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1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Why don't we  
2 go ahead and get started. We'll start off by calling  
3 the roll. Dr. Cox? Glynn is here.  
4 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Yes.  
5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr.  
6 Beckett?  
7 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: Here.  
8 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I'm here.  
9 Mr. Buford? Mr. Clendenin?  
10 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Here.  
11 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Conroy?  
12 Mr. Cunningham? Mr. Elser?  
13 MR. JERRY ELSER: Here.  
14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Ms. Fathke?  
15 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Here.  
16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr.  
17 Franklin?  
18 MR. CURTIS FRANKLIN: Here.  
19 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:  
20 Mr. Freeman? Dr. Harrington?  
21 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I'm here.  
22 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Hood?  
23 Mr. Hopper?

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1 MR. JERRY HOPPER: Here.

2 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mayor

3 Kimbrough --

4 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Here.

5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- is here.

6 Mr. Stratton? And Mr. Thomassy is not going to be  
7 here. And we've got Ron. Doyle is not here. And  
8 we've got Philip.

9 If we could real quickly just go  
10 around the room, starting over here, and have the  
11 audience members introduce yourselves and, please, let  
12 us know your affiliation.

13 MR. BILL GARLAND: I'm Bill Garland  
14 with the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

15 MR. LEE JAY: Lee Jay, McClellan  
16 Environmental.

17 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: Suzanne  
18 Murdock, Huntsville Corps of Engineers.

19 MR. JOE DOYLE: Joe Doyle, Legal  
20 Office Transition Force.

21 MR. BILL SHANKS: Bill Shanks,  
22 Transition Force Environmental Office.

23 MRS. ALICE MOSER: I'm Alice Moser,

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1 I came from Ohio and moved to Anniston.  
2 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Joan McKinney  
3 with the RAB.  
4 MR. STEVE MILLER: Steve Miller,  
5 Foster Wheeler Environmental.  
6 MR. RAY CRUMP: Ray Crump, I'm just  
7 a citizen.  
8 MR. CHARLIE PARIS: Charlie Paris,  
9 just a citizen.  
10 MS. ELLEN PARIS: Ellen Paris.  
11 MS. JOYCE WHITENER: Joyce Whitener,  
12 concerned citizen.  
13 MS. JIM WHITENER: Jim Whitener,  
14 same.  
15 MR. BOB DAFFRON: Bob Daffron,  
16 National Guard Training Center.  
17 MR. PAUL JAMES: Paul James,  
18 Transition Force Environmental Office.  
19 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Lisa Kingsbury,  
20 Transition Force Environmental Office.  
21 MS. KAREN PINSON: Karen Pinson,  
22 Transition Force Environmental Office.  
23 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Skipped you.

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1 MR. BOB DAFFRON: Got excited over  
2 there.

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Real  
4 briefly, for the members of the audience, the format  
5 of the meeting is we have an agenda we'll be going  
6 through here. And we ask the audience to hold all  
7 your questions or comments until the end of the  
8 meeting. We do have a section where we invite the  
9 audience to share any thoughts or concerns they might  
10 have.

11 But we are glad you could make it.  
12 I think, in the two years I've been here, this is  
13 probably the most number of participants we've had  
14 that aren't immediate members of the RAB or part of  
15 the Army or one of their contractors or something, so,  
16 this is good, this is a good change for us.

17 Moving on down the agenda.  
18 Approval of the minutes for September. Has everybody  
19 had an opportunity to review the minutes? I know  
20 everybody reads them as soon as they get them in the  
21 mail. Right?

22 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: All four pages.

23 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Were there

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1 any questions or comments on the minutes for  
2 September? If not, do I hear a motion to -- what's  
3 the right term -- enter the minutes or approve the  
4 minutes for September?  
5 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: So moved.  
6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Second?  
7 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: Second.  
8 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Let the  
9 record show that the minutes for September have been  
10 approved.  
11 Old business. I don't have any  
12 specific items for old business. Does anyone have  
13 anything they'd like to throw on the table?  
14 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Excuse me,  
15 Craig.  
16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yes.  
17 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: We need to go  
18 back and finish that. We got a motion and a second,  
19 but we didn't carry it.  
20 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I'm sorry.  
21 All those in favor? Any opposed? Good, I have been  
22 corrected.  
23 Old business, anyone have any old

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1 business?

2 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Ron, do  
3 you know what the status is, as far as the sample  
4 wells on the Brown property?

5 MR. RON LEVY: I do not. Although  
6 what I do know is we're still negotiating on it.  
7 That's the best I can tell you, at this point. There  
8 has been no definite agreement, yet.

9 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Anything  
10 else?

11 Onto the new business. And we  
12 start off with the agency reports. We'll start off  
13 with Philip.

14 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: All right.

15 MR. RON LEVY: Hang on a second.

16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Do I have  
17 the wrong agenda here?

18 MR. RON LEVY: No, the new business  
19 is -- there is some new business. And then agency  
20 reports is actually a separate topic, altogether.  
21 Although, I do know Miki has to leave here at 7:20 and  
22 wants to be able to give her spiel before then.



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MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: I'm all right

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1 so far.

2 MR. RON LEVY: Go ahead, Miki.

3 Let's go ahead with Miki.

4 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: All right,  
5 start with you.

6 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: The JPA has  
7 been -- for those of you who don't know, I'm Miki  
8 Schneider, I'm with the Joint Powers Authority, and  
9 we're the agency that disposes of the property that's  
10 transferred from the Army to us.

11 We closed on the Buckner Circle  
12 property last week, sold all that property. It's now  
13 under renovation. You'll start seeing people living  
14 up there soon, which we're real excited about.

15 We are, this week, to close on the  
16 houses out on Highway 21, the Capehart houses. Two  
17 of those have been demolished and new homes are going  
18 to be built there along the golf course.

19 Colyer-Lloyd and Harbert

20 Construction out of Birmingham have purchased all  
21 those properties, the Capehart houses and the land

22 along the golf course and they'll be building new  
23 homes there.

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1 We have proceeded with the  
2 privatization piece that we've talked about at this  
3 meeting. We now have a map that we've sent up to  
4 Army and they're looking at and working with us on  
5 fine tuning that map and understanding what all would  
6 be involved in that area.

7 And hopefully, at the next RAB --  
8 no, I won't be here in November -- in December RAB  
9 meeting, hopefully, I can come and bring a copy of  
10 that and let you look at it and explain to you what  
11 we're doing, at that point.

12 MR. RON LEVY: Generally, want to  
13 point out that we don't have a RAB meeting in December  
14 because all the holidays and conflicts with people's  
15 schedules.

16 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Then January.

17 MS. DONNA FATHKE: You may want to  
18 explain to the audience what privatization is.

19 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: We're looking  
20 at taking an area of McClellan that's currently still  
21 in the Army's hands and bringing it into the JPA's

22 hands. And the cleanup would be done outside the Army  
23 umbrella, it would be done by private industry. And

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1 hopefully, that will speed up the process a little  
2 quicker.

3 This is an area that we've  
4 designated for industrial development and we want to  
5 get the area clean so we can get jobs in here quicker.

6 Hunjan, which is the company from  
7 Canada that bought building 350, the industrial  
8 building -- H-U-N-J-A-N -- they are coming here this  
9 week to close on that property. They'll be  
10 thirty-five to forty jobs right up front, the first  
11 year, and upwards of two hundred by the end of the  
12 second year.

13 It's a company that's a tier-two  
14 Honda supplier. They're a plastics company. We're  
15 real excited about their coming to this community.

16 I think that's about it. Any  
17 questions?

18 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Could you explain  
19 the early transfer privatization in a little bit more  
20 detail, Miki. I mean, you kind of went over the

21 privatization as cleanup, but I mean, there's an early  
22 transfer piece of that, too, that's --

23 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Well, I

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1 thought we'd been over that before. But basically,  
2 it's that the early -- the property will transfer from  
3 the Army's hands to the JPA. And then the JPA will  
4 clean the property with the funds that are provided by  
5 the Army.

6 They'll be insurance that will be  
7 put in place. We already have insurance on a lot of  
8 our property out here that we've been working with.

9 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Thank you.

10 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Uh-huh.

11 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Any

12 questions for Miki before she has to leave us?

13 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Are there  
14 any plans to include this body?

15 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Absolutely.

16 MR. BRANCHFIELD: Okay, good.

17 Thank you.

18 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Thank you.

19 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Ron?

20 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. In terms of  
21 just -- I guess we could finish up with the agency  
22 reports. But EPA, because of travel restrictions and  
23 essentially due to funding, wasn't able to attend this

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1 meeting. We hope to have them back on track next  
2 month, but, you know, dollars are scarce for them  
3 right now. But I don't know, I think Philip may want  
4 to do his spiel, then we can go into two things that  
5 need to be discussed.

6 MR. PHILIP STROUD: I'm heavily into  
7 the review process. It's real thick right now, so  
8 it's hard to break me away from reports at this time.  
9 So, if y'all need me, I'll be -- my head's in a book  
10 somewhere and going after it.

11 This is a list -- I'm going to pass  
12 them around here -- of what I've been reviewing.  
13 You'll see some of the completed review dates. But  
14 the ones that are pending does not necessarily mean  
15 they have not been reviewed. They're under a review  
16 process from others at ADEM.

17 We're in -- there are a lot of  
18 drafts here -- of course, there are a lot of finals,  
19 too, but a lot of drafts that are taking quite a bit

20 of time. We're going over the landfill EE/CAs, a lot  
21 to do with unexploded ordnance. But we're making  
22 tremendous progress right now, given the amount of  
23 reports still here.

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1 Now, like to say a couple of things  
2 again. Where it says pending, said there are quite a  
3 few. I'd say at least a dozen of these have been  
4 reviewed and are waiting to be sent to Ron Levy, the  
5 Army. And this is still not a complete list of  
6 everything that we have. There's still boxes that  
7 are unopened that are just waiting their turn to be  
8 opened. So, you can probably add about a dozen more  
9 to this, this list, that we're still logging in.

10 But this just kind of shows you the  
11 sheer number of reports from April. And some of  
12 these things are very extensive. That's about all  
13 I've got to offer right now.

14 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Philip, what does  
15 LC stand for?

16 MR. PHILIP STROUD: I'm sorry.  
17 And that didn't type at the bottom here, I noticed  
18 that. That's -- let's see --

19 MR. RON LEVY: Letter complete?

20 MR. PHILIP STROUD: No, that's

21 going to be a letter of concurrence that we've worked  
22 out. And where it says comments, that means comments  
23 have been sent and some of these will -- are pending

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1 comments until I've agreed to them and ADEM -- or  
2 ADEM's agreed to the -- that they've been  
3 incorporated.

4 If you see a letter of concurrence,  
5 that means that some of these -- some of the comments  
6 have been incorporated and we've agreed to them and  
7 they are now concurred upon.

8 And I think that's the latest. I  
9 spoke to Doyle, briefly, Doyle Brittain, EPA, and he  
10 said the same thing Ron said. And matter of fact, he  
11 is sending in some comments, too, that had his Ph.D.  
12 level -- I guess this will be in risk assessment, in  
13 EE/CA risk.

14 And I feel very comfortable the way  
15 they're doing things there. As a matter of fact,  
16 their comments were very close to mine. They sent  
17 their comments in about a week earlier than mine. And  
18 I'm going to use their comments. But I'm real glad

19 to see our comments are very parallel. This is a  
20 good cross-check.

21 So, letting you know that things are  
22 -- we're having some good reviews on these real tough  
23 reports that are going through, especially in

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1 ecological risk assessments that are dealing with the  
2 ranges out here. So, we've got a broad scope,  
3 landfills, ranges, other hazardous waste components  
4 and everything, so it's all going on at one time.

5 But if you have any questions,  
6 always feel free to call me. I'll be glad to fill in  
7 any citizens. And I'm doing it all the time. So, I  
8 always love hearing from y'all. And we'll try to get  
9 answers to even Miki.

10 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I would  
11 -- Philip has been great --

12 MR. PHILIP STROUD: She's asked  
13 some tough questions lately and we're working on some  
14 tough things for her right now. So, they're good  
15 questions.

16 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: One of the  
17 things that they're looking at for us is helping us



18 with the issues of underground storage tanks and  
19 asbestos and lead based paint. And we've asked ADEM  
20 to help us understand what -- by us accepting these on  
21 behalf of the community, what the impact is there.  
22 And they're being real helpful.

23 MR. PHILIP STROUD: I think that's

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1 it. I wish we could do it much faster. I want to  
2 put the fire on the stove on this one, I really do.  
3 So, any other questions?

4 MR. RON LEVY: I do want to mention  
5 to the RAB members that the BRAC cleanup team, which  
6 has a voting of three agencies, the Army, EPA, and the  
7 State, also has a support team, which includes the  
8 Corps, the contractors which provide information to  
9 allow decisions to be made, the National Guard.

10 And now we've got Miki Schneider  
11 from the JPA who participates with the team, in terms  
12 of providing information back and forth. So, she  
13 actually attends the meetings and hears what's going  
14 on and provides feedback to us, as well. That's  
15 something new. That's not happened before.

16 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Philip,  
17 when you talk about ground scar, is that a possible of

18 a trench being there?

19 MR. PHILIP STROUD: It could be a  
20 trench. Something a long time -- Chris, and I guess  
21 people agreed upon here -- and I've been out to see  
22 some of these ground scars -- is it could be something  
23 that's been bulldozed up. And they just took the

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1 initiative to look at them, to see if they could --  
2 potential burial or what are they. So, actually went  
3 out and sampled them. They're real proactive.

4 MR. RON LEVY: I can give you a  
5 little bit more background to it. It's -- when we  
6 initially started looking at characterizing or trying  
7 to define the installation from what needed to be  
8 characterized in the environmental baseline, the  
9 baseline study that was done, we looked at aerial  
10 photography. And in that aerial photography, you  
11 look at things and you'll see what appears to be a  
12 ground scar from the air, that, you know, something's  
13 been moved around.

14 So, that leads us to believe, well,  
15 there might have been some activity there that we  
16 should investigate. And in fact, that's what we did

17 on a lot of the ground scars.

18 When we got on the ground and  
19 started looking at it, you can see, in a lot of cases,  
20 all it was was a dozer had pushed up some soil from  
21 either building a road or from building a fire break  
22 or something along that line.

23 In other cases, we didn't know, and

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1 therefore, we sampled them. If we couldn't  
2 absolutely establish what it was, we went in and we  
3 sampled.

4 I guess it's back to me, now. The  
5 first thing I want to do is I want to talk to you  
6 briefly about M-101. And I'm going to let Suzanne  
7 Murdock, from Huntsville, talk about that. But as a  
8 matter of introduction, Suzanne Murdock, who is behind  
9 me here to my left, is the technical engineer at  
10 Huntsville.

11 Huntsville is doing the cleanup for  
12 UXO on Fort McClellan, through its contractor, Foster  
13 Wheeler. And there's -- as we've briefed before in  
14 the past, there is several areas that we're looking  
15 at. And Suzanne is going to go into depth about

16 M-101.

17 But if I can point out that map  
18 directly behind Donna that shows the areas that are  
19 being investigated and characterized. Charlie is the  
20 green, Alpha is the red, Bravo is the blue, and I  
21 think -- it's a --

22 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: The magenta  
23 colored.

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1 MR. RON LEVY: Well, the magenta is  
2 actually Alpha. I think it's more red for the M-101.

3 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: There is the  
4 little --

5 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Magenta is  
6 M-101.

7 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: You're color  
8 blind, Ron.

9 MR. RON LEVY: I'm color blind. We  
10 briefed in the past the status. And I'll talk a  
11 little bit more about what's going on in the  
12 investigations for those other three areas. But  
13 we're coming to a conclusion now on the EE/CA for the  
14 M-101. And with that, I'll let Suzanne talk about

15        what we're doing.

16                                MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK:    Some of you at  
17        the table, and maybe others, have got a map in front  
18        of you.    And it's magenta here.    On your map, there's  
19        a dark yellow color, which is what we're calling the  
20        M-101.    And there is a small portion of M-3 included  
21        in that.

22                                And last spring, we decided to try  
23        and fast track the cleanup of this property.    The

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1        decision to do that was not really based on the  
2        desirability of the property for transfer, but in  
3        order for us to clear up -- to clean the areas around  
4        the eastern bypass so that when we eventually decided  
5        to use that property, that we wouldn't impact the  
6        construction of the bypass from our exclusion zones.  
7        That was one of the reasons we decided to fast track.

8                                The other reason was we have a lot  
9        of existing data from the M-2 parcel that's been  
10       cleaned up and from some construction support effort  
11       that we've done on the bypass.    So, we felt like we  
12       had enough data for us to make a decision on what  
13       cleanup alternative we would propose for the M-101 and

14       that small portion of the M-3 parcel.    So, those were  
15       the two reasons that led us to do a fast track of this  
16       piece of property.

17                       Tonight, I'm just kind of catching  
18       you up on where we are in that process.   We're just  
19       about -- we have one last set of comments that we're  
20       incorporating into the draft EE/CA, which is an  
21       engineering evaluation cost analysis, which is what we  
22       do to determine what type of contamination was on the  
23       property and what is the best action we can take, what

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1       is the alternative we want to do to clean up that  
2       property.

3                       So, at this point in time, we're  
4       almost finished with the draft version of the EE/CA,  
5       which has been through several reviews, including  
6       reviews by both the EPA and ADEM and the Fort.   And  
7       we're about ready for that to be published.

8                       The proposed dates are on the right  
9       hand side of your map here.   And these are tentative  
10      dates.   We still -- like I said, we're still working  
11      on incorporating the last set of comments.

12                      But what we plan to do is have a  
13      public comment period starting on about the first of

14 November. And that will be open for public comment  
15 for thirty days. And it will be available for review  
16 at the repository. And -- which is -- I forgot where  
17 that is, Ron. Where is the --

18 MR. RON LEVY: I'm sorry?

19 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: Where is the  
20 repository?

21 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Anniston  
22 Library and JSU.

23 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: The JSU and

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1 the Anniston Library. Those will be on file there and  
2 available for public comment for a period of thirty  
3 days. And then we'd like to brief the RAB at the  
4 next RAB meeting, which is on the 19th. And we'll go  
5 into detail about what we found and what alternatives  
6 we considered and what we're going to recommend as the  
7 appropriate response.

8 And then we'd like to have the  
9 public meeting on or about the 5th of December. So,  
10 that's where we are. I didn't really want to -- I  
11 don't want to go into discussing the EE/CA, itself.  
12 We just wanted to let you know where we were in the

13 process.

14 MR. RON LEVY: There's some things  
15 I need to just give you an idea -- a better  
16 understanding about. This is one of those documents  
17 where the Army's going to make a decision. And part  
18 of that decision process involves a public component.  
19 And the RAB being part of that public component, plus,  
20 a public meeting whereby you get to look at the  
21 alternatives that we're suggesting or the alternatives  
22 that we're suggesting and the one that we are  
23 proposing that we take and provide comments and

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1 feedback to us on that.

2 So, what Suzanne is trying to tell  
3 you is what's coming up is that period where you  
4 actually get a say-so, so to speak, in a decision  
5 that's about to be made on the cleanup. So, the RAB  
6 briefing, come the 19th of November, the document will  
7 be available in November, you know, starting the first  
8 of November, based on the fact that we've got a public  
9 comment period.

10 But the RAB briefing at the 19  
11 November is when we will do a full presentation to  
12 you. But if you wish to see the document at any time



13 during that public comment period, we will provide it  
14 to you. And one of the things that we might need to  
15 discuss is how that's going to happen.

16 MR. GLYNN RYAN: There was a  
17 motion, I believe, before the board some time ago --  
18 Joan, maybe you can help me out -- about a technical  
19 review council, Craig and --

20 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: That was months  
21 --

22 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: That was  
23 myself, Pete, and I believe Dr. Cox was part of that,

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1 also.

2 MR. GLYNN RYAN: What we'd like to  
3 do is provide you -- the technical review folks -- and  
4 maybe that's something we need to look at -- the  
5 document early, so you can -- as soon as it's  
6 available, so you can start that -- I mean, that's  
7 probably better than trying to provide documents to  
8 everyone.

9 MR. RON LEVY: One of the things  
10 that y'all need to remember is that -- we'll do this,  
11 but producing one of these documents, you know,

12 particularly one that's three foot thick, is an  
13 expensive proposition. And if everybody's going to  
14 read it, we'll provide it.

15 But what we understood from the RAB,  
16 from previous meetings -- and some of you weren't in  
17 the RAB during that time, you may have been voted on  
18 -- was that you'd rather see it in terms of a  
19 technical review committee, those folks who probably  
20 have a little bit more background, maybe science  
21 background, such as Pete and Craig and Barry, and let  
22 them take a hard look at it as a committee, and then  
23 report back to the RAB.

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1 Now, if that's still the case,  
2 that's what we would like to propose, too.

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Was there  
4 anyone that's not comfortable with that concept? It  
5 was probably about a -- it was probably close to a  
6 year ago.

7 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Yeah, it was.

8 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: It was at the  
9 community center in Golden Springs.

10 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: So, it's

11       been awhile.

12                       MR. RON LEVY:    We would do this,  
13       too, during the meeting on the 19th, when we do do the  
14       brief, we will take comments, verbalized comments,  
15       from the RAB members, at that time, and we'll also  
16       take additional comments after that, if there is  
17       somebody that wants to jump in and take a hard look at  
18       the document.   That's -- still, it's pretty much of  
19       an open-ended process to allow input.

20                       MS. DONNA FATHKE:   Question:  
21       Because the public meeting is after the public comment  
22       period, what happens at the public meeting?

23                       MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK:   It's basically

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1       to brief the public and to answer their questions.

2                       MS. DONNA FATHKE:   But is it too  
3       late for them to put comments in?

4                       MR. GLYNN RYAN:    I think -- we're  
5       not sure this date's correct.   And this is preliminary  
6       information.

7                       MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK:   It is.

8                       MR. GLYNN RYAN:    That's part of the  
9       problem with this --

10                       MR. RON LEVY:    These dates were

11 proposed, and I --

12 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: And typically,  
13 the public meeting is right toward the end of the  
14 comment period. We set that date because we've got a  
15 BCT, and the and EPA ADEM will be here that night.

16 That's kind of how we picked that night.

17 It's typically -- you know, we can  
18 move it up probably and make it during the public --  
19 it's typically at the end of the public comment  
20 period, while it's still open, but toward the end to  
21 give people a chance to read it and come and ask  
22 questions.

23 MR. RON LEVY: And at that time, we

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1 will take any additional comments at the public  
2 meeting, as well. We're bound to do that, as well.  
3 But we've got an open dates of thirty days in November  
4 for a public comment period.

5 MS. DONNA FATHKE: It just seems to  
6 me, if we were to have a public meeting earlier in the  
7 comment period, it would give the public a chance to  
8 discuss it and air some things. I mean, you have it  
9 afterwards and people have got to think very quickly

10 on their feet at the meeting to come up with any  
11 comments or the door is shut on them.

12 MR. RON LEVY: I think what Suzanne  
13 was trying to explain was the document's there, it's  
14 available for the public, there is a notification that  
15 goes out. They go to see the document or they ask  
16 for the document and they ask for the information up  
17 front, and then they come to the meeting, at that  
18 point, with additional questions.

19 We can change the meeting dates,  
20 certainly. They're only proposed dates.

21 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Just seems to me  
22 that there could be room for discussion that would be  
23 clipped off with that meeting being outside the public

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1 comment date or period.

2 MR. RON LEVY: We'll relook the  
3 date, Donna.

4 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Okay.

5 MR. RON LEVY: And again, the  
6 purpose here was to let you know this was coming, the  
7 public comment period. And from the RAB's  
8 standpoint, this essentially is a public meeting, too,

9 in itself, and it's advertised. But we're going to  
10 hold a separate public meeting, as well.

11 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: This is  
12 just on the section that will be the connections to  
13 Highway 21, it's not the rest of tract three. Tract  
14 one has been turned over, right?

15 MR. RON LEVY: Right.

16 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: So, tract  
17 three. But we're just getting the entrance? Is that  
18 what we're looking at now? Which is the yellow and  
19 the green, as far as coming --

20 MR. RON LEVY: This is tract three.  
21 This is tract two.

22 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Right.

23 MR. RON LEVY: There has already

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1 been an EE/CA done and there was a public comment  
2 period on this piece, both of these pieces here.  
3 That's already been done. That's why we're into the  
4 clearance phase on that. That's happened some time  
5 ago.

6 So, what we're looking at -- and you  
7 can see here, red, is the property surrounding that.  
8 It's a separate and different investigation and

9 clearance. But because it's a separate and different  
10 investigation and clearance, it's opened up another  
11 process --

12 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: That's  
13 your dark yellow on this map, then?

14 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, it's yellow.  
15 Now, you ought to know, as well, that this area, when  
16 the EE/CA comes up, will also involve a public piece  
17 and a separate process, same thing with the Bravo and  
18 the same thing with the Charlie, all three of those  
19 become open to the public for review and comment on.  
20 And they're still to be done.

21 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: I think where  
22 he was going maybe is the reason we just took that one  
23 little piece is because we had so much data. That

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1 big blue area which surrounds most of tract three, we  
2 don't have -- we hadn't done any sampling. We didn't  
3 have a lot of data. We didn't know what was there,  
4 so, we didn't try to fast track and hurry up and do  
5 that, that area in the blue that surrounds the rest of  
6 the bypass. We just picked that one piece because we  
7 had all of the information we needed to be able to do

8       that and do it quickly.

9                       MR. JERRY HOPPER:     Ron, what is  
10       your projected land usage for this M-101 and this  
11       particular area we're talking about, since it's  
12       adjacent to the bypass right-of-way, is it going to be  
13       commercial industrial or residential or a combination  
14       of both or --

15                      MR. RON LEVY:     We follow -- it's  
16       going to be a combination of both.   We follow the  
17       JPA's projected use plan.    I believe it's --

18                      MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER:   That area is  
19       commercial.

20                      Can I ask:   Once the thirty-day  
21       comment period is over, what is your next step?  
22       Where does this go?   You finished the document, then  
23       what happens?

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1                      MR. RON LEVY:     We take -- whatever  
2       comments come out of the public comment period, we  
3       consider in the document.   And a final decision gets  
4       made and it gets made through what's known as an  
5       action memorandum.    You've all heard that term  
6       before.   We did that for the eastern bypass.   The  
7       action memorandum is the actual decision of what we're



8 going to do.

9 They'll be some alternatives

10 considered. The final action will be chosen with the

11 consideration of input from the public, as well as

12 regulatory comments. And then the action memorandum

13 is made and the decision gets signed.

14 Then there's an explosive safety

15 submission. You've heard us talk about that for the

16 eastern bypass that we have to do. Since it's

17 ordnance involved, we've got to get another approval

18 on the part of Department of Defense Explosive Safety

19 Board. So, we work a process of defining how -- and

20 help me out here, Suzanne, exactly what the explosive

21 safety submission, it says what we can and cannot do

22 from a safety standpoint on the actual clearance. And

23 we get buy-in from the -- our big regulatory agency,

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1 being the Department of Defense Explosive Safety

2 Board.

3 Once we get that approved, then

4 we're able to start in on the actual clearance and

5 removal.

6 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: How long do

7       you think it would be before just -- I'm not -- I'm  
8       just trying to understand.   Is this a three months  
9       from or six months from now, from once this thirty-day  
10      comment period is over, that you would actually be on  
11      the ground doing the removal?

12                   MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK:   It's probably  
13      more like six months, by the time we have to go  
14      through the action memorandum and then go through the  
15      work plans and the ESS.   And the approval process on  
16      the explosive safety submission is fairly -- it goes  
17      through at least two agencies before it goes to the  
18      Explosive Safety Board, prior to their approval.   So,  
19      it's a --

20                   MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER:   My question --

21                   MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK:   But probably  
22      six -- I would -- in the six month time frame before  
23      we're on the ground and working.

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1                   MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER:   My reasons for  
2      asking these:   In March of next year, there is an  
3      archery tournament planned right next to this location  
4      for two thousand people, fifteen hundred to two  
5      thousand people.   Okay.   We need to know that.

6 I think the youth services people  
7 should be brought in on this, just as soon as  
8 possible, so they're aware that this is going to be  
9 going on. I don't know if they would have to move  
10 out of their building when you were doing clearance,  
11 but I'm sure that would take them a long time to make  
12 plans if they had to move out of that building to move  
13 their students to.

14 And I would also think it would be  
15 good if there was clearance going on, because it is so  
16 close to Sacred Heart, maybe it could be done during  
17 the summer when school was not in session.

18 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: The exclusion  
19 zone for that area, as we see it now, is going to be  
20 pretty small, two hundred feet, two hundred feet, so I  
21 don't think the school --

22 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: So, the school  
23 wouldn't be impacted?

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1 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: No, but the --

2 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Youth services.

3 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: -- the youth  
4 services would be impacted.

5 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: And the

6 archery tournament is in that -- near that area, so,  
7 just --  
8 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: March is about  
9 the time frame we were looking to get started.  
10 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Well, six  
11 months, though, if you said December, public meeting  
12 six months, you'd be --  
13 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: Probably not  
14 until April --  
15 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: -- past that.  
16 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: Yeah. Spring  
17 some time.  
18 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Okay.  
19 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: Is six months  
20 May? Is that May?  
21 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Yeah.  
22 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Well, from  
23 December it's June.

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1 MR. BOB DAFFRON: From December it  
2 would be June.  
3 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Would  
4 privatizing this cut out some of this, going through

5 all these different groups?

6 MR. GLYNN RYAN: No. Unexploded

7 ordnance has to go through the same steps, even if

8 it's privatized. And DDSB, the Department of Defense

9 Explosive Safety Board, still has to approve it,

10 because it's unexploded ordnance.

11 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: That's one of

12 the things that we're working with the Army right now

13 trying to understand is, would it cut out some of the

14 layers. And, yes, DDSB is an issue. It's one that

15 we've discussed at the Pentagon is, you know, how can

16 we incorporate them but still maybe cut out a few

17 layers. And we are still looking at that.

18 I wouldn't say no it wouldn't

19 totally cut them out, but it won't cut out -- I think

20 it would cut out some time, yes.

21 MR. GLYNN RYAN: It might cut out

22 some time, it wouldn't cut out --

23 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Yes.

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1 MR. GLYNN RYAN: -- DDSB.

2 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Yes.

3 MR. RON LEVY: Anymore questions

4 about M-101?

5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I have a  
6 question real quick on the document, itself, Ron. Is  
7 the EE/CA -- I mean, based on what I'm hearing, there  
8 is limited, if any, data collected in this area, so  
9 the EE/CA is going to propose what data will be  
10 collected; is that right?

11 MR. RON LEVY: No.

12 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Or has the  
13 data already been collected?

14 MR. RON LEVY: The data is based  
15 upon other information that we have in the area, what  
16 we did in M-2, what we did within the eastern bypass  
17 area. And the determination is based upon that data.  
18 So, there is no additional data.

19 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: So, you  
20 guys are evaluating remedies is what you're --

21 MR. RON LEVY: Yes.

22 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: --  
23 evaluating? It's based on data that already exists?

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1 MR. RON LEVY: If you think of this  
2 almost like an RI and an FS, that's what we're talking  
3 about. For most of you, that's a remedial

4 investigation feasibility study.

5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: It hadn't  
6 clicked with me that you already had data in the area.  
7 I thought I heard her say that they didn't have any  
8 data, so I was confused.

9 MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK: We didn't have  
10 to collect it.

11 MR. RON LEVY: The pink, which is  
12 M-2, we have got data on. And the light yellow, which  
13 is the bypass right-of-way and the Summerall  
14 extension, we've got data on all that. And based on  
15 its proximity, we can make a determination as to what  
16 we believe is in there. And plus, we've got other  
17 historical information on how the area was used.

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: And that's  
19 all stuff you'll talk to us about next month?

20 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, when we do the  
21 briefing on the 19th and we hope to be able to get  
22 Doyle out in front of you so you understand where we  
23 came from and where we're going with our alternatives

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1 and recommendation. Any other questions?

2 Okay, one of the things that we  
3 needed to do -- and if you'll bear with me -- is we

4       needed to elect another vice-chair.   And for those of  
5       you who are not familiar, there is a set of bylaws for  
6       the Restoration Advisory Board.   Several years ago --  
7       well, actually, when the board was first formed, the  
8       bylaws were written.   And then about a year or so  
9       ago, they were amended to include some of the voting  
10      issues.

11                       But just to fill folks in, there's  
12      two positions, there's the community chairperson and  
13      there is the Department of Defense chairperson.   So,  
14      there is a co-chair.   Right now Craig Branchfield  
15      represents the co-chair.   He ascended to the position  
16      by virtue of having been elected as the vice-chair.  
17      And Mr. Ryan, Glynn Ryan, is the co-chair from the  
18      Army's side or from the Department of Defense side.

19                       One of the things that we need to do  
20      tonight is elect a new vice-chair, since Barry, who  
21      served his full year, based on the bylaws, now steps  
22      down.   And again, a new vice-chair gets picked up.

23                       Each term for the vice and the

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1       co-chair is a total of -- they both serve a year and  
2       then you ascend to the chair.   For those of you who



3 don't have a copy of the bylaws, we'll be glad to get  
4 you a copy. But I think each of you should have  
5 gotten those when you first came into the RAB. Joan,  
6 am I right, that you did provide them?

7 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: Yes.

8 MR. RON LEVY: So, if you're not  
9 sure what we're doing, I would recommend that you go  
10 back. And I'm going to let Joan handle the --

11 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: Yeah. And if  
12 you don't have a copy of those bylaws in your binders,  
13 just let us know and we'll be sure you get another  
14 one. As new members come on, we try to put that  
15 binder together for you.

16 As Ron mentioned, we just need to  
17 vote for a new vice co-chair, community co-chair.  
18 What we need for you to do is nominate within the  
19 group and then vote. And we're trying to make it as  
20 simple as possible. I have prepared sheets of paper  
21 that have each -- would you mind passing these down --  
22 that have everybody's name on it. Because in years  
23 past, this has gotten into chads and hanging things

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1 and all kinds of stuff, and we didn't know it was  
2 called that then, but -- so, we're trying to do some

3        voting reform here.    What we need you to do, simply,  
4        is nominate for a new vice co-chair and then we will  
5        vote on those folks.

6                                I've given you each a sheet with  
7        everybody's name on it.    How I recommend that you use  
8        this sheet is that as nominations come up, just circle  
9        the nominee, assuming they accept that nomination.

10                                MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:    Joan, is it  
11        just the --

12                                MS. JOAN MCKINNEY:    The RAB members,  
13        the voting members.

14                                MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:    The voting  
15        members.

16                                MR. RON LEVY:    I do want to point  
17        out that the BCT, myself, Philip, and Doyle, are not  
18        voting members.

19                                MR. GLYNN RYAN:    And I'm not a  
20        voting member.

21                                MS. JOAN MCKINNEY:    But everyone  
22        else.    Those that are listed on here are voting  
23        members.    And, of course, we do have a few folks

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1        absent, so, you know --

2 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Are you saying  
3 those that are absent may be elected? I got you.  
4 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: Although Fern  
5 has pulled his time in the chair. Who else is not  
6 here tonight? But we have had some that have already  
7 pulled --  
8 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Pete has.  
9 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: Pete has pulled  
10 his time in the chair. Ron Hood, I believe. So, we  
11 do have some who have already been through that. The  
12 floor is open now for nominations.  
13 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Is there  
14 anybody on here that doesn't want to be nominated? If  
15 they'll raise their hand  
16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Buford,  
17 you're not interested in being the vice-chair.  
18 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: I'm not  
19 interested.  
20 MR. JERRY HOPPER: Well, if you've  
21 already served -- you've mentioned Pete and --  
22 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: Ron.  
23 MR. JERRY HOPPER: -- Ron. If

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1 you've already served a term, are you not eligible

2       again?

3                       MS. JOAN McKINNEY:   We don't cover  
4       that in our bylaws.

5                       MR. RON LEVY:     There's nothing in  
6       the bylaws that says you can't be elected again, that  
7       I'm aware of.

8                       MS. JOAN McKINNEY:   Now, if I heard  
9       right, we have Reverend Clendenin, Don Cunningham, Mr.  
10      Elser, Donna --

11                      MS. DONNA FATHKE:    No, not me.

12                      MS. JOAN McKINNEY:   I didn't hear  
13      right.   Mr. Franklin, Mr. Freeman, Mary Harrington,  
14      Jerry, and Gary are amenable to being nominated.   It  
15      won't take effect until next October.   And then if  
16      Craig is out --

17                      MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:   Unless I  
18      don't show up for the next eleven months.

19                      MS. JOAN McKINNEY:   And it really  
20      only is eleven meetings.   The floor is open for  
21      nominations.

22                      MR. JERRY ELSER:     I'd like to  
23      nominate Mr. Hopper.

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1 MS.. JOAN McKINNEY: Jerry, Okay.  
2 If the nominee accepts, then I recommend you circle it  
3 so you'll know who you're voting for. Is that  
4 silence an acceptance, Mr. Hopper?  
5 MR. JERRY HOPPER: Well, I'm  
6 thinking. Yeah, I will accept. At the same time,  
7 I'd like to nominate Mr. Pete Conroy again, if there  
8 is nothing contrary to that fact.  
9 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: We have nothing  
10 that says we can't.  
11 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: I'd like to  
12 nominate Mary Harrington, if she accepts.  
13 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: She's frowning  
14 at you.  
15 MR. RON LEVY: Mary, you've been on  
16 this board a long time.  
17 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: Mary, it's  
18 about time you were in charge of this board, you know,  
19 you've been a part of it since the beginning.  
20 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Put a woman in  
21 charge.  
22 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: We'll have an  
23 hour meeting, I know Mary. We can circle Mary?

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1 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I guess.  
2 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: Thank you.  
3 MR. CURTIS FRANKLIN: I move the  
4 nominations be closed. Can we do that?  
5 MR. JAMES BUFORD: So moved.  
6 MR. JERRY HOPPER: Second.  
7 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: Then I have  
8 circled Pete Conroy, Mary Harrington, and Jerry  
9 Hopper? Then I just think that probably -- let's  
10 hope that this works this way, the best one. If you  
11 would just go ahead and vote for one of those three.  
12 And then just pass them back to the back. Diane will  
13 go ahead and count them, if you'll pass them that way.  
14 The front, the front, the other back. And if there  
15 is a tie, we'll have to come back in again.  
16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: While Joan  
17 is out there counting the votes, we'll proceed on down  
18 the agenda. Was there any other new business, Ron,  
19 that we had?  
20 MR. RON LEVY: (Shakes head.)  
21 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: We completed  
22 the agency reports. Is there anything else?  
23 MR. PHILIP STROUD: There is one

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1 more thing and you brought it up, Craig, and I really,  
2 I put a lot of effort into this M-101 area. I want  
3 y'all to do the same. And I highly recommend this  
4 technical review from you and Cox and the rest of them  
5 to really look hard at that one and come up with some  
6 good comments. I totally expect it.

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: You guys are  
8 going to send this piece to us or something, Ron?

9 MR. RON LEVY: Fed Ex.

10 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: All right.

11 MR. JERRY HOPPER: No white powder  
12 on it, either.

13 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I was going  
14 to say, don't make it suspicious looking. Are we  
15 ready to move on to the action summary sheet?

16 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. As I do every  
17 meeting, for those members of the audience who are not  
18 aware, we provide to the RAB members an action summary  
19 sheet. It's essentially a summary of what went on  
20 during the previous month, from the last RAB meeting,  
21 Or an update of cleanup actions that are going on in  
22 the installation.

23 The first item was the status of

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1 landfill three. And there really is not anything to  
2 report. There is no additional data to report, as of  
3 the September meeting, nor was there any additional  
4 information to report based on well installation. As  
5 soon as we do have additional information, it will go  
6 into the action summary sheet.

7 As I mentioned to you last month,  
8 the field work in Alpha required some additional -- in  
9 the Alpha EE/CA area, required some additional field  
10 work. That field work has now been completed, even  
11 though it says it was ongoing here. It says it was  
12 supposed to be completed by October. It's now been  
13 done and the data analysis is ongoing, at this moment.  
14 So, hopefully we'll be able to see a report the  
15 beginning of the next calendar year.

16 In the Bravo area, that field work  
17 is still ongoing. I don't know that there is  
18 anything specific I can tell you, other than the fact  
19 we did try to go after some areas in the Bravo area  
20 earlier that we were sampling for that was impacting  
21 on some work that Auburn needed to do, which was the  
22 construction of facility. So, we believe we've  
23 gotten through that to the point where it's not going



1 to impact on the construction.

2 We're still working through the  
3 Charlie area EE/CA work plan. We're still getting  
4 comments in from the regulatory agencies and we hope  
5 to be able to conclude those comments so that we can  
6 get to the field and start the actual work that will  
7 build this EE/CA.

8 Also noted that presently there is  
9 ninety-five contractors that are supporting the OE  
10 removal effort on site. As of this date, is that  
11 still accurate Foster Wheeler?

12 MR. STEVE MILLER: Yes.

13 MR. RON LEVY: And I believe there  
14 is about forty some odd individuals associated with IT  
15 Corporation and the actions that are going on out  
16 there, contractors that are doing investigative work  
17 on the post, in and around the post.

18 We reported previous that CWM field  
19 work had been done. That there was, for the most  
20 part, no agent discovered, nor agent-related items.  
21 We're still working the report. Hopefully, we'll  
22 have that done, also, this month in October.

23 They'll be a comment period, as well

1       and a press release.   But because there really wasn't  
2       anything found, it should be insignificant.   There is  
3       no alternatives that we can define, other than no  
4       action even to be done.

5                       Eastern bypass, as we said before,  
6       the action memorandum was signed back in August.  
7       There was an explosive safety submissions put in.  
8       That has now gotten through the U. S. Army, what we  
9       call U.S.A.T.C., U. S. Army Technical Center for  
10      Explosive Safety, and has been sent to the Department  
11      of Defense Explosive Safety Board, that was effective,  
12      I believe, 1 October, that had ended up going --

13                    MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK:   3 October

14                    MR. PAUL JAMES:   3 October.

15                    MR. RON LEVY:   3 October.   Stand  
16      corrected.   3 October, that ended up going to the  
17      DDSB, who now has it in their hands to either approve  
18      or comment back to us on.

19                    MAYOR KIMBROUGH:   Now, is that tract  
20      three?

21                    MR. RON LEVY:   That is tract three

22                    MS. SUZANNE MURDOCK:   Yes.

23                    MR. RON LEVY:   And as we said

1 before, ALDOT has placed a fence around the property  
2 associated with tract one. That's all that was  
3 reported in the action summary. I'll take any other  
4 questions, though, at this time, if there's  
5 information being sought from the RAB members.

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Any  
7 questions for Ron? Joan, do we have a final talley?

8 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: We have a new  
9 vice-chair, Dr. Mary Harrington.

10 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:  
11 Congratulations. It's an extremely stressful job.

12 MR. BOB DAFFRON: And you're not  
13 going to be here next month?

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: That's  
15 right.

16 MR. RON LEVY: That is another duty  
17 of yours, you get to fill in when he's not here.

18 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Then I don't  
19 want him to miss much.

20 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: She'll stop  
21 giving me grief when I fail to follow the proper  
22 protocol. Congratulations.

23 Is there any other business that any

1 members of the RAB would like to put on the table for  
2 discussion before we move on to audience comments?  
3 Real briefly, just as a matter for the record, like to  
4 state that Mr. Buford and Mr. Hood came in after we  
5 took the roll so we make sure we get them in the  
6 minutes.

7 And now we'll turn it over to any  
8 comments or questions any members of the audience  
9 might have.

10 MR. WHITENER: I've just got one,  
11 and I'm quite sure you've heard it asked before. But  
12 why was it left up to the City of Anniston to clean up  
13 Fort McClellan instead of the government cleaning up  
14 Fort McClellan?

15 MR. GLYNN RYAN: What part of the --

16 MR. WHITENER: Well, I mean, why  
17 wasn't the government held responsible for cleaning up  
18 Fort McClellan?

19 MR. GLYNN RYAN: They are.

20 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: They are.

21 MR. GLYNN RYAN: The Army is.

22 MR. WHITENER: The Army is?

23 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Yes. The city is

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1 not cleaning up anything.

2 MR. WHITENER: Oh, I was under the  
3 impression that the city was cleaning it up.

4 MR. GLYNN RYAN: No, sir.

5 MR. WHITENER: Oh, okay. Thank you.

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Sir?

7 MR. RAY CRUMP: For future  
8 development and this might be Miki's, I don't --

9 MR. RON LEVY: Can you state your  
10 name when you do this?

11 MR. RAY CRUMP: Ray Crump,  
12 C-R-U-M-P, as in Powell. Is there any plans for high  
13 speed computer companies that might be locating here,  
14 is there any plans for high speed -- for them to have  
15 excess -- for it to already be here when we try to  
16 recruit this type business to move in?

17 MR. GLYNN RYAN: That's really a  
18 JPA question. We are cleaning up environmental. We  
19 have nothing to do with redevelopment.

20 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I was  
21 just in a meeting on that and they have some areas  
22 that are designated for that. But they're just in  
23 the first planning stage. We had a redevelopment

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1 plan, but now they're developing a new redevelopment  
2 plan, so, they're in the beginning stages -- or  
3 beginning of that. And so that's the JPA.

4 MR. CRUMP: JPA.

5 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: They've  
6 hired some consultants that are doing that.

7 MR. RAY CRUMP: Okay. The only  
8 other thing -- question I had was along that same line  
9 was, I know there are certain areas of the Fort, cell  
10 phones are difficult to communicate with because of  
11 the terrain, and I was wondering if we're going to  
12 attract large out-of-state businesses to relocate  
13 here, was there any plans by whoever it might be -- I  
14 presume the JPA, to -- what, increase the coverage  
15 area, I guess I would say, or improve the coverage,  
16 improve the coverage? That was the only other thing  
17 that I wanted to ask.

18 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: If I might add  
19 to that, Mr. Crump, the JPA meets the third Tuesday of  
20 the month, here on post. It's open to the public.

21 It's at 7:30 in the morning. And it's up on the hill.  
22 What's that building number?

23 MR. GLYNN RYAN: 61.

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1 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: 61.

2 MR. GLYNN RYAN: The old  
3 headquarters.

4 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: The old  
5 headquarter building, at 7:30 in the morning. It's  
6 certainly open to the public.

7 MR. GLYNN RYAN: In fact that's  
8 7:30 in the morning, tomorrow morning.

9 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Tomorrow.

10 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: Tomorrow  
11 morning. And it normally follows our RAB meeting.  
12 And same kind of a process. And that's -- while they  
13 don't necessarily have a formal audience comment --

14 MR. RAY CRUMP: Do they just have  
15 one-hour?

16 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: But there is  
17 plenty of opportunity to ask your questions with them.

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Are there  
19 any other questions or comments from the audience?

20 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: Do you bring  
21 the cookies to that meeting?

22 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: No, I don't

23 bring anything to that meeting.

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1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Good. Do I  
2 hear a motion to adjourn for the evening?  
3 MR. JAMES BUFORD: So moved.  
4 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Second.  
5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: All those  
6 in favor? Anyone opposed? Thank you very much.  
7 (Whereupon, the meeting was concluded.)  
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