

**MEETING MINUTES
Restoration Advisory Board
September 16, 1999
The Memphis Depot
"J" Street Cafe, Building 274**

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on September 16, 1999, at the Memphis Depot in the "J" Street Cafe, Building 274, 2163 Airways Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee. The attendance list is attached.

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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3 **MR. WILLIAMS:** I'd like to say good afternoon to everyone. My name is Mondell Williams.
4 I'm the co-chair of the Environmental Board. I represent the community,
5 and I'd like to welcome everyone to the September meeting. I would like
6 to welcome former employees or any residents; or anyone who has not
7 attended this meeting before -- I would like to welcome you, too.

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9 I would like to make sure that all the visitors sign in at the back sign-in
10 table there, and make sure that you give a complete name, complete
11 address and your zip code, so that if any mail-out is being done, you will be
12 on the list.

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14 And when you get up to speak -- if you have a public comment and when
15 you get up to speak -- make sure that you say your complete name so our
16 transcriber will be able to type your name in right.

17 **MR. PHILLIPS:** Hello, my name is Shawn Phillips. I'm the co-chair of the Restoration
18 Advisory Board from the Defense Logistics Agency. I'd like to introduce
19 two special guests that are with us tonight. There's a representative from
20 the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, I believe Ms. Dee
21 Williamson. We also have a gentleman from our new construction
22 contractor named Charles Riggs. He attended our RAB meeting last
23 month. He's here again tonight, but he would like to introduce a couple of

1 folks with him here tonight. Mr. Riggs?
2 MR. RIGGS: Go to the microphone?
3 MR. PHILLIPS: Yes, sir. Thank you.
4 MR. RIGGS: I want to -- can you hear me okay?
5 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah.
6 MR. RIGGS: By the way, I should explain that several of us, when we propose on
7 contracts of this type, often have what we call "team members" on the
8 proposed team, and two small disadvantaged business partners that we
9 have on the team are here with me tonight. If I could -- well, they're all
10 mixed up back there.
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12 The gentlemen on the right and in the far back are from a company called
13 Solutions To Environmental Problems or STEP, a small disadvantaged
14 company. Jeff Wood, stand up, please. Jeff is the owner of the company,
15 and Basil Skelton behind him there is his main man. The two gentlemen to
16 their right are with a company called McKissack & McKissack. That's
17 Robert Garland and Napoleon Embry. Robert, I think, is from Nashville.
18 Napoleon is an engineer with their firm in Memphis. We're going to stay
19 here for a while tonight. Last time I had to -- last month I had a meeting
20 the next day that I had to leave for. I'll stay here tonight.
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22 If anybody had any personal questions or company questions you want to
23 ask me, I'll be glad to try to answer them for you. Thank you very much,
24 Shawn.
25 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Charles.
26 MR. WILLIAMS: The Community Relations Office sent out some RAB Member
27 Applications. I was hoping that they would disperse -- she sent out five
28 applications, and I was hoping that they would disperse to the community
29 organizations that would like to have members sitting on the RAB
30 Committee.
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32 We have a subcommittee which comprises of Mr. Ulysses Truitt, Mr.
33 Kevin Clay, Ms. Willett, that sits here on the right side of me, and me and

1 Mr. Jim Covington. We will be having a meeting very soon -- and we will
2 be having a meeting very soon on filling that position.

3 MR. PHILLIPS: Let me point out with Mondell that the deadline for the submission of those
4 filled-out applications back to that subcommittee is 30 September. That's a
5 Thursday.
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7 **REVIEW AND APPROVE SEPTEMBER AGENDA**
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9 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. Everybody has an agenda in front of them, and I would like to know
10 if anyone would like to make any changes, would like to add something or
11 have something deleted or omitted from the agenda tonight. If not, may I
12 get a motion?

13 MR. ENGLISH: Move we accept the agenda.

14 MS. PETERS: Second the motion.

15 MR. WILLIAMS: All in favor?

16 RAB MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Any abstaining? Agenda carries.
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19 **REVIEW AUGUST MEETING MINUTES**
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21 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. On your table you have the minutes -- we sent out the minutes from
22 the last meeting, and hopefully everyone has looked over it. If there're any
23 corrections that need to be made, do so at the present time. Sir?

24 MR. BALLARD: Turpin Ballard. Mine crossed in the mail. I haven't got a chance to look at
25 them. I'm going to abstain.

26 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. Anyone else?

27 RAB MEMBERS: (No response noted.)

28 MR. WILLIAMS: If there's no problem --

29 MR. ENGLISH: Move we accept the minutes.

30 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay.

31 MS. BROOKS: Second.

32 MR. WILLIAMS: All in favor?

33 RAB MEMBERS: Aye.

34 MR. WILLIAMS: Any opposed?

1 MR. BALLARD: Abstain.

2 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. One abstained. Motion carries.

3 MR. PHILLIPS: That puts us on the point in our agenda tonight where we're on Old
4 Business, but before we start that, Ms. Moore – Alma Moore would like to
5 make a real brief announcement.

6 MS. MOORE: I'll sit down. Good evening. We've come to the part for community RAB
7 members who volunteer their time to serve their communities to deal with
8 the environmental restoration here at the Depot. Each month – I did not
9 ask for the year -- we asked for the days and the month of the birthdays of
10 our RAB members.
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12 Last month we celebrated Mondell's birthday, and this month we're
13 celebrating Ms. Elizabeth Young's and Ms. Doris Bradshaw's
14 birthday. So we'd like to give them a hand and say happy birthday to them!

15 MR. WILLIAMS: Happy birthday.

16 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Alma. Before we get into the rest of the Old Business, I
17 would like to point out that we always take suggestions from the RAB on
18 agenda topics and to date, we've had a few of those suggestions. More
19 recently, I remember Eugene Brayon had some suggestions. I'm going to
20 start trying to do this every month so we can have an idea about what the
21 following month's agenda is going to be.
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23 Tonight, we thought about what would be appropriate for October's RAB
24 agenda, and we believe that if it's appropriate, we should do a presentation
25 on our Web page. But after tonight's meeting, I'd like to bring up this topic
26 again before we adjourn and ask members of the RAB if they have any
27 suggestions for next month's RAB meeting.
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29 We'll play it by ear. If there are many suggestions, the next month we'll get
30 to what we can get to and then table the rest of those suggestions for
31 following RAB meetings. But we'd like to do that from now on, so when
32 everyone leaves, they can have an idea of what to expect the following
33 month and you can plan for it. Now on to Old Business.
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1 feedback all of the time. We just ask that you let us know so we can do
2 some follow-up. And because of your feedback, it caused us to take a
3 good look at our newsletter, which is distributed to almost 5,000 homes
4 and businesses in the Memphis area, predominantly zip codes 38106 and
5 38114.
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7 We provided a written report to you last month, and we have copies at the
8 sign-in table for you. It tells a little bit about the history because we had
9 some concerns from a couple of RAB members about the distribution of
10 our newsletter.
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12 We use -- we used two bulk mailing companies prior to this particular
13 system that we're using now. We were not satisfied with the first one, and
14 we used another one. Well, we found out that the distribution was not
15 done. It was not kept up with, and I have to apologize for that because
16 there was no way for me to know unless feedback came from the
17 community.
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19 The most recent company that we used -- I would send information to be
20 added to the mailing lists, names and what have you -- and I had a file.
21 When Cookie joined Frontline to help with the numerous activities that go
22 on in community relations for the Depot, she double-checked. None of
23 them were added. So we found out quite a few things when we took on
24 that project of managing our own database.
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26 The first thing that Cookie did -- in order to get information and feedback
27 from 50 people -- was contact 237 people from our mailing list of almost
28 5,000. Now, that sounds like that's not a whole lot out of 5,000, but the
29 number of times that Cookie had to call the people over and over again to
30 get feedback from them, turned into a two-week project for her -- doing it
31 a little bit every day to get this information.
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33 We found out that 64 percent read the EnviroNews. Thirty-six percent
34 receive the EnviroNews but do not read it, and let me say that some people

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2 It is my full intent to get that done next week and get that document out
3 for 30 days of public comment starting at the beginning of October. So I'd
4 like to just point out that from the EnviroNews as a change.
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6 Okay. Our October BRAC Cleanup Team meeting -- at this time every
7 meeting we usually ask for a volunteer to go to the next month's meeting
8 from the RAB. Our next month meeting will not be held the Thursday
9 that's the morning of the RAB next month.
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11 We plan on holding the meeting off site because we're having another
12 strategic planning meeting the week we're having the BRAC Cleanup Team
13 meeting. The location is going to be a state park -- at Pickwick -- which is
14 about a two-hour drive east of here. The meeting will be -- the BRAC
15 Cleanup Team meeting will be Monday afternoon starting at about one
16 o'clock, and that's October the 25. It's the last Monday in October. So
17 we'd like to know if there are any volunteers to go to that meeting.

18 MR. TYLER: (Member raises hand up.)

19 MR. PHILLIPS: Mr. Tyler, thank you. Mr. Tyler also attended our BRAC Cleanup Team
20 meeting today. So he'll be speaking again in just a second here. Okay.
21 The next item on our agenda is an update on the EnviroNews newsletter.
22 Ms. Moore?

23 MS. MOORE: It's my turn?

24 MR. PHILLIPS: Yup, Ms. Alma Black Moore.
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26 **ENVIRONEWS UPDATE**

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28 MS. MOORE: I'd better use that. Good evening, everyone. This presentation was tabled
29 last month due to the length of our meeting; however, we would like to
30 thank all of the RAB members and all of the community members for their
31 feedback to Frontline and to the Memphis Depot about the newsletter.
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33 We would not know how to make changes, how to improve and how to
34 make plans if we don't get feedback from you. So we encourage your

1 **OLD BUSINESS**

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3 **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM AUGUST MEETING**

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5 **MR. PHILLIPS:** I'm going to send a flyer around for you to please sign. Let me start it
6 down here with Ms. Willett. We ask the RAB members to let Alma know
7 what amount of time you would have available for some risk assessment
8 guidance that we would like to receive from Dr. Ted Simon from EPA
9 Region 4 in January -- January 19. That's the Wednesday before our first
10 RAB meeting of the year 2000.

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12 I'd like to thank Mr. Garrison and Mr. Tyler for getting back to Alma with
13 some feedback on that. The sheet we're passing around asks for your
14 availability on that day. We're planning a full eight-hour training session,
15 and the way it's set up is -- I believe -- a three-and-a-half-hour or a four-
16 hour block in the morning, then a block in the afternoon. If you can attend
17 both please check underneath both, but we need that to plan for
18 arrangements such as lunch or whatever. Okay? So we'd appreciate that.
19 That will be working its way around.

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21 The Responsiveness Summary to the public comments on the paint shop
22 Parcels 28 and 35 -- the proposed removal action -- we mailed out a copy
23 earlier this week of that Responsiveness Summary, and that's an item on
24 our agenda tonight we're going to discuss.

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26 We also mailed you a response letter to Mr. Bradshaw from Turpin Ballard
27 from EPA regarding a Comprehensive Environmental Response
28 Compensation and Liability Act, better known as CERCLA, and how
29 CERCLA applies to the Depot.

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31 We also mailed out a copy of the Web address which Stanley Tyler had
32 asked for on the Department of Defense.
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1 My next item was the RAB Community Member Applications, but Mondell
2 covered that.

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4 Do we have James Covington here tonight? Jim Covington?

5 RAB MEMBERS: (No response noted.)

6 MR. PHILLIPS: Jim Covington did some research concerning a question that Ms. Betty
7 Mills from the community had. She wanted to know about MIFA -- if they
8 were storing food in Building 629. I know he went to them and asked
9 them. I don't know what he found out, but he was going to report on that
10 tonight. I'll ask him to generate some piece of correspondence that we can
11 mail out.

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13 Also, Ms. Bradshaw asked if one of our tenants, a tenant named Livingston
14 Healthcare, that stores pharmaceutical drugs that are used for the treatment
15 of cancer in their building and distributes those chemicals or medicines --
16 she asked if any of those were radioactive.

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18 Mr. Covington also spoke with Livingston Healthcare, and he has a
19 response to that. I do have an idea of what his response was going to be.
20 He told me that there were no radioactive pharmaceuticals stored there.
21 Again I'll ask him to provide a response to the board for that.

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23 Okay. Ms. Brooks -- Peggy Brooks -- from our board voiced a concern
24 last month over the light industrial zoning category that's been in place for
25 the Depot, and that's forced us to do some research.

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27 Mr. Garrison provided us with some documents. Let me point them out
28 here. There's the Zoning Ordinance Regulations of the Memphis-Shelby
29 County Office of Planning and Development. We have a copy of this. I
30 believe, Mr. Garrison actually mailed us these documents. So I would like
31 to really appreciate -- I'd like to really thank him for that.

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33 We also have the Zoning Text Amendments from 1986 through 1998 and
34 that's this document, Zoning Text Amendments. These are really the rules

1 for how zoning is done within the municipality of Memphis. You know,
2 we'd like to make these available for any of the RAB members to check
3 out. You could also go directly to the Planning Commission.
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5 We have a letter that we mailed to Ms. Brooks. I would like to pass that
6 around to the RAB members, and this letter includes a telephone number
7 from the Office of Planning and Development which you could get in direct
8 contact with them.

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10 And in the last -- Mr. Gray, when this gets around to you, would you mind
11 circulating it to the rest of the room?

12 MR. GRAY: I will.

13 MR. PHILLIPS: Ms. Moore -- Alma -- has some checkout sheets with me over here. If you
14 want to take one of those ordinance books home with you tonight, RAB
15 members, please feel free to come fill this out, and you can leave with the
16 document.
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18 Also, at last month's meeting, I brought up a report called the Initial
19 Assessment Study which is about the earliest environmental report done
20 here at the Depot, from 1981. And I'd like to review that document and
21 provide a fact sheet to the members of the RAB. The document is
22 available in the repositories. But you know for the ease of the RAB, I'd
23 like to extract that historical information, which is really the first efforts
24 that anyone took here to do the document research over the history of the
25 environmental program. I'd like to prepare a fact sheet based on that and
26 provide it to the RAB along with another outstanding issue which I've been
27 meaning to provide the RAB, which is the budget report. So I would like
28 to put those two fact sheets together and mail those out to you. And like I
29 said last month, I hope to have that to you by the end of this month, by the
30 end of September.
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32 Like always, we'd like to invite members of the RAB and the public to visit
33 our Information Repositories at the Main Library on Peabody and the
34 Cherokee branch on Sharpe. We have an Information Repository at the

1 Memphis Shelby County Health Department, Carter Gray's office. We also
2 have a copy of the document here at our reading room.

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4 We have all of our documents available for check out to RAB members,
5 and unfortunately, we haven't received any requests for that yet, but we're
6 always willing. We have the Community Relations hot line number at
7 544-0613. This is the hot line number that's on our EnviroNews, and if
8 you need any help getting any documents, you can call that number and
9 talk to Alma and she can help you out.

10 MR. WILLIAMS: One quick question. Mr. Tyler asked a question last week I think, if the
11 repository books and information could be copied to the Internet. I don't
12 know if you responded to that.

13 MR. PHILLIPS: I don't know if I responded to that. But if we could make the software
14 work that way, and we're told by our consultants we can, we will make our
15 Administrative Record available over the Internet to where it can be
16 viewed. So, yeah, we plan on doing that Mondell.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: (Co-chair nods in approval or agreement.)

18 MR. PHILLIPS: I've mentioned -- we had a public meeting earlier this summer on a
19 chemical warfare removal project proposed for Dunn Field. And right now
20 we sent the public comments off to the Corps of Engineers for an initial
21 response to those comments.

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23 But there's one thing that I haven't given the RAB an update on. In a
24 couple of months a similar project is being held -- similar to ours -- out in
25 Ogden, Utah. That's another Army base and their site is fairly similar. It's
26 a lot larger than the situation we have here. But I'd asked earlier this year
27 if we could fly two of our citizen members of the RAB, along with me, and
28 I'm assuming maybe the regulators would like to go -- Mr. Jordan English
29 and Turpin Ballard.

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31 If we could take a group of us out to Ogden since Ogden's site will be
32 mobilized in the field, and they'll be performing the removal action out
33 there prior to coming here to Memphis. Memphis is after Ogden in how

1 they're moving to do the sites, pretty much just so the RAB members could
2 see what to expect once the chemical warfare materiel folks came here.

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4 Ogden's project was delayed significantly. It was supposed to be in the
5 field earlier this summer but as of last week, they told me they were
6 planning on mobilizing for their fieldwork towards the end of October. So
7 it kind of raises this issue up.
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9 We don't need to make the decision tonight, but I need a show of hands.
10 I'm looking at probably the week before Thanksgiving or the week after
11 Thanksgiving, which begins in November and runs over to December. Or
12 the first full week of December to take this trip out to Ogden, and I need to
13 know how many folks from the RAB -- and I mean citizen members from
14 the RAB -- would be interested in that kind of a trip?

15 MR. WILLIAMS: Show of hands?

16 MS. PETERS: How many days you say you would stay?

17 MR. PHILLIPS: I need to check on flight schedules to see if we could make it out there and
18 get any work done during the day. My wife just flew out to Seattle for
19 some work and she took a morning flight and was in Seattle by noon. So I
20 believe we could do this trip in one night. Fly out one day, view the site,
21 then fly back the next morning. If we can't do that, we'll have to stretch it
22 to a two-day trip, but my intention is it to be one night. How many people
23 do we have interested? Mondell? Ms. Willett, are you interested?

24 MS. WILLETT: What dates did you say?

25 MR. PHILLIPS: The week before Thanksgiving, the week after Thanksgiving or the first
26 full week in December. They're all regular school weeks, ma'am.

27 MS. WILLETT: They are? No. The answer is no. I have another commitment.

28 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you. Mr. Garrison?

29 MR. GARRISON: (Member signals no.)

30 MR. PHILLIPS: Mr. Bond?

31 MR. BOND: No. No.

32 MR. PHILLIPS: Are you interested? Willie Mae Peters?

33 MS. PETERS: Johnnie Mae Peters.

34 MR. PHILLIPS: Sorry. Sorry, Ms. Willett and Ms. Peters. Stanley, are you interested?

1 MR. TYLER: No. No.
2 MR. PHILLIPS: Ms. Brooks?
3 MS. BROOKS: No, thank you. I'm sorry. I won't be able to take that time.
4 MR. PHILLIPS: Mr. Truitt?
5 MR. TRUITT: Ulysses Truitt. I've seen that kind of action before over my years. I want
6 to advise you that going to Ogden at that time of the year is going to
7 depend on the weather because you've got a 50-mile drive from the airport.
8 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you. I've never been to Ogden, but you're right. Ms. Young?
9 MS. YOUNG: I'll have to decline after that statement.
10 MR. TRUITT: It's a good trip.
11 MR. PHILLIPS: We have several RAB members who aren't in attendance tonight and we'll
12 call them over the next week or two. It looks to me -- I had a situation if
13 we had more than two volunteers to go -- we were going to have to work
14 out a method of selecting two volunteers. If we only have two people
15 interested in going, then that will alleviate that situation. But we'll bring
16 this up again in October. And we'll be sure to call Mr. Clay, Ms.
17 Bradshaw, City Council Member Janet Hooks and Eugene Brayon. We
18 will contact those folks sometime in the next week or so to let them know
19 that the trip is back on.
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21 Okay. There was a mistake. It wasn't a mistake at the time of printing, but
22 we've been unable to get the document out as expediently as we would
23 have liked. In the most recent EnviroNews, the September/October
24 EnviroNews, right here on the second page in the blue highlighted section,
25 it says that our first Finding of Suitability to Transfer, we were planing on
26 getting that out -- that's the Finding of Suitability to Transfer for the public
27 housing area. We were planning on getting that document out for 30 days
28 of public comment starting on 1 September through the end of the month.
29 I still have the document on my desk. We wanted to update the
30 information on the inside of those housing units since they have been
31 unoccupied for roughly two years now. We had to walk through the units
32 and now I need to document that in the text of that Finding of Suitability to
33 Transfer.
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1 said that "I may have or my husband reads it or my child reads it." So 64
2 percent readership is very good for a newsletter distributed within a certain
3 area. Six percent were unable to differentiate between the EnviroNews and
4 a newsletter that goes out from the DRC called the Depot Conversion.
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6 Some of you in the community may receive this newsletter, but it says
7 "Depot," also. I'm going to pass this around in case some RAB members
8 have not seen it. But they confused it with this particular newsletter, and
9 three percent said that it may have been received but thrown away by a
10 family member.
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12 So there were quite a few questions that Cookie asked, but we wanted to
13 get that information so we could find out why and if people were not
14 receiving the newsletter.
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16 We sought to manage the mailing process and to get better control. First
17 thing Cookie did was clean up the mailing database and the labels. We had
18 little quotation marks on the labels, lower case and upper case fonts. You
19 know, when you contract work out or subcontract -- and we're contractors
20 -- when you subcontract, sometimes you find out that people don't work as
21 cautiously as you do in getting a job done or a project done with
22 professionalism.
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24 We updated the database and added 350 new addresses that we found out
25 that we needed to add. The July and August bulk mailing of the newsletter
26 was done here at the Depot by me and Cookie. Now, let me tell you-all,
27 we're chronologically advantaged right here, and we actually affixed labels
28 to almost 5,000 newsletters! We attended a little mini-class at the Bulk
29 Mail Center to find out about the bulk mailing process. We got a bulk
30 mailing number for bulk mailing. There's a certain rubber band that you
31 have to use. You have a certain amount in bundles that you have to do.
32 So we did this, and we couldn't move for three days after then with our
33 arms and our legs. Then we had to put it in a tray by zip. It's quite a
34 process.

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2 Thanks to you -- the community -- we found out that when you ask
3 someone to do something for you, you better check to make sure they're
4 doing it. And we had no way of really checking that if we didn't get
5 feedback from the community. So we found out that, hey, we could
6 manage our own things here in the Community Relations Department at the
7 Depot and get it out also. So we did get the newsletter out in July and
8 August, and we moved a little slow for a few days after then.

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10 We're going to show you the areas that we use when we send out the
11 newsletter and where we send it to. We're trying to concentrate on 38106,
12 38114. Those are the two biggest zip codes. We do have what you call in
13 bulk mailing, mixed states. And we have to have a bundle because we send
14 our newsletter, of course, to the DDMT -- well, DLA offices in New
15 Cumberland. So we send it all over the country.

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17 So we have certain areas that we try to concentrate on, and that's
18 immediately around the Depot area here. To give you an example of some
19 of the -- this is just a chart that we used to show the readership for the
20 newsletter, and 64 percent in community relations of a publication is great
21 readership for an area newsletter. That's a graph there, and that was
22 included in your handout.

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24 Let's show them the first sheet of names. This is an example of the
25 questions that Cookie asked and some of the names of actual community
26 members that she called. It's so ironic coming from the neighborhood.
27 When she pulled the names and had to find someone that didn't have an
28 answering machine or that would talk to her, I looked at the list. I said, "I
29 remember him or I went to school with him." So it was people from the
30 community. She pulled names, and we did include the people that she
31 called and some of the responses to the questions for your review in the
32 handout. If you didn't have your handout with you or hadn't had a chance
33 to look at it, copies are available in the back.
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1 Because we were walking real slow after mailing our own newsletter out, I
2 started talking to some people in the industry and some community people
3 that are friends, and we have Whitehaven High School's Distributive
4 Education class doing our mailing.
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6 Let me tell you what happened. We took the newsletters that were mailed
7 directly to them Monday -- on a Monday. Tuesday, we spoke with the
8 students two weeks out and explained to them all the things that we had to
9 learn in bulk mailing. Tuesday morning, after they received the newsletters
10 on a Monday afternoon, two class periods of young people -- with better
11 arms and legs -- were able to put the labels on in two and a half hours.
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13 We never knew whether it was the post office or the mailing company.
14 You know, the mailing company would say it was the post office. The
15 post office would say it was the mailing company. So we had no way to
16 really find out. So we found out from mailing the newsletter on a Tuesday.
17 To give you an example, my zip code is 38141. I received my newsletter
18 the very next day, as well as Cookie whose zip code is 38116. My mother
19 who is in the Depot community, 38106, received hers today.
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21 So we have control of our newsletter. So I think that we just had a
22 problem with the mailing company and the post office, but the post office
23 got our newsletter out. So that leaves a lot to question.
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25 But I did want to thank you for bringing it to our attention and to also let
26 you know that we want your feedback. We need you to distribute the
27 newsletter, find out if people -- they don't have to live in the Depot area. If
28 you live out of the Depot area and you want to receive a newsletter, call.
29 We'll add your name to the database.
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31 Cookie does a great job in maintaining that database and adding names,
32 and we're here to make sure that we try to get as much information for you
33 as possible.
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1 So that's the end of my presentation, and it was a lot of hard work, but we
2 learned. Are there any questions?

3 MS. PETERS: Johnnie Mae Peters.

4 MS. MOORE: Yes, ma'am?

5 MS. PETERS: I think you-all did a wonderful job because the post office does not send
6 bulk mail the next day. They get it ready if you've got it in zip codes right,
7 but they don't send it that fast. So you did a beautiful job.

8 MS. MOORE: Thank you, Ms. Peters, and we also go to the dock at the Main Post Office
9 ourselves and hang around and beg and ask them to get to it.

10 MS. PETERS: That's the way you got it done.

11 MS. MOORE: We got it done. So we had to establish a few relationships, and thank you
12 a whole lot, Ms. Peters. We hope to take it to the postal workers and
13 stand around and make sure we have our labels right because if we don't
14 we'll have to do it over on the dock like we did the other day. So we're
15 doing that kind of thing. So those are the kind of things that go on in the
16 Community Relations Office at the Memphis Depot.

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18 So come and visit us and visit our repositories and ask us some questions,
19 and we'll be glad to try to find the source of any help that you need. And
20 keep giving us feedback; we need it. Thank you.

21 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Alma. That truly is. I believe Mr. Brayon was the person who
22 pointed out that.

23 MS. MOORE: He and Kevin Clay.

24 MR. PHILLIPS: He and Kevin Clay. When they hired that contractor, the bulk mailing
25 contractor, the only way we know that different people on your --
26 neighbors of yours on your street did not receive their newsletter was back
27 from Mr. Brayon and Mr. Clay.

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29 So that's the way that system is supposed to work, and that was feedback
30 the RAB provided back to us that we were able to make a change based
31 upon.

32 MS. MOORE: One more comment. I have pictures of the students at Whitehaven High
33 School, that I'm passing around, doing such a wonderful job. We do want

1 you to know that the Distributive Education Clubs of America take trips,
2 and they go to different contests and learn about businesses.

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4 So they will get compensated for helping, but they really did a great job,
5 and we do have to make presentations to them about what we do and all
6 the business ethics of running a business. So we give them a little service
7 and get something back. So I'm really glad about that partnering that we're
8 doing with Whitehaven High School. - -

9 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Alma. Moving on to New Business. I had a particular
10 request for a RAB member tonight for us to try to aggressively stay on the
11 agenda. We're going to try to do that so we can get to the RAB comment
12 period and then the Public Comment Period.

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14 **NEW BUSINESS**

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16 **RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY FOR THE OLD PAINT SHOP AND**
17 **MAINTENANCE AREA PARCELS 28 AND 35**

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19 MR. PHILLIPS: First item on the New Business is the Responsiveness Summary which is
20 the response to public comment that was offered by citizens for the
21 proposed cleanup action at Parcels 35 and 28 -- what I refer to as the paint
22 shop and maintenance area in the southwest corner of the main facility.
23 That's at the intersection of Ball and Perry inside our fence line.

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25 I've got a statement here to relay. The Public Comment Period for that
26 proposed cleanup action at the paint shop and maintenance areas opened
27 on May 17, 1999. That 30-day public comment period was extended until
28 July 16. So it was extended 30 more days. Early in the period, we
29 conducted a public meeting to discuss that proposed action, and that was
30 on May 20.

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32 During that 60-day Public Comment Period, we received comments in
33 writing from two citizens, two citizens who are also RAB members. We

1 also received verbal comments from several citizens during that public
2 comment meeting. In total we received 29 comments.

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4 I distributed those 29 comments to CH2M Hill, the consultant for this
5 project, and also the Environmental Protection Agency and the Tennessee
6 Department of Environment and Conservation. They provided assistance
7 or assistance was provided by each of those groups in the preparation of
8 the responses and we mailed those responses out earlier this week along
9 with the RAB meeting minutes.

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11 The decision to perform this cleanup will be documented in an Action
12 Memorandum. The Action Memorandum is based upon the Engineering
13 Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA). We usually refer to that as the
14 EE/CA. The public comments and the government's responses to those
15 comments are attached to that memo. That Action Memorandum is at my
16 headquarters right now for signature and it might have very well been
17 signed today. As of lunchtime, it wasn't.

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19 Alma will forward that signed document when I get it back, as well as
20 place that document or copies of it in the Information Repositories. It will
21 also eventually be available on the Web site as part of the Administrative
22 Record supporting a decision to do that cleanup action.

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24 I understand that the RAB just received that document, but does anyone
25 need any clarification of the responses?

26 RAB MEMBERS: (No response noted.)

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28 **RAB STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

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30 MR. PHILLIPS: Okay. With that having been said, last year during our break during the
31 holiday season of November/December, we had a RAB meeting. It was
32 fairly sparsely attended. I think we had six or seven RAB members there.
33 If you'll recall that was the meeting where we had a professional consultant
34 who knows about meeting facilitation come and give the RAB some

1 pointers on how meetings are to be run -- kind of a parliamentary
2 procedure meeting. Jordan English would like to say a few words about a
3 similar type of effort that's coming up this year. Jordan?

4 MR. ENGLISH: Yes. The idea at this point is to have a similar meeting this year to sort of
5 evaluate the RAB, let the RAB evaluate itself basically and try and set
6 goals for year 2000.

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8 Maybe, a good idea would be to revisit the Charter, make any changes that
9 RAB members see fit to the Charter, if it's necessary at all; help us be more
10 productive as a RAB. Right now the date is uncertain. It sort of depends
11 on the Ogden trip, how that's going to work out. But they're sort of
12 looking at December 1 I believe, somewhere in the neighborhood of the
13 first of December.

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15 So what we ask for at this point is feedback on this suggestion. If you like
16 the idea also, come forward with any ideas for agenda topics for this RAB
17 session. This RAB -- I think it's called strategic planning. It's the RAB's
18 strategic planning session and partnering meeting or session.

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20 So I think it's a great idea, but this is a thing that the RAB itself, especially
21 the citizen members need to be active with. So any ideas and suggestions
22 for agenda topics or things to discuss, please provide those. You can
23 provide those to either Alma or Cookie at the Community Relations Office,
24 and they'd like to get these by October the 15 if they can. And we'll know
25 more about the certain dates of it when we get more information about
26 how the Ogden trip is going to schedule out. So that's it.

27 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Jordan.

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29 **BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE (BRAC) CLEANUP TEAM**
30 **(BCT) UPDATE**

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32 MR. PHILLIPS: We had a Base Realignment and Closure Cleanup Team or BRAC Cleanup
33 Team, BCT, meeting today. A RAB member did attend that meeting.

1 That was Mr. Tyler. I would like to go over what our agenda was today
2 real briefly.

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4 Thank you. We reviewed the August meeting minutes which were
5 approved and signed. A copy of those are in front of each RAB member.
6 Do we have copies of those August RAB meetings at the door? Yeah, we
7 have a few copies of those at the door. We will be putting these meeting
8 minutes out in our repositories.

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10 Then we started a Project Update, and we updated four projects. We
11 started with the groundwater system over at Dunn Field. We spoke about
12 a schedule for installing some additional wells, and that's pending
13 contractual actions like awarding delivery orders to do that kind of work,
14 but we're planning on late October, or more likely during the month of
15 November to do some more well installation.

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17 We also discussed the operations and maintenance contract for that system.
18 The existing contract is due to expire in early November, so the Corps of
19 Engineers has been working hard for us. They're planning on having
20 Sverdrup, the new construction contractor, take over that operations and
21 maintenance for us. So it will be a smooth, transparent transition, and the
22 system will never not be operational. It will continue to be operational.

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24 We discussed the removal action at the Parcels 28/35, the paint shop.
25 Basically our discussion of that centered around the scheduling. We're not
26 as far along in contracting with that because we're just finalizing the Action
27 Memorandum currently. We're looking for the potential to -- to start the
28 fieldwork in either January or February of next year. If that changes, I will
29 update the RAB on that, if it moves up or if it's delayed.

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31 We discussed the chemical warfare materiel project. Specifically the RAB
32 -- or the BRAC Cleanup Team discussed and asked the Corps of Engineers
33 to make sure they addressed the community's concerns with safety,
34 specifically issues such as evacuation if worst-case scenarios are exceeded

1 and occurred. And we wanted to make sure the Corps of Engineers
2 includes the local emergency planning or preparedness office. I don't know
3 whether it's planning or preparedness but the local emergency readiness
4 folks.

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6 As you recall if you were here at the June 17th public meeting we had, the
7 Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) was represented.
8 There was a young lady here. I believe her name was Tammy Simonton
9 and she is aware of that project. We just wanted to make sure, and we
10 asked the Corps today to make sure, that they would be fully dialed in and
11 fully involved with any kind of contingency plans which we develop or the
12 Corps develops.

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14 We discussed the Remedial Investigations on the Main Installation and at
15 Dunn Field. A lot of the discussion was around schedules, and we are on
16 schedule for those.

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18 There were a couple of items of new work that came up. On the Main
19 Installation, we're planning on drilling an offsite monitoring well that's off
20 the government's property. It will be to the southwest corner, somewhere
21 between the southwest corner of the facility at the intersection of Ball and
22 Perry and Elvis Presley -- somewhere in the middle of that area -- and we're
23 looking at locations.

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25 We also discussed that Dunn Field sampling in the southeast corner of
26 Dunn Field. Now that the fluorspar stockpiles are nearly gone, we're
27 planning on taking some soil borings over there. We're even going to drill
28 through one of the concrete pads and sample underneath that pad to make
29 sure that nothing was ever buried there; although, we don't suspect from
30 our records and from our aerial photographs that anything was buried
31 there.

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33 And there was also a discussion about the pistol range which is in the north
34 -- the former pistol range, which is in the northeast corner of Dunn Field.

1 We discussed that that would have to be addressed prior to any reuse of
2 that area.

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4 Okay. That is my BRAC Cleanup plan. Stanley Tyler was going to offer
5 some comments, but I see Ms. Brooks has a RAB comment.

6 MS. BROOKS: Thank you very, very much. I have a serious -- very serious concern.

7 Okay. It is on page 6, subtopic Dunn Field Functional Units.

8 MR. PHILLIPS: What document are you looking at, Ms. Brooks?

9 MS. BROOKS: Okay. I'm on with August, BRAC Cleanup Team August -- I'm sorry --
10 Meeting Minutes, August 19, '99, the BRAC Cleanup Team, page 6,
11 subtopic Dunn Field Functional Units. About midway of the first
12 paragraph in part (reading) "But that the Risk Assessment approach would
13 identify exposure based on proposed reuse", and we're talking about Risk
14 Assessment.

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16 Proposed reuse to my understanding is to be industrial; is that not correct?

17 MR. PHILLIPS: Not totally. The northeast corner is recreational.

18 MS. BROOKS: All right. In major part, it would be industrial?

19 MR. PHILLIPS: That's the reuse plan currently, yes, ma'am.

20 MS. BROOKS: The assessment should identify exposure based on -- based on residential
21 citizens' health primary. That's just my opinion. Rather than recreational
22 and industrial, I really think the risk assessment should focus primarily on
23 residential citizens' health. I think this is a very serious humanitarian
24 concern.

25 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, ma'am. Are there any other comments on that?

26 MS. BROOKS: No. Just for the record, speaking on behalf of the residents in my
27 neighborhood, I really think that residential health, the assessment would
28 be of a different nature than that of industrial or recreational. And if I am
29 incorrect, please clarify for me, but it's heartbreaking to see this on paper.

30 MR. BALLARD: I would like to clarify.

31 MR. PHILLIPS: Mr. Turpin Ballard?

32 MR. BALLARD: This is Turpin Ballard. After last month's RAB meeting, it became very
33 clear that -- we had always intended doing a residential risk assessment
34 scenario for Dunn Field, but our original intent was -- because the --

1 because of the proposed reuse of being recreational and light industrial.
2 Our original intent was to sort of do a worst-case residential scenario
3 saying if we use the highest concentration we found of any particular
4 contaminant, here's what the residential risk would be.
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6 Since your concerns at last month's meeting -- I believe it was you Ms.
7 Brooks who raised those concerns so vigorously -- I think we had -- we're
8 going to reevaluate that position and are going to do a more rigorous
9 Baseline Risk Assessment for a residential scenario.
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11 And we've had, since that last month's RAB meeting, we've had a
12 conference call including the BCT and our toxicologists who scope out the
13 Risk Assessment for Dunn Field. But what I was hearing, I'm not sure if I
14 was hearing you saying just now when you were talking about an
15 assessment of residents' health, if you're referring to current residents who
16 are having health problems and an assessment of their health problems.
17 Because if that is the case, that's not the objective of this Risk Assessment
18 for Dunn Field.
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20 The objective of the Risk Assessment is to look at, under a scenario where
21 someone would be living on Dunn Field as a resident, what would their risk
22 be, and to look at the -- to try and determine the level of cleanup that
23 would be needed in order to make Dunn Field available for residential use.
24 That's the purpose of looking at a residential scenario is to say, if
25 somebody were living here, what do we have to do to make it safe for them
26 to live here.
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28 Well, we would look at not only residential use, but we also will be looking
29 at residential and industrial because we do that in a Risk Assessment. We
30 look at a variety of scenarios for risk management.

31 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Turpin. Ms. Brooks, do you have any more?

32 MS. BROOKS: Well, on Dunn Field, that's only a matter of a few feet away from residents,
33 and to me, risk implies future. So it's not just a matter of current health,
34 but ongoing health concerns. This is just a personal opinion. I just hope

1 that we prioritize and put the human element in, that residents are living on
2 Dunn Field. Right across the street people are living.

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4 So I can't -- whatever happens on Dunn Field to me should affect folks
5 living just a few feet away. But it's primarily -- maybe I'm not
6 understanding you thoroughly -- but I would have liked to have seen in
7 writing. Because in writing is what counts, instead of the wording
8 "exposure based on proposed reuse" I think something should have been --
9 since this has been with all due respect -- gone back and clarified and
10 upgraded to include residential. It would be more valid if something in
11 writing on paper would say that this has been done.

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13 This has been amended. If this has actually been amended, something in
14 writing. You know, we always go back to what's on the paper, what's in
15 writing. Proposed reuse at the time of this was industrial, possibly
16 industrial slash recreational, and now it's been upgraded to residential.

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18 So on paper, in writing, I really think that the health of the residents should
19 be, in my opinion, primary focus. But it might not be a primary focus in a
20 Risk Assessment to anyone else, but I really think for the people who
21 actually live a few feet away from Dunn Field, the Risk Assessment should
22 have as a primary focus residential health -- residents' health, the health of
23 the citizen residents.

24 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Ms. Brooks.

25 MS. BROOKS: And if I'm wrong, please forgive me, but I just believe the people are more
26 important than industry.

27 MS. PETERS: May I ask a question, please?

28 MR. PHILLIPS: Let me recognize you in just a second, Ms. Peters. Thank you for your
29 comment. Your knowledge of Risk Assessments -- I have no idea what
30 your knowledge is. This is one of the reasons why we'd like to get Dr.
31 Simon here in January. I've been to a Risk Assessment course myself. I
32 know last month Ms. Bradshaw was referring to some risk training she had
33 been to. It's a very complicated subject.
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1 We're lucky to have Dr. Simon volunteer his time to come give us that
2 training session, but I'd like to encourage you, along with every RAB
3 member, that that Wednesday in January -- I believe it's Wednesday January
4 19 -- that everyone make an effort to attend that.

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6 I know it's an impedance on people's schedules to take a whole day out to
7 attend such a thing, but I've heard this gentleman talk. He's talked to this
8 RAB before, and I don't know if you'll leave that session happy or satisfied
9 or not, but I know you'll leave it knowing more than when you came there.
10 Ms. Peters?

11 MS. PETERS: Johnny Mae Peters. I just want to ask a question because I'm not
12 understanding what she's saying. I'm wondering if she's saying the property
13 at Dunn Field should be brought up to standards so they could build
14 housing on it, or what is she saying?

15 MS. BROOKS: Oh, no, we don't need any more houses. We have quite a few houses.

16 MS. PETERS: What do you mean?

17 MS. BROOKS: Of course not. I'm concerned about people already living there --

18 MS. PETERS: You think there's something --

19 MS. BROOKS: -- Twenty-four/seven, three hundred sixty-five.

20 MS. PETERS: -- in Dunn Field?

21 MR. PHILLIPS: Please, please, one speaker at a time.

22 MS. PETERS: I'm trying to find out, are you saying there's something in Dunn Field? If
23 they had a factory there or it would affect the folks' health who live close to
24 it? That's what I'm -- I don't understand.

25 MS. BROOKS: Yes. Okay. Risk Assessment, in my opinion, refers to the testing of the
26 area, what long-term -- isn't it long-term? Isn't Risk Assessment done
27 focusing on a long-term? Is it not?

28 MR. BALLARD: Yes. Yes.

29 MS. BROOKS: It is long-term. Okay. What I'm saying is there are people already there,
30 and many of them probably are not going to move. I think, in some
31 instances, they're not financially able to move.

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33 So my concern in looking at this paper, at this document, in reading about
34 the Risk Assessment approach, to me the primary focus is on the proposed

1 reuse which is industrial slash recreational. And my concern was that,
2 since this is a governmental document, it should have or it should read with
3 the upgrade -- since there's been somewhat of an amendment as such, it
4 should read something concerning the residents.
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6 The exposure that's being evaluated in the Risk Assessment should be
7 geared toward the health of the residents and not primarily proposed reuse
8 which, as stated in the document, is industrial/recreational.

9 MR. PHILLIPS: Ms. Brooks, I appreciate your remark, and by you making that comment
10 tonight on the record, it is in writing.

11 MS. BROOKS: Thank you.

12 MR. PHILLIPS: Ms. Brooks, thank you. Ms. Hooks?

13 MS. HOOKS: Thank you. Janet Hooks. I think that I understand exactly what -- what
14 your issue is.

15 MS. BROOKS: (Member nods head up and down.)

16 MS. HOOKS: And if I may try to paraphrase since Ms. Peters raised the question; what
17 I'm hearing Ms. Brooks say is while we're doing this Risk Assessment, you
18 have people that are living across from Dunn Field. So at the same time
19 we do the Risk Assessment to determine proposed use, industrial/
20 recreational use, we ought to also be doing a Risk Assessment that lets the
21 people know that live over on Dunn Field what their health issues are in the
22 future as a result of whatever it is that is buried over here in Dunn Field. Is
23 that correct?

24 MS. BROOKS: That is absolutely correct.

25 MR. PHILLIPS: I didn't mention this because I don't like speaking for any other agencies.
26 We've mentioned this before. I hate to put the lady on the spot. If she'd
27 like to provide anything, she's welcome to, but I'm aware that the Agency
28 for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), as a lot of RAB
29 members are -- probably you are, too, Ms. Brooks -- is working on a
30 Public Health Assessment. And I have to assume that that study looks at
31 the current health of the people who live in this community. Am I right,
32 Ms. Williamson?

33 MS. WILLIAMSON: Yes.

1 MR. PHILLIPS: The response from Ms. Dee Williamson was yes. Would you like to add
2 anything?

3 MS. WILLIAMSON: You want me to come to the microphone?

4 MR. PHILLIPS: Yes, ma'am, thank you. And thanks, Ms. Hooks, for that comment.

5 MS. WILLIAMSON: There's actually two different concepts that you're talking about: the Risk
6 Assessment which EPA is conducting and the Public Health Assessment
7 which ATSDR is doing.
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9 And what we're doing is exactly what you said, looking at the health effects
10 of what's going on at the Depot to the community residents. Dr. John
11 Crellin is currently working on that document. I'm not sure when it's going
12 to be released for public comment, but I believe it should be within,
13 hopefully, the next 30 days. So that should answer some of the questions
14 that you brought up. Does that answer it?

15 MS. BROOKS: That does.

16 MR. PHILLIPS: Ms. Brooks?

17 MS. BROOKS: May I please ask this question: Will it ever -- is it possible for the primary
18 focus, in terms of seeking proposed reuse, could we ever think in terms
19 primarily of the residents? Maybe not -- well, primarily, yes. It would
20 have to be primarily. Let the residents be a focal point, and then other
21 things secondarily.
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23 Okay. What I'm saying is it just upsets me to see this on paper since the
24 last two -- this meeting and the prior meeting, we spoke in terms of
25 industrial reuse, and at a point you remember, we were talking about
26 industrial. And today we're saying industrial/recreational, and then we've
27 got it amended to -- upgraded, amended to residential.
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29 So I'm just wondering will we ever get to that point where residents will be
30 of primary importance? That's all. That's all. In terms of cleanup, in terms
31 of reuse, could residents become somewhat of a primary focus? That's all.

32 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Ms. Brooks.
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1 Before we move on to Mr. Tyler's take on the BCT meeting today, because
2 of all the issues that we hear at the Restoration Advisory Board -- and I'll
3 just run down a list here: former workers' health, public health, facility
4 reuse, zoning, employment opportunities, drinking water, regional
5 groundwater issues. Even issues like last month I heard an issue about the
6 grounds keeping at the Depot -- because of all those concerns, neither
7 myself, or the EPA, or Tennessee Department of Environment because we
8 might not be able to answer all those concerns or we might not be the
9 appropriate agency. Today I put together this brief table that points out
10 the appropriate agency is; and if we have a point of contact there, it
11 provides that point of contact and the telephone number.

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13 The public health, it's a bigger issue than just the BRAC Cleanup Team.
14 It's actually a bigger issue than just this RAB as well. There are a lot of
15 other players involved. We do have some representation. ATSDR is not
16 on the board, but they routinely attend, and a lot of folks are to comment
17 tonight, and I'd like to thank you for that comment.

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19 **COMMENTS ON SEPTEMBER BCT MEETING**
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21 MR. PHILLIPS: Okay. Mr. Tyler, would you like to offer any comment about today's
22 BRAC Cleanup Team meeting? He needs a microphone.

23 MR. TYLER: Stanley Tyler. First, I want to go back to the August BCT meeting
24 because we suspended the rest of the business so we could get to
25 public participation. First, I want to talk about this dieldrin Bio
26 Remediation Pilot study -- remediation; excuse my French.

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28 Dr. Dennis Focht of the University of California/Riverside and Mr. Greg
29 Jenkins of Venture Capital, they provided an updated study on this
30 remediation pilot study, and what this is is they came up with a laboratory
31 way to remove dieldrin at the Depot approximately by 90 percent over
32 three years.
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1 I'm going to give you a quick summary. They tried this in the laboratory,
2 and they assured us that the initial cost of sampling was going to be the
3 highest cost and that the actual implementation would be cost effective. If
4 I'm wrong Mr. Ballard, Mr. English -- I'm sure they'll straighten me out,
5 but here's how it goes.

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7 They can apply the treatment over three years, one to two treatments per
8 year. I'm reading from their recommendation. They can monitor the soil
9 pH monthly, lime as required, irrigate during dry weather, incorporate it
10 into the landscaping practices. So they can take this treatment and
11 incorporate it into regular landscaping. So they will make it cost effective.

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13 And the goal of this bio remediation -- excuse me -- is 90 percent
14 degradation over three years, elimination of contaminant in ten years, and
15 improved soil structure. And I've been told by these particular gentlemen
16 that the costs are not prohibitive, and they are within reason.

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18 So since we're thinking about making the Depot golf course a park for our
19 ducks and children, though I know the EPA says the limits they are liable
20 under their parks provision, this will be just another effort in trying to
21 restore trust and credibility to the Depot by going this extra mile and
22 getting rid of the dieldrin. All right. That's for August.

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24 Now, as far as I'm concerned for September Dunn Field, I was told on I
25 think, the north end is going to be a park or a recreation area. Is that not
26 the final goal of that part of Dunn Field that we discussed this morning at
27 the BCT?

28 MR. PHILLIPS: I wish Mr. James Covington for the Depot Redevelopment Corporation
29 was here to speak on that, but I believe that is the intent.

30 MR. TYLER: That is the intent, to change the northeast corner into a park or recreation,
31 and I'm sure the studies that they're going to do are going to be for the
32 health and concerns of the residents and the people using the park. All of
33 this will be done after the CMW removal, the chemical warfare removal.
34

1 And I met Mr. Dunn. He's going to be in charge of that action, and he's
2 going to keep us updated on it, and we're going to get a worst-case
3 scenario plan in case something goes wrong. We will have people to
4 contact, numbers to get in touch with; and hopefully we'll have all this in
5 place within 90 days.

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7 It's like I told him this morning in the meeting. I've got earthquake
8 insurance. I don't plan on using it. I bought it anyway. So that's why we
9 want to have a plan for worst-case scenarios in case something goes
10 terribly wrong. Hopefully we never use the plan, but the residents need to
11 know what the plan is -- who to see, what to do, and where to go. Thank
12 you.

13 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Mr. Tyler. Oh, administrative announcement: If someone
14 drives a white Ford Contour, License 619BST, you left your lights on. I've
15 got a battery, but I'm afraid my jumper cables are in my garbage. Is that
16 you?

17 MR. GRAY: No. I've got jumpers.

18 MR. PHILLIPS: Okay. We have a volunteer over here. Thank you, Mr. Tyler. Back to
19 you, Mondell.

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21 **RAB COMMENT PERIOD**

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23 MR. WILLIAMS: We would like to open the table up for any comments from the RAB
24 members.

25 MR. PHILLIPS: Okay.

26 MR. TRUITT: I believe I can do this without the mike. My intentions are good. Ulysses
27 Truitt. I would like to compliment the chair for moving this meeting along
28 tonight and remaining focused on RAB objectives and not letting the
29 meeting stray from those objectives because I can plan after the next RAB
30 meeting to go to another meeting after this one. Thank you.

31 MR. GRAY: Second that as true.

32 MR. PHILLIPS: Let me point out this is -- humor is appropriate here. My in-laws knocked
33 on my door at about 7:30 last night. They were fleeing the hurricane.
34 They're from the South Carolina coastline. So I've got family waiting for

1 me at home. But as far as I'm concerned, we could drag this meeting on.
2 Thank you, Mr. Truitt.
3 MR. TRUITT: You can go home with me.
4 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. Mr. Gray?
5 MR. GRAY: Carter Gray. I noticed the number given on the sheet of other
6 environmental officials for me was the main Health Department call
7 number. If you want to avoid a few transfers and a couple of unanswered
8 questions as to who I am within the Health Department, I would suggest
9 that you call 544-7775.
10 MS. BROOKS: 544 --
11 MR. GRAY: -- 7775.
12 MR. PHILLIPS: That's a good comment. I also see something else. Would your agency not
13 also be appropriate for the second issue down, public health? Could we
14 not also put you there?
15 MR. GRAY: And groundwater as well.
16 MR. PHILLIPS: And groundwater, okay. Thank you. Our plan for this little contact list --
17 frankly, we had a lot more public out last month than we normally do, and I
18 had the feeling that a lot of people's questions or comments were not
19 addressed.
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21 In case they don't get addressed, we'd like this to be available at the back
22 table so people might have a point of contact of who they can go to and
23 they don't leave the meeting so frustrated that they don't get addressed. So
24 thank you for that, Carter. We'll change that.
25 MR. WILLIAMS: All right. Are there any more comments from the table?
26 RAB MEMBERS: (No response noted.)
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28 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
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30 MR. WILLIAMS: At this time we'd like to open up the floor for public comments. I would
31 like to let you know that you have five minutes. We have a timekeeper that
32 will hold cards up to let you know the appropriate time that you have left
33 for commenting. So if there's anyone that would like to make a public
34 comment, you're more than welcome.

1 MR. PHILLIPS: Before Ms. Williamson starts, this won't take but a second. I'd like to
2 remind the RAB members, before we adjourn this meeting, let's get back to
3 the agenda real briefly so we can establish next month's agenda. Thank
4 you.

5 MS. WILLIAMSON: This is on the same vein as Carter's comment. ATSDR has a toll-free
6 number, I think, that was listed in the last month's minutes but didn't make
7 it on here, and it's 1-888-422-8737.

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9 You can talk to Benjamin Moore who's our Regional Representative. Dr.
10 John Crellin is doing the Health Assessment if you'd like to talk to him, or
11 you can contact me, Dee Williamson. I'm doing the Cancer Incident
12 Analysis if you have any questions pertaining to any of those documents.

13 MR. WILLIAMS: Would you give that number one more time?

14 MS. WILLIAMSON: Yes. That number is 1-888-422-8737.

15 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay.

16 MR. PHILLIPS: That's one way to get updated telephone numbers. You publish them and
17 invite the people to the meeting and they fix it. Thank you, Ms.
18 Williamson.

19 MR. WILLIAMS: Are there any more comments from the floor?

20 RAB MEMBERS: (No response noted.)

21 MR. WILLIAMS: I will turn it back over to Shawn to check on the agenda for next month.

22 MR. PHILLIPS: As always, the folks at the Depot would like to at
23 least have some ideas for the next month's RAB agenda, but the RAB
24 establishes their own agenda. Our idea for next month, which will be the
25 last formal RAB meeting before the holidays, will be for the Web page. Do
26 we have any additional agenda ideas? Ms. Brooks?

27 MS. BROOKS: My concern, basically, is the railroad tracks on Dunn Road as you
28 approach Perry. The tracks are in poor condition, and I'm wondering if
29 they are really necessary? Motorists are having a problem.

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31 Now there's okay -- two lanes running in that direction. The far right one
32 is horrid. Since the tracks do join the two areas, Dunn Field with the other
33 area of the Defense Depot, is there anything, any leverage, anything that

1 could be done about those horrible railroad tracks? People are travelling
2 day and night, and it's horrid.

3 MR. PHILLIPS: I'm very aware of what you're talking about. That's how I leave the base to
4 go out to 240. I've got to tell you, I'll need to make some phone calls to
5 find out who owns those. I'll try to get an answer back to you. I'm not
6 sure -- pardon me? Ms. Hooks, do you know anything about that?

7 MS. HOOKS: Thank you. Janet Hooks. No I don't, but it occurred to me that if the
8 tracks are not going to be used and they have no purpose anymore, that it
9 may be a project that the city then will come in. We'll ask for federal
10 dollars, of course.

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12 But back to your original question, with all due respect to you, Ms.
13 Brooks, it is something that I can check on, and if they're not going to be
14 used, then it may be a project that the city will be taking a look at removing
15 the tracks and then repairing the street.

16 MS. BROOKS: The residents thank you.

17 MR. PHILLIPS: Ms. Brooks, I would like to make some phone calls, talk to James
18 Covington from the Development Redevelopment Corporation, maybe call
19 City Hall and public works and see. And also we might know -- I mean,
20 there's an outside chance that we own those railroad tracks. I don't know.
21 That's not really a restoration issue. Can I make some phone calls and
22 provide you a response in a letter?

23 MS. BROOKS: Thank you. I just assumed that they were connected in some vague way to
24 the Defense Depot since it connects one area of the Depot to the other.
25 Forgive me if I'm out of order, but we're just really concerned. We're
26 trying to make it livable, as livable as possible.

27 MS. PETERS: Go somewhere --

28 MS. BROOKS: Pardon me, Ms. Peters?

29 MR. PHILLIPS: Excuse me. Can I have a call to order? Mr. Tyler?

30 MS. BROOKS: Oh, I'm sorry.

31 MR. TYLER: On the agenda for next month, we're talking about assembling this Web
32 page and getting information on it. Will we be able to put a time frame on
33 when we'll be able to put some of this information on the Web page?

34 MR. PHILLIPS: I would like to address that at that presentation.

1 MR. TYLER: All right. Thank you. Also, I'd like to thank Ms. Alma Black Moore for
2 doing an outstanding job with the newsletter and getting the public
3 informed. Her and her staff are doing an excellent job, and Frontline did a
4 good job with that survey they did at the BCT meeting. I forgot to
5 mention that. Thank you.

6 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Gray?

7 MR. GRAY: Yes. As a potential agenda item, in some of our earlier documents, we
8 received a PERK Chart/GANTT Chart that would show the progress with
9 expected dates for completion of the cleanup. I think that it's important
10 that we focus on the progress that is being made, recognizing where the
11 delays are and have if not an end date, then an ending date for this process.
12 I believe when I first saw that chart, it was somewhere around 2005, but I
13 think it's important that we be able to track routinely where we are on that
14 chart.

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16 I assume that y'all have something like that, and I would think it would be
17 an appropriate agenda item if not every meeting, then every other meeting,
18 or at some schedule to review the progress on that chart so this board can
19 assure itself that we are moving forward at a pace that we expect or
20 recognize why we're not meeting that pace.

21 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you. That is a very good idea.

22 MR. WILLIAMS: Anyone else?

23 MR. PHILLIPS: Ms. Hooks, did you have a comment?

24 MS. HOOKS: I keep turning that mike off, and I apologize. I'm Janet Hooks, again. Yes,
25 I do have a comment. Although -- I don't see Mr. and Ms. Bradshaw here
26 -- but there's been a continuing issue that Mr. Bradshaw has raised relative
27 to who would be responsible for any future environmental problems as they
28 come up at the Depot once the EPA has released the site.

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30 And at the next meeting I will bring it and I just want it part of the record.
31 I had the Council attorney take a look at the language, and he has isolated
32 the clause that in fact, in his opinion, says that the responsibility would
33 continue to fall back on --

34 MR. PHILLIPS: Point of clarification: What document are you talking about?

1 MS. HOOKS: I am sorry, Shawn. I do not have it committed to memory.
2 MR. BALLARD: Is it a statute?
3 MS. HOOKS: Yes, it is a statute, and Mr. Bradshaw had raised that issue several times.
4 We actually pulled the document down off the Internet, and I had the
5 Council attorney look at it. He has given us opinion, and I will bring it to
6 the meeting. But basically what his opinion is going to say is that the
7 responsibility does in fact, fall back on the federal government to continue
8 to remediate long-term down the road even after all of the issues
9 supposedly, have been resolved.
10 MR. PHILLIPS: I would agree with that opinion. I'd also like to offer that an inspection of
11 our Federal Facilities Agreement would be in accordance with that. Mr.
12 Tyler? Excuse me just a second, Mr. Tyler.
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14 Ms. Hooks, is that a proposal for that to be on October's agenda?
15 MS. HOOKS: Okay.
16 MR. PHILLIPS: Okay.
17 MR. GRAY: Yes.
18 MS. PETERS: What I'm saying is if we're going to have it on the agenda next month, why
19 don't we have some answers to if this problem can be solved because the
20 way I understood it, once you accepted the cleanup for a certain thing, the
21 government wouldn't do anything else about it. I don't know if that's true
22 or not but I mean, somebody needs to really find out if the government is
23 forever going to be responsible for that. And I think by the time the next
24 meeting come we ought to have some answers.
25 MR. PHILLIPS: I appreciate that comment. If they aren't answered next month -- if this is
26 an agenda topic -- you're welcome to make that observation then. We're
27 just setting up the agenda now. We don't need to get into that kind of
28 detail, but we will be prepared for that. Mr. Tyler?
29 MR. TYLER: Stanley Tyler. We discussed something about -- in the BCT meeting -- that
30 if the property is leased, that the lessee or lessor has five years if they
31 discover something and that the government would step back in and clean
32 it up.
33 MR. PHILLIPS: You're talking about the five-year review process, and I had a feeling that
34 that wasn't very well understood today. If we do the presentation that Ms.

1 Hooks is suggesting, that will come out of that presentation because that's
2 a -- correct me if I'm wrong, Turpin Ballard -- but that's a National
3 Contingency Planning Requirement.
4 MR. BALLARD: CERCLA.
5 MR. PHILLIPS: CERCLA requirement, Comprehensive Environment Response
6 Compensation Liable Act. That's a requirement of the law, but we'll clarify
7 that in our presentation. Thank you.
8 MR. WILLIAMS: Are there any more comments, any more-suggestions?
9 RAB MEMBERS: (No response noted.)
10 MR. WILLIAMS: Without further ado, I would like to make -- get a motion to adjourn the
11 meeting.
12 MR. TRUITT: So moved.
13 MR. WILLIAMS: Can I get a second?
14 MR. GRAY: Second.
15 MR. WILLIAMS: All in favor?
16 RAB MEMBERS: Aye, Aye.
17 MR. WILLIAMS: Meeting adjourned. Thank you.

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19 (Whereupon, at 7:35 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.)

20 **NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1999**

21 **The Memphis Depot**

22 **"J" Street Café**

23 **2163 Airways Boulevard**

24 **Memphis, Tennessee**

Attendance List
Restoration Advisory Board Members

Mr. Shawn Phillips	Facility Co-Chair
Mr. Mondell Williams	Community Co-Chair
Mr. John Garrison	Citizen Representative
Ms. Willie Mae Willett	Citizen Representative
Mr. Carter Gray	Memphis/Shelby County
	Health Department
Mr. Jordan English	Tennessee Department of
	Environment and Conservation
	(TDEC)
Ms. Johnnie Mae Peters	Citizen Representative
Mr. Ulysses Truitt	Citizen Representative
Ms. Elizabeth Young	Citizen Representative
Mr. Stanley Tyler	Citizen Representative
Ms. Peggy Brooks	Citizen Representative
Councilwoman Janet Hooks	Civic Representative
Mr. Turpin Ballard	Environmental Protection Agency
	(EPA)
Mr. Dave Bond	Citizen Representative

Others in Attendance

Mr. Randy Gentry	Groundwater Institute
	The University of Memphis
Ms. Alma Black Moore	Frontline
Ms. Andrea "Cookie" Johnson	Frontline
Mr. Terry Flynn	Frontline
Ms. Denise Cooper	Memphis Depot Caretaker
Mr. John DeBack	Site Manager/Base Transition
	Officer
Ms. Dee Williamson	ATSDR

Others in Attendance (cont'd)

Mr. Kurt Braun	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Mobile, AL)
Mr. Scott Bradley	U. S. Army Engineering & Support Center (Huntsville, AL)
Mr. Charlie Riggs	Sverdrup Environmental, Inc.
Mr. Virgil Jansen	Sverdrup Environmental, Inc.
Mr. Jeff Wood	Solutions to Environmental Problems (STEP)
Mr. Robert Garland	McKissack & McKissack
Mr. Napoleon Embry	McKissack & McKissack
Mr. Basil Skelton	Solutions to Environmental Problems (STEP)
Ms. Jackita Bass	Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. James Morrison	TDEC
Mr. Frank Grubbs	Nashville, TN
Mr. Elroy Black	Citizen
Ms. Betty Mills	Citizen
Mr. Nelson W. Jackson	Citizen
Mrs. Mildred H. Jackson	Citizen
Mr. Russell Ray Anderson	Citizen