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1 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I've got 6:31.
2 So, let me call the roll. And we may -- it doesn't
3 look like we have a quorum. So, I don't know what we
4 do after that. Let me call the roll right quick.
5 I've got three or four excused. Mr. Buford?
6 MR. JAMES BUFORD: Here.
7 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I'm here.
8 Dr. Cox? Not here. Jerome Elser?
9 MR. JERRY ELSER: Here.
10 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Curtis
11 Franklin?
12 MR. CURTIS FRANKLIN: Here.
13 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Craig
14 Branchfield?
15 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Here.
16 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Ronald Hood?
17 William Kimbrough? Cheryl Bragg?
18 MS. CHERYL BRAGG: Here.
19 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN:
20 Dwight Mitchell?
21 MR. DWIGHT MITCHELL: Here.
22 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Jim Miller?
23 Okay. We have eight -- okay -- Mr. Hood, you're here.

1 Change that. Looks like we might have a quorum.

2 MR. RON LEVY: You need to call the

3 BCT members and get them on record, too.

4 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Who's that?

5 MR. RON LEVY: You need to call the

6 BCT members to get them on the record.

7 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Ron Grant?

8 MR. RON GRANT: Here.

9 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Ron Levy?

10 MR. RON LEVY: Here.

11 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Doyle Brittain?

12 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Here.

13 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: And

14 Philip Stroud?

15 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Here.

16 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Looks like

17 we've got barely a quorum; is that right?

18 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: I have

19 eight.

20 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: You have

21 eight?

22 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: You have to

23 have nine.

1 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I move that we
2 dismiss.

3 MR. JOE DOYLE: Wait, somebody is
4 pulling in right now.

5 MR. CURTIS FRANKLIN: Let's vote.

6 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Okay, we have
7 a quorum looks like coming in. Let's start in the
8 back and have guests introduce themselves. Go along
9 the back wall and then this front row.

10 MS. AMANDA HOOD: Amanda Hood.

11 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Amanda Hood.

12 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Brenda
13 Cunningham, Environmental Office, Transition Force.

14 MS. LISA HOLSTEIN: Lisa Holstein,
15 Environmental Office, Transition Force.

16 MR. LEE JAYE: Lee Jaye, Transition
17 Force.

18 MR. ART HOLCOLM: Art Holcolm,
19 Foster Wheeler.

20 MR. PAUL JAMES: Paul James,
21 Transition Force.

22 MR. BOB DAFFRON: Bob Daffron,
23 National Guard Training Center.

1 Mr. AL McNEAL (phonetic): Al
2 McNeal, Huntsville Corps of Engineers.
3 MR. DARRYL STABILE: Darryl Stabile,
4 I'm with the Corps of Engineers, Mobile District.
5 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Josh Jenkins,
6 Shaw A&I (phonetic).
7 MR. BILL SHANKS: Bill Shanks,
8 Transition Force, Environmental.
9 MR. JOE DOYLE: Joe Doyle,
10 Transition Force.
11 MR. STEVE MILLER: Steve Miller,
12 U. S. Fish & Wildlife.
13 MS. KAREN PINSON: Karen Pinson,
14 Transition Force.
15 MR. JIM GRASSIANO: Jim Grassiano,
16 ADEM.
17 MR. DWIGHT HOLLON: Dwight Hollon,
18 citizen, SAIC.
19 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: All right.
20 Look at your minutes for April. Let's approve those
21 minutes. If you've -- you should have had those
22 already. Take just a moment to look at them or
23 refresh. Any changes, any alterations to those

1 minutes?

2 Do I hear a motion that these be

3 approved?

4 MR. JAMES BUFORD: So moved.

5 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Second?

6 MR. JERRY ELSER: Second.

7 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Any

8 discussion? Okay, let those be approved.

9 We need to look at February, March

10 minutes, as well. Let's take those separately. Look

11 at February, if you would. If there are any

12 changes -- I think these have already been altered

13 about four or five times, so, probably not a lot of

14 new changes to be made to those.

15 February, hear a motion those be

16 approved?

17 MR. JERRY ELSER: So moved.

18 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Second?

19 MR. JAMES BUFORD: Second.

20 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Any

21 discussion? Look at the March meeting, March the

22 17th, 2003. Hear a motion on March minutes? Failed

23 pass for lack of --

1 MR. JAMES BUFORD: So moved.

2 MR. CLENDENIN: Second? Any
3 discussion?

4 MS. SAMANTHA NOBLE: Did anybody
5 second?

6 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Who -- did
7 anybody second? Will somebody second?

8 MR. JERRY ELSE: I'll second.

9 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Okay,
10 Mr. Elser seconded. Any discussion? Everybody in
11 favor, say I.

12 Okay, tonight's program is going to
13 be Mr. Ron Levy, talking about Pelham Range. So,
14 let's just kick right into that.

15 MR. RON LEVY: Boy, that's quick.

16 In previous RAB meetings, one of the
17 topics that the RAB said that they wanted to visit was
18 the status of work going -- ongoing on Pelham Range.

19 Is this working?

20 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: (Nods head.)

21 MR. RON LEVY: Can you hear me?

22 So, we put this together to give you
23 kind of an update on the work that's going on out at

1 Pelham Range. I think you need to understand that
2 this RAB, as part of its work, it's also inclusive of
3 the work that's going on in Pelham Range. And Pelham
4 Range, as a site, is handled under the Army's BRAC
5 program, at this point, but it will eventually
6 transition to what they call the DIRC (phonetic)
7 program, when the National Guard physically picks the
8 program up and completes the work.

9 Right now, the National -- the
10 property is licensed to the National Guard and the
11 National Guard does operate Pelham Range for purposes
12 of training soldiers out there, both active and
13 reserve and guardsmen. And so there is an active
14 program going on out there.

15 At the time of closure, McClellan
16 was required to close, for the most part, main post,
17 and retain facilities so that the Alabama Army
18 National Guard could operate. And what that amounted
19 to was about six hundred acres on main post in an
20 enclave. And if you'll just look up here, in this
21 general vicinity up there. And then they were to
22 retain all of Pelham Range for training purposes.

23 The enclave has been defined. It's

1 in place. The property is under license to the
2 Alabama National Guard. At some point, the Army will
3 move to transfer it. And this is really not the type
4 of transfer that you would understand from one entity
5 to another. It's really a transfer from one MACOM,
6 one major command, to another, going from TRADOC,
7 which was the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, to
8 the National Guard Bureau, which is another command.
9 And that transfer is pending, based on completion of
10 some of the work.

11 At the time of transfer, we entered
12 into what's known as an MOA, memorandum of agreement,
13 as to what work we would actually be doing out there.
14 And it defined the sites and it also defined the level
15 of work we would complete up to.

16 So, in some cases, if we were in an
17 SI phase, it said, okay, complete through an RI phase,
18 site investigation or remedial investigation phase.
19 If we hadn't done any work out there, it said,
20 complete to the SI phase. And the understanding was
21 that once we completed that phase, the next phase
22 would be transitioned over to the
23 Alabama National Guard, who would pick up the work.

1 And the intent there was -- getting
2 some feedback. The intent there was to get the Guard
3 moved into the process -- can you still hear me?

4 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Turn it
5 (inaudible).

6 MR. RON LEVY: I just turned it off.

7 -- so that they could transition
8 into the work that was necessary while the active Army
9 was still doing its piece from the investigation site.

10 Anyways, let me just orient you.
11 Most of you know this: Main post, at the time of
12 closure, was to the east of Pelham Range. And there
13 is about a five-mile difference between Pelham Range
14 and main post.

15 Pelham Range is about twenty-two
16 thousand acres. It was purchased in the early -- in
17 the early '40s. It was essentially purchased because
18 the Army wanted to conduct the majority of its live
19 fire training out on Pelham Range and leave really
20 most of the small arms and other type ordnance
21 training on main post and give it more room from a
22 firing perspective. So, they purchased Pelham Range.

23 And you can see that it allowed for

1 them to do maneuver-type training that they didn't --
2 initially, couldn't do on McClellan, on the main post,
3 because of the terrain, hilly nature of the terrain,
4 and to do things like artillery training, because
5 there was a greater distance that they could shoot
6 from.

7 Next slide. Little bit about what
8 we've been doing on Pelham Range. We started out
9 looking at fifteen different sites. And that was at
10 the time of the closure. Right now, of the fifteen
11 sites, ten of those sites are in the no-further-action
12 category, meaning that the BCT, EPA, ADEM, the Army
13 has agreed that those sites, based on its
14 investigations that occurred to date, don't have a
15 human health or ecological risk issue that would push
16 it forward into either a further investigation or some
17 sort of cleanup.

18 Four of those sites did go into
19 further investigation. Some of those sites are in
20 that phase of an RI, some are pending. And then there
21 is one site that's awaiting
22 Nuclear Regulatory Commission comments, based on some
23 radiological training that occurred out on

1 Fort McClellan and the history, the fact that we did a
2 removal out there.

3 Next slide. These are the fifteen
4 sites that were being investigated on Pelham Range.
5 In fact, one of these sites has more than -- or
6 several of these sites have more than one parcel. So
7 not to confuse you, a site may be a piece of property,
8 but it may have more than one parcel or issue on it
9 and you'll see it says site, you'll see it says --
10 these are sites, but they'll be different parcel
11 numbers on them. So, this particular parcel here --
12 (pointing) -- has several different sites in it.
13 There is at least four different sites that are being
14 investigated within that parcel. And in some cases,
15 we have separate investigations for those parcels and
16 in some cases we've combined investigations for
17 parcels within the site.

18 The sites that are listed in green
19 here are sites that we've no further actions to this
20 point. Again, because we have not seen anything that
21 would drive us to do further investigations or
22 cleanup. So, the sites have been -- essentially, been
23 able to drop out, which is really good news.

1 And then the sites you see in red
2 are those sites that are moving into -- or are in an
3 RI or moving through an RI or will go into an RI, I
4 should say. And the four of them that I'll list,
5 range J here, a former toxic gas area, and there is
6 two sites in there, parcel 211 and parcel 207,
7 range K, 203, and range I.

8 The site that's awaiting NRC comment
9 on -- well, actually, we're awaiting for approval from
10 the NRC, based on work that has been done out there to
11 date. We have conducted a removal action of
12 radiological waste out there from previous -- from a
13 mound site. The removal action has been completed.

14 We did -- in accordance with what
15 NRC and the State wanted us to do -- a flyover to
16 verify that there were no other source material out on
17 Pelham Range. So now, in fact, we didn't just do
18 Pelham Range, we did main post.

19 In that flyover, we found that in
20 fact we had done a complete removal. We submitted
21 that report --

22 MS. SAMANTHA NOBLE: I'm sorry. We
23 had done --

1 MR. RON LEVY: A complete removal.

2 MS. SAMANTHA NOBLE: Okay, thank
3 you.

4 MR. RON LEVY: There is no other
5 source, sources out there. And we submitted that
6 report through the State to NRC. And as I understand
7 it now, it's at their headquarters level. So, we're
8 waiting for them to approve the report and release us
9 from an NRC license that's associated with this site.
10 So, that's really just a matter of waiting on NRC to
11 come to the same conclusion that the rest of us have
12 come to, that there isn't anything else out there.

13 Next slide. Range I, range I is
14 about half an acre, fenced-in area. And if you'll
15 just go back to the map again, Brenda. Again, this is
16 range I here. Very small site.

17 Go back to the -- this, along with
18 several sites I'll talk to you about, was a site that
19 was used by the chemical school. They used it for
20 chemical-agent training, in this case, shell tapping,
21 and they did what was known as aerial denial
22 (phonetic) and decontamination operations out there.
23 Live agent on the ground. And then they

1 decontaminated it after the fact.

2 What we're seeing out there, in
3 terms of contaminants of concern, is arsenic. We have
4 gone through an investigation for chemical warfare
5 material, those agents that were used out there.
6 We've completed that investigation. That report was
7 published. And we didn't find any agent, nor did we
8 find any breakdown products essentially associated
9 with the agent, but what we did find is arsenic.
10 Arsenic may be a result of the (inaudible) that was
11 out there from the deconning that occurred.

12 Now, this site has not gone into an
13 RI. So, it needs to go into the next phase so that we
14 can do the nature -- we can look at nature and extent
15 of the arsenic.

16 If you'll go to the next slide.
17 This shows you essentially some of the levels. And
18 you can see them in here -- (pointing) -- next to
19 these sampling locations on the site.

20 So, again, this will have to go into
21 a next phase. We'll need to look at the extent of the
22 arsenic and then define what it will take from a
23 removal or from a cleanup action.

1 And that's where we're at on this
2 site today. So, this is certainly not a completed
3 investigation, to conclude what the cleanup is.

4 Next slide. Range J, another small
5 site, .2 acres.

6 MS. SAMANTHA NOBLE: I had trouble
7 with that --

8 MR. RON LEVY: I'm sorry.

9 MS. SAMANTHA NOBLE: Another --

10 MR. RON LEVY: Another small site,
11 and it's .2 acres. And, Brenda, if you'll go to the
12 map again. All you need to do is click on that
13 little thing there.

14 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: I know.

15 MR. RON LEVY: Range J, right here.
16 Go back again. Good job. Again, another area that
17 the chemical school used for live-agent training. Was
18 defined as an agent-training area and a disposal area.
19 Although, we did another -- again, we did a chemical
20 warfare material investigation of this site. We did
21 not find any agent or any agent breakdown product
22 coming through.

23 Extensive decontamination occurred

1 at this site. So, really, what we're seeing of
2 contaminants of concern are the chlorinated compounds
3 associated with the deconning of agent.

4 And if you'll go to the next slide.
5 What you're looking at here is a representation of a
6 plume map. Looking at concentration of what we're
7 seeing in total VOCs are these compounds combined,
8 with the highest concentration being in this general
9 area here, at about twelve milligrams per liter.
10 These are obviously above human health screening
11 levels, and so, there is some sort of action, in terms
12 of cleanup, that obviously will have to occur here.

13 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: What is
14 the acceptable amount?

15 MR. RON LEVY: For carbon tet, off
16 the top of my head, I cannot remember. I just know
17 that -- Josh --

18 MR. JOSH JENKINS: I'm sorry, what
19 was the question again?

20 MR. RON LEVY: What's the screening
21 levels for these compounds on human health?

22 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Human health, I
23 want to say carbon tet is around three parts per

1 billion, something like that --

2 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: And you
3 said that was twelve? Is that what you said, Ron?

4 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah.

5 MR. JOSH JENKINS: -- parts per
6 million. So, it's got -- it's very high, at that
7 particular well, that's red.

8 MR. RON LEVY: These other lines
9 look at really concentrations as they go out. So, you
10 have a high concentration here, somewhat localized,
11 that may be a result of how the deconning of the agent
12 occurred. Maybe it occurred over in that area. Not
13 really sure.

14 This is the fenced-in area. This
15 particular area here is where you can see remnants of
16 drums that had had some mustard cleanup that was done
17 at one point and was put here in this location.

18 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Ron, does this
19 represent surface or well -- I heard him say wells.

20 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, this is
21 groundwater.

22 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Okay.

23 MR. RON LEVY: These issues are

1 associated with groundwater for this particular site.
2 Range I was in soils.

3 Next slide. Range K, this is a
4 two-acre site. This is one of those sites -- and if
5 you could go back to the Pelham Range map, Brenda.
6 Range K is right here. It's a site within -- excuse
7 me, it's a parcel within a site. This being a toxic
8 gas area. Go back to the slide.

9 Again, this also had a history of
10 chemical-agent training and a shell-tapping area.
11 Just a little bit about shell tapping. What the
12 school used to do, chemical school used to do to train
13 soldiers, they essentially took the round -- there was
14 no rounds fired on McClellan, but what they did was
15 they took the round which had the agent inside it and
16 they tapped it, to essentially bore a hole in it, to
17 allow them to pour agent out, and used that agent, you
18 know, to contaminate things for the students to go in,
19 detect, and then decontaminate. And it was actually a
20 great tool for them, because they could carry it
21 around and they could plug the round when they weren't
22 going to use it and hold the round and keep the agent
23 inside the round. They had other containers like

1 one-ton containers, but for things like GB or VX, it
2 was almost easier for them just to tap the shell and
3 take the agent out of that and then take some of the
4 agent -- the contaminated piece of equipment, the
5 students would go in and check the detection equipment
6 against the agent and then go in and do the decon
7 unit.

8 At this particular site, we're also
9 seeing high levels of chlorinated VOCs in the
10 groundwater level. If you'll go to the next slide.

11 This site's in the midst of an RI.
12 We're seeing -- there was a drum in this particular
13 area right here. (Pointing.) But you're seeing a
14 plume that extends to the south from this site and
15 you're seeing another concentration up here in the
16 actual site.

17 We have not bounded this site.
18 These data lines down here represent the fact that
19 we're -- what's the term -- defining what we believe
20 is the edge of the plume. But because we have one
21 groundwater well here, we really don't know -- with a
22 high concentration -- really don't know what continues
23 to go down gradient from here. So, there is an

1 additional four monitoring wells that we're going to
2 put in to try to bound this plume, try to figure out
3 where the end of it is.

4 Again, you can see TCE is one of the
5 major components, one of the major components up here
6 for this plume. Same thing that you see on a lot of
7 the sites.

8 MR. DWIGHT MITCHELL: Ron, is that
9 plume indicative of the groundwater flow, of the
10 direction?

11 MR. RON LEVY: For this particular
12 site, yeah. I think the gradient is moving in that
13 direction.

14 MR. DWIGHT MITCHELL: What about the
15 entire Pelham Range, is this somewhat the way that the
16 groundwater is flowing?

17 MR. JOSH JENKINS: If you'd go back
18 to that. You go back to the Pelham Range map that
19 shows all the sites on there.

20 Pelham Range, if you look at the map
21 of Pelham Range, Cane Creek flows from east to west,
22 pretty much bisects Pelham Range. Things to the
23 north, which is range J, range K, sites that the north

1 generally flow towards Cane Creek to the south. And
2 sites to the south generally flow -- groundwater flows
3 to the north. Then everything's flowing towards
4 Cane Creek.

5 That's pretty much it. There is
6 variations in westerly or southerly directions,
7 depending upon the time of year and the amount of
8 rainfall we've seen, but it's generally towards
9 Cane Creek.

10 MR. RON LEVY: That particular
11 site, too, it's also dipping. Am I not -- incorrect?
12 When you look at it from a --

13 MR. JOSH JENKINS: Yeah, the geology
14 out here is very complex. The geology over at range K
15 for example is very complex, and it would be different
16 from the geology over in range J. You've got
17 different things that are affecting the site
18 groundwater flow where we're seeing contaminants. So,
19 they're all really looked at, individually.

20 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: What is
21 the level there? You said twelve at J. What is the
22 level on K that you found?

23 MR. RON LEVY: Well, this one, the

1 highest reading we've got was seventy-seven milligrams
2 per liter.

3 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH:
4 Seventy-seven?

5 MR. RON LEVY: Parts per
6 (inaudible).

7 MR. JOSH JENKINS: It would be seven
8 hundred parts per billion, seven hundred and seventy
9 parts per billion or .77 milligrams per liter.

10 MR. RON LEVY: I'm sorry, it's .77
11 (inaudible).

12 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Three is
13 the acceptable.

14 MR. RONALD HOOD: Have you detected
15 any of these contaminants in Cane Creek, itself?

16 MR. RON LEVY: I don't know -- in
17 terms of what we've sampled out there, levels within
18 Cane Creek?

19 MR. JOSH JENKINS: We may have a
20 couple of samples that we've actually collected in
21 Cane Creek that -- all these sites really,
22 individually, we feel like we've got a good control on
23 the plume boundary. It's not really necessitated us

1 to go as far away as Cane Creek. None of these sites
2 are really close to Cane Creek, itself.

3 At this site for example you can
4 see, we feel like we've almost gotten the plume
5 bounded to the south, range J, we feel like we've got
6 a good handle on the plume boundary there. Thirty
7 some odd wells we've put in out there.

8 MR. RON LEVY: Any more questions?
9 Next slide.

10 Former toxic gas area. This is that
11 odd-shaped site. If you'd go back to the map. This
12 is the odd-shaped site here. It had range K in it, it
13 has Lima Pond, which we've NFA'd, and then we've got
14 two sites associated with this that we're looking at.

15 Go back to the next slide. This had
16 what was a chemical obstacle course laid out by the
17 school where soldiers would go through kind of a
18 station to station. You might have at one station a
19 detection requirement and one station a decon
20 requirement. Various things that -- on each one of
21 the stations.

22 And if you'll -- I told you about
23 range K and L. Again, we've got chlorinated VOCs, but

1 we -- go to the next slide. This here is the actual
2 chemical obstacle course. I think station one was up
3 here in the top here. And the students just moved to
4 the stations in each -- at each station, they came
5 upon a different problem associated with chemical use
6 and contamination.

7 So, Lima Pond was actually what we
8 understood to be defined as a crater. So, it was a
9 simulated crater from a nuclear explosion, where we
10 actually heard -- we had anecdotal (inaudible) from
11 all sorts of stuff that there may have been a disposal
12 (inaudible) for chemical agent. But we never did
13 discover anything there, so we were able to NFA that
14 site right there.

15 And then here is range K up here.
16 But if you'll look down here -- and I know it's kind
17 of a (inaudible) chart -- we've got several hits,
18 significant hits associated with TCE, TCA, 1,1,2 --
19 1,1 Dichloroethene that are part of the VOC issue.

20 And again, this is only at an SI
21 phase that we're looking at, so, we don't have nature
22 and extent associated with these. So, this whole site
23 in here will go forward into an RI. We've got hits in

1 the groundwater, but again, we don't really have that
2 characterized to the point where we can establish if
3 we've got a plume.

4 And then there is another piece down
5 here. This piece down here is really -- 207 is part
6 of the parcel, but we've got some lead issues. I
7 understand the lead we've seen at -- we've seen lead
8 at twelve foot in depth there, at high concentrations
9 above human health limits that we'll have to continue
10 on with an investigation in that site to determine
11 nature and extent.

12 I think this is my last slide
13 concerning the parcels. If you've got any questions,
14 I'll be glad to take them.

15 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Hey, Ron, if
16 the cleanup on Fort McClellan gets privatized, does
17 that include Pelham Range or does it not include
18 Pelham Range?

19 MR. RON LEVY: It does not. What
20 will happen with Pelham Range is we will complete our
21 pieces and the Guard transitions over. National Guard
22 Bureau will pick up the additional phases, now. And
23 they may contract it through the Corps of Engineers,

1 but it will really be an Army ongoing action.

2 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Ron, on
3 number ten, the no further action, were there any
4 unresolved issues on those pieces of properties?

5 MR. RON LEVY: I'm sorry, on which
6 site?

7 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Were
8 there any unresolved issues, as far as ADEM and EPA on
9 no further -- parcels that you had no further action
10 on?

11 MR. RON LEVY: No. We wouldn't have
12 briefed it unless we had concurrence letters from the
13 State and EPA. We worked through some of those
14 heavily with both of them. We looked -- you know, we
15 designed our sampling programs, we went after sites in
16 accordance with what they thought was important. So,
17 our program essentially concluded there was nothing
18 there and they have agreed to it.

19 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: The burial
20 mound, is that contaminated stuff or is that a native
21 American burial site?

22 MR. RON LEVY: No, it's a burial
23 mound associated with --

1 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Chemical?

2 MR. RON LEVY: -- with waste,
3 radiological waste being buried there.

4 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Okay. All
5 right, any other questions for Ron? Thank you,
6 Mr. Levy. Appreciate it. Ready to move on.

7 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I got a
8 question on something totally different. On the
9 Choccolocco Corridor --

10 MR. RON LEVY: Our plan is to still
11 get to a separate briefing on that one. So, we just
12 stepped to this one first.

13 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: But there
14 is some --

15 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, there is sites
16 out --

17 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: --
18 remediation and stuff going on there, though?

19 MR. RON LEVY: Well, we're actually
20 moving in -- we're in an RI investigation out there,
21 so --

22 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Any further
23 questions? Let's move on to the new business. We

1 postponed last time the applications for RAB
2 membership. Is that on the table for tonight and do
3 we have copies of applicants? Where are we there?

4 MR. RON LEVY: Brenda, did we get
5 any new applicants in?

6 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: I haven't
7 received any, no. I still have the three that have
8 been on file that I have listed on your -- those are
9 the only three I have.

10 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I have them?

11 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: It's listed
12 on that agenda, the three names, Joe McCary,
13 David Steffy, and Keith Howland, the three from the
14 last election, those three are still very interested
15 in being members. And that's all I have.

16 MR. RON LEVY: I think we were
17 waiting for the RAB members to submit --

18 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Other names?

19 MR. RON LEVY: -- other names,
20 and --

21 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Does anyone
22 have other names to submit? We have three,
23 Joe McCary, David Steffy, and Keith Howland.

1 MR. RON LEVY: I understood there
2 was some interest, but we haven't seen anything, yet.
3 It may be from members that are not here.

4 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Do we want to
5 postpone that again? Hear any suggestions on that?

6 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: How many
7 slots are open we need to get filled?

8 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I don't know.
9 How many slots?

10 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Two.

11 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Two. And
12 we've got three applicants. Two slots open.

13 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Well, I'd
14 say if we've got -- I don't have a copy of their
15 application. If we have applications we can pass
16 around, I'd say let's just get it out of the way.

17 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Fine with me.

18 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Vote a
19 couple of them on. If we don't, we'll just put it off
20 until the next meeting.

21 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: It might be
22 advisable to wait, since we do have so many absent
23 today, if we want to wait on that. Of course, if we

1 don't get them on, the chances of getting a quorum are
2 getting slimmer and slimmer each time.

3 Any suggestions from the board?
4 What do you want to do?

5 MR. RON LEVY: My recommendation to
6 the board members would be to try to at least recruit
7 a single applicant for submission to the RAB, each.

8 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I don't know
9 if I understand your recommendation --

10 MR. RON LEVY: Each individual try
11 to recruit at least a single -- at least a single
12 applicant to the RAB --

13 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: To put in the
14 pile?

15 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. Obviously, you
16 got to get somebody to go along with that, but --

17 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Has anyone
18 suggested these names? In other words, is this
19 somebody's recommendation? I'm going to suggest that
20 we put that off then and wait to another time, if
21 that's okay.

22 The agency reports from ADEM and
23 EPA. Okay.

1 MR. PHILIP STROUD: I'm going to go
2 ahead and pass these on out. There is three pages
3 here. The first page -- the second page wraps up the
4 documents received and who is assigned to them from
5 ADEM. And the second page is -- discusses some of the
6 meetings I've been to since the last RAB. Have been
7 pretty busy. Covered a lot of territory, especially,
8 in the UXO arena.

9 And then the third page are some of
10 the documents we reviewed. And some of these say
11 there is no review necessary, however, we do look at
12 these letters and make comments if we need to or we
13 call folks back on that to discuss these issues.

14 What I'd like to do with these here,
15 this activity report, is to ask these be incorporated
16 by reference into the transcripts.

17 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: I'll need an
18 electronic copy of that.

19 MR. PHILIP STROUD: I'll get you
20 that.

21 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: If you can
22 E-mail that to me.

23 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Sure. So, if

1 there are any questions on these -- you'll notice that
2 we received lately the Choccolocco corridor site
3 investigation reports. We're starting to go over
4 those. I knew you were asking about that,
5 Mayor Kimbrough.

6 And we have kept the State Forestry
7 Commission in close contact. So, if there is any
8 other questions, that's it.

9 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Any questions
10 for Mr. Stroud? I don't think anyone is here from
11 JPA. Anybody here?

12 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: I'm on the
13 board. And they hadn't been here. Basically, I think
14 it shows on there that we have contracted with Matrix
15 to start the reviewing of all the documents in
16 reference to early transfer. They have been to
17 Montgomery, I think, for three days, in which they've
18 reviewed documents there.

19 Also, employed legal services. And
20 they are in negotiations with the Army to try to meet
21 the deadline of October 1 to have that set up and
22 ready to go.

23 And there has been some property

1 that has been -- also, that has been sold that has
2 been released. One is the old -- I call it the motel,
3 but anyway, that has been sold in addition to the old
4 Red Cross building, has been sold to individuals,
5 also. And so, we're moving ahead and especially with
6 privatization, I think that that --

7 MR. RON LEVY: The McClellan guest
8 house across from the old gas station?

9 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Guest
10 house, yes, that was sold. So, we've had two pieces
11 of property that were sold.

12 And then the property was leased to
13 the CSEP, of course, that is doing the mask for the
14 incinerator. That's on one lease. We've also signed
15 an agreement with AFEE's for the PX and the
16 commissary. So, we've made some progress with
17 properties.

18 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Any questions
19 for the Mayor? Are any of the TRC folks here?

20 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I'm here. I
21 don't have anything to report.

22 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Nothing to
23 report, okay. Action summary sheets, questions and

1 comments?

2 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Monty, I think
3 you accidentally overlooked EPA.

4 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I'm sorry. It
5 was on the same line with ADEM. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

6 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: In the handout
7 here is a list of the various reports that EPA has
8 reviewed the last month, meetings attended and so
9 forth. And as far as we know, we are current with our
10 review of all the documents.

11 The Army has handed out a tracking
12 sheet right here. And I will just say that it is not
13 up to date, because it does not reflect some of the
14 documents that EPA has submitted comments on. But
15 I'll be working with the Army to get that straightened
16 out. That's all I have.

17 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I apologize
18 for overlooking you there. Action summary sheets?
19 We have those before us. Somebody going to comment on
20 them?

21 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. I don't know
22 how much detail you all want, in terms of me going
23 through this. Obviously, the results of landfill

1 three, there is still work ongoing out there.

2 As associated with the wells and the
3 well sites that are being put in place for defining
4 the plume out at landfill three. As of this
5 reporting, we had completed eight wells. Still
6 working two. One of those particular wells is in the
7 median of Highway 21. You probably see it as you
8 drive by.

9 In terms of the OE investigation,
10 Alpha area, we've completed the public comment period
11 on that. There was a public meeting the 18th of
12 March. We have been working with ADEM on ADEM
13 comments, and also, working through some of the
14 privatization -- some of the privatization issues
15 because it's part -- it's on the block for
16 privatization. So, that's being worked with the JPA
17 and Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

18 In the Bravo area, the "Y" removal
19 is -- and again, I'll see if I can't point this out.
20 This is the "Y" removal area, looking at that big map
21 at the end of the table down there. We're still
22 working our removal in this area. There has been some
23 delay based on weather, but we're expecting to

1 complete that very shortly.

2 The Charlie area, the Charlie area
3 has been field work in the Charlie area, which is
4 essentially the Fish & Wildlife area and then some,
5 we've completed the field work. The document is being
6 reviewed as we talk. So, we're still working -- as of
7 this writing, we're still working internal review of
8 the document. Hopefully, that will also be out for
9 regulatory review.

10 M-101, we've completed the actions
11 at M-101, but -- and we signed a letter of clearance.
12 The M-101 area is actually in the finding of
13 suitability for early transfer. So, we expect that to
14 go in September, when the FOSET and the deeds are
15 completed.

16 Eastern bypass, really, all the
17 work's been done. They are doing some (inaudible)
18 removal of equipment out there, but they're working
19 to prepare the final removal report so we can submit
20 that to the State. Those dates are -- I mean, we've
21 really done all the work out there. Really, just the
22 next step on the eastern bypass is to work out -- work
23 the removal report and any issues with the Alabama

1 ADEM that might come from their review of that
2 document. And that's the good news.

3 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Ron, which
4 parcel is it that the question on the clearance of one
5 foot might -- versus three foot?

6 MR. RON LEVY: That's tract two,
7 three. This is tract two and tract three is the --
8 tract two is this access road, rerouting
9 Summerall Gate Road, and tract three is this piece
10 right here, which is the front end of the eastern
11 bypass. We have discussions ongoing on --

12 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Is that --
13 my understanding is that with ADEM, Philip, that the
14 Department of Transportation is going to accept it and
15 then clear it to the depth of three feet?

16 MR. PHILIP STROUD: The way I
17 understand it right now is that ALDOT, I think they
18 may be -- or electing to dig to depth of clearance,
19 and that's -- at this point, that's their choice.

20 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: They're
21 going to accept it as is and then clear it 'till --

22 MR. PHILIP STROUD: That's the way
23 I understand it.

1 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: -- it
2 meets the specifications that y'all have?

3 MR. PHILIP STROUD: Yes.

4 MR. RON LEVY: I'm not sure what
5 ALDOT is going to do. The Army has already -- has
6 said that we've conducted the full clearance and we've
7 taken all actions we deemed -- we thought was
8 necessary. So, we're on the record as saying that.
9 And we have moved to FOST the property and then work
10 to deed it next.

11 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: ALDOT in
12 one of our transportation meetings said that they were
13 going to clear it to depth, so they made that
14 statement.

15 MR. RON LEVY: The landfill EE/CA
16 investigation, the last thing that occurred as a
17 result of the landfill EE/CA investigation, there was
18 a meeting at the end of March. There were a number of
19 recommendations that came out from the BCT, quite a
20 few of those -- as a matter of fact, all of those
21 recommendations are being considered as part of the
22 negotiations on the privatization piece.

23 One other thing that the Army did

1 agree to do outside the privatization piece is the
2 landfill gas monitoring. We did provide ADEM a copy
3 of our work plan and passed it also by the JPA, their
4 contractor, and they provided a concurrence letter.

5 And we've already completed a good
6 bit of that work to date. One thing we're lacking
7 still on that is landfill three, because of the
8 weather, every time we dug a bore hole, we filled up
9 with water. And, of course, you couldn't really
10 sample it.

11 So, the good news there is that what
12 we're seeing is that we're not seeing the -- we're not
13 seeing the methane gas that a lot of times are
14 associated with landfills. But the report is still to
15 be published.

16 FOSTs that are currently out there.
17 We just talked about the eastern bypass tract two and
18 three and where we are with that one. Again, that
19 FOST is up at the Department of the Army level. So,
20 it's the Army's position that we have concluded and
21 done an adequate cleanup there.

22 There is Super FOST 3 that was out.
23 It involved several swamp parcels of property, as well

1 as some pieces in the -- some pieces that are still
2 being negotiated with the State. Some -- we've gotten
3 comments back from the State on that and EPA. We're
4 working to resolve some of that. Some of those
5 parcels will probably move into the finding of
6 suitability for early transfer based on comments we've
7 gotten to this point. And I can't really show you
8 those, but they're scattered throughout the middle of
9 the main post.

10 GSA warehouse and Reilly Lake areas,
11 that is -- well, we finished the public review period
12 for that, and we're awaiting comments from the State.
13 We think the comments that we're going to get are
14 easily workable. Some of the comments we -- may
15 include removal of the Reilly Lake area and put it
16 in -- putting it into the FOSET. And that's where the
17 Army will probably go with that. So, that one's still
18 working its way through the regulatory agencies.

19 The ECOP, that's essentially been
20 completed and it's been signed at the Army level. So,
21 that's good news. 6th of May.

22 Other property transfers, you can
23 see there, I won't actually go into them. And

1 personnel that are on the ground are also listed
2 there. Any questions?

3 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Any questions?
4 Thank you very much. Mr. Grant, do we have a TAPP
5 report?

6 MR. RON GRANT: I signed the
7 contract extension a couple of weeks ago. And I'm in
8 the process of reviewing the Alpha area EE/CA. I
9 don't have anything to report on it right now, but I
10 should be -- I should complete that before the next
11 meeting and have a written summary of that.

12 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Okay.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, right now, Ron
14 billed sixteen hours his last billing period, so --
15 and we're still working with the previous five hundred
16 hours that was defined in the last year's contract,
17 which, as Ron mentioned, the contract has been
18 extended for another year. So, there is still well
19 over three hundred and ninety hours, three hundred and
20 ninety-three point seven five to be exact, in that
21 contract.

22 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Any questions
23 for Mr. Grant? What about upcoming programs? Any on

1 the agenda or any we want to hear about, I suppose?

2 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: One that
3 Ron mentioned is Choccolocco. Would you be ready to
4 give us something on that by the next meeting?

5 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, I think we
6 actually have it on our agenda to get to. I'm not
7 sure whether it was for next meeting or whether we had
8 something else going. I think we've got something
9 next meeting that was -- you want to remind me what
10 that was --

11 MS. KAREN PINSON: Repository.

12 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. One of the
13 things that is going to constrict us is we're going to
14 go to the repository next month at the Anniston,
15 Calhoun County Library. It doesn't leave us with a
16 whole lot of ability to set up for a briefing. The
17 intent there was to be able to show you the
18 repository, where the documents are at, so that you
19 get a feel for how the community has access to those
20 documents. And then come back in June and -- excuse
21 me, in July and maybe do Choccolocco Corridor. We
22 have to look at our schedules.

23 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: That's next

1 month's meeting --

2 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah.

3 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: -- we'll be
4 there? Is that at the library at JSU?

5 MR. RON LEVY: No, this is Anniston,
6 Calhoun County Public Library.

7 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Okay. There
8 will be a reminder, I guess, when we get minutes or
9 whatever announcements about this?

10 Anything else on upcoming programs?
11 Any audience comments?

12 I just have a question for the
13 committee. With the October transfer to JPA, is there
14 a sunset clause for this committee or do we continue
15 to function after that transfer? Yes, there is a
16 sunset clause or yes we continue?

17 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: This
18 committee will continue -- well, my understanding is
19 we will continue. Isn't that right?

20 MR. JOE DOYLE: Yes, that's correct,
21 you will continue.

22 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Okay.

23 MR. JOE DOYLE: Other than JPA --

1 you know, the transfer will take place, assuming the
2 JPA takes over the responsibility of cleanup, your
3 role does not change, at all, other than the JPA will
4 kind of stand in the shoes of the Army to a great
5 extent. So, it will be their responsibility to
6 provide much of the information that the Army now
7 provides. Of course, and your responsibility stays
8 the same, providing input into that process to them,
9 just as you do the Army.

10 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: When will this
11 committee know that their work is done?

12 MR. JOE DOYLE: When those two
13 gentlemen or their -- or when they retire and the
14 people that follow them tell you, from EPA --

15 MR. RON LEVY: There is some
16 guidelines out there on how RABs are stood down. And
17 I can maybe provide that for you during the next RAB
18 meeting. It really talks about --

19 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I was just
20 curious as to how it would transfer after the property
21 was transferred.

22 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: The JPA
23 will go away, eventually.

1 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Yes.

2 MR. RON LEVY: It talks, I think, a
3 little bit about the level of interest is one of them
4 and the amount of work that's out there, too. But
5 I'll have to get that and lay it out for you, but
6 there is guidance out there from the Army on how RABs
7 will transition out.

8 MR. CLENDENIN: Any other comments,
9 questions?

10 MR. RON GRANT: This is just an
11 aside, has nothing to do directly with the RAB. But
12 Calhoun County Health Department has an initiative
13 going on. I'm a volunteer with them. And they meet
14 monthly to talk about environmental issues in the
15 community.

16 And they're considering handing out
17 a survey. They're handing out cameras to various
18 members of the community, just to make pictures of
19 things that may bother them from an environmental
20 perspective. It may be people doing open burning, it
21 may be abandoned automobiles, stacks of automobile
22 tires, anything of that nature. And they're working
23 with, you know, various organizations within the

1 county.

2 So, if anybody is interested in that
3 and would like to get more information or perhaps have
4 some input to what they're doing, Timothy Cherry is
5 the point of contact at the Calhoun County Health
6 Department.

7 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Very good.
8 Anything else anybody got on your mind you want to get
9 off before you go home? Do I hear a motion that we
10 adjourn?

11 (UNIDENTIFIED MALE): Motion.

12 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Do I hear a
13 second?

14 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Second.

15 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Everybody in
16 favor, leave.

17 MS. SAMANTHA NOBLE: Who made the
18 motion?

19 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I couldn't
20 hear. I didn't see where it came from.

21 MS. SAMANTHA NOBLE: Who made the
22 motion that --

23 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Who made the

1 motion to adjourn?

2 MR. DWIGHT MITCHELL: I did.

3 MS. SAMANTHA NOBLE: Thank you.

4 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.)

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