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1 DR. DAVID STEFFY: I'd like to call
2 the meeting to order. And the first order is roll
3 call. I'm here. Gary Harvey is excused.
4 Cheryl Bragg?
5 MS. CHERYL BRAGG: Here.
6 DR. DAVID STEFFY: James Buford?
7 Phillip Burgett?
8 MR. PHILLIP BURGETT: Here.
9 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Monty Clendenin?
10 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Here.
11 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Pete Conroy?
12 Dr. Barry Cox?
13 DR. BARRY COX: Here.
14 MR. DAVID STEFFY: Jerome Elser?
15 Donna Fathke resigned. Curtis Franklin?
16 MR. CURTIS FRANKLIN: Here.
17 DR. DAVID STEFFY: James Hall?
18 Dr. Mary Harrington excused. Robert Jackson?
19 MR. ROBERT JACKSON: Here.
20 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Ed Kimbrough?
21 ED KIMBROUGH: Here.
22 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Joe McCary?
23 Jim Miller?

1 MR. JIM MILLER: Here.

2 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Dwight Mitchell

3 resigned. New member, Penn Wilson?

4 MR. PENN WILSON: Here.

5 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Under the JPA,

6 Greg Schank?

7 MR. GREG SCHANK: Here.

8 DR. DAVID STEFFY: BCT members,

9 Doyle Brittain? Ron Levy?

10 MR. RON LEVY: Here.

11 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Shana Decker?

12 MS. SHANA DECKER: Here.

13 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Thank you, and we

14 do have a quorum, finally. Again, introduction of a

15 new member, Penn Wilson, welcome to the board.

16 MR. PENN WILSON: Thank you. Glad

17 to be here.

18 DR. DAVID STEFFY: And Brenda

19 informs me we are still lacking one member, and over

20 on the table are some membership applications and the

21 website for this RAB also has membership applications

22 online. So, beat the bushes, I guess, and come up

23 with one more member for us.

1 And I'd like to go around the room
2 and have any guests introduce themselves, their name,
3 and if you're associated with anybody. Over here.

4 MR. TODD BIGGS: Todd Biggs,
5 TETRA Tech.

6 MS. KAREN PINSON: Karen Pinson,
7 Fort McClellan, Transition Force.

8 MR. MARK STARNES: Good afternoon,
9 Mark Starnes with Western Solutions.

10 MR. LABARRON RUDOLPH: LaBarron
11 Rudolph with ADEM.

12 MS. TRACY PEACE: Tracy Peace, ADEM.

13 MR. RON GRANT: Ron Grant, TAPP
14 contractor.

15 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Thank you.

16 Since we do have a quorum, we'd like
17 to ask for approval of the minutes from April of 2005,
18 which are attached for you. So, please, take a minute
19 to review.

20 ED KIMBROUGH: Make a motion for
21 adoption.

22 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Do I hear a
23 second?

1 MR. JIM MILLER: I second.

2 MR. CURTIS FRANKLIN: Second

3 MR. JIM MILLER: I yield.

4 MR. CURTIS FRANKLIN: I defer to
5 him.

6 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Any yeas? And
7 any nays? Motion for the agenda to be accepted.

8 New business agency reports, ADEM?

9 MS. SHANA DECKER: Yes?

10 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Yes.

11 MS. SHANA DECKER: You're ready,
12 already?

13 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Yeah.

14 MS. SHANA DECKER: Well, this
15 quarter, first of all, I want to introduce our new
16 chief of engineering services section B -- we've been
17 split into two sections, in case anybody was
18 wondering -- is Tracy Peace. She's sitting right over
19 here, new chief of engineering section -- services and
20 also, our new tier two representative for
21 Fort McClellan.

22 This quarter, we've been
23 concentrating on completing document reviews for the

1 upcoming ESCA negotiations between JPA and the Army,
2 been doing several documents, including things like
3 the stump dump and the impact area south of the
4 prisoner of war training facility and some others and
5 Bravo EE/CA stuff. Anyway, so we've been trying to
6 catch up on a lot of -- some backlogged review
7 documents.

8 Also, this quarter we've issued a
9 letter which describes our understanding of the --
10 what we came to decide in the M-101 and the M-3 and
11 the Y area, which was the Army and JPA were to come up
12 with a construction support, what level of
13 construction support they were going to provide in
14 that area.

15 I don't know if y'all remember, but
16 last quarter we had done additional investigation and
17 discovered some more, just training items that didn't
18 redefine the area, but it did -- we did decide that it
19 warranted further construction support, which is what
20 we all agreed to in that -- during this quarter.

21 Also, during this quarter, ADEM has
22 brought on board an UXO contractor and an
23 environmental services contractor. Our UXO contractor

1 is Mr. Jim Pastoric (phonetic) of UXO Pro. He's out
2 of Alexandria, Virginia and is providing review
3 services for us, as far as UXO is concerned, and also
4 he's been coming out here and providing some oversight
5 at the Eastern Bypass construction debris removal and
6 anything else that we get started on here in the near
7 future.

8 And also -- yes, and it's to cover
9 both the JPA and the Army. He also provided oversight
10 for the Alpha area, supplemental EE/CA investigation
11 that was just completed in the Alpha area.

12 Also, we have on board a contractor
13 called TRC, who are out of Lola, Massachusetts, which
14 is up there by Boston. And they have provided us with
15 a lot of comments on Bains Gap Road investigation and
16 the landfill and fill area EE/CA, and also
17 Bains Gap Road RI investigation, all of which were
18 some very substantial investigations. So, we were
19 very happy to have their help.

20 They also provided us with some
21 expertise that we didn't necessarily have, such as
22 some really intensive risk assessment for these ranges
23 and wells with the critters living on them. And so,

1 this was a lot of expertise that we really welcomed at
2 ADEM, so we're happy about that.

3 Like I said, we've been out here.
4 This quarter, we've provided field oversight with JPA
5 for the Alpha area EE/CA, the supplemental EE/CA,
6 which they did find some interesting items and were
7 able to more better define clearance areas in that
8 area. That's what they were put on now, I believe.

9 And also, we went on tour with the
10 EPA, which brought us all to the ranges. I think
11 small arms ranges is what we all saw that day.

12 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah.

13 MS. SHANA DECKER: And we went into
14 Choccolocco corridor and the Charlie area and Bravo.

15 And we also had another tour with
16 our new contractor, John Pastoric, and saw a lot of
17 the UXO ranges, which was another day we spent up
18 here.

19 Right now we're working on the MOA
20 with the Army, the memorandum of agreement, and we're
21 updating that, and the clean-up agreement with JPA,
22 all this is for the forthcoming, upcoming ESCA
23 negotiations that they have to go through. So, that's

1 what we're working on right now.

2 That's about it. Any questions?

3 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Any questions?

4 Thank you.

5 The next agency is EPA. Do they
6 have a rep here? No, okay.

7 On to the JPA.

8 MR. GREG SCHANK: During this last
9 quarter, we completed some additional characterization
10 at the T-38 training area. We installed a few
11 additional wells and sampled existing wells, plus the
12 new wells, some surface water samples and some seep
13 samples.

14 The Alpha area fieldwork is
15 complete. The report is currently in preparation. We
16 did find a few items out there that had to be blown in
17 place. Most notably, I think a forty millimeter HE
18 round grenade.

19 (Whereupon, Joe McCary enters the room.)

20 MR. GREG SCHANK: Some upcoming
21 work, we're going to do some additional
22 characterization on the T-6 training area. I expect
23 that to start next month.

1 Bains Gap Road, we have written an
2 action memorandum to send in. ADEM has reviewed that
3 and commented on it. So, we're going to try and
4 finalize that.

5 We're also going to try and have a
6 UXO contractor on staff hopefully sometime by the end
7 of August. They will have to do an explosive safety
8 submission to the DDESB, that's a safety board. And
9 that has to be approved before we can start doing
10 clearances along Bains Gap Road, but that is moving
11 forward, and we do expect to be out and working in
12 that area this calendar year.

13 That's pretty much it. I guess you
14 know that the sale of the commissary to Box Car fell
15 through. I'm not exactly sure of why that happened.

16 There are some additional properties
17 out here that the JPA is currently marketing. And I
18 don't know all of them, but every day I get requests
19 for information on different areas.

20 And that's pretty much it. Does
21 anyone have any questions?

22 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: The
23 status on Bains Gap, has their Wildlife -- has there

1 been any agreement by them on what they're going to do
2 to meet the standards?

3 MR. RON LEVY: I can probably talk a
4 little bit about that.

5 MR. GREG SCHANK: Yeah, I can't
6 speak for the Wildlife people.

7 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: Okay. Well, I
8 mean, y'all going to do y'all's? The JPA is going to
9 do theirs?

10 MR. GREG SCHANK: We'll do Alpha and
11 Bravo.

12 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: And then that
13 will clear it up to Wildlife?

14 MR. GREG SCHANK: Yes, sir.

15 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: And then the
16 Wildlife can --

17 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. And I'm going
18 to talk a little bit about it when I get into the
19 action summary --

20 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: Okay.

21 MR. RON LEVY: -- if you want to
22 wait.

23 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: Okay.

1 That will be fine.

2 MR. GREG SCHANK: Any other
3 questions?

4 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Before we
5 proceed, I would like to, for the record, mention that
6 Joe McCary has come in to join us. And now on to the
7 action summary sheet.

8 MR. RON LEVY: Let me get Brenda to
9 bring up this map to orient you. I know we've got a
10 couple of new members here that probably don't have a
11 full feel for where these sites are and I wanted to be
12 able to point them out to you as we went along.

13 For those of you who are new, when
14 we started the cleanup, we portioned the property
15 based upon priorities, particularly what was important
16 to the JPA, and there was -- from a MEC standpoint --
17 that's the cleanup of unexploded ordnance -- there was
18 three specific areas that we identified.

19 The priority one at the time when we
20 started this was called Alpha area. It's this orangy
21 color. And it was the primary focus.

22 The other two areas is this light
23 blue area, which is called the Bravo area; and the

1 green area, which is called the Charlie area, which is
2 mostly associated with the Fish & Wildlife portion,
3 that part that's become part of the
4 National Wildlife Refuge.

5 Within the priority area there are
6 some other pieces up here, the M-101, M-3, golden
7 triangle area that you've heard Shana talk a little
8 bit about. And that's essentially how the cleanup
9 looks from a MEC standpoint. The Eastern Bypass is
10 shown here, along the western boundary of the
11 installation.

12 We also have sites associated with
13 what we call HTRW, that's everything else besides UXO
14 or munitions cleanup. You know, it's groundwater
15 contamination, soils, and other contaminants that
16 we're trying to address.

17 But let me start out with the Bravo
18 area. There is about three thousand, three hundred
19 and twenty-seven acres of land that we've been working
20 on. We conducted what was known as a Bravo
21 engineering evaluation characterization. The document
22 went through several iterations.

23 It's presently been submitted to

1 ADEM as of December 2004. ADEM came back to us with
2 comments on that document. There was some significant
3 comments associated with the document, related to the
4 areas we defined for no further action. We're still
5 in the process of addressing those comments and
6 getting that back to ADEM.

7 There is another piece that they're
8 still looking at, which involves those areas where we
9 defined some level of cleanup, based on a reuse.

10 That document, as we briefed before
11 to this RAB, for those of you who are new members who
12 are interested in hearing some more about that, I can
13 provide that to you. If you want to get with me
14 off-line, I can certainly show you with the slides or
15 whatnot that are associated with that.

16 Within the Bravo areas is also the Y
17 area junction, which is again, this little area right
18 here. And that, along with an area called M-3 and
19 M-101, up in this area represented here -- we did a
20 clear to depth in this Y area, and we did a surface
21 removal up here. Based on what we found, we
22 determined it to be clear.

23 We went through some iterations with

1 ADEM about the clearance and the level of removal.
2 And we concluded, based on discussions, that we would
3 provide additional support during time of construction
4 for both of these areas, and we would do that, as
5 Shana pointed out, through the Environmental Services
6 Cooperative Agreement. That's the documents, or the
7 action that's presently being worked with the JPA to
8 provide funding for them to conduct cleanup on the
9 post.

10 In the Charlie area here, we did
11 complete an EE/CA for that document -- excuse me --
12 for that area. It was submitted back in December
13 to ADEM and to Fish & Wildlife -- well, in February,
14 February the year before. We had comments from
15 Fish & Wildlife that we're in the process of
16 addressing, and we're still waiting on ADEM's
17 comments. So, it's not a priority from the standpoint
18 of ADEM's workload, in terms of what we gave them.

19 One of the things we also did in
20 this area is we cleared the roads and firebreaks. The
21 intent there was to allow Fish & Wildlife to work off
22 the roads and firebreaks so they could do their
23 prescribed burns for maintenance of the long-leaf

1 pine. So, that's been concluded.

2 And that report has been sent -- has
3 been sent up -- excuse me. I stand corrected. That
4 report is still underway. We have not sent that up,
5 yet.

6 Eastern Bypass, again, it's this
7 piece that's located on the western periphery of the
8 installation. There was three different tracts.
9 Tract one was located in the southern portion, and you
10 can't really see it, because it's not mapped out here.

11 But if you look at this map over
12 here over Mr. Jackson's right shoulder, you'll see
13 this area down in here is tract one. And then tract
14 two was the northern piece up here. It was the --
15 this Y -- excuse me -- this flying J, a piece of the
16 top part of the Eastern Bypass up here. And then
17 tract three was this piece in here.

18 The status of that is: Tract one
19 has been transferred, transferred to the
20 Alabama Department of Transportation as part of the
21 Eastern Bypass. Tract two, that's been transferred to
22 ALDOT, and we've conducted the clearance on that,
23 already.

1 And then tract three is still
2 undergoing a level of clearance. We did an EE/CA and
3 a removal on tract three. We did a clearance to
4 depth. However, there was some acreage within the
5 tract three that, based upon what was there, a lot of
6 construction debris, geophysically, we weren't able to
7 see below.

8 At the time we did the clearance, it
9 was decided that, well, because we were going to build
10 the highway over the top of it, it really shouldn't
11 present a problem. So then, as we went into
12 negotiations with ALDOT and ADEM, it was determined
13 that we needed to go back in and at least clear that
14 portion that was four feet -- that would require four
15 feet or less of fill.

16 Right now, the Army's working on
17 that site, doing the removal. At the present time,
18 they're in the field. In fact the work began on the
19 31st of May, and we expect to complete that -- when,
20 Todd, the fieldwork?

21 MR. TODD BIGGS: End of August.

22 MR. RON LEVY: End of August.

23 The M-101 and miscellaneous parcels

1 in here, we have negotiated with ADEM and the JPA for
2 some funding to provide construction support. And
3 that's still being worked as part of this upcoming
4 ESCA or modification of the upcoming ESCA.

5 Let's see, can you bring up the ESCA
6 map, ACES map? Now, this is going to be a little hard
7 to see, but it tries to lay out the property that is
8 going to the JPA for clearance. As I mentioned to
9 you, for the most part, all this in the Alpha area,
10 all these sites up in through here, are now part of a
11 cooperative agreement with the Army between the JPA
12 and the Army for clearance.

13 Greg pointed out some of the
14 clearance levels in there. There has been some
15 ongoing negotiation, we expect to conclude soon, for
16 some additional pieces that we're going to pay the JPA
17 to do. One is this area in here. It's called
18 planning area four. And it's a MEC and lead removal
19 area.

20 It's a priority area for the JPA for
21 purposes of development. They've got a research area
22 defined for that at the present time.

23 And the other was

1 Iron Mountain Road, right through here, to do a
2 clearance up and down along Iron Mountain Road as part
3 of this industrial access road that will go around the
4 old Cantonment area and come out at the top up here on
5 21, which, as it stands now, is defined for clearance
6 based on what we've discovered in this area.

7 So we're providing or we're
8 attempting to provide funds for that particular
9 clearance.

10 There are other pieces that we're
11 doing. I talked about the construction support for
12 the golden triangle that we're giving to the JPA, the
13 industrial access road, then there's the -- the south
14 part of Bains Gap Road, this is -- let me see if I can
15 get this right. This is Bains Gap Road, here, and
16 it's been an issue about clearance for access to the
17 general public. You heard Monty talk about that. You
18 talked about that last, I think the last time around.

19 What we've essentially done is:
20 We've provided funding for the JPA to clear along the
21 side of the -- the road, and along side of the road
22 for both the south and the -- excuse me -- both the
23 south and the north side of the road, so that they can

1 fully open that piece.

2 On top of that, which is not part of
3 the ESCA, we have agreed to provide funding to do
4 clearance of the rest of Bains Gap Road that runs
5 through the Fish & Wildlife area. What
6 Fish & Wildlife has told us is that they're going to
7 need at least a hundred foot on either side of the
8 center line.

9 So, we're working funding right now,
10 and the Army has already committed to that. There was
11 a letter that went out to the County -- I don't know
12 what the date was on it, but the Army has already said
13 we commit to doing that clearance.

14 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: Are those new
15 funds?

16 MR. RON LEVY: New funds, right.
17 These aren't the County's funds.

18 Now, the County has committed or
19 will commit to some funds that they've got with the
20 CCEP program to give to Fish & Wildlife to do some
21 expansion and improvements to the road. Those are
22 different funds than what the Army is going to provide
23 separately to do the MEC clearance or the UXO

1 clearance on the road. Does that make sense to you?

2 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: So, what kind of
3 timeline are we looking at there?

4 MR. RON LEVY: I think it comes -- I
5 don't know what the timelines are. It comes down
6 to -- I know that Fish & Wildlife has to do A
7 compatibility determination, they have to do some
8 design work, a survey and then some design work on the
9 road, so they can meet the federal highway standards,
10 but our piece should come fairly quickly. When I say
11 the Army's piece to do the clearance, because we have
12 to already -- we actually have already done some
13 clearance on the road, and then we'll continue to do
14 the rest of that clearance. Now, that's on the
15 Fish & Wildlife side.

16 And again, the piece that's on the
17 JPA's side, that money is in part of this
18 modification, this next modification. And did I say
19 anything wrong there, Greg, that you're aware of?

20 MR. GREG SCHANK: No. That's the
21 way I believe it's going to happen. It will still be
22 a few months. We have to go out and get a contractor
23 on board, send out, you know, bids to get a contractor

1 on board, evaluate that, and then that contractor has
2 to get an explosive safety submission through the
3 Department of Defense Explosive Safety Board.

4 Now, that can be fast tracked
5 because I believe they're looking at Bains Gap as an
6 escape route, and as such, it can be fast tracked
7 through the DDESB, and instead of taking months, can
8 probably be done in hopefully, weeks. But it still
9 takes, you know, time.

10 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: When I
11 was on the JPA, the reason I asked about the funding,
12 is somebody approached me about the Bains Gap and
13 said that they understood and they had gotten
14 information from Congressman Rogers that the Army had
15 funded for the total clearance of that. But what
16 you're telling me then is that was not true? There is
17 new funds that are being provided to the JPA or to
18 clear all of that, that road?

19 MR. RON LEVY: Well, how it stands
20 now is that -- again, on the JPA's side of the road,
21 the funding is going to be added to this modification,
22 this new modification.

23 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: Okay. You

1 answered my question.

2 MR. RON LEVY: And then on the
3 Fish & Wildlife side of the road, that funding is
4 going to become available -- as an Army action, we're
5 going to go in there and do the clearance.

6 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: But that hasn't
7 hadn't previously been made available, is what I'm
8 saying?

9 MR. RON LEVY: That's correct. As
10 far as what you're telling me.

11 But my understanding is all of the
12 funding is in place to do the clearance, and it just
13 comes down to how long it will take to get through the
14 entire process of clearance, design, construct, and
15 open the road, and I couldn't tell you what that's
16 going to take.

17 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: And even after
18 all this, do I understand the road will be closed at
19 dusk and opened at dawn?

20 MR. RON LEVY: That's an issue with
21 Fish & Wildlife.

22 MR. GREG SCHANK: I've been led to
23 believe that's true.

1 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: That's what
2 I've heard.

3 DR. BARRY COX: Then if that's the
4 case, then how can it be used for CCEP evacuation --

5 MR. GREG SCHANK: If there's an
6 emergency, the road -- they -- from what I've been
7 told, they're planning on somehow having a mechanism
8 in place that if there is an evacuation necessary,
9 they'll be able to open that road, automatically.

10 MR. RON LEVY: If necessary, it's
11 just a swing gate. It can be popped open for
12 emergency purposes and be used. I mean, I guess part
13 of Fish & Wildlife's concern is the ability to patrol
14 and be there while people are using the road, and
15 that's a problem at night, in the night time hours.

16 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I love
17 Gary Harvey's comment last time; he said that the Army
18 did not close the road, the Army put up a gate. I
19 thought that that's dancing real well.

20 MR. RON LEVY: Well, it's always
21 been the Army's position that if the public -- or the
22 JPA and the Fish & Wildlife wanted the road open, that
23 they could open it. But if you're going to expand the

1 road and be off the sides of the road, which is what
2 they're talking about now, we're providing additional
3 dollars to do clearance on it.

4 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: But, Ron, and
5 that might have been the Army's standpoint, but it's
6 my understanding that there was some liability there,
7 and that ADEM and EPA there, that for them to open the
8 road, that there -- at that time there was not an
9 agreement that it would be opened because of those
10 boundaries in there.

11 MR. RON LEVY: And I can't talk to
12 you about that. I don't --

13 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: Well, I mean, the
14 Army could say that, but the Army didn't have to deal
15 with ADEM and EPA, you know, when they were here and
16 so --

17 MR. RON LEVY: Well, the Army's
18 position and even ADEM's position has always been, as
19 long as you comply with the land use controls in
20 place.

21 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: Right.

22 MR. RON LEVY: And the land use
23 controls didn't restrict the road, specifically. They

1 did restrict traffic off the road.

2 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: And there wasn't
3 any funding provided in that first funding to meet
4 that criteria.

5 MR. JIM MILLER: Whatever the
6 history of it was now it looks like it's going to be
7 opened from everybody's point of --

8 MR. RON LEVY: From the Army's
9 standpoint, yes. I mean, there is -- the Army is
10 going to provide all the funding that's necessary from
11 the clearance standpoint. The rest is going to fall
12 within the JPA and Fish & Wildlife to get their piece
13 done.

14 So, I view this as something that's
15 going to happen. It just -- you know, what the
16 timelines look like, I can't talk to you about that,
17 Fish & Wildlife.

18 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: Well --
19 and I'll shut up after this -- but it seems to me like
20 the Fish & Wildlife and JPA and the Army, at one time,
21 couldn't get together on what was being said. Now, it
22 seems like that communication has gotten together, and
23 it's going happen.

1 MR. RON LEVY: The ESCA
2 modification -- I'll go on and finish up. The ESCA
3 modification, most of you are aware that the original
4 ESCA was forty-eight point five million dollars and
5 included sites within the Alpha area and other
6 extraneous sites that were associated with landfills
7 and some that were in the cantonment area.

8 We attempted in this next
9 modification to buy out any Army continuing
10 responsibilities. However, there are a few sites that
11 are still involved in Army continuing responsibilities
12 and provide additional funding for the JPA to go after
13 additional priority sites, again, planning for the
14 industrial access road, the area that they considered
15 crucial, which was what they call the golden triangle
16 area, because of the bypass coming through and wanting
17 development around there is where we focused our
18 funding on.

19 So, of the forty-eight -- well, the
20 forty-eight point five million, we are going to add
21 another -- well, a little over another six -- a little
22 over six million more dollars to that, once it's
23 implemented.

1 So, that's not the rest of the
2 cleanup. The plan is still to work the rest of the
3 cleanup with the JPA, pending additional funding being
4 available, which means the Bravo area down here and
5 sites down here should eventually become part of
6 either a phase two ESCA or another modification of
7 this present ESCA. Was that clear to everybody?

8 There's more detail in the action
9 summary sheet that was passed out, if you want to read
10 through that. But I can take any questions about
11 cleanup, at this point.

12 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: I don't have one
13 on that, but I got a question on this new road that
14 they're constructing. Can anybody answer, is that
15 going to be open or is it going to have to wait until
16 the bypass is constructed?

17 MR. RON LEVY: I'm sorry, which one
18 are you talking --

19 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: The new road that
20 they're constructing out here.

21 MR. RON LEVY: Are you talking about
22 the --

23 MR. JIM MILLER: Industrial access?

1 MAYOR WILLIAM KIMBROUGH: No, not
2 the industrial access area.

3 MR. RON LEVY: The flying J road?

4 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: It's started.
5 Wasn't it there? The one that's in front of the
6 middle school.

7 MR. RON LEVY: The re-routing of
8 Summerall Gate Road, is that what you're talking
9 about?

10 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: Yeah.

11 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. As far as I
12 know, when they complete it, they're going to open it.
13 It's not -- but I --

14 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: And it's going to
15 connect to the old road?

16 MR. GREG SCHANK: I don't know.

17 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, it's supposed
18 to connect right into Summerall Gate Road. In the
19 attempt there was -- so that it would open up the
20 development in that part of the installation. But I
21 don't think there's anything stopping that road to
22 become open. Certainly, there's nothing in there from
23 an environmental standpoint impacting its ability to

1 be open.

2 We still have -- and we've
3 transferred the majority of the acreage on McClellan,
4 but we still have about three hundred and fourteen
5 acres to be transferred. Of that, what it mainly
6 consists of is the tract -- is the tract one portion
7 of the -- excuse me -- tract three portion of the
8 Eastern Bypass in here, some water tank sites, as you
9 can see them here, in purple.

10 In fact, what you see in this
11 purplish color here is what's really left to be
12 transferred. And there's a piece of Highway 21 up in
13 the south that's impacted by landfill three, which we
14 own the fee underneath Highway 21 that has not been
15 transferred. It's about eleven acres up there.
16 There's about ten acres down here --

17 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Ron, what was
18 that you just showed right at the very bottom?

19 MR. RON LEVY: This one right here?

20 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: What is that?

21 MR. RON LEVY: It's part of the
22 industrial access road, the ramp coming off the
23 Eastern Bypass. I think you can see it over here a

1 little better. It was left out of the transfer to
2 ALDOT because it was in the Bravo area and had not
3 been cleared from a UXO standpoint.

4 So, it's kind of a strange and odd
5 piece of property sitting out
6 there. But because of how it sat inside of the area
7 that was being investigated, we couldn't transfer it.

8 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Does
9 Iron Mountain go right below Skeleton Mountain --
10 Iron Mountain Road, does that go right below
11 Skeleton Mountain, where the snake effigy is? Do you
12 know the location?

13 MR. RON LEVY: That's over here on
14 the right-hand side of the road.

15 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Further over?

16 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, well, it's kind
17 of, I think, in this area right here. So, it goes
18 past it, but it's -- I don't think it goes below it.
19 I think it's -- Karen, do you remember if it's on the
20 southern side of Iron Mountain Road --
21 Skeleton Mountain? I'll have to find out for you.

22 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I've looked on
23 the topo map, and I think Iron Mountain is right at

1 the bottom of that ridge.

2 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, I'm sure you're
3 right, and I think it's right in this area here.

4 Does anybody else have any
5 questions?

6 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Those eleven
7 acres, up landfill three, are you waiting for
8 something to transfer?

9 MR. RON LEVY: Well, what we're
10 waiting for is the JPA to complete their investigation
11 here, because we've got known groundwater
12 contamination up underneath there. So, part of the
13 issue is to be able to say that we've either got a
14 remedy in place or that we've got an action that we
15 can actually transfer it, because it -- it would have
16 to be a dirty transfer, at this point. I don't think
17 ALDOT would take it that way, because the
18 contamination is up underneath that piece of highway.

19 DR. DAVID STEFFY: But the landfill
20 is already in JPA's lap?

21 MR. RON LEVY: Right. And the
22 cleanup is all in JPA's hands, and it's part of this
23 modification where they found some additional

1 contamination on the west side of the road, we've also
2 negotiated for them to do that, to conduct that, as
3 well.

4 But what we're really waiting on is
5 the completion or a cap on the landfill before we
6 start any transfer action.

7 Sir?

8 DR. BARRY COX: What, if anything,
9 is the boiler plant that's behind 3181? Is that on
10 the list for cleanup anytime soon?

11 MR. RON LEVY: That boiler plant,
12 the only thing about that boiler plant that I'm aware
13 of was that we had USTs. Those were transferred, as
14 is, where is. I'm not aware of any contamination
15 associated --

16 DR. BARRY COX: Right in that area?

17 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. That went to
18 the JPA. There isn't a site out there that needs to
19 be addressed.

20 MR. GREG SCHANK: The biggest
21 problem with the boiler plant is the asbestos.

22 DR. BARRY COX: That's what I was
23 recalling. Is that on the list that needs to be --

1 MR. GREG SCHANK: I know that Micki
2 has talked to a number of different entities,
3 contractors about what to do about the asbestos
4 problem in the boiler plants. I think she would love
5 to be able to have those torn down, taken away. But
6 again, it's just how you can cost effectively deal
7 with so much asbestos.

8 DR. BARRY COX: So right now there's
9 no time table at all on how to deal with those?

10 MR. GREG SCHANK: Not that I know
11 of.

12 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: One more
13 question about Iron Mountain Road. You called it
14 industrial access road?

15 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. That's the
16 JPA's term.

17 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: And is that
18 for like trucks and deliveries or is that public
19 usage?

20 MR. GREG SCHANK: Both.

21 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: So, it will be
22 an open road?

23 MR. GREG SCHANK: It will be an open

1 road through the base. They're hoping that by
2 building this road, it will make some of that property
3 much more attractive for development.

4 MR. RON LEVY: If you take a look
5 over your right shoulder, you can see that road right
6 there on the map. (Inaudible) JPA reuse plant, but
7 that's the road right there.

8 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: It empties
9 right in front of where the old PX, that road coming
10 right up in front of -- west of -- north and south in
11 front of the old PX, it goes right past that.

12 MR. RON LEVY: No, not really. It
13 skirts to the -- it skirts right past the ASP, the
14 entrance and supply point and runs right across the
15 National Guard training area and right over the north
16 side of landfill three. So, the PX is somewhere right
17 in there, I want to say.

18 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Okay. It's
19 going to be east of the PX?

20 MR. RON LEVY: It is.

21 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Okay.

22 MR. GREG SCHANK: I know the road
23 has been surveyed, and that is part of the cleanup

1 that we'll be letting shortly to another UXO
2 contractor. That's one piece of it, besides
3 Baines Gap. So, they're hoping that construction will
4 start on that road probably next year.

5 MR. JOE McCARY: Where will that
6 come out on Highway 21?

7 MR. RON LEVY: Right at the top
8 of --

9 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: Close to
10 Anniston Beach Road.

11 MR. RON LEVY: You can see that's
12 the installation boundary right there, or was the
13 installation boundary right there at the top, and
14 that's where it comes out. That's the Yahoo Lake
15 right there.

16 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: And it ends
17 right around the National Guard, around -- above the
18 National Guard.

19 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, it goes around
20 that area.

21 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: I think a lots of
22 that money in that area, especially in that north area
23 in there, their plan was identified as industrial

1 development. So, that's where they concentrate,
2 around the airport and on back this way?

3 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, this is their
4 old plan, that gray area, I think it's still the case,
5 it was industrial development. I'm not sure what the
6 blue color was, but I think it was a mixture of
7 commercial and industrial. This yellow was the
8 National Guard Training Center. Purple, I think was
9 residential, that was all residential.

10 But their plan is evolving and
11 changing, you know. There is some new nuances to the
12 plan that I haven't quite gotten my hands on.

13 MR. JIM MILLER: They're just trying
14 to avoid all water and waste water utilities to the
15 road. I'm sure that's it.

16 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: We'll run it
17 right over it.

18 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Anymore
19 questions? Thank you.

20 Next is the TAPP report.

21 MR. RON GRANT: Well, really the
22 only thing I have to report regarding that is to sort
23 of summarize on two bullets down, where it talks about

1 upcoming programs. Ron has asked me to, you know,
2 with your approval -- I'm sure he's gotten that all
3 ready to make a presentation at the next RAB meeting
4 regarding the Iron Mountain Road ranges.

5 Now, it's my understanding at this
6 point in time that the RAB has not had any previous
7 presentations regarding that? I know you touched on
8 them tonight, but their formal presentations are
9 pretty well -- I can kind of start from scratch, I
10 guess, as far as making assumptions about what they
11 know about that draft RI that I'll be reviewing?

12 MR. RON LEVY: That's right. I'll
13 just point out the Iron Mountain Road ranges we're
14 talking about are the ones that are right in this area
15 here that Ron is going to talk to you about. We've
16 got a draft RI out there that Ron has been reviewing.
17 We have some defined lead contours, in terms of what
18 we've seen from the firing. It will be interesting to
19 see what we've got in terms of contamination in that
20 area.

21 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: What kind of
22 ranges were these?

23 MR. RON LEVY: Small arms.

1 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: Small arms.

2 MR. RON LEVY: They were all small
3 arms, pistols, for the most part. There was a skeet
4 range in there.

5 MR. ED KIMBROUGH: I knew there was
6 a pistol range somewhere out there.

7 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah.

8 MR. RON GRANT: I've just started
9 looking at that. Haven't spent probably more than two
10 or three hours on that.

11 MR. RON LEVY: I point out that
12 Ron's contract ran from -- TAPP contract -- for those
13 of you that don't know, TAPP stands for technical
14 assistance for public -- technical assistance for
15 public -- I can't think of what the last P stands
16 for -- but essentially, the Army provides money to
17 restoration advisory boards or other technical review
18 committees the community might have so they can have
19 some expertise of their own.

20 This RAB voted on Ron's contract for
21 the TAPP funding to be available. Ron's available to
22 review documents. He also can give training to the
23 RAB members or look at Army's -- what he's essentially

1 supposed to do is look at what the Army is doing and
2 be able to explain that the RAB members, and take
3 technical stuff and be able to explain that to the RAB
4 members, essentially.

5 MR. JIM MILLER: Take one look at us
6 and decide it's hopeless.

7 MR. RON LEVY: His contract started
8 the 1st of September and it ends 31 August, but
9 there's a second option here that we're going to move
10 into that begins this September and will go to next
11 August. There is about twelve thousand, five hundred
12 per year that we spend on Ron's contract, and he
13 reviews documents as such, and he spends against that
14 money, as he does his reviews.

15 DR. DAVID STEFFY: The TOSC report?
16 No.

17 And let's see, we just talked about
18 the upcoming program. Is that all that's currently
19 scheduled for next time?

20 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. And I want to
21 make a plea for folks, if you've got something you
22 want to hear about concerning the cleanup, you need to
23 let us know so that we can prepare for it for the next

1 RAB meeting. If you're interested as a RAB in
2 something specific, a topic specific, please, tell us,
3 we would be glad to prepare the information and
4 present it to the RAB, take questions and whatnot.

5 MR. JIM MILLER: I note in the
6 minutes of the last meeting we mentioned that
7 Greg Schank was going to talk about the geologic
8 investigation of landfill three at some later date.
9 Is that still on tap?

10 MR. GREG SCHANK: That's still in --
11 that's still going to happen.

12 MR. JIM MILLER: We're not going to
13 let you get away.

14 MR. GREG SCHANK: Hopefully, at the
15 next meeting. We are planning some further
16 investigations up at landfill three. We're going to
17 be putting in some more wells up there, and I think
18 that's the reason for the delay. We want to get those
19 wells in the ground and better define that geology.

20 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I tell you
21 something I would be interested in, I guess it would
22 have do with cleanup, but I'd like to see the water
23 shed of the Fort, something about where the water

1 comes from and where it ends up. There are two basic
2 creeks exiting the Fort; is that right, Cane Creek
3 and --

4 MR. RON LEVY: (Inaudible)
5 Cave Creek.

6 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: Cave. I mean,
7 just to get an idea of what the water shed for the
8 Fort, itself. I don't know who would be the expert on
9 that.

10 MR. RON LEVY: Something we'll look
11 into, and see if we can't put something together.
12 Maybe Ron with our help can provide some information
13 on the water shed.

14 MR. RON GRANT: Okay.

15 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Let's see, before
16 we go on, I had a request from Jim Miller to change
17 the time of the meeting from 6:30 to 5:00 o'clock.
18 And I'm not sure, can we officially just vote on a
19 change?

20 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Yeah.

21 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I second.

22 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Does there have
23 to be a majority?

1 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: And we'll
2 change the bylaws.

3 DR. DAVID STEFFY: We'll change the
4 bylaws.

5 MR. JIM MILLER: You have a motion
6 and a second already.

7 DR. DAVID STEFFY: So the motion
8 is --

9 MR. JIM MILLER: Change to
10 5:00 o'clock future meetings.

11 DR. DAVID STEFFY: All future
12 meetings?

13 MR. MILLER: All future meetings,
14 until otherwise scheduled.

15 DR. DAVID STEFFY: We have five
16 members absent. Does that mean anything?

17 MR. JIM MILLER: They're not here,
18 that's what it means.

19 DR. DAVID STEFFY: We have a quorum,
20 so it doesn't mean anything. So we --

21 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Monty was the
22 second.

23 MR. MONTY CLENDENIN: I'll second.

1 DR. DAVID STEFFY: So, let's take a
2 vote. All in favor of changing to 5:00 o'clock from
3 now on, aye? Is there a nay? Nay. I guess the ayes
4 have it.

5 MR. JIM MILLER: Sorry, Mr. Chair.

6 DR. DAVID STEFFY: That's okay. My
7 wife will call you.

8 MR. JIM MILLER: I've been called by
9 wives before.

10 I've got to mention one other thing,
11 Mr. Chairman, if I'm not out of order. I would like
12 it noted for the record that Mr. Levy is drinking some
13 off-brand Spanky bottled water when he could be
14 drinking Coldwater Mountain Spring.

15 DR. DAVID STEFFY: So noted.

16 MR. RON LEVY: I want to mention
17 Brenda brought it.

18 MS. BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: I'd like to
19 mention (inaudible) --

20 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Any other
21 comments for the --

22 DR. BARRY COX: Does that mean
23 Mr. Miller is going to provide us with water from now

1 on?

2 THE COURT REPORTER: He didn't hear
3 it. I got it, but he didn't hear it.

4 MR. RON LEVY: We're going to vote
5 on whether that is the best bottled water --

6 MR. JIM MILLER: You know, I can
7 always sell it for free; ut's an amazing thing.

8 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Comments from
9 the audience? Any comments?

10 It looks like the next meeting is
11 October 17th -- I guess that's a Monday, right -- at
12 5:00 o'clock.

13 MR. CURTIS FRANKLIN: 16th or 17th?

14 DR. DAVID STEFFY: 17th.

15 MR. CURTIS FRANKLIN: It says 16th
16 on here.

17 DR. DAVID STEFFY: And on the
18 minutes at the very bottom is the schedule for 2006,
19 if you can think that far ahead.

20 Any final comments? Do I hear a
21 motion to adjourn?

22 DR. BARRY COX: I so move.

23 DR. DAVID STEFFY: Any second?

1 MS. CHERYL BRAGG: I so move.

2 DR. DAVID STEFFY: We're adjourned.

3 (Whereupon, the meeting was concluded.)

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