4 base, and -- and addresses the existing
 5 system's containment at the base boundary and
 6 off base contamination. Next slide, please.

7 The public involvement process in Zone 3
 8 is, we will submit a document to the state EPA
 9 and -- and the RAB for comment prior to the
 10 public -- the official public comment period.
 11 We will receive comments back from the state
 12 EPA and -- and the RAB, address those comments
 13 in a new document which will then be put out
 14 for the official public comment period. The
 15 notice of public comment period will be
 16 published in the newspapers, the La Prensa,
 17 Express-News, and the South San Reporter, and
 18 there will be a 60 day public comment period
 19 for -- for these reports. Any requests for
 20 public meetings or hearings and all written
 21 comments should be forwarded to the TNRCC for
 22 this document.

23 The last site that we have coming up in
 24 the next three or four months is Site S-1,
 25 which is located in -- in Zone 5. And you'll

1 see that's up in the northern portion of main
2 Kelly adjacent to the large fuel tank which was
3 recently removed. This is an interim action
4 and it will be -- the public notice
5 requirements for this interim action are
6 actually governed under the CERCLA or the Air
7 Force IRP, Installation Restoration Program.
8 This is actually an Air Force requirement for
9 the public participation at this site.

10 The Air Force will publish a notice in
11 the -- in the local newspapers. There will
12 be -- In December of 1998. There will be a 30
13 day public comment period at which time a
14 proposed plan for this action will be open for
15 public comments. Public comments on -- Written
16 public comments on this document should be
17 forwarded to -- to the -- to the Air Force, not
18 to the TNRCC. Any questions? Mr. Rice?

19 MR. RICE: Yes. William, you
20 mentioned off base groundwater cleanup in
21 Zone 3. Could you expand on that a little bit,
22 and tell us what it involves?

23 MR. RYAN: The compliance plan -- The
24 work plan, the -- for -- for Zone 3 groundwater
25 addresses both the on-base and off-base

1 contamination from Sites MTS-4 and -S-8. We
2 have existing recovery systems, containment
3 systems, on the base boundary. There's also a
4 barrier wall planned to be installed, and we're
5 also looking at collecting data to evaluate
6 whether there is a potential for natural
7 attenuation to be used.

8 MR. RICE: Just a follow up. I
9 guess, when you -- when I said that you have
10 not developed any plans to clean up any of your
11 off-base contamination, that's -- I'm wrong
12 then. You are, in fact, developing a plan to
13 clean up off-base groundwater contamination in
14 Zone 3; is that correct?

15 MS. BROWN: Excuse me. I'm Leslie
16 Brown with the Kelly Legal Office. And,
17 George, I think, you're kind of going into that
18 area where before -- discussing off-base
19 contamination in Zone 3 where I stood up, and I
20 have said, "Due to litigation, we've been
21 advised not to answer those questions."

22 And if -- if you want to ask those
23 questions, what we're doing is taking the
24 questions that you've asked in the past,
25 formulating an answer, and sending those to the

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1 Department of Justice. And having them review
2 our answers, and get basically their permission
3 to give those answers to you. But they need to
4 see those answers.

5 MS. HUERTA: Well, what's the time
6 line?

7 MR. RICE: Well, see, I don't
8 think -- I don't think I'm asking anything
9 involved with the lawsuit. You know, I've been
10 saying for a long time that y'all have never
11 developed any plans to clean up the off-base
12 contamination. Now, it appears like I'm
13 wrong. I think, William said that you are
14 developing plans to clean up off-base
15 groundwater contamination, and -- in Zone 3.
16 So I'm just asking; is that correct?

17 MS. BROWN: Well, I think it's okay
18 to answer that question, William.

19 MR. RYAN: Yes. That's correct.

20 MS. HUERTA: What's the time line
21 before you expect the Department of Justice to
22 give you the answers? Are we looking at years,
23 weeks, months?

24 MS. BROWN: I have -- What I'm doing
25 is going to have draft answers to any of the

1 questions that have gone on regarding Zone 3.
2 And I'm putting the answers together, and then
3 I will send them to the Department of Justice.
4 And I plan on doing that within the next two
5 weeks. They'll have to have time to read our
6 answers; hopefully, it won't take that long,
7 and then we will be able to get back to you.

8 MS. HUERTA: Maybe, by the next
9 meeting? I mean, as far as the -- you know,
10 it's real hard to hear the public concern about
11 the contaminants that are off the base that are
12 living, you know, in our homes, and then to
13 hear we're not allowed to discuss it from the
14 very people that should be discussing it under
15 Open Law.

16 MS. BROWN: Right. We understand,
17 and that's why we're giving the answers to the
18 Department of Justice, and asking them to
19 review them. Now, I would say by the next RAB
20 meeting, I'm sure we will have Department of
21 Justice review those answers, and I hope by the
22 next TRS.

23 MS. HUERTA: Is there anything that
24 we as citizens can do to express our concerns
25 to somebody about this situation of needing to

1 wait to have the answers?

2 MR. SANDOVAL: There was a couple of
3 discussions about going and seeing our -- our
4 local representatives. And Mr. Quintanilla and
5 I were talking about that, and I don't know
6 if -- Mr. Quintanilla, did you have a chance to
7 speak with anybody about that issue, about
8 trying to push that to get that answer?

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: You know, I think
10 Kelly is trying to -- to hide something. The
11 lawsuit only involves a small portion of
12 property, 50 x 75 feet, 50 x 100 feet. There's
13 20,000 families that are involved, and we can't
14 answer the questions on Zone 3 because of this
15 small plot of land.

16 MS. BROWN: Well, we -- the
17 Department of Justice are our attorneys in this
18 litigation, and they've advised us not to
19 answer.

20 MR. QUINTANILLA: Did the Department
21 of Justice say you cannot answer these other
22 questions of the 20,000 people that are
23 affected, because we have one lawsuit on one
24 small plot.

25 MS. BROWN: Well, it's the off-base

1 contamination in Zone 3. But that's what we're
2 try -- But we're trying to remedy this.

3 MR. QUINTANILLA: And that is all --
4 is that -- Where is the environmental justice
5 in all of this?

6 MS. BROWN: I hope to have the
7 answers --

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: Because of my -- my
9 lawsuit -- The other people have not filed a
10 lawsuit, they deserve answers on this.

11 MS. BROWN: Well, hopefully, we'll be
12 able to give them some.

13 MR. SANDOVAL: The -- The last time
14 there was -- there were doing an exit meeting
15 with a couple of folks, about three months ago,
16 we provided a map and Mr. Quinta -- Mr. Rice
17 provided a map and circled an area, has that --
18 have you -- have you had a response back from
19 DOJ on that?

20 MS. BROWN: Sir, I'm sending that
21 with them. I've discussed it with them,
22 they've asked me to send them the map, send
23 them the questions.

24 MR. SANDOVAL: So in the last two
25 months nothing -- we have not sent anything up

1 to them to get clarification on that?

2 MS. BROWN: I've discussed it with
3 them and described the map, described the
4 circle.

5 MR. SANDOVAL: Do they understand
6 how -- how folks are starting to feel down here
7 about this issue?

8 MS. BROWN: Yes, they do.

9 MR. SANDOVAL: Is there -- Is there a
10 contact that you can give us to -- so that some
11 of us can start making calls.

12 MS. BROWN: If you'd like, yes, I
13 can. I don't have a phone number here. His
14 name is Adam Bain, if you want to get with me
15 tomorrow.

16 MR. SANDOVAL: I -- I sense the
17 frustration. If I was living next to
18 Mr. Quintanilla I would be totally upset myself
19 right now.

20 (Laughter.)

21 MR. SANDOVAL: Not because of my
22 neighbor, because of the situation.

23 (Laughter.)

24 MS. KELLY: That didn't come out just
25 right, Damian.

1 MR. SANDOVAL: I was concentrating.
2 I'm sorry. Yeah. If you could provide that to
3 me tonight or first thing tomorrow morning,
4 that would be great.

5 MS. BROWN: First thing tomorrow
6 morning.

7 MS. HUERTA: I would like that
8 information, too, and I could give you my
9 E-Mail address if that would be easier.

10 MR. SANDOVAL: Can you make that
11 Action Item, also?

12 MR. MCGHEE: Sure.

13 MR. RICE: Thank you. William, could
14 we get a document or a map showing the area
15 that you plan to address with this plume in
16 Zone 3; are those available?

17 MR. RYAN: They will be available in
18 the document in that -- which is published in
19 December.

20 MR. RICE: In December '98.

21 MR. RYAN: In December '98 the work
22 plan will be available.

23 MR. RICE: All right.

24 MR. SANDOVAL: Let he add one more
25 thing, too, William, before you -- before you

1 depart. We've had an attempt over the last six
2 or seven months in the TRS meetings to bring
3 these issues to the table. Specifically, which
4 documents are going to come out, which --
5 what's the time frame, so that the TRS can
6 review those documents and then have written
7 comments submitted to the appropriate
8 agencies.

9 I was going to save this to very end, but
10 let me announce this now. As everybody knows
11 I've been working on the TAPP process, the
12 Technical Assistance for Public Participation.
13 And one of those issues is we actually
14 designated two experts, one in restoration and
15 one in the health -- health risk assessment
16 area. They're on board, they're contracted,
17 they're funded. What we're waiting for now,
18 the community and public, are the documents to
19 come out so they can actually view these
20 documents. And the two documents that we're --
21 the three documents that we're waiting for is
22 the ATSDR report, which there's been a three or
23 four month delay on; the second document is the
24 Base Wide Remedial Assessment, the groundwater
25 issue, the 1998, which, I believe, is scheduled

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1 for December time frame to be released; and the
2 work plan for Zone 4, the off-base work plan
3 for Zone 4, the 082.

4 As soon as we get these documents on-line
5 into our hands, we've got contractors to look
6 at these. So whatever Kelly Air Force Base can
7 do to meet or to advance this schedule in time
8 lines, we'd appreciate that, because we'd like
9 to get -- to get those issues working already.
10 Thanks, William.

11 MR. RYAN: Thank you.

12 MR. SANDOVAL: Any other questions
13 for Mr. Ryan?

14 (Indicating.)

15 MR. SANDOVAL: No. Thank you,
16 William.

17 BGEN. MURDOCK: The next item of
18 business, I'd like to turn to Paul Roberson for
19 an update on the Greater Kelly Development
20 Corporation. Paul.

21 GEN. ROBERSON: Thank you. By the
22 way, is everybody having as much trouble
23 hearing as I am?

24 (Indicating.)

25 GEN. ROBERSON: All right. Because

1 I -- I was beginning to worry that my old age
2 was starting to show here. But maybe, does
3 this -- is this better if I talk directly into
4 the mic like that?

5 (Indicating.)

6 GEN. ROBERSON: All right. Well,
7 good. I thank the RAB for an opportunity to
8 give you just a quick update on what's going on
9 with the redevelopment of Kelly. This going to
10 be a little shift in gears. I'm not going
11 to -- I'm not going to focus on environmental
12 issues; although, I will allude to them during
13 the course of the briefing, but it's more just
14 to give you a general update on Kelly's
15 redevelopment.

16 If you kind of refer to this chart up
17 here, which is obviously a graphic of Kelly,
18 just to get you oriented. What they -- Well,
19 when they decided to close Kelly back in '95,
20 what they actually said was that the runway and
21 everything to the west of the runway, in other
22 words, everything in yellow, gets realigned to
23 Lackland Air Force Base. And I think most of
24 you know Lackland is right adjacent to Kelly on
25 the west side there. In fact, for those of you

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1 who don't know, and it's kind of interesting,
2 there actually is a ten-foot-high Cyclone fence
3 with barbed wire on the top between Kelly and
4 Lackland. I've often wondered why that's
5 true. That's supposed to be a joke.

6 At any rate, so everything in yellow
7 becomes part of Lackland Air Force Base. So
8 when we talk about the redevelopment of Kelly,
9 I'm focusing on what's to the east of the
10 runway, the things that are in the various
11 colors there. The only exception to that is
12 that little green area down at the bottom where
13 the engine test cells are and some of the
14 environmental industrial waste treatment
15 facilities are that will be part of the
16 redevelopment also.

17 Just to give you the broad overview, we
18 were talking about time lines here before, but
19 Kelly is a six-year closure, I think most of
20 you know that. The Air Force will shut down
21 its missions here on 13 July 2001. But the
22 point was made earlier, and it's absolutely
23 true, there will continue to be an Air Force
24 Agency here, the Air Force Base Conversion
25 Agency responsible for the ongoing

1 environmental programs that are in place.

2 I -- I don't necessarily share the view
3 that was expressed earlier, the fear that the
4 Air Force is just going to pack up and walk out
5 of here. And they're -- Probably, the reason I
6 don't share that view is, I have some
7 confidence in people like General Murdock and
8 others. In addition to that, I also know that
9 there are some laws that require the Air Force
10 to complete this clean up, and I can guarantee
11 you that we, the Greater Kelly Development
12 Corporation, along with a lot of other
13 community people here, are going to make sure
14 this Air Force, you know, complies with all of
15 those laws. So I -- I personally have a high
16 level of confidence that -- that they're not
17 going to just walk away. But -- Because of all
18 of us are going to be watching that very
19 closely.

20 But while -- So the Air Force base closes
21 in 2001, and all the property will have been
22 conveyed to the Greater Kelly Development
23 Corporation by that point in time. But the
24 point was made earlier, that we can't actually
25 transfer any deeds until, either the

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1 contamination is remediated or remediation
2 mechanisms have been set in place that the
3 regulators, EPA and TNRCC, have gone off and
4 said, "That's going to do the job" and we --
5 you know, only then can the deeds be
6 transferred, and that could happen after 2001.

7 In the interim, we have actually signed a
8 master lease with the Air Force for all of the
9 property that's east of the runway, and all the
10 terms and conditions, so --

11 Now, we don't actually have access to all
12 of that yet, but we're drawing it down in
13 parcels. Now, we actually have drawn down a
14 good part of it already under these lease
15 provisions. The federal government still owns
16 it, but we've leased it so we can begin the
17 redevelopment.

18 And probably, what's unique about Kelly
19 from other base closures is that we are in the
20 process of redeveloping the base right in the
21 middle of the base being closed down. It's
22 just really unique. In most cases, a base is
23 literally closed by the Air Force, the missions
24 moved out, and then all of the empty buildings
25 and vacant land are turned over to the

1 community for redevelopment. That, for
2 example, is what's happened at Reese Air Force
3 Base up in Lubbock, which was on the same
4 closure list as Kelly. The -- The mission was
5 totally gone last year, and they turned over
6 all the empty buildings to the City of
7 Lubbock. We're doing that differently. We're
8 trying to redevelop it as the base is in the
9 process of closing. Next slide.

10 Well, let me quickly run through these
11 slides with that quick overview, and I'll cover
12 these items very quickly. Next slide.

13 This is the same graphic of Kelly, but
14 just to give you a little status report on what
15 we've done. With the companies that we've
16 brought on to Kelly as a part of our
17 redevelopment effort already, we have already
18 recreated over 2500 commercial jobs, which is,
19 I think, pretty spectacular in view of the fact
20 that there are still about 15000 Air Force
21 people, military and civilians, located on
22 Kelly.

23 We have also taken down, under this master
24 lease, just over 50 percent of the property,
25 and actually have that under lease to various

1 commercial companies right now. That
2 represents almost five and a half million
3 square feet of property; there's about eleven
4 million square feet of -- of leasable property
5 on the base. And we have in contract with the
6 contract with the Air Force called a
7 Cooperative Agreement, we are already doing,
8 the Greater Kelly Development Corporation, some
9 of the operations and maintenance on the base
10 in terms of maintenance of facilities and that
11 sort of thing. So the redevelopment of Kelly
12 is moving along very rapidly.

13 These -- This is a list of some of the
14 commercial tenants that we have on the base
15 now. Obviously, the big one is Boeing with the
16 property that they've leased. They've leased
17 over a million and a half square feet of hangar
18 and shop space as well as about four million
19 square feet of rent space. And they're out
20 there; they're operating. The big hangar on
21 Kelly, which many of you are familiar with,
22 when -- you know, all C-5s are now gone is
23 starting to fill back up, again, with the
24 aircraft that Boeing is in the process of
25 maintaining.

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1 Pratt & Whitney has a big operation on the
2 base. We've leased them two hangars where
3 they're doing an engine upgrade project.

4 General Electric has just signed a lease
5 to operate the Precision Measurement Equipment
6 Laboratory, which has got great potential for
7 an electronics repair center for commercial
8 work. And that's where we're headed for with
9 that.

10 EG&G is a contractor that has taken over
11 the operation of the entire warehousing area
12 under a contract with the Defense Logistics
13 Agency.

14 Ryder Corporation. You may recognize them
15 as the -- the -- you know, the -- the -- the
16 little yellow truck company, but they're
17 actually a very large logistics distribution
18 management company. And we've leased them a
19 very sizable amount of warehousing space and
20 they're starting to use that for logistics
21 distribution purposes.

22 And Rail Car America, Frost Bank, Sacque
23 (phonetic) are also there. We're also
24 negotiating with a company called MQS to take
25 over the science and engineering lab.

1 And some of you may be interested to know
2 that the community is not getting all of this
3 property free. We actually had to negotiate a
4 purchase of it under what's called an Economic
5 Development Conveyance. And we, in fact, are
6 going to pay the Air Force \$108,000,000 for all
7 the land, buildings, and equipment that are
8 located out there. Next slide.

9 It's -- It's interesting that one of the
10 great challenges we've had is, as you start up
11 this redevelopment, it's like starting a new
12 business. You've got a tremendous demand for
13 capital to meet expenses to accomplish all the
14 things you want to do. We actually are
15 operating on a line of credit with a bank
16 consortium right now.

17 We have been able to put together a fairly
18 sizable package of financing up to between
19 \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 over this last year
20 of financing to invest back into Kelly.

21 Now, what's really interesting about this
22 is as nice as all the facilities are out there,
23 what we're learning is that many of them are
24 going to take some investment to put them in
25 absolutely first class condition.

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1 For example, with Boeing we are going to
 2 have to make, or we are in the process of
 3 making about a \$30,000,000 investment in the
 4 hangar and shop facilities to put them in first
 5 class condition, to upgrade electricity and
 6 that sort of thing -- you know, we've put
 7 together a \$30,000,000 financing package to do
 8 that.

9 The big -- The largest portion of that is,
 10 in fact, a loan from the Department of Housing
 11 & Urban Development which is incorporated back
 12 into the rent payments that Boeing is paying.
 13 So they're actually paying for that loan. But
 14 we had to put that financing together in order
 15 to close the deal with Boeing. Which I think
 16 is a lesson that I'll point out a little later,
 17 that there's a significant amount of capital
 18 investment that is going to have to be made in
 19 Kelly to make it the first rate industrial park
 20 that we want it to be.

21 One of the goals we have as we are both
 22 bringing companies onto Kelly and -- and
 23 contracting for services to perform work at
 24 Kelly is, that we want to -- to use small
 25 minority and women-owned businesses. We in the

1 Greater Kelly Development Corporation have
2 adopted the cities based SMWB goals. The goals
3 are listed there; you can see how we're doing
4 with the dollars that we have -- have already
5 let out in the way of contracts to businesses.
6 And quite frankly, we're doing very good on
7 attracting small businesses to do some of this
8 work for us. Next slide.

9 Things we're working directly with the
10 community. We recently -- The City Council
11 expanded to Board of the GKDC from 7 to 11
12 members to get a broader representation, and
13 that's working very, very well.

14 We are actively working on the on the
15 environmental side. I'll just allude to that
16 because, obviously, the RAB is one of vehicles
17 for that. But on a day-to-day basis, we work
18 very closely with the Air Force to ensure that
19 the -- the community's interests are being
20 represented. And I think many of you are aware
21 that the decision to remove those fuel tanks at
22 the north end of the base was actually a
23 Greater Kelly Development Corporation decision
24 that -- that was in the best interest of the
25 community to remove those tanks. One of them

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1 is gone; the rest will be gone before closure
2 in 2001.

3 If any of you have nothing to do on a
4 Wednesday evening, and it's clear that you
5 don't have a lot of do on a Wednesday evening
6 or you wouldn't be here, but at 7:00 o'clock
7 every Wednesday we have a TV program on Channel
8 20, the Public Access Channel, Keep Kelly
9 Working, is an update to the community about --
10 about what's going on. Next slide.

11 You know, I've got to put this in
12 perspective. From the redevelopment
13 perspective, this has been a tough three
14 years. You know, the worst news of all came in
15 '95 when they announced Kelly's closing, and I
16 know many of us didn't believe it. How can
17 they -- I mean, we just couldn't imagine the
18 government closing Kelly Air Force Base. And
19 the reality of it is, it's really been an
20 uphill journey since that time.

21 You know, when we started off we had kind
22 of a pledge from the Administration that they
23 were going to privatize all the work in place.
24 Well, then, we found out, shortly later,
25 that -- that they couldn't do that legally,

1 that they had to go through a process called
2 Public/Private Competition. And then we got
3 into that, and we ran the first one of those
4 with the C-5, and low and behold we lost the
5 C-5 work. That ended up going to Warner
6 Robbins Air Force Base. And a lot of other
7 work loads that we thought were going to be
8 privatized, in fact, were going to be moved to
9 Air Force bases. So it's been kind of an
10 uphill battle. But even with all of this,
11 we're continuing to make good progress. Next
12 slide.

13 A lot of people are involved in this.
14 When I re -- I'm going remake this slide,
15 General Murdock and Damian. I'm going to add
16 the RAB to this, because I really see the RAB
17 as playing a very important role in the
18 long-term development of Kelly. But the point
19 of this slide is, there's just a lot of people
20 involved. Next slide.

21 The -- The redevelopment of Kelly is -- is
22 all about creating jobs and economic
23 opportunity for the community of San Antonio,
24 and we really believe that. Our goal is to
25 create 21,000 good paying jobs by the year of

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1 2006, and we really believe in the process of
2 doing that we can have a very positive impact
3 on the whole economic development on the south
4 side of San Antonio.

5 But the point of this slide is, in doing
6 that, there's just a whole myriad of things
7 that we work on on a day-to-day basis that are
8 listed there. I'm not going to go into all of
9 those, but everyone of those issues takes a
10 great deal of -- of time and effort on our part
11 in order to reach our overall goal of creating
12 jobs. Next slide.

13 One of the great challenges we have,
14 that's going to face us, is, this need for
15 financing to invest in the facilities and the
16 infrastructure so we can modernize them. I've
17 alluded to the Boeing situation already, the
18 fact that we had to put together \$30,000,000
19 financing package in order to close that deal.
20 And I think that we're going to face that with
21 other -- in other situations with other
22 companies coming in also. Big companies,
23 first-class companies, want Class A
24 facilities. They want modern, up-to-date
25 facilities. And we are in competition, by the

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1 way. This is not an easy deal. There are
2 communities all over this country that are
3 complete competing for the same companies we'd
4 like to bring in and locate at Kelly.

5 Probably, the best example that I've had
6 of that recently, we were one of the final
7 three sites that Bell Helicopter was
8 considering to locate the manufacturing plant
9 for the tilt-rotor aircraft, the B-22, which is
10 going to be a big-- a lot of jobs, it's a big
11 deal. It was us, it was Alliance Airport up in
12 Fort Worth, and the City of Amarillo. I
13 thought it was really between Kelly and
14 Alliance Airport. I mean, looking at the
15 facilities and the infrastructure and
16 everything, but Bell decided to go to Amarillo.
17 And the reason they decided to go to Amarillo
18 was that Amarillo, the community, laid
19 \$40,000,000 on the table. They're going to
20 build a brand new facility for Bell Helicopter
21 at no cost to Bell, and that was a deal, the
22 stockholders at Bell just couldn't turn down.
23 That's just an example of the kind -- how
24 competitive this business is of attracting big
25 companies with good paying jobs into your

1 community.

2 We've got a good incentive package with
3 tax incentives via the Defense Enterprise
4 Zones. I'm hopeful that we're going to get
5 approved for the Empowerment Zone, which will
6 introduce additional incentives. The financial
7 realities, though, are that we need to create a
8 pipeline of investment into Kelly to have a
9 first-class facility to attract these
10 first-class companies. Next slide.

11 This is our calculation of the investment
12 we've got to make over the next ten to fifteen
13 years, about \$300,000,000. It's sounds --
14 probably sounds like a staggering number, but
15 it's -- I think it's not an unrealistic number
16 of what we're going to have to invest.

17 That number down at the bottom -- There's
18 a whole plan for improving the transportation
19 infrastructure on the north side and on the
20 east side of the Kelly, and that totals
21 \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000. The first at
22 highest priority is 36th Street, to improve
23 36th Street at the interchange of Highway 90,
24 and then to improve the highway -- the -- the
25 Hudnell Drive intersection with 90, and the

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1 connections there with Cupples, and with Frio
2 Road, and Quintana, etcetera. But those --
3 those investments are going to be necessary
4 over the long hall. Next slide.

5 This is a slide attempting to give you a
6 feel for how the property transfer is going.
7 On the vertical axis just as represented
8 that -- the 11,000,000 square feet of leasable
9 space, and then the horizontal axis is the time
10 frame.

11 And you can see we've already leased a
12 good portion to Boeing. The commercial, the --
13 the warehouse area is being operated by EG&G
14 under contract to DLA, Defense Logistics
15 Agency, right now. But over the next two and a
16 half years, all of that DOD inventory will be
17 moved out; it will be converted to commercial
18 use, and then that will all be leased out to
19 create our integral logistics distribution
20 center.

21 The jet engine contract should represent
22 another half to three-quarters of a million
23 square feet. That contract should be let in
24 1999.

25 And then you can see there will be

1 additional space in '99, about another half
2 million square feet in the year 2000, and then
3 a good chunk of space coming available in
4 2001. That's basically when we'll have access
5 to it to lease it and market it for commercial
6 purposes. Next slide.

7 The next big contract that's going to be
8 left for the work at Kelly is the engine
9 contract. Now, this is a big deal. This
10 represents, you know, two to three thousand
11 jobs. It's -- You know, it's \$600,000,000 of
12 work annually. This is, again, going through a
13 Public/Private Competition, just like the C-5
14 did. On the private side it's a team headed by
15 Pratt & Whitney; on the public side it's a team
16 headed by the Oklahoma Air Logistics Center,
17 that's that OC-ALC.

18 Interestingly enough, the Oklahoma Air
19 Logistics Center has teamed with a private
20 company, Lockheed. And the way it works out,
21 if Pratt & Whitney wins, they're going to keep
22 all the work here. We've already got a letter
23 of intent to sign a lease with them to do all
24 the work here. If Oklahoma wins, some of the
25 work will move to Oklahoma to Tinker Air Force

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1 Base, but the part that Lockheed is going to do
2 is going to stay here. And we have a letter of
3 intent from Lockheed to do that work here at
4 Kelly. So you can see that we're in a very
5 interesting position. When they let that
6 contract we could win it all or we could win a
7 good portion of it, so it's a very positive
8 story in terms of jobs. Next slide. Yeah.
9 The 30th of September has come and gone
10 obviously, and the Air Force announced a short
11 time ago that this award's going to slip into
12 the early part of 1999.

13 Environmental issues, I might say that the
14 Greater Kelly Development Corporation Board of
15 Directors has adopted an environmental policy.
16 And I brought copies of it with me, it's all
17 just a one-page front and back, for the Board,
18 and I've got extra copies, if anybody in the
19 audience would like them. This is the policy
20 statement that I'm handing out to you on the --
21 the environmental policy of the GKDC.

22 It basically addresses what the GKDC will
23 do, what we will expect of our tenants that we
24 bring on to Kelly, what we will expect of the
25 Air Force as they are continuing to clean up,

1 and then what we expect of ourselves in our
2 responsibility to deal with the community and
3 keep the community informed. Next slide.

4 This is just a quick look at the job
5 picture. The IBASC refers to the original --
6 Initial Base Assessment Strategy Committee that
7 set the goal of 21,000 jobs by the year 2006.
8 And what that slide depicts, the green are the
9 jobs in the Air Logistics Center, or at the DLA
10 Depot, so you can see by 2001 they all go
11 away.

12 That blue line down at the bottom are some
13 Air Force and DOD jobs that will remain. A lot
14 of them are on the part that's being realigned
15 to Lackland: Like, Security Hill, and the C-5
16 reserve wing, and the F-16 guard wing.

17 The red represents our initial goals on
18 what jobs will be privatized and kept here.
19 We're going to fall short of that.

20 And then the yellow represents the
21 commercial jobs, the new jobs, the commercial
22 tenants that we need to bring in to reach the
23 goal of 21,000. So you can see we've got a
24 heck of a challenge ahead of us to reach those
25 goals.

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1 What's on the right side is our successes
2 to date. The Boeing with the most recent
3 contract that they won are now up to 2000 jobs,
4 which is pretty dramatic. And then down at
5 bottom you can see the jobs that we have in the
6 pipeline. Right now with in the pipeline, we
7 have between 4 -- another 4,000 to 5,000 jobs.
8 So that's basically kind of a report card of
9 where we're going.

10 What this slide is depicting is -- if you
11 take a look at that Air Force draw down, what
12 typically happens is, that that line goes down
13 all the way, and then the base is turned over,
14 and then the community has got to start
15 creating jobs, that kind of pink line.

16 What we're really trying to do at Kelly is
17 to not follow that model, but to create the
18 jobs so we avoid that big bathtub, that big
19 dip, as we're trying to redevelop the base even
20 before the Air Force has departed. And the
21 thing that's going to make the difference is
22 the -- our capability to invest in the
23 facilities, upgrade, and modernize, to do some
24 new construction, which we have plans to do
25 this coming year, and with aggressive marketing

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1 programs to bring in companies that are going
2 to bring in the good paying jobs.

3 And that's summary. And I'd be more than
4 happy to answer any questions anybody may
5 have.

6 MS. HUERTA: Yeah. I have a
7 question.

8 GEN. ROBERSON: Sure.

9 MS. HUERTA: Did you address that
10 slide at the bottom where it talked about the
11 homeless?

12 GEN. ROBERSON: There is a -- There
13 is a requirement in the law that in a closing
14 base you must advertise the property that's
15 becoming surplus to federal needs to a certain
16 number of activities. One of them being
17 organizations that provide services to the
18 homeless. Those organizations are then allowed
19 to apply for that property, and then the local
20 redevelopment authority, in this case the
21 Greater Kelly Development Corporation, goes
22 through a process of reviewing those
23 applications and trying to find the right
24 balance of what properties should be given to
25 homeless organizations and what is going to be

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1 done for -- used for other purposes.

2 We have -- We have gone through that
3 process. In fact, if you look at the graphic
4 over here, we've got some family housing units
5 that we're making available for homeless
6 purposes as well as a very large 180,000 square
7 foot warehouse on east Kelly that's being made
8 available. There's a lot of these agencies who
9 wanted storage space, warehousing space, that
10 sort thing, that's being made available.

11 That -- We went through that whole
12 process. One of the entities to whom we did
13 not provide property challenged that -- that
14 process in court. You probably read it in the
15 paper, it's a company called -- it's a little
16 nonprofit called Cedar Resources. And the
17 result of the court case is requiring us to go
18 back and do this process again, because of what
19 was judged to be a technical flaw in the way we
20 did it. And we -- That's what this refers to.
21 We're now in the process of redoing that -- you
22 know, that submission for the homeless. Does
23 that answer your question?

24 MS. HUERTA: I have another one.

25 GEN. ROBERSON: Pardon me?

1 MS. HUERTA: Can I ask another one?

2 GEN. ROBERSON: Sure.

3 MS. HUERTA: In that zone that's over
4 there that you said was the -- so many feet
5 you're talking about warehousing and storage of
6 not people there?

7 GEN. ROBERSON: Oh, no, no. This is
8 for material goods and that sort of thing.

9 MS. HUERTA: Okay.

10 GEN. ROBERSON: No. The only place
11 that people would actually -- the 12 units of
12 military family housing or can be used for
13 transitional housing for homeless people, and
14 that's in an area where there is no
15 contamination. Yeah, George?

16 MR. RICE: Are -- Those 12 units, are
17 they like for the families or are they like
18 barracks.

19 GEN. ROBERSON: That's -- That's a
20 decision that will be made by the homeless
21 organization. We're going to turn them over.
22 It's actually going to be managed through the
23 City of San Antonio, Department Community
24 Initiatives, and they'll work with
25 organizations like SAMP and others to determine

1 what the best utilization is.

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: General, just one
3 question. On your environmental policy, you
4 said here that the Greater Kelly Development
5 Corporation will defend Kelly property from
6 external environment encroachment. What does
7 that mean?

8 GEN. ROBERSON: Well, for example, if
9 we had someone proposed to put a large chemical
10 plant right next to us in your neighborhood,
11 Armando, I would be right there alongside of
12 you making sure that they're following proper
13 environmental procedures so that they don't
14 contaminate our land either.

15 MR. QUINTANILLA: General, I want to
16 commend you on the job you're doing with the
17 Greater Kelly Development Corporation. If the
18 same thing could be done for our neighborhood,
19 which has been contaminated by Kelly, we would
20 be in damn good shape.

21 GEN. ROBERSON: You know, the only
22 thing I -- I -- Let me make this response to
23 that. I -- I really take seriously, and I know
24 my Board does, that we have got an obligation
25 to represent the communities' interest on this

1 environmental issue, and we're going to
2 continue to work with you. I mean, I -- I know
3 there's a lot of issues on the table here that
4 we've got to sort our way through, but I -- I
5 want you to feel that the GKDC is a place you
6 can come and -- and discuss these issues with
7 too.

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: We have been -- We
9 know that we have been contaminated by jet fuel
10 underneath our homes since 1988, yet there is
11 not one plan available right now to clean up
12 that jet fuel and those contaminants from
13 underneath our homes, our schools, and our
14 streets. And yet we have not received one dime
15 from DOD for the contamination that they have
16 caused.

17 GEN. ROBERSON: Any other questions?
18 Thank you.

19 MR. SANDOVAL: Let me add something,
20 too. I think we need to thank General
21 Roberson, and even more so the Air Force.
22 Typically, the Restoration Advisory Board,
23 these -- these meetings are specifically for
24 restoration issues and hardly ever are used for
25 redevelopment time. And again, this was

1 something we talked about three or four months
2 ago, and so we should be very appreciative of
3 the fact that General Roberson made the
4 presentation. Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. SANDOVAL: General Roberson, I
7 had two questions, though, sir. One of them
8 was, do you feel -- I know sometimes from the
9 Board's perspective we feel that we're not
10 getting the support from the local community
11 representatives, i.e. City Council, and state,
12 and maybe federal representatives -- I guess,
13 the question is, do you think you have adequate
14 support, and is there anything else we can do
15 for you in that aspect?

16 GEN. ROBERSON: That's a good
17 question, Damian. I -- I guess, the first
18 thing is, my name's Paul.

19 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay.

20 GEN. ROBERSON: There -- There's no
21 question, I -- I've talked to a lot -- and many
22 of you many people on this RAB probably have --
23 I've talked to a number of City Council people
24 and Commissioners on the -- on the
25 Commissioners Court, and they are very

1 concerned and interested in the environmental
2 issues out here. And I -- I personally have
3 every confidence that if we've got a specific
4 issue where we need their assistance, if go to
5 them with the facts, that we will get their
6 support. So I -- You know, the fact that we
7 don't have any elected officials here, I don't
8 take as a -- particularly as an indication of
9 not interest. I think, if we had something we
10 wanted them to do that -- that we could go to
11 them and they would -- that they would respond.

12 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Good. Thank
13 you. The next quick question is about the
14 community outreach. You mentioned that
15 community members can go to GKDC and provide
16 or -- or give their advice or make statements.
17 But is there an outreach program that goes out
18 to the community from the other side?

19 GEN. ROBERSON: The -- there is -- We
20 hold our Board meetings every fourth Wednesday
21 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon downtown at
22 the City Council Chambers, and there is an
23 opportunity there, we have a citizens' comment
24 period if anybody wants to come and say
25 anything to the Board. And some of these

1 topics would certainly be relevant to that.

2 I tell you what I will do, let me -- let
3 me get to this. Periodically, in fact, fairly
4 frequently we have environmental topics on our
5 Agenda for our Board meetings. I will make a
6 point of getting the Agenda for the GKDC Board
7 meetings out to the RAB. So if you see
8 something on there you're interested in it will
9 alert you to plan to attend that meeting.

10 MR. SANDOVAL: Great. Thank you.
11 Okay. The next one, moving right along. Item
12 Number 7, the Edwards Well Contamination. This
13 was a request that we had at the TRS meeting.
14 We had a discussion at the TRS meeting which we
15 thought we would be appropriate to be discussed
16 here at the RAB meeting.

17 Mr. Rice, a hydrogeologist within the
18 local City of San Antonio area, is going to
19 make a presentation, and then an individual,
20 Major -- I'm sorry, I can't pronounce your
21 name --

22 MJR. GARGIULO: Gargiulo.

23 MR. SANDOVAL: -- Gargiulo will make
24 a presentation right after Mr. Rice on the same
25 issue.

1 MR. RICE: Thank you, Damian. Like
2 Damian said, I'm going to be talking about the
3 contamination of the Edwards Aquifer found in
4 wells on Kelly Air Force Base.

5 First of all, I'd like to thank the RAB
6 for allowing me to speak on this topic. As --
7 As many of you know the Air Force vociferously
8 opposed my making this presentation, but the
9 RAB thought that it was important enough that I
10 go ahead and give it.

11 The Air Force asked me to make an
12 announcement before I begin. They would like
13 me to say that I'm a candidate for the Edwards
14 Aquifer Authority District 3, and that the
15 election will be held on November 3rd in the
16 general election.

17 Now, I'd really like to do two things
18 here. First of all, I'd like to do something
19 that the Air Force should have done years ago,
20 and that is present information concerning
21 contaminants in Edwards Aquifer wells on Kelly
22 Air Force Base. But second, and I think more
23 important, I'd like to use this topic as a
24 vehicle to show a fundamental dishonesty on the
25 part of the Air Force. And I believe, if you

1 listen to what I say, you will agree with me at
2 the end, that the Air Force has intentionally
3 misled this community concerning contamination
4 of Edwards wells on Kelly Air Force Base.

5 Now, to begin this is also something I've
6 done at the request of the Air Force. They've
7 asked that I show how contaminants found in the
8 Edwards Aquifer around Kelly fit into the rest
9 of the county. What this map shows is our
10 public supply wells, those are our drinking
11 water wells, where man-made contaminants, in
12 this case chlorinated solvents, have been
13 discovered between 1982 and 1986. There are
14 certainly many more wells where the source of
15 contaminants have been found in the Edwards;
16 however, these are only our public water supply
17 wells. Let me point out a couple of things
18 here.

19 First, the majority of the wells are up in
20 this upper tier here, and that's on and near
21 the recharge zone. And that's where you would
22 expect to find contamination in the Edwards;
23 that's the most vulnerable portion of the
24 Aquifer. If any of you have been out there
25 lately, you see how rapidly it's being

1 developed, and unfortunately I think that in a
2 few years, if I were to make a similar
3 presentation, you would see a lot more dots up
4 in that northern area than we see now.

5 The second area here right here is down
6 around the Kelly Air Force Base. And a
7 legitimate question is, how do contaminants get
8 into the Edwards Aquifer down here. In the
9 northern part of the county the Edwards
10 limestone is exposed to ground surface;
11 however, down here, I imagine right where we're
12 standing is probably more than a thousand feet
13 below ground surface. And the units that are
14 between us and the Edwards are very low
15 permeability units, so it's highly unlikely
16 that any contaminants are going to flow down
17 through those low permeability units and into
18 the Edwards.

19 Now, the way it happens is that the area
20 around Kelly has been farmed for hundreds of
21 years -- excuse me -- over a hundred years.
22 And around the turn of the century a lot of
23 deep irrigation wells were put in around here.
24 They went through the shallow aquifer, which
25 wasn't contaminated then but is currently

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1 contaminated, and down a thousand or so feet
2 into the Edwards to water the fields that were
3 all over this area.

4 Now, the casings on these wells are steel,
5 and as you can imagine, after 80, 90 or 100
6 years these casings have rusted, holes have
7 formed. So what -- what we know happens is,
8 that these contaminants that are now present in
9 the shallow aquifer can enter the wells through
10 these corroded casings and get down into the
11 Edwards.

12 By the way, for those of you who have
13 packets, these slides I'm showing are in this
14 pack here, part of it says, Kelly AFB Safe
15 Drinking Water Program, that's Air Force
16 presentation that's going to follow this one,
17 and my slides are on the back of that.

18 What I'm going to do is -- is go through
19 this chronology, and I will -- I will pick off
20 a topic on there, talk about it, and go to
21 another slide. But I'll keep coming back to
22 this; I've found that this is the easiest way
23 to explain what's going on.

24 So the first date there is in -- in
25 January/March of 1986 contaminants were found

1 in eight of the Edwards Aquifer drinking water
2 wells here on Kelly Air Force Base.

3 This map shows the locations of those
4 wells. These are -- were most of Kelly Air
5 Force Bases drinking water wells. Let me say
6 right now, that most of these wells have been
7 closed, sealed off, and replaced with other
8 wells. So they're -- they are no longer a
9 problem. Although, they were in the past.

10 This table is the data that I got from the
11 Air Force. And along this column here you see
12 that the well ID number, the date the sample
13 was taken, the type of contaminant that was
14 found, concentrations, and some remarks. I'd
15 like to make a few points about this -- this
16 table here.

17 First of all, it was very difficult to get
18 this information. This is part of a very large
19 amount of information that the Air Force will
20 not release to the public. They refuse to
21 release it to the public; and the way I got it
22 was that I went through the Freedom of
23 Information Act.

24 Second, in three of the wells the
25 contaminant concentrations that were found by

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1 the Air Force exceeded present day MCLs, that's
2 present day health standards. However, back
3 when most of those samples were taken, those
4 health standards didn't exist for most of the
5 contaminants. I think the only health standard
6 that we had, at that time, that was exceeded
7 was the one for Mercury. Another point is,
8 that although the Air Force collected these
9 samples and this water was being drank by the
10 workers on Kelly Air Force Base, and by
11 residents who lived on the base, the Air Force
12 never informed those people that any
13 contaminants had been found in their drinking
14 water.

15 Now, I'll return to the chronology. In
16 1989, the Air Force discovered that
17 contaminated water in the shallow aquifer on
18 Kelly was flowing into one of its drinking
19 water wells, the well that they call 313. This
20 is a very interesting case. It's an old
21 well -- This is a cross section of it taken
22 from the Kelly documents. It's an old well
23 that was drilled, I think, in about 1910 or
24 1912, and it had been used as an irrigation
25 well, but then when Kelly came along they

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1 converted it to a supply well. This horizontal
2 pipe, at one time, had been part of the water
3 supply system. Because when the well was first
4 dug, there was enough pressure in the aquifer
5 to naturally by artesian pressure force water
6 out through that pipe and then put into an
7 irrigation system. However, as this area
8 developed a lot of pumpage occurred, and water
9 levels dropped so that they could -- water
10 levels dropped below the level of that pipe,
11 and then they had to put a pump in because of
12 the natural pressure which was normally
13 (inaudible) amount.

14 Well, back in 1980 -- '89, I believe it
15 was, they had some trouble with this pump. So
16 they investigated this well, and they found
17 that when they pulled the pump they heard water
18 running into this well. And they couldn't
19 figure where it was coming from, so they put a
20 TV camera down there. They discovered this
21 horizontal pipe, and water was actually running
22 from this horizontal pipe down into the well,
23 and down into the Edwards Aquifer.

24 They later did a chemical analysis of that
25 water running into the well and found that it

1 contained more than ten times the current
2 drinking water standard of PCE, one of the
3 chlorinated solvents.

4 So what -- what the Air Force did shortly
5 after they discovered this -- within a year
6 after they discovered this, they shut the well
7 down, sealed it off, and replaced it with
8 another well so it could no longer be a source
9 of contamination to the Edwards Aquifer.

10 Now, back to my chronology. In 1990, that
11 was the last time that chlorinated solvents or,
12 to my knowledge, any contaminants had been
13 found in any of the Edwards wells on Kelly Air
14 Force Base. So the contamination problem
15 itself, I think, is a problem of the past.
16 What our problem today is -- is the Air Force's
17 credibility and the way they treat this
18 community.

19 Now, in 1991 the Air Force published a
20 document, and that's where this figure that we
21 just looked at came from, explaining exactly
22 how contaminants from the shallow aquifer on
23 Kelly entered this well and got down into --
24 into the Edwards. By the way, that document
25 hasn't been released to the public either; it's

1 not public information; I got it under the
2 Freedom of Information Act. So to go -- fast
3 forward a bit to 1994 and the beginning of the
4 RAB.

5 At the first RAB meeting that we held, the
6 Air Force made a very big point of telling us
7 that all the contamination we were talking
8 about had to do with the shallow aquifer.
9 There was no contamination in the Edwards
10 and -- and the implication was it was really
11 impossible for any contamination to get down
12 into the Edwards. Now, this is what they said
13 at the first RAB meeting when they knew that
14 all those statements were false. At the time
15 the -- when the Air Force told us that, they
16 knew that those statements were false.

17 And in -- the false statements just keep
18 on coming. There was a public hearing back in
19 July of 1995, and the Air Force issued a
20 response of this summary to the questions that
21 the people had brought up during that hearing.
22 And a lot of the questions had to do with
23 contamination in the Edwards Aquifer. And
24 their written response to that, and I quote it
25 here, says, "Edwards wells used for Kelly Air

1 Force Base drinking water are routinely
2 tested. Nothing in these tests or in any of
3 our environmental studies indicates that
4 activities at Kelly Air Force Base have had an
5 impact on the Edwards Aquifer."

6 Once again, clearly a false statement.
7 The Air Force clearly knew it was false and
8 that's what they told the people of San
9 Antonio.

10 And now we have present day situation.
11 You know, at our last RAB meeting the Air Force
12 handed out this little pamphlet, a very nice
13 little booklet, that they distributed to the
14 neighborhood folks talking about the
15 contamination of Kelly. And they have a little
16 section there about the Edwards Aquifer. And
17 not once in there do they mention that, by the
18 way, some years ago we found some contaminants
19 in the Edwards Aquifer. They no longer tell
20 people that it never happened, but they're not
21 honest enough to -- to say that, yes, at one
22 time we did find contaminants in the Edwards
23 Aquifer.

24 Look at all of the displays you've got
25 back here talking about all these zones and

1 everything. Nothing in there mentions anything
2 about a very important fact that, yeah, back in
3 the '80s and early '90s we did find
4 contaminants in the Edwards Aquifer.

5 So let me summarize by saying, I think,
6 the fact that Kelly contaminants entered
7 Edwards is -- is important, but that's pretty
8 much a problem in the past. The problem that
9 we still have, though, is the Air Force's
10 dishonesty, their refusal to tell us the truth
11 when we ask them direct questions about this --
12 about contamination in the Edwards.

13 Thanks. I'll be happy to answer any
14 questions that you might have. Yes, sir?

15 MR. DOYLE: (Inaudible.)

16 MR. SANDOVAL: Excuse me. Can you
17 speak louder or speak into the mike.

18 MR. DOYLE: George, you -- you said
19 that this is a problem in the past. But we've
20 got wells that are still out there and they're
21 still active, correct?

22 MR. RICE: Edwards wells?

23 MR. DOYLE: Yeah.

24 MR. RICE: Yes.

25 MR. DOYLE: How do we know that --

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1 How do we ensure the integrity of those wells
2 to ensure that as time passes they won't erode
3 and allow contaminants back into the drinking
4 water supply or -- or -- or around the casings
5 down into the Edwards from the shallow water
6 aquifer.

7 MR. RICE: That -- that's a good -- a
8 good point. And probably the Air Force would
9 be able to address it better than I will,
10 Phillip. But let me make two points.

11 First of all, most of the wells are fairly
12 new and made of -- the construction specs are
13 pretty good. I think, it would be a long time
14 before there would be problems there.

15 But the second point is, is that, you
16 know, there are many old Edwards wells in this
17 area. For all we know, this school could be
18 built on one of them. And their casings are
19 corroded, and as long as these contaminants
20 remain in the shallow aquifer they are
21 potential pathways for contaminants in the
22 shallow aquifer to get down into the Edwards.
23 And that's another reason I think it's so
24 important that we clean up this shallow aquifer
25 as quickly as we can.

1 I thank you all for your attention.

2 MR. SANDOVAL: Thanks, George. It
3 was a good presentation.

4 MJR. GARGIULO: Well, I am Major
5 Robert Gargiulo. I work in the
6 bioenvironmental engineering flight, and we
7 control or manage the safe drinking water
8 program for Kelly Air Force Base. Next slide.

9 What I'd like to do is just overview the
10 purpose of this presentation. Just a brief
11 background on the safe drinking water program
12 at Kelly Air Force Base. Discuss some of 1986
13 well data. Discuss the incident with Well 313,
14 and then conclusions summary. Next slide,
15 please.

16 The first presentation is to address some
17 of the issues that were raised at the -- the
18 last Technical Review Subcommittee concerning
19 the 1986 data as well as Well 313. Next slide.

20 Background is backwards, but again, the
21 background for it. Next slide.

22 This is just an overview of the safe
23 drinking water program at Kelly Air Force
24 Base. Essentially, there are two different
25 types of wells.

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1 We have monitoring wells, and these are
2 the wells that are used to study and monitor
3 the shallow groundwater. They're used to
4 support the installation restoration program,
5 our clean up program, and they're located both
6 on Kelly Air Force Base and off Kelly Air Force
7 base.

8 The other wells that they have are
9 production or drinking water wells. And these
10 are the Kelly Air Force Base drinking water
11 system or distribution system, and they are
12 located on the base only. So there's these two
13 different types of wells that we have.

14 The Kelly Air Force Base drinking water
15 wells are not part of SAWS or the Bexar Met
16 Water District. These are all -- only apply to
17 Kelly Air Force Base. Next slide.

18 We had nine active and inactive wells in
19 the '86 time frame. And since 1986 we have
20 closed six those wells and drilled three new
21 wells. Now, the wells were closed because of
22 poor production capacity. Some wells were dug,
23 as Mr. Rice had mentioned, in the 1910s, 1920s,
24 and also taking into consideration some of the
25 facility realignment considerations, those

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wells were closed.

In the '89 and '90 time frame Kelly Air Force Base did a TV surveillance on all the wells on the -- on Kelly Air Force Base and took a look at the integrity of those wells. And that was part of this decision on closing some of the wells that we had in the '86 time frame that existed back then. We currently have six active wells at Kelly Air Force Base.

These wells draw from the Edwards Aquifer, not from the shallow aquifer. They are for the exclusive use of Kelly Air Force Base for human consumption as well as to support the industrial operations on the base. And they are regulated by the federal and state drinking water program.

Now, the Safe Drinking Water Act is based upon compliance with Maximum Contaminant Levels, and those were discussed a little bit earlier. The EPA definition for that is a highest level of contaminant that EPA allows in drinking water. And these MCLs are established to ensure the drinking water does not pose a short-term or long-term health hazard or health risk. They're based upon a person drinking the

1 water for their lifetime, and they are set to
2 ensure the short-term and long-term health of
3 those individuals.

4 Back in 1986 when the Safe Drinking Water
5 Act was in effect there was roughly 18
6 chemicals or MCLs that were being monitored.
7 The Safe Drinking Water Act updated and they
8 had a phased approach to add more Maximum
9 Contaminant Levels, they were under
10 consideration in the '86 time frame for
11 implementation over the following years. And
12 they were roughly going to quadruple number of
13 MCLs we have. Next slide, please.

14 This shows you what MCLs were in effect in
15 the '86 time frame, and then the phased upgrade
16 when they were going to implement the other
17 MCLs. One of the things we just want to
18 identify is that Perchloroethylene or
19 Tetrachloroethylene (inaudible) right here was
20 not put into effect until July of '92. Next
21 slide, please.

22 What I'm going to get into now is the 1986
23 well sampling data that we have. In January of
24 '86 we hired a contractor to study the
25 monitoring wells that we have at Kelly Air

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1 Force Base. And that is, to study those wells
2 for the shallow groundwater contamination.

3 As an added effort to that contract, the
4 contractor also sampled the production and
5 drinking water wells that we have. And we
6 assumed that this is in preparation for the
7 proposed new Maximum Contaminant Levels that
8 were coming out.

9 Now, the contractor took a sample, and
10 split that sample. Half of the sample went to
11 government lab for analysis, and half of the
12 sample went to the contractor's lab. And that
13 was done in the January '86 time frame.

14 When we got the results back on the
15 sampling, both the contractor's and the Air
16 Force's sampling results indicated that we did
17 have volatile organic compounds as well as
18 metals in those drinking water samples.

19 Now, you're going to get contaminant
20 levels for three separate reasons in samples
21 that you may take -- or three possible
22 reasons.

23 One could be sampling error. When go out
24 there and actually sample and collect your
25 sampling you can introduce contamination into a

1 sample.

2 Another possible explanation for
3 contamination in a sample is, analytical error
4 when it's in the laboratory. Either poor
5 quality methods that they're doing or carry
6 over from other samples that they have.

7 And then the third possibility is that you
8 actually have a contamination in that well
9 sample.

10 So what the Air Force and the contractor
11 did was follow-up sampling to (1) verify and
12 confirm the results that we had in January '86
13 time frame, and then (2) to assess the
14 disconnect that we had between the exact same
15 samples that was sent to a contractor's lab and
16 the government lab.

17 When we did the follow-up sampling, both
18 the contractor and the government used specific
19 collection equipment for volatile organic
20 compounds, and dedicated sampling equipment.

21 Now, in March of '86 Kelly Air Force Base
22 took samples, and then split those samples and
23 sent them to our lab. So we drew a sample,
24 split it in half, and sent it to the exact same
25 lab to see if we could get consistent results

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1 from our lab.

2 In April of '86 the contractors sent
3 samples to their lab, and then Kelly Air Force
4 Base followed that up, again, in May of '86 to
5 analyze that drinking water. So in the
6 following three or four months with sampled
7 those wells several times. None of the samples
8 were able to replicate the contaminant levels
9 that we found in the January of '86 time
10 frame.

11 Now, there are possible explanations for
12 that. The contractor was -- was hired to
13 collect water from the IRP sites, the
14 monitoring wells, and he had been collecting
15 IRP wells for the three weeks prior to
16 collecting the drinking water samples.

17 In addition to that, he was collecting
18 samples from the IRP wells, the shallow
19 groundwater wells, the day prior to collecting
20 the water for the drinking water samples. He
21 was using the same collection equipment that he
22 was using for the monitoring wells as he was
23 using for the drinking water wells. So he went
24 to a monitoring well the day prior, collected
25 the sample in this collection mechanism or

1 equipment, he did a decontamination, cleared it
2 out, and then the next day was actually
3 collecting from a drinking water sample.

4 Identified in the report that he generated
5 that the decontamination, the cleaning, of the
6 sampling equipment was inadequate to be
7 collecting drinking water samples. Also, to
8 analyze the data from the March, April, and May
9 time frame we found that some of the IRP
10 samples that were collected may have been
11 switched with some of the drinking water
12 samples that was sent to the labs. Okay.

13 The sampling results that we have for the
14 last ten years or so indicate that we have
15 complied and continue to comply with the Safe
16 Drinking Water Act requirements for organics
17 and inorganic compounds. All of our results
18 have been below federal and state limits,
19 the -- the MCLs, and the detections that we
20 have had have all been trace amounts or
21 nondetects for all the state collected samples
22 over the last ten years. The State of Texas
23 collects those samples for our compliance with
24 the Safe Drinking Water Act, not Kelly Air
25 Force Base. The state comes in and collects

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1 those samples.

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: That's 1988 to
3 1998?

4 MJR. GARGIULO: 1988 to 1998, the
5 last ten years.

6 Okay. The next ten slides were presented
7 at the TRS, very detailed slides on the
8 sampling results that we had in the '86 time
9 frame. They're all pretty relative -- pretty
10 much the same for each one of the slides. They
11 were presented at the -- the TRS. I can
12 present them to the RAB, if you like. You have
13 a copy in your -- your folders. John, can you
14 throw up the first one.

15 Like I mentioned, we had nine active and
16 inactive wells and the MCLs that we had for
17 this time frame were not in effect. And this
18 is because as of 1998, the MCLs that we had for
19 this well in Building 1044, we did sampling --
20 OEHL is a lab for the Air Force -- There was
21 sampling done in the '83 time frame, you can
22 see we had nondetects.

23 Radian: The contractor took samples on
24 the 22nd of January of '86, and split that
25 sample and sent it to their lab and sent it to

1 our lab. So this is the exact same water
2 sample here. They grabbed it out of the well
3 and sent it to two separate labs. These are
4 not the same samples. What we believe happened
5 was that they took the sample and mixed it up
6 with an IRP site and sent it to the Air Force
7 lab. This is not the same sample as this. As
8 you can see on the follow-up sampling in the
9 March, April and May time frame we got
10 essentially nondetects. Next slide, please.

11 Suspect that there was a switch in the IRP
12 sample and the drinking water sample. We did
13 get a trace hit in the '83 time frame for a
14 contaminant which there was no MCL even
15 currently. And as you can see, follow-up
16 sampling all the way into the '95 time frame
17 have been nondetects. Next slide.

18 Another well, Well I-78, similar story.
19 Nondetects. Follow-up sampling with
20 consistency, you can see some things in the Air
21 Force lab, but '88-'94 time frame, nondetects.
22 And the well was plugged in the '97 time
23 frame.

24 Building 310, similar story. Nondetects.
25 And nondetects the last ten years.

1 This is Well 96. This well was not in use
2 as of '84 two years prior, and has never been
3 used since 1984. For some reason when they did
4 that study in '86 they decided to sample this
5 well also. Take a look at the split sample
6 that they did on the 31st of January '86.
7 There is some disconnects between that same
8 sample that was sent to the two different labs.
9 Essentially, the Air Force sample came out
10 roughly three times higher than the -- the
11 radian sample. And this is a separate sample
12 bin for the volatile organic compounds that we
13 have here. Essentially, nondetects across the
14 board. Did not do a follow-up sample for the
15 military. Again, the well was not being used
16 for drinking water sample. Suspect that
17 because it was three times higher that it could
18 be carry-over contamination from sampling from
19 an IRP site or a mixed sample. Next slide,
20 please.

21 Just to summarize what I said. The well
22 was not in use as of '84 to the current date.
23 It was plugged in the '91 time frame.

24 This is Well 313. Now, we'll discuss this
25 a little bit further in the presentation. You

1 can see the splits that we had. There were
2 nondetects. This is the 5.5 PCE. The base
3 followed up and the state did follow-up
4 samplings for that well and another well right
5 next to it and got nondetects. The well was
6 closed in the January of '89 time frame and
7 actually plugged in the June of '91 time frame.

8 GEN. ROBERSON: Is this the well that
9 George was referring to?

10 MJR. GARGIULO: This is -- This is
11 the well that George was referring to.

12 GEN. ROBERSON: Which specific items,
13 the PCE?

14 MJR. GARGIULO: The PCE right here.
15 I will get into details on that later.

16 This is the well that's roughly 30 to 50
17 feet away from Well 313, it's right next door
18 to it. You can see the indications that we got
19 for here. Nondetects for the most part. Did
20 get some trace amounts of these in the '83 time
21 frame. Nondetects in the '88 to '98 time
22 frame. We did get some trace amounts -- got
23 4.7 parts per billion of PCA, which is not
24 regulated even today, and then also the TCA
25 .6 -- 5.5 parts per billion. The well was

1 plugged in June of '98. Next slide.

2 Another well here, similar information.
3 The contractor got a hit of -- Well, all the
4 contractor samples came up with a hit of
5 (inaudible) and the Air Force did not. That's
6 one of the disconnects. We could not replicate
7 that at all. Once again, all nondetects from
8 '88 to '98 for the inorganics and organics.

9 Another well, similar story. As you can
10 see in the '86 time frame the MCL for led was
11 50, that was the action level. It currently is
12 down to 15, that's the action level for it.
13 Contractor got 13 parts per billion; we got
14 nondetect, less than 20 parts per billion. But
15 essentially, since '85 to '98 there have been
16 nondetects with the exception of these. John.

17 Okay. What I like to get into now is
18 specifically Well 313. This is a bird's-eye
19 view of Well 313 and 314. As I mentioned
20 earlier, they're roughly 30 to 50 feet apart
21 from each other. If you could take a look at
22 these two fine lines here, that would be the
23 wells. They go down through the shallow
24 aquifer roughly about 40 feet to 50 down is
25 when you hit the solid rock -- excuse me the

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1 rock and clay layer separating the shallow
2 aquifer from the Edwards. You get down to
3 roughly, 1,500 feet and that's when you step
4 into the Edwards Aquifer, and then it extends
5 roughly another -- Excuse me. This layer right
6 here is roughly 1,000 feet -- 1,055, and it
7 extends down into the Edwards Aquifer another
8 500 feet. There's a blow up of this on the
9 next slide.

10 As Mr. Rice had mentioned, prior to the
11 1970s this was an irrigation well. The two
12 wells were fed by artesian pressure was filled
13 with horizontal pipe. There's a distribution
14 pump here in this distribution pit, and then
15 that was -- that entered into the distribution
16 system across the base. Next slide.

17 Sometime between the 1970s and '80s what
18 they did, because of the -- the growth in the
19 San Antonio area, it was pulling down the
20 Edwards Aquifer, we could no longer fill the
21 horizontal pipe here through artesian
22 pressure. Our records indicate, what they did
23 is, they capped off the horizontal pipe, filled
24 in this distribution pit, and then dropped a
25 pump into both Wells 313 and 314. Next slide.

1 This is a chronology of events from the
2 '83 time frame. The Texas Department of
3 Health is collecting the samples for the TNRCC
4 back then. In July of '88 they took the
5 samples, we got the results in August of '88,
6 and we got the hit of 5.5 parts per billion.

7 The well which is 30 feet away from that,
8 30 to 50 feet away, got a nondetect. When we
9 got the sample on the 9th of August, we
10 resampled on the 11th, got the results back on
11 the 12th, and got nondetects for both wells.

12 The Texas Department of Health came back
13 in in the September time frame and their
14 results came back nondetect. Once again, there
15 was no standard at the time for PCE. It did
16 not become effective until the '92 time frame.
17 Well 313 was in compliance, and there was no
18 need to notify the public. And if anybody was
19 going to notify the public it was going to be
20 the regulators, the TNRCC, would advise us to
21 do such, and they did not.

22 MR. JACOBI: If I could make a
23 comment at this point. In 1988 the -- the
24 water program was at the Texas Department of
25 Health that was combined in the Texas Water

1 Commission, and is now part of TNRCC. And all
2 those records are at the TNRCC; they are not at
3 the Texas Department of Health now.

4 MJR. GARGIULO: Thank you for the
5 clarification. That is correct. Next slide,
6 please.

7 There have been some questions about
8 the -- the health effects of the water at the
9 5.5 parts per billion that has been raised.
10 Essentially, the water comes from all of our
11 wells on the base, is entered into the
12 distribution system, is combined with all the
13 water from the wells, and then is distributed
14 to the different points on base.

15 For example, in July of '88 the base
16 pumped roughly 126,000,000 gallons of water out
17 of the Edwards Aquifer of which Well 313
18 contributed roughly about a fourth of that
19 water. Next slide.

20 Taking the worst case analysis of what the
21 concentrations would be in the distribution
22 system on base. If Well 313 was at 5.5 parts
23 per billion then the base distribution system
24 would be at roughly 1.6 parts per billion,
25 which is below the Safe Drinking Water MCL

1 requirements -- the current requirements as of
2 today.

3 Taking a -- a more conservative approach.
4 If I were just to combine the water from Well
5 313 and water from Well 314, which are 30 to 50
6 feet apart from each other, the concentration
7 in that combination of water was only at 3.1
8 parts per billion. Again, below the Safe
9 Drinking Water Act, Maximum Contaminant Levels
10 for PCE. Kelly Air Force Base water did not
11 exceed MCLs. So the water that was going to
12 the individuals on base or to the industrial
13 complex did not exceed any health standard.

14 In the '89 time frame Well 313 was closed
15 down for maintenance. They pulled the pump out
16 of the well to do maintenance on it. And it
17 was not used from that date to the present.
18 Roughly, in the June time frame some workers
19 heard water running in the well or what sounded
20 like water running in the well; dropped a TV
21 camera down into the well and found the
22 horizontal pipe. And this is the pipe that we
23 alluded to earlier that was used by artesian
24 pressure to feed the distribution system.

25 They saw water leaking into to the well.

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1 What we did is we took a sample of that water
2 that was coming out of the horizontal pipe and
3 sent it on base for a quick analysis.

4 Three days later what we did is we put a
5 plug in the well, a three-foot plug, to cover
6 that horizontal pipe to stop anymore leaking
7 into the well. And we got the results back on
8 our quick analysis and it showed that the water
9 leaking into the well was at 52 parts per
10 billion. Next slide.

11 This shows what the well looked like as of
12 26 June of '89 when we put the plug in there.
13 And the three-foot plug was put right in the
14 horizontal pipe and was verified that it, in
15 fact, was in place. Well 314 was still being
16 used at that time. Next slide.

17 We sampled Well 314 in the July time frame
18 of '89 and got nondetects for PCE. We sampled
19 them again in September, October, and the
20 January time frame of '90.

21 In March/April '90 the records indicate
22 that we put a patch on Well 314, so, in
23 essence, a hollow plug to allow us to continue
24 to use that well as a precautionary measure in
25 case it was leaking from the other horizontal

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1 pipe.

2 The well was cemented and capped in the
3 June time frame. And the report was generated
4 and sent to the state in September of '91.

5 This is what Well 313 looked like after it
6 was sealed. This is a pictorial. And then you
7 can see a patch that was placed in here, and
8 allowed us to continue to go into the well.

9 Okay. Since that date Kelly Air Force
10 Base has taken a look at some of the wells that
11 are on the base. In the recent years, we have
12 actually gone and looked at some of the wells
13 that were already plugged, and we have
14 redrilled those, and cemented, and plugged
15 those to today's standards.

16 Well 314 was just recently closed on June
17 of '98, and we sealed and plugged it. And have
18 dug a new well on the west side of the base, up
19 by Security Hill. Next slide.

20 In summary for Well 313, we took
21 appropriate actions to close that well, and
22 using a worst case analysis it does not
23 indicate that there is a health hazard
24 associated with that well.

25 And then in summary. Our wells have

1 complied with the Safe Drinking Water Act for
2 organics and inorganics. This is inclusive of
3 the 1986 questionable data, as well as Well 313
4 incident back in the '88 time frame.

5 As I had mentioned earlier, the detections
6 that we got in the '86 time frame were most
7 likely cross contaminations in the sampling and
8 the analytical equipment as well as possibly
9 switching samples of the data indicated. And
10 then Well 313 was shut down and sealed at that
11 time. Any questions?

12 MS. HUERTA: I have question.

13 MJR. GARGIULO: Sure.

14 MS. HUERTA: You put up a slide with
15 samples in it right (inaudible) the background
16 and the 1986 well sampling data, and you had a
17 lot of stuff on it.

18 MJR. GARGIULO: Yes.

19 MS. HUERTA: Could we have a copy of
20 that?

21 MJR. GARGIULO: Sure. I don't think
22 it's in your package, but I will -- I will get
23 that to you.

24 MS. HUERTA: And then I have another
25 question. Let me figure out how to phrase it.

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1 MR. PERSON: You need to speak up,
2 please.

3 MR. SANDOVAL: John, while she's
4 looking for that I have a question. What would
5 have been the normal policy and procedures for
6 the regulatory agency, at that time, if there
7 had been an (inaudible) in any well above the
8 regulatory limit.

9 MR. JACOBI: Well, obviously, I
10 wasn't with the agency at that particular point
11 in time, but my guess is, that the Air Force
12 would have self-reported it, and we would have
13 conducted a full investigation to find out the
14 nature of the contamination.

15 It appears to me that the Air Force acted
16 quite reasonably under the circumstances and
17 did, in fact, investigate on their own the
18 exceedences (phonetic) and found what appears,
19 to me, to be a satisfactory explanation.

20 It's important to note that they did
21 continue with the sampling well past the -- the
22 dates when the bad samples were identified.
23 And the -- the ten years of nondetects or -- or
24 below detection levels is strong evidence that
25 there was no permanent problem created.

1 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Thank you.

2 MS. HUERTA: Did I understand you to
3 say that when you went down to the horizontal
4 pipe to pull a water sample in '89 that there
5 was ten times higher the limit of that PCE than
6 the state allows; is that what I heard you to
7 say?

8 MJR. GARGIULO: No. We sampled the
9 horizontal pipe, and we took a sample of that,
10 and sent it to the lab for a quick analysis
11 that the levels of PCE in that pipe were around
12 52 parts per billion.

13 MS. HUERTA: Which is ten times what
14 the EPA allows today or --

15 MJR. GARGIULO: Today.

16 MS. HUERTA: And they didn't measure
17 it in '89.

18 MJR. GARGIULO: It was not a -- a
19 standard in the '89 time frame. That did not
20 become effective until the '92 time frame.

21 MS. HUERTA: Okay. And when was that
22 plugged?

23 MJR. GARGIULO: That was plugged
24 in --

25 MS. HUERTA: Before that sample or

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1 after that sample?

2 MJR. GARGIULO: Right after that
3 sample. Three days after. We took that
4 sample, sent it to the lab for quick analysis,
5 plugged the well, got the results back, I
6 think, five days after that.

7 MS. HUERTA: That was my question.
8 Thank you.

9 MJR. GARGIULO: So we plugged it
10 prior to finding out exactly what the
11 contaminant levels were.

12 MR. JACOBI: One other quick
13 comment. The fact that another well was within
14 50 feet and was pumping high gallons is -- is
15 also an indication that the problem with
16 Well 313 did not cause any other difficulties
17 with the aquifer.

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: I just have two
19 questions. How many monitor -- monitoring
20 wells did you have in 1986 at Kelly?

21 MJR. GARGIULO: I don't have an
22 answer for that.

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: Where can we get an
24 answer?

25 MJR. GARGIULO: That's not in my --

1 my area of expertise.

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: Well, you talked
3 about some of the monitoring equipment being
4 contaminated from the monitoring wells. How
5 many monitoring wells were there in 1986?

6 MJR. GARGIULO: I don't know the
7 number of monitoring wells they had. They did
8 sampling for, if I'm not mistaken, two, three
9 months for the monitoring wells. It's in the
10 report that's in the library. If you want to
11 take a look at that, we can get that
12 information for you.

13 MR. QUINTANILLA: Well, I would like
14 that information perhaps at the next meeting.
15 I have doubt in my mind.

16 MJR. GARGIULO: Sure.

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: The other
18 question --

19 MR. SANDOVAL: Mr. Quintanilla, can
20 you speak into the microphone, please.

21 MJR. GARGIULO: What Mr. Quintanilla
22 asked was how many monitoring wells were there
23 in the '86 time frame that were sampled on
24 Kelly Air Force Base as well as off base. I'm
25 not exactly sure if we had them off base at

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1 that time. It is in the report. The Radian
2 submitted that study, and I believe, that is in
3 the library, and we can get that information
4 for you.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: On the next
6 question that I have. You mentioned that you
7 suspect they used contaminated equipment. Was
8 that documented?

9 MJR. GARGIULO: It is documented in
10 the report that there was cross contamination.

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: All right. The
12 third question that I have and it's from the --

13 MJR. GARGIULO: That they suspected
14 that.

15 MR. QUINTANILLA: And you state in
16 here that it is improbable that chemicals from
17 the shallow aquifer could enter the Edwards
18 Aquifer. Why was that statement put in there
19 when you knew that this had happened?

20 MJR. GARGIULO: I wasn't at that
21 RAB. I don't have that information, at that
22 time. I believe, what the statement said it is
23 improbable.

24 MR. QUINTANILLA: That was July the
25 17th, 1995 when that statement was made. And

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1 it was made at a public hearing at Price
2 Elementary School. Somebody, you know, was not
3 up front with the people.

4 MJR. GARGIULO: At Price -- That
5 report was, obviously, ten years old when the
6 incident happened --

7 MR. RICE: I think, my question is
8 more appropriately addressed to General
9 Murdock, and I'd like to --

10 GEN. ROBERSON: George, I can't hear
11 you at all.

12 MR. RICE: Yeah. I think my question
13 is more appropriately addressed to General
14 Murdock. And it's similar to what Armando
15 asked. That quote that I put up on that
16 chronology where in this document the Air Force
17 says that nothing in any of our tests showed
18 that contaminants from Kelly got into the
19 Edwards. Could we have an Action Item? Could
20 you explain in writing why the Air Force made
21 that statement? That -- That's a request to
22 you, General.

23 MJR. GARGIULO: I think, if you read
24 it word for word, and if you --

25 MR. RICE: No. I'm sorry. That --

1 My question was to the General. Could that be
2 an Action Item? Could the Air Force explain to
3 us in writing why that statement was made when
4 it appears that at the time you made it, you
5 knew it was false.

6 BGEN. MURDOCK: If you -- If that's a
7 formal request by the consensus of the RAB I
8 can be sure to take a look into it.

9 MR. RICE: Could -- Could we then ask
10 the RAB to make a formal request, at this
11 time?

12 MR. SANDOVAL: I don't know if a
13 formal request is necessary. I think that's an
14 Action Item with need to look into.

15 BGEN. MURDOCK: I'll be glad to try
16 and look into it. I would be the last to try
17 and articulate this statement -- a statement
18 that was made three years ago, for which I
19 wasn't present, and I don't know who else may
20 be present. But I'd be glad to take a look at
21 it.

22 MR. RICE: All right. And just to
23 clarify, that's an Action Item that will be
24 answered at the next RAB meeting? You will
25 attempt to answer it?

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1 BGEN. MURDOCK: I will attempt to
2 answer it.

3 MR. ROBERSON: If I could ask -- Let
4 me make sure I understand this. At a
5 meeting -- At a RAB meeting in '95 somebody
6 from the Air Force, George, made the statement
7 that it's improbable that any contamination
8 could have gotten into the aquifer, is that --

9 MR. RICE: No. That's not the issue,
10 General. The issue is that repeatedly, at RAB
11 meetings and public meetings of the press,
12 representatives from Kelly Air Force Base said
13 that no contaminants from Kelly had gotten into
14 the Edwards; that was highly unlikely. I've
15 just brought a couple of examples.

16 And the point is that when these
17 statements were being made the people who made
18 them either knew they were false or they should
19 have known they were false. That's the point.

20 BGEN. MURDOCK: So that we all
21 understand and are singing from the same sheet
22 of music, will you articulate exactly what you
23 believe the Action Item is?

24 MR. RICE: Yes. In this
25 Responsiveness Summary that resulted from a

1 meeting held here in this room on July 27th of
2 1995 there's a statement, and I quote it, in
3 that chronology, you have the -- you have the
4 direct quote. In this copy I have, it appears
5 on Page 11, but there are several different
6 versions of the Responsiveness Summary, so it
7 may be on Page 12 in one of those versions.

8 My question to you is, why did the Air
9 Force make this statement?

10 MR. JACOBI: If I could ask, George,
11 do you recognize the voice on the tape so we'll
12 know who made the statement?

13 MR. RICE: I didn't hear you.

14 MR. JACOBI: Do you recognize the
15 voice on the tape so we might try and figure
16 out who made the statement?

17 MR. RICE: No. This is in writing in
18 this document that -- that was distributed to
19 the RAB members. It was distributed to the
20 entire city. This is in writing.

21 MR. JACOBI: Who signed it?

22 MR. PERSON: Who signed it, George?

23 MR. RICE: I -- I don't know. But
24 the document is called Responsiveness Summary.
25 This document contains responses to all public

1 comments received during this 30 day public
2 comment period. You probably have a copy
3 somewhere. Most RAB members do.

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: I think, it was
5 Mr. Bailey. If you really want to get down to
6 it, I think it was Mr. Bailey, the Chief of the
7 Environmental Section. He made it at Price
8 Elementary School, and it was during a hearing
9 for -- on -- on Zone 3.

10 MR. JACOBI: Okay. That's
11 information that will help look into it, and
12 I'm sure the General will look into it. To
13 allay a comment that will come up, my guess is,
14 that we -- there probably never have been any
15 pure monitoring wells in the Edwards Aquifer on
16 Kelly Air Force Base; is that correct?

17 MJR. GARGIULO: Not that I'm aware
18 of, no.

19 GEN. ROBERSON: You know, if I could
20 ask because, you know, the presentation in
21 nature, to me, seems to be, you know, pretty --
22 pretty credible, and I was going to ask,
23 George. Did it seem credible to you, George,
24 his explanation of how the data came up like it
25 did?

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1 MR. RICE: Well, there are two points
2 that I would like to make. The first is that
3 the Major's argument seems to be largely based
4 on his contention that the Air Force -- the
5 data that Air Force collected is not any good.
6 Well, okay, that -- that may be so. It's hard
7 to say. You could say that, but I -- I've
8 spent a large part of my career writing
9 documents about how groundwater samples should
10 be taken and what all the pitfalls are. And
11 you can go back at the -- virtually any sample
12 after the fact and say, well, something might
13 have happened at this time which makes this
14 sample less than reliable. But basically, I
15 will -- with all due respect, Major, I think
16 that that's a damn poor argument to say, "Our
17 data really isn't any good, and you shouldn't
18 believe it."

19 Okay. There's a second point here. Even
20 if you accept that argument, the Air Force and
21 the Major do -- do state that, yes, some
22 contaminants were found in Kelly Air Force
23 wells, yes, we knew about them at the time, but
24 we still made statements that we knew to be
25 false. That's the second issue.

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1 MJR. GARGIULO: Now, let me -- let me
2 address that real quick, how the Air Force did
3 not make statements that we knew to be false.
4 When the information about Well 313 surfaced,
5 when we brought it up in the January time
6 frame, we went and looked and found the report
7 and, yes, the people, at that time, found, and
8 it was news to us. It was new. So we went
9 back to our records, and went back ten or
10 twelve years and tried to get as much
11 information as we could on the information.
12 And what you have there is the information that
13 we found.

14 MR. SANDOVAL: George, my question
15 is, at what -- at what point in time do we take
16 the responsibility off of the Air Force for
17 lying or for making a mistake and coming up to
18 the table and saying, yeah, we made a mistake
19 and we're trying to clarify it? When do we do
20 that?

21 MR. RICE: That's a good question,
22 Damian. What I would very much like to see,
23 what would settle this in my mind, and you
24 would hear nary a peep out of me about it in
25 the future is if the Air Force would simply

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1 say, "Yes, we did something that we shouldn't
2 have; we intentionally mislead you; we
3 apologize to the City of San Antonio for doing
4 this." Then I'll shut my mouth about this.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: I would like to
6 just to bring up one point. I worked at Kelly
7 Air Force Base -- I worked at Kelly Air Force
8 Base, and there was one time where the people
9 of Kelly Air Force Base could not drink the
10 drinking water. Water was hauled in in
11 trailers so that we could drink it. The water
12 was contaminated at that time.

13 MR. SANDOVAL: (Inaudible) there's
14 been -- There's been a lot of effort, a lot of
15 discussion, and a lot of time spent on this
16 issue. And you know, as a taxpayer, and
17 everybody here is a taxpayer in one respect or
18 another, is how much time do we spend on an
19 issue where, hopefully, in my mind, it's easily
20 resolved, and then we can move on from this
21 point.

22 MR. QUINTANILLA: I think we can
23 resolve it when we answer the -- what's in the
24 Responsiveness Summary as not true. We can
25 say, hey, somebody made a mistake by making

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1 that statement; they should not have made it.
2 That's one way of doing it.

3 The other way is to find out how many
4 monitoring wells we had, at that time, and --
5 and where were they located. Those are
6 supposed to be -- The monitoring wells are
7 supposed to be the wells that contaminated the
8 testing equipment for the Air Force
9 contractor. We need to know that.

10 MR. JACOBI: One comment, Armando. I
11 think by -- by this presentation, you know, on
12 its face it's obvious that somebody made a
13 mistake when -- when that comment was made back
14 in 1995. There's no question about that. They
15 wouldn't be standing here telling you about it.

16 MR. QUINTANILLA: If that is the case
17 we need to correct the Responsiveness Summary
18 to -- to -- you know, to tell it like it is.
19 Because this Summary has gone to TNRCC and to
20 EPA.

21 MR. SANDOVAL: All right. I think,
22 there's been a lot of discussion on this
23 tonight, and I think there is an Action Item
24 for the Air Force to take a look at what George
25 has requested and brought up at this meeting.

1 So hopefully, there's no other discussions
2 at this point. Let -- Let's give an
3 opportunity for the Air Force to take back all
4 this feedback information and go back and look
5 at it, and then come back to the table with
6 something adequate that we'll be able to bring
7 closure to this point. Thank you for the
8 presentation.

9 Moving right along. The Summary and
10 Closing section.

11 MS. HUERTA: Sir, can I make a
12 comment?

13 MR. SANDOVAL: Sure.

14 MS. HUERTA: When I look at the
15 posters in the back of the room reviewed for
16 community knowledge and display there weren't
17 any values of what levels were out there and at
18 what points. A year ago when we had the
19 community meeting there was values attached to
20 those maps and, you know, without values it's
21 not real and relevant. And I -- I'm -- you
22 know, I -- I'm not sure why that isn't today.
23 Does that make sense what I'm saying?

24 MR. SANDOVAL: Yes. The question --

25 MS. HUERTA: I just see boundaries

1 there. I don't see any values that we can
2 compare, or look at, or -- or know what
3 chemicals we're discussing, or what levels
4 those chemicals are at. And that concerns me.

5 MR. MCGHEE: The posters were -- were
6 meant to be a -- a means for people to talk
7 with our staff about what has been found at
8 these sites. So they were just, basically,
9 saying here's where you are, here's where the
10 site is, here's where Kelly Air Force Base is,
11 that was the intent of these posters. If we
12 want to -- It was a tool that community members
13 could use to talk with our staff and say, well,
14 tell me more about this place, what's going on
15 here. That was the idea for these posters
16 right here. We made them up especially for
17 this meeting for that purpose. We'll use them,
18 again.

19 If you would like to have something back
20 here that also ventures into, you know, what
21 type of data has been found, we can -- we can
22 do that, we can accommodate.

23 MR. SANDOVAL: Tanya, as you see,
24 we -- we worked in concert with the Air Force
25 to get this RAB done this way. And one of the

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1 things we wanted to do is to make something
2 very simplistic to get RAB people's attention
3 first, and further questions could be decided.
4 But as you can see, there are a lot of maps out
5 there with a lot of numbers, and it's confusing
6 to a lot of people. So this was something that
7 we worked together to develop. Things change,
8 and that's just how we presented it tonight.

9 MS. HUERTA: I -- I just think if
10 we're talking about chemicals that are beyond
11 what the EPA allowable limits are, I think the
12 EPA standards should be stated there, and what
13 those levels are. And I -- And I don't think
14 that we should underestimate the wisdom or the
15 knowledge or the intent to learn of the public.

16 MR. PERSON: The maps are
17 available -- We've had the maps made by the Air
18 Force, and they will provide the copies.

19 MR. SANDOVAL: You know, you're very
20 welcome to join the TRS meeting where we decide
21 what type of agendas and information get put
22 out. So your -- your information and
23 participation would be valuable in those -- in
24 that process.

25 MS. HUERTA: Thank you.

1 MR. SANDOVAL: Okay. Just to wrap
2 everything up. I'd like to thank Dwight Middle
3 School representatives, first of all, for
4 allowing us to host this event once again
5 here. Special thanks to the presenters. I
6 think, you've seen tonight there was, at least,
7 between four to six different members of the
8 Restoration Advisory Board that gave
9 presentations.

10 And at other RABs, it was always the Air
11 Force folks presenting or contracting folks.
12 So to me it's making us do two things. One,
13 it's making RAB members more individually
14 responsible; and Number Two, RAB members are
15 becoming more interested and more -- more of an
16 expert in these areas to make the
17 presentations. So I -- I would commend
18 everybody for participating and making
19 presentations.

20 A couple of announcements of upcoming
21 meetings. As everyone knows, RAB meetings at
22 this point are scheduled on a quarterly basis
23 or as-needed basis. We've had between four to
24 seven meetings, general meetings, like this.
25 We have Technical Review Subcommittee meetings

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1 every month. And Dr. Lene, if you could review
2 the next couple of meeting dates for us?

3 DR. LENE: Yes. The next meeting
4 date for the Technical Review Subcommittee will
5 be November 17th, and that will be at
6 St. Mary's University at 6:30. The following
7 meeting will be December 15th, and -- at the
8 same time and same place. I believe, that we
9 have decided that the January meeting will be
10 just prior to the RAB, when it is -- I believe,
11 that's the 12th of January.

12 MR. SANDOVAL: Right. Not to take
13 all of the closing thunder, I'd just like to,
14 again, thank everybody for participating in the
15 RAB meetings.

16 A lot of issues ahead of us. We're,
17 again, just around the corner from making some
18 major moves and major participations from what
19 the RAB was created for. So I commend
20 everybody and let's stay with it and charge
21 forward.

22 I -- I would just ask everybody, again,
23 and after you leave this meeting tonight our
24 job, as RAB members, is to communicate what
25 we've learned tonight with others in our

1 community. And also, to act as a conduit for
2 those issues out there and bring them back to
3 the RAB Board. So, please, take heed of that.
4 Good night, and thank you.

5 BGEN. MURDOCK: Before we -- Before
6 we leave, if I can, let me mention one item,
7 and -- two items, actually. We will attempt to
8 have the next RAB meeting on Tuesday night, the
9 19th of January, presupposing this location is
10 available, and we'll certainly get that
11 information out to you. For tentative planning
12 purposes we'll plan on the 19th of January; if
13 that changes, we'll advise you.

14 The other is, one of the Agenda Items for
15 the January meeting will be the election of the
16 community co-Chair. That -- Damian's tenure
17 will have expired at the end of the year as the
18 Charter so states, and it is incumbent upon us
19 to elect the new Chair.

20 Let me just take a quick second to
21 paraphrase from the -- the Charter. It says,
22 The base -- the Board community co-Chair will
23 serve a twelve-month term commencing with the
24 second Board meeting in each calendar year.
25 The co-Chair may serve two or more terms. So

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if, in fact, Damian is nominated, and he so elects, he may serve another -- another term.

I would encourage you to think about nominees for the co-Chair. We will solicit verbal nominees at the meeting, and vote on those nominees on that same meeting.

MR. BANNER: General, it's come to my attention that some of the RAB members didn't get this packet, this pamphlet in their RAB packets. I've got some extras. If you folks want to take a look and see whether or not you got this. And if you haven't, I'll give you a copy.

BGEN. MURDOCK: Great. Thank you all for your attentiveness and participation. I appreciate it. Have a good evening.

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