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1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Everybody
2 take their seats, please, and we'll go ahead and get
3 started. Start off with taking the roll. I'm here,
4 Mr. Ryan --
5 MR. GLYNN RYAN: I'm here.
6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- is here.
7 Mr. Beckett?
8 MR. BECKETT: Here.
9 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Buford?
10 MR. JAMES BUFORD: Here.
11 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:
12 Mr. Clendenin?
13 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Here.
14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Conroy?
15 Dr. Cox?
16 DR. BARRY COX: Here.
17 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:
18 Mr. Cunningham? Mr. Elser?
19 MR. ELSER: Here.
20 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Ms. Fathke
21 is excused. Mr. Franklin?
22 MR. CURTIS FRANKLIN: Here.
23 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Freeman?

1 Dr. Harrington?

2 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I'm here.

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Hood?

4 MR. RON HOOD: I'm here.

5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Mr. Hopper?

6 Mayor Kimbrough?

7 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Here.

8 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:

9 Mr. Stratton? Mr. Thomassy? Mr. Levy?

10 MR. RON LEVY: Here.

11 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:

12 Mr. Brittain?

13 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Here.

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: And

15 Mr. Stroud?

16 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Here.

17 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: We will, if

18 we could go around the room, and I guess we'll end out

19 back over there, which is where I want to end. But if

20 we could start over here and just kind of go around

21 the room and have the audience just introduce

22 themselves and let us know your affiliation, please.

23 MS. KAREN PINSON: Karen Pinson with

1 the Transition Force, Environmental Office.
2 MR. JOE DOYLE: Joe Doyle
3 Transition Force, Legal.
4 MS. ELIZABETH BLUEMINKS: Elizabeth
5 Blueminks, the paper.
6 MR. DAN COPELAND: Dan Copeland,
7 Corp of Engineers, Huntsville.
8 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Which one?
9 MS. ELIZABETH BLUEMINKS:
10 The Anniston Star.
11 MS. JEANIE YACoub: Jeanie Yacoub,
12 Shaw Environmental.
13 MS. LISA HOLSTEIN: Lisa Holstein,
14 Transition Force, Environmental.
15 MR. STEVE NEAL: Steve Neal,
16 Foster Wheeler Environmental.
17 MR. ELLIS POPE: Ellis Pope,
18 Corp of Engineers, Mobile.
19 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Josh Jenkins,
20 Shaw Environmental.
21 MR. LEE JAYE: Lee Jaye,
22 Transition Force.
23 MR. BILL SHANKS: Bill Shanks,

1 Transition Force, Environmental Office.

2 MR. DWIGHT MITCHELL:

3 Dwight Mitchell, City of Weaver.

4 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: Jim Grassiano,

5 ADEM.

6 MR. BOB DAFFRON: National Guard,

7 Fort McClellan Training Center.

8 MS. PAULINE PETUCK: Pauline Petuck,

9 Transition Force, contracting officer.

10 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM:

11 Brenda Cunningham, Transition Force,

12 Environmental Office.

13 MR. RON GRANT: And I'm Ron Grant, I

14 presume I'm your newest employee.

15 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yes, you

16 are. And we're glad to have you here, Mr. Grant. For

17 those of you -- I think everybody got the notice --

18 Mr. Grant was awarded the TAPP contract, I guess it

19 was a couple of weeks ago, Ron. And we will be, I

20 guess, having some discussions about how we want to

21 get him started here.

22 MR. RON LEVY: If I could -- his

23 contract was effective the 15th of May. Ron is under

1 contract, in accordance with the scope of work that we
2 presented to the RAB at the last meeting. And there
3 is something that y'all should be aware of: In order
4 to ensure Ron was able to invoice against the
5 contract, his billing rate is fifty dollars an hour.

6 Now, that portrays that the amount
7 of work Ron gets is somewhat limited, so, we do need
8 to be careful about over-extending him against those
9 dollars. He has been looking at the scope of work and
10 believes that he can accomplish those reviews in
11 accordance with what the contract specifies within the
12 total twenty-five thousand dollars that the TAPP is
13 authorized.

14 However, if you ask him to do things
15 that are really quite a bit beyond that, then we'll
16 run out of money fairly quickly. So, I just want you
17 to understand that it's not an unlimited pot, that
18 there is constraints in terms of what we can get him
19 to do.

20 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I guess the
21 way the math adds up is at fifty dollars an hour, we
22 have five hundred hours of Mr. Grant's time; is that
23 right?

1 MR. RON LEVY: Right, if you
2 consider that --

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I don't have
4 a calculator handy, but I think that's what it comes
5 out to. So --

6 MR. RON LEVY: We have -- Ron, with
7 a -- what our projected documents are coming out in
8 the future, it's a lot of what we've been telling the
9 RAB, in terms of the EE/CAs and whatnot, so -- and
10 again, we've given him projected dates pending, you
11 know, how we get through the reuse at the BCT level
12 before we can release them to the public may affect
13 those dates on release.

14 So, Ron is required to attend all of
15 the RAB meetings. And there is some requirements for
16 attendance at TRC meetings or other public meetings as
17 necessary. So --

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. I
19 guess we'll talk a little more about this when we get
20 to the TAPP contract grant, Ron? Or maybe we've
21 already covered it all.

22 Has everyone had a chance to look at
23 the minutes for the April meeting? And were there any

1 questions or comments on those minutes? I'm not
2 hearing any questions or comments. Does anyone like
3 to present a motion to approve the minutes for the
4 month of April?

5 MR. JAMES BUFORD: So moved.

6 MR. JERRY ELSER: Second.

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: All in
8 favor? Any opposed? Okay. We'll approve the minutes
9 for the month of April.

10 Moving on to old business. And I
11 guess I should turn this over to you, Ron.

12 MR. RON LEVY: No, it's really yours
13 --

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Oh, is it
15 mine?

16 MR. RON LEVY: -- but I can talk to
17 some of the ones --

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Oh, okay.
19 Well, let's talk about the TAPP contract. I think --
20 and I'm not quite sure how this will work --
21 technically speaking, Ron, about how we approve
22 certain work items for Mr. Grant. But clearly there
23 is a sense at the last RAB meeting that we did want

1 Mr. Grant to take a look at the EE/CA report for the
2 landfills, and to the extent he had any comments, to
3 provide comments on behalf of the RAB.

4 Is that still the sense? I mean, is
5 that still everybody's feeling, at least as the first
6 work item to have Mr. Grant get working on for us?

7 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I would think
8 so, since that was basically what the discussion was
9 about.

10 MR. RON LEVY: Let me point out that
11 Ron is in receipt of a couple of documents. He's in
12 receipt of the human health and EE/CA screen values,
13 which is one of the background documents, the work
14 plan, and the landfill EE/CA. All of those documents
15 are working themselves to go through. But they're
16 necessary for him to do a review of the actual
17 landfill EE/CA.

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. I
19 guess, Ron, maybe you could tell us real quickly
20 what's the -- is there a process we have to go through
21 to assign work to Mr. Grant or how is this whole thing
22 going to work out?

23 MR. RON LEVY: We don't have a

1 process, really, other than the RAB showing the desire
2 for review.

3 MR. JOE DOYLE: Why don't we let the
4 contracting officer, Ms. Petuck, speak to that issue.

5 MS. PAULINE PETUCK: I'll speak to
6 that. Mr. Ron Levy is going to be appointed as a
7 contracting officer's representative. So, all of the
8 work should go through him. And then he will give it
9 to Mr. Grant or someone that he delegates. But I will
10 put it in writing to Mr. Grant, that he will be the
11 contracting officer's representative and all the work
12 will come through him. Any questions that Mr. Grant
13 may have, he will address them to Mr. Levy. And
14 anything past that will come to me as the contracting
15 officer to change or modify the contract in any way.

16 MR. RON LEVY: That only relates in
17 terms of the work, the actual work you got. You know,
18 questions and other things that come up during the RAB
19 meeting can be addressed directly to Ron about the
20 document.

21 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Is there
22 going to be something, Ron, that allows us to keep
23 track of Mr. Grant's hours --

1 MS. PAULINE PETUCK: That will be --

2 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- on a
3 periodic basis so we know --

4 MS. PAULINE PETUCK: That will be
5 Ron's responsibility.

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. Is
7 that something we can get like a -- just a monthly
8 update on at the RAB meeting, how many hours
9 Mr. Grant's spent --

10 MR. RON GRANT: One of my
11 requirements is to submit a monthly invoice to Pauline
12 regarding the time I spend. And I'll be as easy as
13 the contract requirements will let me be. But, you
14 know, for your protection and mine, too, I've got to
15 be able to refer to some kind of assignment to account
16 for my time. Otherwise, you all will get to the point
17 where you'll think I'm squirreling away your funds,
18 and I certainly don't want you to feel that way.

19 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. Well,
20 I guess --

21 MS. PAULINE PETUCK: Once his work
22 is done and it's approved, Ron will go through his
23 invoice and make sure that if he worked four hours on

1 a certain document, then that -- if he completed that
2 document, it will be four hours. In other words, Ron
3 is accepting that document and the review of that
4 document for the Government. And then he will give
5 the invoice to me, and I will approve the payment and
6 send it to DFAS, and they will process the payment and
7 Mr. Grant will get a check electronically. So, that's
8 how it's done.

9 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: But as far
10 as -- so Ron knows what types of tests we would like
11 to see him work on -- for example, we want him to
12 review the landfill EE/CA -- basically, all we'd need
13 to do is, we need to go through you, Ron, or can
14 myself or Dr. Harrington in my place or Dr. Cox, who
15 has been involved in this, go straight to Ron and say,
16 you know, we'd like you to take a look at this
17 document and give comments or --

18 MS. PAULINE PETUCK: Right, it will
19 go --

20 MR. RON LEVY: Amongst yourself,
21 that's the process I was talking about that might need
22 to be worked out, in terms of what you want to do.
23 Just tell me. You know, Ron will be at these

1 meetings, too, so, if the RAB in itself says, this is
2 the document, it will come out at that point, and
3 we'll all come to some sort of agreement.

4 MR. JOE DOYLE: Craig, the RAB makes
5 the decisions on what documents you want Mr. Grant to
6 work on. The only thing is that --

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I recognize
8 that --

9 MR. JOE DOYLE: -- from the
10 bureaucratic process, that Ron is the one who's
11 actually --

12 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Has to tell
13 him to do it.

14 MR. JOE DOYLE: -- is giving
15 direction as to what is to be done.

16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I got you.
17 That's fine.

18 MR. JOE DOYLE: But you're making
19 the decisions, and if you decide mid-stream, no, it's
20 more important that he work on this particular
21 document, all you need to do is transmit that
22 information to Ron. Now, the fact that you do it
23 contemporaneous with Mr. Grant, that's fine.

1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay.

2 MR. JOE DOYLE: But he needs to be
3 officially notified.

4 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: All right.
5 Well, I guess I would propose, if nobody has any
6 concerns with it, is you know, I can solicit input
7 from the technical review committee about what
8 documents we would like Mr. Grant to look at during
9 the course of time here. And then we can make a
10 recommendation to the RAB, which I can send out
11 through the E-mail. And if I don't hear any comments
12 from anyone within the next couple of days, I'll
13 assume everybody is okay with it, and I'll let Ron
14 know and we'll -- we can kind of use that type of
15 process to let Mr. Grant know what we'd like him to
16 spend time on.

17 Everybody have any questions or
18 concerns or other ideas?

19 MR. RON LEVY: There may need to be
20 some discussion about how Ron presents information to
21 you. He's supposed to summarize his reviews back to
22 the RAB and --

23 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Right.

1 MR. RON LEVY: -- and do it through
2 some sort of written proposal. Or you may even want
3 to see some sort of briefing done, so that he gets up
4 in front of you and presents it. I told Ron that if
5 he needs us to prepare briefing slides for him to
6 brief the RAB on and to -- summarizing the documents,
7 we can do that internally and set the equipment up and
8 whatnot.

9 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. I
10 think we'll just kind of deal with that on a
11 month-to-month basis, based on what Mr. Grant's done
12 for us and --

13 MR. GRANT: The terms of the
14 contract do indicate, you know, that when I make a
15 report, I'll do that electronically to all the RAB
16 members. So, I'll need to be getting those, you know,
17 a list of E-mail addresses and phone numbers. And
18 I'll just see Ron Levy about that.

19 MR. RON LEVY: The one thing you
20 might want to discuss is that what he's working on now
21 from the landfill EE/CA, in terms of when the
22 presentation would be ready or when the summary would
23 be ready to come back to you, I don't -- that's --

1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: When is the
2 end of the public comment period right now?

3 MR. RON LEVY: 18th of June.

4 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: 18th of June.
5 I assume that's -- is that before or after our next
6 RAB meeting?

7 MR. RON LEVY: That's the day after,
8 I believe. The 17th of June is our next RAB meeting.

9 MR. DAN COPELAND: Uh-huh.

10 MR. RON LEVY: It's the day after.

11 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. Well
12 maybe, in the interest of time, we could have
13 Mr. Grant, once he's -- maybe a week before the RAB
14 meeting, maybe you could E-mail us something, you
15 know, what your thoughts are on the document, what
16 comments you think would be appropriate to submit.
17 And then we can, I guess at the next RAB meeting,
18 spend a short -- that way everybody could review them
19 and then you could review them with us verbally at the
20 next RAB meeting, briefly review them with us. And
21 then I guess we could submit them in writing to you
22 that night or the next day.

23 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Mr. Grant -- Joe,

1 you may want to step in here -- the comments he can
2 prepare -- he can prepare a summary. But as far as
3 preparing comments for the RAB to submit, he can't,
4 because that would be --

5 MR. JOE DOYLE: Right. Mr. Grant is
6 providing an evaluation of the data.

7 MR. GLYNN RYAN: The scope of work,
8 we may need to get everybody a copy of that scope of
9 work again.

10 MR. JOE DOYLE: Yes. Because he's
11 evaluating the data in the EE/CA and can synthesize
12 that data and present it to you. The thought is that
13 based upon the evaluation of that data, then you can
14 make a considered judgment as to what recommendations,
15 if any, that you want to make via public comment or
16 whatever.

17 In terms of expediency -- because
18 you're running up against thirty days, off of this as
19 -- and I'm thinking out loud. Hadn't thought about
20 this beforehand. But with the data -- with the data
21 he provides to you and the information, you can take
22 that, make a decision on it, since it is a meeting
23 where the minutes are published, you can really -- you

1 can make your recommendation that night and merely ask
2 that the minutes of the meeting be forwarded --
3 they're in effect -- then would be in the Government's
4 hands -- for consideration as part of the response to
5 the -- and during the comment period. And you'd be
6 timely with regard to that.

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I'm just
8 trying to --

9 MR. JOE DOYLE: And I don't know if
10 we want to necessarily do that as a habit, but because
11 it's the first time -- and I know that's a lot of data
12 to evaluate in the time frame that you have -- it
13 might be the most expedient method by which to do it.

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I mean, do
15 you have any thoughts or suggestions? Ron, we've kind
16 of been talking about what you're going to do without
17 letting you give us your idea of what you would like
18 to do.

19 MR. RON GRANT: I've had the
20 documents for a few days, but I don't know how many
21 pages there are. Karen told me there were forty
22 pounds of it, and I believe it. I almost had to have
23 a forklift to get them in the house. But, you know, I

1 can do the best I can within that time frame. I mean
2 -- and what was the date, Ron, you were saying you
3 would like to have those comments by? I couldn't hear
4 that back here.

5 MR. RON LEVY: I didn't say. I
6 didn't give a date, myself. I said --

7 MR. RON GRANT: A week before the
8 RAB, but I -- that didn't translate to an actual date
9 to me.

10 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I think my
11 only goal would be to have some feedback from you on
12 the document -- I guess, what we're asking you to do
13 is take the document and put it in plain language for
14 us so we understand what the data is saying and get
15 something to us, to the RAB, you know, I'd say at
16 least a week in advance, so people had time to read it
17 and digest it. I don't think it's right or necessary
18 for the RAB to hear what you have to say the night
19 before the comments are due and then have to decide
20 that night whether we have a comment or anything. So,
21 I guess what I would ask, to the extent you can -- you
22 think it's practical is -- our next RAB meeting is the
23 17th, so, you know, any thoughts you have or anything

1 you can synthesize for us by the 10th --

2 MR. RON GRANT: 10th --

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- I guess,
4 and E-mail it out to us, that way we would have time
5 to absorb it, and at the next RAB meeting we could ask
6 you questions. And then based on the answers to those
7 questions, we can maybe take the suggestion to make
8 comments and ask that they just be put in the public
9 comments before the document. And it sounds like that
10 may be the best approach for this particular
11 situation, since we're running up against a time
12 limitation here.

13 MR. RON GRANT: Okay. You know, I
14 just -- I hate to say, you know, I can manage that,
15 because it's so early in the process, you know --

16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Sure.

17 MR. RON GRANT: -- and I've had the
18 document such a short period of time, you know, I've
19 hardly got started. I guess I -- as I spend a little
20 more time with them, I can keep Ron informed as to how
21 I'm doing and whether or not that appears to be
22 doable.

23 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I guess we

1 might be able to maybe -- here are some thoughts for
2 everybody to consider. I think with that landfill
3 EE/CA, everybody's concern was with really -- I mean,
4 there is a broad concern with all the landfills,
5 obviously, but everybody's questions really seemed to
6 focus on one of the landfills. Is that the sense I
7 got from the last meeting?

8 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: On all the ones
9 with the ecological risks. There were three, I think.

10 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah, there
11 were three with an ecological risk, but there is one
12 where people are having concerns regarding
13 groundwater. Am I remembering right from the last
14 meeting?

15 MR. PETE CONROY: I don't know if
16 we've formally prioritized them, but landfill number
17 three may appear to be --

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Seemed to be
19 getting a lot of questions.

20 MR. PETE CONROY: -- the most
21 problematic.

22 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah. So,
23 we may be able to --

1 MR. RON GRANT: I believe -- aren't
2 two and three the only ones you recommended any
3 further action on? That's my --

4 MR. RON LEVY: Under CERCLA.

5 MR. RON GRANT: What little bit I've
6 read in the executive summary and so forth, that's
7 what I recollect from it. But the other nine, I
8 guess, there was no further action recommended.

9 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: But one thing I
10 hope to find out from an independent consultant is the
11 basis for that decision.

12 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. The
13 basis --

14 MR. RON GRANT: And I haven't been
15 able to -- haven't burrowed into all that --

16 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. The
17 basis for the --

18 MR. BECKETT: The basis for that
19 decision is --

20 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

21 MR. BECKETT: -- my interest in
22 having this process go through.

23 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

1 And, Mr. Grant, I'm sorry.

2 MR. RON GRANT: I just said I
3 haven't managed to burrow into all the details, yet,
4 on it to rationalize, you know, my own thoughts or
5 recommendations along that line. And I guess anything
6 you -- and I think the point that was trying to be
7 made there was if there is anything where you think I
8 should focus on one of those areas, as opposed to all
9 twelve of them, you know, it might be that I can
10 accomplish a little bit more in the time range we've
11 got between now and the 10th of June.

12 MR. GLYNN RYAN: It's you guys'
13 decision.

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah.

15 MR. RON LEVY: You all need to tell
16 him --

17 MR. RON GRANT: You don't have to --
18 you know, you may be able to say something along that
19 line by the end of this meeting, as apposed to right
20 now.

21 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Craig?

22 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yes.

23 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: The scope of

1 work that y'all worked out last -- at the last
2 meetings for this project, did it not specifically
3 state what the consultant was to look at?

4 MS. PAULINE PETUCK: No.

5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: No, not
6 specifically. It's really -- as I recall -- and
7 correct me if I'm wrong, Ron -- it was kind of
8 open-ended, in that we could pick and choose what we
9 wanted him to look at for us. It didn't list specific
10 documents or anything like that, if that's what you're
11 saying.

12 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Okay, so -- but
13 I would think that, to make his work a little easier,
14 that if the RAB could outline very -- in specifics
15 what you were looking for in the landfill EE/CA, he'd
16 have, you know, a more fine-tuned scope of work --

17 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah.

18 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: -- and make his
19 use of his time more efficient.

20 MR. RON LEVY: If I could, let me
21 just read to you, particularly the first point that --
22 review and interpret technical documents resulting
23 from the Fort McClellan environmental cleanup -- this

1 is part of the scope of work -- and prepare written
2 summaries, highlighting issues identified by the RAB.
3 Prepare these summaries independent of the Army
4 contractors and regulators, and transmit
5 electronically to RAB members. And there's others,
6 attend RAB meetings, present technical summaries of
7 the Army -- but that first bulletin -- that first
8 point is what overall he's supposed to do.

9 And then we define a number of
10 documents that we thought he may see in a given year.

11 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Would it
12 be appropriate, Pauline, just one here -- but would it
13 be appropriate -- my understanding is that when it was
14 reviewed and the decision made, there were nine
15 options of cleanup of -- and that the second option,
16 which was capping and --

17 MR. RON LEVY: Well, for landfill
18 three, there was a total of four alternatives, five
19 alternatives. I think it was five alternatives, not
20 nine, that were evaluated.

21 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: How many
22 landfills are there?

23 MR. RON LEVY: There is --

1 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Ten.

2 MR. RON LEVY: -- a total of ten.

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Ten

4 landfills, and which landfill, if further action was
5 required --

6 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Would it
7 be appropriate to ask him to review those options and
8 make comments?

9 MR. RON LEVY: Certainly, the RAB
10 can do, you know, what the RAB --

11 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I mean, it's
12 up to us, Mayor, really to decide what we want.

13 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Well,
14 that's one of my concerns, is -- and I think I put
15 that -- I read the -- I read the minutes, but there
16 were so many of them -- I mean, the transcript, but it
17 took about two hours to read it. And -- but I think
18 you know, in one place it said that -- and if it
19 wasn't understood, the letter that I sent in was to be
20 included in the public comments. And the transcript
21 -- I didn't interpret it that it was accepted in that
22 means. Is that being put in the public comments? And
23 one of my concerns was --

1 MR. RON LEVY: It will be --

2 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: -- the
3 analysis of the options that were reviewed and the
4 recommendation of the BCT, you know, of the type of
5 cleanup that would take place. So, I would personally
6 like for him to look at those options and make some
7 comments on them.

8 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Well, let's
9 do this: How about if everyone, either during the
10 course of the meeting or shortly after the meeting or
11 if you want to wait 'till tomorrow and just send me an
12 E-mail, write down what your concerns are with the
13 landfill EE/CA. I will consolidate that information,
14 and I will E-mail it to Mr. Grant. And I'll copy
15 everybody on the E-mail so we all know --

16 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I'll just
17 forward you my concerns of the letter. I can just
18 forward that to you, if you haven't seen it, because
19 that's --

20 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Sure, that
21 would be great. And then that way we'll have it all,
22 one consolidated thing that we can give to -- I guess,
23 really have to give it to you, and you can give it to

1 him. But I can just E-mail it to you and copy him on
2 it or something. But we'll take that. And that way I
3 can make sure that we kind of get our arms around
4 everything, and he can have a little bit of clear
5 direction, and we don't have to hash it all out right
6 now. Is everybody okay with that?

7 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Good idea.

8 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay.
9 Before we move on, Mr. Grant, are there any other
10 thoughts or anything you'd like to share with us?

11 MR. RON GRANT: I don't know if
12 anybody wants me to say anything about my background
13 or experience. I don't know if you're interested --

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: If you would
15 like to take a minute.

16 MR. RON GRANT: I worked twenty
17 years in aerospace, which has nothing at all to do
18 with the environmental word. I moved into this area
19 from Huntsville in 1976 and sort of started the
20 environmental program at Anniston Army Depot when
21 there were -- about the only environmental rules and
22 regulation around was the Clean Water Act.

23 And started off with an office of

1 one person and no secretary. And it burgeoned into
2 what you see at Anniston Army Depot today.

3 It was kind of like a Cecil D. Demil
4 (phonetic) project, with a budget of a million and a
5 cast of about a thousand (phonetic). But something
6 considerably less, put it that way.

7 But I have twenty plus years
8 experience in the environmental program, dealing with
9 all facets of it. The Anniston Army Depot, as some of
10 you are aware, have some similar problems to what
11 you're dealing with here at Fort McClellan. So, I
12 have had a good deal of experience in managing the
13 program and understanding, you know, trying to get
14 along with EPA, ADEM, the public, and read over these
15 documents and make, hopefully, intelligent
16 recommendations regarding changes and things that
17 could be done to them to improve them.

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Good.

19 MR. RON GRANT: Does anybody have a
20 specific question they'd like to ask me? I don't want
21 to delay this for any extended period of time, but I'd
22 be happy to try to answer it at this point in time.

23 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Guess not.

1 We're glad to have you on board.

2 MR. RON GRANT: Thank you.

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Thanks.

4 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Ron, can I ask,

5 is he reviewing the December EE/CA or the March EE/CA?

6 MR. RON LEVY: March, the newest

7 one.

8 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Okay.

9 MR. RON LEVY: Most recent one, I

10 should say, the draft EE/CA.

11 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: And I can't

12 recall. Is Mr. Grant's information, E-mail, phone

13 number, all that on the --

14 MR. RON LEVY: List of --

15 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: -- on the

16 list of us?

17 MR. RON LEVY: That we sent out just

18 recently.

19 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Just

20 recently. Okay, good.

21 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: And I gave

22 everybody a copy, too. They all have copies in front

23 of them of his address.

1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Good, thank
2 you.

3 Real quick, before we jump to the
4 next item, just need to note that Mr. Conroy is in
5 attendance. Get that on the record.

6 And for those of you who didn't read
7 it in the paper or don't know, Pete's now on the board
8 of directors for the JPA.

9 MR. PETE CONROY: Uh-huh.

10 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: And maybe
11 you'd like to talk just real briefly about what that
12 means, Pete.

13 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Don't look at
14 me.

15 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Do we have
16 insider information now or what?

17 MR. PETE CONROY: For the record,
18 I'll report later. No, I've been attending a lot of
19 those JPA meetings, as Miki knows, as an employee of
20 the JPA. And I just hope to report as Miki has, you
21 know, and relay any of the concerns and ideas from
22 this group to that group and vice versa. And I think
23 the more we're talking, the better off we all are.

1 And so, use me, with that respect. And we have a
2 meeting tomorrow morning at 7:30, so, join us.

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Good. Let's
4 see, all right. Landfill EE/CA, extension of the
5 public comment period, we discussed that. Everybody
6 is aware that the public comment period was extended
7 sixty days to June 18th.

8 There were some questions at the
9 last meeting about whether the landfill EE/CA was in
10 the repositories. I guess that was checked, Ron, and
11 -- or, Glynn, and we did find it in the repositories.
12 So --

13 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: (Inaudible.)

14 MR. GLYNN RYAN: You haven't checked
15 it again, Scott?

16 MR. BECKETT: I hadn't been up
17 there, yet.

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay.

19 MR. GLYNN RYAN: We have verified
20 it.

21 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Status of
22 dye testing by City of Weaver. I guess there was a
23 question at the last meeting about what was going on

1 with respect to that. And I do recall seeing a letter
2 from Mr. Ryan to Mayor Kimbrough, stating that, I
3 guess -- and maybe -- I don't want to speak for the
4 Army. Maybe you guys would want to talk to that as,
5 rather than myself.

6 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Sure. Sent the
7 Mayor a letter just explaining to him why we needed a
8 request, a written request, to tell us what they
9 wanted to do in the dye test or any other thing,
10 because, one, we're doing an investigation to the
11 wells that are not on Army property, so, we have to
12 take a look at it.

13 And we certainly want to cooperate
14 with the Mayor in any way we can. In fact, we have a
15 scheduled visit by his contractor to look at some
16 sites on the Fort from spring water. I think they're
17 doing -- they're doing some well --

18 MR. RON LEVY:
19 Well-head Protection Act?

20 MR. GLYNN RYAN:
21 Well-head Protection Act, is that what you got going
22 on?

23 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Yeah, I

1 think.

2 MR. GLYNN RYAN: So, we're doing
3 that this Friday. So, you know, anything we get from
4 the City, we'll certainly take a look at. But we just
5 need it in writing before we can do that.

6 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: If I may
7 respond?

8 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Sure.

9 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: The
10 assumption that I knew what -- that I could write a
11 technical letter, if that was assumed, was far off
12 base, because I have no technical expertise. So, we
13 had referred to the engineering that we're under
14 contract to, to put in writing. And I think this memo
15 does explain what we're doing is we've got to test any
16 privately-owned wells, any springs, or anything like
17 that, and trace the water to see if it is feeding, you
18 know, the two wells that we provide water from.

19 And so, hopefully -- you know, it's
20 taking them awhile. They're having to develop a plan.
21 They have the information from some of the wells, the
22 newer ones, as it explained. They have reviewed that,
23 and they will be then seeing what additional

1 information that they need, and if they do have some
2 locations that they will --

3 But I don't think there will be a
4 private property -- of course, I think Mr. Pope -- I
5 talked to Mr. -- Ms. Bennett, Mr. Brown. I made the
6 initial contact on that and asked them to do that, and
7 one of the other wells is on our right-of-way, so,
8 there shouldn't -- I think, you know, we can gain
9 permission from the City of Weaver on that one. And
10 then with Mr. Brown, I foresee no problem, if they
11 need those wells.

12 But if there was a misunderstanding,
13 that we had been denied entry in that -- there was a
14 misunderstanding, and I did -- I did send a memo and
15 ask, because it was my understanding -- well, it was
16 not my understanding -- I asked the question if we
17 would have access to the wells in the RAB meeting.
18 And as a matter of fact, I was told that there didn't
19 seem like there'd be any problem. And I remember
20 Mr. Stroud specifically commented that he would like
21 to be involved in it because he had some interest in
22 that.

23 And of course I understand that the

1 transcript did not reflect that and the minutes did
2 not reflect that. All they reflected is that we would
3 be given opportunity to see all the data that was --
4 that was collected. So, it seems like there was a
5 misunderstanding from that. But hopefully all that's
6 been cleared up, and we can move ahead, because we're
7 under a pretty tight time line, also, to complete this
8 work. And hopefully, we can get this approval.

9 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Good.

10 MR. PETE CONROY: Craig, I have a
11 quick question. I probably just forgot, but I don't
12 know who these three names are right here. Who's who?
13 Dwight Mitchell, Ben Reaves, and Billy Byers.

14 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH:
15 Dwight Mitchell is the director of public works.
16 These are the two engineers from -- I always get the
17 initials -- what's that, CBG or --

18 MR. DWIGHT MITCHELL: CDG.

19 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: CDG.

20 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: CDG,
21 excuse me, CDG is the engineering firm that we have
22 contracted to do our studies. So, that's who that's
23 -- that's to Dwight. I asked him to communicate with

1 them, to find out, so I could report to y'all tonight
2 exactly, you know, the procedures, what's going on.

3 MR. RON LEVY: May I ask a question?
4 I just want to make sure that's a correct statement.
5 Does ADEM actually require a dye-trace study or is
6 there --

7 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Under the
8 Clean Water Act, yes, sir.

9 MR. DWIGHT MITCHELL: It's a
10 requirement.

11 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I mean,
12 that's a federal regulation that is enforced by, I
13 guess, EPA and ADEM; is that correct?

14 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: I'm not
15 familiar with that one.

16 MR. RON LEVY: I'm not familiar with
17 that as a requirement. There may be other means to do
18 well-head protection and look at it. So, I mean, if
19 it specifically states that in the law, I'm not sure.
20 I mean --

21 MR. DWIGHT MITCHELL: It
22 specifically states that in ADEM's regulations, that
23 the reason for the dye-trace study for this region is

1 the karst fracturing. In other regions in Alabama
2 it's not necessary, but in this one, it is.

3 MR. PETE CONROY: Jim or Philip --

4 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: I don't know if
5 the regulations require it specifically at the site,
6 but obviously, I think the RAB feels it's prudent to
7 do so, and ADEM is going to wait and see until that
8 testing proceeds.

9 MR. RON LEVY: I don't think the RAB
10 said that. I don't think the RAB said anything. You
11 heard it from the Mayor.

12 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Yeah.

13 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: Well, the Mayor
14 is a member of the RAB. ADEM is not going to move
15 forward until certain studies are done. There's
16 obviously three or four studies going on regarding the
17 landfill at this point in time. And we'd like to see
18 all the data in-hand before we proceed. So, if the
19 Mayor --

20 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Well, this
21 is totally separate. This is just a request that
22 we're making to the Army that we have access, if
23 needed. You know --

1 MR. GLYNN RYAN: This is not part of
2 the landfill EE/CA. This is on a different issue.

3 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah.

4 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: This is
5 just --

6 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: This is not
7 related to landfill three?

8 MR. RON LEVY: No.

9 MR. GLYNN RYAN: The dye testing
10 is --

11 MR. RON LEVY: Is there a
12 requirement under the Well-Head Protection Act,
13 (inaudible.) And they're asking really for our data
14 and our sources for that, essentially.

15 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Yeah. To
16 see if a water source is coming from this area, of
17 course. Which, you know, indirectly would be -- it
18 would be tied, because if --

19 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: Sure --

20 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: -- you
21 know, even if it hadn't reached those wells, if we can
22 use the dye test to see if it is going in that
23 direction, if it ever does reach the well, then we

1 know there is a higher probability that it could move
2 into our water source. And that's our concern.

3 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: I understand,
4 sure.

5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. Pete,
6 did you get your question answered?

7 MR. PETE CONROY: (Nods head.)

8 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: And, Ron,
9 your question got answered?

10 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah.

11 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: So, we're
12 ready to move on? Okay.

13 Pete, there were three letters here
14 that we had talked about at the last meeting, which
15 you had graciously volunteered to take a look at for
16 the RAB. One was for providing this thirteen hundred
17 acres of land to the Fish & Wildlife Service. And you
18 had some pretty strong feelings on that. And I think
19 most members of the RAB agreed with you on it. And
20 you had offered to write a letter on that. Do you
21 have any updates on any of these letters you'd like to
22 share with us or --

23 MR. PETE CONROY: Yeah. Actually,

1 that issue got complicated pretty quick the very next
2 day when we took it to the JPA. And then I'm not
3 exactly sure, but although the article was probably
4 written accurately, the headline may not have
5 reflected what actually happened. And at this
6 particular stage, Paul -- the individual who had held
7 an option on that land is no longer an issue. But at
8 the time the JPA voted, they neglected to include his
9 participation and discuss the fact that he had an
10 option, so, the vote was rescinded. But in no way did
11 that reflect the JPA's disinterest in taking that
12 thirteen hundred acres and forwarding it on or deeding
13 it to the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

14 I know you guys don't write the
15 headlines, but the headline would have implied that
16 the whole idea was rescinded. And the bottom line is,
17 the developer, his option has passed, and now it's --
18 my understanding is it's the JPA's intent to look at
19 where this land needs to go. And there's dialogue
20 ongoing between the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service and
21 the JPA, in terms of the direction that thirteen
22 hundred acres would go.

23 It's my interest to see to it that

1 it's not developed, because I still think that land
2 needs to go to the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service,
3 because it's the only clean piece of land out there
4 right now. But its destiny is in limbo at this
5 particular time.

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Is there a
7 time frame or a process that's going to take place?

8 MR. PETE CONROY: I don't think that
9 right now anything is set in stone. Some of the
10 ambiguity as to whether or not
11 U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service will continue their
12 pursuit of the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service --
13 National Wildlife Refuge. It's my expectation that
14 they will. But there's some discussions going on in
15 Washington right now that will answer the questions
16 that we all, I think, need to know the answers to.

17 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I think
18 we'll rely on you, Pete, maybe to give us updates
19 periodically, as you see fit, and different things
20 develop. And obviously, anything the RAB can do to --
21 I think everybody in the last meeting was interested
22 in seeing that move forward. And anything the RAB can
23 do to assist or provide input into that effort, you

1 know, we'll certainly willing to take it into
2 consideration.

3 MR. PETE CONROY: Hopefully, the
4 updates won't be as confused as that one. But if
5 anyone really does have any questions, I'll try to
6 answer them.

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay.

8 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Pete, can I
9 just add that we have, just in case it were to fall
10 through with the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which
11 we certainly do not want to see happen, we have
12 approached a conservation nonprofit organization about
13 doing a conservation easement on this property to
14 protect it for the long haul, if Fish & Wildlife falls
15 through. So, it is the goal of the JPA Board to
16 protect that property, and we're doing everything we
17 can.

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: There was
19 another letter, Pete -- and I thought I had seen this
20 letter at the last meeting -- where we were going to
21 request that some funding be made available so Doyle
22 could join us a little more frequently.

23 MR. JOE DOYLE: That issue has been

1 resolved.

2 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay.

3 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Doyle's here.

4 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Doyle's
5 here.

6 MR. JOE DOYLE: For the remainder of
7 this fiscal year, at least.

8 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: And we're
9 glad you're here. There's no doubt about it.

10 And I apologize, Pete. I can't
11 recall what this letter was about to Region Four
12 regarding UXO issues. That was --

13 MR. PETE CONROY: In a sense it was
14 related. And it, too, was a funding issue, that
15 relates to Army's releasing dollars to the EPA for
16 their involvement. And kind of like the first answer,
17 I hate to say, that, too, is involving some dialogue
18 in Washington. And it's my understanding that EPA had
19 requested 2.6 FTEs -- help me if I'm wrong --
20 initially, 2.4.

21 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: 2.4.

22 MR. PETE CONROY: Thank you. And
23 initially, it was 1 that was granted, and now that's

1 been upped by the Army to 1.4.

2 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Which will
3 carry us through the remainder of this fiscal year.
4 But we're going to need additional resources if we're
5 going to be productive in the program next year. But
6 that's a little different from the UXO issue. I think
7 that basically what we're doing is looking at the chem
8 warfare issues and the hazardous waste issues and
9 backed off from dealing with UXO. That's the decision
10 that was made by someone above me. And it's not
11 resource related, that I am aware of.

12 MR. PETE CONROY: Uh-huh. I think
13 that's accurate. And I will continue to argue with
14 those entities that you work with over in the Atlanta
15 office and in the Washington office that EPA needs to
16 have a higher level of involvement with the UXO issue.

17 And I will pursue various avenues to
18 encourage them to remain engaged, because it's hard
19 for ADEM to make decisions when they don't have a
20 federal agency backing them up. And for all sorts of
21 reasons, the UXO issue is complicated right now, not
22 to mention that we don't have a functional range rule
23 right now. And it's a situation that could turn into

1 a quagmire if everyone isn't at the table. So, it's
2 my goal to keep everybody at the table.

3 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: I agree with
4 you. It's just that that decision is above me.

5 MR. PETE CONROY: I hate it, but I
6 think you're right, metaphorically speaking.

7 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Is that
8 the letter we received, saying that the EPA was
9 stepping back on that and ADEM would take over?

10 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Yes.

11 MR. PETE CONROY: Uh-huh.

12 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Okay.

13 MR. PETE CONROY: Does that make
14 sense to y'all?

15 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I think it

16 --

17 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: As mud.

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah, I
19 mean, it certainly makes sense to me. I mean, just
20 from my perspective, I can just remember over the last
21 year or two, hearing and having reports presented to
22 us on UXO issues, and there's been questions
23 regarding, you know, how is risk determined, what's an

1 appropriate amount of investigation versus what's not
2 an appropriate amount. You know, what types of
3 guidance are you following. And it seemed like there
4 is always gray areas.

5 And so, you know, I certainly agree
6 with Pete, that it seems like it needs a little more
7 attention or a little more clarity to it, I guess is a
8 nice way to put it, so --

9 MR. RON LEVY: Can I ask a question?
10 As I understood that you were going to write a letter
11 expressing that concern. Is that still something that
12 you intend to do or is are you just going to --

13 MR. PETE CONROY: Well, it ends up I
14 had lunch with Jimmy Doyle, who is the new Region Four
15 administrator, and we discussed it.

16 MR. JIM DOYLE: Jimmy Palmer.

17 MR. PETE CONROY: Thank you. Doyle
18 Brittain, Jimmy Doyle. Thank you. Let's see, who am
19 I? Who are you?

20 Jimmy Palmer, absolutely. I had
21 lunch with him. Would love to have lunch with you.
22 We talked about it.

23 MR. RON LEVY: Okay. So, you're

1 already on the record then with them, that you're
2 concerned about this --

3 MR. PETE CONROY: (Nods head.)

4 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Well, that
5 --

6 MR. JOE DOYLE: It has not filtered
7 down to me.

8 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: That
9 concludes our discussion of old business. I guess
10 I'll turn it over to you, Ron.

11 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. We're going to
12 give you a -- at this point, we're going to give you
13 an update or a -- the results that came out of the
14 last quarterly monitoring. If you remember in past
15 RABs, I've mentioned that the Army had agreed to pick
16 up quarterly monitoring on some of the wells in the
17 median, to include the City of Weaver's wells and
18 wells along Blarney Road, we've put in before.

19 These are subject to completion of
20 these ten additional wells that are still to be done.
21 And we have some results to present to you. And
22 Josh Jenkins, our geologist from IT or now Shaw,
23 Shaw Environmental -- I want to point out that IT has

1 changed their names. They're now Shaw Environmental
2 and Infrastructure. So, if I call them IT or Shaw,
3 they're the same people.

4 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Okay. I just
5 want to mention we are conducting quarterly
6 groundwater sampling at landfill number three. Just
7 for everyone's information, landfill three is this
8 yellow feature right up here in the northwest corner
9 of the main post.

10 Some of you may recall, about a year
11 and a half ago, a year, year and a half ago, the Army,
12 IT, conducted structural geology investigation.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Tell them you have
14 the slides.

15 MR. JOSH JENKINS: I'm sorry?

16 MR. RON LEVY: If you would, the
17 slides should be in front of you.

18 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Yeah, I kept
19 giving you -- I'm sorry. I gave y'all a handout. We
20 don't have any visual, other than the handout. About
21 a year, year and a half ago, we presented or we
22 conducted a study to look at the geology, look at the
23 rock, to see if that was influencing anything that was

1 in the landfill number three groundwater movement,
2 some of the things associated with the landfill, to
3 see if it was influencing movement of those
4 constituents.

5 And at that time, we had identified
6 a potential fault right here along the highway,
7 Highway 21, trending in the direction that Highway 21
8 runs. Since that time, we put in some additional
9 wells, we've collected some additional groundwater
10 samples, and we've also initiated a quarterly
11 groundwater sampling program.

12 And what I wanted to do this evening
13 is just talk about the results of this first quarter
14 of groundwater sampling that was conducted in January.
15 We selected twelve wells in the vicinity of landfill
16 number three.

17 In your handout, I've got figures
18 one and two. And figures one and two show the
19 locations of those wells that were included in the
20 quarterly groundwater sampling program. The wells are
21 green. And hopefully nobody is green/red color blind.
22 I just used green as a -- yes?

23 MR. BECKETT: I'm green/red color

1 blind.

2 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Well, the --

3 MR. RON LEVY: We're really sorry
4 about that.

5 MR. JOSH JENKINS: I didn't even
6 think about that until I got over here. We have -- if
7 you look at figure one and figure two, we have what we
8 call shadow-box maps. That's just data, the results
9 of the analysis that were performed on the sampling.
10 And we've got arrows or lines pointing to the wells
11 where sampling is part of the quarterly groundwater
12 sampling program. So, if you have any questions,
13 please, speak out.

14 But the wells sampled, I've got
15 those listed on the second sheet. There were ten
16 wells in the vicinity of landfill number three, and
17 then there were two City of Weaver water-supply wells.
18 The wells were sampled for volatile organic compounds,
19 only.

20 Now, if you move to your third
21 sheet, you may ask why are we looking for VOCs. Well,
22 we're looking for VOCs because the Army has installed
23 wells that date back to 1992. And they've sampled

1 those wells at various times.

2 And over that time period, VOCs,
3 volatile organic compounds, have been identified in
4 some of the wells in the vicinity of landfill number
5 three. Now, they're not naturally occurring and
6 they're suspected that they may be associated with
7 some past landfilling practices.

8 So, we selected ten wells in the
9 vicinity of landfill three and the two Weaver supply
10 wells, because we wanted to look at some wells that
11 have historically shown contaminants or VOCs in the
12 wells. And we also wanted to select a couple of wells
13 or a few wells, particularly the ones on
14 Blarney Drive, in figure one, it would be OLFG-27 and
15 28, and then in figure two, the two Weaver supply
16 wells. We wanted to sample some wells that may serve
17 as a sentry to help us identify any potential movement
18 of VOCs from landfill three towards Weaver's
19 water-supply system.

20 So, your next sheet, basically, to
21 summarize the data, what we've found this last
22 quarterly event, we didn't have any detections of VOCs
23 in the two City of Weaver's water-supply wells.

1 Methylene chloride and acetone -- if you look on
2 figure one -- OLFG-27 and OLFG-28, we did detect some
3 methylene chloride and acetone in the wells up there
4 on Blarney Drive. And those particular compounds are
5 common laboratory contaminants, identified by EPA. At
6 the concentrations we're seeing them at, we are
7 suspected that that in fact is what they are.

8 We are see seeing a slight increase
9 in the total VOCs, in the wells in the median. And if
10 you look on figure one, you'll see a line of wells
11 along Highway 21. We are seeing a slight increase
12 from January 2002 -- or from actually the summer of
13 2001 to January 2002.

14 But the wells on the church property
15 -- and I call it the church property -- but those are
16 wells G-26 and 25, there's actually been a decrease in
17 the total VOCs in the wells on that property.

18 Does anyone -- I've thrown a lot at
19 you. Does anyone have any questions at this point?

20 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: When --

21 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: Just one quick
22 question. As far as the SVOCs, that was determined
23 not to be a constituent of interest some time back,

1 I'm assuming, at some point in time, pesticides,
2 herbicides, and anything else?

3 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Well, the Army,
4 ADEM, and EPA sit down with the BCT, and based on data
5 back from '92, on some of these older wells, looked at
6 the data, did not -- they have not been a concern.

7 And so, moving forward, the decision
8 was made to look for VOCs. Because some of these
9 VOCs, in particular, they're chlorinated compounds.
10 They will -- they may be associated or suspect to be
11 associated with use of solvents. And some of these
12 things are Trichloroethylene, 1,1,2,2, TCA, among
13 others. And those particular compounds are considered
14 solvents, and that's what the -- that's what looks
15 like to be the contaminant of concern out there.

16 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: On the
17 chart that we received 12 February, that was 201, your
18 chart broke down tap water RVC as point zero zero
19 fifty-two. But then it has a parts per billion, it
20 had April of '95, it's got just a number of
21 twenty-nine, and then April of '98 of four hundred.

22 On this chart that you're showing,
23 you're showing the point five two and then a point

1 five five. What's the difference in these parts? You
2 see where I'm looking at? This is what you gave us
3 there. And then this is coordinated with that.

4 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Okay.

5 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: But we
6 don't have these two numbers.

7 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Well, this data
8 point here corresponds to this data point right here.
9 What we've done --

10 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Okay.

11 MR. JOSH JENKINS: What we've done
12 in the past, and what we're going to get away from to
13 make things more uniform, is we have reported things
14 in the past in parts per billion.

15 We are reporting things, as we move
16 ahead, in parts per million. It's a common -- what
17 we're looking for is just uniformity in the way that
18 we talk to you, because you've seen things
19 differently, previously. And what we want to do is
20 just give you something uniform. So, this number
21 right here --

22 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Has
23 increased then. It's gone from twenty-nine to forty

1 to --

2 MR. JOSH JENKINS: To fifty-two --

3 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: -- four hundred to
4 five hundred.

5 MR.

6 MR. JOSH JENKINS: JENKINS: -- to
7 fifty-five.

8 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Yeah.

9 MR. JOSH JENKINS: So that -- you
10 know, as I mentioned, there appears to be a slight
11 increase from this day, through January '02, since
12 June '01.

13 MAYON WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I'm --

14 MR. JOSH JENKINS: And that's at
15 OLFG-7 -- or G-12, excuse me, that Mayor Kimbrough is
16 looking at.

17 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: And my
18 second question would be: Were the same conditions
19 that these tests were done, as far as water and
20 groundwater -- I know at one time, we talked about
21 different times of the year when you have a different
22 flow of water and all like this. So, does that -- you
23 know, what I'm saying is: In the rainy season it

1 could be diluted or you could have more movement. And
2 on dry season, you could have less.

3 Was any of this taken in
4 consideration when these tests -- when these numbers
5 were pulled?

6 MR. JOSH JENKINS: No, no. And that
7 was -- was one of the things that was considered with
8 the quarterly groundwater sampling, is to get data
9 from various times of the year that would reflect
10 different weather patterns, different weather
11 conditions.

12 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: But we
13 haven't gone far enough to do that at this point?

14 MR. JOSH JENKINS: It hasn't been --
15 it hasn't been looked at, as something to -- it really
16 hasn't been addressed, at this point, put it that way.

17 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Okay.

18 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Yes, sir?

19 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: Are you going to
20 be talking about how these numbers relate to any sort
21 of safe levels that have been identified by government
22 agencies?

23 MR. JOSH JENKINS: I really wasn't

1 prepared to, at this time. We can -- I can just
2 briefly tell you that there's only a couple of
3 compounds that actually exceed what's called maximum
4 contaminant levels, MCLs, as established by EPA. And
5 those constituents are in OLFG-12 and OLFG-7.

6 If you look at the shadow boxes
7 associated with those two wells on figure one, you've
8 got a compound list of 1,1,2,2, Tetrachloroethane, and
9 then you have a compound at the bottom, most of your
10 shadow boxes, called Trichloroethene. And at OLFG-7,
11 at OLFG-12, both those constituents exceed MCLs,
12 concentrations exceed MCLs.

13 The MCLs, I think for
14 Trichloroethene is point zero zero five for TCE. So,
15 you can see how -- how they relate to those
16 concentrations.

17 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: There was
18 one -- Dwight, do you remember, there was one that we
19 looked at where there wasn't a standard, but there was
20 an EPA recommendation?

21 MR. JOSH JENKINS: That is 1,1,2,2,
22 Trichloroethane.

23 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Okay.

1 MR. JOSH JENKINS: It's got a -- I
2 think a health advisory.

3 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Okay,
4 that's right.

5 MR. JOSH JENKINS: But there
6 actually isn't an MCL for that compound.

7 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: What sort of
8 health risks are associated with elevated levels of
9 those?

10 MR. JOSH JENKINS: I believe they
11 are suspected carcinogens, I believe. I would say
12 that TCE -- I call Trichloroethane, TCE.

13 MR. RON LEVY: I think that's right.

14 MR. JOSH JENKINS: But I think there
15 is not enough known about the 1,1,2,2,
16 Tetrachlorethane, and that's why there's just a health
17 advisory, as opposed to an MCL, which is a more
18 stringent -- Doyle, you can back me up or shoot me
19 down -- but the MCL is just a more stringent level
20 than just a health advisory.

21 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: Thanks.

22 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: What is the
23 next step in the process here with those two

1 constituents, specifically?

2 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Glad you asked.

3 If you look on your next sheet, what I basically want
4 to do is just give you a real brief discussion of
5 what's going on. As Ron mentioned to you before, ten
6 additional groundwater monitoring wells have been
7 installed to the west and to the northwest of landfill
8 number three. And that's on -- that's included on
9 figure five. And --

10 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: And that is in
11 red.

12 MR. JOSH JENKINS: And that's in
13 red.

14 MR. RON LEVY: And there is no color
15 out boxes for you.

16 MR. JOSH JENKINS: There is no color
17 boxes. I can circle this, this, these two, these two.
18 That one is a new one. These two, these two, these
19 two, G-35, which is the one in the middle, G-38 down
20 at the bottom, and this is G-36 right here. I'll come
21 up with some different colors.

22 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: (Inaudible.)

23 MR. JOSH JENKINS: These wells have

1 been installed. And actually, we initiated
2 installation of these wells mid to late January. And
3 we just completed the final well about two weeks ago,
4 a little bit less than two weeks ago.

5 Right now we're in the process of
6 what's called the well development, which is cleaning
7 the wells out so that we can get a representative
8 groundwater sample. And we're also sampling some of
9 these wells. Although, I don't think we'd started
10 sampling the new wells, yet, but we've started
11 sampling some of the existing wells on post.

12 And we will be contacting the
13 City of Weaver to request access to your water-supply
14 wells. We've done that in the past, and that's what
15 we -- that's what we intend to do.

16 We intend to collect all these
17 samples from all these wells by the end of this month.
18 It will be probably a couple of wells after
19 Memorial Day that we'll end up having to get, but
20 we'll have the majority of them collected by
21 Memorial Day.

22 And once we get that data in, we're
23 looking at -- hopefully, we'll have all the data in by

1 late July. And then some time after that, it will be
2 available to report back the results of this more
3 complete round.

4 We're looking at the geology, we're
5 looking again at the structures. Some of this
6 information we presented to you a year and a half ago,
7 we're looking to see how the rock data, the drilling
8 data that we're getting, some geophysics data that
9 we're collecting, see how that ties into what our
10 model is, what we think is going on out there, to see
11 if it supports it or refutes it.

12 And if we've got to tweak the model,
13 then that's what we'll do. If it fits in the model,
14 then great, makes us look smart. That's pretty much
15 where we're at.

16 MS. WANDA CHAMPION: I have a
17 question for you. Is it all right to ask?

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Sure.

19 MS. WANDA CHAMPION: When you said
20 something there about the TCE or Trichloroethylene or
21 whichever one that -- was the highest one --

22 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Yes.

23 MS. WANDA CHAMPION: You was telling

1 the gentleman back there you didn't know whether it
2 was a carcinogen or not. Has this RAB Board here had
3 a specialist come in from the medical field, like the
4 Anniston Army Depot RAB Board did, to speak on this
5 subject?

6 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Ron?

7 MR. RON LEVY: No, we have not.
8 But, I mean, the data is there. We have the health
9 advisory, so it's --

10 MS. WANDA CHAMPION: And when you
11 say "health advisory," what do you mean?

12 MR. RON LEVY: It's essentially
13 information about that particular compound and what it
14 says.

15 MS. WANDA CHAMPION: Could there
16 possibly be a specialist brought in to speak to the
17 whole panel of the RAB Board and future people that
18 would attend RAB Board meetings that don't know
19 exactly what's going on --

20 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: That's what
21 --

22 MS. WANDA CHAMPION: -- that haven't
23 taken the time to check it out themselves on the

1 internet or whatever, pull up the information -- which
2 Trichloroethylene, I have looked up; it is a
3 carcinogen and it causes cancer.

4 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: If that's
5 something the RAB was interested in seeing done, I
6 would assume that would fall within the scope we could
7 ask Mr. Grant to do those types of things for us. So,
8 I'm sure that's always possible, where we could ask
9 Mr. Grant to help, help us. He'll help up with those
10 types of activities.

11 MS. WANDA CHAMPION: Thank you.

12 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Are there
13 any other questions on the groundwater work?

14 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Have there
15 any tests been done on Lake Reilly?

16 MR. RON LEVY: On Reilly Lake?

17 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Yeah.

18 MR. RON LEVY: Have there been any
19 -- can you be more specific?

20 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: As far as
21 the water and if there is any contaminants or anything
22 there. You know, that creek -- what I'm getting to,
23 that creek flows through our area and then goes toward

1 Jacksonville and goes into the -- I believe
2 Tallasahatchee. And I wondered if -- was there not a
3 landfill discovered above Reilly Lake --

4 MR. RON LEVY: Above?

5 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: -- later?

6 Yeah.

7 MR. RON LEVY: No, on either side
8 fill areas that -- well, if there's any above, I'm not
9 aware of it.

10 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Well, has
11 anything been done, as far as testing of the water, as
12 far as any contaminants or anything on Reilly Lake?

13 MR. RON LEVY: Not that I'm aware
14 of. Jeanie?

15 MR. ELLIS POPE: We did
16 surface-water sampling in the lake, in Reilly Lake and
17 we did some sediment sampling.

18 MS. JEANIE YACOB: Right. That's
19 in the EE/CA. The results are in the EE/CA.

20 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Was
21 anything found in there?

22 MS. JEANIE YACOB: I think we might
23 have had a mercury that was low, ecological --

1 MR. RON LEVY: Was it in the lake or
2 was it in the -- it was in the sources in the area, in
3 the fill areas. I don't think there was anything --

4 MS. JEANIE YACoub: (Inaudible.)
5 I'm not sure. I really can't remember.

6 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Okay.
7 I've been asked that question by a citizen --

8 MR. GLYNN RYAN: It's in that
9 landfill EE/CA, though, and I don't --

10 MS. JEANIE YACoub: I just can't
11 remember offhand.

12 MR. GLYNN RYAN: If there was any
13 sampling, I just don't remember.

14 MR. RON LEVY: I thought you were
15 asking EE/CA or whether or not we took any samples of
16 either the vegetation or the --

17 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: The water.
18 And the water flows out into the creek that runs, you
19 know, right -- our city limits and then goes through
20 and goes to Jacksonville and all, so that -- and
21 somebody asked me the other day if we had done any
22 testing on that water that goes in there.

23 MR. JOE DOYLE: Yeah, I believe

1 sampling was done of water of Reilly, as well as the
2 sediments. It might have been both cases.

3 MR. JOSH JENKINS: That's correct.
4 All that information has been presented in the
5 landfill EE/CA. That's all part of that.

6 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Maybe Mr. Grant can
7 bring up --

8 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Yes,
9 because reading this is a foreign language to me, so,
10 you know -- but we're going to have to do a storm
11 water, which we are going to have to test that water,
12 since our storm water runs into that creek, also. So,
13 we've got some testing in the next two years that
14 we're going to have to do. But like I say, since they
15 asked me, that's why I brought it up.

16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: New
17 business, Ron?

18 MR. RON LEVY: New business.

19 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Got the
20 agency reports is up. Philip?

21 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Okay. Y'all
22 already have the document review. One small
23 correction in that, and that's the fourth one down on

1 the first page. It's not 2001, it's 2002.

2 We've reviewed quite a few of them.
3 They are now coming through. And still a lot of these
4 pendings are still under review. We have a lot of
5 comments on some of these. But anyway, this is just
6 the latest update. If there's going to be any
7 questions, you know, get with me.

8 Again, as I said -- and some of
9 these are -- were under extensive review. You heard
10 how much he has, forty pounds. And these things take
11 some time to go through. And so, bear with me on some
12 of the larger reports here.

13 I was able to attend a UXO training
14 put on by U. S. EPA Region Four. It was an extremely
15 informative training program. And I think a lot of
16 y'all were alluding to -- there is -- it's not really
17 solid out there, yet. And it isn't.

18 And there was a lot of good
19 questions brought up there. And funding issues, it
20 never ends. It's just a very complex program.

21 And anyway, the training -- I spent
22 a lot of time on issues like, you know, what's out
23 there, how it's going to be cleaned up, to what depth.

1 It's related heavily on reuse.

2 And anyway, if anybody wants to talk
3 further about it, please, get with me. It was an
4 interesting program.

5 And there were actually two
6 different type of training programs going on out
7 there. One is by the ITRC program that's going on.
8 It's a very informative, kind of a UXO 101 class. And
9 this other one that was taught at Region Four, they
10 pulled in a lot of heavy hitters. And so, we're able
11 to have conversations with some people from the
12 Department of Defense, Corps of Engineers, and made it
13 a much more informative training program.

14 And lastly, we are knocking on the
15 door with our UXO subcontractor any day now through
16 legislation. And I hope to expedite that as fast as I
17 possibly can.

18 MR. PETE CONROY: Where is that? Is
19 that still in contract review?

20 MR. PHILIP STROUD: No. We're done.
21 It's been awarded. We're just waiting on legislation
22 through the committee. Jim, if you have --

23 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: It's actually

1 been hand carried downtown to the financial officer
2 downtown in Montgomery. And it's waiting for his
3 signature.

4 MR. PETE CONROY: The finance
5 director's office?

6 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: Yes.

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: And this is
8 a contractor that has expertise that will help advise
9 ADEM on UXO issues; is that correct or what?

10 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Yes.

11 MR. RON LEVY: So, all it needs is
12 the finance director's signature, is that what you
13 said?

14 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: At this point.
15 As of last Wednesday, it was hand carried -- they came
16 back to us and inquired about the scope, we had to
17 answer some questions, send them a revised scope
18 summary, and we hand carried that down last Wednesday
19 to the financial officer.

20 MR. PETE CONROY: Do you have a
21 number --

22 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: I can get it for
23 you. I don't have it on me.

1 MR. PETE CONROY: -- so, when I call
2 down there I can refer to it and just --

3 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: Sure.

4 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Appreciate it.
5 That's all I have.

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Doyle?

7 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: I didn't kill a
8 tree, but EPA has been reviewing these same documents
9 that ADEM has, and there are a number of them there,
10 as you can see, with the exception of the UXO
11 documents. We've not been reviewing those.

12 I think most significantly is this
13 super FOST that has just come out, three hundred and
14 something acres on that, we just submitted comments on
15 that last week.

16 The landfill EE/CA, we are looking
17 at. I have EPA risk assessors, a Ph.D. toxicologist
18 looking at it from the human health and the ecological
19 risk assessment standpoint. And we're looking at the
20 ranges, the EE/CA, standpoint of what's going on or
21 what needs to be done with respect to the work at the
22 ranges, so --

23 Those are the biggies that we're

1 working on right now. Hope to have comments on the
2 landfill and the ranges very soon.

3 Just as a word of passing, I'd like
4 to welcome Mr. Ron Grant on board with the TAPP. I
5 talked to my counter-part, Patsy Goldberg, who worked
6 -- still works over at Anniston, and she speaks very
7 highly of Mr. Grant. She has complete confidence in
8 him. Thinks he's a very well qualified man. And she
9 was very encouraged to see us get someone in this
10 capacity over here. So, on behalf of Patsy, she said
11 to tell you hello and welcome aboard over here.

12 That's all that I have.

13 MR. RON GRANT: Hope to see her at
14 the DOD OE conference over there.

15 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: That's all I
16 have.

17 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Good. Miki?

18 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: We will start
19 our underground storage tank removal program in June.
20 We have a bid out on the -- in the newspaper right
21 now, if anyone is interested in pulling ten
22 underground storage tanks. And we hope to start that
23 process, like I said, in June.

1 We hired a team of Matrix Design,
2 out of Colorado, a risk assessor by the name of
3 Dr. Jennifer Heath and CDG Engineering. That team
4 will be reviewing the landfill EE/CA for the JPA.

5 Initially, CDG gave a -- did a
6 review of the December EE/CA. Because of changes that
7 were made in that document, they're now going to
8 review the March EE/CA, as well as the original risk
9 assessment information and all the data, the forty
10 pounds of data that were referred to earlier.

11 The JPA is looking very specifically
12 at the long-term impacts of leaving these landfills in
13 the community, based on the initial recommendations of
14 the Army. We are obviously concerned about landfill
15 one, two, and three. But when you're talking a
16 hundred and twenty-seven acres of landfills, it's --
17 our board is looking very closely at the impacts to
18 the community of just leaving those in the ground and
19 in that location.

20 I'm excited about this team. This
21 team recently worked for the City of Aurora in
22 Colorado. Similar situation where there were
23 landfills that were being turned over to the City,

1 where the City had intended to build a road and a
2 park. There were problems where they couldn't do that
3 because of the location of the landfills.

4 And through a evaluation of the risk
5 assessment and a very positive process, they were able
6 to come to an agreement with the Army and were able to
7 come up with a long-term solution that would be to the
8 benefit of the community.

9 So, we're real excited about this
10 team and think they're going to do a good job for us.
11 We will have a presentation of their results. And I
12 will let the RAB know when that is. I don't know that
13 I can actually bring them to a RAB meeting, because of
14 contractual reasons, how many meetings I can get them
15 to, but I will at least let you know when we're having
16 a report.

17 Sales of property are moving along
18 at McClellan. Our first industrial building is being
19 renovated. If anybody has been past the old 350 tank
20 building on the back side of McClellan, they're doing
21 exterior and interior renovations, and it's moving
22 along great.

23 House sales are continuing in the

1 Cane Creek development over here. We have another
2 church that's looking at locating in McClellan.

3 And probably the most exciting
4 project is -- right now is the high-rise buildings
5 that were over behind the MP school. Our board will
6 hopefully approve tomorrow the sale of the first
7 five-story high-rise building to the Episcopal Diocese
8 for an independent living facility that will be built
9 there.

10 So, we're excited about that. It
11 ties in nicely with the JSU campus at the MP school
12 and with the City's park facilities that they're
13 building in that area.

14 Any questions?

15 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: If you're going
16 to have your risk assessors make a presentation on
17 risk assessment, I'd like to know sufficiently in
18 advance, so that I can have my risk assessors here --

19 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Yes, sir --

20 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: -- for that
21 presentation.

22 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: -- we can do
23 that.

1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Any
2 questions or comments? Action summary sheet.

3 MR. RON LEVY: Everybody's gotten
4 copies of this, gotten copies of this in advance. And
5 I'll just -- really, instead of going through it, like
6 we've done in the past, regurgitating data that you've
7 already got, I would like to take any questions about
8 it.

9 I do want to point out one thing,
10 that -- Philip showed you the list of documents that
11 we're reviewing. You know, overall, from a McClellan
12 standpoint, from the standpoint of this BCT, the BRAC
13 cleanup team, we have been dealing with two hundred
14 and forty separate sites here at McClellan.

15 If you don't think that's not a huge
16 workload, you got to -- I mean, you got what --
17 Ron Grant mentioned forty pounds in one document. So,
18 if you don't think what we've gone through, what we're
19 going through is not a huge workload, you really need
20 to see my office. It's just full of documents. And
21 essentially trying to, you know, characterize
22 property, properly characterize property. It has been
23 a lot of success there.

1 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: Are these going
2 to end up in another landfill somewhere?

3 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Library, JSU.

4 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: They're going
5 to cap landfill three with these documents.

6 MR. RON LEVY: There has been a lot
7 of documents that you've just not seen because there
8 has been absolutely no data that shows any
9 contaminants, both -- which have been agreed upon by
10 both regulatory agencies and the Army that were just
11 no further actions on.

12 But we have still got a lot of work
13 outstanding, a lot of work outstanding that what
14 you're seeing now, those are really tough issues,
15 because we've been doing this since we were identified
16 for closure in '95. Those are really tough issues,
17 landfills, UXO are now coming to a head. And that's
18 what we are all seeing now. The ones that get
19 everybody thinking about what is the Army going to do.

20 So, to point out to you that the EPA
21 and the State are doing a lot of work. And if you've
22 never sat down and gone through one of those
23 documents, it's tough, just trying to read it.

1 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Stay awake.

2 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, it'll put you
3 to sleep at night. I'll take any questions concerning
4 schedules or whatnot, at this point, though.

5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Ron, there
6 was just one thing that jumped out at me, more of a
7 curiosity thing than anything else. But on this
8 additional forty acres for expanded right-of-way for a
9 slope stabilization on the eastern bypass. And then
10 it talks about the Army prepared an explanation of
11 significant difference. What does all that mean?

12 MR. RON LEVY: Well, if you remember
13 at the meeting over at Jacksonville, we briefed that
14 explanation of significant difference. You probably
15 weren't there.

16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I missed
17 that meeting.

18 MR. PETE CONROY: What page are you
19 on?

20 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: It's the
21 front page near the bottom. Last, on the bottom,
22 there.

23 MR. RON LEVY: What you see up in

1 here in the red is that additional forty plus acres
2 that we're talking about. ALDOT came back and said,
3 because of the slopes, they didn't -- they hadn't
4 calculated the right-of-way correctly, and they needed
5 additional acreage. That's that. Because of the fact
6 that we've gone out with EE/CA, we've told the public,
7 you know, we were cleaning up what you see here in
8 this -- what color is that? Greenish color.

9 We need to come back and say --
10 inform the public that we had additional acreage that
11 we were going after from an investigative standpoint,
12 and that's what that was about.

13 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Okay. That
14 got to my question, then. Was there -- was that
15 included in the initial investigation or additional
16 investigation was required?

17 MR. RON LEVY: It was not.

18 MR. PETE CONROY: Ron, when do they
19 start moving dirt?

20 MR. RON LEVY: When does -- ALDOT,
21 you mean?

22 MR. PETE CONROY: (Nods head.)

23 MR. RON LEVY: Well, they actually

1 have started in terms of -- we've transferred this
2 piece down there -- (demonstrating). And they've
3 started down there. And until we get through with
4 what we're doing up here, they won't be able to get in
5 and do any work up there.

6 MR. PETE CONROY: When would that
7 start?

8 MR. RON LEVY: You want to take a
9 shot at that question, Glynn?

10 MR. GLYNN RYAN: We will work with
11 ALDOT, as we did on the southern piece, and do a
12 right-of-entry, if need be, for them to start before
13 we can actually transfer. But it would be after we've
14 completed UXO cleanup, and we've got a certification
15 that the property is clean. So, there's some time out
16 there. And we're still doing some work up there on
17 this one.

18 MR. PETE CONROY: Ball park, six
19 months?

20 MR. GLYNN RYAN: I don't -- Dan, do
21 you know what the schedule shows now?

22 MR. DAN COPELAND: It just shows us
23 in the fall on the clearance.

1 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Fall on the final
2 clearance.

3 MR. DAN COPELAND: Well, it will be
4 sometime this fall is when we'll complete the
5 clearance.

6 MR. RON LEVY: We're projecting the
7 field work in September, completion of field work in
8 September. But that's barring any complications. And
9 we've got some issues up in the Y right there, in
10 terms of the amount of ordnance. So, right now we're
11 projecting September on the field work. But that's
12 field work. We've still got to the complete the
13 document and get it out to the --

14 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Public comments and
15 all the other things that go along with it.

16 MR. RON LEVY: In the process. And
17 that includes picking up this additional forty acres,
18 the field work now.

19 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: What about
20 tract two, Ron, Summerall Gate Road, isn't that
21 supposed to --

22 MR. RON LEVY: If you'll look at --
23 well, this yellow piece here, which is what we're

1 calling tract two, is Y and J (phonetic), that's
2 really completed. When we did the initial clearance
3 for -- we actually did the initial piece to do the
4 investigation, we did all the clearance, because there
5 really wasn't any ordnance up there, including this
6 and this piece in here. So, if you cut it off right
7 there, everything to my left is clear.
8 (Demonstrating).

9 Now, the property surrounding that,
10 you've heard us brief that, that's M-101, surrounding
11 it here, except for the eastern -- the Consolidated
12 Publishing's piece -- that's M-101, and that's going
13 through clearance now. And we project to be out of
14 the field in July on that. That's out of the field,
15 again, so, completion of the actual document will take
16 us a little longer in getting it through the process.

17 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Aren't
18 they supposed to -- Miki, aren't they supposed to
19 start construction on that tract two prior to this
20 tract three?

21 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: They're
22 supposed to. But I'm not sure the coordination --

23 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I know

1 they've got a right-of-way estimate on the other part,
2 but it was millions of dollars.

3 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: I had thought
4 that ALDOT was going to be -- for funding reasons,
5 needed to get -- go ahead -- they could go ahead and
6 start the tract two now. But if the clearance is
7 slowing that up -- is that what I'm hearing?

8 MR. RON LEVY: Not on -- not any --

9 MR. GLYNN RYAN: We've been talking
10 with ALDOT, and they've -- they've indicated they'll
11 start as soon as we can let them have it.

12 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Right.

13 MR. GLYNN RYAN: I don't know that
14 we're holding them up. They're ready to start this
15 summer. I know they've got a bid process to go
16 through. But we actually are meeting with them next
17 -- THE following week, I guess. About a two-week
18 period, we've got to meet with them again and discuss
19 -- part of our exclusion zones would limit their
20 contract, is what their problem is. The piece of
21 property might be clean, but any exclusions on --
22 beside it or at the end of it.

23 So, they're wanting us to be out of

1 there, so that we don't infringe on their contract
2 rights. It may be cheaper for them to build a road if
3 they don't have to build that into the contract. I'm
4 not sure they're -- I don't know what their time lines
5 are to start that. I know summer is the issue they're
6 looking at. Part of tract two comes out right in
7 there by the school, evidently.

8 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

9 MR. PETE CONROY: Right.

10 MR. GLYNN RYAN: And so that's part
11 of the reason they'd like to see summer.

12 MR. RON LEVY: Hate to speculate on
13 their schedules.

14 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Yeah, I -- that's
15 not my schedule, so, I couldn't --

16 MR. RON LEVY: We're doing our best
17 to get the property in their hands, though.

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Thanks.
19 Does anyone have any other questions on the action
20 summary sheet?

21 Technical review committee report.
22 I'm afraid I don't have much to report. I've been
23 looking at the landfill EE/CA, slowly but surely, but

1 don't really have a whole lot of substance to report
2 to anyone, yet. I have a, you know, couple of things
3 that have come to mind regarding some of the
4 ecological work that's discussed in there, but I don't
5 really know if there's anything significant that I
6 would share with anyone, yet, quite honestly, from my
7 own personal look-see.

8 I haven't heard anything from Barry
9 or Pete or Fern or Jerry Hopper about whether they've
10 had any time to take a look at it or not, but we -- I
11 did -- they're certainly aware of what our time frame
12 is, so, any comments we put together, we'll certainly
13 put out to everybody for everyone to take a look at,
14 hopefully at least a week before the next RAB meeting.
15 So, if there's any questions or comments on that, we
16 can talk about them and add them to anything that's
17 generated from Mr. Grant's report to us.

18 With that said, do we have any
19 questions or comments from the audience? Now is the
20 time. No? Okay.

21 Just a couple of quick minor
22 comments before we make a motion to adjourn. E-mail
23 addresses -- well, I guess the first thing is, just a

1 reminder, if you have any thoughts, any specific
2 thoughts on what we would like Mr. Grant to look at on
3 the landfill EE/CA, either scribble them down on a
4 piece of paper and give them to me real quick or
5 E-mail them to me.

6 Make sure you use the most recent
7 roster, because my E-mail address has been wrong on
8 the previous ones, and it just got updated. So, if
9 you use an old roster and try and E-mail it to me,
10 some other guy in St. Louis will get it, and he won't
11 know what the heck he's looking at.

12 And I want to thank Mr. Clendenin
13 and his parish for letting us use this facility here.
14 We appreciate that, sir.

15 Any other questions or comments
16 before we make a motion to adjourn?

17 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Craig, I'd
18 like to, on a personal note, just say I appreciate the
19 calls and the cards and the concern on my recent
20 illness. But the Good Lord told me that he wasn't
21 ready for me to leave the RAB because he wanted me to
22 keep on with landfill three, so I'm back.

23 MR. JERRY ELSER: We're glad you're

1 back, Mayor.

2 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I
3 appreciate it. It's comforting to know that there are
4 people that are out there praying for you and thinking
5 about you, because it was a scary time for me. I've
6 been through it one time, but this time it was a
7 little bit -- I didn't know what was going on. And I
8 appreciate it.

9 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: We're glad
10 to have you back, Mayor.

11 MS. WANDA CHAMPION: Hey, Craig.

12 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yes.

13 MS. WANDA CHAMPION: How do you get
14 a copy of the E-mail addresses?

15 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I guess,
16 Brenda, you could --

17 MR. RON LEVY: I'm not sure those
18 are public -- they're for the public. I mean,
19 everybody may not want their E-mail addresses and
20 whatnot given out. There's some freedom of -- it's
21 not a freedom of information act.

22 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I guess what
23 I could do, Wanda, if you want a point of contact --

1 MR. JOE DOYLE: If Wanda wants to
2 communicate with the RAB, she can always send it to
3 the attention of the web master at the Fort McClellan
4 site and we can pass it on to the RAB.

5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Or you
6 probably have my business card. If you don't, I'll
7 give you another one. You're always welcome to just
8 E-mail me directly, Wanda, if you want.

9 MR. GLYNN RYAN: I have one comment,
10 too. Before we get out of here tonight -- and I know
11 everybody's really anxious -- Ron Levy and I will not
12 be able to attend the next RAB meeting. It will be at
13 the Fort, at the office. Joe Doyle will be sitting in
14 for me. We're going to be attending a meeting, trying
15 to get more money for cleanup and talk about the
16 projects we're doing. So, that's why we won't be in
17 attendance. But we just want to let everyone know,
18 it's not because we'd dodge anybody or anything.

19 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Sounds like
20 we're talking about the landfill EE/CA at the next
21 meeting. It sounds like you're getting set up, I
22 don't know.

23 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Joe can handle

1 it.

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

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Anything
4 else? Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

5 MR. PETE CONROY: So moved.

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Second?

7 MR. JERRY ELSER: Second.

8 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: So moved.

9 Meeting adjourned.

10 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.)

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