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**MEETING MINUTES
Restoration Advisory Board
January 20, 2000
The Memphis Depot
"J" Street Cafe, Building 274**

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on January 20, 2000 at the Memphis Depot in the "J" Street Café, Building 274, 2163 Airways Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee. The attendance list is attached.

1 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

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3 **MR. WILLIAMS:** Let's call the meeting to order. My name is Mondell Williams. I am the
4 Co-Chair of the Restoration Advisory Board for the community. And I
5 would like to welcome everyone to the new millennium. This is the first
6 meeting of the year, January 20, 2000 And I would like to welcome any
7 former employees, or anybody here that has not attended the meeting
8 before I would like to welcome you, too. I would like to let you know at
9 the back of the door there is a sign-in Sheet And when you sign in, make
10 sure that you include your ZIP code, so that we may be able to forward
11 information that we have at the meeting for you.
12 And too, I would like to take a moment out — the gentleman is not here I
13 will hold up on that.

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15 **REVIEW AND APPROVE JANUARY AGENDA**

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17 **MR. WILLIAMS:** In front of you, I would like for you to review the agenda for tonight. If
18 anyone has... if someone would like to add, change, or delete from the
19 agenda, please speak now.

20 **MS. BRADSHAW:** I would like for the FOST to be added to the agenda tonight.

21 **MR. WILLIAMS:** Okay. We have a new transcriber here tonight. Would everybody please
22 speak their name clearly?

23 **MS. BRADSHAW:** My name is Doris Bradshaw. And I want the FOST to be added to the

agenda tonight, since it was issued December 9th, and ended January 17th.
So, I would like to see this added on here tonight.

MR. WILLIAMS: I would like to refer to the... if that could be deemed possible to add that
to the agenda for tonight. And I would like a motion to be made if
possible.

MR. PHILLIPS: That was a form of a motion.

RAB MEMBER: Second.

MR. WILLIAMS: All in favor?

RAB MEMBER: Aye.

MR. WILLIAMS: Any opposed? Abstained? It's carried. It will be added to the meeting
tonight. We will file it in the comments under Old Business.

Okay, for the near future, if any RAB member has anything they would
like to add to the agenda to be discussed at certain meetings, please
forward that information. Ms Moore or Ms Cookie, in the back, will be
glad to take any information that you have to add to the agenda in the
future.

REVIEW OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

MR. WILLIAMS: Does everyone have the minutes from the last meeting in October? Has
everyone reviewed it for any changes, anything that needs to be
corrected, any mistakes, or anything?

RAB MEMBER: I move that the minutes be approved.

RAB MEMBER: Second.

MR. WILLIAMS: All in favor?

RAB MEMBERS: Aye

MR. WILLIAMS: Any opposed? Any abstained? The October meeting minutes of the
Restoration Advisory Board are approved.

1 **OLD BUSINESS**

2 **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM OCTOBER MEETING**

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4 **MR. WILLIAMS:** We are on to Old Business.

5 **MR. PHILLIPS:** I am Shawn Phillips. I am the installation Co-Chairman of the Restoration
6 Advisory Board. We welcome suggestions from the RAB members on the
7 agenda topics for a RAB meeting. If you have any suggestions for next
8 month's agenda for February, we ask you to try to let us know. And
9 hopefully, we can add that to the agenda, and have it on the printed agenda
10 before next month's meeting. We'd appreciate that.

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12 Like every month, I would like to remind you to visit our web site. We
13 submitted quite a bit of information since the New Year to be posted on
14 the page. I went to the page today, and I saw that it had not been added
15 yet. But the person who does that work, who's up in Pennsylvania, is
16 working on that for us. I look for that to be added in the next couple of
17 weeks

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19 **RAB PARTNERING SESSION COMMENTS**

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21 **MR. PHILLIPS:** Last week... rather, back in December, we had a very enriching RAB
22 Administrative Partnering Session at Sanders Facilities. That was on
23 December 16th. We wish that all RAB members could have attended, and
24 we know that's sometimes impossible on a workday. Whenever either
25 Chair calls a meeting, attendance is expected, and attendance can be added
26 to our amended Charter. I believe that might be in the amended Charter.
27 Please try to attend all regular RAB meetings and call meetings. And if
28 you can't make it, call the Community Relations Office to advise you
29 aren't able to come. Did you want to say a few words, Mondell?

30 **MR. WILLIAMS:** I would like to thank Frontline Communications. They were the ones who

1 sponsored this. The dinner was nice, and the session was nice. We had
2 Janis Fullilove there, and she was talking about communications. And
3 Ms. Inetta Rogers was talking, and it was very informative. I wish that a
4 lot of people could have attended because I have noticed the way that we
5 have been conducting some of the meetings, they have sort of gotten out
6 of hand. And if you were there, you would have really enjoyed the
7 information that was given.

8 **MR. PHILLIPS:** There was another question about the Redevelopment Corporation. There
9 have been several issues that have come up from RAB members that they
10 would like to have addressed. Jim Covington, president of the Depot
11 Redevelopment Corporation, is making a presentation. Please direct those
12 redevelopment questions to him following his presentation.

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14 We would like to invite you to visit our Information Repositories at the
15 Main Library on Peabody, the Cherokee Branch on Sharpe, the
16 Memphis/Shelby County Health Department down in Carter Gray's
17 Office, and also in our Outreach Room at the Depot.

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19 **RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE (RAGS) TRAINING UPDATE**
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21 **MR. PHILLIPS:** We also have copies of the Risk Assessment Training Video, which they
22 will say a word on tonight. We have copies of our documents available
23 for checkout. We also have copies of a Risk Assessment Training Video,
24 which the RAB members viewed yesterday. I think that we have three or
25 four copies... two copies of that available. We haven't received a request
26 from any RAB members to check out our documents yet. If you would
27 like to do that, I ask you to please call Alma at 544-0613 or a second
28 number 544-0607, if you would like to come and check out any other
29 documents or the video we have now.
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1 **OVERVIEW OF REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION FOR THE MAIN INSTALLATION**

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3 **MR. PHILLIPS:** The Remedial Investigation for the Main Installation is still on schedule.
4 We were scheduled to have that out in January of 2000 – this month.
5 We are still on schedule for that. It should come out by the end of the
6 month. The RAB members will receive an overview of that document,
7 and also we invite you to the repository to view the whole document.
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9 **TAPP SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

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11 **MR. PHILLIPS:** The members of the RAB TAPP Subcommittee are Mr. Eskridge, Ms.
12 Bradshaw, Mr. Clay, Ms. Willett, and Mr. Stanley Tyler. We need to meet
13 with those folks to discuss the documents that the TAPP contractor will be
14 reviewing for the RAB. We'd like to have a call meeting for that on
15 February 10th here at the Depot. More information will be forwarded to
16 the subcommittee members before that time. We encourage all RAB
17 members to attend that meeting, especially the subcommittee members. I
18 need a minute after tonight's meeting with those subcommittee members
19 who are here – Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Clay, and Mr. Tyler. I need to give
20 you a copy of the scope of work that the contractor is working under.
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22 **AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY (ATSDR)**

23 **PUBLIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT**

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25 **MR. PHILLIPS:** ATSDR sent, I guess, a draft version of the Public Health Assessment
26 (PHA). Every RAB member should have received a copy of that. The
27 document is also available for review in our repositories during the Public
28 Comment Period, which ends February 29th. I believe that sometime
29 between now and then, they will host a Public Comment Meeting. I
30 would like to introduce Mr. Benjamin Moore, our Regional

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3 MR. MOORE:

Representative. If you would like to give us a real brief update on that document and the review meeting, or the comment meeting, please do. My name is Benjamin Moore, Regional Representative for ATSDR for Regional 4. As indicated, a press release came out on December 27th indicating that the draft PHA will be released by December 30th. Everyone on the RAB received a copy in addition to the members from the Greater Memphis Environmental Justice Work Group.

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9 There are four things I would like to point out to you. The draft PHA will be available for comment until February 29th. It's located in each of the four repositories – the Main Library on Peabody, the Cherokee Branch Library, the Memphis/Shelby County Health Department, and the Depot. There are copies of the press release in the back that everyone can pick up. It shows the names and numbers for Dr. Crellin, myself, and our public relations person, if you want to get in contact with us to make comments. Doctor Crellin's personal number is also available for you

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18 We got the Depot's mailing list for the *EnviroNews* newsletter, and we mailed 4,700 flyers to everyone announcing the availability for review of the draft Public Health Assessment Report. The first public meeting to receive comments from the community will be Thursday, February 24th. The first session is from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and the second session from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the South Memphis Senior Center, 1620 Marjorie, Memphis, Tennessee. At that time, we will take any comments from the community and the public. We are trying to arrange a second meeting. As soon as it has been scheduled, we will make public notice about that meeting, also.

28 MR. PHILLIPS:

Thank you, Mr. Moore. I have another couple of matters on Old Business. Mr. Tyler asked back in October what were the criteria for making cleanup decisions. Those criteria are set out in the National Contingency

1 Plan and we provided a copy of that. It is in front of all of the RAB
2 members. The top of it says "Applicable, Relevant, and Appropriate
3 Requirements." But, the nine criteria are listed there, and that's for your
4 information.

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6 **FINDING OF SUITABILITY TO TRANSFER (FOST)**
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8 The last item of Old Business is actually something that I had planned to
9 say a few words about. The Finding of Suitability to Transfer for housing
10 was mailed to all RAB members on December 8th. The comment period
11 ended on January 17th.

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13 I received comments from three RAB members. These comments will be
14 added and it will be forwarded to the Army for signature. I don't know
15 when to expect the Army to sign that document. That's out of my control.
16 That ends my Old Business. Mr Gray?

17 MR. GRAY: Carter Gray. The Army is a big place. Who signs off on that?

18 MR. PHILLIPS: The proper channel is the Army I don't know the name of any individual
19 that is in that seat at this time.

20 MR. GRAY: Where are they located? D C.?

21 MR. PHILLIPS: Yes

22 MR. WILLIAMS: Ms. Bradshaw?

23 MS BRADSHAW: Shawn says this has happened. Why weren't those people present here --
24 the people who were supposed to sign off on the FOST -- since this
25 happened while we were out? Why weren't they here to answer some of
26 our questions, since the RAB was out during the time that this was
27 submitted to the public? Most of the time, this is the only way that we
28 have an opportunity to discuss issues or whatever, is at the RAB meeting,
29 because we don't have a mass community meeting every month.
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1 Why isn't someone here that is responsible for the FOST document being
2 issued to answer some of the questions? Maybe, this could clear up
3 some of the issues that we had about the land being turned over.

4 MR. PHILLIPS: For the FOST to be discussed at the RAB, it needs to be put on the RAB's
5 agenda. It's a restoration document. So, we didn't put it on the RAB's
6 agenda. If RAB members would like that added, they could voice their
7 opinion and vote to add it. The people who could answer your
8 questions...

9 MS. BRADSHAW: What I have to say is, I thought that everything that dealt with the Depot,
10 period, was a restoration document. It should be on the restoration
11 agenda.

12 MR. PHILLIPS: No, it's restoration. That is not a cleanup document. It is a real estate
13 document.

14 MS. BRADSHAW: Oh, it's separate?

15 MR. PHILLIPS: It makes no cleanup decisions.

16 MS. BRADSHAW: I understood that before anything that was going to be issued, we would
17 have (inaudible)... if the land itself, if it was suitable to transfer, and
18 nothing was brought back to our attention. All we know is what we were
19 told at the time of the cleanup. But no one went back in to retest or to
20 report back to this Board to say that they found zero, zilch or nothing.

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22 And see, what I am saying, it is still inconclusive in my mind to what was
23 actually done on that property. When you stated you were going to do one
24 thing, and then you didn't complete exactly what you said you were going
25 to do. At least, it wasn't reported back to the Board.

26 MR. PHILLIPS: You made that point in one of your comments, and that is a point that will
27 be required to be responded to by the government. I will make the
28 reference here in this meeting, and I will also make it in the formal
29 response to those comments that you provided. The satisfactory cleanup
30 of the housing area when we removed the surface soils that was
31 documented in a Post Removal Report is in the library.

1 MS. BRADSHAW: It wasn't reported here.

2 MR. PHILLIPS: It was stated at the RAB. That action was completed, and that report was
3 available. That's part of what that Finding of Suitability of Transfer is
4 based upon. Your comments have provided a means that the government
5 will reference that document and say this is where the sampling was done,
6 when we were finished, and when it was conducted. These are the
7 sampling results. It was
8 sampled after we were finished, and it was clean. And we are going to
9 still recommend to the Army to sign that document.

10 MS. BRADSHAW: Regardless of what we asked for – an extension or whatever – to inform
11 the public of this FOST, then you are just going to go straight ahead and
12 do what you want to do. Is that what you are telling me?

13 MR. PHILLIPS: In my opinion, we surpassed the public notification requirement. Every
14 member of the Board got a copy of it. It was mentioned at three RAB
15 meetings before our holiday break. It was in our daily newspaper and in
16 two other newspapers.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Clay had a comment.

18 MR. CLAY: My name is Kevin Clay. My concern is, I was under the impression
19 that after we did the remediation at the housing, that they would be testing
20 it on a periodic basis. That our (inaudible) would continue to be within
21 the residential number, since that is housing over there. That's something
22 that I don't know has been documented.

23 MR. PHILLIPS: I don't know of any plans to continue tests over at housing. That's new to
24 me. (Inaudible) is just accepting it that the DLA has done their job, and
25 they are ready to take it over. No additional persons asked. I don't know.
26 I am not aware that my phase is still interested in the property. Just that
27 it's ready to be leased to someone is the status. Defer that question to Mr.
28 Covington. Actually, Turpin has the proof.

29 MR. BALLARD: My name is Turpin Ballard, T-u-r-p-i-n. I just wanted to respond to your
30 question about on-going monitoring. When you do the kind of cleanup
31 action that was done at the housing – where you excavate contaminated

1 soil, tested to make sure that you have gotten everything that you needed
2 to get, and then put clean, tested soil back in place – there is no need, in
3 my experience at many sites, and no provision for going back, and testing
4 that clean soil over and over again. Because the soil contamination doesn't
5 migrate except on perhaps a small element of windblown if there is a lot of
6 dust. But, you are not going to find a significant amount of contamination
7 in any soil that has been put down there over the years. So, there is really
8 no need for annual monitoring of the clean closure.

9 MR. CLAY:

Well, my concern is you mentioned the wind blowing. I am more
10 concerned about the water running off of areas that have not been
11 remediated. We can clean it up. If we don't protect it, from a common
12 sense point, it can be re-contaminated, if we don't have something in place
13 to direct the runoff in another direction. As far as the lead based paint,
14 that was remediated there. I could only imagine, if we had to do some sort
15 of documentation, that it was properly remediated. There should be a
16 document somewhere. That's my concern.

17 MS. BRADSHAW:

My question is, after the comment period, I asked for a 30- to 45-day
18 extension. We were told that any time a document is presented regardless
19 of for what reasons that we could ask for an extension. And we didn't
20 have to state our reasons. But you know it seems like the rules kind of
21 changed when I asked for an extension of the FOST. Could you, Shawn,
22 elaborate on what happened that you wanted a particular statement?
23 Because the last time it was just said, once you ask for it, that's all you
24 needed to do.

25 MR. PHILLIPS:

That was not stated, and it's incorrect. I believe that was an employee's
26 statement during the comment period on June 17th. I remember who
27 made that comment and she spoke out of turn. There has to be an
28 adequate reason to extend it, and that's even within the CERCLA
29 Restoration Document Program. This document is not within that real
30 estate document. I need to justify strongly for an extension of this, which
31 ended up being a 40-day public comment period. There is no provision in

1 my policy to extend the public comment period. I am willing to do it, but
 2 there has to be adequate reason. You made several comments that will be
 3 incorporated in the document. So did Mr. Brayon, I believe, and Mr.
 4 Garrison. But, those comments will be responded to in an appendix of the
 5 FOST document, and we will move on.

6 **MS. BRADSHAW:** Even if we retaliate you'll turn this land over, not knowing whether or not
 7 to take a stand, as though they aren't going to do exactly what they want to
 8 do?

9 **MR. PHILLIPS:** This land is clean, and it has been found to be clean. And there is no need
 10 not to transfer this property. That's what I am saying.

11 **MR. WILLIAMS:** Ms. Peters?

12 **MS. PETERS:** That's what I wanted to speak to. When we went over there one day, when
 13 they were getting ready to clean that land, they said that once they dug so
 14 many feet deep, hauled that dirt away and put new dirt there, there would
 15 be no contamination. Where would the contamination be for you
 16 to question that that land is not clean?

17 **MR. PHILLIPS:** I don't know

18 **MS. PETERS:** That land ought to have been perfectly clean the day that they went over
 19 there, when they were digging it up, and went back to see how they was
 20 doing it. If they wasn't doing it right, why didn't someone say it way back
 21 then? And now why wait and say it isn't clean, and you need some re-
 22 testing? Can
 23 anybody explain that?

24 **MR. PHILLIPS:** That didn't sound like a question. It sounded more like a concern.

25 **MS. PETERS:** Why would it be contaminated over again, if it was clean in the first
 26 place?

27 **MR. WILLIAMS:** Ms. Peters..

28 **MS. PETERS:** I understand what Ms. Bradshaw is saying. She was saying, if this soil
 29 was dug up, and they went down and tested the soil, did they do
 30 everything they should have done to make sure that this land was not

1 contaminated. Mr. Clay came up with another point about the runoff.
2 Where is the water going to run from?

3 MR. WILLIAMS: It's got to run from the property uphill to downhill. I think their concern
4 was after the rain, it runs off. Clean property, uncontaminated runs.

5 MS. PETERS: If we are going to clean the land, and going to have a runoff to
6 contaminate it again – that being the case – the Depot would never be able
7 to be used, period. That's what you are going to say... land all over the
8 world... that you wouldn't be able to use it. Why hire someone to clean
9 the land if it can't be cleaned?

10 MR. ENGLISH: I think given the process, very simply was we understood that we may
11 have a problem. We went over there and we sampled. We sampled to
12 define the area of contamination. The area of contamination was defined.
13 We did a removal. We removed the soil, put clean, tested soil back in
14 place, and we are through with it. Where is contaminated soil going to
15 come from? We removed it all.

16 MR. PHILLIPS: Ms. Brooks, last comment on this subject, and then move back to the
17 agenda.

18 MS BROOKS: To my understanding, I think the problem is there. Because to my
19 understanding, there can never be a 100 percent guarantee that every
20 morsel or particle of contaminant was removed. And it should never
21 return to that portion ever again. And I think what they were saying is
22 that, let's put some minuscule portion or action, something in place. Since
23 this is a natural activity, should something recur at any point in time,
24 something would be in writing that could address that. Because I don't
25 know if when the government signs off it is going to be 100 percent
26 documented purity. We need something that says that this area has no
27 contaminants, and never ever in any future decade or century will there be
28 any contaminants. I think they want something in place should such a
29 situation arise. I don't know that anybody can be 100 percent sure. This is
30 the thing. They are thinking in terms of later generations and younger
31 people. That is it. I don't think that man or mortal can do that. And I

1 don't think that technology is at the place where we can see into the future,
2 and say never again, will we have any contaminants because we have
3 thoroughly purified this area.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Ms. Brooks, I understand.

5 MR. PHILLIPS: I understand a lot more about that concern now that you have explained it.
6 And I respect it. Very eloquently put. RAB member City Councilwoman
7 Hooks made a presentation back before our vacation break that dealt with
8 – if anything was found in the future, what provisions were there for the
9 EPA to make the Department of Defense come back and clean it up I
10 don't know if you were here for that meeting or not. That was pretty
11 thoroughly discussed. Go back to September's RAB minutes and check
12 that information.

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14 She went to the council's attorney who had a member of his legal staff get
15 a legal opinion on that. It was very informative for the RAB to hear that.
16 But the way you voiced the concern now, I understand that I believe that
17 she did a very good job explaining that there are assurances from the
18 government that if anything was ever found, the government would be
19 made to come back in here, and make that right. We need to move back to
20 the next agenda item

21 MR. PHILLIPS. Mondell, do you have any other RAB Partnering Session comments?

22 MR. WILLIAMS: No more than we discussed amending the Charter. And I wish that a lot of
23 people could have been there for that. But that will be discussed a little bit
24 more by Ms. Young later. Please be very attentive when she discusses
25 this.

26 MR. PHILLIPS: Yesterday, we had a very informative presentation. It was a very good
27 training session. Mr. Ballard from EPA, would you like to say a few
28 words?

RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE (RAGS) TRAINING UPDATE

MR. BALLARD: Turpin Ballard. Dr. Ted Simon from Region 5, our toxicologist for the Federal Facilities Branch put on the training, which had been scheduled and updated to the RAB since about August, I believe, for about five hours, no break for lunch, but occasional breaks. Basically, he presented the Risk Assessment Process. He talked about how toxicological values that we use in calculating risks are derived. He took the people who were there sort of step by step in how risks are estimated in a risk assessment. He also presented a video, which was developed by EPA on a national level, and also provides a good overview of the risk assessment process – especially as it relates to community involvement in the process. So, I recommend everybody take the opportunity to check it out, especially those who weren't here to receive the training.

MR. PHILLIPS: The slides were available to the RAB members here

MR. BALLARD: Right there.

MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. English? Mr. Tyler?

MR. PHILLIPS: Let me take a second to interrupt. This is my fault. I didn't think about coming down here earlier today and turning on the heat. I'd like to apologize.

MR. TYLER: Stanley Tyler. I was at the Risk Assessment Training and I saw the video. One point in the video that they didn't bring out was former employees, former workers, or people who lived around the Depot who saw things that they thought were not right. They need to get in touch with the proper officials – tell EPA, or the people that do the sampling and testing, where and when certain field accidents occurred.

Any former workers, if you worked here one year or 30 years, if you saw something that wasn't right, it will be important to call EPA scientists. Where you think that these accidents happened, or if you lived around the base to provide the information and the data so they can put this in the

1 study, and certain places that may not get tested will get tested. This is
2 your opportunity to step forward, and tell them where you think testing
3 should be done. Thank you.

4 **MR. GRAY:** Carter Gray. The ATSDR needs that same type of information,
5 particularly from anybody who may have seen, or workers who may have
6 been exposed to chemicals that are not yet covered by the documented
7 history that they reviewed. I think the main thrust of this is public
8 acceptance of the process, and a desire on the part of the people running
9 these studies to meet with the public concerns.

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11 **PROPOSED RAB CHARTER UPDATE**
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13 **MR. PHILLIPS:** Ms. Young, would you like to give us an update on where the Charter
14 Subcommittee is?

15 **MS. YOUNG:** Elizabeth Young. I just want to remind all RAB members to look at your
16 approved copy of the Charter, and look at the amended one. If you have
17 comments, or if you see something that you want entered, or something
18 that you think needs to be removed, we need that in writing. It needs to be
19 in Alma's hand by the 31st of January. The subcommittee will meet on
20 February 3rd. And all changes will be integrated into the Charter, and
21 brought to you for discussion. At that time, we will be seeking approval
22 on the new Charter. Thank you.

23 **MR. PHILLIPS:** Let me add to that, before you recognize Mr. Clay. All RAB members,
24 Ms. Young, are all RAB members invited to that?

25 **MS. YOUNG:** Yes, if they desire to come.

26 **MR. WILLIAMS:** Mr. Clay?

27 **MR. CLAY:** My name is Kevin Clay. I have a question, and I think it goes more to
28 Frontline than to Ms. Young. It's good to see you, Ms. Young. We will
29 look at the approved Charter that we are working under now and the
30 proposed changes. I was under the impression there would be color

1 contrast to the proposed changes -- as far as what's changing and what's
2 already in the charter.

3 MS. MOORE: It was mailed the first part of December. Did you not get a copy? You
4 should have one. That's the old Charter. One that's the proposed one that
5 you should have received with the little lines, that show the changes.
6 Did any RAB members get it? I will make sure I get one to you.

7 MR. CLAY: I do have it. I was thinking that we were going to have the approved
8 Charter that would be in black type, and the proposed changes in green.

9 MS. MOORE: It was gray and black.

10 MR. CLAY: I'm getting old I can't see.

11 MR. PHILLIPS: It was hard to read. I heard another member say that. Let me see it.
12 Could I have a show of hands from folks who had trouble recognizing
13 those changes? Three. Mr. Clay, the information that's struck through,
14 that's old, deleted. The information that is underscored is new. So, that's
15 how that editing system works on the computer, fragments or artifacts of
16 the Microsoft Word program.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: I believe that closes out our Old Business

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19 **NEW BUSINESS**

20 **DEPOT REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE**

21 **CWM UPDATE**
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23 MR. WILLIAMS: I'd like to introduce one of our RAB members, Jim Covington, Depot
24 Redevelopment Corporation.

25 MR. COVINGTON: Thanks for letting me talk to you tonight. I'll try to do this every meeting,
26 or every time we have some new information to bring you up to speed on.
27 I've got some good news. Since our last meeting or last presentation,
28 we've added two new leases and one expansion. The expansion I am
29 going to call it an upgrade.
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1 One of our existing tenants took out 20,000 square feet, which those three
2 items together makes 200 new jobs. So, those are coming, or will be
3 coming to the Depot in the new few weeks and months. I will tell you
4 what those are. The pointer there (pointing to projector screen) is showing
5 building 330. That building has been taken over by a company called
6 Cady Industries. They are a local company that is growing and expanding
7 They are moving from two buildings into one of our larger buildings and
8 they are adding 30 jobs as part of that process. They will have 130 jobs
9 here at the Depot. They expect some of the people on the job will not
10 transfer. So, there could be as many as 50 or 60 jobs open when they
11 begin operations here. They manufacture what I call commodity bags –
12 the plastic bags that the Riceland rice comes in and meal bags.

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14 Also, what they do is take cloth and actually sew a bag, then they print the
15 company's name and whatever information right on the bag. One end the
16 people are working with plastic and on the other end they work with cloth
17 So, they have two operations in the same building, and shipping and
18 receiving in the center So, it is good news They are a real high-tech
19 company, but they are bringing some very heavy, expensive printing
20 presses with them. It's going to take them about three or four months to
21 get all of that installed, moved and operational. That's the real big piece of
22 good news.

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24 That blur on this (pointing to projector screen) represents three buildings
25 that exist there. They are being occupied now by people who are
26 landscaping contractors, and they will bring with them 60 jobs. Some of
27 those jobs are seasonal landscape contracting, which happens mostly in
28 the growing season. There are fewer jobs in the winter, and more in the
29 summer, spring, and fall. Those folks are doing the same thing, moving
30 into their building now, and getting it cleaned up, and will start to really

1 move their equipment in within the next month or so. That's good news
2 too.

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4 Premier Packaging, who already had a lease with us, has expanded into
5 another 20,000 square feet and that accounts for about 10 new jobs. Those
6 folks, actually what they do is they put liquid in containers like this (holds
7 up a container) Those are the kind of things that you see in their building.
8 They have a big processing machine and equipment used to fill bottles
9 with liquid. It's pretty spectacular kind of stuff. The bottles are filled
10 with mostly things like different kinds of water, but they have spray soaps
11 and solvents that are home care products.

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13 That's pretty much the update We have 10 now, and we are right at 60
14 jobs total. We are closing in on slightly over a million square feet Those
15 are really big highlights for us because we are getting to the point where
16 we really are making some headway.

17 MR. PHILLIPS: I have one question for you, Jim. You said that you are right at a
18 million square feet under lease. What's the total covered lease space, or
19 storage space of the Depot?

20 MR. COVINGTON: It depends on what you are recording. I have heard 6 million square feet.
21 We are talking about 4.5 million square feet that we are really focusing on.
22 We are a quarter of the way.

23 MS. BRADSHAW: My question is about the topic that you were talking about, putting liquid
24 in bottles. Where do they get the liquid from? And I would like to know
25 what kind of place this is. What are they housing there?

26 MR. COVINGTON: Well, they have a variety of products, and the products are based on their
27 clients. So, it could be something one month that they are packaging, and
28 the next month it could be something different. They are governed by all
29 of the rules and regulations that come under the Fire Department, the
30 Fire Marshal's Office, and Code Enforcement of the Building Department.
31 They occupy the building based on those kinds of proof of what they do,

1 and what they use. And OSHA, and other state and federal agencies
2 review their day-to-day operations, as necessary. In a roundabout way,
3 that's the way that they get a lease.

4 MS. BRADSHAW: What was the name of this company?

5 MR. COVINGTON: Premier Packaging. And they also package things like comic books in the
6 little plastic sleeves. They put things like toys in little packages, that you
7 see the plastic wrap on. They do a lot of different kinds of packaging.
8 They take the products and put it into the package. Customers provide the
9 product, and they provide the package from a vendor and put it together.

10 MS. BRADSHAW: The only thing I had questions about was whether they put liquid in
11 bottles? And I wanted to know, especially when you said water, where is
12 this coming from? If it is nothing that they are doing from here
13 themselves, I guess it's okay.

14 MR. COVINGTON: The liquid that they put into a bottle they have. They take it, and mix it
15 with water. And it comes out of a vat, and goes into a bottle. Sometimes,
16 the product comes directly from the customer's material, and goes into the
17 bottle. It's different things based on their customers.

18 MS. BRADSHAW: Using water from here?

19 MR. COVINGTON: They do use some water from here.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Clay?

21 MR. CLAY: My name is Kevin Clay. I wanted to say, as a RAB Board member, I
22 really support your efforts in what you are trying to do and anything that
23 we can do to help you, we will. I think we all feel that way, because the
24 jobs are important to the community. My question is, can you give me a
25 quick update about the housing unit, the golf course, and the entire move?

26 MR. COVINGTON: Sure. We are in the process of talking to the Park Commission about a
27 lease for them to start operations for the golf course. We're still working
28 out the details. They are working towards that with us. We have a
29 meeting next week. Until there is a FOST or transfer documents, we were
30 hoping to encourage them to go through the lease, and take occupancy
31 very early on. We have been trying to accomplish that for a year, and we

1 really haven't been able to get them to take charge, and move into the
2 property. This is the first time that they have been at the point of
3 discussing a lease with us. I think some of it was, they were going
4 through their Master Plan for the existing parks that they had. They were
5 concerned about having too many golf courses in the entire city, and this
6 was just another one going on the list.
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8 They sold one down there in Whitehaven and talked about acquiring
9 another. They have gone through all of that, and this was thrown into that
10 mix. And it is still up in the air as to whether they will use it for a golf
11 course or just a park. That's a decision that they will make as time goes
12 by. What we've done with the help of the federal staff is to keep the
13 greens and the golf course itself in generally good maintained condition.
14 They could make the decision to keep it, and not have an excuse of, "Well,
15 the greens haven't been maintained, and it is not really operable right
16 now." That's what we've been going through for the past two summers
17 It's still in pretty good shape.
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19 The housing is in a similar situation that allows that to transfer. We are
20 doing both things. We're talking to the housing user, which is Alpha
21 Omega Housing – that's their name – about taking that under a lease. And
22 we are trying to do that in the next few weeks as well. The FOST allows
23 us to talk about the transfer. That transfer goes directly from the federal
24 government to them, through us. So it is a three-party transfer there.
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26 When we are dealing with the Park Commission, we would lease that
27 parcel to them temporarily, and then later on the National Park Service
28 would actually deed that property to them. So, that works a little bit
29 differently – same general principle, but just a little bit differently.
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MR. CLAY: Is the intent of those housing units for temporary housing or long-term?

1 MR. COVINGTON: Temporary housing. And the idea was that these folks would get on their
2 feet and would graduate out of the housing, and new folks would come in
3 and go through the same process.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Will there be a certain time frame that they would use?

5 MR. COVINGTON: There is, but I don't recall what it is. I will look that up for you.

6 MR. WILLIAMS: I have a question. What incentives are the city and county or the
7 Redevelopment Corporation making to make it more feasible for
8 companies to come here, versus going to Hickory Hill or Shelby Drive? Is
9 there a tax incentive that they are given?

10 MR. PHILLIPS: Let me interrupt. That's a real good question. Mr. Clay had one last item
11 on his question – about the corridor or the boulevard.

12 MR. COVINGTON: You probably drove over the bump across the road over here tonight. It's
13 50 percent complete. We expect to be operational with that in July,
14 somewhere in that time frame. We won't have the trees planted. We will
15 wait for the fall. We wouldn't want to bring them into the summer and
16 have them die in the hot summer heat. The road will be open, and trucks
17 and cars can use it the first of July. The weather has been great and we're
18 way ahead of schedule.

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20 The contractor, if you recall what we are doing, is building an entrance. It
21 will be a four-lane divided entranceway to give us a new front door. And
22 you are welcome to get a closer look at this (showing photo). Pass it
23 around. It's a divided median with landscaping on both sides. It's going
24 to have irrigation so that the trees and the plants are watered year round.
25 And we are going to have a new entrance sign, and going to have plants all
26 around the front entrance to the Depot, as well as around the perimeter.
27 We have a very generous plant scheme of trees and shrubs for the entire
28 perimeter of the Depot, throughout the parking areas, the roadway, and the
29 interior of the Depot, as well as the streets.
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1 The utilities will provide total service for the warehouses on each side of
2 that, and it includes electric, gas, and water replacement of the utilities out
3 here. Almost all of the utilities will be replaced in the next three years.
4 So, this is just Phase 1. Phase 2 will be the outside of the complex. We
5 will bring in another new water line to decrease the water pressure for fire
6 protection, and increase the quality of the water pipes. And then, next
7 year we will go to the north and do the same thing there. So, we will have
8 new water, gas, sewer, and electric in many places throughout the Depot
9 That's a tightrope that we are walking there. If you can imagine, we are
10 bringing four and a half million square feet of vacant warehousing into the
11 Memphis market. There are a lot of private developers and property
12 owners who are really concerned that we are going to undercut, and steal
13 their tenants out of their warehousing and into ours. The incentives
14 available through the Chamber of Commerce and the city and county are
15 available to all of the industrial buildings and potential users in the county.
16 And those are the same ones that we use.

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18 So, what we are trying to do is to fill this space over the next 7, 10, or 15
19 years without giving any more incentives than would be proper to keep
20 these private developers from going bankrupt. That wouldn't do us any
21 good as a community to just move people around within the city, and to
22 drive some people out of business. We have committed not to do that. All
23 of that said, that's our basic ground rules for what we do, but we do have
24 some minor incentives that no one else has. A fenced perimeter is very
25 competitive. Not very many complexes in Memphis have that. We have a
26 guard gate and a police precinct that is located here. We have forklifts and
27 other equipment that we will give to these tenants as part of the lease.
28 And that's about it. We are accessible to the interstate, close to the
29 Airport, close to Federal Express and UPS – all things that are attractive
30 that almost no one else can re-create. We are way ahead of the game in
31 that regard.

1 What's happening now is the reason that we are having this – because of
2 those things that I just talked about. Because the economy is so good right
3 now, our plan calls for probably 15 years for this to be occupied, and we
4 are way ahead. We think that we are talking about seven years to get to
5 that point. We want to take advantage of the economy and get those folks
6 in. The most important thing about your question was, we are not having
7 trouble leasing. So, the incentive is today's economy and market around
8 really keeping us from doing that.

9 MR. PHILLIPS: We have three additional comments. Ms. Peters?

10 MS. PETERS: I want to know, have they cleaned it?... Johnnie Mae Peters... I want to
11 know if they have cleaned the lake out where they kept the fish at one
12 time?

13 MR. COVINGTON: I will defer to Shawn

14 MR. PHILLIPS: In our Streamline Risk Assessment for the golf course and for the lake, we
15 reached a determination that it didn't need to be cleaned out. No, it hasn't
16 been cleaned out.

17 MS. PETERS: So, it is not contaminated?

18 MR. PHILLIPS: Not at the level that it would need to be cleaned.

19 MR. WILLIAMS: Ms Bradshaw?

20 MS. BRADSHAW: My question is, the buildings that are getting ready to be occupied or are
21 already occupied, I want to know where the employees are getting their
22 water? Are they drinking the water off site, or do you have some other
23 kind of provision?

24 MR. COVINGTON: They are drinking the water that I am drinking.

25 MS. BRADSHAW: On site?

26 MR. COVINGTON: On site. Was there more to the question?

27 MS. BRADSHAW: I was wondering, where the water was coming from? This goes back to
28 the time that there was no buildings cleaned and a paper cleanup. All of
29 the cleanup that was done was that DLA put new water fountains in,
30 knowing that there were problems with the old pipes and things that were
31 going on under the ground. Are you telling these people that the

1 employees that work at this site had problems in that they should be
2 careful about the water that they drink? You are not telling them anything
3 about the history of some of the employees that worked here.

4 MR. COVINGTON: To tell you the truth, I don't know all of that history. What we do is, we
5 get a Finding of Suitability to Lease, which has gone through all of those
6 steps to review. And we use that as our clearance to lease the buildings.
7 I will tell you that we are going back through, and taking all of the water
8 pipes out. Brand new water pipes are being installed. So, there shouldn't
9 be anything there that would hurt anybody.

10 MS. BRADSHAW: Are you doing it now?

11 MR. COVINGTON: We are doing it now.

12 MS. BRADSHAW: It's done before the people move into the building?

13 MR. COVINGTON: No. I wish you would tell me if it's a problem, because I drink this water
14 every day

15 MR. WILLIAMS. Mr. Tyler?

16 MR. TYLER: Are there any restrictions on who you want, and who you wouldn't lease
17 to? And does the public have a right to have a public forum about who
18 you would lease to?

19 MR. BRAYON: And if a company wanted to bring a hazardous shipment to the warehouse,
20 and just put it on the spot, and ship it out in two or three days, is there a
21 restriction on leasing companies of that nature?

22 MR. COVINGTON: There is.

23 MR. TYLER: Is it in writing?

24 MR. COVINGTON: It is in law. It is in our City and County Zoning Ordinance. And it
25 distinguishes between heavy industry and light industry, which is light
26 manufacturing and warehousing. Heavy industry would be the chemical
27 things that you are talking about. So, there is a distinction. The Code
28 Enforcement officials are the ones that review those things, and look at
29 each industry. And the first thing we do is, we ask them what they do,
30 how they do it, and what their products are. We turn that over to the Code
31 Enforcement people to review many times. Twenty to thirty percent of the

1 time, we just tell them that they are not the proper industries for our
2 zoning.

3 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Brayon?

4 MR. BRAYON: Mr. Ballard had the same concern they did, as to what the restrictions
5 would be. Let me clarify the procedure. When can the community react?
6 When are they informed of who comes into this place? That's one
7 question. Number two, have you looked at the old paint shop area? What
8 do you envision to go into that area? Will the industry have the same lack
9 of quality of that particular area going into that site or will a site be like
10 the paint shop? Are you allowing them to go in classified as light? I
11 share Mr. Clay's point of view. I want you to have suggestions, but not at
12 the risk of the environment. I will give you my opinion of the paint shop.
13 The paint shop to me was something that was developed or probably
14 originally built back in '42 I don't know when it was built. It looks like
15 the original building under the standards that were in place at that time.
16 Certainly, we would not allow what would happen in those years to
17 happen today.

18 MR. PHILLIPS: The buildings were built in the mid-'40s. The inside of the building, as far
19 as an environmental relationship, caused industries and the government to
20 control their paint space. But, with new pumps and things like that, that
21 did not occur until the '80s. On the inside of those buildings, there is
22 actually some new equipment. It is – I believe it is mid-'40s, mid-'45 or
23 '46

24 MR. COVINGTON: Employees with that contamination issue came through those early years.
25 Today, they have to put OSHA approval in their buildings if they are
26 going to use them. That's enforced by the Code Enforcement Department.
27 Those are questions on the top of their list. When industries come in,
28 those things have to be determined and established on the very first trip.

29 MR. BRAYON: Number two, one time in a similar meeting, you said that you had no
30 control of a person coming in, and what they wanted to do with their
31 particular company in an industry. Do you remember that?

1 MR. COVINGTON: Not exactly that way. I will be happy to tell you what I think I was talking
2 about. If industries can meet the criteria of light industrial zoning, they
3 can jump through the hoops of the fire marshal, the Code Enforcement,
4 and the OSHA folks, they can meet the local legal department
5 requirements – if they don't do anything else that's onerous. We have one
6 requirement. We don't have outdoor storage that's allowable. That's not
7 from an environmental standpoint, but more from a marketing standpoint.
8 We don't want anyone storing pipes or lumber outdoors because it doesn't
9 look good, and will hurt us in trying to rent to other people. We don't
10 allow truck parking, container parking, or large cans of debris to remain
11 on the site. And most of those are covered under legal regulations

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13 Anyway, if they meet those requirements and meet very strict financial
14 guidelines, we seriously look at them as a potential tenant. I have to say
15 this, if they meet all of those requirements, there is no requirement for a
16 public hearing or anything along that line. Now, if they come in with a
17 special activity – and I can't think of one right now – there is something
18 that requires a special use permit, a rezoning. All of the requirements of
19 public hearings are set out that would require public hearings.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you. I'd like to move on to the next item on the agenda.

21 MR. PHILLIPS: Mr. Covington, I would like to try and do this as often as possible. There
22 are significant changes. I assume you don't have a tenant every week.
23 You have a total of 11 now.

24 MR. COVINGTON: Eleven now. We have been pretty lucky, maybe two or three a month.

25 MR. PHILLIPS: Quarterly, would be the necessity for this kind of a briefing. But, I really
26 appreciate it. I hope the rest of the RAB does, too.

27 MR. COVINGTON: I will stay around until after the meeting to answer any questions.

1 **CWM UPDATE**

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3 **MR. PHILLIPS:** The last new item before RAB comments and Public Comments is
4 Chemical Warfare Materiel Update. The Defense Logistic Agency
5 requested, at the end of last year, moving the Memphis project in front of
6 the Ogden, Utah Chemical Warfare Project, so we can maintain our
7 construction schedule for the springtime. We really didn't want this work
8 to be delayed in Memphis until July or August, because of the heat factor.
9 They had a delay on the outside in Alabama. They have honored that
10 request, and moved it to early April or May. Because of this, you will see
11 much more activity over the next few months. As a matter of fact, we are
12 planning an information session, which we will invite all of our
13 contractors and support agencies to on March 18th. That's on a Saturday.
14 The hours are going to be between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. But for that
15 and any other meetings that we plan, we will send letters to the RAB. The
16 RAB will be invited to those.

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18 Also, in December, Mr. Williams and Mr. Brayon went to Washington
19 D.C. to a site called Spring Valley. The Corps of Engineers invited us that
20 day. It was a very good tour. While the nature of the site wasn't very
21 similar to what we have done, we went there to see the protective
22 measures that the Corps of Engineers takes. Those will be very similar to
23 what's in place here. Those measures are measures to protect the workers
24 and the surrounding community. It was a very impressive site. I'd hoped
25 that one of my two RAB members would give his observations. Mr.
26 Brayon?

27 **MR. BRAYON:** It was a very enriched area, with homes about a million dollars or six
28 hundred thousand. So, it is a very lucrative area. But in building one of
29 these homes, at the outset, they had to put the crane underneath. They
30 found some projectiles and canisters. And they immediately said, "Wait,
31 we have got to find out what this is before we blow ourselves up." So,

1 they found out what they were. In fact, they could have been explosives,
2 but they were not. They removed them and said, "We'd better look all
3 over the area." So, they used aerial photographs to seek possible areas of
4 contamination. Let's go back. They used aerial photographs and used
5 magnets. A magnet would go down, and it will give a sounding as to
6 where metal is located.

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8 They had historical data, which revealed that in 1917 there was a camp
9 there and the camp specialized in chemical warfare. The chemical warfare
10 materiel was primarily mustard gas, and that type of thing. What they did
11 was to get the historical pictures and so forth, found where these areas
12 were located, and where they used static exposures. That meant going
13 through the area so they could cite these areas. They marked them out and
14 took samplings of that particular area.

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16 They removed several hundred of these things. The last area that we
17 visited, by the way, was on the Korean Embassy site. They dug holes of
18 about 13 feet by 23 feet to determine whether it was to be removed. They
19 had about five or six. This is real tricky, so these guys are trained people.
20 We talked to three that were on site, verifying things. They were healthy,
21 young American men. But, what they do is x-ray these things to see the
22 pin placement, and see what's happening there. And they x-ray to see if
23 there is anything contained in a liquid form. They use a spectrometer,
24 which gives a real reading. You can tell exactly what kind of chemical is
25 in there – chlorine or something like that, or maybe mustard gas. They are
26 able to dismantle this thing and transport it in a very carefully laid out
27 container to a place to be destroyed. Or if they cannot identify what's
28 going on, then they send it to Ohio with about six or seven Ph.D.'s, and try
29 to figure out what the heck it is. And a private will come in and say this is
30 what it is.
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1 The site, which is very similar to the site here – and here is a picture I will
2 pass around to you of the particular site where they are digging – it is
3 enclosed They take the dirt, and they examine and test the dirt on a daily
4 basis, and monitor and test the areas as this is going on. It is very
5 carefully laid out to protect people and the surrounding area. All kinds of
6 procedures are put in place in case something ever happened. I think this
7 is sort of a routine thing, but not routine if you are sitting on top of one of
8 them. This is something that's very similar to what they are going to have
9 on site here. The matter of concern is arsenic was found on the site at a
10 very high level. This is right beside the Korean Embassy. If you think
11 about it, people who we are concerned with the Korean Embassy may say,
12 “Get out of there as fast as you can ” That's about all I can say, unless
13 anybody has something else.

14 MS PETERS: They were building houses?

15 MR. BRAYON: One million dollar homes Also, this was in 1917 that the chemical
16 warfare was done, and this came later. I asked about the cancer rate and
17 couldn't find any. The Major said he couldn't find but one. But ATSDR
18 might know something about it I met with some of those guys, and they
19 didn't know anything about it.

20 MR. PHILLIPS. I am very impressed with the details you went into. I can't add anything to
21 that Any comments?

22 MS. BRADSHAW One question. I want to ask you – which I have been asking, I guess, over
23 the past year – has there been a plan set up for emergencies that would
24 happen on the site during the time of remediation? Will the community be
25 notified in a timely fashion, so that they can get out of the community in
26 case something happens, the worse scenario? I think I have asked this
27 question since we started talking about dredging up bombs or whatever.
28 And I want to make this statement clear, Shawn. The community will not
29 let you go over there and start excavating bombs until this plan is done. I
30 want this on record. We are not going to sit back and let you do it.
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- 1 MR. PHILLIPS: I received a copy of the plan that you are talking about. The Corps of
2 Engineers doesn't develop that. They give all of their information to the
3 local Emergency Management Agency, which develops a plan. I got a
4 copy of that from the gentleman from the Corps of Engineers in Huntsville
5 this morning. I simply don't have extra copies of it. I have no problem
6 with making copies of that and giving it to the RAB. I will put that as one
7 of my actions to send out with the meeting minutes this month. This is a
8 contingency plan. I wouldn't attempt to plan it. The plan is brief and very
9 straightforward. I will send that to you. Thank you.
- 10 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Ballard?
- 11 MR. BALLARD: We have talked about the Feasibility Studies for the Main Installation
12 format, and some contentions of just doing (inaudible) just to ensure that
13 the ultimate products met the requirements of the Superfund Program
14 And also provide a reasonably clear explanation of the decision-making
15 process – not the decision-making process – the process by which it
16 develops our alternatives, which ultimately go into the Proposed Plan that
17 will be presented for community review Following that, it was just, I
18 guess, we were introduced to some people from the Memphis Corps of
19 Engineers who will be participating in the CWM cleanup. That was about
20 it
- 21 MR. PHILLIPS: We have gotten to the point of the meeting where (inaudible) one
22 individual from that group, I don't recall her name. She will be on site as a
23 point of contact for me from DLA.
- 24 MR. TYLER: I would like her name and number and everything else important. I will
25 volunteer for the next BCT meeting next month.
- 26 MR. PHILLIPS: February... the calendar date will be either the 17th or the 18th.
- 27 MR. WILLIAMS: 17th.
- 28 MR. PHILLIPS: Could we have any other volunteers for that? Ms. Bradshaw? Mr. Tyler?
- 29 MR. TYLER: I will prefer Ms. Bradshaw, and not come If not, I will come
- 30 MR. WILLIAMS: We must either extend the meeting or close the meeting.

1 MR. TYLER: Fifteen minutes of public comments. I make a motion to extend the
2 meeting.

3 MR. WILLIAMS: All in favor?

4 MR. PHILLIPS: Extend for public comments. Open public comments entered.
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6 **RAB COMMENT PERIOD**
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8 MR. WILLIAMS: Do any of the RAB members have any comments?

9 MS. BRADSHAW: I have

10 MR. PHILLIPS: Ms. Bradshaw, you need the microphone.

11 MS. BRADSHAW: You stated that next month that we are supposed to meet with you on
12 February the 10th. I can't participate that week. My schedule is full. Get
13 another date and I will be happy to participate. I will be in Washington,
14 D.C. at that time

15 MR. WILLIAMS: Anyone else?

16 MR. TYLER: Since I made a motion to extend the meeting, I would like to thank Ms.
17 Young for what she did on the amended Charter. Outstanding job I did
18 read the document. I did get through it. Thank Alma for that session we
19 had The speaker was great, and I learned a lot And hopefully, this year
20 we will try to implement some of the changes that were given to us.

21 MR. WILLIAMS: Are there any more comments? We open up the floor...

22 MR. PHILLIPS: Before we open the floor, we had a young man who came out here tonight,
23 who volunteered his time. I would like to have Ms. Alma Moore say a
24 word or two.

25 MS. MOORE: This is relatively premature. I will probably be more prepared to make a
26 formal presentation to the RAB members in a few months, but I applaud
27 this young man. East High School has a real engineering program in the
28 state of Tennessee. I saw this young man in the newspaper. He received a
29 full scholarship to and graduated from MIT. His name is Mr. Henderson.
30 He turned down a very high-paying job to come back home to Memphis to
31 head the Engineering Department at East High School and expose more

1 minorities to engineering. I met with Mr. Henderson on Tuesday at East
2 High School. The engineering students are going to help me with the
3 neighborhood briefing sessions, and stuffing envelopes. They are
4 volunteering their time. These young people need to be exposed to
5 various phases of engineering.
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7 I would like to ask Ramond Walker to please stand. Ramond is one of the
8 engineering students from East High who will be involved in this
9 experience. He and his mother are my church members. I want to
10 especially thank his mother, Sharon Walker, for braving the severe
11 weather to bring Ramond to the RAB meeting. I hope it has been a
12 learning experience and I thank you both again for attending
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14 I've already cornered Turpin and I will try to see if I could get some of the
15 guys that are engineers – you, too, Carter – to expose these students to the
16 various fields of engineering.
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18 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
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20 **MR. PHILLIPS:** Public comment period. First citizen

21 **MR. DEBACK.** My name is John DeBack. I am with the Department of Defense. I am the
22 Base Transition Coordinator and the Defense Logistics Agency Site
23 Manager here at the Depot. I just want to add on to the response to Ms.
24 Bradshaw's concern and Ms. Brooks' concern about future liability on the
25 part of the United States government. As the RAB does know, Ms. Hooks
26 brought in substantial information that shows the affidavits that are
27 available to the community if this were to happen. Something else that
28 hasn't been said is that all of the transfer documents for the closure bases
29 include language that states the government's liability for future actions. I
30 don't think that that has been stated to the RAB before. So, in addition to
31 the laws that were investigated by Ms. Hooks, the actual transfer

document becomes the language in the document. The United States government is liable for any future contamination that was caused by the government and discovered in the future.

MR. WILLIAMS: Any more public comments? No one else have any questions? I move that the meeting be adjourned.

MR. PHILLIPS: Second it.

MR. BALLARD: February 10th... Ms. Bradshaw expressed a concern that she may not be able to come. She had made an expressed desire to change the date.

MR. PHILLIPS: That's up to the RAB subcommittee. We have actually already re-scheduled this meeting three previous times.

MR. WILLIAMS: Ready to adjourn? All in favor?

RAB MEMBERS: Aye.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.)

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2000

6:00 P.M., The Memphis Depot

"J" Street Café

2163 Airways Boulevard

Memphis, Tennessee

Attendance List
Restoration Advisory Board Members

Mr. Shawn Phillips	Facility Co-Chair
Mr. Mondell Williams	Community Co-Chair
Ms. Elizabeth Young	Citizen Representative
Mr. Stanley Tyler	Citizen Representative
Ms. Johnnie Mae Peters	Citizen Representative
Mr. Reginald Eskridge	Citizen Representative
Ms. Doris Bradshaw	Environmental Representative (DDMT-CCC)
Mr. Kevin Clay	Citizen Representative
Mr. Eugene Brayon	Citizen Representative
Mr. Turpin Ballard	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Ms. Peggy Brooks	Citizen Representative
Mr. Jim Covington	Civic Representative/Depot Redevelopment Corporation (DRC)
Mr. John Garrison	Citizen Representative
Mr. Carter Gray	Memphis/Shelby County Health Department
Mr. Ulysses Truitt	Citizen Representative

Others in Attendance

Ms. Margaret Curry	Citizen
Mr. Benjamin Moore	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
Mr. John Rollyson	Arnold Air Force Base, TN
Mr. Virgil Jansen	UXB International
Mr. Kurt Braun	Corps of Engineers – Mobile
Ms. Terri Gray	Citizen
Mr. Ramond Walker	East High School Engineering Student

Others in Attendance (cont'd)

Ms Sharon Walker	Citizen
Ms. Joy Farwell	Citizen
Mr. John DeBack	Depot Base Transition Coordinator/Site Manager
Mr. Russell Ray Anderson	Citizen
Ms. Denise Cooper	Depot Environmental Protection Assistant
Mr. Jesse Wilburn	Environmental Realty Services
Ms. Betty J. Mills	Citizen
Mr Steve Dunn	Corps of Engineers – Huntsville
Mr Carnell Bates	Citizen

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