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MEMPHIS DEPOT
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
Agenda**

**Thursday, March 18, 1999
6:00 p.m.
Conference Room
2163 Airways Boulevard
Memphis, Tennessee**

Welcome and Introductions

Mr Mondell Williams
RAB Community Co-Chair

Review and Approve Agenda

Review February Meeting Minutes	5 min	Mr Mondell Williams
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Old Business

Comments/Questions from Feb meeting	20 min	Mr. Shawn Phillips RAB Facility Co-Chair
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Update of the TAPP Grant	10 min	Mr Shawn Phillips
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Report on the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Meeting (NEJAC)	5 min	Ms Doris Bradshaw DDMT-CCC
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New Business

BCT Update (Mr. Tyler to comment on Feb. and Mar meeting)	10 min	Mr Shawn Phillips
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Dunn Field Sampling Update	20 min	Mr. Greg Underberg CH2M Hill
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RAB Comment Period	5 min	Mr Mondell Williams
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Public Comment Period	15 min	Mr Mondell Williams
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Adjourn Meeting

MEETING MINUTES
Restoration Advisory Board
March 18, 1999
The Memphis Depot, Memphis, TN
Conference Room

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting was held on March 18, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. at The Memphis Depot, Memphis, Tennessee in the Conference Room. The attendance list is attached.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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MR WILLIAMS I would like to welcome everyone to the March meeting. And, to start off, we have a new sign-in sheet for the RAB. So, if any member of the RAB has not signed this, would you please do so. This will be our new sheet to sign in on So, it will be going around

Does everyone have an agenda in front of them? Well, as I said, while they are looking over the agenda, I would like to welcome everyone to the March meeting for the RAB. If there are any former employees or anyone that lives in the community that's here and this is your first time, I would like to welcome you all to this meeting. And I hope that it is very informative to everyone that is here tonight.

We've got two people sitting in tonight. Mr. Kenneth Bradshaw is sitting in for Mr Kevin Clay, and we've got Ms. Debra Rogers sitting in for Ms Willie Mae Willett

1 MR. PHILLIPS.

We also have in the audience with us tonight two guests. I think everyone remembers Dr. John Crellin. He is joining Benjamin Moore from ATSDR from Atlanta with us this evening. We also have the Chief of Military Programs, Mr. Mike Abeln who is an engineer from the Mobile District of the Army Corps of Engineers.

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7 **REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

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9 MR. WILLIAMS:

So, everyone has looked over the agenda. Does anyone want to add anything, change anything? I need a motion.

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11 MS. PETERS:

I move that we accept the minutes.

12 MS. YOUNG:

That is not the minutes. It is the agenda.

13 MS. PETERS:

The agenda.

14 MR. ENGLISH:

Second.

15 MR. WILLIAMS:

All in favor?

16 MS. YOUNG:

Aye.

17 MR. WILLIAMS:

Any opposed? Any abstained? Motion carried. The agenda is accepted.

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20 **REVIEW FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

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22 MR. WILLIAMS:

Now, we must look over the minutes of the last meeting.

23 MR. ENGLISH:

One correction from me. Page 23, line 14. What I said was: We are under the state Memorandum of Agreement, and we are provided the oversight payments through our Defense and State Memorandum of Agreement. It is just a --

1 MS. MOORE. Line what now?
2 MR ENGLISH Line 14, 'through our' instead of 'throughout '
3 MR WILLIAMS. Anymore corrections?
4 MR. BALLARD. On page 13, line 3. The way it reads is -- well, lines 2 and 3. I say,
5 "I think there was probably a failure on EPA's part to omission."
6 And what happened was -- I think if you just insert a hyphen in
7 there, because I started to -- at that point started to say change
8 from a failure to an omission. I started to change from saying a
9 failure to, to saying an omission Then I go on to say, I am not
10 going to say it was a deliberate omission but, at which point I got
11 interrupted and never got back to that So, if you just insert a
12 hyphen between "to" and "omission," it will give the sense that I
13 was making that change
14 MR BRAYON On page 19, line 10 I said that I didn't mean it
15 MS PETERS What did you say?
16 MR BRAYON "How much of the \$28 million comes out of the \$400,000."
17 MR ENGLISH If you can do that, I want to talk to you
18 MR BRAYON No clarification It is just a mistake on my part
19 MR WILLIAMS Can I get someone to make a motion to approve the
20 minutes with the changes?
21 MS. PETERS Mr Chairman, I move that we accept the minutes as read
22 with the necessary corrections
23 MR. ENGLISH Second
24 MR. WILLIAMS All in favor?
25 RAB MEMBERS Aye

1 MR. WILLIAMS: Any opposed? Any abstained? So moved. I want to make sure
2 that everyone that's visiting signs in. And, if you have any
3 questions that you might like to ask, there are cards on the table for
4 you to either write them down, or to leave your cards, and we will
5 get the information back to you if you leave your address and name
6 and everything on it.

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8 **OLD BUSINESS**

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10 **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM FEBRUARY MEETING**

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12 MR. PHILLIPS: We're on to old business. We are making efforts to go through the
13 RAB meeting minutes and identify all the questions that were in the
14 meeting minutes that did not get answered. I have several that I
15 will answer. I believe the EPA and the state might also have a
16 couple. Let me read through the ones that I saw. Ms. Bradshaw
17 had a question regarding public hearings. It was when were we
18 going to have them. We are planning a formal public comment
19 period for Saturday, June 12th. That is to support the chemical
20 warfare project, and we will follow that -- we are thinking about
21 following that with a Community Information Session. As our
22 plans get more set to do that, and our guests are set up to come
23 into town, we will place an ad in the local papers and on the radio,
24 and there will be more information concerning a public meeting
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1 Ms. Hooks also had a question concerning funding. Since BRAC
2 closure - she wanted some detailed information. I planned on
3 handing this to her tonight, but she's not here. We'll fax her a
4 copy, but I've made a copy of the written response to her question.
5 I'm sure she might have questions concerning that sheet She'll get
6 hold of me, if she does. There was a question about the contract
7 bidding process. We provided a letter to Ms. Hooks, Dr. Kirk,
8 Kevin Clay, and Congressman Ford's office describing a description
9 of the federal contracting process and with particular regard to
10 minority contracting. We provided copies of those to all the
11 members of the RAB. We have that here tonight in case someone
12 needs that, if they didn't get that Do we have that? If anyone
13 wants a copy of that letter that we sent describing the federal
14 contracting process, just let us know and we will get it for you

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16 I also asked the RAB, I asked the question, and it wasn't responded
17 to in the minutes I asked if the RAB was interested in having a
18 presentation from a knowledgeable person, a contracting officer,
19 concerning minority contracting. We've made some phone calls,
20 and we found out that we could arrange that, but I need to know if
21 the RAB wishes to have that as a presentation item on the RAB
22 agenda in the future. We could do that as early as next month, but
23 I will need a motion to add that to an agenda.

24 MS YOUNG.

I so move.

25 MR. WILLIAMS

I second.

1 MR. PHILLIPS.

2 How many RAB members are in favor of putting that presentation
3 on the agenda? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine,
4 ten Those opposed? If you didn't vote either way, you abstain. It
5 is 10. We'll put that on the agenda. We will set that up. By the
6 way, Mr Abeln, go ahead and invite your contracting officer,
7 please Thank you.

8 There was a question from a citizen concerning the covering of the
9 mounds of fluorspar over at Dunn Field I wanted to make sure we
10 -- the contractor who has bought that material and who is moving it
11 off the property. When they leave a fluorspar pile open, you know
12 there is not any of the concrete liner on the top of it at one end,
13 what they are doing is spraying it with a transparent resin that is
14 designed to try to keep the dust down It's not a permanent fix, it
15 does work to keep the dust down

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18 Then we opened a public comment period Mr Bradshaw had a
19 question about the removal of the mustard bombs There was a
20 comment on why we weren't using the Project Manager for Non-
21 Stockpile Chemical Warfare Materiels to do this work The
22 gentleman's name that was mentioned is Colonel Edmund Libby.
23 After the comment was made, the next day I called Colonel Libby
24 to find out exactly what his office did, what his role was He and
25 Non-Stockpile will participate in the project that we have here. He
26 has been involved for quite sometime. He attended one of our

1 Information Sessions we had last summer. His organization will be
2 involved with our action, but they do not actually remove that
3 material. That was a misunderstanding. He had provided us copies
4 of the fact sheets on what his mission is, what his role for this work
5 is. I believe we have that available at the back of the room.

6 MS. MOORE. Yes, we have facts sheets.

7 MR. PHILLIPS. It is the facts sheet, 'Partners.' It describes a little bit of
8 what their role is in this action.

9 MS. BRADSHAW. Shawn, you said they actually do not remove the mustard
10 gas bombs?

11 MR. PHILLIPS. That's right.

12 MS. BRADSHAW. Non-Stockpile do not?

13 MR. PHILLIPS. That's right. They manage it. If we find intact pieces of ordnances
14 or whatever, once our contractor pulls it out of the ground, then
15 they manage it. They are the experts on storing it, transporting it,
16 and disposing of it, but they don't dig it up out of the ground.

17 MS. BRADSHAW. I understand digging it up, but they are going to be on-site
18 at the time?

19 MR. PHILLIPS. An agent of theirs will be on-site, a Technical Escort Unit. They
20 will be on-site during the entire removal. There were some
21 concerns. I believe this goes back to the January BCT. But there
22 were concerns with the Safe Drinking Water Act, and Mr. Ballard
23 from EPA prepared a response to that question. Mr. Bradshaw
24 asked for the response in writing. So, Mr. Ballard, from EPA,
25 responded to that in writing, and we have copies of that letter in
26 case the rest of the RAB would be interested in that.

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3 Folks are busy handing out stuff. So, I am just going to run this
4 down both sides of the table. The last thing that I caught from the
5 minutes, Ms. Brooks, our newest RAB member, Ms. Brooks had a
6 question of ATSDR's Dr. Warren. She also asked us later in the
7 presentation or later during the meeting. Her question was. What
8 are the effects on human health of mustard. ATSDR publishes a
9 fact sheet called **TOX FACTS**. We are passing around copies of
10 that. And I just wanted to let you know that is from ATSDR. This
11 is an information sheet that they publish. Were there other issues,
12 other comments from previous months from February's minutes that
13 need to be addressed? Ms. Bradshaw

14 MS BRADSHAW

15 I think the question started in January, and I don't see it here. It
16 was how many of these contractors was black that was used to do
17 this particular service. And I still don't see that. We asked
18 specifically – we didn't ask for minority; we asked for black
19 contractors. We wanted to know how many of these contractors
20 that are on this list was black. Can you give us that information?

20 MR. PHILLIPS

I'm not sure we can

21 MS BRADSHAW

Why not?

22 MR. PHILLIPS

Do you guys know about the contracting issues?

23 MR. BRAUN

24 Yes. All the construction contractors that Mobile uses in the
25 minority were black: V&W, S&W and Allied. Allied is from
26 Memphis. S&W is from Memphis. They are in the 8-A program in
the Memphis district. That is where we got their name from.

1 MS BRADSHAW Are they on this particular?
2 MS YOUNG S&W is, I know.
3 MS BRADSHAW Are you saying S&W?
4 MR. PHILLIPS I know where they are on this list, Ms Bradshaw. The top
5 contractor, the second contractor, and about halfway down,
6 Allied Electric.
7 MS. BRADSHAW. That is V&W.
8 MS. YOUNG Hu-huh. But the second one is S&W.
9 MS. BRADSHAW Okay. I don't have my glasses on.
10 MR BRAUN. V&W is also a black minority contractor out of Pascagoula,
11 Mississippi, that did the very first remediation job on the
12 carports.
13 MS. BRADSHAW On what?
14 MR BRAUN On the carports
15 MS BRADSHAW Carports?
16 MR BRAUN Yes.
17 MS BRADSHAW Were these actual contractors or subcontracted out to
18 them?
19 MR BRAUN These were both contractors S&W and V&W are prime
20 contractors
21 MS BRADSHAW So, they got the contract?
22 MR. BRAUN They got the whole --
23 MS BRADSHAW Who else on here?
24 MR BRAUN Allied was a prime contractor to OHM for the electrical on
25 the groundwater remediation.
26 MS BRADSHAW OHM is a minority contractor?

1 MR. BRAUN No Allied They're a subcontractor to OHM
2 MS. BRADSHAW So, they were subcontractors?
3 MR. BRAUN They were a subcontractor.
4 MR. PHILLIPS I see on this list the designation in the third column called SDB
5 stands for Small Disadvantaged Business There are other SDBs on
6 there. I do not know if they were black-owned, or American-
7 Indian owned.
8 MS. BRADSHAW. We're just interested now in the black contractors. We will get to
9 the whole nine yards later on. We want to know how many, all this
10 money that is out here to be used for cleanup, how much of this is
11 going back to the black contractors And that is what we're
12 interested in
13 MR. PHILLIPS Jordan, did you have any response or comments from last
14 month?
15 MR. ENGLISH On that item right there with regard to minority contracting, the
16 question was asked with regard to the State's hiring practices, and
17 I'm assuming it was intended to mean hiring any subcontractor or
18 contractor So, I have that information right here The specific
19 quantities, I don't have that information I can understand exactly
20 what is on it with regard to percentages I can help you in finding
21 that information out. I don't know whether you want it on a
22 department basis or a state-wide basis or whatever But to find that
23 information out and get the right answer, I need to know exactly
24 what you are wanting to know about, because there is no way I can
25 give you a correct answer for the Department of Environment and
26 Conservation if the total number for the State is wrapped into the

1 whole state program. I can do whatever I can to try to find that
2 answer for you. Here is this information here if anybody wants to
3 see it. I brought a copy. Anybody can look at it
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5 The other item I was asked about was state, how we charge, or
6 what we do. And I misspoke last time. I was under the impression
7 that we provide a total breakdown for all activities. We do for
8 every site except federal facilities. However, what I got my people
9 to do was to provide this breakdown in this manner for this federal
10 facility for this instance. So, here it is, by date, by activity, the staff
11 person involved, their title, and the cost for whatever time they put
12 in. We do not put in the number of hours we put in, because, if we
13 put in the hours and cost, you will know what that guy makes. We
14 can tell you what a person makes, what their classification range is,
15 but we are not required to tell anybody what that person makes per
16 hour. Some of that is based on tenure and other things that's not
17 our privilege to give out
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19 This other list is, there was a time before where we had a Defense
20 and State Memorandum of Agreement where we charge through
21 the state program, the normal state program like we charge any site
22 around here that is a Superfund site. Once we got the
23 Memorandum of Agreement, we started charging under the D
24 code, and that stands for DSMOA (Defense and State
25 Memorandum of Agreement). That is the account that we charge
26 the Department of Defense to. So, this list is found within here,

1 because I got them to wrap these state costs back into here. This is
2 the total of everything right here. On the back pages, you will find
3 totals for the personnel, that the man-hours, not the man-hours, but
4 the manpower charges. You will see it broken down by fiscal year,
5 the overhead charges that we charge, and how much that is. And,
6 then, you will also see the expenses. There is also travel expenses
7 included

8 MR BRAYON: We need a copy of that.

9 MR ENGLISH: Well, it is right here. I'm going to give it to you.

10 MR BRAYON: But you could take it from --

11 MR. WILLIAMS: I think we can get Ms Moore to run copies of it.

12 MS MOORE: Not right now.

13 MR ENGLISH: Let me give you the number. So, don't get too excited when you
14 see these numbers. So you will know how much we have cost the
15 federal government. Since '84, at this site, we have charged a
16 whopping total of \$110,000. \$110,241.50 to date, and that
17 includes \$11,812 in laboratory charges, \$12,375 in overhead
18 charges. So, we are cheap. Labor for the state for that period of
19 time is \$97,866.04, with most of that coming since about -- it
20 started picking up in '92 pretty good. I've got a lot of '92 charges.
21 So, there is a little bit in '91, a little less in '90, almost nothing in
22 '89, '87 and '84. And then in '92 and '93 it picks up. In '96 is really
23 fat. And, from then on, it is fat. So, we have spent a lot of money
24 here.

25 MS PETERS: Millions I think, is that right?

26 MR ENGLISH: \$110,000.

1 MS PETERS: Well, you are reading off of -- you are talking about
2 \$110,000?
3 MR ENGLISH: Let me say it again. \$110,241 50.
4 MS PETERS: That is what the state has spent?
5 MR ENGLISH: That is what we have spent. That's including manpower, overhead,
6 which runs anywhere from 12 to 15 percent based on what kind of
7 secretarial charges for any particular year, and I think \$11,000 and
8 some odd dollars in laboratory expenses.
9 MS. BRADSHAW: That's all, \$11,000?
10 MR. ENGLISH: Yes.
11 MS. BRADSHAW: So, the state hasn't done any testing on their own but just a
12 little bit?
13 MR ENGLISH: \$11,000. This runs -- let me see what this goes through, because
14 this may not be -- this is through -- and the lab charges may be
15 running a little behind some of these others. So, there may be some
16 lab charges that are not reflected here. That gets billed out
17 separately. This is actually up through 12/30/98. This doesn't
18 include anything on this year. We have already been out at least
19 once this year again sampling. Brian, is that right, or have we been
20 out twice this calendar year?
21 MR DEEKEN: Twice.
22 MR ENGLISH: Okay. So, we've already been out twice this year sampling. So,
23 there is going to be some more dollars on that as well.
24 MR PHILLIPS: Mr. Ballard had a comment. Are you finished, Mr English?
25 MR. ENGLISH: I'm sorry Mr Tyler is not here because some of his questions about
26 the minority contracting were for him or from him. I would ask

1 that, this is going to be a part of the record, so anybody that wants
2 specific, broken down information in terms of minority hiring from
3 the state's perspective, I will have to find out what agency you want
4 that information for because I think it is all kept separately. And I
5 will have to understand how we're to go about doing that I don't
6 mind doing it or I don't mind helping you do it, anybody that wants
7 that information, but I will have to see the best way to achieve it.

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9 If I tell you, say, the Department of Environment and Conservation
10 total, that may not be the same total for the entire state The
11 practices and policies are right here, though Basically, we follow
12 the federal policies. And, if we can't abide by the federal policies,
13 we don't get any dollars, anyway. So, that is what we follow

14 MR. BRAYON

Would you repeat that, please?

15 MR. ENGLISH

16 We follow the federal policies. They are here Our policies are
17 here If we do not follow the federal policies, we don't get federal
18 dollars for anything we do. And we do get federal dollars for
19 anything we do And we don't get federal dollars for some of the
20 things we do We don't get any -- well, we do get federal dollars
21 This is a federally funded program It is DoD funded, but it is still
federal.

22 MR. PHILLIPS

I would like to point out that if you want to be recognized, you
23 need to be recognized by the chair to speak. Mr. Bradshaw

24 MR. BRADSHAW

25 Kevin related to me that he had some serious concerns about the
26 overall budget, how much money was appropriated, designated, or
otherwise set aside, for the entire budget for the cleanup, not only

1 from what is on here, but the entire budget. And I was under the
2 impression from my resources, which I thought were very reliable
3 at the time, which I shared with Mr. DeBack when he first got here,
4 it was \$163,322,000. Now, if that figure is incorrect, I would like
5 to look at more than this right here, because, I think, the Memphis
6 Commercial Appeal said that the Mayor of Memphis got \$30
7 million dollars from the Depot. And I want to know where all
8 government funds that was attributed to the Depot actually went,
9 because this is all well and fine for the remedial work for cleanup
10 and everything.

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12 But what I had in mind, how much the city got, how much the
13 county got, if any, how much the state got, how much the public
14 relations firm, Frontline, got, and any other public relations. I
15 wanted the total for everything spent on the Depot. And that was -
16 - Kevin was very emphatic, and I don't believe I am doing this
17 justice for the issue and everything, but he made sure that I would
18 bring that up. And my comment, my personal comment, we had a
19 dieldrin cleanup which was deemed an emergency cleanup. And
20 since the dieldrin had been there 10, 15, maybe 20 years, I wanted
21 to know what factors made it an emergency.

22 MR. PHILLIPS.

23 Okay. The first part of your comment dealt with a budgetary figure
24 of \$167 million. This came up during the February RAB meeting
25 by Mr. Clay. I will read how I answered that question last month.
26 "That is where that estimate came from. More recently, we have
much more data. We can clearly define what our expectations of

1 the cleanup out here to be. That tighter control of what we know
2 to be out here has allowed us to refine our estimates ” That is the
3 change between whatever figure was that Kevin referred to, and
4 that figure is the \$167 million, and the \$52 million that we believe it
5 will take to finish now.

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7 And last month Carter Gray made the comment that this is a year-
8 by-year appropriation. The budget changes through the process.
9 The information that Mr. Clay had researched, that \$167 million,
10 was an early budget estimate, but that is from -- I don't even know
11 when that is from. That is from the early '90s or late '80s. The
12 second comment you had about the dieldrin and about the housing
13 action, that comment was brought up to the board last month.

14 MR BALLARD

Not Mr Bradshaw's specific question

15 MR PHILLIPS

What was your specific question about that?

16 MR BRADSHAW

17 I wondered since the dieldrin had been there -- I read Mr. Carter
18 Gray's letter from years back, and he had the same concerns I had
19 about the dieldrin before the cleanup. Since it was designated an
20 emergency cleanup and the action was taken immediately a few
21 months ago, I wanted to know what made it an emergency. Was
22 there some kind of environmental factors or whatever, since it had
23 been mentioned at least seven or eight years before?

24 MR PHILLIPS

25 The determination to make that a time critical removal was based
26 upon the fact that kids were going to live in that area if MIFA got
that for reuse. We are also obligated to expedite the reuse of the
property anyway we can. And the levels of dieldrin that were out

1 there, while they were acceptable if no one is living there, they
2 would not be acceptable if there were kids in that area. And that is
3 why we made that a time critical removal.

4 MR. BRADSHAW One follow-up. You are correct when you said no people were
5 living in that area, no kids and everything. But 25 feet away from
6 the fence line, there was an apartment complex with a lot of
7 children and everything. And that is the last comment on that. But
8 I didn't think you addressed the part where the city got -- the
9 Mayor of Memphis was given \$30 million dollars by DLA

10 MR. PHILLIPS. I'm not aware of any of that. I can't answer that.

11 MR ENGLISH Where did you get that information?

12 MR. BRADSHAW I think I read it in the paper when they approved -- when the City
13 Council and the County Commission approved the Depot's
14 remediation cleanup plans and things like that

15 MR PHILLIPS Excuse me, Ms Peters has been recognized

16 MS PETERS The question I want to ask, since the Depot has been dealing with
17 this cleanup the last at least four years, maybe a little longer,
18 because, hasn't some of that money already been spent or
19 something? A percentage of this estimated all these millions of
20 dollars, hasn't a lot of that money already been spent for a part of
21 the cleanup?

22 MR. PHILLIPS. Yes, ma'am

23 MS. PETERS. All right. Well, if that money has already been spent, we need to
24 talk about the money we're going to spend in the future. That
25 money has already been given to contractors, the way I see it. So,
26 we need to talk about the money that we have to spend in the

1 future - how other contractors - it can be done fairly. But that
2 money that's already spent, that \$13 million or \$113 million is
3 already gone. So, we need to talk about how much money have we
4 got now that we can spend to finish up the cleanup or something.
5 MR. PHILLIPS Would the RAB appreciate a presentation on the budget for this
6 site that is a presentation that I can prepare? We cannot do that
7 next month because we have already added the contracting officer
8 presentation, but we can do it. Do I have a motion for that?
9 MR. BRAYON I move that you do that. But can I make somewhat of an
10 inquisition before we do that?
11 MR. ENGLISH That is what I want to do.
12 MR. PHILLIPS Open it to discussion.
13 MR. BRAYON A long time ago I proposed that if you, for instance, when you hand
14 out all of this information and you have it at your disposal, if you
15 would give it to us in a mailing before we come to the meeting, it
16 would help us to scrutinize what you have and ask you some
17 intelligent questions. So, if you have a budget, would you send it
18 to us. This is if you have the information. I know sometimes time
19 is pressing and you don't, and you have to give it to us here. But if
20 you have the information, would you give it to us as we suggested
21 sometime ago. That is it. So, the motion is, yes, would you please
22 get a budget report to the RAB?
23 MR. COVINGTON. Second.
24 MR. PHILLIPS. There is more discussion. Mr. English
25 MR. ENGLISH I'm not going to take anything away from that. As far as I am
26 concerned, that second can stand. But I just wanted to clarify for

1 my own mind, did we not have a presentation at the last meeting
2 where we basically said there was, like, \$28 million dollars
3 estimated left to spend?
4 MR. PHILLIPS. The estimate that I put in my presentation, if you'll check the
5 minutes, was, I believe, \$23.5 million, but it was not done by year.
6 MR. BALLARD Or by project
7 MR. ENGLISH. I understand. If they want a yearly breakdown, it is going to be
8 very involved and very detailed. It will be on a yearly basis not a
9 total project basis. But I was just trying to refresh my memory on
10 what you did present at the last meeting.
11 MR. WILLIAMS We have a motion. We have a second.
12 MR. BALLARD. I have a discussion on it.
13 MR. PHILLIPS Mr. Ballard.
14 MR. BALLARD The Restoration Advisory Board is supposed to be, at least the way
15 I read the charter, more involved in advising on technical issues
16 related to the cleanup of the site. I think it is perfectly valid to
17 request information on the money that is being spent and how it is
18 being spent, but I think it would be -- I think it would be a better
19 use of the board's time to provide a budget summary in writing.
20 And, if anyone has questions about that, bring them up at a board
21 meeting, but not to spend the really precious hour and a half, which
22 goes very quickly, explaining information that we can provide
23 ahead of time.
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25 If you look at it, if you have questions about it, you know, either
26 talk one-on-one. Or, if it is important enough to raise as a question

1 to the board, then have it answered, fine. But to get up with the
2 overheads and all what that entails, it just cuts so much into the
3 time that could be spent providing more information, as we have it,
4 about what we are doing to move forward with the cleanup.

5 MR. PHILLIPS I wish I understood the correct verbiage to use here, but are you
6 putting forth a modified motion for me to provide that presentation
7 through a mailing instead of putting it on a RAB agenda? Is that a
8 modified motion to the earlier motion?

9 MR. BALLARD There is a motion with a second that you can include. I don't think
10 you even need to have a motion to include something on the
11 agenda. I would just say that, rather than including it as an agenda
12 presentation, provide the information that is requested, you know,
13 and answer any questions that the information brings up, but not
14 have it as an agenda item. So, I guess in the discussion on this
15 motion I'm saying I am opposed to having it as an agenda item.

16 MR. PHILLIPS Ms. Bradshaw

17 MS. BRADSHAW That is one of the reasons why I brought up, Mondell, that we need
18 a section, since this is government that is talking, and what the
19 community wants. That is the split right there. Give us an
20 opportunity as the community to have a session for the things that
21 we feel like that is important. And, you know, the technical stuff is
22 good, because we need it.

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24 We need to know what you are doing and how you are doing it.
25 And I always said that the meetings didn't last long enough, to meet
26 once a month, especially when it comes to the technical things.

1 that's going on this cleanup It is important to us. But as far as the
2 community, we need a time to discuss items that we feel like that is
3 important and spend some time on that And some RABs set up
4 where they split the time between the government and the
5 community.

6 MR. WILLIAMS

Ms Bradshaw, I don't know if it is possible to do this, but this is a
7 thought here. Seeing that they have these technical meetings once a
8 month before the RAB meeting, maybe the community people
9 could have a like meeting. I really don't know Is there anyone
10 here who could answer that? Would that be infringing upon the
11 Sunshine Law or anything? Can anyone?

12 MR. PHILLIPS

Mr English

13 MR. ENGLISH

The comment I would like to make is that this Restoration
14 Advisory Board for the purposes of voting, the members that vote
15 here are the citizen members, not the BCT members If this board
16 as a whole chooses to discuss and votes to determine what items
17 they want to have on the agenda, that is their call This is their
18 forum as far as I am concerned There can be some other meeting
19 that is had with the community members, but this is intended to be
20 the community's input to the process here I don't think we have to
21 have a government session and a board session I think the
22 government people here are willing to bring things to the table to
23 present in form, discuss, take comments, answer questions.

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25 But the RAB members that are the community members here are
26 driving this boat as far as I am concerned and the RAB members,

1 therefore, should control where the agenda goes And if they want
2 issues to be answered with regard to budget matters as opposed to
3 a technical discussion, and the board so votes for that, that is where
4 it needs to go I don't necessarily agree with it, but that is not for
5 me to say It is your RAB.

6 MR BALLARD

I don't have a problem with that if this RAB wants to amend the
7 Charter. But the purpose and mission of the RAB is - "to
8 facilitate communication among the members of the RAB in
9 relation to actions taken by DLA under its Base Realignment and
10 Closure and environmental restoration programs, - provide an
11 opportunity for members to comment on actions and proposed
12 actions taken by DLA under its BRAC and environmental
13 restoration programs, - to promote regulatory and public
14 participation in accordance with applicable laws "

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16 For example, legally required public comment periods for Records
17 of Decision, - provide recommendations on cleanup priorities and
18 remediation options in relation to regional public concerns. That is
19 the four bullets in the charter for this RAB. Now, if you want to
20 get into things like looking at our budget and advising us where we
21 should be spending the money Not us. I mean, it is not my
22 money. It is DoD's and DLA's. It is taxpayers' money. Absolutely.
23 But amend the charter Otherwise, stick with the charter.

24 MR BRAYON

Question.

25 MR PHILLIPS

Mr Brayon

26 MR. BRAYON

Call for the question

1 MR ENGLISH Call for the question It requires a second.
2 MR PHILLIPS Do I have a second?
3 MR ENGLISH We are voting on the motion The motion is on the floor.
4 MR PHILLIPS The motion is on the floor The motion is on the floor to
5 have a budgetary presentation at the RAB.
6 MS. PETERS Vote it up or down
7 MR. WILLIAMS All in favor?
8 MR. PHILLIPS For a budgetary presentation.
9 MR WILLIAMS All in favor?
10 MS. MOORE There are eight, nine people One more time. Make sure
11 nine people voted for the presentation. That is nine.
12 MR WILLIAMS All opposed? Any abstained? Motion carried. One
13 abstained.
14 MR. PHILLIPS Are there any other, from the February RAB meeting, were there
15 any other questions or comments that folks saw on the minutes that
16 needed to be put to rest?
17 MR BALLARD There was a final little thing that I had just said that Mr Clay had
18 asked a question about - 'when does a particular time period start'.
19 And I said that I was going to double-check that and get back to
20 him. I had said that the administrative record has to be made
21 publicly available for a time critical removal within 60 days of the
22 start of work. And he said, how do you define the start of work?
23 And it is defined as the start of on-site removal activities, which,
24 you know, so, it is not the beginning of your planning process, but
25 it is 60 days from the time you come on-site to do the work.
26 MR PHILLIPS Ms Bradshaw, do you have a question?

1 MS BRADSHAW It has already been answered.

2 MR. WILLIAMS I just want to say something real quick I hope that everyone at the
3 table understands that we can agree to disagree and still be in
4 harmony, you know I hope that we can do that Sometimes we
5 disagree the way things go at the table, but we must be able to still
6 carry on

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8 **UPDATE OF THE TAPP GRANT**

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10 MR. PHILLIPS The next item on the agenda is an update of the TAPP Grant. We
11 had four contractors who came to a meeting on March 3rd,
12 Wednesday, March the 3rd Eight RAB members attended that
13 meeting: Ms. Young, Ms Gray, John Garrison, Ulysses Truitt, Ms.
14 Peters, Mr. Brayon, Ms. Brooks, and Stanley Tyler They met, and
15 they heard marketing presentations from four companies that had
16 responded to the RAB request for work They were Environmental
17 Management Services Incorporated from Brentwood, Tennessee;
18 Bhate Environmental from Brentwood, Tennessee, Hess
19 Environmental from Memphis, and Environmental Realty from
20 Memphis The rankings of those companies, as suggested by the
21 eight RAB members in attendance at that meeting, will be
22 forwarded to the DoD contracting officer for action.

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24 I will keep you informed of where that grant is in the process, but
25 this is typically a 45 to 60-day process to award a document like
26 this. For the eight members who were in attendance, as we broke

1 up the meeting as you might recall, I asked if members who were
2 there wanted to do something like a letter of appreciation to the
3 vendors who came in to offer their time. I have a copy of four
4 letters to the four different vendors. I would like to pass that
5 around I appreciate your time Would you like to add anything,
6 Ms. Young?

7 MS. YOUNG

No.

8 MR. PHILLIPS

Ms. Bradshaw?

9 MS BRADSHAW

10 I talked to Jan Reitman and I know Jan Reitman, DLA, in Fort
11 Belvoir, Virginia. And I had some concerns about how the meeting
12 was held, the time that it was held. And that I felt like that it wasn't
13 -- I know it was the majority of the RAB, but it wasn't at a good
14 time for some people to be there And 3.00 p m. in the daytime,
15 you know, people do work and have other things that they have to
16 do in the prime time And that was the reason why the RAB
17 meeting was held in the evening so that people could participate
18 And I feel like there was not a letter or anything that was written to
19 even present to vendors or people that we may have thought that
20 would have been the right type of person to communicate with the
21 community I didn't think that there was any type of letter that was
22 sent out. And this was very unprofessional the way this was done

23 We go and ask somebody, can you send something in. We didn't
24 even know what to ask them about as far as the TAPP unless they
25 called in. Even the contractor with Environmental Realty at first
26 didn't understand what we were asking for. I feel like that -- I

1 know, Ms. Peters. I understand that you all want this up and going,
2 but I also understand that this needs to be fair also

3 MR. PHILLIPS Ms Peters

4 MS. PETERS I feel that eight people from the RAB is present at that meeting.
5 And any time you have eight citizens present to make a decision,
6 nobody can fix a meeting where everybody can be present at all
7 times. And I feel like this shouldn't be hashed over and over and
8 over again. They'll be done got rid of the money by the time we
9 get through hashing over and over again. It ain't but a small bit of
10 money. And I feel like with eight people having some input, we
11 need to accept the eight people's decision and go on with it We
12 got to have more money another year, and then other people can be
13 involved in it. That's all I am saying

14 MR. WILLIAMS I have a question. Ms Moore, how many community
15 members are on the RAB?

16 MS. MOORE 13

17 MR. WILLIAMS So, it was how many there?

18 MS. PETERS. Eight

19 MR. WILLIAMS. So, that was the majority there

20 MS. PETERS That was the majority If you couldn't come, that was your
21 business. At City Council, they don't stop the City Council
22 because you can't come.

23 MR. PHILLIPS. The floor recognizes Mr English.

24 MR. ENGLISH. In terms of procedures, there are two ways you can solve this
25 problem. You can determine on the front-end that the board is
26 willing to accept those RAB members present for this meeting as

1 their decision would be the decision made. Or, that panel can come
2 back to this board with their recommendations, and that can be
3 voted on yea or nay. There are two ways to handle it. The way I
4 think it has been handled, and it seems to make sense in terms of
5 the majority, that eight members are there. And, assuming all eight
6 members there voted to include their decision as real and final, that
7 would outweigh the other one. I mean, there are ways to set up a
8 process to do this.

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10 There is no reason why we can't do it that way and arrange to do
11 the future decisions in the same way. Say you are going to give
12 that committee, that subcommittee, the power to make the decision
13 for the board on the front-end, or take their recommendation, bring
14 it back to the board, and have a vote on that. I understand the
15 concern about having a good time for everybody. But, what is a
16 good time for everybody? If eight out of 13 community members
17 made it, that sounds pretty good to me.

18 MR. PHILLIPS

Jordan, you are not aware of the letter that went out. If we had a
19 copy down here, I would read it. The letter that went out after the
20 last RAB where we invited all the members

21 MS. MOORE

Everyone on the RAB was invited, everybody but the BCT
22 members. Even the civic members were invited. The purpose of
23 subcommittees are to be about the business of taking care of RAB
24 issues that can't be taken care of at one meeting on the third
25 Thursday.

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1 If you recall, there is a TAPP subcommittee, and there has been a
2 RAB membership subcommittee. The membership subcommittee
3 made decisions about the past two members who were added, they
4 made the decision. There were five members of that subcommittee.
5 There are three members of the TAPP subcommittee. The purpose
6 of it is, and it was my understanding according to the RAB
7 members, that the purpose of subcommittees are to take care of
8 issues that cannot be taken care of at the RAB meetings once a
9 month. So, that is the purpose of a subcommittee. You're going to
10 have subcommittees to take care of issues often, because everybody
11 can't meet. You can't take care of all your items and all your issues
12 tonight. So, that is the purpose of the subcommittees.

13 MR. ENGLISH I don't disagree with what you are saying, except the RAB
14 committee, the committee to determine new RAB members, you
15 guys did your interviews, you came back. The board as a whole
16 voted. So, like I am saying –

17 MS. MOORE They have to vote tonight to accept.

18 MR. ENGLISH That is correct. That is the way I see it. The RAB as a whole
19 board has to vote to accept or reject. If they don't like it, the
20 committee goes back and re-decides.

21 MS. MOORE Now, there needs to be a motion to either accept or reject what the
22 eight community members did. The eight community members
23 came. Either you accept it, or you reject it.

24 MR. GARRISON. Not only did you get a letter in the mail informing you, but at our
25 last board meeting, Mr. Shawn Phillips, the chairman of the board,
26 announced before the board, March the 3rd, 3:00 p.m., be here.

1 MR. PHILLIPS: Is there a motion on the floor? May I get a motion on the floor to
2 accept what the eight members, how they judged the presenters on
3 that March 3rd meeting?

4 MS PETERS Mr. Chairman, I move that we accept the report from the
5 committee.

6 MS. YOUNG Second.

7 MS. BRADSHAW. Yes.

8 MR PHILLIPS Is there a question on the floor?

9 MS. BRADSHAW. Okay. You say once these people are voted upon, are these
10 the people that we keep for the next four years, or this is
11 just for one year at a time

12 MR. PHILLIPS. One year at a time.

13 MS BRADSHAW So, each year we have to reapply for --

14 MR PHILLIPS The board does not necessarily have to reapply. If they have
15 appreciated the service they have received that year, a letter can
16 come from the RAB board to the contracting officer requesting that
17 they renew that offerer's services for another year That is how that
18 can happen.

19 MR ENGLISH A point of information, I guess These are not necessarily -- the top
20 pick is not necessarily the person that is going to be chosen at
21 wherever, Washington, or wherever this thing goes, right?
22 Someone else is going to make a decision after this, isn't that
23 correct?

24 MS MOORE That was an issue that was brought up at a meeting a couple of
25 months ago. And I think that it incensed a lot of RAB members.
26 But we found out a little bit more detail, and I sat in with the

1 contracting officer on a conference call The procedure is, you rank
2 who you think is the first choice And the RAB, the eight members
3 present, ranked someone number one. We just can't say who was
4 number one They ranked someone, obviously, number two,
5 number three and number four Those names will be submitted as
6 the choice that the Memphis Depot RAB requested and will be
7 forwarded.

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9 The only way, and I asked the contracting officer, that will make a
10 person who was the number one pick not get selected - there could
11 be rules broken There could be some paperwork not filed. They
12 will tell the RAB, if your first choice is not -- if everything is not
13 kosher, and it doesn't work out right, they will tell you this person
14 did not do this or did not do that - they have some outstanding
15 whatever We are going with your second choice If your second
16 choice does not work out, they go with the third choice That is
17 the procedure

18 MR. PHILLIPS

Point of clarification from me, when you referred to that there
19 could be rules broken or whatever, you are referring to there could
20 be reasons why the contractors might not be eligible for
21 government projects --

22 MS. MOORE

Right.

23 MR. PHILLIPS

-- because they may have broken rules in the past

24 MS. MOORE

Right, those types of things

25 MR. PHILLIPS

That is what you are referring to. Mr. Garrison

1 MR GARRISON. I would like to add something to the record. Seated where Ms.
2 Hall is sitting was a representative from Pennsylvania when the
3 contract was in. And his duty was to observe that the presentation
4 from the four contractors was fair.

5 MR PHILLIPS. Okay We had a motion and a second on the floor to accept
6 the recommendations made by those eight members. All
7 those in favor of that motion, please say aye.

8 RAB MEMBERS: Aye

9 MR. PHILLIPS: Those opposed? Do I have any opposed? Okay. Thank
10 you. Abstained? Motion carries.

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14 **REPORT ON THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL**
15 **JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (NEJAC)**
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17 MR PHILLIPS: We have an update which has been tabled at least for one RAB It
18 might have been tabled for two RABs Ms Bradshaw, would you
19 please give us the report from the National Environmental Justice
20 Advisory Council Meeting

21 MS BRADSHAW I feel kind of strange Alma asked me to do this. And I feel a little
22 bit out of place about doing this, because DLA did not support that
23 trip to go to Baton Rouge. It was done by someone else. I kind of
24 felt at least at odds. No. But I will tell you about EJ,
25 Environmental Justice Environmental Justice throughout the
26 country is poor people that are being affected by toxic waste

1 dumps, toxic sites throughout the nation. And it is people that is
2 disproportionately placed around these sites

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4 And from my data, I think that I may be wrong on the data, the
5 statistics, that it was 66 percent of black people was the ones that
6 was surrounded by these toxic waste sites. But it is poor people in
7 general. People that cannot fight back Those are the people that
8 are subjected to most of the toxic waste sites throughout the
9 country are And the EPA set up a board called NEJAC, the
10 National Environmental Justice Advisory Council And this
11 meeting is held every six months in different places throughout the
12 United States This gives communities an opportunity to come out
13 and speak their piece about toxic waste sites, things that they feel
14 like is not being fairly done in their communities And it gives the
15 community also an opportunity to network with other communities
16 to kind of help strengthen the cause to fight toxic waste throughout
17 the United States

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19 Well, the NEJAC meeting that -- I began to get numb because it
20 seems like that I don't see enough getting done And my complaint
21 was federal facilities in general. And I feel like that, when you are
22 dealing with a federal facility, there is no oversight on these
23 facilities because, normally, DoD, DoE (Department of
24 Environment), DoT (Department of Transportation), are the lead
25 agencies for these facilities And it is just like asking the fox to
26 watch the hen house.

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2 And, it is just no justice, because back then when I first started, I
3 can see the difference I can see a little difference in how they are
4 changing as far as dialogue and trying to start working with
5 communities, but I haven't seen any true changes. So, I think that
6 there needs to be an oversight committee in general for federal
7 facilities throughout the nation And this is one of the concerns that
8 I stated at the Environmental Justice Conference is that there needs
9 to be a federal oversight committee called the Federal Environment
10 Justice Oversight Committee so that people can understand that
11 what is happening in one federal facility site, that you can kind of
12 watch over it and make sure that the big boys are doing what they
13 are supposed to do

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15 And I don't mean big boys I mean the federal government is doing
16 things the way they are supposed to. And most of the time it is just
17 like here It is, this is what I am going to do. I will tell the
18 community after I do it And that is what the communities
19 throughout the nation is complaining about There is no
20 communication with the community and the government. And it is
21 hard for them to kind of get together and really put their concerns
22 on the table and dialogue with each other.

23 MR. PHILLIPS

Ms Bradshaw, do you have a point of contact with the
24 EPA, the advisory council group, in case people are
25 interested in writing in?

26 MS BRADSHAW

It is on the computer.

1 MR PHILLIPS Is it on the Internet?

2 MS BRADSHAW It is on the Internet It is under Environmental Justice. When you
3 use your browser, you pull up Environmental Justice. It has
4 everyone that sit on that board. The community people, the college
5 professors, the chemical companies. It is a melting pot to all
6 different types of people But this particular board reports only to
7 Carol Browning, but there is another --

8 MR BRADSHAW Carol Browning, who is she?

9 MS BRADSHAW Carol Browning is the director over EPA She is the
10 director over -

11 MR BALLARD The administrator.

12 MR ENGLISH The administrator.

13 MS BRADSHAW Okay So, that is who Carol Browning is. The next board
14 hopefully that we will get set up will report to Congress
15 because we feel like it is not enough oversight

16 MR PHILLIPS When is the next meeting of this council? Do they have
17 another meeting scheduled?

18 MS BRADSHAW In May It is not announced It has not been announced
19 where or when But I noticed on the Internet it said May, 1999

20 MR PHILLIPS Mr Bradshaw?

21 MR BRADSHAW I just wanted to ask a question Does DLA, Defense Logistics
22 Agency, have any environmental justice initiative in existence?
23 Because of the Presidential Executive Order 12898 was issued that
24 all federal agencies which have environmental justice programs
25 intact -- I know Mr. Eddie Wright of the EPA is going to get angry

1 with me. But I just wanted to know, does the DLA have any kind
2 of environmental justice initiatives in this country?

3 MR. PHILLIPS DLA has an environmental justice policy. We were required to
4 develop that policy based upon the executive order that you are
5 referring to. I've recently received a copy of that policy. I haven't
6 reviewed it yet. But DLA does have a policy on the environmental
7 justice.

8 MS. BRADSHAW Do you know who that policy -- do you know who that
9 policy was --

10 MR. PHILLIPS Ms. Peters.

11 MS. PETERS I would just like to ask you a question. Since you went to this
12 meeting, do you feel that if more people from this area had gone to
13 this meeting, that it would help us?

14 MS. BRADSHAW Ms. Peters, I don't know about you.

15 MS. PETERS Well, you were there, weren't you? I'm just asking you a question
16 I am just asking you, would you think it would have helped us to be
17 more knowledgeable or help us to get anything done faster or better
18 than what we are doing, or you think we are not on target or what?

19 MR. PHILLIPS I would like to recognize Mr. Bradshaw, but just a second before
20 We're running up to time. I would like to say two things. I would
21 like to let the citizens know that typically our RABs run a little bit
22 long. After we adjourn our RAB tonight, Jordan English from the
23 Tennessee Department of Environment and Conversation, Mr
24 Turpin Ballard from the Environmental Protection Agency, and
25 myself, we're going to stay in the room. If you have questions that
26 we don't get to during the public comment period, we would like to

1 talk to you one-on-one. We will stay as long as you would like to
2 talk to us

3 MS WHITFIELD Shawn, a further comment about the NEJAC. If anyone is
4 interested, I could provide Alma with fact sheets about it, or they
5 have a hand booklet. And Alma could bring them to the next
6 meeting or mail them out for the next meeting. I think that would
7 be very helpful.

8 MR PHILLIPS I'm sorry I didn't recognize this lady at the beginning of the
9 meeting She is Ms. Tiki Whitfield from Region 4 - Environmental
10 Protection Agency She's a good source of information, by the
11 way

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13 The second thing I wanted to mention to the board was, since we
14 are coming up on time again, we have a technical presentation to do
15 tonight It is the next to the last item, Dunn Field Remediation
16 Update. Do I have a motion from the board to move that up to the
17 next item after we're off the report from --

18 MR BALLARD I so move

19 MS YOUNG Second.

20 MR PHILLIPS Those in favor

21 RAB MEMBERS Aye

22 MR PHILLIPS. Those opposed? Okay. We do have a comment on the
23 floor on this issue from Mr. Bradshaw

24 MR BRADSHAW I wish that more people would have had an opportunity to attend
25 the NEJAC The first thing you would have learned -- and I
26 commend the NEJAC, because I believe it is good. And we wanted

1 something like the NEJAC for the federal facilities. And we
2 proposed that to various high ranking and low ranking EPA
3 officials. The first thing you would have learned would have been
4 how badly federal facilities and commercial facilities, private
5 corporations, have contaminated this country, this country here.
6 And it was really, I mean, from communities all across the United
7 States, one after another, people came forward, and they were just
8 so distraught and disgruntled because of the treatment their
9 communities had received from federal facilities and private
10 facilities.

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12 And to get a clearer picture of the environmental justice, people
13 really needed to be there, because, when you see people like Ms.
14 Bradshaw and Ms Brooks come to the meeting and complain and
15 complain night after night, week after week, year after year, you
16 say, well, these people are just troublemakers. And, regardless of
17 what we do, they will never be satisfied. But if you would have
18 been at the NEJAC and seen people from every state in this United
19 States, from all 50 states, from every city, if you would have seen
20 them come forward, and then you could say, well, I understand it,
21 now I can get a better insight on what environmental justice is

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23 And to make matters worse, we were down in Baton Rouge, and
24 that is famous, infamous for cancer alley. And while the NEJAC
25 was meeting, U S EPA, all the high ranking officials were there.
26 They had a chemical spill that almost killed people and everything

1 And all the NEJAC would do was refer them to other people and
2 hope that the private corporations would give the people a fairer
3 deal. That shows you how helpless agencies are when dealing with
4 pollutants

5 MR PHILLIPS. Ms Bradshaw, I want to thank you for your update.

6 MS BRADSHAW Since Ms. Peters said, Ms. Peters, I'm sorry. Yes, this RAB will
7 benefit from going to NEJAC, or any other meeting throughout this
8 country that is dealing with communities that's dealing with
9 pollution.

10 MS. PETERS. The reason I asked you that, Ms. Bradshaw, is because I'm
11 surrounded with 10 chemical plants that is throwing out
12 pollution right in my area.

13 MS BRADSHAW Yes, ma'am

14 MS PETERS So, I haven't got that problem solved yet And they collect money
15 every day from companies that's out of compliance I don't even
16 need to go nowhere else It is right in my community I'm
17 surrounded by it. We need a tour of it I know where they all are

18 MS BRADSHAW Well, this is just to help you to be able to educate you and
19 show you how to fight

20 MS MOORE You would have enjoyed it, Ms Peters. I went.

21 MS PETERS We went on a trip.

22 MS MOORE I went to the NEJAC, too. It was very good

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1 **DUNN FIELD SAMPLING UPDATE**

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3 MR PHILLIPS

Thank you We need to move on. Most folks have met Mr Greg Underberg before. Greg Underberg is our project manager from our consulting contractor who does our investigations for us - CH2M Hill Greg has a presentation now of some work we are doing at Dunn Field, some sampling work. Greg.

8 MR UNDERBERG

Thanks, Shawn. I'm not sure how many of you are aware when we started doing field work up at Dunn Field. We have a drill rig and a crew set up obtaining samples along the northern and western side of Dunn Field right now, and they will continue to do so across Dunn Field. What I'm going to talk about tonight is to summarize the scope of the sampling, just what it is we are going to be doing out there over the next few weeks, give the project status of where we are in terms of schedule and number of bore holes, but primarily present some pictures we took over the last couple of days of the sampling process and show how we obtained the samples and what kind of procedures we have in place to do that

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The scope of the sampling. Over the past -- well, starting back in 1995 we wrote a sampling plan to characterize the disposal areas at Dunn Field and other sites that were, because of some of the ordnance issues, has been put off In the process -- it has been put off until those ordnance problems can be addressed In the course of doing that work, we looked at some geophysical surveys and also conducted a volatile organic soil gas survey where we put

1 detectors in the ground and looked at where the volatile organics
2 were occurring in the soil.

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4 This information, together with the subsurface geophysics, which
5 identified where things were in the subsurface, metallic objects that
6 we could detect, those were used to modify a sampling plan which
7 we prepared and submitted for agency approval. We are in the
8 process right now of, according to that plan, installing 56 borings
9 and 56 surface sample locations across Dunn Field. We are looking
10 at the distribution of chemicals in the soil, both laterally, as well as
11 how deep they occur in the soil column. We are also sampling six
12 wells that were installed as part of the UXB work that was
13 performed last summer where we are looking at those for other
14 constituents who helped our groundwater characterization
15 program

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17 Next slide The status of the sampling We started the field work
18 March 8th, last week. And as of this afternoon, we have completed
19 28 of the bore holes and have sampled three of the monitoring
20 wells. Over the next 16 days of field work, we will go ahead and
21 drill the additional 28 bore holes, as well as go ahead and finish the
22 monitoring wells So, we are pretty much at the halfway spot right
23 now. The bore hole depth. The bore holes are anywhere from one
24 to 15, down to 40 feet. I don't think we are going much past 40
25 feet on this. What I want to do now is walk through a series of

slides of the program and show you what we are doing in the field and how we are obtaining the samples, et cetera.

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4 We are using a drill rig with a hollow stem auger, which is basically
5 a big drill bit that is hollow on the inside that we can drill down and
6 pound a split-spoon. I think I showed one of these at an earlier
7 RAB presentation. It is a spoon about that long that you pound it
8 into the ground to obtain a sample. I have got a picture later. They
9 are drilling down to the sampling area, pounding this split-spoon,
10 bring it back to the table. These guys are working to obtain the soil
11 samples. Because we are drilling very near the disposal areas and
12 there is the potential for encountering chemicals, our field people
13 are in self-contained breathing apparatus, and they are wearing
14 protective clothing. This is level B in the hazardous waste
15 terminology. They are in those suits in the event that something
16 were to come up out of the hole when they were handling it or right
17 at the bore hole. This protects them from any potential contact
18 with the materials or breathing any vapors that occur

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20 We are doing continuous air monitoring as I will show in another
21 slide. We also have marked off the area that we are working. It is
22 called the exclusion zone where people can't walk into. You
23 obviously don't want to be standing in here unless you have the
24 proper physical protection. You see we have got the breathing
25 apparatus here, tanks, hoses going off of where these guys are
26 working, et cetera. Next slide. This is just a close-up of the drilling

1 rig. You can see there is one of the bits here going through the
2 table of the rig. There are some of the auger bits, and I believe he
3 is just drilling right now. And the cuttings are collected here on this
4 piece of plastic, and they are being shoveled off into a barrel where
5 they are disposed of later.

6 MS BRADSHAW Can I ask you, what are they drilling? You said bits?

7 MR. UNDERBERG These are the auger bits. They are just about six inches in
8 diameter.

9 MS BRADSHAW So, you are just collecting soil?

10 MR. UNDERBERG Right.

11 MS BRADSHAW Sorry.

12 MR. UNDERBERG Another rig, same operation basically. Next slide. This one is a
13 little fuzzy, but I included it. It is showing, what he is doing here,
14 he is at the well head, excuse me, at the soil boring. And he is
15 taking a sample of the air coming up out of the boring. And our
16 health and safety plan requires him to do organic vapor monitoring,
17 as well as lower explosives, then the LEL monitoring. In the event
18 that there is an explosion or hazard out there, here probably from
19 methane gas from the disposal pits. He is monitoring this to
20 determine that there are no contaminants at the breathing level from
21 the bore hole. Our health and safety plan would require him, if he
22 found anything above one part per million in the air, to step off to
23 the zone around it and do air sampling there to make sure that there
24 is nothing moving off from the drill rig.

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2 This is the split-spoon I was talking about. It is a tube with a cap
3 on the end. He is about to unscrew the cap and break it open on
4 the table. Next slide. Here the split-spoon is opened up. He is
5 monitoring the soil with an organic vapor analyzer which looks for
6 organic chemicals in the atmosphere. He is doing that to help
7 identify whether there is anything here that we ought to be taking a
8 further sample of for analysis. Next slide please. This slide is
9 showing obtaining an organic sample from the split-spoon. You
10 can see the soil here, and he is pushing something that is called an
11 Encore sampler into the soil. I've got one here. I can show you
12 what that does. If somebody could catch the lights please

13 The Encore sampler is a technique. It is fairly new. And it is
14 intended to minimize the loss of the organic compounds to the
15 atmosphere when we take the sample. The old method required us
16 to take the sample jar, open up the split-spoon, scoop out the
17 material and transfer it into the jar. When you do that, you have a
18 loss of some of these compounds to the atmosphere. So, what this
19 method does is minimizes contact with the soil -- excuse me, it
20 minimizes the soil's contact with the atmosphere. All we have is a
21 little plastic thing here with a plug on the end and a handle. We
22 pop this thing into the handle like so. Take our soil. This is a nice
23 clean jar we took out of the back, right outside the office here.
24 You unscrew the cap from this, push the sample into the soil. It
25 pushes this little plunger back into the sampler. And you
26 immediately take the sample out and cap it. And then release it and

1 send it off to the laboratory for analysis. So, there is a soil that has
2 got – there is not as much of an opportunity for the organic
3 chemicals to be lost in the atmosphere

4 MR BALLARD

This approach, at least as far as state-of-the-art is concerned, allows
5 us to make sure that the samples we get are as representative as
6 possible of what is in the ground, and we don't lose contaminants
7 from the soil to the atmosphere that might otherwise be detected.

8 MR UNDERBERG:

9 Right. Next slide please. And then we do, after we obtain the
10 sample, we log the physical characteristics of the soil, as we go
11 back and correlate the concentrations of the organics perhaps with
12 different types of soil or organic content, for example Right now,
13 he is just comparing the color of the soil to a standard soil chart and
14 keeping notes This is a fairly standard setup for sampling
15 Everybody is wearing protective gloves, both for themselves and
16 also to protect the sample from any possible, you know, cross-
17 contamination from other samples. Tables are all laid out with
18 plastic

19 This little pool here is their decon area If they were ever to be
20 contaminated, they could step in there and be washed off, and we
21 could contain the material from the wash, the water Next slide.
22 And, then, those two gentlemen are obtaining the samples from the
23 rig, and then we have another individual who is logging them and
24 getting them prepped to go off to the laboratory for analysis. They
25 are all packed with ice in these little standard lunchbox coolers that
26 we ship off to the lab at night.

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2 This slide shows the cuttings They are drummed And they are
3 taken off and stored altogether at a location on the Main
4 Installation. When we go back and finish the analysis, we will
5 compare the concentrations from the samples to what is potentially
6 in the drums and determine how to best and legally dispose of the
7 soil, as it may possibly require sending it to a landfill if it is
8 nothazardous, or a hazardous waste landfill. This bore hole here,
9 this is what is left after the boring is obtained. Then, at the end of
10 the day we come back and grout these up with concrete and just,
11 you know, make sure that we don't have any water penetrating into
12 the bore hole later that could possibly cause movement of
13 contaminants So, we seal it up. I think that is it

14 MS PETERS

I want to ask you a question

15 MR. PHILLIPS

Just a second We are going to open this up for a comment from
16 the board, but then right after that we will open it up for public
17 comment. Ms Peters.

18 MS PETERS

What I want to ask you was, you were going at least 40 feet
19 deep to get these samples

20 MR. UNDERBERG

Up to 40 feet

21 MS PETERS

Well, you said if you found something. Are you finding
22 anything out while you are out there, or you have to send it
23 all off and come back?

24 MR. UNDERBERG

We have to send it all off. We don't get the analysis right there.
25 What we do, though, is with the organic vaporizer, the machine he
26 has to sniff for organics. We can look with that and screen and

1 identify areas where there may have been some organics, and we
2 will take a sample there.

3 MS. PETERS Would you go any deeper than the 40 feet if you found
4 something in that particular hole?

5 MR. UNDERBERG What we do depending on what we're looking for is for metals, for
6 instance, which I really haven't talked about. We are also sampling
7 for other things than the organics than this. This has a very short
8 holding time. When we take this sample, we have to run it. We
9 can't have them sitting around for weeks or they will lose the
10 volatiles. Metals, we can store longer.

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12 So, we will run the upper samples, determine if there is any
13 chemicals present. If there are, then we will run the ones that are
14 lower. We don't like to run all samples from the 40 foot bore hole
15 because it is very expensive, and, lots of times, we don't need to
16 have runs on them.

17 MS. PETERS Oh, you do the top ones first. Then, if you don't find anything, you
18 don't do the 40 ones?

19 MR. UNDERBERG Yes

20 MS. PETERS When will we know what you found, or are you going to
21 tell us what you found after you finish the sampling?

22 MR. UNDERBERG Certainly. All this data goes into a Remedial Investigation report
23 that will be worked on. We will be working on that over the
24 summer. And then it will undergo agency review and it will be
25 available in the fall.

MS PETERS 1
2 If you found one hole where there was chemicals in it that might be
3 explosive or something, what would you do at that particular time?
4 You know, it is possible.
MR. UNDERBERG 5 Our procedure, if we detect anything at the well head that is
6 elevated, we cover the well. We put a cap on the auger that is in
7 the ground where the well is open. We will put probably a drum
8 head on top of it, put some soil on top of that so it is sealed. And
9 our procedure requires us to call the Corps of Engineers to evaluate
10 some of the potential sources that could be causing that. But our
11 first response would be to cap off that hole in the ground.
MS PETERS 12 Thank you.
MR. PHILLIPS. 13 The next question is from Mr. Bradshaw.
MR. BRADSHAW 14 Kevin and I a couple of years ago, the DERTF, the Defense
15 Environmental Response Task Force, we requested some
16 information from them. And they gave us the Law Environmental
17 Study, which was a thick book, about this thick. I had it for over a
18 week, and Kevin had it for over a week. In that report, it indicated
19 that one of those sampling wells, or monitoring wells, came up with
20 cobalt contamination.
MR. UNDERBERG 21 I am sorry?
MR. BRADSHAW 22 Cobalt, like radioactive contamination. When I first got involved
23 and coming to these meetings, it was one of those buildings over
24 that had radioactive signs on it. We inquired about that, because, if
25 my memory serves me correct, it was one building severely
26 contaminated with radioactive contamination. They said it was a
concrete building. And they said they lost the container that the

radioactive thing was in And they lost the source of it and everything. And I want to know, is that cobalt in the groundwater that they detected with the Law Environmental Study, does it have anything to do with the lost container and the lost source which was never identified? And, subsequently, I have heard nothing about the container, the unidentified source, nor the cobalt that was found detected in the groundwater

MR PHILLIPS

Let me respond to that. The unidentified source you are talking to, I don't know what that is Recently, within the last -- since closure, we have applied through our headquarters command who has the permit through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for us to have stored watch dials, mantles for lanterns, low-level radioactive material that we did have, glow-in-the-dark watch dials, we applied to have that permit ended since we have no longer any storage. They have been on the facility within the last two weeks to take their final readings, and we are waiting on that report. But we anticipate that we will have a clean bill of health When I get that report, I will bring that back to the board and report it to you.

MR BRADSHAW

One follow-up. The people in the community are very concerned with this issue because I don't want to bring rumors to the RAB or try to validate them or anything But the people going so far some of the ex-employees were saying nuclear warheads. It might sound ridiculous But, I guess, at one time, the mustard bombs seems ridiculous. But there was some kind of an accident, and it was the closest federal facility

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2 The information I read, when we first heard of the radioactive
3 thing, it was later explained as dials as all this. But we had one
4 building on this place which was severely contaminated which had
5 to be demolished. The radioactive whatever it was had penetrated
6 the concrete, and it had to be destroyed. I will leave it at that.

7 MR. PHILLIPS I am not aware of that.

8 MR. BRADSHAW The source was lost, and the container was lost, and the
9 cobalt in the groundwater.

10 MR. PHILLIPS Do you know about cobalt in the groundwater, Mr.
11 Underberg?

12 MR. UNDERBERG No, I don't. I will have to go back and review the report. I know,
13 early on, we discussed that there was a building that did contain
14 some radioactive sources. As I recall, they were like calibration
15 sources. But I will go back and review that report and confirm that
16 there is not a need for us to go back and sample for radioactivity,
17 again, from that well.

18 MR. PHILLIPS Ms. Brooks

19 MS. BROOKS I have two brief questions, and I'm sure they won't be able to be
20 answered at this point, but for next time possibly. And, if this
21 information has been presented previously, please forgive me.
22 Question one. Will an independent agency be allowed to test or
23 verify results gotten from the sampling work done at Dunn Field?
24 With all due respect, I appreciate your work, but will someone else
25 be able to come back and validate your results?
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1 Okay, question 2. Were the developers, the home builders,
2 knowledgeable -- these are the people who built those homes back
3 in the 1950s, the ones who are close to Dunn Field. Were those --
4 pardon me, excuse me. Were those builders knowledgeable of
5 what was contained in Dunn Field before they built those homes?
6 Did the developers know what was over there before they started
7 constructing those houses back in the early 50s. I just need to
8 know for me and for the residents.

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10 Did the federal government let -- I believe at one time that area
11 was called Fair Acres. Did they know what was in Dunn Field?
12 Because I really need to know what would possess them to go
13 ahead and construct homes that close to contamination and pass it
14 off as a preferred community for the 50s.

15 MR. UNDERBERG

16 Let me answer your first question. We split our samples with
17 TDEC. Jordan's staff comes out and obtains a sample with us that
18 goes on to their laboratory for independent analysis. We also split
19 our samples with the Corps of Engineers, and those are sent off to
20 their Mississippi River Division laboratory for independent
21 confirmation. And we run our samples. Right now we are using a
22 laboratory in Redding, California. We have used a laboratory in
23 Montgomery, Alabama in the past.

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25 Also, Jordan's staff is in the field watching us sample and observing
26 our procedures and doing oversight in that matter. So, there is

1 independent evaluation of both the sampling process and the
2 analytical one as well Regarding the second question --
3 MR PHILLIPS There is no way Greg Underberg can respond to that question.
4 MS BROOKS I didn't think so, but I wanted it researched, and possibly at the next
5 time, you know, let us know, if the developers did not know, why
6 did they withhold this kind of information, vital information under
7 wraps for so many years. This is a very passionate issue for many
8 of us, because this is a life and death issue for us. This is not a
9 pleasant one. I appreciate each of you, but this is not a pleasantry
10 for me, because I live right across. This is life and death for me and
11 my neighbors Please pardon my passion for this issue, but, as I
12 said, it is a life and death matter.
13 MR PHILLIPS I will do what I can. I don't even know how to start researching
14 that issue about developers. If anybody on the board has a
15 recommendation, please give it to me I will ask real estate,
16 government real estate types to see if there is a way to find out who
17 those developers were, and if they are still official developers
18 recognized by Shelby County. But I am not sure I can get an
19 answer to that question. So, I will be straight up with you, but I
20 will try We had a comment from the floor from Mr. Bradshaw.
21 MS BRADSHAW. I had a question You mentioned that, Greg, ordnance problem.
22 Now, could you explain to this board what an ordnance is.
23 MR UNDERBERG. Well I misspoke Our issue, not our issue, but the concern
24 was the CWM materials.
25 MS BRADSHAW Are you using an abbreviation?

1 MR UNDERBERG Chemical warfare materiels that were reported to have been
2 disposed in the some of the pits and trenches were reported to have
3 some CWM components, chemical warfare materiels. Ordnance is
4 -- I misspoke. I am not aware that there have been ordinances
5 disposed out there. Ordnance would be a chemical, a shell --
6 MR PHILLIPS May I clarify. I heard the comment you made It was about the air
7 monitoring at the top of the hole that you were concerned about
8 organic vapors but also potential explosive risk.
9 MR UNDERBERG Right
10 MR PHILLIPS And you clarified that by saying you were concerned about
11 methane gas
12 MR UNDERBERG Right
13 MR PHILLIPS Methane gas which is a by-product of trash degrading under the
14 surface of the ground That is what he is concerned about. We
15 don't know of any ordinances
16 MS BRADSHAW This was before then And that is the reason why I caught you on
17 that I remember also reading about that there was some type of
18 ordnance over there in this, it is a book about this thick that comes
19 from the Army Non-Stockpile And I wanted to know how many
20 of those bombs that have live heads on it. And, also, I am also
21 concerned about, I would like to hear about the ammunition that is
22 over there also and what happened to it and where it is since these
23 people are living across the street. They need to know that
24 information.
25 MR UNDERBERG First let me clarify. Again, I have worked on sites with ordinances,
26 and I slipped up and used the term ordnance when it wasn't

1 intended. The issue with the -- there were detonators on the
2 mustard gas bombs that were disposed -- that were neutralized and
3 disposed in the pit in the southeastern portion of Dunn Field.
4 Those detonators were removed or deactivated from the bombs
5 before they were disposed. So, they did not dispose of live
6 detonators.

7 MS. BRADSHAW Not all of them.

8 MR. PHILLIPS Excuse me?

9 MS. BRADSHAW: I am thinking about a report that I have read. All of those
10 bombs, some of them still had live heads on them.

11 MR. UNDERBERG. I personally am not aware of that

12 MS. BRADSHAW Please don't start digging in there

13 MR. UNDERBERG We are not digging in the trenches. Our work, we are
14 avoiding the CWM and staying out of that area. That was
15 the work that Parsons did last year to identify those areas.

16 MS. BRADSHAW So, you know where -- we just about know where everything is,
17 even the unknown pits, you know what they are now?

18 MR. UNDERBERG By using the geophysics and the soil gas, we have identified
19 the areas where we have contamination and where we have
20 identified various materials

21 MS. BRADSHAW That is not the question.

22 MR. UNDERBERG If you are asking me if I know exactly what is in every one of those
23 trenches I don't know exactly what is in there. We have a good
24 indication by the records of the kinds of materials that were
25 disposed.

1 MS BRADSHAW Since we are on this, Shawn, could you -- it was a map that Mr.
2 DeWiskey, when we first came here, had on the wall And this map
3 had each item that was in the pit and labeled, and it had where
4 everything was located. And it also had unknown pits.

5 MR UNDERBERG Right

6 MS BRADSHAW And that is what I am concerned with

7 MR UNDERBERG We are aware of that map.

8 MS BRADSHAW Do you know what is in those unknown pits yet?

9 MR UNDERBERG No We will not know specifically what is in those pits until
10 we complete our characterization of what may have been
11 released from the pits

12 MS BRADSHAW Are those some of the things that you are doing now, or are
13 you going back over the same material?

14 MR UNDERBERG The purpose of the soil gas surveys that we conducted last
15 fall was to help us focus our sampling because we saw some
16 organic constituents outside of the pit areas So, we have
17 focused our subsurface characterization on those areas
18 where we expect to see

19 MR PHILLIPS Ms Bradshaw, we need to open up the floor to the public.
20 One last comment from Mr English.

21 MR ENGLISH If you guys have information, and I say you guys in the broad sense,
22 anybody at the board, or anybody in the room, anybody anywhere
23 has any information regarding an allegation, please do more than
24 just say I heard or it is in some report. Bring it to our attention in
25 writing where we can verify it. I guarantee you, if these guys
26 thought there were bombs or any kind of bullets out there in that

1 field, they wouldn't be out there with themselves right over those
2 holes with that drilling going on We need to know if there is We
3 really do need to know So, if you have got some information that
4 you know about, I would like to hear it, because I haven't seen it or
5 heard it.

6 MS BRADSHAW. Jordan, you are the expert, and I have to respect that. I have read
7 reports over and over again That report is open to the public like,
8 you know, all the rest of the them. They come from the Army.
9 That was the list of all the different non-stockpiled items from the
10 Army. It was in that report I know you done had that report
11 several times

12 MR PHILLIPS The archive search report?

13 MS BRADSHAW I don't know what the name of it is

14 MR PHILLIPS Jordan, are you finished?

15 MR ENGLISH Yes

16 MR WILLIAMS Forgive me, but we must get the public comment period And if we
17 have enough time, we will come back to the board if that is all
18 right Ms Mills Before you speak, we have five minutes allotted
19 for each person to speak They will keep the time If you have a
20 comment -- your time hasn't started If you have a comment and
21 you want to write it down and leave, the cards are over here If
22 you want to get a card for the public relations, it is over here on the
23 table if you have any questions that you would like to ask. She will
24 be glad to get with you and comment on anything you want to
25 comment on
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1 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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3 MS MILLS

4 Good evening. My name is Betty Mills I'm a former Depot
5 employee. I represent at this moment 380 concerned employees
6 I'm going to turn my back on Alma because it is hard enough for
7 me to speak as it is I come here every month I've been coming
8 since June 1995. I've been overlooked by this board many, many
9 times. The problem is, we got a lot of people sick. We got a lot of
10 people in the community sick The community have to take and
11 clarify, justify, petition, do whatever, to take and get the
12 recognition that they need to get help.

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The employees, as you can see, by being here, the diagrams, the
information you get, you have been getting, we have been
contaminated for years as employees No one on this board ever
brings up the employees. No one Every last one of you. Every
last one of you have something to do with the employees health
being mortified every day. They are calling me asking for help. I
cannot help them I should not have to be sitting at my computer
writing letters to EPA, DLA, petitioning them, asking them,
begging and pleading, please help us You all sit here every month
You go through protocol, fussing, budgets, money, race It is
ridiculous. You need to get out of those chairs and sit around this
wall and listen. It is ridiculous We got real issues. They need to
be addressed, not only the community I am not overlooking the
community, but I am saying this

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2 As of this night, I am charging each and every last one of you, get
3 in touch with every last one of those employees that left here in '97,
4 that was here for closure of '95, get them, ask them are they having
5 problems Do they have proper medical help, which I don't A lot
6 of them don't. They are dying They are sick Their families are
7 trying to help compensate them with medical problems and
8 medicine It is ridiculous. We don't have to prove anything. And
9 for you to sit here month after month and just ignore us is -- I
10 mean, it is no call for it I mean, how can you do this? Like I say,
11 I've been coming here since June of '95 Every time I ask this
12 question, nobody give me any real answers.

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14 I'm glad this lady is here now to take these minutes and actually
15 document them, because what we are intending to do is to take this
16 nationally So, while you are sitting here playing protocol, and it is
17 my turn, we are going to have to go forward with this real issues.
18 If we have to write the President, that is fine But someone here,
19 EPA, the Health Department, DLA is here Someone needs to get
20 in touch with us, and it needs to start in the morning At the next
21 RAB meeting I want to see on this agenda something about the
22 employee's health, the way they are going to be compensated, and
23 why in the world they have been looked over for all of these years
24 Thank you

25 MS BLACK

I am Alma Black I want to reinforce what Ms Brooks is saying
26 The community needs to be more involved My nephew, stand up

1 Byron Byron Halls, is my nephew who played on the slopes out by
2 the Depot My son, who's in Atlanta, who lives in Atlanta now,
3 played They both got cancer And they sent them to Baylor, and
4 they had never seen anything like these cancers that this boy had,
5 and my son had testicular cancer. So, the community is very
6 concerned about the probability of a lot of contamination
7 Sometimes I get up, I'm an early riser, I get up and I go outside,
8 and I can hardly stand the stench. So, we really need to be doing
9 something, thank y'all.

10 MS CURRY

Margaret Curry. The only thing I have to say, we need to get
11 together, work together as a community and travel and get
12 educated on what can be done and what is being done and don't
13 alarm everybody over something that we don't know what we are
14 talking about

15 MS BLACK

16 My name is Inga Black. I am Alma Moore's daughter. And just to
17 speak on Mr Bradshaw's concern about our awareness of
18 environmental deterioration. I am a Georgia Tech industrial
19 engineering student, and we had someone to come and speak who
20 is the CEO of Interface Incorporated, which is the world's largest
21 carpet and tile manufacturer. They make 40 percent of the carpet
22 tiles used on the earth. He was discussing how he has gotten a
23 whole new environmental agenda. The book that he wrote, his
24 name is Ray Anderson, is *Mid-Course Correction*, which is
25 everything that he's doing to change his company from the
26 polluting that they were doing into doing something protective of
the environment

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2 Just as an analogy for you all, and I will give you one that he gave
3 us, if you look at the span of the Earth and its development For
4 those of us, if you are Christian, if you just think about the
5 development of the Earth or they say from the small animals or
6 whatever, there will be about a mile-long time-line of the
7 development of a human being. In the industrial revolution, and the
8 things that we're a product of, are about three-quarters of an inch
9 on that time line But in that three-quarters of an inch, we are
10 seeing deterioration of life support systems on the Earth greater
11 than any deterioration we have seen in 65 million years

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13 Something really big is going to happen really soon globally, if we
14 don't do something about this I didn't realize it until he came and
15 spoke And I said, this is amazing for us to be deteriorating like
16 this in three-fourths of an inch And they haven't seen anything like
17 this in 65 million years Every life support system on the Earth is in
18 stress and in crisis So, it is not just us I mean, everything in the
19 environment is like that People are polluting Nobody cares And
20 it is going to take a change Have you read the paper by -- I can't
21 remember the woman's name She is a biophysicist and an author,
22 and she published a paper titled the *Most Effective Ways to*
23 *Intervene* And the most effective way she says is to challenge the
24 paradigm, challenge the thought people have with respect to the
25 environment
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1 We are trying to fix things that are happening now. And it is almost
2 too late to fix this, what is coming up, the two-thousandths century
3 We are going to have to work on 2100 if you want to fix some
4 things. And we are going to have to be working on how we think
5 about it, because companies are going to continue to pollute. The
6 government is going to continue to pollute We will fix this, and
7 there will be another problem. If it is not one thing, it will be 15
8 So, unless we get to it now.

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10 I understand that the community is really excited, and I am too,
11 because I grew up in my grandmother's house just like my mom
12 and my cousin did And I know we're all concerned. But just to
13 show you on a global scale. These people are not picking at the
14 government We are not picking at CH2M Hill They are not
15 picking at DLA. They are not picking at NEJAC. They are not
16 picking at the EPA This is people's lives That was my uncle who
17 at 17 years old had testicular cancer and has a scar from here to
18 here on his chest that I used to ask him about when I was a child
19 It is serious I just wanted to say that Thank you

20 MS ROGERS

21 My name is Debra Rogers, a community member of this area. I
22 was sitting in at the table this afternoon for one of your RAB
23 members, Ms. Willett. When the lady spoke from the Army depot,
24 and she said you should get up and move, yes, you guys ought to
25 get up and move and maybe let some of these people replace you
You people, you are talking about people's lives. Work through the

1 politics The clock is ticking, faster than your board meeting can
2 last

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4 Now, there will not be issues that you will solve here. But when
5 you people go back to your nice little homes and your nice little
6 offices, you are talking about people. I am a 44-year-old woman
7 who has a six-year-old son who attends Dunn Elementary. I've
8 been married for 10 and a half years. And within those 10 and a
9 half years for six times I tried to have children. No problem getting
10 pregnant. The problem - couldn't hold them My doctor sat at my
11 bed, he layed at my bed, and cried He says I have no idea what the
12 problem is. You are a healthy woman. You have no problem
13 conceiving. So, everything is working right. You have problems
14 keeping them

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16 And you, gentlemen, who have never conceived and had a child will
17 let a person, a woman who has, tell you how horrific it is to carry a
18 living being in your body for six months and then have to stay in
19 labor and delivery for 18 hours until a stillborn child for no reason
20 is born So, I am going to ask you people from the agencies, EPA,
21 who are you protecting? This is not a statistical issue. This is a
22 human issue Pinch yourself and see if you are made of flesh If
23 you are, think differently My neighborhood today, yours
24 tomorrow, or maybe later on Settle your differences. You are
25 dealing with people just like you And guess what, it is not funny

1 to me When it gets to be your turn, it won't be funny either.

2 Thank you

3 MR WILLIAMS

4 Would anyone else like to comment? Well, I would like to say that
5 the RAB welcomes all comments from the community or whoever.
6 And the comments that the people gave tonight was touching and is
7 touching Although I am a resident of this community, I've worked
8 at this Defense Depot for 16 years So, I understand what the lady
9 is saying, Ms. Mills is saying And I understand what this lady is
10 saying here about cancer. And I understand what Ms. Bradshaw
11 and Mr. Bradshaw is fighting for. And I welcome them.

12 Some of our best people are advocates who have always fought
13 against what other people thought was a problem. So, I welcome
14 all of that And, to everyone, I would love for you to continue to
15 come and to bring your comments or your problems to the board,
16 and, hopefully, that they will be addressed in the future And I
17 hope that the ones that were brought to the board tonight, that
18 some of our technical people can address them And with no further
19 ado, is there any more business at the table?

20 MS BRADSHAW

21 Mondell, I just would like to make an announcement Next week
22 the Board of Scientific Council meets, the tribal and subcommittee
23 What we do is nine community people throughout the nation, we
24 make policy. We help to change policy Maybe that is the word I
25 should have used, for ATSDR. We do input and advice. And our
26 advice and input sometimes is taken, you know, if it is put in the
right perspective. We have a conference call during that time, and

1 people that is dealing -- my charge was to get people all over the
2 United States that deal with federal facilities that is having problems
3 with health effects, health assessments, health studies, or anything
4 that ATSDR do on federal sites, how is this being done.

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6 So, this meeting, they are setting up conference calls with citizens
7 to call in and register their complaint or give advice or whatever
8 they think about this particular agency And that is the Agency for
9 Toxic Substance and Disease Registry, and this committee is about
10 business After we do this, after reports are done, these reports go
11 to Congress They go straight to Congress So, we do get follow-
12 up from there. Thank you And, Alma, I will fax you the
13 conference call And if anybody wants information about it, I will
14 give it to them

15 MR WILLIAMS

Ms Mills

16 MS MILLS

Again, Betty Mills Ms Bradshaw, in September no, in July, the
17 employees had a meeting with ATSDR We did a video I guess it
18 was about three hours What happened was employees got up, they
19 told what they actually saw, what happened and the type of health
20 problems they were having. Does ATSDR have that tape? Will
21 that tape be viewed by Congress? Is it possible for that tape to be
22 viewed by Congress?

23 MS BRADSHAW

Ms Mills, that will be up to the private citizens asking for
24 that to happen See, this board is not ATSDR

25 MS MILLS

Who do we ask?

1 MS BRADSHAW You can go through the board You have to go through the Board
2 of Scientific Council Like I said, I will give you the call-in, and,
3 then, maybe we can get something done I don't know. You know,
4 I can't guarantee anything, but at least it will get on the table
5 MR WILLIAMS With no objections, could we adjourn the meeting?
6 MR BALLARD So moved
7 MR WILLIAMS The meeting is over.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at
approximately 8.00 p.m.)

NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, April 15, 1999
The Depot, "J" Street Cafe
Building 274
2163 Airways Boulevard
Memphis, TN
(Enter through Gate 2)

Attendance List
Restoration Advisory Board Members

Mr Shawn Phillips	Facility Co-Chair
Mr Mondell Williams	Community Co-Chair
Mr Dave Bond	Citizen Representative
Mr John Garrison	Citizen Representative
Ms Debra Rogers	Citizen Representative (sitting in for Ms. Willie Mae Willett)
Mr Kenneth Bradshaw	Citizen Representative (sitting in for Mr Kevin Clay)
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 Eugene Brayon	Citizen Representative
Mr Turpin Ballard	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Ms Elizabeth Young	Citizen Representative
Mr Jimmy Covington	Memphis Depot Redevelopment Corporation

RAB Members (con't)

Ms Dotis Bradshaw	Environmental Group Representative (DDMT-CCC)
Mr Stanley Tyler	Citizen Representative
Ms Peggy Brooks	Citizen Representative
Dr Cleo Kirk	Shelby County Commissioner

Others in Attendance

Ms Alma Black Moore	Frontline
Ms Jennifer Hall	Frontline
Ms Denise Cooper	Memphis Depot Caretaker
Mr Everett Humphreys	Memphis Depot Caretaker
Mr Franklin Dmitriyevs	Citizen
Mr Benjamin Moore	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
Dr John Ciellin	ATSDR
Mr Greg Underberg	CH2M Hill
Mr Paul E. Lewis	AFGE Local 2501
Ms Dorothy Richards	U S Army Corps of Engineers
Mr John DeBack	Base Transition Office
Ms Betty Mills	Citizen
Mr Mike Abeln	US Army Corps of Engineers Mobile
Mr Kurt Braun	US Army Corps of Engineers Mobile
Dr John Ciellin	ATSDR
Ms Tiki Whitfield	EPA

Others In Attendance (con't)

Mr Brian Deeken	TDEC Conservation Div Of Superfund
Ms Alma H Black	Citizen
Ms Inga Black	Citizen
Ms Margaret Curry	Citizen
Ms Betty Mills	Citizen
Mr Stan Jones	Citizen
Mr W H Sweet	Citizen
Ms Frances Taylor	Citizen
Ms Paula Hooper	Kellogg's
Ms Holly Knack	EnSafe
Mr Byron Hawes	Citizen
Ms Alice Harris	Citizen
Ms Delores Alexander	Citizen
Ms Susan Santos	Focus Group
Mr Russell Anderson	Citizen
Mr Jesse Wilburn	Environmental Realty
Mr Willie Wilson	Citizen
Mr William Lambert, Jr	Citizen

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