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1 MR. LEVY: I guess because of the
2 weather, quite a few members decided to
3 play hooky and go fishing. We'll go
4 ahead and start. Let me read the role
5 call.

6 (Whereupon role call was taken.)

7 MR. LEVY: We've got five voting
8 members, myself and Bart. Well, we
9 really don't have a quorum, but have you
10 all had a chance to look over the meeting
11 minutes? Take a few moments to read
12 through them. They should come in the
13 mail. For those of you who are in the
14 gallery, if you want, I believe there's
15 copies of the meeting minutes on the
16 table over here, you are welcome to a
17 copy. Also the agenda for the next
18 meeting is over there as well. Do we
19 have any comments to the meeting minutes?
20 I won't ask for a vote since we don't
21 have enough people.

22 MR. HOOD: I thought we did away
23 with the quorum requirement some time

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1 ago.

2 MR. LEVY: Yeah, we're still doing
3 it though. Let's move on. Let me
4 introduce tonight's speaker. If you'll
5 remember that in the past the RAB had
6 asked for an overview of the BRAC cleanup
7 plan. The BRAC cleanup plan we have in
8 front of you is in a draft form. John
9 Herbert from QST, our contractor writing
10 the plan, is going to give us a
11 fifteen-minute overview of the document
12 and then we'll open it up for some
13 discussion.

14 MR. REEDY: Do you want to introduce
15 our guests?

16 MR. LEVY: Oh, yes, good point. We
17 have folks in the gallery watching,
18 individuals from AEPI, Army Environmental
19 Policy Institute. Colonel Weisser, did
20 you want to introduce the people?

21 COLONEL WEISSER: I won't do us all
22 individually necessarily, but I'd like to
23 thank you all for letting us sit in on

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1 this tonight. We are over in Atlanta at
2 the Army Environmental Policy Institute
3 which is located at Georgia Tech. The
4 folks here are involved, and also in
5 addition to just the folks at AEPI, we
6 also have some folks from the southern
7 region organization, SREO also located
8 with us over there. The purpose and the
9 intent is to give the folks over there
10 some familiarization with what goes on in
11 the actual setting on post. Obviously
12 we're somewhat removed from that on the
13 campus of Georgia Tech, so we thought
14 we'd come and see the real thing. Ron,
15 we'd like to thank you and your folks and
16 all the rest of you for letting us sit in
17 and see how it works tonight. Thanks
18 very much.

19 MR. LEVY: We also have George
20 Correles, he's the regional environmental
21 coordinator for the southeast region.
22 He's got a significant role to play in
23 environmental issues and polices in this

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1 region. George, just raise your hand
2 over there.

3 Okay, John, do you want to start
4 out?

5 MR. HERBERT: First of all, is there
6 some way that we can rearrange these maps
7 so the folks here can see it a little bit
8 better? I don't know that there's any
9 way to do it well. I would like for
10 people to be able to see the maps, we're
11 going to be talking from them a little
12 bit here. I'm John Herbert, I'm with QST
13 Environmental. If you look at your base
14 closure plan you'll see it says
15 Environmental Science Engineering. We
16 are one in the same company. We've just
17 recently renamed, just to avoid any
18 confusion there. Again, I want to give
19 about a fifteen-minute overview of the
20 base cleanup plan. This is a document
21 that basically outlines how the Army is
22 going to approach the investigation,
23 remediation and transfer of property here

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1 at Fort McClellan. Again, I'm going to
2 keep this real short, I'm just going to
3 hit the high points. What I'm really
4 going to try to do is just explain to you
5 folks where you can find information in
6 the document and give you a very brief
7 overview of the document itself. I'll be
8 here as long as you want to ask questions
9 afterwards. So don't be afraid to ask
10 questions. What I would ask you to do
11 maybe is write things down, and then we
12 can have a question and answer period
13 afterwards if that's appropriate here.

14 This is the way we've got the
15 document laid out. We're going to spend
16 the majority of our time talking about
17 Section Two which is the LRA reuse plan.
18 I understand that you folks have just
19 tonight received a copy of that document.
20 I thought you had it before and had a
21 chance to look at it. But we've
22 incorporated a lot of that material into
23 this document. So we'll spend time

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1 talking about Section Two which is the
2 reuse plan. Section Three which is the
3 installation wide environmental program
4 status document. And Section Four which
5 is the strategy for environmental
6 restoration. And then we'll talk briefly
7 about the schedules in this document as
8 well.

9 If you recall the last time I was
10 here talking to this group we talked
11 about how the, how the BRAC process
12 works. And what we've done is conducted
13 the environmental baseline survey, which
14 you guys all have a copy of and have
15 presumably had a chance to look at. A
16 lot of the information in this document
17 is taken from that environmental baseline
18 survey. We've now written the base
19 cleanup plan. And what this does is it
20 basically tells us how we are going to
21 get from knowing what the current
22 environmental condition of this property
23 is to the transfer, either by deed or by

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1 lease. If property is clean that means
2 -- let me back up here. If the property
3 is category one through four, then it can
4 be transferred by deed. Now, and if we
5 need to talk more about what the
6 different categories are, we can do that
7 later. If the property is CERFA category
8 five through seven or if we're talking
9 about ranges, there is some additional
10 characterizations that need to be done.
11 If the properties are then determined to
12 be clean, then you can transfer it. If
13 it's dirty, it has to go through either
14 clean up or some other process before it
15 can be transferred.

16 MR. LEVY: Remind you that FOST is
17 the finding of suitability to transfer
18 and a FOSL is a finding of suitability to
19 lease. Those are the two documents that
20 precede the deeds or the leasing actions.

21 MR. HERBERT: Very briefly, the
22 purposes -- now, these are just some of
23 the purposes of this document. If you

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1 look here in section one point two
2 starting on page one dash four, it talks
3 about the purposes of the document. But
4 these are just the ones that I personally
5 thought were some of the most important.
6 There are more listed. To present the
7 status of ongoing restoration and
8 compliance programs, present the
9 strategies that we're going to use to
10 actually complete the restoration of
11 sites, and then to streamline these
12 actions as much as we can so that we can
13 get the property transferred as quickly
14 as probably. Expeditious transfer of
15 this property is what this entire process
16 is all about.

17 A couple of selected, again these
18 are just some of the objectives that I
19 thought were some of the more important
20 ones. To protect human health in the
21 environment. We obviously don't want
22 anybody harmed by the results of any
23 action that happened here at Fort

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1 McClellan, training activities or
2 whatever has happened in the past. And
3 we're going to continue to look for any
4 sites that may have environmental
5 problems. If during the process of
6 further investigation or cleanup of sites
7 we find additional sites, those are going
8 to go into the mix and they will be
9 addressed before that property is
10 transferred. And then finally we're
11 going to consider future land use when
12 we're deciding how to remediate sites.
13 Because you don't want to spend more time
14 or money than necessary to clean up a
15 site presuming a certain land use.

16 Section Two of the document covers
17 the LRA reuse plan. And again, this is a
18 document that I thought you folks had had
19 a chance to review. But what the LRA has
20 done is they have looked at the property
21 here at Fort McClellan and tried to
22 figure out how they can get it turned
23 back into the economic process here and

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1 get it turned back over and reused so it
2 can be providing jobs for people, adding
3 to the tax base here. And what they have
4 done is looked at the facilities here at
5 Fort McClellan and tried to decide how
6 they can get it back into use as soon as
7 they can. They have set up three
8 different phases, actually four phases,
9 phase one, one-A, phase two and phase
10 three, and all of these phases are laid
11 out here. Phase one is the gray parcels
12 here. These are parcels that they
13 believe they can use almost immediately,
14 get them back into use right now. That's
15 phase one-A. Phase one-B is going to
16 take some additional time to get reused.
17 I think the actual scenario there is it
18 could be reused now but the economy can't
19 absorb all the facilities that are
20 available. There's phase two and phase
21 three which will be used further out.
22 There are remediation reserve parcels.
23 Really these remediation reserve parcels

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1 out here are rangelands. The LRA
2 understands that it's going to take a
3 while to investigate and clean up the
4 ranges before they can be put in any kind
5 of economic reuse. And then open space
6 parcels that are the green parcels here,
7 those are going to be open space park
8 land, passive recreation type areas, and
9 they will be transferred in conjunction
10 with the adjacent phase one, two or three
11 parcels. For instance, this parcel right
12 here would be transferred with phase one
13 because it's surrounded by phase one
14 properties.

15 MR. LEVY: When you go to look at
16 the reuse plan, you've got a copy of it
17 in front of you, the phasings are in
18 there as well, and there is quite a bit
19 of information as related to the phasing.
20 But the phasing plan goes out to the year
21 2020. That's why the plan is called the
22 Reuse Plan 2020. And they are phasing by
23 various years. I think John is going to

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1 get into this. We've tried to gear the
2 plan or reuse toward those phasings.

3 MR. HERBERT: Thanks, Ron. As a
4 matter of fact, table two dash one shows
5 the phase and everything, everything that
6 I'm showing you tonight has come pretty
7 much straight out of the base cleanup
8 plan. We've had to reformat a few things
9 so it will project well. This is an
10 example, of that. Everything that I'm
11 showing you came out of that plan. It
12 ought to look real familiar when you
13 start delving through the plan. Table
14 two dash one shows the phase one-A and
15 then it's got each parcel number that was
16 on that previous map that we just looked
17 at. We'll see that map again in a few
18 minutes. This table identifies the
19 principle reuse as anticipated by the
20 LRA, the method of acquisition, which is
21 the economic development conveyance, the
22 entity that is going to acquire the
23 property and then the anticipated period

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1 during which the property would be
2 transferred. So all of that is presented
3 in this document.

4 MR. REEDY: John, might point out the
5 difference in parcel numbers. Their
6 parcel number is not the parcel number
7 that's in.

8 MR. HERBERT: These are reuse parcel
9 numbers. I think what Bart is getting at
10 is in the environmental baseline survey,
11 we had parcel numbers or issue numbers
12 which identified the environmental issues
13 at different sites. And these are what
14 I'm going to call reuse parcel numbers
15 that were identified by the LRA.

16 MR. LEVY: Where it says EDC,
17 economic development conveyance, that's
18 where the community is looking to get the
19 property at less than fair market value
20 or at zero cost altogether. The intent
21 there is if they can get it for less than
22 fair market value or for no cost at all
23 then they can plow that money back into

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1 the property for development purposes.

2 MR. PARKS: That's their proposal,
3 that's not necessarily what the Army
4 agreed to.

5 MR. LEVY: Right.

6 MR. HERBERT: Again, the proposed
7 reuse is listed in our document and it's
8 the same as in the document you were just
9 given tonight, the LRA Comprehensive
10 Reuse Plan. We took a lot of information
11 out of that reuse plan and put it in
12 here.

13 Okay, Section Three of this document
14 covers compliance program status and
15 environmental condition of the property.
16 Compliance program would be things like
17 UXO ranges, underground storage tanks,
18 PCB permits and that would be storm water
19 type issues. And to very briefly give
20 you a review of what's in the
21 environmental baseline survey, again, the
22 information in Section Three came out of
23 the environmental baseline survey for the

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1 most part, there is additional
2 information in there. But when we are
3 talking about environmental condition of
4 the property, there are CERFA parcels,
5 which are, CERFA parcels are displayed on
6 this map here. This came out of the
7 environmental baseline survey. And for
8 the most part CERFA parcels were things
9 that involved hazardous waste or the type
10 of compounds that will be covered by
11 superfunds. Then there are non-CERCLA
12 issues things like radon, lead base
13 paint, asbestos containing materials,
14 PCB's and UXO's also included in the
15 non-CERCLA issues. Those are included on
16 these maps over here. Again, all that
17 came out of the environmental baseline
18 survey. Oh, I know what I was going to
19 say, one of the reasons we didn't put all
20 of that on one map is we felt like it was
21 getting too terribly busy. We broke it
22 up into two maps.

23 Also in Section Three, other

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1 information about other environmental
2 concerns, for instance sensitive
3 habitats, this particular figure came out
4 of the environmental impact statement and
5 we put it in this base cleanup plan.
6 There are a few other things in here, for
7 instance, cultural resources which
8 include cemeteries and historic
9 buildings, historic districts here on
10 post. This figure in the base cleanup
11 plan basically summarizes these two
12 figures we talked about just a second
13 ago. The areas that are in green here
14 are all of the non-CERCLA issues except
15 for ranges. The ranges are the brown
16 color here. All the green areas are the
17 non-CERCLA issues, all the non-CERCLA
18 issues that are on this map. The pink is
19 all the CERFA issues. So what we did is
20 we just broke them out and combined them,
21 combined them for the purpose of this
22 map. And the reason for doing that is so
23 that they could combine it and make an

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1 overlay for this map here. Again, this
2 is the LRA's proposed reuse parcels. And
3 if you'll notice one-A dash four, two
4 dash six, two dash seven, these are the
5 reuse parcel numbers that we track in
6 this document. What we did was we took

7 these two maps that we were looking at
8 here, we took this one, and this is in
9 your document just as we're showing it
10 here, we've got this map and then we've
11 got the other as an overlay. And what
12 this does is you can look at each
13 individual reuse parcel and see what the
14 environmental condition of the property
15 is, what the issues are. You need to go
16 back to these detailed maps to get the
17 information about the specific issue, but
18 this will at least get you started. You
19 can look at this and you can see what
20 types of environmental issues you have to
21 be concerned with. We also have in one
22 of the appendices a table that lists for
23 each and every reuse parcel, all of the

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1 environmental issues, all of the
2 environmental sites that we found in each
3 and every one of those. Kind of think of
4 it as an intersection, wherever a reuse
5 parcel intersects one of these parcels
6 that we identified in the EBS, that's
7 identified in the table in the back of
8 the document. There's another map here,
9 this is in Appendix G, I believe it is.
10 Both of these maps are in Appendix G.
11 And there's a third map that nobody has
12 seen until today. The BRAC cleanup team
13 had asked for a map that would show where
14 the firing lines of each range is and
15 where the impact areas for each of those
16 ranges are located. And the reason is,
17 if you look at this map right here, all
18 this brown area is the maximum extent of
19 what's called the surface danger zone for
20 each and every range at Fort McClellan.
21 What you guys can't see from back there,
22 you'll have to get pretty close to see,
23 is there's a spider web of little black

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1 lines. And we plotted the surface danger
2 zone for each and every range at Fort
3 McClellan. Just because property is in
4 the surface danger zone which is the area
5 around which it has theoretically fallen,
6 doesn't mean that that land is
7 contaminated, but that's all the
8 information we had to go on. So the BRAC
9 cleanup team asked us to do our best to
10 estimate where firing lines were and
11 where impact areas are. The firing lines
12 were relatively easy because they are
13 going to be at the head of the range.
14 But the impact areas are much more
15 difficult to identify and we did the best
16 we could. What this map over here shows
17 you, it has estimated locations of firing
18 lines in blue, impact areas in red, the
19 range surface danger zone we kept that on
20 here just so you would have some idea of
21 what the potential impacted area is.
22 This is a particular range I'll talk
23 about in just a minute. You can't see it

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1 from where you are very well, I guess,
2 but this is -- (inaudible) the surface
3 danger zone is called out primarily
4 because we want to make sure that people
5 know that there are ranges on this map
6 for which we have not identified an
7 impact area. We don't have the data to
8 do that. People are going to have to go
9 out in the field and start tromping
10 around and looking for things. We've
11 numbered each of these ranges with the
12 same numbers that we used in the
13 environmental baseline survey to keep
14 continuity.

15 This is a blowup, a portion of this
16 map over here. As a matter of fact,
17 we're looking at this area right here.
18 And just so you understand what you are
19 looking at when you look at one of these
20 things, these are firing lines. In the
21 case of this firing line, this is an old
22 mortar range, and I believe the impact
23 area is out here. We're starting to fall

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1 off the edge of this particular overhead.
2 This is the impact area for that mortar
3 range. Here's a six hundred yard rifle
4 range that had five individual firing
5 lines on it. Targets were located here,
6 and there was a one hundred, two hundred,
7 three hundred, five hundred and six
8 hundred yard firing line. So there are
9 various firing lines on that range and
10 there's another one down here that's the
11 same way. In some cases, the impact
12 areas look kind of funny because in this
13 particular case there wasn't a backstop,
14 there was not a burn behind the range, so
15 the hill behind it acted as a backstop
16 and stopped the rounds, and in this
17 particular case I took a guess and
18 followed the contour lines, a reasonable
19 guess I thought. Range twenty-nine, this
20 is an impact area that was picked up by
21 EPA looking at some aerial photographs.
22 This is an impact area that I picked out
23 using another set of aerial photos and

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1 having visited the range. So this is the
2 kind of information we put on this map.
3 What I want everybody to understand is,
4 first of all, there are ranges for which
5 we have not identified impact areas.
6 Secondly, the impact areas that we have
7 identified, the boundaries are just our
8 best guess, and this is where we think
9 the largest number of impacts may have
10 occurred, but that's just like a starting
11 place for investigation. Almost
12 certainly rounds fell outside of these
13 areas.

14 MR. LEVY: Go on record and say that
15 the Army just did not keep good records
16 as it relates to impact areas. There
17 wasn't any data we could find to
18 establish that. So in a lot of cases we
19 are being very conservative and it's a
20 guessing game as to exactly where those
21 impact areas are. In most cases we'll
22 have to do on-the-grounds surveys to try
23 to delineate where that is. But we're

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1 really just kind of fumbling around here
2 in the dark in most cases trying to
3 establish where the impacts might be,
4 using our best guesses.

5 MR. HERBERT: In the appendix we
6 have quite a few tables. One thing I
7 need to point out right off the bat here,
8 this document covers Main Post and
9 Choccolocco Quarters. It does not cover
10 Pelham Range. I didn't state that in the
11 document you have. Pelham Range is not
12 being transferred, so we've taken out all
13 the references to the Pelham Range sites
14 with one exception, and that is there is
15 an open burning detonation area in Pelham
16 Range that we've included here because we
17 were asked to. But that's the only
18 Pelham Range site in this document. And
19 what we did is in the tables that you'll
20 find in the back of the document, we've
21 got tables that list all of the sites
22 that were identified in the EBS, the
23 environmental baseline survey. That's

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1 the same table that was in the
2 environmental baseline survey except that
3 all the Pelham Range sites have been
4 taken out except for the one site. We've
5 got a number of tables in this document
6 that list all the underground storage
7 tanks on Main Post that we know of, all
8 the monitor wells on Main Post, I've
9 already said all of the environmental
10 sites, and then we've got this particular
11 table, and it's a table that has every
12 building that's on Main Post. And the
13 reason that all this information is
14 included in this document is so that the
15 BCT can track all of this information and
16 make sure it's all addressed before the
17 property is transferred. We want to make
18 sure that they know and they can track
19 each building, each parcel so they can
20 make sure it's all been addressed before
21 it's transferred. And then we've got
22 this table here which is a category
23 reclassification tracking form and it

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1 lists every single environmental parcel
2 and issue that we identified in the EBS.
3 It has the original categories one
4 through seven. It has a description of
5 what the issue is, the coordinates as
6 they occurred in the environmental
7 baseline survey. The reason for having
8 all of this in here is so that when --
9 for the information of everybody here, a
10 category seven means we really don't know
11 what's going on at this site, so we need
12 to do some additional investigation. If
13 we go out there and poke some holes in
14 the ground, take some samples and then if
15 the site is clean, then it will be
16 category one. So it will be reclassified
17 from category seven to category one and
18 transferred. We need to be able to track
19 that some way, and this form is the way
20 we're going to do this. So the folks at
21 Fort McClellan have this form in an
22 electronic format. So what they can do
23 is, if this parcel is reclassified from

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1 category seven to one, they will insert a
2 line, make a note of the revised CERFA
3 category, the date of the change and the
4 reason for the change and then it can be
5 transferred. If a parcel has to go from
6 category seven to six to five to four,
7 all of that can be tracked here. But
8 this is a form by which the BCT can track
9 that information.

10 And the last thing is section,
11 chapter five of the document there's a
12 schedule. And what this does is it
13 identifies for each and every reuse
14 parcel, the time line for investigation
15 and as we see it, possible transfer of
16 the property. So if you'll look at this
17 table and you look at the left-hand
18 column you'll see a series of numbers
19 that go from one to eight hundred and
20 eighty-three and you'll notice it skips a
21 lot of numbers. The reason is, the BCT
22 has this same table in electronic format
23 and it contains all eight hundred and

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1 eighty-three lines of tasks and subtasks,
2 and I didn't think it would be
3 appropriate for you folks to wade through
4 all of that. I think what you are
5 probably interested in is for each reuse
6 parcel, what's the time line for
7 investigation and transfer, so that's
8 what we presented in here. And in a
9 nutshell, that's the document.

10 MR. REEDY: When the first base
11 closures came up, DOD got together and
12 came up with this idea of the base
13 cleanup plan, BRAC cleanup plan, and it's
14 really one of the better ideas that the
15 DOD has come up with. And I think the
16 thought process behind it was to make you
17 write down what it is you're thinking
18 about doing. And as John accurately
19 portrayed it here, there's actually two
20 tracking mechanisms going on
21 simultaneously. One is visual with the
22 maps, the other one is tabular with the
23 tables keeping track of these parcels so

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1 that none of them fall through the
2 cracks. Because there's a lot of sites
3 out here that's category seven, and we're
4 spending a lot of money to determine if
5 indeed there's a risk or not. And we
6 don't want that information to get lost.
7 And this is a way DOD put together, the
8 BRAC cleanup plan is one of the ways that
9 we do that. And we've chosen to
10 represent it two different ways, visually
11 with the maps and in tabular form. And
12 writing the plan down, and DOD kind of
13 has a template, one of the goals of the
14 BRAC cleanup plan is to finger in and
15 fold in the IR process that the Army has
16 going on, the ongoing compliance work
17 with now the big picture of closing the
18 base, how are we going to get all of that
19 done and bring all those programs into
20 some sort of a congruent relationship.
21 And that is all outlined in here.

22 MR. LEVY: This base cleanup plan is
23 the product of what the Army calls a

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1 bottom-up review done by the base cleanup
2 team where we've looked at everything
3 across the board. All program areas, all
4 potential contaminants and it's an
5 accumulation of what our plan is for
6 those sites.

7 MR. PARKS: Can you give us some idea
8 of the steps and the time line you have
9 to take to go from a draft version until
10 when you get to the final product?

11 MR. HERBERT: Of this document?

12 MR. PARKS: Right. This is a draft
13 version one, and eventually there will be
14 a final.

15 MR. HERBERT: It's in the process of
16 being reviewed right now. Fort McClellan
17 is going to gather all the comments
18 together and then they are going to
19 submit those comments and the document --
20 we'll look at each comment and decide how
21 it ought to be addressed. It may be a
22 question that will actually require a
23 change, it may be a question that we can

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1 clarify and there will not be a change
2 required necessarily. But the comment
3 and response period and then we will
4 address the comments and make changes
5 as required.

6 MR. PARKS: Do you have a time line
7 when that final version will come out?

8 MR. POPE: I would say it would be
9 at least two or three months.

10 MR. LEVY: We were thinking toward
11 the latter part of the summer before we
12 completed this document.

13 MR. REEDY: Mr. Parks, this is kind
14 of a cumbersome review process on this
15 particular document. And again, what
16 DOD, this is, I believe, a really good
17 idea that DOD had. Okay you come to a
18 bunch of people, Ron and myself and
19 Chris, who is not here, and Lisa, and
20 we've all got an idea of how we ought to
21 go about cleaning this up. DOD said,
22 just like every teacher has ever said in
23 the world, well write it down, let me see

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1 it. And so we've taken our best guess,
2 not our best guess, but our best shot at
3 writing down how we are going to finger
4 all these programs together so the Army
5 can clean up what needs to be cleaned up,
6 keep what we can't clean up, and transfer
7 the rest out the door really quick. One
8 of the things that's going to have to
9 happen here, and I know that I'm not
10 telling you something you don't know, is
11 that anytime two people sit down and
12 discuss something, they go away from the
13 table one person has one vision of what
14 was talked about, the other person has
15 something else. And in the review
16 process of this particular document, this
17 is really the culmination of really a lot
18 of work on how we're going to finger in,
19 for example, underground storage tanks.
20 Because the Army has got them, they've
21 had a process for years on cleaning them
22 up. Some of them were cleaned up to one
23 level, some of them cleaned to another

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1 level. And what we're trying to do is to
2 make sure that the EPA, the state and the
3 Army is happy with what we, the three of
4 us believe to be the best approach to
5 getting all of this done and get it
6 written down so that everybody buys off
7 on it. It will be a, it's going to be a
8 lot of work bringing it to final. But
9 it's a good idea and it's a road map that
10 we can all reference back to. What did
11 we decide to do with tanks that are in
12 the ground that are filled with sand, for
13 example, a year from now when somebody
14 wants a piece of property. So we'll know
15 what we decided to do.

16 MR. COX: Do you have any idea when
17 all the category sevens will be removed?

18 MR. REEDY: We, right now, I think
19 we just let --

20 MR. POPE: We should have all of the
21 category seven sites under contract to do
22 the initial investigation, go out and do
23 initial sampling by next month. It's

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1 probably going to be a year before we
2 have all of those results back.

3 MR. REEDY: That's the entire group.
4 There's data coming back now on stuff
5 that was started when, Lisa, last year?

6 MS. KINGSBERRY: No, that hasn't --

7 MR. REEDY: Some of the stuff Bill
8 and them have done. There's an ongoing
9 work effort and it will start trickling
10 in or running in and it ought to end in
11 about a year.

12 MR. LEVY: I think what you need to
13 understand is we'll have everything
14 contracted before the end of the summer
15 for all the SI sites. And that from
16 within a year from then we should have
17 all the data back that gives us some
18 indication of whether the sites drop out
19 or they go forward with additional
20 investigation slash remediation work.

21 MR. COX: So you have all the sites
22 identified?

23 MR. LEVY: No, you said category

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1 seven. Category seven sites are not all
2 the sites. There's other categories,
3 essentially four, five and six that we're
4 still looking at. But for the most part,
5 the majority will be captured under
6 contract by the end of this summer. I
7 think that's a fair statement to say,
8 would you not?

9 MR. POPE: Say that again.

10 MR. LEVY: All the category seven
11 sites will be captured under contract by
12 the end of the summer.

13 MR. POPE: Be under contract, yeah.

14 MR. LEVY: For investigation
15 purposes, and that's the SI phase we've
16 talked to you about.

17 MR. REEDY: One of the things that
18 we've touched on in past RAB meetings is
19 the way we're going about evaluating
20 category seven sites, which most of the
21 sites are. When we talk sites, most of
22 them are category seven sites. We think
23 something is there because we've heard

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1 something, we saw something. We're going
2 through a fairly rigorous process right
3 now of trying to come or coming to an
4 agreement between EPA, state, DOD on just
5 exactly what criteria we need to reach to
6 get to a line where we can say "This site
7 is no longer a problem." And quit
8 investigating. And I think, my opinion,
9 we've come up with a really good workable
10 plan in doing that, and that will be laid
11 out in there as well. So, in a year from
12 now I would imagine that probably, just
13 from experience, I would probably say
14 sixty-five or seventy percent of the gray
15 sites, category seven sites, are going to
16 turn out to be transferable, there's not
17 going to be anything there.

18 MR. THOMASSY: Bart, is there a
19 process going right now where you are
20 looking at these sites and the
21 relationships to the LRA priorities and
22 going ahead with that remedial
23 investigation if necessary, remedial

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1 action if necessary, rather than waiting
2 for a complete report for a group of
3 sites? Are you going to do it in
4 segments?

5 MR. LEVY: Yeah, you missed the
6 first part of the briefing, I've already
7 talked about all of that. By their
8 parcelization, we have identified areas,
9 and there's a process in the cleanup plan
10 that talks about how we're going to do
11 that. That was in the first part of the
12 briefing.

13 MR. THOMASSY: That's what I was
14 concerned about, I heard a report coming
15 in a year, and is that going to hold
16 anything up?

17 MR. REEDY: No. That's another
18 benefit of having a good base closure
19 plan, it makes us, it makes everybody
20 keep their eye on the ball. What parcels
21 are we trying to get rid of here? Who
22 wants what and when do we need to have a
23 yes or no on that. So, we're tracking

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1 them.

2 MR. PARKS: Eventually will the
3 budget dollars be associated with each
4 one of these areas identified in this
5 document?

6 MR. LEVY: Will it be -- I guess I
7 don't understand your question.

8 MR. PARKS: Well, say you've got to
9 clean up an area, will there be a cost
10 estimate done and funds, a layout
11 document so you can see how much funds it
12 will take to clean that up along with the
13 remedial action?

14 MR. LEVY: I think the answer to
15 that is yes. We've already got something
16 like that in place now. But as it
17 relates to this document, I'm not sure
18 how we're going to put that in there at
19 this point.

20 MR. REEDY: Mr. Parks, did you ask is
21 there some place where you can see how
22 much the Army intends to spend on site
23 fifteen?

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1 MR. PARKS: Right.

2 MR. REEDY: That's not in there yet.

3 MR. LEVY: No. There's some
4 sensitivity to that, Jimmy, in that some
5 of those, some of that information is
6 sensitive in terms of contracting.
7 Because we are contracting this, and a
8 lot of it is just sensitive in the
9 standpoint that we can't give the dollar
10 by site or by each specific category, so
11 you may see a roll up in there that talks
12 about the program and the general areas,
13 but I don't know that we can talk about
14 site specific because of the contracting
15 issues.

16 MR. REEDY: If a site is a problem,
17 we're doing really investigative work
18 right now and trying to cull out, you
19 know, get the clean ones identified as
20 clean so you can get them off the books.
21 Those sites that do present a problem,
22 human health, eco or both, when we start
23 an investigation of that site, the second

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1 step of the process, what John just spoke
2 about now is the first step. The second
3 step, the culmination of that second step
4 is the RIFS, Remedial Investigative
5 Feasibility Study. And that will be,
6 well, I don't think we've really decided
7 yet, you can do that really site specific
8 or you might be able to lump a few sites
9 together and, you know, do three or four
10 at one time. But that document, the
11 feasibility study will lay out the best
12 estimate we have on what it's going to
13 cost to dig the stuff up at site fifteen
14 and haul it to ML, dig it up and burn it
15 on site, or dig it up and turn it into
16 concrete and the best figures we can get.
17 That will happen, and those are site
18 specific kind of numbers. Does that
19 help?

20 MR. PARKS: Yes, sir.

21 MR. LEVY: Any other questions

22 people have from the BCP?

23 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, one general

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1 question. And that is, we're starting to
2 get a feel for the BCP. Is there
3 anything more important for us to focus
4 on than the base cleanup plan?

5 MR. LEVY: I think like what you
6 said before in terms of the phasing on
7 the part of the community, assuming
8 that's what everybody agrees with, is
9 whether or not we're falling in line with
10 those phases that are set out one-A,
11 one-B, two, three, to make sure we're
12 trying to mirror what the community's
13 actions are in property transfer. As you
14 look through the document, if what we're
15 planning meets what the community's
16 desires are to get to the property, then
17 I would say yes we're going along the
18 right way. If it appears it doesn't look
19 that way, then I would be raising some
20 questions about it.

21 Just remember though, and I've said
22 this in the past, this advisory board is
23 separate and different from the FMDC.

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1 Your thoughts are a community concern.
2 So redevelopment, although it's
3 important, may not be the overriding
4 factor for the people. And we're
5 supposed to listen to everybody. It may
6 be health and safety that may be driving
7 your concerns and not reuse. So if
8 there's a health and safety issue, I
9 mean, that's what you need to be telling
10 us. Because we're supposed to take in
11 all concerns, not just the reuse
12 concerns. Any other questions?

13 Okay, we'll move on. For those of
14 you, let me introduce Fern Thomassy.
15 He's the co-chair of the RAB and he
16 represents the community side of the
17 board.

18 MR. THOMASSY: Excuse me for being
19 late, but better late than never.

20 MR. LEVY: Community Relations
21 Report, I believe we need to skip over
22 that. I don't think we've got anything
23 on that point. And we can move into old

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1 business and that's RAB memberships and
2 nominations. And I'm going to turn that
3 over to Joan McKinney our community --

4 MS. MCKINNEY: I appreciate that and
5 defer to Fern. Because I think at our
6 last meeting I had presented a couple of
7 names that I thought we needed to
8 consider and you all reminded me that we
9 needed to take a look at the bylaws, and
10 I believe Fern was going to look into
11 that and then at this meeting we were
12 going to discuss how we wanted to
13 approach it.

14 MR. THOMASSY: Couple of things I
15 did. Number one, we talked about Mr.
16 John Johnson, I called Mr. Johnson, I
17 spoke with him. At this time he's not
18 able to attend the meetings. He asked
19 that he be taken off the list as a member
20 of the RAB and then after this summer,
21 reconsidered again. At this point he has
22 not been able to attend because of a
23 whole host of responsibilities he has.

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1 But in the future he does have an
2 interest, so I think we ought to put him
3 back on the list as a nominee. The
4 second thing is, I took a look at the
5 bylaws. The bylaws provide for
6 specifically a set of nominations being
7 considered by the board period and voted
8 on by the board. I think in that process
9 we need to go through and generate a new
10 list of nominees. We went through that
11 process last year and there is a stack of
12 letters where a large number of
13 nominations were returned and we really
14 didn't get a satisfactory group. So I
15 would suggest that we go back out, Lisa,
16 with letters and hopefully get those
17 back, some for the next meeting to

18 discuss. I would think it would take two
19 months, two meetings to get back a
20 reasonable number of them that we could
21 vote on as a RAB and determine who we
22 want to fill that vacancy and if there
23 are any vacancies at that time in

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1 addition to Mr. Johnson, vote on those.
2 So that's a proposal I put out in front
3 of the board, ask you to discuss it and
4 see where we go from here.

5 MR. LEVY: I'll put my two cents in.
6 I support that. I suggest we solicit for
7 additional membership here, is that
8 basically what you are saying?

9 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, I'm saying
10 let's go back out here for nominees,
11 start that process again. And get the
12 fresh nominees in here for us to vote on,
13 because that old list is old, and it was
14 pretty well chopped up.

15 MR. REEDY: Those people that
16 responded favorably on the first request
17 though, do you want to be on the RAB,
18 those folks are not going to drop off the
19 list?

20 MR. THOMASSY: No, we'll go back out
21 to them, see if they are still
22 interested. They should be sent another
23 request, because their request is over a

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1 year old, will be by the time we vote

2 MR. REEDY: Just as a thought maybe,
3 when we send those letters out, there are
4 some cases where folks have expressed an
5 interest to be on the RAB and I know that
6 a year, year and a half passed, got back
7 to the them said, "Do you still want to
8 be on the RAB?" They go, "Well, no, not
9 anymore, I wanted to, but you guys, I
10 never heard from you." I've had folks
11 get offended by that. My suggestion
12 would be to consider at least this one
13 option, I'm sure there are others,
14 constructing two kinds of letters, one to
15 people who responded favorably a year ago
16 acknowledging that indeed they did
17 respond favorably a year ago, and then
18 another letter to beating the bushes
19 trying to round up new people.

20 MR. THOMASSY: I think that's
21 reasonable so that you recognize the fact
22 we have heard from you.

23 MR. LEVY: Well, we did. I believe

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1 we sent out letters to the folks that
2 weren't selected the previous time to
3 tell them that they weren't selected.
4 Although I think we told them that we'd
5 keep their letters on file or their
6 applications on file, but I think going
7 back out and soliciting again and see if
8 they are still interested.

9 MR. THOMASSY: Right, I think with
10 those people, as Bart mentioned, they
11 don't have to refill out an application,
12 the main thing is to see if they are
13 still interested and then utilize that
14 application, that would be fine, and give
15 them the opportunity to update it if they
16 need to.

17 MR. LEVY: Have you got something
18 more you want to talk about in terms of
19 that?

20 MS. MCKINNEY: I have an existing
21 list that there were a lot of wrong
22 addresses, so a lot didn't even get to
23 some folks that we wanted to touch. And

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1 so I needed to update those and have
2 since updated the addresses and we can
3 use those. We don't have a lot of work
4 to do to try and decide a new list of
5 mailings.

6 MR. LEVY: Did you want to talk
7 about the minority low income issue?

8 MS. MCKINNEY: We really,
9 absolutely, you know, and we talked about
10 this the last time, that we need to make
11 sure that when I develop that list that I
12 am touching the groups of folks who might
13 feel disenfranchised if we don't get
14 those letters to them and give them the
15 opportunity also, the low to moderate
16 income folks that aren't appearing on a
17 lot of mailing lists. We need to make
18 sure I get those out, and I'm trying to
19 target some of those areas so we'll get
20 them to a broad group of the community.
21 And we have those and I have begun to
22 compile them just in anticipation hoping
23 you all would agree to this so that we

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1 won't have a lot of wasted time.

2 MR. THOMASSY: At the last meeting,
3 we had a list of three minorities and we
4 will certainly include them on the
5 mailing list.

6 MS. MCKINNEY: Okay, sure will. I
7 have those. Okay. Also at the last
8 meeting I passed around a little sheet of
9 paper asking you to suggest organizations
10 and clubs that you might want to see
11 where we're going to speak. I took those
12 names and we have a gig for the
13 Jacksonville Exchange Club in June. If
14 you have any others, the list is over
15 here, if you'll just add them, I'll
16 follow up on them. Otherwise, I will
17 schedule every other month with whatever
18 group we can out in the community. Okay.

19 MR. THOMASSY: Any other discussion
20 on the nominations or getting to a vote
21 eventually on new members? Would anybody
22 like to make a proposal or do you want me
23 to make the proposal on what we've

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1 discussed? Let me propose that we go
2 ahead and send out new requests for
3 applications and letters that will also
4 get those who have applied in the past
5 for membership on the RAB, certification
6 that they are still interested in
7 becoming members of the RAB. I think in
8 discussion somehow, this is off to the
9 side, we need to let people know there
10 aren't that many board positions anymore.
11 Right now there is going to be one with
12 Johnny Johnson dropping off. So
13 everybody just can't become a member the
14 year that they apply. Anyhow the motion
15 is to go ahead and go out to those people

16 in two categories: one, new applications
17 that we would have and also those whose
18 applications we have already received and
19 ask those people if they are to be
20 members, still interested in being
21 members of the board. Once we get that,
22 we will then take those people who are
23 interested and go through the process of

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1 analyzing them with the board and voting
2 on them. Do I hear a second?

3 MR. HOOD: I'll second it.

4 MR. LEVY: Well, we don't have
5 enough for a quorum, Fern, so it's going
6 to be really difficult.

7 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, it really is.
8 I thought we had eliminated that,
9 however. I don't think the quorum
10 requirement still exists because that has
11 never been reinstituted. So I think we
12 can go out with the -- I would follow on
13 and I think somebody needs to make a
14 motion that we not perform the vote on
15 these nominations without a quorum
16 present. With that as an aside, I think
17 the group that's here can still go ahead
18 and ask Lisa and your office to go out
19 with the requests.

20 MR. LEVY: I would like to go ahead
21 and do it and bring it to the board at
22 the next meeting. Hopefully we'll get
23 more participation and then present it to

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1 them. If there are any problems at that
2 time, then we can address them.

3 MR. THOMASSY: Well, the main thing
4 is to get you and Lisa going out with
5 those letters, and I think we can do that
6 if everybody here agrees and there's no
7 disagreement. Okay. Certainly we can't
8 get into the vote itself without a
9 quorum. And I think since we are in the
10 limbo stage of the fact that we suspended
11 one time the bylaws on this, I would
12 recommend that we consider a motion that
13 puts those back into existence when we
14 come to a vote on who we're going to
15 bring into the RAB so that we bring the
16 whole board's power and force into it
17 according to the bylaws when we do the
18 voting. Anybody want to make that
19 motion? Anybody understand what I was
20 saying?

21 MR. HOOD: Well, I think there are
22 about three of them on the table right
23 now, isn't there?

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1 MR. THOMASSY: No, we backed off, we
2 just said okay Ron's office and Lisa will
3 take care of sending out the nominations,
4 we don't need a board vote on that. The
5 next one is my recommendation that I
6 think we consider that and we'll bring it
7 up when we have a group of people here
8 who can bring the bylaws in.

9 MR. HOOD: Didn't Mr. Turner promise
10 to work on the bylaws and bring them in
11 this time?

12 MR. LEVY: He did, and he's not
13 here.

14 MR. THOMASSY: What was he going to
15 do update them?

16 MR. HOOD: Yes.

17 MR. THOMASSY: I didn't know that.

18 MR. LEVY: We'll go ahead and move
19 with what was just mentioned and leave it
20 at that.

21 MR. REEDY: And what is that?

22 MR. LEVY: Well, setting out the
23 applications. Designing the applications

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1 and setting out the applications to put
2 another list together. And we will leave
3 it at that.

4 MR. THOMASSY: The second thing is
5 since we can't vote according to the
6 bylaws, let's remember to put the bylaws
7 back into existence when it comes into
8 voting for the new members of the board.

9 MR. LEVY: As a reminder, as you can
10 see, it's very tough when we don't get
11 participation, when people don't show up.
12 And I don't even get calls to say I've
13 got excuses, so, I'd ask that you do your
14 best to show up. The bylaws, if they
15 were in place, would have allowed us to
16 remove you if you weren't here. This is
17 a community board and nobody gets paid, I
18 know this is on your own time. But we
19 really need as many people or a full
20 board here so we can have good discussion
21 and get the ideas flowing. We need the
22 feedback from you, and I say that with
23 all sincerity. The more people

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1 participating in this process the better
2 for me.

3 MR. COX: Ron, instead of preaching
4 to the chior, why don't you just e-mail
5 the ones who are not here tonight.

6 MR. HOOD: I've got a question.
7 Could you send us applications, if you
8 want to join the board. Or how do you
9 come up with the names?

10 MR. LEVY: How is that list
11 generated?

12 MS. MCKINNEY: There was an existing
13 list prepared a year ago, year and a half
14 ago when the final community relations
15 plan was developed and that's an appendix
16 to that plan. And that looked like a
17 very good list, and I'm not sure how they
18 compiled that. I'm sure they did it with
19 zip codes and/or demographics --

20 MR. HOOD: Random samples?

21 MS. MCKINNEY: I think it was. And
22 they were good, and there's no reason to
23 kind of change it, it worked. But a lot

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1 of those had bad addresses.

2 MR. HOOD: I'm aware of that. I saw
3 some that were delivered with a
4 "non-existence" stamp.

5 MS. MCKINNEY: I had a stack
6 returned that only had simple corrections
7 to be made on the addresses.

8 MR. LEVY: I think one of the things
9 we did when we originally started the RAB
10 was the posterboard tear-off cards and
11 you simply mailed in your interest in the
12 RAB.

13 MR. HOOD: You had it on T.V. 40.

14 MR. LEVY: I don't see why we
15 couldn't use the media in soliciting.

16 MR. THOMASSY: Do you still have the
17 cards with the tear off?

18 MR. LEVY: I think we do.

19 MR. THOMASSY: One of the things
20 that can be given to the members of the
21 board --

22 MR. HOOD: I was going to ask for
23 applications because I know of some that

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1 would fit your minority criteria too.
2 Since I deliver mail in that part of
3 down, it's easy for me to deliver.

4 MS. MCKINNEY: Well, why don't you
5 correct that address instead of sending
6 it back with that little hand on it?

7 MR. LEVY: Is our plan suitable then
8 in terms of what we're talking about
9 here?

10 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, and we'll just,
11 anybody else have anything else to add to
12 the motions? We aren't going to go ahead
13 and vote now. I'm not going to push the
14 issue of the bylaws being suspended. I
15 think I could. When it comes to
16 something as sensitive as voting on
17 members coming into the RAB, I don't
18 think that's proper.

19 MR. HOOD: I think that's right. I
20 agree with that. But as far as approving
21 the minutes, I see no problems there.

22 MR. THOMASSY: Any other discussions
23 on the nominations or where we are going

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1 in the next meeting with those?

2 MR. REEDY: I hear you putting your
3 coat on and heading out the door. One of
4 the things I would encourage you guys to
5 do --

6 MR. THOMASSY: I just got here.

7 MR. REEDY: Is to look at this, look
8 at this base closure plan. It's kind of
9 hard sometimes for bureaucrats to back up
10 and look at an idea with common sense
11 eyes. Sometimes we just have trouble
12 doing that. And if what we're proposing
13 to do and our best effort of getting it
14 written down, again, this is a draft,
15 don't stone anybody over it. But if it
16 doesn't make sense to you, something is
17 wrong. It needs to make sense. If we
18 can't write down in plain English what
19 the heck it is we're going to do here to
20 spend your tax dollars, we have to do a
21 better job. We really do, we encourage
22 you to read this and give us your
23 feedback on it.

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1 MR. LEVY: What I would like to do
2 is see you come forward at the next RAB
3 meeting with comments. What we will do
4 for the members who are not here is we'll
5 package them up and mail them to their
6 houses with a note asking for their
7 review and comments back prior to the
8 next RAB meeting. So if you could spend
9 some time with it and, you know, give us
10 written or even talk to us verbally and
11 we'll try to write them down about your
12 comments and concerns about the document.
13 Any input would be appreciated. Is there
14 any new business? I think we need to
15 talk about location of the next RAB, and
16 Joan you had something on that as well?

17 MS. MCKINNEY: Next month, May will
18 be the second year that you all have been
19 in existence, a second anniversary, and
20 we might want to go downtown and into the
21 Anniston Meeting Center. And that's a
22 proposal we have, and if you agree, I'll
23 move forward to see if we can make that

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1 happen.

2 MR. LEVY: Part of what we had
3 discussed was that we would move the RAB
4 outside of Fort McClellan on a quarterly
5 basis. We're up on our quarterly time
6 period where we need to move from here to
7 an outside location, and we have not been
8 to the City of Anniston, so it's Joan's
9 proposal that we have our next meeting at
10 the Anniston Meeting Center at this time,
11 the third Monday of the month. So if
12 there's any discussion, I'll take that.

13 Otherwise, we'll go ahead and organize
14 that and get the notes out, secure the
15 meeting center and prepare for the
16 meeting at the Anniston Meeting Center.

17 MR. THOMASSY: Let me propose one
18 thing. Since we're moving to that and
19 going to advertise it and probably get a
20 larger number of people, we ought to help
21 those people a little bit. I would
22 recommend that somebody knowledgeable
23 from the base cleanup team give about a

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1 ten-minute overview again of what we're
2 going into before we start that
3 discussion and comment on the base
4 cleanup plan for those people in the
5 audience.

6 MR. REEDY: Next month?

7 MR. THOMASSY: Next month. Could we
8 have somebody do that?

9 MR. LEVY: Certainly. The three of
10 us, the base cleanup plan can certainly
11 get up there and talk about it

12 MR. THOMASSY: Just a quick review.

13 MR. LEVY: We will plan something in
14 that event. Our next meeting will be
15 more discussion on the base cleanup plan
16 after everybody has had a chance to
17 review it. That's what we will focus our
18 meeting on.

19 MR. THOMASSY: Good. Any other new
20 business? You had brought something up
21 at the last meeting that we cut you off
22 on, preempted you, that you felt was a
23 reasonable discussion and point of

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1 consideration. It was a group or
2 committee that you wanted us to give
3 consideration to or hear?

4 MR. PARKS: Peer group.

5 MR. THOMASSY: Peer group, yeah. Is
6 that still something that we need to give
7 consideration to in the next couple of
8 months or is it OBE?

9 MR. LEVY: No, it's not OBE, but
10 Lisa, do you want to talk about that at
11 all?

12 MS. KINGSBERRY: The peer review
13 team has sent recommendations for the
14 base cleanup team to review, to look at
15 to make sure they understand what
16 recommendations the peer review made for
17 their program. And I believe in the next
18 thirty days or so we've got to comment on
19 their recommendations as to whether or
20 not we're going to implement their
21 recommendations or why we're not going to
22 implement their recommendations. Bart,
23 Chris, Ron, some of the contractors are

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1 reviewing the recommendations right now.
2 So if y'all want the peer review or
3 members of the peer review team to come
4 in and discuss their recommendations and
5 then maybe some people come in and
6 discuss how we're going to implement
7 their recommendations, it's still open.

8 MR. LEVY: Let me back up and
9 explain to you what the peer review is.
10 It's a group of experts inside and
11 outside of the Army who have been given
12 specific areas in our program, specific
13 areas in the program to review and
14 discuss. And what they've done is they
15 have looked at risk assessment, a risk
16 assessment process, they looked at --

17 MS. KINGSBERRY: Radiological.

18 MR. LEVY: The radiological issues,
19 some chemical sites. I don't know what
20 the others were, landfills and unexploded
21 ordinance. And after having, we've had
22 discussion in this room and after having
23 the discussion and going through the

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1 presentations on the program areas, they
2 went back and formulated their opinions
3 or recommendations to improve the
4 program. And some of those are policy
5 procedures type things, some of those are
6 recommendations for increasing the
7 programs. Some of those are
8 recommendations for streamlining the
9 programs. What they provided us is a
10 whole booklet on these recommendations.
11 So what we would do is present those for
12 your review to look at it and see what
13 you think about it as well. Maybe it
14 will also stimulate you as well in terms
15 of what we're doing out here. So we're
16 looking for maybe some more feedback from
17 the RAB. In fact, part of their process
18 says that we should present to the RAB
19 for their review and input, since the RAB
20 in itself is a technical board in a
21 sense. What I would propose to you,
22 because we're on some time lines here,
23 that if nothing else, maybe we could mail

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1 out, Lisa, copies of the peer review in
2 the draft form for them to look at.

3 MR. REEDY: Ron, if I'm not mistaken,
4 the first step was what we've got in our
5 hands right now, they want a response
6 back from us. This is what we understood
7 you guys to tell us, is this correct? Is
8 this a synopsis of what you told us?
9 Should we respond?

10 MR. LEVY: I was going to say, to go
11 on, it would occur somewhat after that
12 time period. And we've got an internal
13 thing to do here. Once that's over, then
14 we'd send it out, and we could mail that
15 as well for you to take a look at and
16 maybe come back with some comments on
17 that. So you can look forward to us
18 sending out peer review documents to you
19 for your own review and comment back to
20 us. But it'll have to be after we've
21 concluded our internal review of the
22 documents or come to an agreement with
23 the peer review team on exactly what the

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1 document says and then we'll get it out
2 to you.

3 MR. THOMASSY: That's going to be a
4 while, that's not going to be between now
5 and the next meeting?

6 MR. LEVY: No, actually it will be
7 between now and the next meeting.

8 MR. THOMASSY: Will you get those
9 comments to us then before the next
10 meeting?

11 MR. LEVY: I would think so.

12 MS. KINGSBERRY: Possibly have them
13 ready for you at the next meeting, take
14 them home and take a look at them and
15 maybe schedule a peer review team to come
16 out during the following month's RAB
17 meeting and discuss it with you, give you
18 a chance to take a look at it.

19 MR. THOMASSY: You mentioned a group
20 of experts, and apparently they are not
21 in this area, so you've got to have some
22 planning time to bring those people in;
23 is that correct?

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1 MR. LEVY: Well, we weren't talking
2 about bringing them here.

3 MS. KINGSBERRY: We won't bring all
4 of them. We'll bring a speaker to
5 represent the team.

6 MR. LEVY: So we'll plan on that too
7 then. Although if we pass them out at
8 the next meeting, it wouldn't be until
9 the following meeting, so we're looking
10 at June?

11 MS. KINGSBERRY: Is that what y'all
12 want for the following, the June meeting?
13 I can go ahead and start scheduling.

14 MR. LEVY: I tell you what I really
15 want to see from the RAB is continued
16 discussion, because this document
17 everybody has been really concerned
18 about, and this document is really the
19 Bible for the cleanup, is to continue
20 discussion on this document and keep
21 going through this document until we feel
22 satisfied that we've gotten some sort of
23 closure on it. That may take several

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1 months to go through and continue to go
2 through what we're addressing in the
3 document.

4 MR. THOMASSY: That was part of the
5 question I had before and I was trying to
6 get closure on. This document will
7 eventually pull together everything that
8 is going on at Fort McClellan, so it will
9 be the source of everything and anything
10 that is occurring at any point in time.
11 So it's really what we need to focus on
12 in order to find out what's going on and
13 what's not going on, what is a priority,
14 what should be funded, the time lines for
15 it and things like that.

16 MR. LEVY: What I'm suggesting is
17 over the next several months that we
18 continue to focus on the BRAC cleanup
19 plan. You will see this coming up
20 continually for the next several months.

21 MR. THOMASSY: I don't see it going
22 away until we go away, do you?

23 MR. LEVY: We'll continue to keep it

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1 out there in front, I'm sure.

2 MR. REEDY: We'll have to update it
3 every year.

4 MR. LEVY: It's a living document.
5 Actually we'll continue to work it. But
6 there's actually two versions to it and
7 this is version one. There are two
8 versions, contracting. The BRAC cleanup
9 team will be responsible for keeping this
10 document up to date

11 MR. REEDY: I really would encourage
12 you to look at it. Because if it's
13 nonsense to you, then it's nonsense. We
14 need your help.

15 MR. LEVY: I don't think we've got
16 anything else. Any other new business?
17 Any other discussion?

18 MR. THOMASSY: Okay, meeting
19 adjourned.

20 (This meeting adjourned at 8:00
21 p.m.)
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