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1 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Good  
2 afternoon, or should I say good evening. We want to  
3 officially call this meeting to order. And let me  
4 proudly say, before I do anything else, thank you; we  
5 have already established a quorum. Give yourselves a  
6 hand. I missed all of you guys and girls who were not  
7 here before.

8 We will take the roll. Harrington  
9 is here. Mr. Ryan is here. Mr. Beckett is excused.  
10 Mr. Buford?

11 MR. JAMES BUFORD: Here.

12 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Mr. Clendenin?

13 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Here.

14 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Mr. Conroy?

15 Dr. Cox? Mr. Cunningham is excused, his wife is ill.  
16 Mr. Elser?

17 MR. JERRY ELSER: Here.

18 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Ms. Fathke?

19 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Here.

20 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Mr. Franklin?

21 Mr. Freeman?

22 MR. FREEMAN: Here.

23 DR. MARY HARRINGTON:

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1       Mr. Branchfield?

2                               MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:   Here.

3                               DR. MARY HARRINGTON:   Mr. Hood?

4                               MR. RON HOOD:    Here.

5                               DR. MARY HARRINGTON:

6       Mayor Kimbrough?

7                               MAYOR KIMBROUGH:   Here.

8                               DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Mr. Grant is

9       here.

10                              MR. GRANT:    Here.

11                              DR. MARY HARRINGTON:   Mr. Levy?

12                              MR. RON LEVY:    Here.

13                              DR. MARY HARRINGTON:   Mr. Brittain?

14                              MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN:   Here.

15                              DR. MARY HARRINGTON:   Mr. Stroud?

16                              MR. PHILIP STROUD:   Here.

17                              DR. MARY HARRINGTON:   We need to

18       look at our agenda, since we didn't do any business

19       last time, and we do have a program down.   The

20       discussion has come up that we should get our business

21       taken care of once we get our minutes approved.   And I

22       need to know now from the body if that meets your

23       consensus.   You voting members, I need to hear

1 something from you.

2 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I couldn't  
3 hear the question, Mary.

4 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: We're  
5 concerned that we didn't get any business done on last  
6 time.

7 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah --

8 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: We want to  
9 approach the agenda a little bit out of order, putting  
10 the program part back, since it's a little lengthy,  
11 until we get our new business taken care of, since  
12 some of that does require action from the board.

13 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Sure.

14 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Do we need to  
15 move on that?

16 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I'd like --

17 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I so move to  
18 rearrange the agenda to take care of new business  
19 first. Is that what you wanted?

20 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Is there a  
21 second?

22 MR. JERRY ELSER: Second.

23 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: It has been

1 properly motioned and seconded that we will address  
2 our business before we do our program. All in favor  
3 of the said motion, let it be known by I. Opposes,  
4 same opportunity. There being none, we will approach  
5 the agenda from that angle.

6 Our first item of business will be,  
7 as we customarily do, an introduction of our guests.  
8 We'll go around the wall first and then come up.

9 MR. STEVE MORAN: Steve Moran from  
10 the Shaw Group.

11 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Josh Jenkins from  
12 Shaw Group.

13 MR. TROY MINTON: Troy Minton, Shaw  
14 Group.

15 THE COURT REPORTER: What was your  
16 last name? I'm sorry.

17 MR. TROY MINTON: Minton.

18 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.  
19 Y'all speak up for me, please.

20 MR. LEE JAYE: Lee Jaye, Transition  
21 Environmental.

22 MR. ART HOLCOMB: Art Holcomb,  
23 Foster Wheeler.



1 MR. JOE DOYLE: Joe Doyle,  
2 Transition Force, Legal.

3 MR. ROB LEATH (phonetic): Rob Leath  
4 (phonetic) with the Corps of Engineers, Mobile.

5 MR. LEE COKER: Lee Coker, Corps  
6 of Engineers.

7 (INAUDIBLE): Corps of Engineers.

8 MS. LISA HOLSTEIN: Lisa Holstein,  
9 Transition Force, Environmental.

10 MR. BILL SHANKS: Bill Shanks,  
11 Transition Force, Environmental.

12 MR. JIM MANTHEY: Jim Manthey, Corps  
13 or Engineers, Ordnance and Explosive Center of  
14 Expertise.

15 DR. ROBERT MARNICIO:  
16 Robert Marnicio, Foster Wheeler.

17 MR. BILL GARLAND: Bill Garland,  
18 U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

19 MS. KAREN PINSON: Karen Pinson,  
20 Transition Force, Environmental.

21 MR. VINCE COPELAND: Vince Copeland,  
22 Corp of Engineers, Huntsville.

23 MR. SPENCER NELSON: Spencer Nelson,

1 URS Corporation.

2 MR. PAUL JAMES: Paul James,  
3 Transition Force, Environmental office.

4 MR. BOB DAFFRON: Bob Daffron,  
5 National Guard Training Center.

6 MR. STEVE NEAL: Steve Neal,  
7 Foster Wheeler.

8 MR. TODD BIGGS: Todd Biggs,  
9 Foster Wheeler.

10 MR. BETTY VICK: Betty Vick.

11 MR. HUGH VICK: Hugh Vick,  
12 Gannett-Fleming.

13 MS. ANNIE GODFREY: Annie Godfrey,  
14 EPA.

15 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay. Well,  
16 let me highlight that Ms. Godfrey with the EPA is  
17 Mr. Doyle's boss, I think.

18 Our first -- our next item of  
19 business will be to approve these minutes from  
20 September. There is none for October, since we didn't  
21 have it. Refresh your memory if you don't remember  
22 what we went over.

23 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: Make a

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1 motion for approval.

2 MR. JAMES BUFORD: Second.

3 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: It has been  
4 properly motioned and seconded that we approve the  
5 minutes. Are you ready for the question? All in  
6 favor of said motion, let it be known by I. Opposes,  
7 same opportunity? There being none, the minutes will  
8 stand approved as printed.

9 The only business under old business  
10 would be no quorum for October. Again, let me say  
11 thank you for putting forth this extra effort and  
12 let's ask that we be a little bit more responsive to  
13 Brenda's needs if we know we can't make it, because  
14 there are some times I know we won't be able to, and  
15 she will know and we will know.

16 Now, we want to move down to our new  
17 business. We have been trying to get us some RAB  
18 members now for a few months. The first item would be  
19 to vote on the members. Everybody, each of you have a  
20 ballot in your packet, and you did have or should have  
21 the applications. I think we talked about it last  
22 time. I have to find my little notes.

23 People have put in a little plug for

1 people. I hope you still remember those. But I'll  
2 ask, if you will, at this time, that you'll vote. And  
3 for those of us who made the little presentations or  
4 told about anything, if you want to reiterate that,  
5 this is the time.

6 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Are you saying  
7 we do have a ballot in our packet?

8 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: It looks like  
9 this. (Demonstrating.) And it's got something on the  
10 back just like this.

11 MR. RON LEVY: Monty, it's on the  
12 back of that one page. You passed it. You passed it.

13 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I'll find it.

14 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: It's got some  
15 little bitty names on it, and that's all the voting  
16 members names. That's it.

17 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: I would like  
18 to make a comment on Dwight Mitchell. He's director  
19 of Public Works for The City of Weaver, and he  
20 formerly served on Fort McClellan when he was with the  
21 Calhoun County Water. And since our water system is  
22 the closest to the post, as far as our source of  
23 water, I would encourage you to consider him.

1 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay. For  
2 three, yes, vote for three.

3 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Please, remember  
4 you're voting for three members. We have three  
5 vacancies.

6 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Let the record  
7 reflect that Mr. Conroy is here in time to vote.

8 MR. RON LEVY: Pete, there's a  
9 ballot in your packet.

10 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Vote for three  
11 members.

12 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: You know, we  
13 tried getting our RAB members replaced --

14 MR. PETE CONROY: We'll try again.

15 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: -- in October.  
16 Oh, we're ready tonight. You make number ten.

17 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: It's on the  
18 back of one of those pages.

19 MR. PETE CONROY: There's just been  
20 ballot problems all over the place.

21 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: But one thing  
22 about it, we're going to count these before this  
23 meeting is over and know the results. And it won't be

1 but ten ballots.

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

3 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Look over in  
4 Dr. Cox's and get one, and then we'll put his back,  
5 should he come in.

6 MR. PETE CONROY: Got it.

7 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: If your  
8 ballots are ready, you can pass them out and over.

9 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Tell him who to  
10 vote for, Mayor.

11 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: He  
12 mentioned -- I think he mentioned her last time.  
13 Maybe --

14 MR. PETE CONROY: Thank you.

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

16 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: There should  
17 be ten.

18 MR. RON LEVY: We need another  
19 ballot.

20 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Mr. Franklin  
21 has come in. Mr. Franklin, we're in the process of  
22 electing members to the board. If you can compose  
23 yourself, you still have time to look through your

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1 packet and vote for three people on the ballot.

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

3 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Now that we've  
4 got the voting out of the way, in your packets, we  
5 have consideration of amendments to the bylaws. Now,  
6 those are in your packet, and I won't go through  
7 discussing them, and we won't deal with them, but I'm  
8 asking that we will read them and when we come back  
9 together, be able to vote them up or down.

10 And the primary purpose of these is  
11 to facilitate the business to go on. We were just  
12 left standing in October when we came. And we had  
13 people here, and we couldn't conduct our business  
14 because of our quorum. If you read it and like it and  
15 think well of it, we'll put it in place, and if you  
16 think not, we'll bypass it. But it's all for the  
17 purpose for allowing us, as members of the RAB Board,  
18 to conduct business. It's almost like going to feed  
19 the chickens, and you take fifty pounds of feed, and  
20 you get there and you only have one chicken; you don't  
21 make the chicken do the whole fifty pounds, but you  
22 certainly don't take the fifty pounds back without  
23 taking care of the one chicken.

1                   Our next item would be our agency  
2       reports. And we'll take them as listed, ADEM, EPA --  
3       Micki isn't here for JPA -- and our technical review,  
4       and then our action summary sheet. And then we'll  
5       flip back to our program.

6                   MR. PHILIP STROUD: Okay. Sorry, I  
7       wasn't here last month. I've been real committed to  
8       finishing up a lot of reports. And I have been  
9       swamped. And we're making tremendous progress. We're  
10      getting into some real tough issues. I've just  
11      received also the super FOST number three. I think  
12      that's various areas in the cantonment area, I'll be  
13      looking at that directly.

14                  But we're looking at a lot of FOSTs  
15      now and we're looking at a lot of RIFSS. I know we're  
16      still dealing with some SIs. We're dealing with a  
17      large amount of UXO issues. And HTRW seems to be  
18      moving along. So, I just want to let y'all know that  
19      instead of supplying y'all with a lot of reports,  
20      we're in the midst of quite a few right now.

21                  So, I've been committed to it and  
22      will remain committed to finishing it up, several of  
23      them, getting up to speed and caught up. So, if y'all

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1 have any specific issues, I'll be glad to go over some  
2 with y'all. So, feel free.

3 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: Philip, have  
4 there any standards been set for the UXO yet or are  
5 all y'all setting your own standards?

6 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Standards --

7 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: UXO, the  
8 range -- you know, there are lots of questions about  
9 the standards of clean-up. Are y'all just  
10 establishing your -- am I incorrect on that one, the  
11 range that -- we discussed the range issue, and that  
12 they couldn't come to an agreement on the clean-up?  
13 Ron, is that right?

14 MR. PHILIP STROUD: I'm not sure  
15 which range --

16 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: What is that?

17 MR. RON LEVY: Your question is --  
18 your question is one more time, is there --

19 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: Is there a  
20 standard set for clean-up of ranges with the UXO?

21 MR. RON LEVY: There isn't what  
22 you'd normally think of as a standard. And we're  
23 doing risk based clean-up. In fact --

1                   MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: So, y'all  
2                   are setting your own according to the plan, right?

3                   MR. RON LEVY: Well, you're going to  
4                   see some discussion about that in the risk assessment  
5                   coming up. Maybe it'll better help you address more  
6                   questions to us.

7                   And at this point, I know that EPA  
8                   has got a document they're reviewing, but, you know,  
9                   we really haven't sat down and discussed the --  
10                  whether what we've defined as clean-up is adequate or  
11                  not. So, we're really not there, yet.

12                  MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: I know there  
13                  was some discussion from the JPA at one time about the  
14                  plan that had been submitted for reuse. And there was  
15                  some question by the Army that they had never received  
16                  any revised. So, you're operating under one, I think,  
17                  from several years ago; is that correct? Is that what  
18                  you're basing your clean-up on?

19                  MR. RON LEVY: We're operating under  
20                  the plan that was submitted to the Army under the  
21                  economic development conveyance. It's a '98 plan.  
22                  And the map was updated in 2000. It was submitted to  
23                  the Army. That's the approved plan that we're aware

1 of. Glynn, do you have anything further that you want  
2 to add?

3 MR. GLYNN RYAN: I'm sorry, I was  
4 talking to --

5 MR. RON LEVY: He was asking about  
6 the reuse plan.

7 MR. GLYNN RYAN: The reuse plan. We  
8 have the one that was submitted with the EDC  
9 application.

10 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: In 1997 or  
11 something like that?

12 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: '98, it was  
13 updated in 2000.

14 MR. GLYNN RYAN: It was actually in  
15 2000 when they made their EDC application.

16 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: But they  
17 haven't changed it since then, submitted anything to  
18 you?

19 MR. GLYNN RYAN: (Shakes head.)

20 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: Thank you.

21 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay. Are you  
22 finished, Mr. Stroud?

23 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Yes.

1 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay.

2 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: As Philip said,  
3 there is a lot of work going on at this base. And I'm  
4 passing out a list of the reports that we have  
5 reviewed and submitted comments on. Since the last  
6 RAB meeting, the thirteen reports, and we have a few  
7 that we have received that we are in the process of  
8 reviewing right now. But we've only had those a week  
9 or so. This is basically where our time has gone for  
10 the -- over the last month.

11 So, if you have any questions, I'll  
12 be glad to try to answer them. Otherwise, that's our  
13 report.

14 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay. A large  
15 number.

16 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: There is a lot  
17 of work going on at this base.

18 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Did Micki send  
19 us anything?

20 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I have a  
21 question real quick.

22 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Yes.

23 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Number

1       thirteen here, maybe Ron or somebody could just  
2       briefly tell me what that investigation is or have we  
3       talked about it in here before?

4                   MR. RON LEVY:   It's just a -- you  
5       asking me the question?

6                   MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:   Well,  
7       whoever can answer it.

8                   MR. RON LEVY:   It's a sampling plan  
9       for 24 Alpha, which is an area out in the Fish &  
10      Wildlife area. We have some groundwater contamination  
11      out there. We're looking at, in this case, the  
12      horizontal extent. So, they did a supplement to that.  
13      It's not been released to the public because  
14      essentially, we're still in the sampling side of the  
15      house. There's been no data generated to show the  
16      public so --

17                  DR. MARY HARRINGTON:   So, we  
18      really --

19                  MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD:   But that was  
20      mostly just like -- what are you looking for in the  
21      groundwater?

22                  DR. MARY HARRINGTON:   So, do we know  
23      what it is?



1 MR. RON LEVY: Steve, can you help  
2 me out on this one?

3 MR. STEVE MORAN: Well, was the  
4 question, what is in the groundwater?

5 MR. RON LEVY: We're at T --

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: What are we  
7 looking for?

8 MR. STEVE MORAN: 24-Alpha. It's  
9 Benzine, carbon tetrachloride, (inaudible) benzine and  
10 carbon tet.

11 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry?

12 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I missed that.

13 MR. RON LEVY: That was Steve Moran  
14 from Shaw Group. He was showing us --

15 MR. STEVE MORAN: It's benzine and  
16 carbon tetrachloride.

17 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. Thank  
18 you.

19 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay.

20 MR. RON LEVY: To add further to  
21 that, Craig, is that this is the site that was  
22 previously used by the chemical school for training --  
23 live-agent training, what we're looking at. We

1       essentially have eliminated the site based on  
2       investigation, CWM-wise. So, we're looking at  
3       groundwater contamination associated with the  
4       deconning. That's what we believe.

5                       DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Additional  
6       questions?

7                       MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: I have one  
8       on -- to the Army. Where are you on the questions  
9       that have been submitted by ADEM and EPA and JPA?

10                      MR. GLYNN RYAN: On the landfill  
11       EE/CA?

12                      MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: No, no, the  
13       questions that were submitted --

14                      MR. GLYNN RYAN: On the landfill  
15       EE/CAs?

16                      DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Yeah, that's  
17       what he asked.

18                      MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: Yeah.

19                      MR. GLYNN RYAN: March is our  
20       expected date --

21                      MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: Of response?

22                      MR. GLYNN RYAN: Response, yes, sir.  
23       We, hopefully, can beat that.

1 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: And we have  
2 nothing from JPA?

3 MR. GLYNN RYAN: (Shakes head.)

4 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Technical  
5 review committee. I have received nothing. I  
6 think -- and Scott isn't here, but he's going to send  
7 me something.

8 MR. RON LEVY: I hadn't heard  
9 anything, either.

10 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay. We're  
11 down to our action summary sheet.

12 MR. RON LEVY: I hate going through  
13 this piece by piece, but I'll just give you a broad  
14 overview of each one of the sections. We've been  
15 talking about landfill number three and the ongoing  
16 groundwater monitoring work. There's been briefings  
17 in the past to the RAB about it.

18 I think the good news to this point,  
19 based on that is that the BCT has looked at and  
20 approved an addition of ten additional wells to try to  
21 bound the groundwater contamination to the north.  
22 There are some other wells in there that we're going  
23 to look at from a supplemental data standpoint. But

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1 we're moving on in this process.

2 Now, it's not -- the actual work  
3 schedules and the plans still need to be presented to  
4 the BCT, finalized in the finalized version. As soon  
5 as we get that, we will attempt to show it to the RAB,  
6 as well, in terms of where we're going with that. But  
7 we're just not there, yet.

8 On the UXO work that's ongoing, I  
9 can tell you that the Alfa area EE/CA has been  
10 submitted to ADEM for review. It went out on the 4th  
11 of November. This is still internal reviews between  
12 the regulatory agencies and the Army. Since ADEM just  
13 got it, I'm not sure that they've been able to move  
14 very quickly on that.

15 We're still working internally, the  
16 Bravo and the Charlie document. Hopefully, we'll have  
17 something out -- and actually, I don't have a -- I  
18 don't have a set date for that. But we're shooting  
19 some time in the summer for actually getting it out to  
20 the public. So, it's a way off.

21 Alfa is actually -- you know, we're  
22 shooting some time February, March timeframe to get it  
23 to the public. So, that is also a way off.

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1                   The M101, which is the area -- I don't  
2           know if I can point it out -- Bill Shanks over there  
3           is pointing to it. It's the brownish area. That's  
4           been completed. We're working to get some comments  
5           back on that, as well.

6                   And then the eastern bypass work,  
7           we're still working the additional forty acres on the  
8           eastern bypass, plus, we've got a mechanical removal  
9           that we've been talking about that will occur on part  
10          of the -- part of that acreage so that the eastern  
11          bypass -- so the eastern bypass is still ongoing work.

12                   CWM investigations, those are  
13          essentially all complete. We've briefed those to the  
14          RAB in the past.

15                   What we really moved into next is  
16          the investigation associated with the groundwater,  
17          with the actions that came out of CWO, the groundwater  
18          issue, the groundwater contamination. For the most  
19          part, we're done with the CWM. We did not find  
20          anything. And we've briefed that in the past.

21                   Glynn pointed out on the landfill EE/CA,  
22          we're still working the comments and expect to get  
23          that all completed by March. And there just is a --

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1       just as Phillip pointed out, there is two FOSTs out  
2       there, super FOST number two, which is in ADEM's  
3       hands, and there is one for the eastern bypass tract  
4       two and tract three. Bill, can you point those out on  
5       the map, tract two and tract three?

6                       MR. BILL SHANKS: (Pointing.)

7                       MR. RON LEVY: That is in a FOST  
8       stage two at ADEM going through a review. And you can  
9       see from the sheet how many folks we've got on board.  
10      Does anybody have any specific questions they want to  
11      ask about what's going on in the clean-up?

12                      DR. MARY HARRINGTON: No questions?  
13      Okay. At this time, we'll get the update of our TAPP  
14      hours. And I seriously doubt we have anything, since  
15      I have received no information.

16                      MR. RON LEVY: I received today --

17                      DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Oh, you did?

18                      MR. RON LEVY: -- an expenditure for  
19      two and a half hours. So, of the original five  
20      hundred hours we started with, we're now still -- we  
21      still have four hundred and fifty-one hours -- four  
22      hundred and fifty-one point seven five hours still  
23      left under the contract.

1                   So, most of the -- what's happening  
2           now with Ron's billing again is really his  
3           participation at the RAB and his write-ups of  
4           summaries of that event. Ron, do you have anything  
5           that --

6                   MR. RON GRANT: No. That's about  
7           it. I can't add any more to that.

8                   DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay. If  
9           there is nothing -- and I ask you members to, again,  
10          that if there are things that you are concerned  
11          about -- and I suspect now that some of the stuff is  
12          coming out to us, there may be some questions -- that  
13          you get them in if it's specific.

14                   Let me take this time to tell you  
15          who the new RAB members are. They are Jim Miller, who  
16          is the general manager of Anniston Water Works Board;  
17          Cheryl Bragg, the director of Anniston Museum;  
18          Dwight Mitchell, director of Public Works,  
19          City of Weaver. And I am certain that Ms. Cunningham  
20          will notify these people ASAP. Thank you all in that  
21          respect.

22                   We will now go back and do our  
23          program part. And when we finish that, we will take

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1 input or comments from the audience.

2 MR. RON LEVY: I mentioned to you  
3 before about the EE/CAs that are coming out related to  
4 the UXO work. And in the past we've briefed to you  
5 risk assessment process associated with hazardous,  
6 toxic, radiological waste, the HTRW program. That was  
7 done by Shaw and folks from the Corps.

8 Tonight, we want to give you a  
9 presentation on the OE, the ordnance and explosive  
10 side, talk about the risk assessment process and the  
11 particular process we used here at McClellan. I'm  
12 going to let Dan introduce the folks that are going to  
13 do the speaking, Dan Copeland from the Corps.

14 MR. DAN COPELAND: First out,  
15 Jim Manthey from the Huntsville Ordnance and Explosive  
16 Center of Expertise is going to give a brief  
17 introduction into OERIA, which is the ordnance --  
18 well, he can give you the definition for it. But then  
19 following that, after a brief introduction,  
20 Dr. Ron Marnicio, with Foster Wheeler, performed the  
21 (inaudible) for the EE/CAs.

22 MR. RON LEVY: I think he's going to  
23 use the slide presentation, if y'all want to turn

1       around.

2                               MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: I'm not  
3       having a good day.

4                               MR. JAMES MANTHEY: My name is  
5       Jim Manthey. I'm with the Ordnance Explosive Center  
6       of Expertise for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.  
7       One of my jobs is to handle the development of  
8       guidance of the risk assessment, among others. We are  
9       a relatively small group, so, I've got several jobs in  
10      the Center of Expertise. One of them which is the  
11      development of guidance for use in risk assessment  
12      (inaudible.)

13                              I'm just going to give you a brief  
14      introduction. Ron Marnicio is going to do a  
15      relatively detailed discussion of how they applied the  
16      tool that the Center of Expertise developed to assess  
17      risk. The tool they developed is called the ordnance  
18      and explosive risk impact assessment. As soon as the  
19      slides come up --

20                              If I start talking either too fast  
21      or too softly, let me know. I have a habit of doing  
22      that, both.

23                              MR. PETE CONROY: How many in your

1 office?

2 MR. JAMES MANTHEY: We have a total  
3 of eleven people, including two administrative people.  
4 We're a relatively small group, cross-function quite a  
5 bit. I also handle a national initiatives and work on  
6 DOD guidance and policy, and also in addition, I am  
7 the project manager for the Corps of Engineers site  
8 characterization manual (inaudible)--

9 THE COURT REPORTER: The site  
10 characterization --

11 MR. JAMES MANTHEY: The site  
12 characterization manual.

13 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.  
14 Thank you.

15 MR. JAMES MANTHEY: You know who I  
16 am, I've already introduced myself. So, I guess we  
17 can go to the next slide.

18 What is risk assessment? Risk  
19 assessment for ordnance and explosive projects or OE  
20 projects, as I'll use later in the presentation, is  
21 the assessment of the current site conditions for  
22 potential of injury or death from the OE. This is  
23 called the baseline risk assessment. And then there's

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1       also the assessment of risk for how our response  
2       action will impact that risk. That's risk reduction.  
3       Next slide, please.

4                       Why do a risk assessment? In the  
5       EE/CA, we're tasked to evaluate and assess several  
6       response alternatives, to recommend a preferred  
7       response alternative. One factor that's involved in  
8       that is to assess the response alternatives for how  
9       protective of human health and the -- excuse me, how  
10      protective of human health each response action is,  
11      relative to each other.

12                      The risk assessment is the primary  
13      tool for this assessment. And that's what we're going  
14      to be talking about tonight. Next slide, please.

15                      As I said, the tool that the Center  
16      of Expertise is currently recommending is the OE risk  
17      impact assessment or the OERIA. The tools used to  
18      communicate baseline risk and risk reduction creates  
19      response alternative.

20                      I say communicate, since we don't  
21      really try to calculate risk. We're just  
22      communicating the factors involved with risk and what  
23      those factors -- the characteristics for those factors



1       are.

2                       We assess the factors involved in  
3       risk on OE sites. These include OE factors, type,  
4       depth, sensitivity of the ordnance items. We also  
5       assess site or accessibility factors such as, how  
6       stable is the site, is there erosion, is there a lot  
7       of flooding, what have you. And these include -- and  
8       also includes, what type of access is there to the  
9       site. Is there restricted access to the site? Is  
10      there terrain that inhibits access to the site,  
11      etcetera?

12                     We also assess human behavior  
13      factors; what type of activities are conducted on the  
14      site, what type of intrusiveness are involved in  
15      that site -- excuse me -- that activity.

16                     OERIA has some detailed guidance on  
17      the web. The website is listed at the bottom of the  
18      page. If you want to look at the detailed web -- the  
19      detailed guidance, please, do so.

20                     Ron's going to go into a relatively  
21      detailed explanation of how they apply to the OERIA  
22      model, and I will be available afterwards, if you want  
23      to ask me any specific questions. Thank you.

1 DR. RONALD MARNICIO: Brenda wanted  
2 me to wear the microphone, and I told her that I would  
3 rather not, but the main point is that -- make sure  
4 you can hear me. If I fade out, throw something soft  
5 at me.

6 As Jim said, what I'm going to  
7 preview for you here is the process that we used to go  
8 from that general guidance on how to do an OERIA risk  
9 assessment and the factors and steps that we took as  
10 part of generating the risk assessment that's a  
11 section of each EE/CA document.

12 THE COURT REPORTER: Of the -- each  
13 document? I'm sorry.

14 DR. RONALD MARNICIO: Of each EE/CA  
15 document.

16 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

17 DR. RONALD MARNICIO: It's  
18 engineering evaluation, cost analysis.

19 What we'll see here is a little bit  
20 about the OERIA model, itself, but I'm going to be  
21 talking about the information that goes into the  
22 analysis, as well, and what we do to collect it, and  
23 process it to use in the OERIA.

1                   One of the first things is to do an  
2           OERIA or any risk assessment, you have to define the  
3           area that you're going to do it for. What's the  
4           boundary of the physical area that you're going to do  
5           the assessment on. I'll hit on those.

6                   Earlier on there was some question  
7           asked about the future use projection. We'll talk  
8           briefly about how that factors into this assessment  
9           because it is an important part.

10                  I'll introduce the idea of a  
11           conceptual site model to you. A conceptual site model  
12           is how we start to think about the area, how the  
13           people use the area, and then how people can come into  
14           contact with where -- places where ordnance might be.

15                  That website that Jim mentioned on  
16           the -- his last slide presents the guidance and the  
17           general approach to doing an OERIA assessment. A part  
18           of that approach is that you have the opportunity to  
19           tailor or tweak the factors or add factors to the  
20           assessment to make sure that you're assessing all the  
21           right things about the site. You want to make sure  
22           that you're capturing all the important site  
23           characteristic -- or factors that actually are

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1 indicated to affect the risk at your particular area.  
2 So, I'll talk about what we did to tailor the general  
3 model, to try to make it a little bit more  
4 Fort McClellan specific.

5 Once we get to that part, I'll  
6 review the range of information and data that you need  
7 to collect to put into this assessment, both from a  
8 field investigation and some other general site  
9 information. Jim talked about the baseline  
10 assessment. And I'll rehit on that in a little  
11 different spin. And again, the baseline assessment is  
12 the relative level of risk, assuming the conditions  
13 stay as they are right now.

14 And then, as Jim mentioned, the idea  
15 of where we're going with this is that there is, in  
16 terms of cleaning up an area or remediating an area,  
17 there is always different alternatives proposed to  
18 remediate. And we have a set of response  
19 alternatives. And what we try to do then after the  
20 baseline is to reassess the risk, assuming that those  
21 alternatives are put into place. And those  
22 alternatives tend to change the conditions in the  
23 area, and they change it in a way that affects the

1 level of risk.

2 So, I'll briefly go through that  
3 idea. And then I'll wrap it up by just reiterating,  
4 once we get through the OERIA process and get some  
5 answers and some results, what happens to that  
6 information, how does it get factored back in to the  
7 rest of the EE/CA process.

8 Okay. That was sort of the preview.  
9 I'll hit on those topics and get into a little bit  
10 more detail.

11 The assessment boundaries, when you  
12 see the EE/CA reports later on, you'll see that we  
13 talked about these areas in which we're doing  
14 assessment. We call those areas sectors. And we have  
15 two kind of sectors; one is called a site  
16 characterization sector and one is called a risk  
17 assessment sector.

18 Site characterization sectors are  
19 identified first. And what's done is we look at the  
20 records and all the past -- the records of the past  
21 activities in different areas of the facility, to get  
22 an idea of what was done there, and therefore, what  
23 kind of ordnance might be in that area. And so, the

1 site characterization sectors are sort of our best  
2 guess as to what the area may look like, based on the  
3 past records.

4 The field -- the characterization  
5 work that goes on, the surveying and the  
6 investigation, which I'll talk about later, are done  
7 in reference to these areas. Once the information  
8 comes back, we have a much better idea of what those  
9 areas are like. We know what kind of ordnance was  
10 actually found there, if any, and we know the depths  
11 that it was found and a lot of other details.

12 That's when we build the risk  
13 assessment sectors, which instead of relying on just  
14 documentation, we rely on where the actual data came  
15 back and showed us where different types of ordnance  
16 were. So, that's one difference between the two  
17 sectors.

18 The other difference goes back to  
19 what Jim said with regard to the risk factors. He  
20 said there was ordnance risk factors, there were site  
21 risk factors, and then there was behavior or human  
22 activity risk factors.

23 So, if we want to assess an area

1       that's more or less the same from the standpoint of  
2       risk, we have to choose those boundaries so that those  
3       factors important to risk are sort of the same within  
4       it. So, in addition to having the same kind of  
5       ordnance, we also look for areas that have a similar  
6       topography and accessibility. And we also look for  
7       areas that have a similar projected land use. And  
8       that way, the accessibility to that area being  
9       assessed, the ordnance in that area being assessed,  
10      and the types of activities in the future will all be  
11      as similar as we can get.

12                   The importance of land use. Land  
13      use comes into this in two very important ways: As I  
14      just said on the previous slide, we choose the  
15      boundaries of the risk assessment sector so that the  
16      activities that we think are going to happen within  
17      those boundaries are the same. And we get that from  
18      the projections of the land use.

19                   And then once we have a land use,  
20      that defines the range of actual activities that we  
21      expect to happen, whether we're going to have  
22      activities that involve digging into and disturbing  
23      the soil or more likely just activities that happen on



1 top of the surface. And then we can make estimates of  
2 what the frequency of use are, how intense people's  
3 interaction with the ground are, whether they're  
4 digging into the ground a lot or not, whether they're  
5 driving vehicles on the ground or they're just  
6 walking, and then the depth of intrusion, you know,  
7 are people going to dig in the top six inches only or  
8 are they going to be digging holes four feet, are they  
9 going to be putting new building foundations in, much  
10 deeper depths. That all comes out of what the  
11 projection of the land use is.

12 The earlier mentioned land use  
13 report identified a number of different types of land  
14 use for Fort McClellan. And there you see the names  
15 of them; mixed business use, retail, cultural,  
16 etcetera, the eastern bypass corridor and  
17 transportation use. And then there was there was two  
18 other categories, one called active recreation, and  
19 the other called passive recreation.

20 What I have in the -- written out  
21 here is what active recreation was defined to be in  
22 that report. Off-road motorized vehicles, golf and  
23 tennis, regrading of land and including installing

1 fence posts and things.

2 We didn't want to go through the  
3 risk assessment individually for each one of these  
4 different land uses, because we thought that these  
5 things were more similar than they were different with  
6 regard to the activities that were involved and how  
7 people doing those activities would interact with the  
8 ground. So, what we did is we grouped all these  
9 things together under the header of development and  
10 then had passive recreation as the other.

11 So, some future uses are termed  
12 development and some are termed passive recreation.  
13 And we think that in terms of the activities that we  
14 assume under development, we assume the more  
15 intrusive -- intrusive to deeper depths -- and the  
16 more intensely interactive of people with the ground  
17 for this. So, we think that a lot of these are being  
18 handled very conservatively.

19 MR. PETE CONROY: Going back to  
20 passive recreation, I think I get the idea, and I  
21 think we all get the idea, but I've never actually  
22 seen the definition --

23 DR. RONALD MARNICIO: Of what is

1 passive?

2 MR. PETE CONROY: Would you do that  
3 for us? Can you give us a definition in writing and  
4 mail it to us later, just so we can have that?

5 DR. RONALD MARNICIO: Yes, we can.  
6 In general, it's things like hiking, walking,  
7 relatively light or insignificant intrusion to the  
8 ground. Though we do have such a definition in a  
9 report.

10 I mentioned in the preview a  
11 conceptual site model. And I said it was how we --  
12 what we put together to start thinking about how to  
13 evaluate the risk. What the conceptual site model is  
14 is a description of the potential exposure pathways  
15 associated with ordnance. Exposure pathways is kind  
16 of a jargon term in risk assessment. But what it is  
17 is simply a connection between the source of  
18 something, whether -- you may have heard it before,  
19 chemical source -- but here we're talking about a  
20 source of ordnance or explosives. The connection  
21 between that and the people that could be in contact  
22 with it. Which the other jargon word is called the  
23 receptor.

1                   So, it's the linkage between the  
2           sources and the receptor. And here, what I have are  
3           all the little links that need to be there for a  
4           complete pathway, and some examples. So, let's look  
5           at the -- the examples are in the parentheses.

6                   A primary source, based on an  
7           activity could have been some training activities at  
8           Fort McClellan. You need then a mechanism of release  
9           or deployment. They could have fired some ordnance.  
10          That was how the ordnance got in -- from a controlled  
11          situation to being let out into the environment.

12                   That creates what's called a  
13          secondary source. Now that ordnance is out in the  
14          soil, rather than being in the controlled environment  
15          that it was before. As was mentioned, that soil and  
16          that ordnance may stay in that same spot where it was  
17          released to or deployed for a very long time.

18                   Or if you have something like the  
19          potential for erosion, freezing and thawing, that  
20          could make items move closer to the surface or a  
21          number of natural mechanisms and man-made mechanisms,  
22          maybe people took soil from one area and moved it and  
23          used it as fill in another area. So, there are

1 migration or transport mechanisms that caused that  
2 ordnance potentially to move from where it started to  
3 some place else.

4 Once it's in that some place else,  
5 that's what's called the exposure medium, because  
6 that's where somebody could get exposed to it today.  
7 And then with ordnance, we're almost always talking  
8 about direct contact as the route of exposure and that  
9 jargon word receptor is the person that's exposed.

10 So, this complete exposure pathway  
11 looks at the whole history of where that ordnance  
12 started, how it got away, how it might move, and then  
13 how does it get to where some people may come into  
14 contact with it, potentially.

15 As I mentioned, a standard step in  
16 the OERIA process as it's generally written, is to  
17 look at the factors that are identified and evaluate  
18 those to make sure they address the issues that are of  
19 concern at your particular site. And again, I call  
20 that the tailoring. And it's to make sure these  
21 factors address the important features. And what  
22 we'll do is real quickly step through the three  
23 groupings of risk factors, the ordnance is one, the

1 site is one, and the human behavior is one. And I'll  
2 tell you what we did regarding each one of those.

3 This is the ordnance factors. The  
4 ordnance factors relate to what kind of ordnance items  
5 you find, how sensitive are they, how hazardous are  
6 they, are there some that with a larger, potentially  
7 larger releases of energy or smaller.

8 A part -- there's one called OE  
9 type, which addresses the hazard level of items. A  
10 subset of OE type is a family of ordnance called high  
11 explosives. You may have heard the term HE.

12 Because people think about HE  
13 sometimes differently than others, even though it's  
14 captured in that other factor, we chose to break that  
15 out, just so that if somebody was looking for that  
16 piece of information, it's right there without having  
17 to dig around for it.

18 Some of the other tailoring we did  
19 is the standard OERIA approach for OE type and OE  
20 sensitivity calls for identifying the most hazardous  
21 OE type and the most sensitive OE type that is found  
22 within that area.

23 What we did to just provide a little

1 more information for the assessment is, there are four  
2 categories that the OERIA guidance identifies. Since  
3 we have the information, we just identified what the  
4 percentage of the found items were, if there were  
5 found items that were in each of the hazard categories  
6 and each of the sensitivity categories. So, it's just  
7 making the analysis a little bit more fine tuned.

8 This is the second slide, the last  
9 slide on the tailoring of the ordnance again. What we  
10 have here is the average density of the energetic  
11 items is a part of the standard OERIA process. What  
12 we did is break that down into three particular soil  
13 layers within each of those areas. How many and what  
14 percentage and what average density of any items found  
15 were found on or at the surface, how many were in the  
16 depth range of zero to one foot, and how many were  
17 found at greater than one foot depth. And again, it's  
18 just giving a little more fine tuning of that  
19 characterization data, you're looking at right in  
20 front of you.

21 We picked these particular depth  
22 intervals for two reasons; one, is they are -- the  
23 primary reason is they're associated with -- we'll see

1 in a minute -- the different response alternatives.

2 There's going to be alternatives  
3 about digging up ordnance to different levels. One of  
4 those is clearing the surface, only, one is clearing  
5 the surface and down to a foot, one is clearing down  
6 to the depth that you can detect. And so, these  
7 characteristics of the site are tabulated in exactly  
8 the same layers that match up with those layers.

9 We also looked at ordnance and  
10 explosive debris. Debris here means the remnants of  
11 ordnance items that have gone off before, the metal  
12 shell casing and things. By looking at that, that  
13 also helps you get an understanding of what the  
14 distribution of things may have been in that area  
15 before.

16 We're switching gears now to the  
17 second set of factors which was the factors about the  
18 site. And as Jim mentioned, factors are site  
19 accessibility -- and actually that was supposed to  
20 be -- I'm sorry -- that's site stability -- a typo  
21 there.

22 It turns out, given the nature of  
23 Fort McClellan, we didn't change this, at all.



1       Because of the projection for reuse on the facility,  
2       we didn't want to have any restrictions to the site as  
3       part of the final state. And we didn't, in terms of  
4       going over the site, find evidence of very large  
5       erosion or very large effects of freezing and thawing  
6       or those other processes that could make the site  
7       unstable, which means here, make the site in a way  
8       that the ordnance could be moving around. Okay?

9                       So, based on that, we left the -- we  
10       left those factors exactly the way they were, because  
11       they didn't enter into it very much.

12                      The last set of factors was the  
13       human risk factors. And human factors mean here,  
14       people's behavior. And that -- the OERIA, risk  
15       factors related to that are the activities, the  
16       probability of contact with the ordnance and  
17       explosives, and the exposed population.

18                      Again, these seem to match pretty  
19       well with what we were seeing, in terms of being able  
20       to explain or describe conditions at McClellan, so, we  
21       didn't tailor them, but we did -- we applied these  
22       factors twice. We applied them for current  
23       conditions, as we -- current activities that we see --

1 or really what was going on before the clean-up  
2 started, and then secondly, what the future projected  
3 activities were, in line with that land use document.

4 Okay. So, just to catch you back up  
5 on where I am on my slide, we've talked about how  
6 we've tinkered, we've tailored with the standard OERIA  
7 risk factors to try to make it more applicable to  
8 Fort McClellan and fit in with the EE/CA evaluation  
9 process.

10 This slide talks about the  
11 information that you need to put into the overall  
12 analysis. One is: The total sector area. Now, this  
13 is the risk assessment sectors. How many acres is it?  
14 Second is -- gets into some of the characteristics of  
15 the results of the field work or that site  
16 characterization work that was done. And that  
17 typically involved two processes, geophysically  
18 surveying the area. And that involves using various  
19 types of detectors, metal detectors, electro magnetic  
20 detectors, a suite of things to see what might be  
21 there.

22 And that work is typically done with  
23 two kinds of approaches. It's a series of grids where

1 square plots of land are marked out and surveyed or  
2 transects where basically, the person with the  
3 detector walks along in some sort of path or corridor  
4 and they evaluate that strip in front of them. They  
5 go back and forth and cover area in that way.

6 Much of what's geophysically  
7 surveyed is then what's called intrusively  
8 investigated, which just means they go back and dig up  
9 what the survey indicates to be potentially there.  
10 And the digging up is all done with the purpose of  
11 identifying what caused that signal. Sometimes it is  
12 ordnance, sometimes it's a beer can, a nail, some  
13 other item that creates the same response in the  
14 detector, like a piece of ordnance item.

15 But once those are identified, we  
16 can count them, we can see what kind they are, whether  
17 it's a mortar, whether it's a projectile. We can  
18 count it. We can determine whether it's energetic or  
19 not and we can characterize the depth at which it was  
20 found. Because all these things affect the risk  
21 factors that we're going to do.

22 This slide hits the other two kinds  
23 of risk factors, the site access factor and the site

1 stability. Often while we're out there doing the  
2 other work of surveying and digging, people are out  
3 there looking around and observing other things about  
4 the area. And that's generally called reconnaissance.

5 And there's two things that we also  
6 want to get a handle on. One is, are there potential  
7 barriers to people going into that area, and secondly,  
8 are there things that potentially are going to draw  
9 people to that area. Because that affects how many  
10 people might be in an area and consequently sort of  
11 the level of risk that may be posed by anything that's  
12 out there.

13 These barriers could be, as Jim  
14 mentioned earlier, natural or man-made, could be  
15 ravines or something that make it very unlikely for  
16 people to get across, but also things like water  
17 bodies or recreational facilities that are going to  
18 draw more people to them.

19 And again, relative to site  
20 stability, we look for things like erosion, places  
21 where there were slides, look for things that could  
22 have caused ordnance items that were deposited in one  
23 place to end up somewhere else.

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1 All righty. So, going through all  
2 of that, here are the risk factors that we ended up  
3 with for Fort McClellan. That high explosive sort of  
4 check mark -- or not check mark I mentioned earlier.  
5 These were the OE type, the OE sensitivity, and the  
6 count or average density of OE items in the area, the  
7 two factors about the site, access and stability, and  
8 then the factors about people's activities and  
9 behavior.

10 The way -- when you see an OERIA  
11 analysis, it looks like a big table. And all of these  
12 factors are across the top. And then down the columns  
13 you see one of these things filled in. And this is  
14 just -- we're not going to talk about them all -- but  
15 basically, this describes what the options are for  
16 going into each of those columns, how to represent  
17 those risk factors. Some are percentages, some are  
18 one of three particular choices.

19 For example, for site access, you  
20 can either put in there no restriction, limited  
21 restriction, or complete restriction. And then the  
22 report would explain in a little more detail as to  
23 what those mean.

1                   Again, what's the purpose of the  
2     baseline? The baseline is simply, as you may think,  
3     it's the baseline or reference point for comparing the  
4     risk reduction achieved by the different alternatives  
5     that are proposed to do in that area. These are the  
6     general response action alternatives or the  
7     alternatives that are being looked at and evaluated  
8     for each area at Fort McClellan.

9                   Again, alternative one is no further  
10    action, that's the baseline case that I just talked  
11    about. And alternatives two, three, four, five, and  
12    six, all add some additional type of response, either  
13    in terms of controls or restrictions on use.

14                  Alternative three, construction  
15    support means that you limit that construction cannot  
16    happen without qualified ordnance folks being there  
17    when the construction happens to make sure that it's  
18    done safely.

19                  Alternatives four, five, and six are  
20    the clearance or removal options. And as I mentioned  
21    earlier, when we were talking about those depth  
22    intervals, alternative four is clearing the ordnance  
23    items that may be there off the surface only. And

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1       then alternative five is clearing those surface items  
2       and anything in the top foot. And then alternative  
3       six is clearing anything that you can detect down as  
4       far as you can detect it. These -- this set of  
5       alternatives was used in each of the evaluations that  
6       were done.

7                       So, again, as I mentioned, the OERIA  
8       analysis is documented in this table with all the risk  
9       factors across the top. Down to the side there is a  
10      row for each alternative. So, each alternative is  
11      evaluated with respect to each risk factor. And what  
12      you do is look at the alternative and how it's  
13      defined, and then you say, if that alternative is  
14      implemented, how is it going to change conditions in  
15      that area, and how will that risk factor change?

16                      Is that going to create more  
17      accessibility, less accessibility, or not affect the  
18      accessibility? Is that going to remove some amount of  
19      the ordnance?

20                      So, you do the what-if analysis of  
21      apply -- assuming that the alternative is implemented  
22      and see what changes. And then what's used is an  
23      aid -- a letter score, the things that -- the

1 alternative that creates the greatest risk reduction  
2 for that factor will get an A score. That's the best  
3 one relative to that risk factor.

4 The second best one will get a B, a  
5 C, and etcetera. If alternatives have the same  
6 effect, they get the same score. So, you can have an  
7 alternative -- two or three alternatives get an A for  
8 a certain risk factor if they have the same effect.

9 Once you've scored all of the  
10 alternatives for each risk factor, the final question  
11 is: Which alternative creates the most risk  
12 reduction? What's the best one, overall? What we did  
13 here is used a -- the guidance leaves it open to  
14 define this however you want to do it on a  
15 site-specific basis.

16 What we set up was a -- basically, a  
17 three level scheme, high, moderate, and low. And we  
18 save the baseline for the baseline case. That's the  
19 standard against the bench mark that we compare them  
20 all to.

21 If an alternative -- in looking at  
22 all of the risk factors, leads to the greatest risk  
23 reduction, that got a high. The alternative that was

1 next best in a relative sense, gets a moderate. And  
2 then if there is some observable reduction in risk,  
3 but probably not too much, that gets the low.

4 It's not rocket science. It's a  
5 relative scale of which one is better, how do they  
6 compare to the baseline case.

7 And again, if the alternative -- in  
8 these high, medium, and low, it's in looking at the  
9 scores for the individual risk factors and  
10 professional judgment of how to put those multiple  
11 scores together to get an overall score.

12 In the actual -- hang in there,  
13 we're getting close to the end -- in the actual EE/CA  
14 documents, this is all done very specific to a  
15 particular area. So, you'll be able to see in those  
16 reports this table with letters and how -- which ones  
17 are high, moderate, and low.

18 We've done quite a few sectors so  
19 far. And what I've tried to do was just pull out some  
20 of the general results of how these things are  
21 looking.

22 The first thing is that the ordnance  
23 factors are the most important. These are -- this is

1       how much ordnance may be there, what depth is it  
2       there, how hazardous is it, how sensitive is it to  
3       potentially detonate. Those factors rank the highest,  
4       in terms of affecting the overall scoring alternative.  
5       And obviously, the most effective -- or only effective  
6       in clearance can't change those things if those items  
7       are still out there. So, the way to affect that is  
8       some amount of clearance or removal.

9                       The second set of risk factors was  
10       the site factors. And as I kind of mentioned earlier,  
11       because part of the assumption is we didn't want to  
12       have access controls, we didn't want to have to keep  
13       people out of certain areas after the remediation, and  
14       that the site was fairly stable with regard to the  
15       movement of these items. These factors scored pretty  
16       much the same for any place on Fort McClellan. So,  
17       those factors really don't help us very much for  
18       differentiating.

19                      Lastly, the human factors are very  
20       influential because as we saw, the human factors,  
21       things like the activities and the number of people  
22       and all, start with that land use projection. It  
23       defines those activities and those activities impact

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1 the intrusion depth and how people are going to be  
2 interacting with the soil. And that's a very  
3 important parameter in these -- in these assessments.

4 And lastly, as Jim said, why do we  
5 do these risk assessments? Well, we do these because  
6 the EE/CA requires that a variety of criteria are  
7 evaluated for each of the alternatives being  
8 considered. One of those criteria is the  
9 effectiveness of the response and reducing risk. And  
10 the -- this OERIA analysis is the principle factor  
11 that's used to determine whether at all -- whether and  
12 to what degree an alternative reduces risk in an area.

13 Okay, thank you all for your  
14 attention. I guess we're -- I and Jim can take any  
15 questions you may have.

16 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I don't have a  
17 question, but I do have a comment. Apparently, I've  
18 been here too long, I actually followed that one. I  
19 don't mean that bad, I mean I understood the  
20 terminology from beginning to end, and I didn't have  
21 to go through all of these long terms that lost me in  
22 the middle.

23 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: I've got a

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1 question on the landfills, in the fill areas. Have  
2 EE/CAs for UXO been done on those?

3 DR. RONALD MARNICIO: I do not  
4 believe so.

5 MR. RON LEVY: Well, the -- if I can  
6 answer the question this way: Where landfills fell in  
7 areas where we had known ordnance activity, they're  
8 evaluated in these EE/CAs, they're being evaluated  
9 under these EE/CAs.

10 DR. RONALD MARNICIO: They're not  
11 defined as a specific risk assessment sector just  
12 because of the boundary.

13 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: Well, let me  
14 ask a specific question, and then you might not want  
15 to answer it tonight, but I'd like the information.  
16 The fill area on the northwest of Reilly, there's a  
17 fill area there --

18 MR. RON LEVY: You can point it out  
19 on that map right behind you. See the map right  
20 there? Which fill area are you talking about?

21 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: It's this  
22 northwest of Reilly Air Field, parcel two two nine  
23 seven.



1 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry,  
2 Mayor, what was the number?

3 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: Parcel two  
4 twenty-nine seven.

5 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.  
6 Sorry.

7 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: According to  
8 information, there were eighteen practice hand  
9 grenades and an inert practice armor piercing round  
10 found in that area. According to this EE/CA, it  
11 recommends no further action.

12 I'd like to -- for somebody to  
13 explain that to me. You might not be prepared to do  
14 it tonight, but I -- to -- I understand the  
15 presentation, I understand you're going through the  
16 process and everything, but I'd like to know in  
17 understandable language -- this is -- I understand is  
18 an active recreational area, that has been designated  
19 as active recreation, and so, you know, when you read  
20 that, I have a concern about, you know, if they found  
21 that, why no further action was necessary and what  
22 that was based on?

23 So, if just at the next RAB, if somebody

1       could update us on that -- on that particular -- there  
2       was several sites, I understand, that there was found  
3       some ordnance on them and no other action was the  
4       recommendation for the EE/CA.

5                       MR. GLYNN RYAN: We can certainly do  
6       that. Again, that particular site you're talking  
7       about was not a part of any of the UXO EE/CAs, so it's  
8       separate. If those were found and found within the  
9       landfill EE/CA, we'll -- I'll just have to -- we'll  
10      get you an update on it, Mayor. I can't answer it  
11      tonight.

12                     MR. PHILIP STROUD: And ADEM has  
13      posed questions related to what you're asking there,  
14      as far as --

15                     MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: That was the  
16      one that had the most of them. Some of them just had  
17      several. You know, but this one had eighteen hand  
18      grenades and then the other round.

19                     MR. RON LEVY: Well, let's be clear  
20      about it; a practice grenade is really different from  
21      a grenade.

22                     MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: Well, I  
23      understand that, but it still had an explosive item on

1       it. And, you know, my question -- like I say, I don't  
2       want to -- tonight, but active recreation and that was  
3       I think what Pete asked was about active recreation,  
4       what is that. And then, you know, if there's not any  
5       danger, then fine, but that just -- you know, red flag  
6       comes out at me any time I see anything like that,  
7       Ron. Maybe I don't understand. I admit that I don't  
8       understand a lots of things. You know, but if  
9       somebody could just explain that to us, then I would  
10      appreciate it.

11                   MR. RON LEVY: We'll take your  
12      question back.

13                   MR. PETE CONROY: Does a practice  
14      grenade blow up?

15                   MR. GLYNN RYAN: Where is our UXO  
16      people down there?

17                   MR. PETE CONROY: I heard yes and  
18      no.

19                   MR. JAMES MANTHEY: A lot of them  
20      don't. Just baseball (inaudible) --

21                   MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: That's what  
22      we used in our test, when we practiced trying to get a  
23      handle with the grenade, and it didn't go off. But

1 are there not some that have explosive devices in  
2 them?

3 MR. JAMES MANTHEY: There are  
4 certain types.

5 MR. HUGH VICK: Some of the older  
6 ones had a cork in the bottom, it had black powder,  
7 and when it went off, it blew the cork out.

8 MAYOR WAYNE KIMBROUGH: Well, they  
9 might not be anything, but I would like to know.

10 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: So hopefully,  
11 somebody will have an answer for Mayor Kimbrough at  
12 our next meeting.

13 MR. GLYNN RYAN: Yeah, we'll have an  
14 answer. And we probably can give it to you before  
15 then, Mayor.

16 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay.

17 MR. PETE CONROY: You had mentioned  
18 site stability. And did I understand you to say that  
19 really it's not an issue and the freezing and the  
20 thawing doesn't move ordnance in our environment?

21 DR. RONALD MARNICIO: Not to an  
22 appreciable extent it doesn't seem. Regarding freeze  
23 thaw, it's a combination of temperature extremes and

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1       soil types --

2                       MR. PETE CONROY:   Sure.

3                       DR. RONALD MARNICIO:  -- and a  
4       variety of things, and it doesn't appear that  
5       that's -- the right combinations are happening.

6                       MR. PETE CONROY:   So, when you  
7       assess risk, you don't weigh that in?

8                       DR. RONALD MARNICIO:  We look, as a  
9       matter of running through the process, with a  
10      particular boundary drawn on the map, we look to see  
11      whether there's evidence of -- evidence of that or  
12      evidence of, you know, sort of severe gullies, where  
13      there's run-off and erosion --

14                      MR. PETE CONROY:   Sure.

15                      DR. RONALD MARNICIO:  -- anything  
16      that may give you some visual evidence that things are  
17      moving around, either naturally or, you know, we --  
18      you know, we know that in a certain year people filled  
19      this area.  Well, where did the fill come from?

20                      MR. PETE CONROY:   But generally  
21      speaking, the freeze thaw movement is not an issue  
22      around here?

23                      DR. RONALD MARNICIO:  No, I don't

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1 believe so.

2 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Additional  
3 questions? Thank you for the presentation, and they  
4 should all be so.

5 Okay. We're down to comments from  
6 our audience. If the audience has any comments or  
7 questions, we will entertain them now.

8 I would be remiss, first of all, if  
9 I closed this meeting without giving Ms. Godfrey a  
10 chance to make some comments. And also, Sam has asked  
11 that we make sure we sign in, the persons that are  
12 present, so she can be sure that she has an accurate  
13 spelling of your name.

14 MS. ANNIE GODFREY: I'm not really  
15 prepared to say anything. I'm just here, I'm taking a  
16 tour of all the facilities that our section works on.  
17 I'm relatively new to this program at EPA. I've been  
18 EPA for twenty-three years, but in the Federal  
19 Facilities Program, I've only been here since April.  
20 And I'm just trying to get around to see how the RABs  
21 work and the base closure teams work and the other  
22 teams working on the non-BRAC sites. And everyone  
23 here has been very gracious about showing me around



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1       and giving me information, and I thank you for letting  
2       me come.

3                       MR. RON LEVY: Can I just point out  
4       one thing before we leave? I didn't mention it during  
5       the action summary, but it's in the notes. I think  
6       it's important because it will ultimately impact on  
7       the community, and that's that we're going to conduct  
8       a private well survey where we're going to be looking  
9       at wells and springs in the vicinity of landfill  
10      three.

11                      We're looking at a two mile arc.  
12      We've already started looking at the private property  
13      records across that area up there. This -- we had  
14      done one a long time back -- I can't remember the  
15      actual year -- but it's not going to be -- it wasn't  
16      as extensive as what we're looking at now.

17                      We expect to do a mailing associated  
18      with this after we identify residents within that area  
19      and ask them the question, you know, do you have a  
20      well, is there a spring on your property, what are the  
21      uses of that. And it'll all become part of the  
22      information we use in determining final actions  
23      resulting from landfill three. And I think it's

1       important that everybody knows that, because we will  
2       be asking the community questions.

3                       Josh, do you have anything further  
4       about that particular --

5                       MR. JOSH JENKINS:  No.

6                       DR. MARY HARRINGTON:  Additional  
7       comments?

8                       MR. PETE CONROY:  In this slow and  
9       incremental process establishing a  
10      National Wildlife Refuge, tomorrow is another  
11      important day because President Bush is scheduled to  
12      sign the Defense Authorization Bill tomorrow about  
13      10:00 o'clock.  And that's a piece of legislation that  
14      will create our National Wildlife Refuge.  So, one  
15      hundred and eighty days after tomorrow, if he signs  
16      it, it will be up and running.

17                      DR. MARY HARRINGTON:  Okay.  Very  
18      good.

19                      MS. DONNA FATHKE:  Congratulations,  
20      Pete, and thank you for all your hard work in doing  
21      that.

22                      MR. PETE CONROY:  There was a lot of  
23      other people involved in that.

1 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Anything else  
2 for the good or not for the good of the RAB? Let me  
3 thank you all for being so gracious to be in  
4 attendance tonight and remind you that we don't have a  
5 meeting in December. We'll be back together in  
6 January. And the meeting is --

7 GLYNN RYAN: Here, I believe.

8 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: -- here. We  
9 are officially adjourned, unless y'all just want to  
10 hang out.

11 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.)

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