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1 MR. GLYNN RYAN: We need to get this
2 thing started if we could get everyone's attention,
3 please.

4 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Let's begin
5 by taking the roll. Mr. Ryan?

6 MR. RYAN: Is here.

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Beckett?
8 Mr. Buford? Mr. Clendenin? Mr. Conroy? Dr. Cox?

9 DR. BARRY COX: Here.

10 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:

11 Mr. Cunningham?

12 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Here.

13 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Elser?

14 Ms. Fathke?

15 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Here.

16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:

17 Mr. Franklin?

18 MR. FRANKLIN: Here.

19 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Freeman?

20 Dr. Harrington?

21 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I'm here.

22 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Hood?

23 Mr. Hopper? Mayor Kimbrough?

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1 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Here.

2 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:

3 Mr. Stratton? Mr. Thomassy?

4 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Here.

5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Levy?

6 MR. RON LEVY: Here.

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: And Mr. -- I

8 always forget how to pronounce Doyle's last name.

9 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Brittain.

10 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:

11 Mr. Brittain? Not here. See, it doesn't matter if I

12 knew his last name. Mr. Stroud?

13 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Here.

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Has

15 everybody had an opportunity to review the minutes

16 from the last meeting, which was held in November?

17 Are there any -- does anybody have any questions

18 regarding the November minutes?

19 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Yeah. I want to

20 just clarify, I was reading in the minutes there, it

21 said about five point five -- it was alternative for,

22 I believe, the M-101 parcel, area. Just to clarify

23 what that means, we had an alternative five and an

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1 alternative six.

2 Alternative five was complete
3 cleanup to one foot and that was it. Alternative six
4 was to clean up the entire site to depth, whatever
5 that means, maybe to four feet, plus or minus.

6 So, anyway, what the -- what
7 happened was, is I said alternative five point five
8 was just kind of a mix between the two. But there's a
9 significant cost difference between the alternatives.

10 And I was not going to just stop at
11 one foot, if we found unexploded ordnance. If you
12 find unexploded ordnance, I'd want them to dig
13 further. And let's say for example, if they had found
14 an unexploded item between zero and one foot, they
15 pulled it out of the ground, they had another hit, the
16 original alternative five would say stop, you're not
17 going to dig up what's below it.

18 But I said there's no way -- just to
19 make sure it's not a burial or something else like
20 that -- to dig further until you dig up the entire
21 anomaly to make sure it's not another unexploded
22 ordnance. And that's what I meant by that. Just
23 wanted to clarify that.

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1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Do -- in
2 your opinion, Philip, do we need to modify the
3 minutes? Are they --

4 MR. PHILIP STROUD: It will need to
5 be -- well, I think there will be an addition to what
6 the five point five -- just clarify what that means.

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. Well,
8 if we have that clarification in the January minutes
9 for this meeting, is there any reason to not put a
10 motion on the table to -- what's the word I'm looking
11 for -- to approve the minutes from the November
12 meeting?

13 MR. PHILIP STROUD: That's all I
14 have, anything further than that --

15 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. Do I
16 hear a motion to approve the November minutes?

17 MR. FERN THOMASSY: So moved.

18 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Second.

19 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Second. All
20 in favor? Any opposed? Good. The November minutes
21 are approved.

22 MR. RON LEVY: Did you note the
23 other members that showed up?

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1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah. That
2 was next round. Just for the record, Mr. Conroy
3 walked in, and I think Mr. Hood walked in, also, after
4 we took the roll. So, we'll get that in the record.
5 Did anyone else walk in? We had a couple of bodies.
6 Mr. Buford has joined us.

7 Okay. Moving on to old business.
8 The RAB membership roster, a copy of that should have
9 been E-mailed to everybody who has an E-mail address;
10 is that correct?

11 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: And then we put
12 one at each one of the places, as well.

13 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. We
14 got one for everybody at the table, good. So, I guess
15 we just ask everybody to look at that information and
16 verify it's correct --

17 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: It is.

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- and any
19 corrections pass on to Joan at the end of the meeting,
20 I guess.

21 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Thank you.

22 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Also, we
23 have an old business item regarding the technical

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1 review committee, regarding the process of the
2 membership. This came up briefly at the November RAB
3 meeting. Where Dr. Cox said -- we were having some
4 discussions about the technical review committee and
5 how it should operate.

6 Dr. Cox brought up some points about
7 perhaps adding additional members to the technical
8 review committee, if those members were interested in
9 serving. So, I guess the first question is: Since
10 everybody has had two months to think about this, does
11 anybody have any questions or issues they would like
12 to discuss, regarding the process and membership on
13 the technical review committee?

14 Just so everybody is aware, right
15 now the committee has four members; myself,
16 Mr. Conroy, Dr. Cox, and Mr. Fern Thomasssy, who have
17 been serving. We get copies of certain reports from
18 the Army. This was all a process that we discussed
19 probably about a year ago, so -- a year ago or so, I'd
20 say.

21 I just realized I forgot to do
22 something, but I'll do that next.

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1 documents and provide feedback to the remaining
2 members of the RAB. And I think we were looking at
3 the last meeting at taking that a step further where
4 the technical review committee would -- should the
5 document warrant it, providing comments on those
6 documents in a written format that would be reviewed
7 and approved by the RAB.

8 Does anybody have anything they
9 would like to add to that discussion or any thoughts?
10 I guess we'll just -- for the process part of this--

11 FERN THOMASSY: Craig, one question
12 comes up on that and that is: Just provision of some
13 administrative support to that technical committee in
14 creating those type things and getting the
15 distribution done, maybe we ought to discuss a little
16 bit about how that's accomplished.

17 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: As far as
18 distributing comments or --

19 MR. FERN THOMASSY: The creation of
20 those in some form that is formal, agreed to by the
21 committee, and then distribution, as you said, to
22 members of the RAB. How do we accomplish that?

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MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I guess, the

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1 first thing to -- or I guess the way to discuss that
2 would be first to consider what alternatives are
3 available. And there may be more alternatives. I'm
4 thinking off the top of my head -- but clearly one
5 alternative is for the four of us, individually, to
6 prepare comments and send them to the RAB and
7 subsequently to the Army, as individuals. Or we
8 could, as four individuals, prepare our comments and
9 -- I arranged for that music to --

10 MR. FERN THOMASSY: That's good.

11 MR. CONROY: Good timing.

12 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- prepare
13 the comments, individually, and then one of us, you
14 know, just volunteer to mesh those comments --

15 MR. JOE DOYLE: If I might throw in
16 my two cents?

17 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah.
18 Please.

19 MR. JOE DOYLE: We have a
20 standardized review sheet that we utilize and review
21 of documents, we use at all levels here at TRADOC, and

22 I'm sure -- Karen, I know you use it all the time. We
23 would be more than happy to share that, that

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1 standardized format where just easily you could put
2 page number, and paragraph number, and then write your
3 comments.

4 And it's -- it's just a little
5 matrix, and it's very easy to use it. Even I can use
6 it. And just go through it that way, and then you
7 guys just need to decide collectively or however you
8 want to do it. If you want to just push them all
9 together or just discuss them and put them into one
10 sheet, however -- but we can share that with you, to
11 assist you.

12 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yeah. My
13 suggestion would be we use something like that and not
14 encumber the RAB with four or five different
15 independent sheets.

16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Sure.

17 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Try to pull
18 something together as a committee.

19 MR. JOE DOYLE: We can get that out
20 to you in the next day or two. You can use for any

21 and all --

22 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Sure. I
23 guess maybe, instead of -- perhaps, Ron, when we have

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1 a report issued to us, with the report maybe you could
2 stick in, you know, a blank review sheet that we could
3 just make copies of --

4 MR. RON LEVY: Either. In fact, we
5 can give you an electronic copy of it, too, if you
6 were putting it on computer.

7 MR. JOE DOYLE: Yeah.

8 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Well, my
9 question, to some extent, is to what support we have
10 or could get from you, as a committee, in order to
11 take all of our comments as individuals and pull it
12 together into something that would be a consolidated
13 draft, that the whole committee could look at, and
14 then finally get it resolved and then submit it out to
15 the RAB.

16 MR. RON LEVY: But if you're saying
17 you would give me written comments freehand, I could
18 turn around and type them up, if that's what you're
19 asking?

20 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yeah, or we

21 could put then in electronic form, whatever
22 capabilities we have, and then ask you, with some
23 assets, to support the RAB, pull them together.

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1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: So, they
2 could just be put into one set of comments --

3 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Right.

4 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- that
5 could then be issued to the rest of the members of the
6 RAB for consideration.

7 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Right. That's
8 my suggestion, yes.

9 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Does
10 everybody kind of understand the process that
11 Mr. Thomassy just went through? And I guess the Army
12 has agreed to support us with that process.

13 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Sure.

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Good. And
15 -- okay, good. Any other comments, Fern, before we
16 move on?

17 MR. FERN THOMASSY: No.

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay.

19 MR. FERN THOMASSY: That's it.

20 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Regarding
21 membership, right now the committee has four members,
22 as I said earlier. I don't think there's anything
23 that limits the size of the committee. I guess I

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1 would suggest that if anyone is interested in serving
2 on the technical review committee, to -- you know,
3 they can let me know or let Joan know and we can --
4 you know, I don't know whether we need to -- to vote
5 on adding members to the technical review committee or
6 we can -- anybody feel a need to vote, or do we just
7 want to let people serve?

8 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Whoever wants
9 to, let them serve.

10 THE COURT REPORTER: What Mary, I'm
11 sorry?

12 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Just whoever
13 wants to, let them serve.

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

15 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I thought
16 she said she wanted to serve.

17 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: You definitely
18 need to clarify that.

19 THE COURT REPORTER: I got it on the
20 record.

21 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I need one
22 more piece of something to do.

23 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah, I

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1 think it was Dr. Cox who had proposed adding
2 Mr. Hopper to the technical review committee.

3 DR. BARRY COX: He had expressed an
4 interest in that.

5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah. And
6 this is a great opportunity to give him that
7 opportunity, since he's not here tonight.

8 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: He needs to be
9 on there.

10 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: We can
11 volunteer him, if we want.

12 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Add him right on
13 the list.

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: That's
15 right. Jerry, obviously, works with me. I'll mention
16 it to Jerry one more time tomorrow when I see him at
17 work, and if he has no concerns, we'll just, for the
18 purposes of this meeting, add Jerry to the review

19 committee. And if he chooses not to serve, then he
20 can -- he can explain that all to you at the next
21 meeting, very publicly.

22 Are there anymore questions or
23 concerns regarding the technical review committee,

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1 regarding either the process by which the committee
2 operates or its membership? Okay.

3 Before we move on -- and I
4 apologize, I always forget something at the very
5 beginning of the meeting -- we forgot to have the
6 audience introduce themselves. So, if we could start
7 over here and just go around the room, we'd appreciate
8 that.

9 MR. LEE JAY: I'm Lee Jay from the
10 environmental office.

11 MR. BILL GARLAND: Bill Garland from
12 the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

13 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Josh Jenkins,
14 IT Corporation.

15 MR. ELLIS POPE: Ellis Pope with the
16 Corps of Engineers, Mobile.

17 MR. ART HOLCOMB: Art Holcomb with

18 Foster Wheeler.

19 MR. DAN COPELAND: Dan Copeland,
20 Huntsville Corporate Affairs.

21 MR. JOE DOYLE: Joe Doyle,
22 Transition Force, legal office.

23 MR. BILL SHANKS: Bill Shanks,

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1 Transition Force, environmental office.

2 MS. DIANE WILKERSON:

3 Diane Wilkerson with the RAB.

4 MS. JOAN MCKINNEY: Joan McKinney
5 with the RAB.

6 MR. EARL MCKINIS (phonetic):
7 Earl McKinis, Alabama National Guard, Fort McClellan.

8 MS. KAREN PINSON: Karen Pinson,
9 transition force, environmental office.

10 MS. JOYCE WHITENER: Joyce Whitener,
11 interested citizen.

12 MS. ELLEN PARRIS: Ellen Parris,
13 just citizen.

14 MR. JOE PARRIS: Joe Parris.

15 MR. JIM WHITENER: Jim Whitener,
16 interested citizen.

17 MS. LISA HOLSTEIN: Lisa Holstein,

18 transition force, environmental office.

19 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. Good.

20 Thank you. Okay. I guess we're ready to move on to
21 section four here on the agenda. Ron, programs or --

22 DR. BARRY COX: Just one -- when we
23 were discussing about the potential TAPP funding that

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1 we talked about last time, the possible review of the
2 technical documents.

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I think
4 we're kind of where we left that -- and anyone can
5 correct me if I'm wrong, but it was really left up to
6 the RAB to identify what type of documents or -- we
7 would like to have the -- you know, make a request for
8 that TAPP funding to review whatever documents.

9 I guess, you know -- and I didn't
10 receive any feedback from anyone subsequent to that
11 meeting.

12 DR. BARRY COX: But as I understand
13 it, what we could do is -- is the model that was
14 presented to us, we could go ahead and apply for the
15 funding for -- in general, and then select the
16 documents as we went along. Isn't that correct?

17 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: That was not
18 my understanding, but perhaps Glynn or Ron could
19 clarify that for us.

20 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Well, there has to
21 be some -- some requests that are fairly specific but,
22 you know, there can be some generalization as to the
23 overall documents that's in there. And we'll look at

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1 them individually, I think, you know. I would
2 probably recommend that we put together some form of a
3 committee to look at what you see as the requirement
4 or something.

5 DR. BARRY COX: Okay.

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: How would
7 you -- do you have any thoughts, Barry, on how you
8 would like to see that committee operate?

9 DR. BARRY COX: Probably -- you
10 know, probably the first thing I would suggest is
11 possibly volunteers for the committee, if you want to.
12 If we want to do a subcommittee to select documents.

13 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I'd be
14 willing to, of course, volunteer my time to serve on
15 that committee.

16 MR. CONROY: As would I.
17 DR. BARRY COX: Be glad to.
18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Barry. Is
19 there anyone else that would be interested in
20 participating on a subcommittee to evaluate
21 opportunities for obtaining the TAPP, TAPP grants? If
22 we could just put it in the minutes that anyone who is
23 -- who wasn't able to attend the meeting that's

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1 interested -- and we'll put it as an action item to
2 bring it up one more time at the next meeting for
3 those who weren't able to attend tonight.
4 Anyone not in attendance, who's
5 interested in participating on that subcommittee, then
6 let me know, and we'll make sure they get the
7 opportunity to participate.
8 DR. BARRY COX: What about a meeting
9 of the subcommittee to have something to bring to the
10 full RAB at the next meeting?
11 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: That's the
12 logical next step is when --
13 DR. BARRY COX: Okay.
14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- and maybe

15 it's just -- when would be a good opportunity for the
16 three of us, and I guess, Glynn and Ron to --

17 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Sure --

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- get
19 together and discuss what opportunities might be
20 available.

21 MR. PETE CONROY: Craig, do you want
22 to just take the lead and E-mail it around until we
23 can find a date?

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1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Sure. Why
2 don't I do that since I don't have my calendar with
3 me, and I don't know who else does, but better yet,
4 if, Glynn, if you could --

5 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Sure --

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- E-mail
7 around to the five of us.

8 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Okay.

9 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: And see what
10 dates are available and perhaps just have a meeting
11 out here at the Fort --

12 MR. GLYNN RYAN: I'll do that.

13 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- to

14 discuss that. And then we'll try and have something
15 together by the next RAB meeting to share with the
16 rest of the members of the RAB.

17 Anything else along those lines,
18 Barry?

19 DR. BARRY COX: No.

20 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Anything
21 else anyone would like to discuss before we move on to
22 the programs?

23 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I don't

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1 want to discuss, but I wanted to bring up -- I know
2 that a lots of us know Bob Daffron, he works with the
3 National Guard --

4 MR. EARL McKINIS: Right.

5 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: -- and I
6 didn't know if they were aware, his wife passed away.

7 MR. EARL McKINIS: Yeah.

8 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: And I just
9 -- as an informational item to know that, because he's
10 been here. And her funeral is, I think, tomorrow at
11 1:00 o'clock at First Methodist Church.

12 MR. EARL McKINIS: That's right.

13 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Thank you,
14 Mayor, as always. Always sad to hear those types of
15 things. Ron, I guess we'll turn it over to you now.
16 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. If you'll just
17 give me a moment. What you're looking at up on the
18 screen there is the -- my intent here is to first show
19 you the RAB website that was discussed at the last
20 meeting. What you're looking at there is the
21 transition force's website. That has information on
22 here, too. It also has a link to the
23 Environmental Office, which has various pieces of

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1 information. Public documents are out there. This is
2 site-specific ones that you might be interested in
3 pulling up.
4 You'll see that they're in PDF, and
5 in some cases the maps are jpeg. So, if you're
6 interested, you can just go right to the site and pull
7 up the maps. And as we get them -- I've got to tell
8 you -- they're not all on here, because some of them
9 were very big, but it's the same ones that are in the
10 repositories. We get them in the final form, we try
11 to put them in the website, as well as -- they are in

12 the repository. Not all the documents that are in the
13 repository are in the -- are on the website.

14 And then post-wide documents, like
15 the environmental baseline survey, you hear a lot
16 about the environmental impact, the EIS is there.
17 Those are resources for you. There is newsletters and
18 fact sheets, and then there is some photographs that
19 you can get out there, as well.

20 But we had talked about a RAB
21 website. And if you'll just give me a moment -- I
22 can't get it in there -- the fact is, if you look --
23 one of your hand-outs is a cover page of the RAB

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1 website. I want to show you this, as well.

2 (Whereupon, there was a discussion off the record.)

3 MR. RON LEVY: Here is our website
4 we've been talking about. This system is connected
5 right to the internet, so you can pull it up. It
6 tells when the next meeting is at, in this case, the
7 11th of February.

8 And then you can go from here into a
9 discussion of what the RAB is. RAB members, here you
10 all are. If you click on -- if you click on Dr. Cox's

11 --

12 DR. BARRY COX: You're fired.

13 MR. RON LEVY: He's gone. He's
14 gone. Oh, I don't have Outlook set up on this one
15 here, so I can't -- if you got your own E-mail system
16 setup with your computer, it ought to automatically
17 open up your E-mail some and put that web address in
18 there.

19 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Is there any
20 reason why the, "MS," is capitalized in front of my
21 name?

22 MR. RON LEVY: You're special,
23 Donna.

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1 MS. DONNA FATHKE: MS. Fathke.

2 MR. RON LEVY: I think it's a
3 mistake. We're still playing with this.

4 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Mine doesn't
5 have -- (inaudible).

6 MR. RON LEVY: It was not meant as a
7 insult, let me just put it that way.

8 Let's go back. Public documents,
9 again, this refers back to the site that I was just
10 talking to you about, you know. And then there's this

11 one here, those are the documents I was just showing
12 you on our website.

13 And then here you start to see all
14 the minutes for the RAB. Those are the ones that we
15 sent out to you electronically, as well as the ones
16 that are -- these aren't the transcripts, these are
17 the actual minutes, now.

18 So, there is one last thing.
19 Suggestions, any and all? E-mail, improvements, we'll
20 take any and all.

21 One other thing we're putting on
22 there is some of the pictures that have occurred, RAB
23 visits from some of the site visits, other clean-up

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1 things, so it's an ongoing improvement process.

2 Anybody got any questions about that?

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: For this
4 comment section, Ron, who gets access to those
5 comments, or are they automatically posted on the
6 webpage for everybody to see?

7 MR. RON LEVY: They'll be sent to
8 our -- our network administrator will send them to me.
9 And so in the comments that are intended here are for

10 improvements to the actual site, as opposed to the
11 RAB.

12 But we'll take all comments. If any
13 comments come in that impact on the RAB, themselves,
14 I'll present them to the RAB at one of the meetings.
15 We'll send them out as necessary.

16 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Ron, can you
17 search the minutes? Are they set up so that if you
18 want to find out if you talked about bees and trees,
19 can you do a search on them and pull it up?

20 MR. RON LEVY: No, we ain't got
21 there, yet.

22 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Okay. Just
23 curious.

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1 MS. DONNA FATHKE: They're not on
2 Acrobat Reader, they're --

3 MR. RON LEVY: The minutes,
4 themselves?

5 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Yeah, if they're
6 on Acrobat, they're searchable.

7 MS. DIANE WILKERSON: They're on
8 Acrobat.

9 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Yeah, it looks
10 like they are.
11 MR. RON LEVY: I'm sorry, they don't
12 have the minutes --
13 MS. DIANE WILKERSON: They're not on
14 there, yet, because they haven't been approved. I'm
15 sorry.
16 MR. RON LEVY: They're coming up in
17 Acrobat Reader. So, yes, once you get in there, you
18 can do the search --
19 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: You'd have to
20 go to each month.
21 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. Anyways, have
22 I confused everybody enough? If you get a chance, go
23 out and look at it.

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1 MR. PETE CONROY: Who did the work?
2 MR. RON LEVY: Jerry Couch, who is
3 our network administrator, put it together. There was
4 some help from Joan and Diane and Karen, so they
5 provided the information, he designed the site.
6 Okay. Back to you.
7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Reports,
8 turn it over to ADEM.

9 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Okay. I'm not
10 going to have the list for you today. I will have it
11 next time. I wasn't where I could get them this time.
12 But I will say that we are slowing down quite a bit.
13 We're into a lot of big issues, and it just takes a
14 lot more time, such as unexploded ordnance,
15 underground storage tanks.

16 And I was just looking at the list
17 right below this, where two through six, you can look
18 at those items -- and I was going to actually list
19 those and here they are. But one of the things I'm --
20 we have just turned over the first CERFA parcel and
21 about to turn over the parks and recreation FOST.

22 It's looking good. There is just a
23 couple of little items left in that. And it will be

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1 in your hands, hopefully in the Army's hands, by next
2 week.

3 This is a great milestone, I think.
4 And that's all I really have to offer on that.

5 I talked with Doyle Brittain today.
6 He said that -- hidey to all of y'all, and that he
7 still has the money problems for getting here,

8 apparently. So, a very real issue with him.

9 I wish he was here. But he didn't

10 have a lot to offer, except for he's, you know,

11 working on these same things I am. And so, I'm

12 speaking for him.

13 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: What

14 happens if the JPA does not take over the storage --

15 does not accept the transfer of the storage tanks?

16 MR. PHILIP STROUD: What happens if

17 they don't?

18 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: (Nodding.)

19 MR. RON LEVY: What happens if they

20 don't? Then obviously the Army would have to retain

21 them somehow. I'm not sure what that means overall.

22 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Sure. I mean, if

23 they wouldn't accept them for what reason?

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1 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I don't

2 know. That was brought up at their last meeting, one

3 of their members said, why would we want to take on

4 that liability and why would we want to accept them?

5 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Storage tanks.

6 Which storage tanks?

7 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Underground.

8 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH:
9 Underground.
10 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Or any of the
11 underground storage. Good question.
12 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: How many
13 are there? They had the number.
14 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Thirty-four.
15 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Yeah.
16 MR. RON LEVY: Some have already
17 been transferred, with buildings.
18 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Two.
19 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I just --
20 I was curious to know what would happen. Would the
21 Army then be responsible for them for hereafter, until
22 a correcting or they were removed or --
23 MR. RON LEVY: My guess, the Army

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1 would continue to work with the JPA to get them
2 transferred or to come to some other solution. Don't
3 know what that would be, but we would work with the
4 JPA to get them transferred. We will continue to work
5 with the JPA to get them transferred.

6 MR. GLYNN RYAN: It's important to

7 know this, the underground storage tanks meet
8 environmental requirements or we wouldn't be
9 transferring them.

10 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yeah, that's --

11 MR. GLYNN RYAN: I guess that's --

12 MR. FERN THOMASSY: -- that's what I
13 was going to ask, because over the last couple of
14 decades, a lot of them were dug up --

15 MR. RON LEVY: In fact all of
16 them -- not dug up, where --

17 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Where they
18 needed to be, new ones put in, new devices put in so
19 that they met current rules and regulations.

20 Would they come with a stipulation
21 then, telling who they were transferred to, they meet
22 these requirements?

23 MR. RON LEVY: We had a program to

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1 meet RCRA Subtitle I requirements which said -- and
2 this was a law across the country -- which said, all
3 tanks had to meet certain requirements under the law,
4 that talked about monitoring requirements and
5 containment requirements.

6 So, virtually, all of our tanks -- I

7 think there is only one up there that -- we still
8 upgraded that one, but it was a different type of
9 upgrade -- are now double walled, fiberglass, with
10 interstitial monitoring, which is the requirements
11 associated with the law.

12 They have been temporarily closed.
13 ADEM is aware of this. ADEM, in fact, inspected those
14 tanks for temporary closure. And that's where we sit
15 with them.

16 MR. GLYNN RYAN: They are registered
17 with ADEM, also.

18 MR. PHILIP STROUD: I want to add to
19 this, that I have put a lot of this underground
20 storage tank business with the underground storage
21 tank program that's going on within ADEM, itself, just
22 to make sure there's no more glitches in the U. S. T.
23 Program right now. It's what they do.

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1 MR. GLYNN RYAN: We don't know that
2 there is a glitch.

3 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Right, we don't
4 know that, but what I'm trying to do is trying to find
5 out if there is anything left. This is something they

6 do, they're good at it --

7 MR. PETE CONROY: Is Sonya?

8 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Yes, Sonya.

9 And Lynn Battle, by the way, if you want to know her
10 name, is the one who I'm dealing directly with up
11 there now.

12 MR. RON LEVY: But we want to be on
13 record, it's our position those tanks are in full
14 compliance with the law. In fact, they have been
15 inspected by ADEM as such. And we have no notices of
16 violations on any of our tanks or requirements that we
17 know of to remove those tanks.

18 So, they meet the law requirements,
19 although they're temporarily closed. And that may be
20 different than what the JPA's got, but that's what our
21 requirement is. And we don't know of any reason to
22 dig those tanks up.

23 MR. PETE CONROY: What are they

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1 storing? What's the range of things that they're
2 storing?

3 MR. RON LEVY: Generally fuel oil
4 for boiler systems associated with the buildings.

5 You know, a number two fuel oil. Bill.

6 MR. BILL SHANKS: Number two.

7 MR. LEE JAY: But they're empty,
8 they're all empty right now. They're temporarily
9 closed.

10 MR. RON LEVY: There is a
11 difference in the definition for what temporary closed
12 and closed is. Because if it was closed, there would
13 -- there are certain law requirements associated with
14 closure of a tank.

15 It's either removal or close in
16 place. That means filling the tank up -- there's
17 certain things that the law allows you to do for the
18 full closure.

19 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Well, nothing
20 will be transferred unless it gets 100 percent
21 approval from us. So -- and that's what I'm making
22 sure of. And there are a lot of tanks, and each and
23 every one of them is going to have the same -- same

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1 level of effort on it.

2 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Which is not
3 unique. I mean, any time you transfer ownership of
4 underground storage tanks, it has to be approved by

5 the state.

6 MR. PETE CONROY: But like --

7 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Do you want me
8 to speak for the JPA standpoint on the tanks, since
9 we're the one that kind of started this fault? Our
10 concern is that, as the developers of this property,
11 when we have a client who comes out, and we're trying
12 to sell them a building, if there is an underground
13 storage tank there, the bank has real heartburn,
14 serious concern about financing a piece of property
15 when there's an underground storage tank in place.

16 And we -- our board has instructed
17 me to take a look at the underground storage tank
18 reports that the Army has provided us. We are hiring
19 a third-party engineer to do a review of the
20 underground storage tanks, and to make a
21 recommendation to us if the tanks are needed for the
22 use and the function of the building or if these are
23 tanks that, for whatever reason, are not needed

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1 anymore or have a liability.

2 Most of the underground storage tank
3 reports, testing was done -- it's right at two years

4 old now -- was done, I think, February of 2001 -- 2000
5 were the closure reports, if I remember the date
6 right.

7 And so, there's just some concern on
8 the part of our board that a lot of time has gone by,
9 and they want to make sure that the community realizes
10 that we're accepting these tanks, and that we're okay
11 in doing so. So, that's all we're doing, is taking a
12 second look to make sure that these are tanks that we
13 need for the use of the building.

14 MR. PETE CONROY: Nobody can be too
15 careful.

16 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: When it comes
17 to underground storage tanks, nobody can be too
18 careful, and I trust the Army will understand that.

19 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Sure.

20 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: The Army is
21 looking at it from the standpoint of they have met
22 ADEM requirements. The community has to look at it
23 from a different standpoint. Can we develop this

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1 property? Is it a liability in the development world,
2 whether it's banking or insurance -- our insurance

3 people are going crazy about thirty-five underground
4 storage tanks, let me assure you. It's a different
5 animal to them. So, that's what we're doing.

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mayor, did
7 you have your question answered more or less?

8 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Yeah.

9 MR. RON LEVY: Got more information
10 than you wanted.

11 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I just
12 asked a simple question.

13 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Does anyone
14 have any other questions on the underground storage
15 tanks?

16 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: You want me to
17 keep going?

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: On to the
19 JPA, might as well keep going.

20 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Okay. We've
21 had a lot going on at the JPA. As many of you know, I
22 was gone for six weeks, and I came back, and there's
23 renovation of the buildings along Baltzell Gate that

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1 you should be seeing now.

2 We've had three houses along Avery

3 have sold. Four or five houses on Baltzell Gate -- on
4 the Buckner Circle have sold now. And we're just --
5 we're having interests daily in the properties.

6 The apartments over off
7 Baker Gate Road are being renovated and they hope to
8 have those open, I think, in about another six weeks.
9 And so that's moving along nicely. And if you haven't
10 driven through those areas, please, do, you'll be
11 really surprised.

12 Hunjan is here and is now doing
13 renovation work and working on their building, the
14 three fifty building, big industrial company. And
15 they're -- AIDT was here last week, and they'll be
16 working with them on putting a hiring program into
17 place.

18 So, we're real excited about that.
19 We're looking at thirty-five to forty jobs right off
20 the bat, and as many as two hundred in the close of
21 the second year.

22 We have a commercial study that's
23 underway. Some of you may have -- I don't think

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1 anyone in here -- we had our commercial people on the

2 ground interviewing people about commercial
3 development, retail problems, issues, throughout the
4 community, trying to get a handle on where we go. And
5 you can't just put another six McDonald's at McClellan
6 or another Wal-Mart. You've got to find a commercial
7 business that brings people here.

8 In the planning field they called it
9 destination commercial. You've got to find something
10 that makes people need to come here, that they can't
11 get out on I-20. So, we're looking at that and having
12 that study done now.

13 Mayor, you stole my -- the ending of
14 my report, which was the third-party refusing the ESP.
15 We are having that done, and we're also having the
16 engineering firm take a look at the landfills for us,
17 as well.

18 As you know, the landfills are a
19 real concern for the community, not just the JPA, when
20 it comes to development and assuring someone that may
21 buy a piece of property next to the landfill that
22 everything's okay. But for the long term, for the
23 Mayor and the city council, realizing that at some

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1 point down the road, they are faced with the landfills

2 being in the community, annexed into the city, but
3 who's going to maintain them, and who's going to keep
4 them up for years to come. So, we are taking another
5 look at the landfills, and we'll be reviewing that.

6 And that's about it. Any questions?

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: No. Good.

8 Thanks, Miki.

9 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Thank you.

10 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. Next
11 on the agenda is the action summary sheet.

12 MR. RON LEVY: That's back to me.

13 Let me do a review of what's on the action summary
14 sheet with y'all. The first item on the action
15 summary sheet was the status of landfill number three,
16 off-site ground water monitoring.

17 Two points in there, a well sampling
18 update. We did present data at the September RAB
19 meeting -- and -- from the wells. And we are also
20 going back, at this point, and sampling existing wells
21 to include, as I told Mayor Kimbrough, the
22 City of Weaver's two wells. And it's going on this
23 month.

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1 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: We've been
2 contacted.

3 MR. RON LEVY: Okay. We hadn't
4 gotten out there, yet, but we're still working it.
5 Several of the wells have already been sampled. As
6 soon as we have the data, we'll attempt to present
7 that back to you, as well.

8 Some of you know that we have additional
9 wells that we're going to be installing, approximately
10 ten, some in the medium of Highway 21 and then on
11 private property, Mr. Brown's property. Lee, would
12 you put that map up?

13 We have gotten access to Mr. Brown's
14 property. We're still waiting approval on ALDOT for
15 the -- for a permit to put it in the right-of-way.
16 The map Lee is putting up is the location of those
17 wells.

18 Expect in the future to be able to
19 give you a more detailed discussion about them. But
20 you can see -- well, you may not be able to see. But
21 they're --

22 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: You can pass it
23 around.

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1 MR. LEE JAY: We've got some hands
2 outs.

3 MR. RON LEVY: It probably would be
4 better to hand them out. I tell you what, can I see a
5 show of hands of people who would like to see a map of
6 the locations of those wells so we can hand them out?

7 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Is it the
8 same as was proposed?

9 MR. RON LEVY: Same as what we sent
10 to you, as well. We'll hand those out. Without me
11 going into a whole lot of detail about them, you can
12 ask questions after you see the map.

13 Let me move further into what was in
14 the action summary sheet. Ordnance explosives EECA
15 investigation.

16 The Alpha area, field work is
17 complete. We've told you that before. We are in the
18 process of revising that, incorporating some of the
19 sites where we've got -- that we've got some OE
20 information from the CWM EECA, and we're going to put
21 that in.

22 We're still on track with that. So,
23 there should be a draft out for regulatory review

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1 coming up.

2 And the Bravo area, the field work
3 is still ongoing, should be completed in February.
4 We're projecting a draft out some time in August, to
5 start going through regulatory review and then
6 timelines after that, will eventually get it into --
7 all these documents will eventually get into public
8 review.

9 The work plan for the Charlie EECA
10 is still undergoing review by both EPA and The State.
11 We hopefully will be able to get through this, because
12 we're planning on being in the field at the end of
13 January. In the field work for that -- for the
14 Charlie area EECA.

15 And I'll point it out again. The
16 green area is the Charlie area EECA, the blue being
17 the Bravo, and the red or magenta color, is the Alpha
18 area EECA.

19 We published the Army's decision on
20 November 1st regarding the finding for the EECA and
21 the M-101 parcel. And then on the 19th, we had public
22 meeting for that EECA.

23 The RAB also had input to that. We

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1 have incorporated numerous comments from the RAB and
2 changes to the document from the technical review
3 committee.

4 We did provide responses to those
5 comments to the TRC members. I think you've
6 acknowledged that you received those comments.

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Did I
8 receive those comments? I don't recall receiving
9 them, quite honestly.

10 MR. FERN THOMASSY: I did.

11 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Did you?

12 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yeah.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Did you get your
14 comments?

15 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yeah.

16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Was it sent
17 to me or was it --

18 MR. RON LEVY: The letter was dated
19 -- well, actually, you may have not --

20 MR. FERN THOMASSY:
21 10th of January was when it was sent out.

22 THE COURT REPORTER: What? I'm
23 sorry.

1 MR. FERN THOMASSY: January 10th was
2 when it was sent out.

3 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

4 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: It may just
5 not have worked through our mail system, yet.

6 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. Barry, you've
7 not seen them, yet?

8 DR. BARRY COX: No. Same thing, it
9 takes it a day to get through our system.

10 MR. RON LEVY: Okay. They're on
11 their way.

12 We're also in the process of working
13 the explosive safety submission. For most of you,
14 that's a document requirement on the part of The
15 Department of Defense Explosive Safety --

16 MR. JOE DOYLE: Board.

17 MR. RON LEVY: Board. Thank you.
18 That ensures that how we operate in the field is in a
19 safe manner that we're conducting the investigation so
20 that nobody is unduly exposed. So, they got to
21 approve how we're going to operate. And that's what
22 we're working on right now.

23 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Ron, excuse me.

1 Can you tell us -- in not a lot of detail -- but what
2 the technical review committee's comments were? Was
3 there anything that was --

4 MR. RON LEVY: I don't know that I
5 can summarize the comments, I mean, in any one point.
6 But --

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: We did pass
8 out copies at the November RAB meeting --

9 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Okay. I'll get
10 those from my boss.

11 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- so, maybe
12 you'll be able to get a copy from --

13 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Okay, that's
14 fine.

15 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Unless you
16 want to read through them.

17 MR. RON LEVY: Miki, if you get with
18 me later, I can also get you a copy of them, too.

19 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Dan was here
20 for me, and I can get them from him.

21 MR. RON LEVY: Okay. Well, that
22 covers briefly our OE EECA investigations, which are
23 potentially ongoing.

1 As we've repeated in the past for
2 the chemical warfare material EECA investigation we
3 have completed, we did not find any items. However,
4 we're still winding through the process. It's
5 presently being reviewed by EPA, ADEM, and also
6 Department of Defense.

7 We anticipate that the report will
8 be opened up for public comment in February. And
9 hopefully a press release will be forthcoming, as
10 well. And then maybe a completion of the final EECA
11 in March. We can sign an action memorandum in spring
12 of '02.

13 Miki mentioned landfills. The
14 landfill EECA investigation, we have prepared an EECA
15 addressing alternatives. That EECA has been reviewed
16 by ADEM and EPA. And they provided comments. We're
17 addressing those comments now.

18 Also, the JPA has a copy of that.
19 And as Miki alluded to, is being reviewed by CDG,
20 their contractor.

21 But we're expecting that that
22 document will be available for public comment in
23 March.

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1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Hey, Ron,
2 will the RAB get a presentation made to us on those
3 two EECAs?

4 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, yes, they will.
5 All EECAs, we intend to provide presentations to the
6 RAB.

7 Eastern bypass, that went through an
8 elaborate process. All the approvals were completed
9 through the explosive safety submission. As most of
10 you know, we're in the field on the eastern bypass.
11 We started -- we started the 1st of December. It's a
12 sixteen-week process, in terms of being in the field
13 on the eastern bypass. So, we are moving along.

14 I understand we're on track with the
15 removals that are going on out there. No glitches, as
16 I'm aware of.

17 FOSTs, we reported to you both --
18 there was two FOSTs that are out there, parks and
19 recreation and the first CERFA parcel. Both of those
20 are at TRADOC, awaiting signature. We expect those to
21 be signed within the next couple of weeks.

22 So, that's good news. A lot of
23 acreage associated with that.

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1 I want to point out this map over my
2 left shoulder here. If you'll look at the orange
3 color on that map -- now, let me just start from the
4 beginning. If you look at the green color, that's
5 property that's already been transferred, is in the
6 hands of the JPA or whoever the JPA has subsequently
7 transferred to. There is pieces in there that belong
8 to Health and Human Services and the
9 Department of Justice. But all that green is
10 transferred outside of Army control.

11 Further up, you'll see the
12 Alabama National Guard's site that's Army retained,
13 it's in the purple color, or it's purple or violet or
14 whatever you want to call it.

15 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Lavender.

16 MR. RON LEVY: Huh?

17 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Lavender.

18 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Yes.

19 MR. GLYNN RYAN: I'm no help.

20 MR. RON LEVY: And then the yellow
21 color that you see on there, is property that's
22 already been determined to be suitable for transfer.

23 And then moving down, property

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1 that's the two FOSTs that I was telling you about, the
2 first CERFA parcel and the Anniston Parks and
3 Recreation, which is essentially the golf course and a
4 lot of the recreational facilities, that's in --
5 that's in -- what do you want to call that, Mary?

6 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Pink. That's
7 pink.

8 MR. RON LEVY: Pink. Okay. And
9 then the orange color or burnt color --

10 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Mustard.

11 MR. RON LEVY: Mustard, okay. Is
12 the first CERFA FOST. So, all that property is either
13 transferred or pending approval for transfer and then
14 transfer.

15 As you can see, it's quite a bit.
16 And that's good news.

17 Moving on, just to point out, in
18 terms of number of people that are working on-site on
19 the cleanup, got five government employees from the
20 Corps of Engineers, seventy to eighty contractors, as
21 of the 8th of January, supporting the OE removal out
22 here. There's about forty contractors that are doing
23 the -- the HTRW, that's the -- the other side of the

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1 contaminant side of the house. Since we completed the
2 chemical warfare materials, there is none, at this
3 time.

4 I want to point out again, safety is
5 a -- is a major issue out here. There is gates,
6 barriers and signs. And, you know, we're still
7 experiencing people crossing over, and it's dangerous.
8 We're hoping to persuade people not to do that,
9 especially while we're undergoing investigation and
10 cleanup.

11 With that, I do want to -- I do have
12 a couple of comments that I want to make outside of
13 that. The Mayor mentioned Mr. Daffron's wife had
14 passed away.

15 We also understand that Dr. Cox was
16 named as the faculty member of the year for JSU, and
17 we want to congratulate him for that.

18 You also have hard copies of updated
19 RAB rosters in front of you. Have you all got those?
20 You seen those? Any additional changes, we'll take.

21 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Just real
22 quick. I just want to point out that my phone number
23 is not right on there. It says 231-8409, it should be

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1 8404.

2 MR. RON LEVY: One other thing we
3 need to do, Craig, is we also need to up -- we need
4 additional dates for this coming year's meetings. And
5 I might leave that to Diane to see whether or not we
6 can identify those dates.

7 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: Will they
8 continue to be the third Monday?

9 MR. RON LEVY: Yes.

10 MS. JOAN McKINNEY: Okay.

11 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I have a minor
12 correction on my work E-mail address, COH should be
13 changed to ADSS. The old one will still work, they've
14 just updated the agency name.

15 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Say that
16 again, Donna.

17 MS. DONNA FATHKE: In my work E-mail
18 address, the COA should be changed to ADSS.

19 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: AD what --

20 MS. DONNA FATHKE: ADSS.

21 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: SS.

22 MR. RON LEVY: Let me recommend, we
23 can put dates down on a piece of paper and submit them

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1 to the RAB at the next meeting and --

2 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yes. Anyone
3 have any problems with that? We just save the third
4 Monday of each month, generally, unless it falls on a
5 holiday? And take a look at it at the next meeting.
6 If we have any changes we want to make, we can make
7 them then.

8 MR. RON LEVY: Here is your chance,
9 Donna, to 'fess up about times and dates.

10 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Okay. I bring it
11 up again, although nobody seemed to really be excited
12 about it last time. But for me, it would be much more
13 convenient to hold -- to start this meeting at 5:30
14 instead of 6:30. And I don't know if people have
15 changed their mind on that or not. Any feedback?

16 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: We have to go
17 with the majority. I just can't do it.

18 MS. DONNA FATHKE: You can't do
19 5:30?

20 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I can't do it.
21 Y'all see I'll be coming in here on wheels at 6:30.

22 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I think we

23 have to get -- not that anyone get any preferential

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1 treatment, of course, but Dr. Harrington, being the
2 co-chair or the alternate co-chair -- I don't know
3 what that title is -- but certainly would have to
4 chair some of the meetings, and next year will have to
5 --

6 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: Well, I'll do
7 -- I'll do what the majority wants. It's just that
8 I'll be tardier.

9 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: What about
10 anyone else, does anyone -- is there anyone that has
11 very strong feelings about 5:30 or 6:30 or 6:00
12 o'clock? 6:00 o'clock is a --

13 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Compromise.

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: --
15 compromise? I mean, is anyone opposed to 6:00
16 o'clock?

17 MR. PETE CONROY: Sounds good.

18 MR. HOOD: I won't be able to make
19 it at 6:00. 6:30 is the best I can do, and I'm late
20 usually on that.

21 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Well, that

22 gives us two people that just can't make 6:00 o'clock.

23 MR. HOOD: On a Monday, it's

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1 impossible for me.

2 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Well, I
3 think it's important that we set the time -- if anyone
4 disagrees, please, speak up -- but we set the time so
5 that -- I think it's important that all members of the
6 RAB be able to have the opportunity to attend the
7 meetings, the complete meeting, and not put people in
8 a difficult position of having to be late every time.

9 So, I guess, given that there is
10 members -- and we don't know about those who aren't in
11 attendance, that we continue meeting at 6:30. But if
12 anyone is strongly opposed to that and has very strong
13 feelings about 5:30 or 6:00 o'clock, or disagrees with
14 that logic that I just presented, then, please, it's
15 an open table. Well, keep trying, Donna.

16 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I understand.

17 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. So,
18 at the next meeting, we'll have a -- have a draft
19 meeting scheduled for the remainder of the year, and
20 we'll be able to take a look at that and go from

21 there.

22 The next RAB meeting is scheduled
23 for -- February 11th, which is a bit different, that's

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1 the second Monday, right?

2 MS. DIANE WILKERSON: Uh-huh.

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Just so
4 everybody's aware of the fact that it's the second
5 Monday due to the holiday.

6 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: May I ask
7 a question of Ron? Ron, on these wells, you know, the
8 federal government is requiring us to do a well head
9 protection study with the engineering firm. Would any
10 -- would those wells be available, if they wanted to
11 use information or even drop dye in there to see if --
12 you know, that's one thing, they have to trace the
13 water sources and then do all of that. Would those be
14 available for our engineer?

15 MR. RON LEVY: Josh, is there any --

16 MR. JOSH JENKINS: (Inaudible) could
17 be any impact --

18 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I'm not
19 sure whether it would in -- there's a certain radius
20 that they have to do that, and I'm not even sure --

21 unless on Blarney, that one that they drilled.

22 MR. JOSH JENKINS: I know that the
23 City of Anniston, they're having the USGS doing some

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1 work, they're not using dye --

2 THE COURT REPORTER: They're not
3 using dye?

4 MR. JOSH JENKINS: I'm sorry.

5 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, I
6 just --

7 MR. JOSH JENKINS: I don't believe
8 they're using dye. I can't speak factually about it
9 --

10 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I can't,
11 either, but my understanding was that they were
12 supposed to --

13 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Might be an
14 option for you all.

15 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: -- they
16 were supposed to trace the water sources and see where
17 it was coming from and then see remediation action or
18 protection action. Maybe Philip knows.

19 MR. RON LEVY: The answer is: We

20 will be glad to support you on any requests for data
21 and whatnot.

22 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Just have
23 them contact your office?

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1 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah.

2 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Does anybody
3 on the RAB have any other questions or topics they'd
4 like to put on the table? With that, we'll --

5 MR. RON LEVY: Audience. I'm sorry.

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah. Any
7 comments or questions from the audience? No. Okay,
8 good. 7:28, I'll wait for two minutes so we get out
9 of here exactly at 7:30. Do I hear a motion to
10 adjourn for the evening.

11 MS. DONNA FATHKE: So moved.

12 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Second?

13 MR. PETE CONROY: Second.

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Any opposed?

15 That's it, we're done, thank you.

16 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.)

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