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Main Installation
Proposed Plan
Public Comment Meeting
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The Memphis Depot Business Park
"J" Street Cafe, Building 274
Memphis, Tennessee

1 **The Memphis Depot Main Installation Proposed Plan Public Comment meeting**
2 **was held at 6:00 p.m. on August 24, 2000 at the Memphis Depot Business Park in**
3 **the "J" Street Cafe, Building 274, 2163 Airways Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee.**
4 **The attendance list is attached.**
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8 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**
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10 **MR. ROBERTSON:** Good evening ladies and gentlemen. How are you this evening?

11 **THE PUBLIC:** Fine.

12 **MR. ROBERTSON:** Good, good. My name is Howard Robertson, and I have the
13 pleasure of being your facilitator for this evening. I want to
14 welcome you to the Memphis Depot Main Installation Proposed
15 Plan Public Comment meeting. It was important that I told you
16 that was the name of this particular meeting for this very reason: In
17 our presentation tonight we want to focus our questions, our
18 comments and everything that we do specifically on the Main
19 Installation Proposed Plan, which Mr. Phillips is going to talk to
20 you about in just a moment

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22 To give you a little idea about our agenda for the evening, he is
23 going to make a presentation. Following that, we want you to hold

1 any comments or matters of clarification or questions that you have
2 about his particular presentation until after the presentation. At
3 that time, I'm going to come back, and any questions that you have
4 about the presentation, I'm going to facilitate the discussion on that
5 in terms of allowing you the opportunity to ask any questions you
6 had about this particular presentation.

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8 So what I would like for you to do is, in the interest of your
9 memory, jot them down so that you will have them right there in
10 front of you at the end of the presentation. Following that, we will
11 have a public comment period, and at that particular time you will
12 have an opportunity -- at these mikes that you see on either end --
13 to make whatever comments you have specifically, again,
14 regarding the Main Installation Proposed Plan.

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16 The reason we're doing it this way is because the entire -- this is a
17 very, very detailed and complex issue. The entire issue is very
18 detailed and very complex, and we have to maintain our particular
19 focus tonight on the Main Installation Proposed Plan. We would
20 ask that you focus your comments and questions specifically on
21 that. Not because all other things are not important, they are
22 extremely important. But because it's such a complex issue. If we
23 don't focus on those -- on things one at a time as well, then we'll
24 have disorganization, confusion and chaos, and we certainly don't
25 want that. So without further adieu, I would like to introduce Mr.
26 Shawn Phillips, the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure)
27 Environmental Coordinator, who will make the presentation for the
28 Memphis Depot.

29 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Howard. Well, this is a culmination of a long effort.
30 It's a long effort by the Restoration Advisory Board and a long
31 effort by the BRAC Cleanup Team. In particular, tonight what

1 we're going to discuss is the Proposed Plan for the Main
2 Installation This is the Proposed Plan to cleanup the Main
3 Installation This Proposed Plan presents a preferred alternative
4 for how the Main Installation is going to be cleaned up. That
5 preferred alternative came from studies and from evaluations.
6 We've talked about those over the last two months. There is the
7 Remedial Investigation for the Main Installation, which has soil
8 and groundwater data in it and risk assessment data. There is also
9 a Soils Feasibility Study, which looks at different alternatives and
10 comparisons, and there's a Groundwater Feasibility Study, which
11 looks at different alternatives to clean up the groundwater.
12 (Pointing to each document.)
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14 MR. PHILLIPS:

15 Over the last two months at our normal Restoration Advisory
16 Board meetings-- and I see a majority of the members here-- we've
17 had some very technical presentations. At the June Restoration
18 Advisory Board meeting we had a presentation at the school
19 concerning the results, the sampling results. We got the data. Last
20 month, in July, we went over the risk assessment. These
21 presentations are available and RAB members have received these.
22 They're available in the back of the room. But the one thing I can't
23 do tonight in my discussion of the Proposed Plan is focus on the
24 details of those earlier presentations. Time won't allow that.

25 The preferred alternatives that I'm going to present, and which are
26 in this Proposed Plan, are all the preferred alternatives being put
27 forth by the BRAC Cleanup Team, which includes the Defense
28 Logistics Agency (DLA), the Environmental Protection Agency
29 (EPA) and the Tennessee Department of Environment and
30 Conservation (TDEC).
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1 Without any further adieu, I want to talk about how this public
2 meeting needs to be conducted. Howard touched on some of this.
3 Before I get into that, let me remind everybody to please sign in.
4 Okay, points of clarification: For those of you who were at our two
5 public meetings last year for the paint shop and for the chemical
6 warfare removal action, this is how those meetings were run.
7 Points of clarification are items like this. With my accent, if you
8 can't understand a word I said or whatever or if there needs to be a
9 term defined, that's the type of thing I'm speaking about with
10 points of clarification.
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12 MR. PHILLIPS:

13 The comments that we are here tonight to take -- after my
14 presentation, the main focus of this meeting is to take community
15 comments, to take them orally on the record. Those comments
16 need to be evaluated by the BRAC Cleanup Team. We might have
17 to send things to toxicologists to help provide some of the answers.
18 For that reason, we won't be responding to those tonight. We will
19 be responding to those comments in writing, and those comments
20 and a response will become part of the Administrative Record of
21 Decision. Since we're on the mike, I would ask you to please state
22 your name during the public comment period of the meeting if you
23 have a comment.

24 Right now we're at the middle of the -- we're in the first portion of
25 a 30-day public comment period. It started last week on the 14th
26 for this Proposed Plan and on the supporting information that went
27 into the development of this Proposed Plan. That public comment
28 period is scheduled to be complete on the 13th of September. We
29 take written comments during the period, written and verbal
30 comments. We take written comments tonight, verbal comments
31 tonight. You can mail us comments. We have a telephone

1 answering line set up, and we also take email comments. Now,
2 that's how the public comment period is going to work and how
3 tonight's meeting is going to function.

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5 The presentation of the Proposed Plan: What I'm first going to talk
6 about are the regulatory or statutory requirements that required us
7 to run this cleanup program here at the Memphis Depot. I also
8 want to touch upon real briefly the documentation, the study that
9 went into this Proposed Plan. But like I said, I won't be getting
10 into a lot of detail on that. I want to focus on the Proposed Plan
11 portion for the soil and give you the preferred alternative for that,
12 and the Proposed Plan -- the preferred alternative for groundwater.
13 I'll also talk about how this public comment period transitions into
14 a Record of Decision (ROD) and then beyond. Then we'll open up
15 the mikes for public comments.

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17 MR. PHILLIPS:

18 Okay, the cleanup requirements: The law, that the cleanup program
19 is based upon, is called the Comprehensive Environmental
20 Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Some
21 people might refer to this as the Superfund law. That law, as
22 codified, the rules and regulations that came out of that law, are
23 part of the National Contingency Plan (NPL), which is 40 Code of
24 Federal Regulations, Part 300, and this is the National Contingency
25 Plan. CERCLA, the law, plus the National Contingency Plan
26 applies to all facilities. It's not just a federal requirement for
27 federal facilities. It's required for all industrial facilities, all
28 manufacturing facilities.

29 In addition to those legal requirements, there are also policies and
30 other guidance that went into the development of this Proposed
31 Plan. One is the Base Realignment and Closure Act. From that

1 Base Realignment and Closure Act there was a Department of
2 Defense Fast Track Cleanup, Fast Track Closure Policy developed
3 We've also followed that, and the Environmental Protection
4 Agency has guidance on how future land uses, anticipated future
5 land uses, are also pulled into the remedy selection process
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7 How did we get here? What data, what evaluations have been
8 done? The biggest single effort, the biggest single document in
9 terms of sample collection evaluation that was done is definitely
10 the Remedial Investigation, which was final in January of 2000.
11 That's this document (Indicating). It's actually a six volume
12 document, and that is just one of the six volumes. It's available in
13 four Information Repositories for review. It's basically what the
14 last two RAB meetings have been about, to present the results of
15 that document.
16

17 MR. PHILLIPS

18 We have two additional follow-up studies, a Soils Feasibility Study
19 and Groundwater Feasibility Study. Basically, that's the nuts and
20 bolts and the details behind the evaluation of different alternatives
21 That is provided in the feasibility study. The Proposed Plan
22 summarizes that comparison, that evaluation. This Proposed Plan
23 for the Main Installation, it presents all the cleanup alternatives
24 that have been evaluated. It presents, puts forward the preferred
25 alternatives for both soil and for groundwater, and it may be
26 changed depending on the outcome of the public comment period.
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28 I'm going to concentrate on the surface soil first, and the
29 groundwater will be the second part of what we talk about.
30 Objective for the soil, this is after the risk assessment. We needed
31 to look at one particular area, which I will have a slide on in just a
moment that has lead that's above an industrial scenario The

1 water goal is to remove the risks from that particular site, and
2 through the Remedial Investigation we developed a cleanup
3 standard based on risks
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5 In addition to that particular site that I'm speaking of, there were
6 also some earlier actions done which have been discussed at
7 previous RAB meetings. I would like to just highlight those real
8 quickly. We had the base housing removal, which was some
9 dieldrin-contaminated soil, and there's a small amount of soil
10 around this building, the cafeteria, which we remediated. There
11 was a removal action back in the mid 1980s. There's a dip vat in
12 this area that all the soil was removed (Indicating), and there's the
13 paint shop area which we're just now finishing up a removal action
14 at which we began last -- we had meetings on that last summer.

15 MR. PHILLIPS:

16 The additional area with the lead, that presents the risks from lead,
17 is at the corner of Building 929 -- 949, Building 949 right up here
18 in the western end of the property (Indicating). This table is
19 directly out of the Proposed Plan. It's a table that compares the
20 different alternatives that were developed and evaluated. Let me
21 just -- I'm not going to go into the details of how the table is filled
22 out, but I want to explain the table

23 On the left-hand column there are nine different rows. These are
24 the *Nine Criteria* from the National Contingency Plan, which we
25 are required to evaluate alternatives against. I'll read them off to
26 you: "Protective of human health and the environment, in
27 compliance with," the term is, "applicable or relevant and
28 appropriate requirements." Basically this is compliance with other
29 laws.
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1 These top two requirements - EPA considers those thresholds If
2 an alternative doesn't meet those two, that alternative stops. We
3 can't evaluate it any further because it can't be selected If it's not
4 protective of human health, it can't be selected

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6 The other alternatives or other criteria, there's "effectiveness and a
7 permanent" --does it reduce the toxicity, mobility or value through
8 treatment? "Short-term effectiveness"--this one is sometimes
9 confusing. Basically, "is the remedy worse than the cure?" By
10 remedying a site, such as causing dust or something, which would
11 be worse than leaving it there?

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13 "Implementability"-- can it be done? "Cost"-- comparative cost
14 analysis between alternatives. The last two alternatives, "state
15 acceptance and community acceptance"-- the community
16 acceptance will be evaluated after the end of this public comment
17 period, state acceptance as well. Those last two are modifying
18 criteria.

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20 MR PHILLIPS:

21 Before we go forward, let me mention, for the soil on the Main
22 Installation the alternatives evaluated on the far left is "no action".
23 We look at what happens if we don't do anything. We're required
24 by the EPA policy to look at that. "Institutional controls" -- which
25 is basically can you put signs up and warn people about it? Does
26 that make it safe enough or can you restrict the land use? "Soil
27 containment" -- and this was an example would be a cap, can you
28 pave over it? "In-situ soil treatment" -- can you treat the soil in
29 place to reduce the risk of it? And finally the last one we evaluated
30 was "excavation" of the material that was posing a risk and
31 removing it off the site.

1 The preferred alternative that we selected or the preferred
2 alternative that we're putting forth is a combination of two of these
3 alternatives. For the one particular area I showed you at the
4 southeast corner of Building 949--it's excavation and removing
5 that material off site. For -- I'm going to look at the Main facility
6 here -- and for the rest of the property, basically controlling the
7 land use for what the property was used for prior to closure and
8 making sure that stays consistent after the property is transferred
9 from the Department of Defense. Basically meaning any industrial
10 use on this Main portion of the property, recreational use on this
11 southeast corner, and unrestricted use, which could mean housing
12 or residential, in this area (Indicating).

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14 I just talked about those *deed restrictions*, industrial future use
15 throughout the majority of the property, the recreational use over
16 here at the golf course and the housing. That one particular area
17 that has lead, that has been impacted by lead, that's approximately
18 7200 square feet. That's a fairly small site. It's smaller than this
19 room

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21 MR. PHILLIPS.

22 This was selected because out of those *Nine Criteria* -- this was
23 preferred by the BRAC Cleanup Team--because out of those *Nine*
24 *Criteria*, excavating that one area and land use control over the rest
25 of the facility is the best balance of those *Nine Criteria*. There is
26 also permanence at that one particular site. If you remove it from
27 the site, it's different than a cap where you have to watch the cap,
28 wherever a cap might fail. Someone might dig through asphalt or
29 something. So that's our soil.

30 Now groundwater -- our objective for groundwater: The shallow
31 aquifer here is not used for drinking, but groundwater is used for

1 drinking in Memphis from a deeper aquifer. So since groundwater
2 is used for drinking, one of the objectives of cleaning up any
3 groundwater is to reach the drinking water standard. That's the
4 maximum contaminant level (MCL), and what our goal is to
5 present any groundwater that has compounds in it above that
6 maximum contaminant level from getting into the drinking water
7 supply.

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9 MR. PHILLIPS:

10 Okay now the drinking -- the actual levels of the drinking water are
11 standards up here (indicating). And basically we're talking about
12 two areas, the main areas in the southwest corner of the Main
13 property -- this plume (indicating). We have impact from two
14 cleaning materials, trichlorethylene (TCE) and perchloroethylene,
15 perk. We've also detected those same two solvents in the southeast
16 corner at much lower levels. These levels do exceed that drinking
17 water standard.

18 This is the same evaluation chart from the Proposed Plan that's
19 used for soil, the same *Nine Criteria*. The alternatives that we
20 evaluated for groundwater are again, "no action, institutional
21 control with long-term monitoring, enhanced bioremediation, air
22 sparging and extraction and discharge to the publicly owned
23 treatment water." That's POTW.

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25 A description of each of these alternatives is provided in the
26 Proposed Plan. You know, a detailed description of what that
27 alternative entails, additionally, the evaluation that's in the
28 Groundwater Feasibility Study.

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30 The preferred alternative for groundwater is enhanced
31 bioremediation with some long-term monitoring to make sure it

1 works. In this, alternative nutrients would be added to that shallow
2 aquifer to aid in the natural breakdown process and help expedite
3 those, to make it work quicker

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5 There would also be the deed restrictions. We would put deed
6 restrictions on this property to prevent somebody from drilling a
7 drinking water well on the property. I also need to mention that
8 the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department has all
9 approval authority for anybody who wants to drill a well. Mr.
10 Carter Gray from that office has told me that there is a prohibition
11 from the city and the county government from drilling any wells
12 on Superfund sites. So that's in addition to what we would put on
13 our deed restriction

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15 MR. PHILLIPS:

16 We would have to monitor that remedy. We would have to monitor
17 the water to make sure the water is being treated. We would also
18 have to monitor to make sure no one has come out here and drilled
19 a well. That's going to require the development of a contingency
20 plan. If the groundwater treatment is not working, there will have
21 to be provisions to come out and do something more aggressive,
22 such as the air sparging or extraction. Overall, the preferred
23 alternative has been put forward because, again, it's the best
24 balance. It meets all the *Nine Criteria*, and it's the best balance of
25 those *Nine Criteria*.

26 The last part of the presentation before we begin the comment
27 period is "Where do we go from here?" It's been a long process, a
28 lot of fieldwork done. There have been a lot of presentations and a
29 lot of evaluations, and there have been presentations to our
30 community through the Restoration Advisory Board. But right
31 now the step we are in is the process that this document is out, the

1 preferred alternatives are out for public review right now We
2 need to garner those comments in We need to evaluate those
3 comments and provide responses to them And if any of those
4 comments causes a change in our preferred alternative, we need to
5 document that

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7 **MR. PHILLIPS:**

8 At the end of that process, we prepare a Record of Decision, which
9 is -- it's a legally enforceable decision document. It's signed by the
10 Defense Logistics Agency, concurred on and co-signed on by the
11 EPA and Tennessee Department of Environment. This last slide
12 just shows some of the timetable for that to happen. After that
13 Record of Decision is developed, signed and executed, we have to
14 do design work to perform these actions, and then we have to
15 implement them

16 Right now we believe that we will perform the soil removal action
17 out at the corner of that building (Indicating). If that gets put forth
18 that's the decision, and we will be able to do that next summer.
19 "Does it stop there?" No, it doesn't There's a phase called a "Five-
20 Year Review." It's in the National Contingency Plan. Basically,
21 anytime you leave controls on a site, such as industrial future
22 reuse, or anytime you are treating like the groundwater plume,
23 EPA requires you to continually monitor it. And then on a
24 frequency not to exceed every five years, have an overall review
25 on how effective the remedy is. If it's proven that the remedy is
26 not effective, the lead agency, DLA, has to come back and upgrade
27 the remedy.

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29 So it doesn't end with the ROD and the construction of whatever
30 we do. That's how the process works. That is CERCLA, that is
31 the National Contingency Plan, and that's what we've done at this

1 facility to take us to this very important point Tonight's meeting
2 was to walk through that Proposed Plan real quickly The main
3 purpose of tonight's meeting is to give the public an opportunity to
4 make verbal questions, to ask verbal questions or comments. It
5 doesn't end with tonight. If you have a comment that comes up
6 after review of the documents or after a review of the Proposed
7 Plan, they can be submitted electronically through email and on
8 our telephone hotline. It can also be submitted in writing, and that
9 address was earlier in the presentation. I believe with that we are
10 ready to start the public comment period.

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12 **POINTS OF CLARIFICATION:**

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14 **MR. ROBERTSON:** Thank you very much. First of all, we would like to ask anyone
15 who would have or need any points of clarification specifically
16 regarding the Main Installation Proposed Plan that's been
17 presented, to ask those questions or seek that clarification at this
18 time. Yes, ma'am. That mike right over there to your right, if you
19 will

20 **MS. BRADSHAW:** Shawn, on Page 5 -- could you pull the slide back up? Doris
21 Bradshaw. It's Page 6, I guess. Yes, there it is. Okay, you were
22 describing the off-site plumes. Is that what that was supposed to
23 be?

24 **MR. PHILLIPS:** Which one, ma'am?

25 **MS. BRADSHAW:** It's all the -- the red, are those the plumes?

26 **MR. PHILLIPS:** This is a plume (Indicating). This is a plume (Indicating). This is
27 something we've detected off our site (Indicating). This is off-site
28 (Indicating).

29 **MS. BRADSHAW:** Could you give the streets, the boundaries? You kept saying
30 "southwest, northwest," whatever. Could you give us street
31 names?

- 1 MR. PHILLIPS: That is Ball on the south side of our property (Indicating)
- 2 MS. BRADSHAW: So that's south
- 3 MR. PHILLIPS: This is Airways, Dunn at the top (Indicating)
- 4 MS. BRADSHAW: Dunn on this side (Indicating)?
- 5 MR. PHILLIPS: Yes, Dunn on the north.
- 6 MS. BRADSHAW: Okay, I was just curious. You were saying it's the green plume up
- 7 here in the south --I guess that's the southeast corner? That's the
- 8 southeast corner?
- 9 MR. PHILLIPS: This?
- 10 MS. BRADSHAW: Yes -- no, down at the bottom. You said that was off site.
- 11 MR. PHILLIPS: Yes.
- 12 MS. BRADSHAW: Okay, is that the water is flowing or what is making that -- you
- 13 know, you're saying that's an off-site plume. Where is it coming
- 14 from?
- 15 MR. PHILLIPS: I don't know that.
- 16 MS. BRADSHAW: I'm saying, is that the way the water table flows?
- 17 MR. PHILLIPS: That's actually a comment. ..
- 18 MS. BRADSHAW: No
- 19 MR. PHILLIPS: That's a technical comment, and that corner of the water flows onto
- 20 our property.
- 21 MS. BRADSHAW: Okay.
- 22 MR. ROBERTSON: Any other points of clarification regarding the presentation? Any
- 23 questions or points of clarification regarding the presentation?
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25 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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- 27 MR. ROBERTSON: If not, at this time we will open the mikes for comments, public
- 28 comments that you will have, again, regarding the Main
- 29 Installation Proposed Plan that's been presented or anything
- 30 specifically regarding the Main Installation. We ask that you pose
- 31 your comments to those -- to this particular point specifically, and

1 the mikes are open for any comment that anyone might have
2 specifically regarding that
3 MR TYLER Stanley Tyler I would like to make a comment that we need to
4 extend the public comment period another 30 days. At the
5 beginning of this presentation he said there's a lot of technical
6 documents. There's a lot of documents to go through, and you
7 expect people in this neighborhood to look at this, to understand
8 this in 30 days when the experts and the people who put this
9 together are having trouble with it And 30 days doesn't seem fair
10 to this community when you're going to lay out all these plans and
11 technical expertise to the people to just sit down and read them and
12 understand and to formulate their comments. There's a lot of
13 material. You've got, what, about four or five big books there that
14 you're going to have to try to go through and formulate your
15 comments. By the time you get through one book, that's a week.
16 Another one is a week, the third one is a week, the fourth one --
17 that's 30 days right there before you can start formulating.

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19 None of this is electronically on line where you can go on line and
20 get it on the Internet. So I would like to make the comment that
21 we extend the public comment period from September 14th to
22 October 14th.

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24 All right, my second comment: About this golf course, I read
25 somewhere in some of these documents that the dieldrin level on
26 the golf course was high, but acceptable by EPA standards. Is
27 there going to be a plan to remove the so-called high dieldrin levels
28 on the golf course? That's another comment

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30 And my third comment is when we get ready to clean the Depot
31 up, the residential standards are not going to be met all over the

1 Depot It's just going to be like industrial standards What's going
2 to stop someone from coming in and deciding, "Well, I've got an
3 industrial site I just want to dirty this place up again, provided I
4 meet EPA standards" Is there any restrictive covenant about what
5 can come in on the Depot? Because you've got the paint shop It
6 was dirty once. Somebody might come and decide to move a paint
7 shop right back on that area and have those people have the same
8 problems they had before. You know, it's a legitimate question
9

10 MR. TYLER:

11 And I get back to this recreational area. If you're going to make
12 this a city park, we're going to have to do something about this
13 dieldrin level. They have worked hard to get all this information
14 I realize there's not that many people in the community here. But
15 there is great concern about what goes on in this community. It
16 just happened to be a time that folks are putting their children in
17 school, going off to college, and sometimes timing is just not that
18 great. I'm not saying it's anybody's fault. But sometimes this time
19 is not that great to have these kind of public comment meetings.
20 That's why I want to extend it 30 more days, so the public can have
21 that extra time Because September and August -- in September is
22 the time when people's children go to school or to college, do
23 things, and sometimes they just don't have time to do this, and
24 that's another reason why to extend that 30-day comment period

25 Also, one other thing I was concerned about is that we have a lot of
26 technical manuals. Are we going to be able to get all these manuals
27 on the Internet before September 14th so I can download what I
28 need? That's a comment I have.

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30 And I will close. I don't want to take up too much time. That is a
31 lot of material and a lot of stuff to go through. I probably could

1 talk another hour, but I will be polite, because I am long-winded,
2 and I don't want to be rude to anybody that's here. You know I
3 have comments, but I just want people to know we are concerned
4 It may not be numbers here, but we have people who are
5 concerned about this community. And I want to go on the record
6 again; we do need to extend this another 30 days, from September
7 14th to October 14th. Thank you.

8 MR. ROBERTSON:

Thank you very much for your time. I can assure you that the
9 questions that you pose are a matter of record and will be
10 responded to later. Are there any other comments regarding the
11 Main Installation?

12 MS. BRADSHAW:

Just like Mr. Tyler, I'm not pleased with the time given with the
13 public comment period. I think it needs to be a 90-day public
14 comment period, with documents and what is getting ready to
15 happen to turn this land over to the city. Well, I'm one of the
16 public people that feels like that this site should never be turned
17 over to the city at all, ever, because I feel like that the Depot did
18 not do an extensive enough research on all the chemicals that was
19 found on this site.

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21 In going through documents in the early years when they first
22 started, there were chemicals found on the site, and now those
23 chemicals have disappeared some kind of way. I don't know who
24 got them, but looking at this document, you're showing only five
25 chemicals of concern on one of these documents. There are only
26 five chemicals of concern: Arsenic, dieldrin, lead, PCE and TCE.
27 But what happened to the other 249 chemicals that was found on
28 this site? I feel like that -- I haven't seen anything or any
29 statements telling us what happened to those chemicals, and I
30 know the only so-called clean up that you had was the dieldrin

1 cleanup, and I don't consider that as a cleanup because that was the
2 only chemical you addressed

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4 I feel like that you're still pushing stuff up under the table and
5 trying to not give the community all the information that they need
6 to know about this site. I feel like that until you give us full
7 disclosure of everything and all the activities that went along on
8 this site, then you're misleading the city. You're going to take our
9 tax dollars probably later on down the road to clean this site up,
10 and that's one of the fears that I have, is that I don't want my tax
11 dollars ever to go on this site to ever try to do any type of cleanup.
12 I think that's what the military has done over the years is try to
13 ease out of their problems. They try to push their problems off on
14 somebody else, and this is happening all over the nation.
15 Institutional control means no cleanup, and I think that the word
16 cleanup needs to be pulled out of the vocabulary for the military
17 because they're not cleaning up anything.

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19 MS. BRADSHAW:

20 If you bring in another company and something is found that is
21 different from what you found on this site, then what are you going
22 to do? Will the company have to prove that they did not pollute it
23 and DLA walk away scott-free? How do we know that you're
24 going to fulfill your responsibility to this community, all the
25 pollution that is here?

26 Now, I feel like that you did not do enough testing, 70 sites -- out
27 of 77 sites that was tested, 77 -- 70 sites come out dirty that you
28 found chemicals in, and I feel like that you didn't do enough. I
29 think this place is actually too big to just do that few amount of
30 testing. And then you didn't do the broad spectrum testing. You
31 told us you were going to do it You told us you were going to

1 bring in another laboratory, and these are things that you didn't do
2 So there is still mistrust among the people and what DLA is going
3 to do and if they're going to do it right
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5 So I think that this has been just a waste of time because I don't
6 feel like DLA has come to us completely honest in the beginning,
7 and I don't think that this place will ever be clean. But what I'm
8 afraid of is a lot of workers being exposed to a contaminated site
9 like the workers that worked at DLA, and I think that EPA hasn't
10 done their job extensive enough and not pushing forward the
11 agenda like they should
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13 And there is going to be hearings all over the country soon, and
14 EPA, beware because we are going to talk about what you have
15 done on these type of sites and also on industry sites because I
16 don't think that you-all pushed the agenda enough. You let the
17 military kind of push you around, tell you what they are going to
18 do I'm through.

19 MR. ROBERTSON.

Thank you for your comments. Are there any other comments
20 regarding the Main Installation? Yes, sir, go to the mike, please

21 MR. DEMETRIO.

Franklin Demetrio. My whole problem with it, I think things are
22 done backwards, that so many people have been suffering in the
23 community and people who worked here, and I don't think any
24 great effort has ever been done to find out why that is, and,
25 therefore, how can we have any confidence that any remediation
26 plan that's going to be considered will actually do anything about
27 that?
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29 Now, if we look at the remediation plan, it's based on several
30 premises, which I think are dubious. The first premise is that the
31 toxic contaminants on this site have been correctly identified, all of

1 Why are people still suffering and dying in the community --
2 people who have worked at this installation? I can't get out of my
3 brain the words that I heard from people giving their own
4 testimony who live around here or who have worked here about
5 what's happening to them or what has happened to them and their
6 families. It's just a sham if we don't know why that's happening
7 and we're not doing anything to stop that from happening other
8 than hiding behind the laws and regulations and pretending that if
9 we follow these procedures that that's going to solve the problem

10 MR. ROBERTSON:

Thank you very much for your comments. Are there any
11 additional comments?

12 MR. TYLER.

Stanley Tyler. I'm truly sorry for tying up the time, but sometimes
13 you've just got to ask a question when you've got to ask it. I
14 noticed in your preferred alternate soil selection and for cleaning
15 up the groundwater and for -- let's see -- groundwater, all these
16 preferred alternatives. Well my question is who is going to do it,
17 and when it's going to be decided who's going to do it and what
18 input would the community have in making the actual decision as
19 to what alternative is chosen? Will there be a public meeting? Will
20 the community be telephoned, newspaper, radio? How is the
21 community going to have input as to what alternative is selected?
22 Because we have two or three here that you can choose from, and
23 community participation, though it may be small today, at some
24 time it may be great. But it doesn't matter how many people want
25 to participate as long as there is a real concern about what
26 alternatives are taken.

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28 So my question is who is going to do it? How much money is
29 going to be figured into it, and when is that decision going to be
30 made? So one day you wake up and say, "Oh, we're going to make
31 a decision. We've done chose it." And you read it in the

1 Commercial Appeal that we chose Alternative No 3, whereas
 2 number one and two, "Well, we looked at it We don't know what
 3 we're going to do "

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 5 So that's all I'm saying, any community input, any way to notify
 6 people to be concerned and you know, what's the public going to
 7 have to say about any of these alternative solutions? And my
 8 concern is we need to just try and be more inclusive of the public
 9 and of former workers, of people who worked here, about maybe
 10 getting the input, asking what went on and how things went on
 11 what would be good or just include everybody in what alternatives
 12 about cleaning up that you want to do. Thank you.

13 MR. ROBERTSON:

Thank you. Any other comments - further comments about the
 14 Main Installation Proposed Plan? Other comments? If not, on
 15 behalf of the Depot, we would like to thank you very, very much
 16 for your participation. Do you have another comment?

17 MR. TYLER.

I'm not being mean when I ask this question How long are you
 18 guys legally allowed to be here in case somebody comes in late?

19 MR. PHILLIPS.

That's a point of clarification. I will answer that We plan on
 20 being here for at least an hour

21 MR. TYLER.

So would it be all right to have the people who are legally
 22 obligated to be here in case somebody comes late, then those who
 23 want to leave can leave -- but we want to keep the stenographer
 24 and the comments open to the public for another hour. So in case
 25 somebody comes in and wants to make a comment, we'll leave it
 26 for them. Those of you who choose not to stay, I understand.
 27 Nobody is as long-winded as I am. But I just wanted to make that
 28 option available for those public members who might come late.

29 MR. PHILLIPS:

We are going to be here until 7:30 p.m. tonight, whether or not the
 30 citizens who came out choose to leave right now or not We'll be
 31 here until then If somebody comes in at 7.29 p.m. and has a

1 comment, we'll hear it and we'll transcribe it. Thank you, Mr
2 Tyler

3 MS BRADSHAW

4 I just want to make a statement I know that Alma did everything
5 that she could -- I'm pretty sure you did -- to try to get people to
6 come out. But why don't you have mini comment periods
7 throughout the community instead of just having it here on this
8 site?

9 Like I have explained, there are people that don't want to come up
10 here for nothing, and this is not community friendly, not at all. For
11 certain people, they may feel comfortable, but there's other people
12 that don't feel comfortable by doing this These meetings can be
13 held in the church, in the schools, and let each member that is on
14 this board for their community area be responsible for those people
15 getting out, doing the outreach themselves. The people that live
16 within the community and have a sectional -- you know, something
17 like sectional meetings throughout the community. And they can
18 be in the evening or at night. Because some elderly people may
19 come out in the morning where at night people work.

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21 But as far as coming to this site, this is not the place where people
22 want to come up here to because they feel like that the Depot has
23 done something against them, and if their health is affected, they're
24 very angry.

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26 But what we want to ask TDEC -- is TDEC here? Are you here? --
27 is that we have our state representative with our own stenographer
28 and our community and call a hearing for the State of Tennessee
29 with the state representative outside the Depot and then bring in
30 people to talk directly to the representatives and TDEC and let

1 them know -- let you-all know how we feel about it, you know,
2 this part

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4 And I'm going to ask Senator Dixon, since he's in this area, to set
5 up that hearing because I'm not satisfied that this is a safe place to
6 put workers. I don't have that confidence. I still have a lot of
7 concerns about this place, and I feel like that I don't know what
8 you are going back telling your bosses. So maybe we need to have
9 a hearing with our state representatives so TDEC will understand
10 where this community is coming from. Thank you.

11 **MS. PETERS:**

 Johnnie Mae Peters. I was at a meeting a month ago where the
12 community could have come, and they didn't show up then. It was
13 at a school. Could anybody tell me why they didn't show up then?
14 And there were letters sent out, and it was in the newspaper, and
15 the people didn't show up then, and it was at a school

16 **MR. ROBERTSON:**

 Thank each of you for your comments. Any further comments?
17 (Brief pause.)

18 **MR. ROBERTSON:**

 As a point of clarification, the mikes will remain open, and people
19 will be here until 7:30 p.m. For any of you who have to leave at
20 this particular point, we want to thank you very, very much for
21 coming out. For any of you who choose to stay, you are welcome.
22 And, again, it will be open until 7:30 p.m. for comments, and those
23 comments will be a matter of record and go on the record.

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25 Thank you very, very much. Again, it remains open. We also
26 encourage written comments, email, and fax and so forth as well.
27 Telephone -- there is a telephone line, and that number is 544-
28 0618, 544-0618 for those of you who would like to call and leave
29 your comments on the information line.

30 **MR. PHILLIPS:**

 I would like to have a point of clarification from a comment Mr
31 Tyler had. If the public comment period is extended beyond 30

1 days, we will publish a notice, and we'll let you know about that
2 And I would like to remind everybody to please sign in
3 MR. TYLER Stanley Tyler So there will be no misunderstanding, I would like
4 to extend the public comment period 30 days. If it is not extended,
5 I would like it in writing as to why and what for it was not
6 extended You can send it to my fax number, which is, 901-448-
7 7735 as to why the public comment period, in writing, was not
8 extended an extra 30 days Thank you.
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10 *(Open mike. No comments. There were no deletions of this record.)*
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12 MR. ROBERTSON: Okay, thank you very, very much for coming out The public
13 comment period is officially closed as of this point. Thank you
14 again
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17 ***MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.***
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Attendance List

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Mr. Stanley Tyler	Citizen Representative
Ms. Doris Bradshaw	Environmental Representative (DDMT – CCC)
Ms. Alma Black Moore	Frontline Communications
Ms. Tondalaya Washington	Frontline Communications
Mr. Trevor Smith Diggins	Frontline Communications
Mrs. Denise Cooper	Memphis Depot Caretaker Division
Mr. Brian Deeken	TDEC
Mr. Turpin Ballard	EPA
Ms. Sandee Coulberson	ATSDR
Mr. Russell Ray Anderson	Citizen
Mr. Virgil W. Jansen	Sverdrup Civil, Inc.
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