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1 [The Fort McClellan Advisory Board
2 Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.
3 by Mr. Fernand Thomassy. Mr. Thomassy
4 then proceeded with roll call.]

5 MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Turner?

6 MR. TURNER: I'm here.

7 MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Brown? He just
8 walked out, didn't he?

9 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, he's here.

10 MR. THOMASSY: Pete? [Conroy]

11 MR. CONROY: Here.

12 MR. THOMASSY: Dr. Cox.

13 [Dr. Cox was not present.]

14 MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Cunningham.

15 [Mr. Cunningham was not present.]

16 MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Elser.

17 MR. ELSER: Here.

18 MR. THOMASSY: Ms. Harrington.

19 MS. HARRINGTON: I'm here.

20 MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Hood.

21 [Mr. Hood was not present.]

22 MR. THOMASSY: Mayor Kimbrough.

23 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: I'm here.

24 MR. THOMASSY: Ms. Longstreth?

25 MS. LONGSTRETH: Here.

1 MR. THOMASSY: She just walked in.

2 Mr. Miller?

3 MR. MILLER: Here.

4 MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Faust.

5 MR. FAUST: Here.

6 MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Parks.

7 MR. PARKS: Here.

8 MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Buford.

9 [Mr. Buford was not present.]

10 MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Reedy.

11 MR. REEDY: Here.

12 MR. THOMASSY: Johnson, Chris Johnson.

13 [Mr. Johnson was not present.]

14 MR. THOMASSY: We have four, six, ten,

15 twelve, and that includes Ron Levy, so we

16 have eleven. We have a quorum. Ten, eleven,

17 twelve. That's right. Twelve. Very good.

18 Everybody's got a copy, I believe, of

19 the minutes from the last meeting. Do I have

20 any comments or input on those minutes?

21 Yes, Mr. Faust.

22 MR. FAUST: Just a minor detail. If I

23 ever need this for an alibi, I was in

24 attendance at the last meeting. I wasn't

25 listed there.

1 MR. THOMASSY: All right, members
2 present, were there any other members present
3 who were not listed on there? Please add Mr.
4 Faust.

5 Any other comments, additions, changes
6 to the minutes?

7 [No comment from any members.]

8 Then we should approve the minutes. Do
9 I have a motion?

10 MR. ANDERSON: So move.

11 MR. TURNER: Second.

12 MR. THOMASSY: All those in favor of
13 approval of the minutes, say aye.

14 [All members indicated by saying aye.]

15 Opposed?

16 [No members opposed.]

17 Minutes are approved.

18 Before we get into the presentation
19 which is really our discussion, questions,
20 and comments to the base clean-up team on the
21 base clean-up plan, I would like to recognize
22 the members of the community, and we have at
23 least two members who have taken the time to
24 come in, and we certainly appreciate your
25 time to come in and find out what the

1 Restoration Advisory Board is doing and
2 possibly what we're about, and I'll just take
3 a minute, and then I'll turn it over to Mr.
4 Levy who is probably much better versed in
5 explaining exactly what this is all about
6 because Mr. Levy is the environmental
7 coordinator for Fort McClellan and is a full
8 time Army civilian in that position.

9 The Restoration Advisory Board is the
10 group that you see here put together of
11 volunteers from the community who are willing
12 to put their time and their effort into
13 looking at the Environmental Cleanup Plan in
14 general for Fort McClellan and advising the
15 Army from their interests and their
16 perspectives on how the community sees it, ,
17 what the community desires, and what we as
18 representatives on the board feel that the
19 community requires and getting forward with
20 the clean up of Fort McClellan as it gets to
21 closure and, of course, afterwards. In
22 addition, this board has the responsibility
23 to carry that message in the other direction
24 and advise as we do, hopefully, through our
25 process here, the community and the community

1 members on what's going on at Fort McClellan
2 with regard to the clean up, the
3 environmental clean up, and the environmental
4 compliance status as they go through the
5 clean up. So we have gone through almost a
6 couple of years of activity in getting
7 ourselves formulated and also beginning to
8 learn about the clean up process and the
9 activities and the problems at Fort
10 McClellan, and so what you will see tonight
11 is an extension of that because we have been
12 briefed and we have had the opportunity to go
13 through, probably, the key document in
14 getting a lot of things done at Fort
15 McClellan called the Base Cleanup Plan. This
16 plan is in front of us, and we're going to go
17 ahead and discuss it among ourselves tonight
18 and bring up questions and comments to and
19 for the Army on what we know about it at this
20 time. It's in the first draft, and so it is
21 far, far from being complete. In addition,
22 this Base Cleanup Plan is a living document.
23 It will continue to evolve, expand, and
24 change as we go through the closure, as we go
25 through the development of Fort McClellan for

1 many years to come.

2 Ron, would you like to add anything to
3 that?

4 MR. LEVY: No, other than to say that
5 our efforts here tonight are really to give
6 us input into the document and our program,
7 so we're looking; we're soliciting
8 information from the RAB, but I think since
9 Bart and I represent the BRAC Cleanup Team
10 here tonight, and I apologize for Chris
11 because he had a very important commitment
12 that he just couldn't break free from.

13 Bart wants to talk to you a little bit
14 about this Version I and what we've gone
15 through on this. Let me let Bart talk about
16 that before we start in on comments relating
17 to the documents.

18 MR. THOMASSY: Excuse me. One thing,
19 and I was in error also. I wanted to point
20 out for the members of the community if you
21 have the board here, and as I said the co
22 chairman of the board is Mr. Ron Levy, the
23 environmental coordinator for Ft. McClellan
24 and also a standing member of the board who
25 advises us, is Mr. Bart Reedy from the

1 Environmental Protection Agency, and it's
2 Region IV; correct -

3 MR. REEDY: Yes.

4 MR. THOMASSY: -- in Atlanta, and in
5 addition, Mr. Chris Johnson who is from your
6 Alabama Department of Environmental
7 Management in Montgomery, and they're here
8 for every meeting unless something very
9 unusual comes up as it did for Mr. Johnson.

10 Excuse me?

11 MR. REEDY: When the idea of closing all
12 the bases started to hit the floor and all
13 the bases that are closing started going
14 through their process, DOD got a really, from
15 an EPA point of view, a peculiar perspective
16 on it and put together what we refer to as
17 the Purple Book, and it really is a real good
18 outline of what needs be done to make sure
19 that everything gets tied together from
20 closing the incinerator at the hospital to
21 making sure all the aluminum cans are picked
22 up, and then all of it is documented, and
23 there is some logic and flow to it, and
24 that's what the Purple Book does, and what we
25 have done here is this is the first cut at

1 ours based on the guidance from DOD that
2 we'll call the Purple Book; this is Version
3 I.

4 Now, as a matter of fact I believe it
5 does even say -- yes, it does say Draft
6 Version I. About, oh, eight months ago,
7 something like that, ten months ago, the
8 Army, well, they've been doing it a little
9 while longer than that, but Ron decided and
10 with concurrence from EPA and the state and
11 everybody they said, yeah, we think it's a
12 pretty good idea to go with what is known as
13 the TERC contractor, Total Environmental
14 Restoration Contractor. The Navy has these
15 kind of contracts and has had them for years.
16 Air Force is doing the same thing, and you
17 hire a contractor, and the contractor will be
18 on board from the time of writing this book
19 all the way through to the end of it, and
20 will be on board for all the clean up
21 projects. They do all the investigation
22 projects and all that. Those are the people
23 that we're going to.

24 This version that you're looking at
25 right now was written by a contractor for Ron

1 and for us to use by an old, by a contractor
2 that is fixing to be phased out, and this is,
3 I guess, the final work product out of those
4 people. There is some more SI work to be
5 done by those guys, so there's a contractual
6 issue going on here.

7 The update of this or the finalization
8 of it where our comments and your comments
9 are all incorporated in will be done by
10 another contractor. Does that make any
11 sense?

12 [All board members indicated in the
13 affirmative.]

14 Okay, and while there may be a little -
15 you can step back from it and see a little
16 down time from going from one contractor to
17 another, overall going from one contractor to
18 another one. Before we get right in the
19 middle of the heavy investigation and cleanup
20 phase is the best time to do it. We don't
21 want to switch horses directly in mid stream.
22 We're kind of still on the shore here. So
23 that's the story on the version number that
24 you see, how it's going to be changed, and
25 when it will happen.

1 I just spoke with Lisa and we have funds
2 just about available for starting work on the
3 supplemental to this. We're not sure exactly
4 contractually what we have to call it, what
5 Ron has to call it, but the update of this.

6 MR. TURNER: Will the replacement
7 contractor be working on another draft,
8 or will it be -

9 MR. REEDY: No.

10 MR. TURNER: Or will it be a final
11 version of the base cleanup plan?

12 MR. REEDY: It will be a final
13 version of this version. Let me back
14 up, Charles. This is a draft.

15 MR. TURNER: I understand.

16 MR. REEDY: Okay.

17 MR. TURNER: Will the next
18 iteration version -

19 MR. REEDY: Yes.

20 MR. TURNER: -- be a completely
21 different document?

22 MR. REEDY: No, no, what will
23 happen, the next version is they will
24 take all of our comments, all of our
25 suggestions, and then all of us being

1 Ron, Chris, Lisa, Cord, everybody and
2 we'll get together. We'll go through
3 everybody's comments and incorporate
4 those that are applicable, discuss the
5 ones that aren't briefly, throw them
6 out, and then redo this document.

7 MR. TURNER: And then that will be
8 the final base cleanup plan?

9 MR. REEDY: That will be the final
10 base cleanup plan, but now keep in mind
11 I don't want to mislead you.

12 MR. TURNER: But it's a living
13 document.

14 MR. REEDY: There is not really the
15 final. DOD may change its mind. You
16 know, we have the capacity and are
17 instructed really to do so every once in
18 awhile to update this thing. So, a
19 couple of years from now later down into
20 the project we may need to update it to
21 reflect reality.

22 MR. TURNER: And when do we
23 anticipate this document? The Version
24 II?

25 MR. REEDY: The Version II?

1 MR. TURNER: Yeah.

2 MR. REEDY: Lisa and I were kicking
3 that around and probably realistically
4 six months before a document finally
5 hits your -- before a document is
6 sitting in front of you, but do not be,
7 don't confuse that with thinking that
8 we're just out there floundering around
9 and not following the things that are
10 already outlined in here.

11 MR. TURNER: Okay.

12 MR. REEDY: Because we are doing
13 that.

14 MR. TURNER: Will that have any
15 affect on the ROD?

16 MR. REEDY: The what?

17 MR. TURNER: The Record of
18 Decision.

19 MR. REEDY: Oh, absolutely not.

20 MR. TURNER: What about the
21 issuance, the beginning of the FOST and
22 FOSL process?

23 MR. REEDY: Negative, no impact at
24 all.

25 MR. TURNER: It won't have any

1 effect; so it will only have an effect
2 on the planning aspect of cleaning up
3 the base.

4 MR. REEDY: Not a heck of a lot of
5 effect there.

6 MR. TURNER: Right. Okay.

MR. ANDERSON: When is the
theoretical public comment period on
this version of it then?

10 MR. LEVY: This particular document
11 is really a regulatory Army document.
12 The document is not really open from the
13 standpoint of public comment period.

14 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, it's not
15 something that gets posted in the Fed
16 Register that you have to -

17 MR. LEVY: The advisory board is
18 going to get to review it and provide
19 comments to us so we can try to address
20 those.

21 MR. TURNER: But our comments don't
22 really matter. It's not like an
23 Environmental Impact Statement or
24 something like that, right; where the
25 comments have to be, the public comment

1 period. There is no public comment
2 period.

3 MR. LEVY: There is no legal
4 authority for public comment in this
5 particular document.

6 MR. REEDY: Yeah, right. Most of
7 what is laid out in this document is
8 really a combination of DOD policy, EPA
9 policy, the experience DOD has had at
10 other bases, and the experience that
11 we've had at other bases, but this
12 really is kind of a -- it's heavily
13 laden in policy, and that's what will be
14 reflected as opposed to the documents
15 you'll see in a couple of months from
16 now which will be the investigative, you
17 know, the SI documents that will be pure
18 investigative work.

19 MR. LEVY: It tends to be very
20 technical stuff.

21 MR. REEDY: Yeah.

22 MR. PARKS: If the reuse plan
23 changes does that alter this?

24 MR. REEDY: Only, sir, in the sense
25 that it might change a category, change

1 the site from one category to another
2 category. That would impact it, sure.

3 MR. LEVY: We will make every
4 attempt to prioritization in terms of
5 cleanup where the Reuse Authority is
6 interested in getting another piece of
7 property. If it's within our ability to
8 change we'll make every attempt.

9 MR. REEDY: We'll make it happen.

10 MR. THOMASSY: Ron, a question I
11 have; this effort will go on certainly
12 according to this schedule for many
13 years. This shows, of course, running
14 out in the year 2006 and probably
15 beyond. There are certain Army elements
16 that will be necessary to see that this
17 functions. What elements will remain
18 here in the Fort McClellan area in order
19 to operate these contracts, run these
20 schedules, be the liaison, oversee what
21 goes on until it's all done?

22 MR. LEVY: Yeah, that's a good
23 question. I think I can answer that
24 adequately and one part added to that.

25 Everybody knows that come 1 October

1 in '99 that the active duty mission will
2 have ended at Fort McClellan. Now we'll
3 move into a transition caretaker role.
4 The length, the size of the caretaker
5 and the length of time that the
6 caretaker force is here is not really
7 been determined, completely determined.
8 There will be a caretaker force, and we
9 know there are certain numbers
10 associated with that. Some of those
11 numbers are inclusive of the
12 environmental requirements and
13 environmental office. There will be a
14 presence of a BRAC environmental
15 coordinator at Fort McClellan. That
16 would be myself in my position, and that
17 role will stay as long as there is
18 property to transfer.

19 Now in terms of the cleanup issues,
20 and most of you know this, most of our
21 contracts for cleanup go through the
22 Corps of Engineers. That's a Corp of
23 Engineer contract, and most of the money
24 is released to the Corp for the
25 contractual effort, and that will always

1 be there. The Mobile District Corp of
2 Engineers is not going away. So the
3 technical manager, their program
4 manager, their project manager, will
5 still be there working with the
6 environmental piece that's still at the
7 installation which will carry over.

8 The plan calls for a presence, an
9 environmental presence, an individual to
10 be there for as long as there's property
11 to transfer.

12 MR. REEDY: To tag along on that,
13 the lady that sits right next to me back
14 in Atlanta is dealing with, and I can't
15 even remember the name of it now, Air
16 Force base in North Carolina right on
17 the water, and they have been closed for
18 a good long time in caretaker status,
19 and the same thing that Ron just
20 described to you is working out very
21 well there. Does that answer you?

22 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, that does. As
23 a follow-on to that I think probably
24 that should be addressed somewhere in
25 the next version of the base cleanup

1 plan so that you have points of contacts
2 in your -- that description, probably
3 should be laid out for those who read
4 it.

5 MR. REEDY: The points of contact
6 that are in there. What I've heard you
7 say though, Fern, is you would like to
8 see something in there that says the
9 Army will have a permanent point of
10 contact.

11 MR. THOMASSY: Right. Who it is,
12 yeah, describe it, those entities that
13 will be operating under these items that
14 are on the schedule.

15 MR. ANDERSON: I've got kind of a
16 continuation of that, too.

17 MR. REEDY: Brought a whole stack
18 of yellow stickers. [Referring to
19 yellow Post-It Notes.]

20 MR. TURNER: Ron, how long are you
21 going to be at Fort McClellan?

22 MR. LEVY: The plan for the BRAC at
23 Fort McClellan is to stay, and they will
24 continue to fund the position because
25 it's key to transferring the property,

1 meeting all the environmental
2 requirements associated. The plan for
3 my position is to be there for as long
4 as there's property still left to be
5 transferred, and Charles, you know as
6 well as I do assuming that we were to go
7 by the reuse authority -

8 MR. TURNER: Your grandchildren
9 will be -

10 MR. LEVY: Hopefully we can
11 transfer the property fairly quickly.
12 We'll get to the point where we can
13 transfer it fairly quickly, but that
14 still remains to be seen, what the end
15 state is. I don't know that anybody can
16 actually say that come 2003 or 2005
17 we'll be finished with all the
18 transfers, so I don't know that we can
19 tie that number down or that year down.

20 MR. ANDERSON: Plus you've got the
21 surplus, or correction, the well
22 monitoring that should go on in
23 perpetuity.

24 MR. LEVY: Well, in terms of long
25 term monitoring requirements and having

1 a presence there, really the presence
2 from the environmental standpoint of
3 having a point of contact standpoint on
4 the ground is going to be related to
5 land transfers if there's long-term
6 monitoring where the property's not
7 going to be transferred out of the
8 federal control, and that can be
9 accomplished either through the Corp of
10 Engineer contracts or some other entity
11 doing the work, you know, at another
12 location, but coming back to McClellan
13 to do that.

14 MR. ANDERSON: A corollary to
15 Fern's question a moment ago, and this
16 is something you and I have talked
17 about. Since the position is related to
18 the land transfer, you said before to me
19 privately that you think that your
20 funding line for Fort McClellan funding,
21 anyway, will continue until those land
22 transfers are complete as well, that it
23 won't get buried in some other
24 installation's, whoever has your TDA,
25 for instance.

MR. LEVY:

My understanding, and

most of you understand that because we're a BRAC installation we receive our funding for cleanup through BRAC dollars. '95 BRAC installations, the funding is supposed to be completed for BRAC dollars now by the year 2001. However, ongoing cleanup costs associated with the installation are still being programmed, and funding is still to be forthcoming. However the dollars may change. They may go from being what they call BRAC dollars to OMA dollars which is operation and Maintenance dollars. And that's been addressed through the Army that they believe that BRAC '95 installations will require, because of long-term requirements, additional dollars past the 2001 time frame and therefore we need to program and budget for those dollars. And that's the plan. We've got costs to complete after the year 2008 initiative. Cost to complete out to the year 2008 for Fort McClellan

1 right now.

2 MR. TURNER: Is that included in
3 the UXO?

4 MR. LEVY: It includes, yeah,
5 everything.

6 MR. TURNER: Everything, so that's
7 what you would think when the last
8 property ought to be able to be
9 transferred?

10 MR. LEVY: Actually what it is we
11 just made a lot of assumptions that
12 there would be property or programs
13 going on that far. It's a probably
14 worst-case scenario is what we did. It
15 could turn out to be that 2008 -

16 MR. TURNER: And the property could
17 be transferred while cleanup's ongoing;
18 right?

19 MR. LEVY: This is true, depending
20 on whether or not the recipient is
21 willing to take it in that particular
22 condition.

23 MR. PARKS: If the Mobile Corp is
24 going to do the actual contracting for
25 the clean up, how come they don't have a

1 member on the base cleanup team?

2 MR. REEDY: Oh, they do. Yes, sir,
3 yes, sir, the man's name is Ellis Pope
4 and the other fellow is -- I'm drawing a
5 complete blank.

6 MR. LEVY: John Whiting.

7 MR. REEDY: John Whiting.

8 MR. LEVY: I stand corrected. Not
9 listed. There are some things that
10 we've got to make changes to.

11 MR. TURNER: So there are other
12 members of the Base Cleanup Team besides
13 you, Chris, and Bart?

14 MR. LEVY: Well, there's a core
15 part to the Base Cleanup Team which
16 consists of me, Chris, and Bart, and
17 there's members that are support members
18 which includes Lisa, Ellis Pope;
19 actually our contractors are support
20 members to that team.

21 MR. CONROY: Is the complete list
22 available?

23 MR. LEVY: Certainly we can get it
24 to you.

25 MS. KINGSBURY: Complete list, yes.

1 of the team as we start to get more
2 involved with UXO issues.

3 MR. TURNER: What about a member
4 from the development commission? Do
5 y'all have somebody?

6 MR. REEDY: DOD I think really did
7 another good idea here in that the RAB
8 and the development commission are
9 advisories, and -

10 MR. TURNER: The development
11 commission's not advisory. I mean its
12 function is not advisory.

13 MR. REEDY: We at the BRAC Cleanup
14 Team attempt to get the property that
15 you identify ready for transfer as soon
16 as we can get it done. You guys are -
17 the Fort McClellan Redevelopment
18 Commission is not in the business of
19 cleaning up the property. You're in the
20 business of telling us, you know, which
21 ones are first, which one you'd like to
22 see first and second. The cleanup team
23 that we're talking about is kind of a
24 deliberative body, and there's a lot of
25 ideas that are expressed and kicked

1 around that never come to fruition.

2 All of that is to say that there is
3 a -- they really did not want the public
4 on the cleanup team. DOD did not want
5 the public on the cleanup team per se,
6 and we think that's a pretty good idea.
7 All of our stuff is done out in the
8 open.

MR. TURNER: And so you don't need
10 input -

11 MR. REEDY: Negative, Charles.

12 MR. TURNER: -- from who you're
13 cleaning up the property for.

14 MR. REEDY: Negative. I did not
15 say that. We want your input and need
16 your input.

17 MR. TURNER: You just don't need it
18 at your meetings.

19 [Pause]

20 MR. REEDY: I'm a geologist,
21 Charlie.

22 MR. LEVY: We know that the FMDC
23 has asked. I talked to Rob about
24 sending me a letter to that effect so we
25 can address it. We really have not

1 addressed it back to the FMDC about a
2 link, but within the Base Cleanup Team
3 we've discussed the need to get together
4 with the FMDC on a certain basis, you
5 know, separate from our Base Cleanup
6 Teams to discuss the issues associated
7 with -

8 MR. TURNER: Why is it important to
9 keep the Base Cleanup Team segregated
10 from the Fort McClellan Development
11 Commission?

12 MR. LEVY: I don't think we did
13 that. In fact, you're not. This
14 particular body, the RAB, and the Base
15 Cleanup Team being a part of it and
16 we're discussing these issues is a forum
17 for that to happen. The RAB -

18 MR. TURNER: You've got meetings
19 where you've got somebody from the corp,
20 your contractor, Lisa, ADEM, EPA, and
21 you, but you don't need somebody from
22 the FMDC at those meetings. The
23 community's input through the RAB is
24 sufficient?

25 MR. LEVY: No, I didn't say that,

1 Charles. That's not what I said.

2 MR. TURNER: I'm sorry. What did
3 you say?

4 MR. LEVY: I said that the issue
5 was still on the table and it was still
6 being discussed. There has not been a
7 formal position taken one way or the
8 other. I know that EPA has got a
9 position on it, but we've never
10 responded back to that, and what I asked
11 for Rob to do is send me a letter to
12 that effect so we could bring it up
13 amongst the BCT members and see what we
14 needed to do there, but that's as far as
15 it goes, so no, we have not addressed
16 the issue completely. I was waiting for
17 him to come back with a formal response
18 to that, but, you know, we have not made
19 a determination one way or the other,
20 and I know Bart, the EPA's got a
21 position on this and so does the state,
22 but again, we really want to see
23 something come back to us asking us what
24 it is you desire.

25 MR. TURNER: Are your meetings open

1 to the public at this point?

2 MR. LEVY: At this point, no,
3 they're not.

4 MR. TURNER: But is everybody there
5 either directly or indirectly paid with
6 -- from the government?

7 MR. LEVY: They're all federal
8 employees to include the ADEM paid for
9 by federal dollars.

10 MR. THOMASSY: Ron, do you have a
11 Fort McClellan or other Army document
12 that states mission organization for the
13 Base Cleanup Team?

14 MR. LEVY: I'm sorry; I don't
15 understand the question.

16 MR. THOMASSY: Is there some
17 document that describes what the mission
18 and makeup organization of the Base
19 Cleanup Team should be?

20 MR. LEVY: There is, as Bart said,
21 the Purple Book that kind of lays out
22 the requirements of the Base Cleanup
23 Team. I'm sure that's a public document
24 that can be had. It talks about how
25 we're supposed to go about our process.

1 MR. ANDERSON: It's on the web
2 site.

3 MR. LEVY: And I don't remember
4 what it's called.

5 [To Ms. Kingsbury] Do you remember
6 the name of the document?

7 MS. KINGSBURY: It's the Purple
8 Book. It's 1993 BRAC Cleanup Plan
9 Guidance Book.

10 MR. THOMASSY: I bring that up
11 because that may answer some people's
12 questions on how the Army looks at a
13 BRAC, what its missions are, what its
14 limitations are as far as what the Army
15 expects it to do, what its membership
16 would be and would not be, and I would
17 think the Army would have made some
18 decisions on that, based on those
19 statements.

20 MR. REEDY: I think there might be
21 a little bit of a misconception, maybe,
22 maybe not, depends on what happens at
23 the team meetings. We've got a team
24 meeting coming up, well, June 2 through
25 June 5 in Knoxville.

1 The focus of that meeting is to
2 bring together experts that know a lot
3 more about one particular issue, either
4 Ron or myself or Chris Johnson, and that
5 is how do we go about determining what
6 level of -- and the particular instance
7 that comes to mind, what level lead is
8 acceptable to use as a background, and
9 then do we use two times that to
10 determine what is, what sample we took
11 at background? If it's above two times
12 that limit do we keep it or do we throw
13 it out as being an outlier? We'll have,
14 one, two, three, probably four entities
15 of experts there holding forth
16 eloquently on whether it's 5,000 parts
17 or 500 parts and then based on that
18 whether we use two times the mean or
19 three times the mean, and then if it's
20 outside that do we keep it or throw it
21 out of our background setting?

22 That's what we do at our technical
23 -- at our BRAC meetings.

24 MR. CONROY: If somebody wanted to
25 sit through that kind of torture they

1 certainly wouldn't be prohibited from
2 sitting in on it; would they?

3 MR. REEDY: I don't think I'd go
4 that far. Sometimes there are some
5 fairly -- it's a deliberative process,
6 and it's EPA's experience and position
7 that it's best done with the people -
8 it's best done in the deliberative
9 process. Everything that we decide,
10 Charles, everything that is decided,
11 everything that is implemented is in
12 front of you for comment, for public
13 comment, for scrutiny.

14 MR. TURNER: Buddy, y'all need to
15 let the sunshine in.

16 MR. REEDY: Well, if it gets any
17 brighter we can't get anything at all
18 done, Charles.

19 MR. TURNER: It looks like y'all
20 are having trouble getting it done now.

21 MR. REEDY: Well, I wouldn't argue
22 a bit.

23 MR. FAUST: Who is the new
24 contractor? IT?

25 MR. REEDY: Yes.

1 MR. PARKS: Who develops the PWS?
2 Who is going to develop the work
3 statement for the cleanup that goes into
4 the solicitation process and all that
5 stuff?

6 MR. LEVY: The corp develops the
7 PWS with input from the BCT. This will
8 feed into the Performance Work Statement
9 and then go into the solicitation
10 package and then out for bids. Again
11 this in the broad sense, yes. We'll set
12 up the program, but the PWS for site -
13 and that's how we issue them, for site
14 investigations -- they are fairly
15 technical documents done on a site-by
16 site basis. So, this is a really very
17 broad document. It will set up the
18 broad scope of what PWS may look like,
19 timelines and such, but the actual
20 cleanup that has to be developed
21 specifically from technical knowledge on
22 the part of BCT members and the corp.

23 MR. PARKS: Will the RAB get a copy
24 of the PWS?

25 MR. LEVY: I will tell you that the

1 RAB's certainly welcome to once it's
2 been settled from a contractual
3 standpoint, the PWS.

4 MR. ANDERSON: In other words once
5 the task order or whatever has been
6 issued and signed, the whole bit; right?

7 MR. REEDY: Right.

8 MR. LEVY: I know we can make that
9 available, but we need to get through
10 the contracting process first.

11 MR. CONROY: What's that acronym
12 you were using?

13 MR. PARKS: It's a work statement
14 that tells exactly what timelines
15 they're going to clean up, what
16 timelines they're going to clean it up
17 in.

18 MR. CONROY: What was it called
19 again?

20 MR. PARKS: The Performance Work
21 Statement that goes to the contractor.
22 Yeah, Statement of Work. It's called
23 PWS, too, or Performance Work Statement.

24 MR. CONROY: I'm learning the
25 language slowly.

1 MR. MILLER: We didn't have a clue.

2 MR. PARKS: That's what the
3 contractors will bid on, that document.

4 MR. LEVY: Let me see if we can't
5 bring the focus back to the BCP again,
6 and then go through the BCP and see what
7 kind of comments that we can solicit
8 from you in that respect.

9 Okay, could I ask for maybe a show
10 of hands of how many folks have actually
11 had a chance to go through and look at
12 it briefly?

13 [The board members responded.]

14 Good; that's really great.

15 MR. CONROY: "Read it" might be an
16 exaggeration. "Go through it"; I'm okay
17 with that.

18 MR. LEVY: Well, I understand that.
19 It's pretty dry. .

20 MR. TURNER: I looked at the
21 pictures.

22 MR. LEVY: Let me ask you, in terms
23 of, just to start some discussion here,
24 in terms of the format of the document
25 and how it's formatted, did anybody have

1 any comments related to that?

2 MR. TURNER: Do you think it's
3 necessary for everything to be this
4 dense?

5 MR. REEDY: Say again?

6 MR. TURNER: This dense, I mean
7 it's just -- it's really like reading
8 the phone book.

9 MR. REEDY: Pretty exciting stuff.

10 MR. LEVY: In order to make, ensure
11 that we've captured the right background
12 because there's a lot of background
13 information here. It leads into why
14 we're doing what we're doing. It is
15 pretty dense. When you actually look at
16 that part that talks about the cleanup
17 it's really not that -

18 MR. TURNER: I exaggerated. It's
19 not that bad.

20 MR. LEVY: In terms of the -- if
21 you'd like we can maybe focus on -

22 MR. THOMASSY: We can focus on a
23 couple of items right here because Mayor
24 Kimbrough brought it up, and it's been
25 bugging me, and I've asked questions

1 about it several times over the last
2 year. You have some compliance program
3 schedules and restoration program
4 schedules in here. One of the things
5 that the board needs, I feel we need is
6 a schedule on other procedures,
7 documentation, for instance, so that we
8 have some baseline against which to talk
9 and measure what the Army is doing. For
10 instance the question came up, what is
11 the original baseline for the
12 environmental, I mean for the Base
13 Cleanup Plan, and are we online? What
14 are the next procedures, and what are
15 the next date goals to get things
16 accomplished? Within that schedule like
17 that we should have, even though it's
18 new words in here, the Environmental
19 Impact Statement and the ROD, and what
20 other documentation is out there that
21 has to be accomplished, and when is it
22 going to be accomplished? That type of
23 schedule should be in this document.

24 MR. REEDY: I think it's kind of
25 fortuitous that it happened this way.

1 We've got a lot of Category 7 sites out
2 there, and Category 7 means that we
3 don't know. We heard something might
4 have happened from that all the way to
5 "I buried it there." But we think
6 that's a problem. We can't schedule all
7 of the investigative work and all the
8 remedial work on that because we haven't
9 even done what we commonly call a site
10 investigation yet. They're just
11 starting right now. In fact, the folks
12 that did this, and I forgot when I said
13 it, they've got one little wad of site
14 investigations going on right now. When
15 that gets back and we start getting an
16 idea of how many of these grave sites
17 are out here, do we actually think
18 there'll be a problem, you will see a
19 very exact schedule, and when the draft
20 is coming in and when the final's coming
21 in, is that the kind of thing you're
22 talking about? When we're going to get
23 the thing cleaned up, how long it's
24 going to take, those kinds of things.

25 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, wouldn't you

1 know, and there are certain things for
2 certain documents you do know now.
3 Certainly the existence of the Base
4 Cleanup Plan is one we've known existed
5 since we've been aboard, and I don't
6 think we ever got our arms around when
7 that was to be done in Draft Version I;
8 how long after Draft Version I to
9 Version II; what's the goal for the next
10 one; why would it be done; how long will
11 it take? Maybe it would be a year, but
12 maybe it wouldn't be done unless some
13 other unknown occurred, these type of
14 things. And I'm trying to also get down
15 in a list that has specific dates tied
16 to it where they can be known. All the
17 documentation and all the activities
18 that we need to know about and that the
19 public should know about that would take
20 place.

21 MR. REEDY: I concur. I concur.

22 MR. LEVY: Let me try to address
23 some of that.

24 MR. REEDY: Sure.

25 MR. LEVY: And I understand what

1 you're saying because there are a lot of
2 other environmental actions that are
3 ongoing now that are not inclusive of
4 this document because this document only
5 focuses on the cleanup factor. Matter
6 of fact, the BRAC Cleanup Team's only
7 focus here is on the cleanup. The NEPA
8 documentation is ongoing isn't even a
9 part of the BRAC Cleanup Team's effort.
10 It's a TRADOC Army document that they're
11 doing. Although we feed into it,
12 provide information and comment to it,
13 it's really not our document, and it's
14 not part of the cleanup effort. It
15 meets the NEPA requirements, but it
16 doesn't do anything to us in terms of
17 the cleanup, and there are other actions
18 that are going on out there, but all the
19 cleanup actions, they're all inclusive
20 of this.

21 The problem with this document that
22 I guess you kind of alluded to was that
23 there isn't specific set dates, and
24 that's a tough thing for us to do
25 because there's a lot of unknowns. As

1 Bart was saying some of these
2 investigations are from the gravesite,
3 and we just don't know yet. Until the
4 investigations are complete, until we
5 can say definitively that we have got
6 something there, we can't give you any
7 exact dates as to how we're going to get
8 to the cleanup because we may be going
9 to actually walk away from some of these
10 sites and say there is nothing there
11 that we can find whether derives a risk
12 to go to cleanup.

13 MR. ANDERSON: You can't do that
14 for like the 1B1? The Buckner Circle
15 area?

16 MR. LEVY: For 1B1, it's certainly
17 a Category 1, and there isn't really a
18 cleanup drive there other than the fact
19 that we've got lead-based paint and
20 asbestos issues associated with those
21 structures. We can transfer those "As
22 Is", yes.

23 MR. ANDERSON: I had two general
24 comments about the document. One was it
25 would be nice to have just an executive

1 summary that really summarizes this is
2 what we're going to do. The second
3 thing is that within the parameters of
4 what you just discussed, it would be
5 good if we had break-downs by parcel of
6 what's going to happen within the
7 parcel. I'm talking about timeline
8 within the parcel.

9 For instance for 1B1; we see the
10 timeline there, and it matches. It
11 starts at the same time that 1B2, 1B3,
12 and so on do, and what we were kind of
13 just kind of whispering over here was we
14 agree with you. There's things we can
15 probably turn over early, you know, in
16 those areas, if that's the case, and it
17 will be just good if we can see. We
18 think we can certify Building 47 -- I
19 don't really know what the building is -
20 - by this date so that we can tell these
21 guys we think we can FOST and FOSL these
22 things to meet your timeline.

23 MR. TURNER: And then we can tell
24 the people who are buying it the same
25 thing.

1 MR. REEDY: What I'm hearing you
2 say is actually two different things,
3 and correct me if I'm not tracking with
4 you and Fern here on this. One is give
5 us a timeline for property availability.
6 We can do that on all of the Category 1,
7 II, and III sites, I guess. That's
8 certainly doable. We can make that
9 happen, but that's a little bit
10 different.

11 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, that's
12 different.

13 MR. ANDERSON: But also if you're
14 giving us a timeline by parcel, tell us
15 what's going to happen within the
16 parcel. What's the timeline within that
17 timeline? What's that mean? 'Cause
18 right now the only meaning it has is
19 it's 605 days for this particular
20 parcel. What does it mean?

21 MR. REEDY: Okay. Let me take a
22 shot at this. There is a concept if
23 you've read the concept of operable
24 units is -- It was really kind of
25 introduced a little bit prematurely.

1 Operable units is a term that's an EPA
2 term. That's one of ours, and we have
3 the flexibility, really, to make an
4 operable unit be kind of what we want it
5 to be. It can include Site 15. It can
6 include all of the hills out here that
7 are underlain by limestone. It could
8 include various sites that are within
9 one parcel that you guys need right now.
10 There's a lot of ways we can juggle
11 operable units around, and they're
12 designed that way. They're designed to
13 be done that way. One of the things,
14 however that is a little misleading in
15 here, not misleading so much as it's a
16 little naive. In this document record
17 operable units run absolutely parallel
18 to parcels. Parcels, we make parcels up
19 based on y'all's input, but a parcel may
20 contain two or three different sites.
21 Some of the gravesites that we were
22 talking about, it may have a building
23 with asbestos. It could have, you know,
24 one of your parcels may include a hunk
25 of the place where you did the

1 creosoting down there. So there may be
2 a hunk of that parcel that could be
3 transferred today; a piece of that
4 parcel that could be transferred if we
5 did a little removal action, yanked a
6 tank out of the ground, and another
7 parcel of property, it might now -- we
8 might not be able to get that thing
9 cleaned up for reuse for, you know, a
10 few years yet. So the parcel
11 designations are not -- right now the
12 parcel designations are reflective of
13 y'all's wishes and the knowledge that we
14 have of the sites within that parcel as
15 best we knew at the time so they may
16 change a little bit, and if they change
17 all the timelines will go in the tank.

18 MR. LEVY: In fact, we did our very
19 best to key it towards the phasing plan
20 that the Reuse Authority put out, and
21 that's why they're grouped that way, and
22 again, as Bart said, there's several
23 different pieces in those parcels that
24 have different issues. So it's very
25 difficult to say give me a timeline for

1 that one parcel because there's several
2 different issues within that parcel that
3 we have to get to.

4 MR. REEDY: The goal that we have
5 is to be able to identify, for example,
6 by way of example. Some of the parcels
7 include pistol ranges. Okay? And I
8 think as taxpayers, you know, we might
9 not want to spend a bizillion dollars
10 cleaning up pistol ranges in the middle
11 of a pine thicket. We can design an
12 operable unit that would encompass all
13 of the pistol ranges so we'd be doing a
14 little work over here in Parcel 15, some
15 work over in parcel fill-in-the-blank.
16 Those then would be the most expeditious
17 way to clean up property, but we've got
18 to factor in what pieces of property you
19 guys need, so both of those have to go
20 together.

21 MR. LEVY: Let me make a definition
22 here. Again, the plan has been designed
23 around the reuse plan; okay? And we as
24 a RAB, you know, we may have individual
25 ideas about what the plan ought to say,

1 but our intent was to meet the
2 community's, in this case, desire or the
3 FMDC's desire to get into the property
4 based on their phasing plan. So it's
5 geared towards that. If there are other
6 ideas and better ways to do it we'll
7 certainly open up to it. We did a lot
8 of discussion on how we would design the
9 cleanup plan to meet the needs of the
10 community and try to capture the
11 parcels, and it was a tough thing to do,
12 and I'll be the first to admit to you,
13 it's not a perfect plan. It's tough to
14 get through, but it was designed around
15 the reuse plan.

16 MR. ANDERSON: I don't think
17 anything we're saying is inconsistent,
18 though. I think that the fact that
19 you've done it around the reuse parcels
20 is the right way to go about it. All
21 I'm asking for is it might be helpful
22 where possible to have some additional
23 detail about when you think pieces will
24 be available.

25 MR. LEVY: Where possible I would

1 agree. If we could come up with that
2 information I would agree.

3 MR. ANDERSON: And in the places
4 where you know you've got grey areas, we
5 know there's no way you can do that.

6 MR. LEVY: At the first cut again,
7 we're talking about a Version I and a
8 Version II. This thing will evolve with
9 more and greater detail in terms of how
10 the sites are going to be defined in a
11 timeline.

12 MR. REEDY: You know, we have an
13 ongoing effort right now, ongoing effort
14 right now with IT to take what's
15 happening here and put more specificity
16 in it, and that's what I'm hearing you
17 guys say, and we are doing that, but we
18 have not thought of the timeline for
19 Category 1,2, and 3 Parcels, and I
20 guess realistically it would be when, I
21 guess, when the Army backs out of it.
22 When the buildings become vacant would
23 be the -- or when you can talk the Army
24 out of backing out of them, wouldn't it?

25 MS. KINGSBURY: When the NEPA

1 documentation is complete, Parcels I,
2 II, III.

3 MR. LEVY: When you start
4 requesting property -

5 MR. REEDY: Assuming that's done
6 that would be the timeline.

7 MR. TURNER: I've got a question
8 about the other kind of timeline, and
9 that is the schedule with this kind of
10 document. The EBS; is there a final
11 version of the EBS?

12 MR. LEVY: Yes, and that's what
13 this document is built off of.

14 MR. TURNER: Right. I saw a draft
15 of the EBS, maybe two of them, but I
16 don't know that I ever saw the final.
17 Was there any significant difference
18 between -

19 MS. KINGSBURY: Charles, I handed
20 out the final EBS during the Weaver
21 meeting. Were you in that meeting? You
22 left early, and then I think you stopped
23 by my office to get a copy?

24 MR. TURNER: [Indicated in the
25 negative.]

1 MS. KINGSBURY: Okay, then you need
2 to stop by my office and get a copy.

3 MR. TURNER: Okay.

4 MS. KINGSBURY: Because that's when
5 I handed them out and you left early
6 during that meeting.

7 MR. TURNER: I didn't know that it
8 was -

9 MS. KINGSBURY: It's available.

10 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: When can we see
11 cleanup actually start?

12 MR. REEDY: Say again, sir?

13 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: When can we see
14 cleanup start?

15 MR. LEVY: You can -- in terms of
16 looking at what we're doing because
17 again, cleanup also consists of the
18 investigative phase.

19 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: I'm talking about
20 when we start remediation.

21 MR. REEDY: You want to see some
22 dirt being hauled.

23 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: We're closing the
24 base in '99; right? So what I'm saying

25 --

1 MR. REEDY: I'm sorry. I can't
2 hear you.

3 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: We're closing the
4 base in '99.

5 MR. REEDY: Yes, sir.

6 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: When can we see
7 cleanup actually start so some of this
8 property can be turned over?

9 MR. REEDY: Well, I guess this is
10 the time we really need Ellis here
11 because he can speak contractually, but
12 I would say -- Lisa, now talk up here.
13 We've got SIs coming that will be coming
14 in the door when?

15 MS. KINGSBURY: They're out in the
16 field right now performing site
17 investigations on about 17 sites.

18 MR. LEVY: Okay, how? So there's a
19 30-day -- contractually there's s 30-day
20 delay, and on these there's also a 60
21 day delay contractually before it
22 happens, before the little document that
23 comes in and said we took a sample over
24 here and one over there and one over
25 here. There's 90 days built into it

1 already just by virtue of being a
2 government contract. Following that we
3 could probably -- if there's something
4 that needs cleaned up we could start on
5 -- we could actually start work on an RI
6 on one of those if Ellis can get it
7 funded, and I'm sure that he probably
8 can at that time, and one thing that
9 hasn't been set here is a removal
10 action. If there's a little removal
11 action that takes place like on some of
12 the tanks, on the -- we might be able to
13 do something for the pistol ranges.
14 Those, all you do is scrape the top of
15 it off and bundle it up and haul it off.
16 To answer your question, before you see
17 a big wad of dirt moved around it's
18 going to be three months anyways.

19 MR. LEVY: [To Mr. Reedy.] I
20 suspect that we will be doing some
21 removal actions in '99?

22 MR. REEDY: Oh, yeah.

23 MR. LEVY: So that will be the year
24 where those things that are out there
25 that we can get to, the majority of them

1 will be occurring in '99 to follow on to
2 the year 2000, but from a specific date
3 and time that can't be nailed down. At
4 least not yet. From a gross standpoint,
5 yes, in '99 you'll see removal actions
6 going on in the post.

7 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: When we started
8 we had a timeline that we were given,
9 were we not? This was going to be a
10 milestone and then this was going -

11 MR. LEVY: And I don't think we're
12 too far from that. In fact, the way the
13 program was built from a dollar
14 standpoint, the '97-'98 timeframe we
15 were in the investigation phases and you
16 start seeing '99, 2000, 2001 you're into
17 the cleanup phases, so we're really not
18 that far. And you know how funds work.
19 The '98 funds come in the year '98, so
20 the investigations actually carry over
21 into '99 by the time you complete them,
22 so it kind of falls behind a little bit.

23 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: If they don't
24 transfer we'll freeze them; right?

1 MR. REEDY: Mark, I think you had a
2 question. What happens if the reuse
3 changes? If we can get a pretty good
4 head -- didn't you ask that?

5 MR. ANDERSON: No, it wasn't me. I
6 think it was Mr. Parks.

7 MR. REEDY: I'm sorry. If there is
8 any way possible that we can, you know,
9 change the schedule or something that's
10 going on to accommodate. Say you get
11 somebody coming in wanting to build
12 microphones and they need building X, Y,
13 &Z, we will do everything that we can
14 do to get that done. In fact, I've
15 already done it at one base. It's do
16 able. From a policy standpoint there's
17 not a bit of problem. Programmatically
18 we can make it happen. Funding
19 sometimes is a little -- kind of "iffy",
20 but certainly DOD is as anxious to get
21 rid of the property as you are to get
22 it.

23 MR. THOMASSY: I would add from a
24 personal standpoint of having looked at
25 the document, I was pleased with what

1 you have put together, the general
2 organization of it and the fact that you
3 focused on the Comprehensive Reuse Plan,
4 and that was your focus going into that
5 Chapter 3 and then it was the detail in
6 the plans that you have laid out. I
7 , think you're on the right track, and
8 Margaret said that earlier. I just
9 wanted to follow that up because what
10 we're doing as a board is hitting you
11 with questions and things we'd like to
12 see or things that we think are
13 problems, but just because we're
14 focusing on those in our discussion
15 doesn't mean that overall you've got the
16 general direction correctly put down,
17 and we're pretty well satisfied with the
18 whole document. I'm speaking for myself
19 it looked pretty good.

20 MR. LEVY: You need to understand,
21 too, this is somewhat of a living
22 document because things will change, and
23 the requirement will change and this
24 document will have to reflect those
25 changes. Even as we come across a

1 discovery it will obviously change the
2 scheduling, and if we don't come across
3 a discovery then it will cut off the
4 timelines, and essentially we'll be able
5 to go through some sort of transfer
6 action quicker.

7 But our best efforts were focused
8 on the reuse planning and in their
9 phasing plan. You all saw the phasing
10 plan in there which we thought was really
11 helpful. A lot of BRAC Cleanup Teams
12 don't have the kind of information that
13 we got in terms of putting this
14 together. Having the Reuse Authority's
15 Phasing Plan was really key in defining
16 how we were going to clean up. Because
17 I know from listening to other
18 installations they didn't get that from
19 the community. We did; so we were lucky
20 in that sense.

21 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Ron, let me ask
22 you a question. On this chart of Figure
23 5(1), in the first priority as far as
24 the cleanup is for the Eastern bypass;
25 right?

1 MR. LEVY: That's right.

2 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Okay, we haven't
3 completed the site investigation at this
4 point so we don't know what it's going
5 to take to clean that up at this point.
6 Is that correct?

7 MR. LEVY: That is correct.

8 MR. TURNER: Has the EE/CA started?

9 MR. LEVY: The award for the
10 contract on the EE/CA is this summer.
11 In fact it's June.

12 MR. TURNER: And so the contract
13 will go and then maybe they'll start on
14 it late summer?

15 MR. LEVY: The ECA will start -
16 should start immediately following
17 summer into the fall and then again that
18 will feed into the decisions on the
19 cleanup.

20 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Okay.

21 MR. LEVY: So '99 is the year that
22 we're looking for whatever removal
23 action we're going to do in fiscal year
24 '99

25 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Are you going to

1 be given the amount, a budget, and say
2 work within this or after your site
3 investigation and after it's determined
4 approximately how much is going to be
5 needed for that then will you request
6 that money? What I'm asking is, is
7 there a possibility that this could be
8 so expensive that it would take all of
9 the money from the first year or
10 whatever to clean up the Eastern bypass?

11 MR. LEVY: I'll tell you what we
12 budgeted. We were conservative with -
13 for the UXO issues, and on the Eastern
14 bypass we were very conservative, and
15 what's been budgeted should be adequate
16 enough to cover it. But, you know,
17 there is a possibility what we'd end up
18 doing is programming within what we've
19 been budgeted for that year, and I've
20 given you some indications of what we're
21 looking for in the year '99 is almost 30
22 million dollars, around 30 million
23 dollars, so I believe we've got adequate
24 funds to cover it. Depending on the
25 issue we can always go back and request

1 additional dollars.

2 MR. TURNER: We're just talking
3 about doing just the actual corridor;
4 right? Whatever road plus.

5 MR. LEVY: Yes. And again, from
6 the UXO standpoint because that's what
7 we're talking about now; the Eastern
8 bypass, of course, was a priority, but
9 we also asked for funds that would cover
10 the remaining development areas. The
11 development area is really the
12 contonement rea around the post because
13 we knew that was a priority.

14 So Phase I was the Eastern bypass,
15 and the other part was the remaining
16 development area, and Phase II is the
17 remaining development area, but they are
18 actually being funded in the same year,
19 and the third was the Choccolocco
20 Mountains that which encompasses a
21 National Wildlife Refuge, so from the
22 priority standpoint the focus is the
23 contonement area and the Eastern bypass
24 first and those areas that are around
25 the contonement area that the plan

1 reflects we're going to get into quicker
2 such as development reserve that's on
3 there. How we end up on the cleanup
4 side of that remains to be seen.

5 MR. TURNER: Now on the Choccolocco
6 Mountains are y'all going to actually
7 clean up the Choccolocco Mountains?

8 MR. LEVY: It remains to be seen
9 what level of cleanup we'll do out there
10 because we haven't completed the
11 investigative work, and until we do that
12 we can't tell you what we can or cannot
13 do.

14 MR. REEDY: We really are talking
15 about how much is a horse worth.

16 MR. TURNER: But you're just
17 talking about a transfer, a transfer
18 within the government, right, from DOD
19 to interior, so it doesn't have to go
20 through FOST & FOSL and all that?
21 Right?

22 MR. LEVY: No, not true. We'll
23 have to go through some sort of process
24 on the transfer. However

25 MR. CONROY: The MOA hasn't been

1 written yet.

2 MR. LEVY: FOST & FOSL may not be -
3 - they'll be a regulatory review of that
4 property believe it or not as it goes
5 from one federal agency into the next.
6 There's actually a process they'll do
7 for that. However, I don't think the
8 term is FOST & FOSL because it didn't
9 have the type of review from a fed
10 standpoint. Does that answer your
11 question?

12 MR. TURNER: Yes.

13 MR. LEVY: It's 20 minutes till
14 eight. Do we want to move on or do we
15 want to take a break?

16 MR. TURNER: Let's take a break.

17 MR. THOMASSY: Any other question?
18 Do you want to take a break? Then we'll
19 come back and go ahead and get into a
20 community report, relations report.

21 [The Restoration Advisory Board
22 meeting was in recess at 7:40 and
23 resumed at 7:55.]

24 MR. THOMASSY: Let's start where we
25 left off. Are there any other specific

1 items of discussion on the Base Cleanup
2 Plan that we need to go through tonight?
3 We're going to get some other shots at
4 this so it's not a dead-end situation.

5 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Can I ask my
6 question? Where is the landfill in all
7 these phases of everything on
8 priorities?

9 MR. LEVY: I'll have to go back and
10 look at it.

11 MR. TURNER: Are you talking about
12 Number 3?

13 MR. LEVY: I'd have to go back and
14 bounce it off of the parcels because I
15 can't remember right off hand myself.

16 MS. KINGSBURY: We took samples out
17 there in February and we just received
18 the report today from that monitoring.
19 We just got it in today.

20 MR. LEVY: He's asking where it
21 falls within the master environmental
22 program schedule.

23 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: These are
24 priorities?

25 MR. LEVY: Mayor Kimbrough, if

you'll give me a chance after the
meeting we can get together.

MR. ANDERSON: And Lisa what you're
saying is it's safe to drink my water
when I go home tonight; right?

MS. KINGSBURY: I think so. I
haven't read the report yet, but -

MR. LEVY: You don't know where he
lives.

[Laughter emanated throughout the
conference room.]

MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Will you let us know
if it isn't?

MR. TURNER: You better let her
check on that.

MR. ANDERSON: I'll call you, Lisa.

MS. KINGSBURY: As a matter of fact
we probably can give you an update on
that next month if you'd like.

MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Thank you.

MR. ANDERSON: I want an update
tomorrow.

[Laughter continued to emanate
throughout the meeting room.]

MR. THOMASSY: Before anybody makes

1 the coffee.

2 Okay, any other burning questions
3 or hot issues on that one? All right,
4 if not, let's go on to the community
5 relations report.

6 Joan, do you have one item?

7 MS. MCKINNEY: Just one item very
8 quickly. You know we are going to -- we
9 are going out into the community every
10 other month to a civic organization, and
11 we do have one scheduled for the 11th of
12 June at the Jacksonville Exchange Club.

13 MR. ANDERSON: And also I heard
14 famous Amos on the radio this morning.
15 Famous Amos, he's sitting right there.

16 [Indicating to Ron Levy.]

17 MR. LEVY: This morning Ron Levy,
18 yours truly, went on WDNB Rob Street,
19 and I think it's called Street Talk?
20 And this was at the urging of Charles,
21 and discussed the RAB and its role on
22 some cleanup issues at McClellan, and
23 I'll do that again probably sometime in
24 the future again. He did invite me
25 back.

1 MR. THOMASSY: Good.

2 MS. LONGSTRETH: Let me know the
3 dates because I don't usually listen to
4 Street Talk.

5 [Several members concurred.]

6 MR. TURNER: I'm going to call in
7 asking about secret meetings.

8 MR. LEVY: In fact, the next time
9 I'll do that. I'll let the RAB know the
10 dates. I apologize if I didn't get that
11 out to you. It would have been good to
12 have everybody listen in.

13 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Some of us might
14 like to call in.

15 MR. LEVY: As a matter of fact
16 there were some call-ins.

17 MR. TURNER: More secret stuff
18 going on.

19 MR. LEVY: Somebody asked me why I
20 closed the installation.

21 [Laughter emanated throughout the
22 meeting room.]

23 MR. THOMASSY: Any other community
24 relations items?

25 [No other issues were brought

1 forth.]

2 MR. THOMASSY: Okay. Old business.

3 We discussed RAB memberships and RAB
4 membership nominations last time. Joan
5 McKinney's developed a couple of letters
6 to go out and have people submit their
7 applications for nomination or to update
8 their applications if they had been
9 asked in the past. Those will go out
10 between now and next meeting. That will
11 start the nomination process which we'll
12 then, I think, should establish a side
13 committee to do the review of those
14 nominations that come in, bring a number
15 that we need in order to vote. We only
16 have one vacancy at this point, and come
17 up with a new member.

18 MR. TURNER: Did we have somebody
19 resigning?

20 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, John Johnson
21 resigned. Then he asked that he be put
22 back into the pot and considered again.

23 MR. TURNER: Wasn't there also some
24 talk about removing a member that wasn't
25 coming?

1 MR. THOMASSY: Same individual. I
2 talked with him and that's what brought
3 about the resignation, the fact that he
4 was too busy to participate at the time
5 but would like to be considered after
6 this summer because he should have the
7 time at that point.

8 Any other discussion or
9 nominations? Pete?

10 MR. CONROY: I'm sorry. I didn't
11 know if we were in the nomination phase.

12 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, I wanted to
13 get through that discussion.

14 MR. TURNER: I looked at both of
15 these letter and they look great. The
16 only thing I have a question about, and
17 I think this might be a typo, but is the
18 use of this one, the rejection letter.
19 After the comma in the last line of the
20 first paragraph it says, "You were non
21 selected for membership at that time."

22 MS. MCKINNEY: We have an applicant
23 pool existing of folks who had expressed
24 interest and we're going to send another
25 mailing to them.

1 MR. TURNER: It's the use of this
2 word "non-selected". I didn't know that
3 was a word. You were non-selected like
4 a verb. Is that -- I guess that's what
5 that is or an adverb.

6 MR. CONROY: Where is that,
7 Charlie?

8 MR. TURNER: In this letter, the
9 short letter. Shouldn't it be "You were
10 not selected"?

11 MS. MCKINNEY: Oh, well, you know,
12 that's an HR term. If you're more
13 comfortable with not selected.
14 Nonselection is also a term you'd use if
15 you had said "we didn't hire you." But
16 sure, whatever you're comfortable with
17 we can change that. That's not a
18 problem.

19 MR. TURNER: Does anybody else see
20 what I'm talking about?

21 MR. THOMASSY: Some people use the
22 term, and you can't find it in the
23 dictionary. "You were non-selected."
24 It's not good English probably.

25 MS. MCKINNEY: We can change that.

1 MS. LONGSTRETH: I have a question.
2 What happened to those three names that
3 the lady brought in?

4 MS. MCKINNEY: They will get the
5 letter requesting if they'd like to
6 apply because they are new names on the
7 mailing list. So they'll get the
8 initial letter that says, "Would you
9 like to apply?" They were not
10 previously mailed letters.

11 MS. LONGSTRETH: Okay, so they were
12 given an option.

13 MS. MCKINNEY: Yes.

14 MR. THOMASSY: Okay, so you're
15 going to change that letter to not
16 selected.

17 MS. MCKINNEY: Yes, to not
18 selected.

19 MR. THOMASSY: Any other comments?
20 We'll see when we have the next meeting.
21 It will probably take a couple of
22 meetings I would think before we have
23 all the responses back in that we expect
24 to get. We'll get a count. You'll give
25 that to us at the next meeting, Joan?

1 MS. MCKINNEY: [Indicates in the
2 positive.]

3 MR. THOMASSY: Okay. UXO status
4 update. We discussed it a little bit a
5 couple of minutes ago. Pete?

6 MR. CONROY: Yeah, just as it
7 relates to public relations. You know
8 there's another RAB being formed right
9 now, and I know that will be confusing
10 because there will be two RABs in one
11 small town, so we probably need to be
12 clear as to which RAB we're talking
13 about.

14 MR. THOMASSY: With completely
15 different missions.

16 MR. CONROY: Completely different,
17 yeah.

18 MR. THOMASSY: How did they get the
19 name of RAB coming out of Anniston Army
20 Depot?

21 MR. TURNER: It's part of the
22 restoration process, isn't it?

23 MR. THOMASSY: Where there's
24 restoration action at a military base
25 you have a restoration advisory board

1 formed.

2 MR. THOMASSY: I thought the RAB
3 had been designated as a restoration or
4 environmental oversight board for BRAC
5 situations.

6 MR. TURNER: There are RABs at non
? closing bases.

8 MR. THOMASSY: This is for non
9 closing bases, too.

10 MR. TURNER: Isn't that right, Ron?

11 MR. REEDY: Yeah, but now Anniston,
12 to get on BRAC does not necessarily mean
13 that you're closing. It could be a
14 realignment, and I believe I'm correct.

15 MR. THOMASSY: But their mission is
16 changing, and some of the things are
17 going to be taken out of service and
18 some not, so that's where the BRAC part
19 of it goes into play over there.

20 MR. LEVY: But truly RABs can be
21 formed at any installation where there
22 is restoration work going on. In fact,
23 there's lots of active installations out
24 there with past histories of
25 contamination that needs to be addressed

1 and cleaned up, and the DOD's position
2 is that in those cases the community
3 needs to be given an opportunity to form
4 their own Restoration Advisory Board.
5 So all installations across the U.S. can
6 have RABs depending on what their
7 programs are. The focus, though, and I
8 think the policy states that there is an
9 option at the active installations
10 whether or not to have a RAB, but at
11 BRAC installations it's a requirement on
12 the part of DOD to have a RAB meeting.

13 MR. TURNER: And so AOD's going to
14 have its own RAB concerned with the
15 issues at AOD.

16 MR. LEVY: Right.

17 Can I bring up an issue? Do we
18 want to call ourselves the Fort
19 McClellan Restoration Advisory Board as
20 opposed to just a Restoration Advisory
21 Board similar to what the FMDC did?

22 MR. TURNER: The bylaws identifies
23 us as being the Fort McClellan
24 Restoration Advisory Board.

25 MR. ANDERSON: So does our web

1 site. The reason I said that is that
2 our letterhead says Restoration Advisory
3 Board, Fort McClellan.

4 MR. LEVY: Maybe we need to add
5 Fort McClellan Restoration Advisory
6 Board. We can change it on the
7 letterhead.

8 MR. THOMASSY: It's what the bylaws
9 say. We just screwed up our letterhead.

10 Can you change that, Joan?

11 MS. MCKINNEY: I just followed what
12 we did the last time.

13 MR. LEVY: Should have said
14 something.

15 MS. MCKINNEY: No problem. That's
16 what discs are made for.

17 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, we're going to
18 have a little confusion in the
19 community. There's no doubt with that
20 other RAB.

21 MR. CONROY: Just out of curiosity,
22 anybody in this room going to serve on
23 that one? Is anyone on this board going
24 to serve on that RAB?

25 MR. LEVY: You asked a question?

1 MR. CONROY: Is anybody on this
2 board going to serve on that RAB?

3 MR. PARKS: The pay's so good on
4 this one I was thinking about it.

5 [Laughter filled the meeting room.]

6 MR. CONROY: The pay is twice what
7 it is on this one on the other one.

8 [Laughter again filled the meeting
9 room.]

10 MR. THOMASSY: Okay, UXO status.

11 MR. TURNER: Are they going to
12 serve refreshments at those? Are they
13 going to have better cookies?

14 [Laughter again emanated throughout
15 the meeting room.]

16 MR. LEVY: Let me move us on since
17 Fern brought us into the UXO status
18 update. I've got some things to say on
19 that. There was a handout. Did you-all
20 get this handout? It's on the table
21 back there, so if you want to pick it up
22 on the way out.

23 What we attempted to do is, since
24 you were interested particularly in the
25 UXO issue is lay out the schedule of

1 what Huntsville's planning. Now I'll
2 tell you what's listed here is really
3 something looked at hard by the BRAC
4 Cleanup Team. We've got a meeting
5 scheduled for, I think, July up in
6 Huntsville where the BRAC cleanup team's
7 going to sit down and go through some of
8 this, but these are the dates that the
9 Army has set aside at this point for the
10 issues attending to the UXO. And you'll
11 notice that the EE/CAs are in there; the
12 bypass EE/CA's in there; the
13 redevelopment area; the contonement
14 area's in there; and the Choccolocco
15 Mountain EE/CAs are in there. So those
16 are the dates, and I think some of that
17 addresses questions that you-all had
18 about UXO?

19 MR. CONROY: And this is a moving
20 dirt EE/CA schedule; right?

21 MR. REEDY: Dirt, moving dirt.

22 MR. LEVY: Well, yeah, there is
23 dates in there for clearance
24 requirements which is really the part
25 when it comes to the removal action.

1 Now I can go through and address
2 any of these things that you have
3 questions on.

4 MR. TURNER: I've got a question on
5 the next to the last entry. That says
6 "bypass construction, S-U-P-T". Is that
7 support?

8 MR. LEVY: That involves the issue
9 of the Statement of Work, the award, the
10 work plans, the actual field -

11 MR. TURNER: Is that what that
12 stands for is for bypass construction
13 support?

14 MS. KINGSBURY: Right.

15 MR. LEVY: Is that your only
16 question? Support; right.

17 MR. TURNER: And I was going to ask
18 you what that included.

19 MS. KINGSBURY: That's the moving
20 dirt part.

21 MR. TURNER: That's the moving dirt
22 part, Charles. So they figure they're
23 going to be complete, finished moving
24 dirt September of double ought.

25 MR. LEVY: Right, and this was

1 something that was actually set down
2 with DOT and Huntsville Corp of
3 Engineers, and I believe we had Rob
4 there, too, didn't we at one point?

5 MR. TURNER: And does this dovetail
6 with the stage plans for putting a
7 highway through?

8 MR. LEVY: In fact, it does.
9 Remember that the bypass is really going
10 to be built in segments. That part
11 below the installation from I-20 on out
12 to the -

13 MR. TURNER: It's three phases from
14 I-20 to Choccolocco Road. From
15 Choccolocco Road to somewhere, and then
16 the last stretch over the hill.

17 MR. LEVY: I can't remember the
18 details, but I can assure you this was a
19 point of discussion amongst the
20 Department of Transportation and the
21 Huntsville folks in terms of meeting the
22 requirements to get to the construction
23 phase.

24 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Ron, may I ask -
25 I don't know. I might be the only one,

1 but I have no earthly idea sometimes
2 what these acronyms stand for. Do we
3 have an index of acronyms somewhere?

4 MR. LEVY: I think in the EBS
5 there's an index, Environmental Baseline
6 Survey.

7 MR. THOMASSY: It's on the table of
8 contents.

9 MR. LEVY: Let me just tell you
10 what these are real quick: Supplemental
11 Chemical Warfare Material Archives
12 Search Report, one of the things that we
13 needed to do because we did not address
14 the potential for other chemical warfare
15 material that might be buried out there.

16 We want to make sure we get a full
17 screen of that such at kits where there
18 has been a history of use of kits on
19 Fort McClellan, and we really don't know
20 what happened, the disposition of what
21 happened to those.

22 We're going back to do a hard and
23 fast archival search to what happens to
24 all material, chemical warfare material
25 that came onto the installation or where

1 it may have gone after the final
2 disposition.

3 The EE/CA stands for Engineering
4 Evaluation Cost Analysis. It's similar
5 to site investigation, SI type work that
6 we've discussed in detail.

7 And I think that those are all the
8 acronyms; right?

9 MR. LEVY: TBD stands for "To be
10 Done or Determined."

11 MR. THOMASSY: To be determined,
12 yeah.

13 MR. ANDERSON: Which leads us to
14 the question on that one. What's the
15 story on your UXO contractor? I
16 understand that you were going with the
17 TERC for the other stuff but what's come
18 out of the discussions over whether or
19 not Huntsville would permit you, I
20 guess, to do it without them playing?

21 MR. LEVY: Plain and simple?
22 Huntsville which has been designated the
23 Center of Excellence for Unexploded
24 Ordinance, and it was really a corp
25 issue, a corp of engineer issue in terms

1 of what contract they were going to use.
2 I know the BCT weighed in on our desires
3 to see, to try to stay with one
4 contractor. It was essentially decided
5 that they would go with the contracts
6 that they have been working with.

7 MR. TURNER: So they'll act as
8 general contractor.

9 MR. REEDY: They being?

10 MR. TURNER: The corp will be the
11 general contractor and then what they
12 don't do themselves they'll hire out
13 with their little array of subs.

14 MR. REEDY: No, I wouldn't go that
15 far. They're the general in the sense
16 that they go out and hire subs. The
17 corp is not going to shovel dirt and
18 pick up bombs or look for them.

19 MR. TURNER: Okay.

20 MR. LEVY: They essentially put the
21 scopes together and award it and then
22 they'll do oversight of the contractor.
23 All of the work is done by the
24 contractor.

25 MR. TURNER: What's y'all's opinion

1 as to what effect will that have on
2 cleanup, doing it their way as opposed
3 to your way?

4 MR. LEVY: What it takes away from
5 us is the ability to keep all the
6 knowledge of the cleanup with one
7 contractor. Now we've really got split
8 efforts here, and we were hoping to see
9 this one contractor which, in fact, they
10 stated they've got the experience and
11 it's in their scope to do; however the
12 decisions really are with the corp and
13 the corp's decision was to go with these
14 other contractors, and you've got to
15 understand, too, that there's a lot of
16 money involved. There are some
17 political considerations associated with
18 it. So all those things -- it really
19 wasn't in my hands. Let's put it that
20 way.

21 MR. TURNER: Okay.

22 MR. THOMASSY: Okay. New business;
23 anybody have any new business issues?

24 MR. LEVY: Can I -- just a couple
25 of things -- one announcement?

1 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah.

2 MR. LEVY: For those of you who
3 don't have the reuse plan, Lisa's got
4 copies. Because I know Lisa promised
5 the FMDC's Reuse Plan. We should have
6 made copies of it. Lisa's got copies of
7 it available, and if you'll see her, she
8 will get you a copy; either mail it to
9 you or you can come by the office and
10 pick it up. I know the FMDC's got a
11 limited budget. We were able to use
12 some of the RAB monies to make copies of
13 it for the RAB members.

14 MR. THOMASSY: The next meeting.

15 MR. LEVY: Well, still under new
16 business; it's a point to note that we
17 will be doing our first FOIS -

18 MS. KINGSBURY: Finding of
19 Suitability to Lease.

20 MR. LEVY: Yes, Finding of
21 Suitability to Lease. I'm having a
22 brain cramp.

23 It's a requirement under law. It's
24 a document that essentially is reviewed
25 by the regulatory agencies. It's a

1 statement of the environmental
2 conditions of the property. It's
3 something that we have to notify the
4 regulatory community about when we do
5 this, and most of you are aware that the
6 FMDC is moving on post. They're moving
7 into building 65. Really it's right
8 next to, right down the street from my
9 building where we hold our RAB meetings.

10 MR. THOMASSY: When's this going to
11 be done?

12 MR. LEVY: Before the end of the
13 month is what the plan calls for.

14 MR. PARKS: They're having the
15 ribbon cutting on 1 June for them to
16 move into -- Senator Shelby and them

17 MR. REEDY: It may seem that we
18 might not need to FOST A FOSL for this
19 but it does fall under the, you know,
20 under the BRAC umbrella, and this is
21 what DOD and EPA got together and
22 finally came out with -- this is the
23 best way we know to ensure that property
24 that's being taken over for some other
25 use other than pure military is clean

1 enough to, you know, hold the occupants
2 without killing them, basically.

3 MR. THOMASSY: Is this a Category
4 1, 2, 3, or 4?

5 MR. REEDY: This is a 1, yeah.

6 MR. THOMASSY: It's a 1. Never
7 used for any dirt at all.

8 MR. REEDY: Correct.

9 MR. LEVY: There are some issues to
10 attend to. One; it's an historic
11 structure and it does have asbestos
12 containing materials, so all those
13 things need to be documented in the
14 FOSL, and this lead-based paint,
15 although those don't really have an
16 impact because this is going for like
17 use.

18 MR. THOMASSY: Okay.

19 MR. ANDERSON: And it's a lease;
20 not a deed in this case.

21 MR. THOMASSY: Next meeting.
22 Where?

23 MR. LEVY: The next meeting we'll
24 go back to the old schedule. We'll be
25 at Fort McClellan in our conference

1 room, and it will be on the 15th of
2 June, 6:30.

3 One of the things we discussed
4 before that, what we really need to get
5 on the agenda was the Peer Review and
6 what came out of the Peer Review, and we
7 will have somebody there from the Army
8 Environmental Center to brief us on the
9 comments of their review of our programs
10 and then take questions about that.

11 Now Lisa, let me ask you a
12 question. We were going to provide them
13 with the document of the Peer Review?

14 MS. KINGSBURY: I can provide it.

15 MR. LEVY: As a read-ahead?

16 MS. KINGSBURY: Uh-huh. [Yes.]

17 MR. LEVY: What I'd like to propose
18 that we do is mail it out to you and
19 maybe even get a chance to look at it
20 before you come to the meeting, but
21 somebody will be there to go through it
22 beforehand and tell you what kind of
23 findings they had. For those of you who
24 like controversy this is your chance to
25 see what somebody outside Fort McClellan

1 BCT had about our programs and their
2 concerns. So you'll be looking at an
3 outside review of our programs.

4 MR. THOMASSY: Okay, any other new
5 business?

6 [No response from any board
7 member.]

8 The audience has gone.

9 [Laughter overtook the board
10 members.]

11 With no further business I propose
12 we adjourn.

13 [The Fort McClellan Restoration
14 Advisory Board was adjourned at
15 8:20 p.m. on the same evening,
16 Monday, May 18, 1998.]

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