

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

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BOBBY FOSTER: Like to call the meeting to order. And we'll take roll call.

Ms. Lisa Holstein?

LISA HOLSTEIN: Right here.

BOBBY FOSTER: Mr. Bobby Foster present. Dr. Barry Cox not present.

Mr. Jerome Elser, he's excused. Dr. Mary Harrington?

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: She's here.

BOBBY FOSTER: Mr. John Hall excused. Mr. Ed Kimbrough not present. Mr. John Pearce not present. Mr. Ed Turner not present. Surprising.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Yeah, he's usually here.

You missed Tony Thompson.

BOBBY FOSTER: Oh, well, he's excused.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Oh, is he?

BOBBY FOSTER: -- Mr. Tony
Thompson?

LISA HOLSTEIN: Okay.

BOBBY FOSTER: I'm sorry.
Bradley Curvin?

BRAD CURVIN: That's me.

BOBBY FOSTER: All right.
And filling in for Gerald,
Dave Abernathy?

DAVE ABERNATHY: Yes, sir.

BOBBY FOSTER: Do we know his
stance on retirement?

And Brandi Little.

Is there anybody I missed?

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Brandi
Little's excused.

BOBBY FOSTER: All right. I
guess we have no guests to
introduce today?

LISA HOLSTEIN: Nope.

BOBBY FOSTER: Or do you count
as -- does he count as --

BRAD CURVIN: He's one of my staff. He's just here to observe.

BOBBY FOSTER: Oh, okay. One of the new members for the guard.

BRAD CURVIN: Why don't you stand up and tell us your life story.

BOBBY FOSTER: Where you from?

STEWART LOCKWOOD: Millbrook, Alabama.

BOBBY FOSTER: Do we need to read the minutes from last time?

LISA HOLSTEIN: No. I mean --

BOBBY FOSTER: Okay.

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- we just need to approve 'em --

BOBBY FOSTER: Okay.

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- and give y'all time to review them.

BOBBY FOSTER: If you want to

take a short minute to read over the minutes from last October.

Everybody had a chance to read through the minutes?

Dr. Mary Harrington, so I won't do a bunch of faux pas, how do we present to -- is that a motion to approve?

LISA HOLSTEIN: You need a motion and a second, don't you?

BOBBY FOSTER: Motion and a second?

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Uh-huh. Do we have enough people to do our business?

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Yes, we do.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I move that the minutes be approved as printed.

BOBBY FOSTER: And I second whatever you say.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Yes, you

carry it and let somebody else second it.

LISA HOLSTEIN: So, now you do all in favor, right?

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Yes.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Any opposed?

BOBBY FOSTER: No.

LISA HOLSTEIN: And let the record reflect that the --

BOBBY FOSTER: Minutes are -- let the record --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Minutes --

BOBBY FOSTER: That the minutes are approved.

LISA HOLSTEIN: I got a cheat thing.

BOBBY FOSTER: Okay.

LISA HOLSTEIN: We have a motion, a second.

BRAD CURVIN: I recall about thirty minutes of questions on PFAS. I don't see a single thing there.

LISA HOLSTEIN: It's in the transcript.

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: It's in the transcript.

LISA HOLSTEIN: That's --

BRAD CURVIN: You put me on the stand there in my first (inaudible) --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Did you send him the transcript?

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: I didn't send him --

BRAD CURVIN: I don't care really.

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: -- the transcript. He doesn't care.

BRAD CURVIN: I get asked those questions a lot, especially right now.

BOBBY FOSTER: Like to move on to old business. Any discussion about any of the items in old business?

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: No.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Brenda wants to explain what happened. We --

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Yeah --

LISA HOLSTEIN: We messed up --

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: I did, I messed up. Gene Howard resigned from the RAB, and I neglected to count him last time.

So, when I gave Lisa the numbers, and we took it down to twelve and fourteen, it was really eleven.

BOBBY FOSTER: Okay.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay.

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: And we've lost a couple of people just recently. Mr. Buford passed away in January. Mr. Phillip Burgett resigned this week, so -- or last week. He's retiring, so --

LISA HOLSTEIN: So now we need to know whether y'all want to solicit membership applications or reduce the membership again, this time from twelve to nine members?

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Uh-huh.

BOBBY FOSTER: Any discussion on that particular issue?

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Can I question -- just one question. I mean, will it hurt to reduce it or --

LISA HOLSTEIN: I don't --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I mean, I'm just asking for myself.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Well, we're meeting once a year. There's not a lot going on. We're doing a lot of monitoring.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Uh-huh. So --

LISA HOLSTEIN: And we're

waiting on money to clean up --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Just
some --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- unexploded
--

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: --
housekeeping --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- ordnance --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Uh-huh.

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- in those --
area three and area eight and
Charlie area.

And Matrix is doing a little
work that -- you've got some
investigation still going on and
some monitoring going on.
But --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: We've
come a long way with doing what
we're doing --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Uh-huh.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: --
'cause now, what, we just hurry

up and wait, so --

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: You know,
just --

LISA HOLSTEIN: So, do --

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: -- once a
year --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- we have a
motion to reduce the membership
from twelve to nine?

BOBBY FOSTER: Twelve to nine,
yes.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Or do y'all
want to solicit new members?
It's up to you two 'cause no one
else is here.

BOBBY FOSTER: I think let's
reduce it from twelve to nine.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I move
that we reduce the membership
from twelve to nine.

BOBBY FOSTER: And I second.
I can't second --

LISA HOLSTEIN: You -- I

can't --

BRAD CURVIN: I can't. I don't have a vote.

LISA HOLSTEIN: I'm not a member. You --

BRAD CURVIN: Don't look at us. We're just watching.

LISA HOLSTEIN: He second to approve the minutes.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Oh, okay. Well --

BOBBY FOSTER: We really don't have an option.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Well then, I guess he'll have to second.

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: He has a vote.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Yeah, he has a vote.

BOBBY FOSTER: Okay. Now, does Dave get a vote since he's here for Gerald?

LISA HOLSTEIN: No. We're support members, so --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: So, I guess it's just you --

BOBBY FOSTER: It's --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: It's just you and I.

BOBBY FOSTER: Okay. I think so highly of you. This is going to be easy.

I vote that we reduce the membership from twelve to nine.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I made the motion, and you second it, so we're going to carry it out.

BRAD CURVIN: Can I ask a question? How long are we looking for this -- this group, what's the -- how long are we looking at this group to go on?

LISA HOLSTEIN: Okay, so the Army requires that we maintain a board.

BRAD CURVIN: Yes, ma'am.

LISA HOLSTEIN: And until the RAB decides to dissolve themselves, we keep the RAB, as long as there's work going on.

If we don't keep the RAB, then we have to determine an interest in establishing a RAB every year.

BRAD CURVIN: Okay.

LISA HOLSTEIN: So, it's just as easy to keep a RAB --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: As to have to track down --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- rather than --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: -- and drum up one.

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- to have to do a full-blown --

BRAD CURVIN: I agree. That was -- I wasn't questioning so much as just what you're looking

for -- this is only my second meeting, but there's two voting members here --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Right.

BRAD CURVIN: -- today and a chairman and this thing is --

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Normally, we do have --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I was going to say normally we do --

BRAD CURVIN: Normally -- there was probably four more last time.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Uh-huh.

BRAD CURVIN: My question -- or not my question. The thing I would like to bring as a helper bee here is none of this stuff is stopping any time soon.

LISA HOLSTEIN: No.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: And as long as --

BRAD CURVIN: So, if you're

going to keep a RAB board --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Yeah.
And as long as --

BRAD CURVIN: -- you might
actually want --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Exactly,
yeah.

BRAD CURVIN: -- to solicit
some fresh blood.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Uh-huh.

BRAD CURVIN: Because, as I
sit here -- last time I came in,
it was the same thing of, hey,
somebody died, you know,
somebody retired.

You're only getting smaller.
And I understand tracking it.
But this is never gonna -- I
mean, it's --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON:
(Inaudible.)

BRAD CURVIN: -- that's --
when I say never --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON:
(Inaudible.)

LISA HOLSTEIN: Right.

BRAD CURVIN: -- going to be going on for long after the people here.

LISA HOLSTEIN: So, now we're at nine. And, you know, the board can decide whether or not they want to solicit --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I was going to say --

LISA HOLSTEIN: --
(inaudible).

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: --
because, even with nine, and saying that that's what we want to do, we can still see if there are available members --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Uh-huh.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: --
because nine is enough to do what we have to do.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Right. And you can always increase the membership --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Right.

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- if you want to --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I mean, if they start knocking down the door saying, hey, I want on --

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Phillip did send a guy's name and number, and I did send him an application. An application is on our website. I have not heard back from him, yet. Somebody that works in the --

BRAD CURVIN: Yeah.

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: --
(inaudible) -- so --

BRAD CURVIN: This is no judgement or anything else. I just want to put that point out there. Y'all, this isn't

stopping any time soon.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Right.

BOBBY FOSTER: Is there a ballpark estimation? Ten years?

BRAD CURVIN: Thirty, thirty years.

BOBBY FOSTER: Thirty years?

BRAD CURVIN: I mean, you got things on here that have -- monitored natural attenuation, that is a circulating thirty-year sampling count.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Uh-huh.

BRAD CURVIN: In theory, you can keep a RAB that --

LISA HOLSTEIN: For a --

BRAD CURVIN: -- entire --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- hundred --

BRAD CURVIN: -- time.

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- years.

But --

BRAD CURVIN: My point is --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Well, I

won't be on here --

BRAD CURVIN: -- if there's
only --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: -- for
a --

BRAD CURVIN: -- nine
members --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: --
hundred years.

BRAD CURVIN: -- then --

LISA HOLSTEIN: At some point,
they're going to have to solicit
for new membership.

BRAD CURVIN: That was my
point. Just a heads-up.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Uh-huh.

BRAD CURVIN: You go down all
you like. As a helpful --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Uh-huh.

BRAD CURVIN: -- you know,
just --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Uh-huh.

BRAD CURVIN: -- a point of

helping: This isn't going to stop --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Uh-huh.

BRAD CURVIN: -- any time soon, so --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Yeah. No. We're all aware of that.

BRAD CURVIN: -- might want to reconsider that.

COURT REPORTER: Just a point: I know this is very informal, but y'all are all over each other.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Okay.

COURT REPORTER: One at a time.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: We'll stop.

COURT REPORTER: I've still got to do my job.

(Whereupon, there was discussion held off the record.)

BOBBY FOSTER: Dr. Harrington,

would you like to tangle that issue?

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: No. I made a motion and you seconded it.

BOBBY FOSTER: Okay.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: So, we are going to carry right on.

BOBBY FOSTER: We're going to carry right on.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Gonna carry right on to the house.

BOBBY FOSTER: So, it's approved to reduce the membership to nine.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Okay.

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: I will update the bylaws and have them at the next meeting in April next year for you all to sign.

BOBBY FOSTER: There are no program reports tonight. And new business, there are no new

business tonight.

Agency reports, ADEM.

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Brandi is not here. I'm sure -- she sent her report and it's in your packet.

BOBBY FOSTER: Okay.

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: This one.

BRAD CURVIN: There has been some position changes at ADEM and the people leading the program now, the cleanup program -- or have changed, so --

COURT REPORTER: Have changed or haven't --

BRAD CURVIN: Have. Jason Wilson that was over all government hazardous waste and as a project -- Brandi's boss and all that, has been promoted and is now division chief and Ashley --

DAVE ABERNATHY: (Inaudible.)

BRAD CURVIN: Maston
(phonetic), Ashley Maston has
been promoted and is now the
government hazardous waste
branch chief.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Oh --

BRAD CURVIN: So, she's now
the -- she's the big boss over
this program for them. And will
be --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: ADEM?

BRAD CURVIN: --
(inaudible) --

LISA HOLSTEIN: When did
that --

BRAD CURVIN: -- program
management --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- happen?

BRAD CURVIN: Like, the last
four months. They're still
charging us actively -- last I
heard, they were still actively

trying to backfill Ashley's position, which would be Brandi's direct boss, Brandi (inaudible) direct boss. There is a spot there.

LISA HOLSTEIN: They're not going to move Brandi up?

BRAD CURVIN: I don't want to say anything on the record.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Oh, okay.

BRAD CURVIN: I don't know. I can't speak --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Okay.

BRAD CURVIN: -- to that.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Off the record.

BRAD CURVIN: We'll talk about it later.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Okay.

BRAD CURVIN: Nothing on -- there is a lot of politics there (inaudible) --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Listen,

it wouldn't be Alabama --

BRAD CURVIN: Yeah, it would not be --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: -- if it wasn't no politics --

BRAD CURVIN: -- (inaudible). I wouldn't dare --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON:
(Inaudible.)

BRAD CURVIN: -- say something I don't know on that.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Right.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Well, I --

LISA HOLSTEIN: I understand.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: -- tell you again, it wouldn't be Alabama, if it wasn't some politics involved.

BOBBY FOSTER: Moving on to the NGB agency report.

BRAD CURVIN: We've also got -- we sent a written one --

it's in your packets. Starts with range -- discussion of Range J and K.

Nothing -- we haven't changed -- nothing a whole lot has changed. If you have any questions, it might be more beneficial for you to just read it and ask me any questions you have, rather than me reading line by line. Unless that's what you want me to do.

LISA HOLSTEIN: The five-year review, is that just for Range J and K or is it for all of the sites --

BRAD CURVIN: Well, it will eventually be for all the sites. My understanding is that this one is just on J and K because that's the one we have a decision document on, on how we're going to progress forward.

And they're actually doing the five-year review to see if that is actually an effective method of remediation.

But to my understanding -- it's my understanding the process works. Yes, eventually, one of those for all. But we -- there's several steps in the process we need to do before we get to that.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Okay. Yeah, when I read it, I was a little confused.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: We'll be all dead when it's finally decided.

BRAD CURVIN: Yes, ma'am. There is a prescribed process in CERCLA to address it -- as you know -- and we're just not there on all the -- each of these projects that we're discussing

here, areas are being handled as a separate essentially investigation, so they go through on their own --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay.

BRAD CURVIN: They go through at their own --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Well --

BRAD CURVIN: -- speed.

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- it might be helpful if you'd just go through 'em for Mary and -- Mary's sake --

BRAD CURVIN: Okay.

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- where you are --

BRAD CURVIN: I'll do what --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- where you are in the --

BRAD CURVIN: -- I can (inaudible) --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- process on each one.

BRAD CURVIN: Range J and K, let's see, was -- the training -- there was -- training area that's on the range proper. We've been doing groundwater monitoring on that. Checking for natural attenuation -- natural attenuation, if anybody -- that's basically will go away --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Uh-huh.

BRAD CURVIN: -- on its own, you know.

So, a lot of the contaminants will eventually go away, but it's a matter of how fast they go away.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: How long it takes them to be gone.

BRAD CURVIN: Also, one of the reasons the PFAS thing has become such a huge issue is because it doesn't go away.

But, yeah, there's a reason it keeps eggs from sticking to your Teflon pan (inaudible) -- and it'll last a long time. So, that's why it's become such a huge thing.

Anyway, we're doing natural attenuation there. I believe, because the groundwater plume has not made it off of the post there, there's no danger to the environment -- not the environment, to the population around it. There's no drinking water sources from the groundwater on the range. That is strictly prohibited for the entire area, based off former military use.

Because there's no threat, the decision document's come through that we -- and I'm speaking to this -- this all happened prior

to my involvement (inaudible) --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: You're just sharing what you got.

BRAD CURVIN: I'm sharing my knowledge or what I've been told.

We went through the decision making process with Range J and K and basically, it was noted -- it went through the whole process and said, all right, it can actually clean up itself. There's -- natural attenuation is doable, because there's no threat to the surrounding communities, groundwater wells, et cetera.

We let that document, let's see, that was back in -- I don't have a date on here. Anyway, we --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON:
(Inaudible.)

BRAD CURVIN: -- (inaudible)
-- the document. We're into the first round five-year review period. It has started -- says here, we have a couple -- the issue -- the initial draft in '21, the first five-year review. And looks like it was finalized in February of this year.

So, basically, it concluded that we did in fact confirm what we thought were -- the remedies we put in place appear to be -- what's the language?

LISA HOLSTEIN: Protective.

BRAD CURVIN: -- protective of human health and environment. Essentially, that's just saying we think we're on the right track.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Think we're doing what you're supposed to.

BRAD CURVIN: Yes, ma'am.
TGA, BTA -- sorry -- toxic gas
area, former decommission --
decontamination training area.
This was the chemical school
back in the day where we taught
soldiers to work with chemicals,
clean up, how to decontaminate,
et cetera.

As part of that process, my
understanding is they used
actual small amounts of the
chemicals in training for toxic
gas and whatnot. As a result of
that, they got into the
groundwater and we have some
contamination.

Let's see, we got
(inaudible) --

BOBBY FOSTER: And J and K,
map of the location of J and
K --

BRAD CURVIN: J --

BOBBY FOSTER: -- north end.

BRAD CURVIN: Let me look at my map in here. I would have to sit here and look at the map. I don't have it right --

BOBBY FOSTER: Okay.

(Inaudible) --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON:

(Inaudible.)

(Several people talking at the same time.)

BOBBY FOSTER: -- take it --

BRAD CURVIN: (Inaudible.)

But if I had a map, I
(inaudible) --

BOBBY FOSTER: That's towards Jacksonville or --

BRAD CURVIN: I believe --

BOBBY FOSTER: -- (inaudible)

--

BRAD CURVIN: I believe so,
Yes, sir.

BOBBY FOSTER: Up near Lake

Reilly?

BRAD CURVIN: Near -- yes, I believe so.

LISA HOLSTEIN: No. No. No.

BRAD CURVIN: No, not --

LISA HOLSTEIN: It's over on Pelham Range.

BRAD CURVIN: It's on range.

BOBBY FOSTER: (Inaudible.)

BRAD CURVIN: J & K -- I'm sorry, I misunderstood you --

BOBBY FOSTER: Oh, it says that --

BRAD CURVIN: J and K --

BOBBY FOSTER: -- (inaudible) -- on the range, itself.

BRAD CURVIN: The only ones that are on the enclave are the trap and skeets and the area 600 --

BOBBY FOSTER: Got you.

BRAD CURVIN: -- section.

All other sites that we're

talking about are all on the range.

We have sent in the -- let's see, we have performed the base investigation and we're essentially waiting on the final approval from ADEM to complete the base investigation portion.

As I mentioned before, there is the steps we have to go through in the process of remediation and cleanup. It's designed so we -- we go through, we assess, we look at what we've got, we figure out exactly what we have, we investigate, then we go back and do another round of investigation.

Once we know we've got something, we further expand those out to find the extent of the contamination, best way to assess it, then we look at

different methods. That's the long process.

We're in the early stages -- relatively early stages still apparently with this one for -- we have done the base investigation report and are trying to submit the first risk assessment report to be completed.

We've submitted to ADEM. And there, it's under review. It says here, will prepare a feasibility study as soon as ADEM approves it.

A feasibility study is basically what's the best way to do this. Can we afford to clean it up this way.

Oftentimes, they also include multiple options.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I was going to say, they normally

concur with what you all
recommended or suggest?

BRAD CURVIN: Nine times out
of ten, yes, ma'am. There --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Yes --

BRAD CURVIN: -- are things
from time to time, but for the
most part, you know, they
(inaudible) --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Got you.

BRAD CURVIN: -- usually go
towards what the experts say, I
guess would be the best way to
put that.

LISA HOLSTEIN: So, it looks
like the remedy for the former
trap and skeet range is just
going to be land use controls --

BRAD CURVIN: (Inaudible) --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- prohibiting
(inaudible) --

BRAD CURVIN: -- (inaudible)

--

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- a certain use.

BRAD CURVIN: That's correct. That is on the main enclave. It was a trap and skeet recreational range back in the day. They would -- soldiers could buy clay pigeons and shoot clay pigeons all they wanted.

Well, we thought that's great. It turns out, what we didn't know is one; there is lead in shotgun blasts and --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Goes somewhere.

BRAD CURVIN: -- those pigeons actually turned out to be contaminated.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Yeap.

BRAD CURVIN: So, all the broken shot pigeon thing -- clay pigeons, they were actually -- had contaminated media in them,

but they were made that way.
We, you know, didn't know.

Anyway, years of lead and
shotgun blasts and the
contaminated media can cause
groundwater -- well, not
groundwater, just soil
contamination.

We've assessed it. And
essentially, it just -- we don't
believe the water is an issue.

They want to move -- the
suggestion is to move towards a
full-time LUCIP, or land-use
control -- LUCIP, land-use
control --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Implementation
plan.

BRAD CURVIN: --
implementation plan, which
essentially says, we want to
keep -- no kids, no pregnant
women, no public. It's to be --

it's deemed for industrial use.

The suggestion at this current time is basically -- that the most we'd ever do with it is turn it into a parking lot. Currently, has a fence around it and we keep people out.

Once the land-use control is put in place, there'll be signage and there will be a few more things we need to do along that line.

But, basically, the idea is this will never be commercial -- or never be recreational. We can train soldiers on this property. We can park cars on this property. We can't dig. We can't drink any water that comes from it. No civilians.

BOBBY FOSTER: Where exactly is this located and how big a piece of property is it?

BRAD CURVIN: This
is -- what'd you say, maybe
four, five times the size of
this conference room. It's on
the main post on the back side.

BOBBY FOSTER: Okay.

BRAD CURVIN: It's -- I mean,
it's not --

BOBBY FOSTER: (Inaudible.)

BRAD CURVIN: -- a
massive -- like, literally, it
was a -- you could only use
shotgun. It was a short range
they threw out there. And there
was an old jump tower beside it
that was training for
paratroopers prior to that
usage.

BOBBY FOSTER: So, it's not
close to any used property at
this point in time?

BRAD CURVIN: Define used.

BOBBY FOSTER: I mean,

actively being used.

BRAD CURVIN: Oh, yeah, it's -- it is adjacent to where we are actively -- we actively have -- actually actively have training areas. It's on our property. We just --

LISA HOLSTEIN: But it's fenced.

BRAD CURVIN: It's fenced. And we only go there -- well, currently we only go there --

BOBBY FOSTER: So, a parking lot would be a good long-term?

BRAD CURVIN: Yes.

BOBBY FOSTER: (Inaudible) -- make --

BRAD CURVIN: We only --

BOBBY FOSTER: -- sense.

BRAD CURVIN: -- go there currently because of the investigation. And once the investigation is complete and

something is implemented,
some -- land-use control and
base remediation is agreed upon,
put in place, at that point in
time, we could operate it as a
parking lot or land
(inaudible) --

LISA HOLSTEIN: (Inaudible.)

BRAD CURVIN: It's really not
big enough for land (inaudible).

But there's something we can
-- we can train on it. We just
can't dig. We can't -- you
know, we can't mess with it
essentially is what I'm saying.

I'm not using a lot of
technical terms, but you follow
what I'm saying.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: We got
you. Thank you.

BRAD CURVIN: What's next?
Main enclave. The SOTS site, I
don't really know anything

about. And it looks -- the reason is that -- because we haven't done anything on it yet. It says the --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Says there's arsenic in soil.

BRAD CURVIN: Yes, ma'am. I'm just saying it was -- the investigation was done. And then it kind of stopped. And I don't, for the life of me, know why. It was kind of on hold.

It says -- I guess it's going to be coming through in the next task order. So, if -- again, I don't know this for sure -- if the investigation follows in the steps that it has taken since I've been on board, once a task order is assigned, things will ramp up on it.

LISA HOLSTEIN: If --

BRAD CURVIN: That basically

means we've got money for the corps who in turn handles our subcontractors.

And I think -- is that it? Let's see -- area 600 is -- it's done. We're just waiting to put a land-use control in place.

We've actually built a new facility next to it. And area 600 is now covered by a facility and a parking lot.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Oh, so they built on top of area 600?

BRAD CURVIN: Area 600 has been built on top of.

The reason area 600 is a bit of a bug for us or came to prominence for us was because, when they decided to build area 600, they knew they had possibly some exposure. They started doing the initial grading on the property and started pulling up

UXO.

And everybody said, whoa oh.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Where'd that come from.

BRAD CURVIN: We still don't know.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Yeah.

BRAD CURVIN: But we've done it down to three feet in depth -- cleared down to three feet and then backfilled and built on top of it.

Part of the restrictions that we'll put in the land-use control in place is no digging, if you go over a depth of one foot -- actually, I think it -- currently, it says three feet. But we're arguing on that.

But, basically, if you go over a certain depth, you have to call UXO Exports from Georgia and have a ground clearance team

actually go in and clear it before you run like a water line or a sewer line, whatever you're going to run through there.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Right.

BRAD CURVIN: But, essentially, hey, we're not sure what it is under this depth. All right, we have some data to say it's probably clean and clear --

LISA HOLSTEIN: But you're not allowed to dig --

BRAD CURVIN: We're not allowed to --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- without construction support.

BRAD CURVIN: Yeah.

And I believe that's all I've got.

LISA HOLSTEIN: That's it.

BOBBY FOSTER: Thank you, Mr. Curvin.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Thank you.

BOBBY FOSTER: Next is MDA. And for Gerald Hardy is Dave Abernathy.

DAVE ABERNATHY: So, we also provided a copy of our report to y'all, as well.

Going down the report: Landfill three is our site, northernmost site on McClellan.

Continue our annual cap inspection program for that site.

We're in waiting or holding for document review from ADEM for our corrective measures effectiveness reports from 2019, 2020, 2021. And our 2022, I believe, has been submitted.

Other than that, just annual maintenance, semiannual maintenance, and semiannual

groundwater, groundwater stuff has been conducted on that site.

The small weapons repair shop is close to IEC on the industrial area of McClellan. Semiannual groundwater monitoring is continued on that site.

Our 2022 CMER, corrective measures effectiveness report, has been submitted. And I don't think it's been finalized. So, I think we're still waiting on final documents for that one.

And other than that, we're just continuing investigation or monitoring of groundwater.

T-6, which is the site close to -- actually, it's right back here behind the -- these facilities. Semiannual groundwater monitoring has continued on that one, as well.

We submitted our 2022 CMER for that site, as well.

Chem laundry is the site adjacent to the MDA headquarters, close to the rock building. That one is an annual groundwater program.

And our 2022 CMER has been submitted. And our 2021 CMER -- I don't think it's actually on here, but it was approved or accepted I think in December of last year.

Range 16, continued drafting of RFI report. I skipped a page.

The former post garbage dump and fill area east of Reilly Airfield, it's essentially in a maintenance cap monitoring program right now. So, we do an annual cap inspection on that one.

Landfills one and two, the same situation, it's annual maintenance and annual monitoring.

The fill area north of landfill two, which is close to the COBRA facility, it's in the same process, just cap monitoring, maintenance.

Parcels 100 and 101Q, they are on -- I believe it's Falcon Road, going out towards the Moose Lodge. We submitted our RFI on that project and submitted our corrective measures implementation plan to ADEM on September of 2022. So, awaiting ADEM review on that document.

Iron Mountain Road ranges, including range 12, we submitted our UECA covenants. Uniform environmental covenant act are

basically the land-use controls for those areas have been submitted. Same for Range 20 and 29, the covenant has been submitted.

Range 30, impact area, our CMER, the corrective measures implementation report, was submitted January of 2022. Submitted again in August of 2022. So, we're awaiting ADEM review.

Landfill four was one of our most recent big projects. We did the bulk of that construction work prior to the last RAB. And we've submitted for closure, but we've been waiting on the UECA covenants acceptance and survey data, I believe, from the last (inaudible) for -- finalize the covenants for that site.

Baby Bains Gap Road ranges, that's the same. UECA covenants have been submitted and waiting on ADEM approval.

Large caliber weapons, we continue data review and data evaluation for the RFI.

T-38, continued data reviews and continued drafting the corrective measures implementation plan.

For site-wide, we have been working on our sampling analysis plan or SAP. We finally received concurrence from ADEM February of this year.

Submitted the LUCER, 2022 LUCER to ADEM on January 4th. So, we're awaiting comments for that.

So, we submitted first quarter FY23 progress reports on -- in January. Received ADEM

concurrence in February.

We also met with the BRAC office in February, you know, for the progress of the ESCA projects.

And then proposed signage for our MEC close-out after-action report. Some of the signs have been -- not all the signs have been placed around the Fort, but most of them have been placed around the Fort.

We still have a couple of areas that need to be -- that signage needs to be posted. But the majority of it is in place.

And that's essentially all we've done since our last meeting.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay.

BOBBY FOSTER: Thank you, Mr. Abernathy.

And the next report is Army.

Ms. Lisa Holstein.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Okay. So, we've got work going on in Charlie area still.

We're -- we've completed all of it -- all the munitions removals out there, except for areas three and eight.

I didn't bring a map with me this time. But y'all probably know where those are.

BOBBY FOSTER: That's okay.

LISA HOLSTEIN: So, we're still waiting on money. That's five hundred and twenty-nine acres.

We're -- We've been told that it's possible that we might get the money in 2025. So, maybe Mary won't be retired by then.

We're also monitoring groundwater monitoring wells at 24 Alpha. We did the last round

of the biannual sampling this past January.

We've got benzene and carbon tet in the groundwater. And concentrations continue to decrease.

We're gonna start monitoring those wells every five years now. So, the next event will be in 2028.

Let's see, PFAS. We completed the preliminary assessment. They're still working on the report. That should be done within the next six months. And it will be posted on the website.

But we -- the preliminary assessment said that we had six areas that required investigation. They were -- they're all -- they're listed there, the former -- the

old fire station, and then the fire station there at building 69 in the traffic circle, and then there was an old fire training pit and a fire station warehouse where they stored stuff.

They did a -- they had a nozzle testing area. That's across the street from the -- y'all know where the commissary is, that big parking lot, that's where they did the nozzle testing. And then Reilly Airfield.

So, those are all potential areas where they used the fire fighting foam.

And when -- March, they came out and took samples at all six locations.

And they're working on a draft report now. I don't know what

they found yet. Haven't seen the results of that investigation.

DAVE ABERNATHY: I believe two of those properties are still managed under the MDA.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Yeah. I forget which two.

DAVE ABERNATHY: Reilly Airfield's under the MDA, as well as the nozzle test area is under --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Oh, okay.

DAVE ABERNATHY: -- the MDA's property.

BRAD CURVIN: Where is -- tell me again, where is the nozzle test area?

DAVE ABERNATHY: The big parking lot in front of the medical mall. If you go back down there --

BRAD CURVIN: Oh --

DAVE ABERNATHY: -- and take a right --

BOBBY FOSTER: The old go-kart --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Yeah.

BOBBY FOSTER: The old go-kart track.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Yeah. Yeah.

DAVE ABERNATHY: Yeah. They do a lot of the fire -- the fire training and police training over there, you know, driving training.

So, then -- so, the EDC has control of I believe the former fire station that's over by IAC (phonetic) --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Uh-huh.

DAVE ABERNATHY: -- and then also the fire test pit that's under IAC, which is IAC property.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Uh-huh.

DAVE ABERNATHY: And then the other two places I believe are owned by the City of Anniston. And that's the firehouse in the roundabout and the old fire storage, which is actually parks and recreation's maintenance facility.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Oh, yeah. But we're still waiting on the results of that sampling.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay.

LISA HOLSTEIN: And we'll have something to report to you next year for sure.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Okay.

LISA HOLSTEIN: And we submitted -- let's see, we submitted the draft five-year review report to ADEM. That was back in September.

ADEM submitted comments on the five-year review report. We've

responded. And we're preparing a final and fixing to send that out, within the -- within the month.

And that five-year review report encompasses about eighteen sites where we did the lead removals and all that.

BRAD CURVIN: Who's handling the cleanup for you guys?

LISA HOLSTEIN: I --

BRAD CURVIN: Or the investigation for you guys?

LISA HOLSTEIN: Well, we're not cleaning up anything right now.

BRAD CURVIN: Well, it would be the investigation --

LISA HOLSTEIN: The PFAS investigation?

DAVE ABERNATHY: Leidos.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Yeah, Leidos, Leidos is doing the PFAS.

BRAD CURVIN: That's what I was --

LISA HOLSTEIN: We've got Tetra Tech doing the --

BRAD CURVIN: (Inaudible) --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- the groundwater monitoring.

BRAD CURVIN: -- a bunch of (inaudible) -- yeah.

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- 24 Alpha. And that's really all the contractors we have onboard right now.

We used to be -- we used to have a bunch of people out here.

BRAD CURVIN: Oh, I recall.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Used to be moving. Everything's just real slow now.

BRAD CURVIN: That's good.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Doing a lot of monitoring.

And I guess that's --

BOBBY FOSTER: There's still a lot of use of -- see, I have the PX and commissary, that's me. There's still a lot of activity across the street there.

Should there be any restrictions on that piece of property at this point?

LISA HOLSTEIN: Well, they haven't --

BRAD CURVIN: With reference to what?

LISA HOLSTEIN: PFAS.

BRAD CURVIN: There's really nothing in place yet. We have some screening levels and some standards that we're investigating (inaudible) --

DAVE ABERNATHY: I believe the EPA put out their standards.

BRAD CURVIN: They finally put out their screening standards --

DAVE ABERNATHY: Yeah. It was

like four parts per trillion, I believe.

BRAD CURVIN: -- for drinking water and for soil media. And those just came out. There's no --

BOBBY FOSTER: I mean, I see people in that creek and --

BRAD CURVIN: We're still trying to figure out what it does to (inaudible) --

BOBBY FOSTER: So, we don't know.

BRAD CURVIN: There's a big part of, all right, we have certain levels. But unless it's literally, you dig something out that's contaminated, okay, well, those levels apply to it at that point.

Otherwise, we can just investigate and tell you what's above and below those levels.

We don't know what to do to go from that point to (inaudible).

DAVE ABERNATHY: Which most people are exposed to PFAS in general anyways, because it's in our -- in our waterproof clothing. You know, any of our -- a lot of our synthetic stuff has the residual PFAS in it.

BRAD CURVIN: If you ever want to get a picture of how big the problem will be eventually -- 3M -- if you guys know who 3M is, big manufacturer -- they just put out a list of over eighteen thousand products that they make that have PFAS in them. You can go on -- they made a list for you --

LISA HOLSTEIN: And our frying pans have PFAS.

BRAD CURVIN: -- any (inaudible) --

LISA HOLSTEIN: We're eating
--

BRAD CURVIN: -- (inaudible)
the clothes you wear, you know,
the shoes you wear --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Yeah.

BRAD CURVIN: -- uniforms,
military uniforms, garbage
(inaudible), plastic -- it's
in -- it's everywhere.

LISA HOLSTEIN: Food wrappers.

BRAD CURVIN: Food wrappers,
(inaudible) --

DAVE ABERNATHY: If you want
PFAS free boots, KEEN makes 'em.

BRAD CURVIN: They're --

LISA HOLSTEIN: KEEN does?

BRAD CURVIN: Well, it's
become an issue because it's in
so many things that it's proper
to sample for -- you just about
had to strip down until recently
people have started making,

manufacturing PFAS free.

But, like, we went through that in our investigations where we couldn't -- the most simple things, like, plumbers use Teflon tape when they put the lines together. Got PFAS on it.

You have the -- you've got the plastic bottle sampling bottles. You had to make sure it has no PFAS anywhere in the product. You can't wear rubber gloves. PFAS is in everything --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Yeah.

DAVE ABERNATHY: That, and ADEM'S requirement for a lot of our groundwater monitoring wells is a Teflon lined tubing, so --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Putting PFAS in our groundwater monitoring wells. Yeah.

BRAD CURVIN: We think we're doing the right thing -- or ADEM

thought they were doing the right thing, and it's just making it worse.

We just don't know the full span of it yet.

BOBBY FOSTER: Thank you, Ms. Holstein.

Any new program ideas or upcoming programs?

Okay, I want to ask one question in relation to Bradley's concern about new members. Are there any restrictions on who can be a member of this committee? MDA employees? I'm thinking like Jimmy Moss (phonetic) or somebody like that --

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: Really don't.

BOBBY FOSTER: -- that would have a vested interest in --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I mean,

we don't -- we don't have any restrictions --

BOBBY FOSTER: There's no restrictions, okay.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: -- if they're breathing and they'll come sit with us.

BOBBY FOSTER: Because, based on tonight and -- you know, we're only meeting once a year, I think we're going to have an issue, so --

BRENDA CUNNINGHAM: I know.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: And we will look.

DAVE ABERNATHY: So, for that requirement for the RAB, is that as long as corrective measures are being implemented or is it as long as LTM, long-term monitoring is being conducted?

Because, like you said, long-term monitoring could --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Well --

DAVE ABERNATHY: -- take course over the next hundred years.

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- right. When it gets to that point, when we're just moni- -- just completely just monitoring, the RAB may decide to dissolve.

DAVE ABERNATHY: Since --

LISA HOLSTEIN: But the Army would still have to determine -- try to determine if there's an interest every year.

I mean, I don't know how -- that's what we got to do. We have to have a RAB or we have to determine if the community wants one every year.

So, if the community wants to know what's going on, we have to establish another RAB. Even if --

BRAD CURVIN: Does that apply

to the Army --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- we
dissolve.

BRAD CURVIN: -- once they're
completely out?

LISA HOLSTEIN: Say again.

BRAD CURVIN: So, these
properties that we're cleaning
up -- or not we -- MDA is
cleaning up -- and I'm assuming
the hopes are still can we get
rid of these things -- at what
point in time -- and the Army's
turned all this over to the MDA,
at what time -- at what point in
time do you guys step away?

LISA HOLSTEIN: I don't know
of any guidance that --

BRAD CURVIN: I don't, either.

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- that
says --

BRAD CURVIN: That's why I'm
asking.

LISA HOLSTEIN: I don't know of any. That's --

BRAD CURVIN: I mean, you (inaudible) -- there will potentially be a PRP. But you're not ownership anymore, so I don't know how that works with --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Yeah --

BRAD CURVIN: -- (inaudible) --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- I don't, either.

BRAD CURVIN: That was a question (inaudible).

LISA HOLSTEIN: I don't --

DAVE ABERNATHY: During our BRAC meeting with the Army, and they said some of our sites, even after we reach our MCLs, our standards, that we could be required to monitor in perpetuity. So, you know, if that's the case --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I think somebody --

DAVE ABERNATHY: -- you never get rid of the RAB.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I was going to say, I think somebody will be monitoring as long as -- I could be wrong.

LISA HOLSTEIN: I don't know. There may be, you know, some new guidance at some point. I don't know that any of the installations are at that point yet, so it's not become an issue.

I mean, you guys still got a lot of work to do.

DAVE ABERNATHY: Yeah, we still got a lot of work to do.

BRAD CURVIN: My question was just that because of -- like, we took over from you guys. We're handling it now. We don't

really have any big Army involvement, other than --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Well, y'all --

BRAD CURVIN: -- it's a funding source for us still --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Y'all are Army.

BRAD CURVIN: We are --

LISA HOLSTEIN: I mean --

BRAD CURVIN: -- but I'm talking about --

LISA HOLSTEIN: -- you are required to have a RAB or determine if there's any interest in establishing one.

BRAD CURVIN: Yes, ma'am. But I'm saying the Army's (inaudible) -- I'm curious. And I don't want to try to go too far --

LISA HOLSTEIN: Ask Queenie. She might know.

BRAD CURVIN: No, ma'am.

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: You're just showing out. I can tell how you laugh.

BOBBY FOSTER: Any other questions or --

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Don't have any --

BOBBY FOSTER: Who would like to move that we adjourn this meeting?

DR. MARY HARRINGTON: I move for adjournment.

BOBBY FOSTER: And I second.

(Whereupon, the meeting was concluded at 5:53 p.m.)

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