

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

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1 DR. BARRY COX: First of all, like
2 to welcome Scott, our new member. Scott, do you have
3 any comments for us? Just welcome aboard. Appreciate
4 you being here.

5 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: Looking forward
6 to it.

7 DR. BARRY COX: Great, great.
8 Let's start off by asking the individuals, the
9 non-members to introduce themselves. We'll start on
10 this side over here.

11 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Lisa
12 Kingsbury, Fort McClellan.

13 MR. BILL SHANKS: Bill Shanks,
14 Fort McClellan.

15 MR. BOB DAFFRON: Bob Daffron,
16 Alabama National Guard Training Center.

17 MR. TOM POWERS: Tom Powers,
18 Jacksonville.

19 MR. JASON SIMMS: Jason Simms,
20 Jacksonville.

21 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Doyle
22 Brittain, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

23 DR. BARRY COX: Would you like to

1 tell us about --

2 MR. BART REEDY: What's happening.

3 DR. BARRY COX: -- what's happening
4 with --

5 MR. BART REEDY: Yeah. I'm going
6 to -- Doyle Brittain is taking my place as the RPM for
7 Fort McClellan. Doyle, you can get a hold of him at
8 the same address, just different name. Doyle and I
9 have been knowing one another, I guess, the best part
10 of fifteen years, pretty good friends. I'm going to
11 work for EPA still, but I'm going to go to the
12 Savannah River Plant. And, as you know, the BRAC
13 initiative is kind of -- well, there are some changes
14 afoot. And we can go into that a little bit later.
15 But Doyle is taking my place and so this will be my
16 last RAB meeting.

17 Well, wait a minute, there is Miki
18 now. Barry just had me on the hook here, Miki.

19 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Well go on, be
20 on the hook.

21 MR. BART REEDY: This is Doyle
22 Brittain.

23 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Hi, Doyle

1 Brittain.

2 MR. BART REEDY: And as I was
3 saying, Doyle is taking my place and I'm going to, as
4 I understand, the Savannah River Plant. So, that's
5 what's happening. Doyle has been doing this kind of
6 stuff for a good, long while.

7 DR. BARRY COX: Appreciate that.
8 Welcome aboard, sir.

9 Now that we have the quorum here, I
10 guess it's time to start with the roll call. Mr.
11 Hood?

12 MR. RON HOOD: Hood.

13 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Beckett?

14 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: Here.

15 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Branchfield?

16 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Here.

17 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Brown?

18 MR. RON LEVY: Ron, we've got a
19 letter from Ike. Where is Ron?

20 MR. RON MASSEY: It was telephonic.
21 Mr. Brown will be submitting his resignation. He
22 called me today and his schedule is such now that he
23 just can't make these and so he's submitting a letter

1 of resignation to us.

2 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Buford?

3 MR. JAMES BUFORD: Here.

4 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Conroy?

5 Mr. Cunningham?

6 MR. DON CUNNINGHAM: Here.

7 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Elser?

8 MR. JERRY ELSER: Here.

9 DR. BARRY COX: Ms. Fathke?

10 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Here.

11 DR. BARRY COX: Doctor Harrington?

12 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: Here.

13 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Hopper?

14 Mayor Kimbrough? Ms. Longstreth? I think we have a
15 letter there, too.

16 MR. RON MASSEY: Yeah. We had a
17 phone call from her today saying that she's gotten
18 some new employment and that conflicts with these
19 meetings. And I'll be in touch with her to get a
20 letter.

21 DR. BARRY COX: Okay. And welcome
22 back, Mr. Thomassy.

23 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Here.

1 DR. BARRY COX: Mr. Turecek?

2 Mr. Weston?

3 MR. BOBBY WESTON: Here.

4 DR. BARRY COX: I see first for the
5 agenda is myself. What I put before you is two
6 documents. The one you have right here that says
7 environmental cleanup stakeholders forum, this was a
8 meeting that was held in St. Louis. The Army was kind
9 enough to pay my way to this meeting. Most anybody
10 who was anybody in DOD environmental issues was there
11 and, of course, then a lot of the rest of us were
12 there, too.

13 This was a strategic plan that they
14 set this meeting up for November 14th, 15th, and 16th,
15 to plot the path forward because they assumed that
16 when they had this meeting, they would know who the
17 new president would be. And since that didn't
18 transpire, then they were kind of left, because there
19 were several people there that thought they would know
20 by that time whether or not they would be back next
21 year, of course, didn't.

22 But anyhow, this one for you to
23 read at your leisure, is a Sherry Rossman Goodman was

1 there beginning in -- and opened the forum up for
2 comments from the audience. And this is a -- the
3 first draft summary of their audience comments. You
4 can -- after they have cleaned it up, shall we say,
5 and got all the other comments from people that --
6 what they've actually said, you can -- that will be on
7 the website and we'll have that available next month.

8 Just to highlight one or two of
9 them, one of the issues that came up is DOD is tending
10 to, more and more, according to them, going towards
11 the Internet as a way to disseminate information.
12 Some people were concerned from the Environmental
13 Justice point of view, that many of the people,
14 particularly people of color, that live close to the
15 bases did not have the advantage of e-mail and so
16 there were several discussions that perhaps alternate
17 methods of delivery should be developed to address
18 this issue. So, they came up two or three times
19 during the comments.

20 A couple of other things that were
21 big issues, of course, the concern that we do not have
22 a Range Rule. I assume that's -- they've withdrawn,
23 as I understand it, the Range Rule. And the question

1 is how to proceed forward now.

2 I think one reason it was withdrawn
3 is because you couldn't take anymore comments or
4 discussions with it on the table, so the Range Rule
5 was pulled back and how to go forward. And so I would
6 say a high percentage of the discussions were there
7 were the issues of UXOs and how to handle that.

8 One of the points was made was the
9 technology of finding UXOs has not changed much over
10 the last, many years, other than the fact that you can
11 have the GP -- in other words, you can't detect any
12 deeper, I think was one of the issues they had --

13 MR. RON LEVY: What's really
14 changed is the ability to discriminate. It's not so
15 much the technology to locate, but to discriminate was
16 really what's come up.

17 DR. BARRY COX: And to be able to
18 use the GPS to plot where it is. So, anyhow, that
19 took a lot of the -- I would say.

20 Another thing that was a real hot
21 topic was the privatization of cleanup, the issue of
22 DOD turning over the keys to the private sector, to
23 the local reuse authority and moving forward. I think

1 Miki will probably maybe want to comment later on some
2 issues, issues regarding that.

3 One of the issues that was brought
4 up on this was: If we're thinking about it, then it's
5 time to -- for the RABs to be informed so they can,
6 you know, discuss these issues up front. In fact, I
7 talked to Glynn last week and suggested perhaps we may
8 put somebody on the agenda at a future meeting to
9 discuss the issue of privatization.

10 Another thing that was talked quite
11 a bit about was partnering. And I think Alabama and
12 the southeast, at least according to this, is one of
13 the better groups of partnering between the DOD, EPA,
14 and the states. Would that be your --

15 MR. BART REEDY: I'd say we pretty
16 well lead the nation.

17 DR. BARRY COX: Okay. And one of
18 the issues that was brought there is they should not
19 only be partnering between those three, but also
20 between the restoration advisory boards and the local
21 communities. And at any time possible that they
22 should be involved in the issues.

23 Many talks about RABs was --

1 concerns many RAB members had was that in a RAB
2 meeting you had a monologue as opposed to a dialogue
3 and it needed to be more back and forth. And I think
4 at least we're moving very well along with that.

5 And then with that, I'll leave you
6 with this group, which is the comments from each of
7 the different sessions they had. I was able to attend
8 four of them. But certainly did not -- I missed the
9 other four. So, anyhow, I'll leave -- I went ahead
10 and duplicated these for you. And I have a few other
11 pieces of paper, like I have an attendee list, if
12 anybody would be interested in who all was there.

13 The last thing is that the RAB
14 members, themselves, decided to meet the two nights
15 after all the other meetings occurred, and we had a
16 RAB caucus. And so we put together comments for the
17 final sessions.

18 And one of the things that we're
19 asking for is a national RAB membership list. In
20 other words, that's apparently something that they're
21 reluctant to come up with. In other words, one of the
22 arguments there certainly is the RABs could then be a
23 fairly powerful force, as far as lobbying Congress for

1 more money.

2 But anyhow, so we've got a fair
3 number of people on the E-mail list now, and so
4 hopefully in the near future we'll have a RAB caucus
5 list that -- group that will come out of this.

6 And one of the things we did urge
7 in this is that they continue to have meetings such as
8 this. I think it's important for all the stakeholders
9 to be able to meet.

10 And DOD was commended for coming
11 from where they used to be, of command and control,
12 slowly coming around to the point of allowing the
13 community some input into the decisions. So, there
14 was a commendation on that part that certainly it
15 seems like we're moving in the right direction. Any
16 questions on the --

17 MR. RON HOOD: I've got one. And
18 that's back to this. I apologize for getting it here
19 so late. It was in the June Scientific American. But
20 it's a thing on the suspected carcinogen of UXOs, the
21 chemicals from within them and contaminating ground
22 water. And it says it's an EPA push, at least at this
23 one base. And I'm just wondering if that came up, at

1 all.

2 DR. BARRY COX: No. I'm with the
3 UXO and not too much about that. Help me with the
4 names, the one in California where the two children
5 were called, what base was that, Ron, where they found
6 the UXO? Then went into some detail about the cleanup
7 for that. And the biggest concern they had was that
8 when they made the sweep for the UXOs, they also swept
9 out all the rattle snakes --

10 MR. RON HOOD: Okay.

11 DR. BARRY COX: -- and then they
12 relocated them in another part of the county. And the
13 people were more concerned about the fact they didn't
14 kill all the snakes.

15 MR. RON HOOD: Anyway, at this one
16 base, they're having them actually clean up the UXOs
17 because of the contamination of the ground water.

18 MR. BART REEDY: Ron, MMR,
19 Massachusetts Military Reservation is a little bit
20 unique, in that the aquifer that is used there is
21 maybe twenty-five foot below surface and it's very,
22 very vulnerable.

23 MR. RON HOOD: Okay.

1 MR. BART REEDY: And that's really
2 why that is such a -- you know, one there is such a
3 strong push from EPA on that, because the ground water
4 is the source of drinking water, it's -- and they're
5 walking on it.

6 MR. RON HOOD: Okay.

7 MR. BART REEDY: And they've been
8 -- MMR has been used for a good -- I don't know how
9 long, forever, it's been -- but we have -- Phillip,
10 you might be able to speak to this, as well. The
11 fellow that's doing some of the UXO oversight for EPA.

12 MR. RON HOOD: Uh-huh.

13 MR. BART REEDY: We've been in
14 contact with him and IT is -- he has an
15 extraordinarily up-to-date list of compounds from
16 unexploded and exploded, and those are going to be
17 incorporated into the sampling sweep. And fortunately
18 we've not done a lot of work out on that -- you know,
19 the hard core ranges, yet. So, we're aware of it,
20 it's in the works, it's to be incorporated into our
21 project here.

22 MR. RON HOOD: Okay. Because like
23 I said, this came out saying the Army just was after

1 the safety factor and not the possible contamination
2 of the environment.

3 MR. BART REEDY: And that's a good
4 point. That is one of the --

5 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Yes, it is.

6 MR. BART REEDY: -- things that
7 we're talking, that all of us actually are carrying
8 back, the message we're carrying back to Huntsville,
9 Alabama, is there is more to UXO than just blowing
10 one's leg off.

11 MR. RON LEVY: The BCT agreed up
12 front that we would sample for other constituents
13 beside explosive compounds on the ranges so that we
14 can establish whether or not we've got levels that
15 are of concern.

16 DR. BARRY COX: One of the things
17 that Sherry Goodman in her remarks was wrestling with
18 the issue of the fact that technology simply wasn't
19 there for the UXO detection and the decision on
20 whether or not that you spend your money on technology
21 or you spend your money cleaning up with the existing
22 technology. And that one that the -- no decision,
23 they're going to accept that if you spend it all on

1 technology, then the bases that aren't getting cleaned
2 up are not going to be very happy.

3 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Bart, do
4 you know, is it mostly organic compounds that --

5 MR. BART REEDY: Honest to God, I
6 can't speak to it. I know that we incorporated
7 plechlorate (phonetic) and RDX --

8 MR. RON LEVY: TNT.

9 MR. BART REEDY: TNT. There is
10 another nitro-explosive and then there is another --
11 there is entire suite, there is an entire suite that
12 is peculiar to exploded that is -- that will be --
13 that IT is going to incorporate. But you're -- this
14 is right on the edge of what we're doing right now.

15 DR. BARRY COX: Appreciate you
16 bringing that up. Any other comments on that?
17 (WHEREUPON, there was discussion off the record.)

18 DR. BARRY COX: Okay, no, I didn't.
19 I apologize. Ron mentioned we did not get the
20 approval of the minutes. And since we're blessed with
21 a quorum today, perhaps we could approve the minutes
22 from the last meeting, also. Anybody have a chance to
23 look over the minutes? Any comments from last month's

1 minutes?

2 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: No, no.

3 DR. BARRY COX: Do I hear a motion
4 for approval?

5 MS. DONNA FATHKE: So moved.

6 DR. BARRY COX: Do I hear a second?

7 MR. JAMES BUFORD: Second.

8 DR. BARRY COX: All in favor?

9 Motion approved. We need to approve the --

10 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I would like to
11 make a comment. On the executive summary, I wanted to
12 thank whoever put that together. I thought it was
13 very helpful.

14 MR. LEVY: Our contractor, IT
15 Corporation, put the executive summary together. The
16 one of the EE/CA?

17 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Yeah. Was that
18 -- I had one question. It talked about the sites, the
19 ranges that it looked at. Was that the same area that
20 went into the independent technical review on November
21 8th and 9th that was on the action sheet?

22 MR. RON LEVY: It was. And I'm
23 going to talk a little bit about that when we get to

1 the point where Barry wants me to talk. So, you might
2 want to hold off just a bit on that.

3 DR. BARRY COX: Okay.

4 MR. RON LEVY: Just so you know,
5 I'm filling in for Glynn. We rotated co-chair
6 position and Glynn's the co-chair. He had some
7 personal business he had to take care of and he
8 apologized for not being here. So, in the next go
9 around, Glynn should be sitting here and I'll be
10 sitting over there with the rest of the BCT. But just
11 wanted you to know that he apologized for not being
12 able to be here.

13 Scott, are you getting the
14 mailings, now?

15 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: Yes.

16 MR. RON LEVY: And I think we owe
17 you -- we talked about some sort of package to be able
18 to bring you up to date on, you know, what's happened,
19 since you're brand new and have not been following
20 what we've done over the years.

21 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: I got one
22 mailing, I guess the most recent, that had the October
23 minutes in it.

1 MR. RON MASSEY: And we've got some
2 more stuff for you, too. I'll get with you after the
3 meeting. We've got some stuff.

4 DR. BARRY COX: As you recall, the
5 last time that we decided each month that we would
6 have a short report from EPA, ADEM, and the Army and
7 JPA on what happened during the last month. And,
8 Bart, could you tell us, from your view, what happened
9 out here in --

10 MR. BART REEDY: Well, you're
11 catching me a bit flatfooted, but, yeah, let me kind
12 of wing it along here a moment.

13 DR. BARRY COX: Do you want me to
14 go to Phillip and then you work back from there?

15 MR. BART REEDY: We've got the
16 status at the M-2 parcel, the parcel that is to go to
17 the Anniston Star. There was some controversy over
18 the closure report and EPA -- I'm not a UXO expert and
19 we hired -- one of our contractors is capable of
20 accessing that expertise and we have accessed them.

21 The people are looking at the
22 report right now. We've commented on it. Well, I
23 think we spoke before on the fact that indeed we did

1 have some comments with the report. The report has
2 been rewritten and is being reviewed even as we speak.

3 I have some just extremely
4 preliminary conversations that a couple of things are
5 still on the cleanup report, itself, are still
6 problematic. We're kind of wrestling with some of the
7 data, whether or not -- as you pointed out awhile ago,
8 the expertise and the technology hasn't changed much
9 since John Wayne movies; you find it and then you go
10 back and reacquire it, it's called, and then take a
11 GPS reading on it, so you know where it's at, and then
12 you look at the signature that the piece gives and
13 make a determination whether it's a fountain pen or in
14 our case a nail or a bullet or a bomb.

15 And there is some of those things
16 that I think are still going to be outstanding. But
17 again, that's preliminary. I haven't been in the
18 office in two weeks. That's phone messages and
19 E-mails. So, that's very preliminary.

20 The impact that may have on that
21 particular transfer would be pure speculation right
22 now. We're -- again, we're wrestling with that.
23 We're trying to get that out the door as quick as we

1 can for Miki so Miki doesn't just shoot somebody.

2 That's one of the things EPA is doing.

3 We had a little bit of a different
4 spin on the range clean -- the proposed range cleanup
5 over off of Iron Mountain Road. One of the reasons
6 that I think my friend Doyle points out that people
7 can have difference of opinion, otherwise, there
8 wouldn't be a need to have three or four people here.

9 DR. BARRY COX: Or an election,
10 either, right?

11 MR. BART REEDY: Or an election.

12 So, you know, EPA had a little bit
13 of a different perspective on that -- on the ranges
14 along Iron Mountain Road. And I think you're going to
15 talk about that a little bit, aren't you, or not?

16 MR. RON LEVY: A little bit.

17 MR. BART REEDY: Yeah. So, anyway,
18 I gave Ron a letter on that and Ron can speak to that
19 a little bit later. And I think that's all that's
20 coming to mind right now.

21 DR. BARRY COX: Any questions of
22 Bart?

23 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yeah, one

1 question: Bart, are there any quantitative risk
2 assessments that go along with the results of the UXO
3 cleanup to tell anybody going in there to do certain
4 types of work what risk remains, because when we went
5 through a couple of years ago and looked at the --

6 MR. BART REEDY: You've been on the
7 Internet too long.

8 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Well, yeah. I
9 hate that thing.

10 MR. BART REEDY: I will take a shot
11 at answering that as best I can and honestly as I can.
12 That is the main problem that EPA and a lot of the
13 states had with the Range Rule, in that it was a
14 qualitative assessment. It was a lot of subjective
15 types of conclusions with what's the risk. And that
16 is the main rub between EPA, the states, and DOD right
17 now.

18 On the M-2 parcel, to speak to the
19 M-2 parcel directly, the draft that we have of the
20 report right now I believe we -- now, correct me if
21 I'm speaking out of school here, Ron -- the draft of
22 the report says it is cleared to depth.

23 DR. BARRY COX: Did it say what

1 depth?

2 MR. BART REEDY: And so EPA said,
3 well, what's that mean. That means, if we could see
4 it, we dug it up. Did you dig all of it up? Well, if
5 it looked like something we would be interested in.
6 How deep did you look? As deep as we could. And they
7 -- and it's hard to pin them down. It's difficult to
8 pin the DOD folks down on that. And that's -- it's --
9 maybe they can't do it. Maybe there is going to be --
10 the best we can get out of Huntsville right now is
11 it's cleared to depth. With the equipment that they
12 have available right now on the M-2 parcel, they dug
13 everything up that they could find.

14 They discriminated some things.
15 You know, they'll get an electronic signature. And
16 things they felt to be a nail, they left those. And
17 towards the end of the project, there was a lot of
18 stuff left. But there is not a number.

19 Now, when Phillip and I go out and
20 look at -- oh, what's the parcel number down by the
21 GSA there, where we've got the monochloride?

22 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: 66.

23 MR. BART REEDY: You can go through

1 the literature and come up with a risk number, but
2 it's not -- that doesn't apply to UXO. It's not been
3 applied to UXO, Fern.

4 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Okay.

5 MR. BART REEDY: We have not, in
6 all the EE/CAs that are getting ready to start out
7 here for the rest of the ranges, the -- an agreement
8 between Ron and Phillip and soon to be Doyle on how to
9 verbally capture that risk, we have not come to
10 agreement on that. We thought we were going to use
11 what's called the interim IR3M, Interim Risk Range
12 Rule Methodology, we thought we were going to use
13 that, but we have not visited, at all, since Sherry
14 yanked back the Range Rule. So, I don't know what
15 we're going to do right now.

16 MR. FERN THOMASSY: And it's a
17 difficult task, but I don't think it's an impossible
18 task. There are a lot of people out there that could
19 add to that if they were brought in by the military
20 and EPA to solve that question of quantifying that
21 risk.

22 MR. BART REEDY: Oh, absolutely.

23 MR. FERN THOMASSY: And that's

1 probably where it needs to be pushed.

2 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: This is --

3 MR. BART REEDY: I would urge you
4 not to drop that thought.

5 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Yes. And this
6 is one of the things at the NAID conference in
7 California we said to the military when we were out
8 there and we said to our NAID sponsors and
9 representatives and organization --

10 DR. BARRY COX: NAID is?

11 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: National
12 Association of Installation Developers -- is, we need
13 to do this very thing, we need to get all the best
14 experts, as far as UXO, in a room and lock them in
15 there and say come out with the answers, you know,
16 let's find answers to these questions, instead of just
17 continuing to argue over and over and over. And
18 you're right, we need to do that.

19 DR. BARRY COX: What is the depth?
20 The number six inches came up out there. Is that
21 correct, as far -- or can you go deeper than that or
22 is that about it?

23 MR. BART REEDY: I -- no, they were

1 looking --

2 MR. RON LEVY: Three inches.

3 MR. BART REEDY: Huh?

4 MR. RON LEVY: It was three feet
5 that we went down to.

6 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Well, cleared
7 to depth means whatever ordnance they have that
8 they're looking for, that they suspect on the property
9 and how far they expect for that particular piece of
10 ordnance to penetrate, then that's how far they went
11 down to look for that.

12 DR. BARRY COX: Now, a small piece
13 you can see at six inches and a big piece three feet,
14 is that the rule?

15 MR. RON LEVY: Everything will have
16 a different signature and look differently. But just
17 so everybody understands, you also have to look at the
18 type of ordnance that may have been used first.

19 MR. BART REEDY: Absolutely.

20 MR. RON LEVY: And just not say,
21 well, why didn't you dig down ten foot and pick up
22 that big bolder that was down there. You know, this
23 is a surface-type piece of property. In fact, it was

1 never defined specifically for ordnance use, but we
2 went out there because of stuff we found on the
3 periphery and looked. And for the most part what we
4 found -- and we were looking down, I think, three feet
5 --

6 MR. BART REEDY: Uh-huh.

7 MR. RON LEVY: -- based on the type
8 of instrumentation we had, which is essentially metal
9 magnetometer-type instrumentation, EM-31. Then what
10 we're -- we're able to do better is just to
11 discriminate. And I think EPA would agree that when
12 we did discriminate, that the discrimination truly was
13 useful. I mean, when we were able to say, this is a
14 nail, you know, you believed that that in fact was a
15 nail.

16 MR. BART REEDY: Uh-huh.

17 MR. RON LEVY: So, it wasn't so
18 much as that they disagreed with us that we didn't
19 clear M2, but, you know, how we went about it, maybe
20 because it's going to apply to other locations.

21 I think M-2, we all felt, from the
22 BCT's -- you know, from the extent of the BCT, that
23 we're all in agreement, we pretty much cleared that

1 piece of property. Now, we're maybe arguing about
2 some of the data and how we interpret the data, but --
3 and a lot of that's going to carry over because we've
4 got bigger pieces to defer -- bigger pieces of
5 property to go after and it's different types of
6 ordnance and it's different types of depth.

7 And the site-wide work plan that
8 Bart's referring to is a problem. We were considering
9 using the IR3M model, which is out of the Range Rule.
10 Although, I don't know that we stopped considering it.
11 You know, we're still looking at it.

12 But, you know, we're grappling
13 again with national issues down at our level. There
14 is things that have not been solved at the higher
15 levels, and trying to work around those so that we can
16 come to an agreement here and move forward and still
17 feel like what we did was protective.

18 MR. FERN THOMASSY: And that's my
19 next question: Is there work around, and is it coming
20 up soon, that will allow this property to be made
21 available so Consolidated Publishing can get on with
22 their construction work?

23 MR. RON LEVY: I believe we will

1 come fairly quickly to a conclusion on the M-2. That,
2 to me, is not -- I mean, you know, we're still looking
3 at the data and EPA is still going through our changes
4 to the original document. And there may be some more
5 tightening up for the document, because they want to
6 make sure we tell the public when the document is out
7 there, that it's understandable and it fits.

8 I think overall we all agree that
9 we did the cleanup out there. Now, it's just trying
10 to get to getting a document right. Is that a good
11 characterization, Bart?

12 MR. BART REEDY: Yeah. I would --
13 there were a few glitches in the data, but for the
14 most part what Ron has said is right. I think one of
15 the things that Ron said that needs to be understood
16 is that we don't want -- M-2 is rather a precedent at
17 Fort McClellan, and we want to -- we want to let Miki
18 get that property as -- believe you me, as quick as we
19 can get it done.

20 But by the same token, we don't
21 want to start setting bad examples for the rest of the
22 mountain sides over here, what y'all are going to get
23 left with. And we're kind of, you know, looking

1 around the corner at that. Now, that's a true story.
2 Okay, if we do this here, what's that going to mean up
3 here on the hills? And we're thinking about that.

4 But one other thought that, Fern,
5 that you mentioned, and, Miki, as well, that there are
6 folks out there who have a pretty good idea that they
7 can put a quantitative number on risk.

8 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I have a
9 question. If M-2 is such an atypical area compared to
10 the rest of the Fort, why are we even considering
11 using it as a precedent setter?

12 MR. RON LEVY: It's not the area so
13 much as the process that we're going through, making
14 sure that's similar to what we're going to be doing
15 for other processes. Would you not agree?

16 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: That's pretty
17 accurate.

18 MR. BART REEDY: Huh? Say again.
19 You would agree?

20 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Yeah, yeah.
21 It was the first of its kind. I mean, it's the first
22 real test, testing done --

23 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: It's the first

1 one out the shoot.

2 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Yeah.

3 MR. BART REEDY: And the thing that
4 makes -- it's different -- and you're right, it --
5 there is a question, well, if it's atypical, why are
6 we fooling with it. Well, it's the recording and the
7 documentation of what was done, the guys and girls
8 went out and found the stuff, put a flag there, some
9 way marked it, then went back and reacquired it. Went
10 over it with another machine. That machine generated
11 a signal. That signal was sent to Pittsburgh --

12 MR. RON LEVY: That's their lab.

13 MR. BART REEDY: -- a lab, and that
14 signal was compared against things that were expected
15 to be at Fort McClellan and nails and beer cans, what
16 do those things look like? What kind of signals do
17 those send back? And then an interpretation is made.
18 It's called discrimination. Be able to look at a
19 signal and make a really good guess, is this a nail or
20 is this a bullet or is this a shell. And as we've
21 said many times, there is a lot of iron in the soil
22 around here.

23 So, the documentation of how that

1 discrimination was done, what were the criteria that
2 were used by the geophysicist to discriminate, is this
3 a Pepsi can or is this a bomb, and writing that down
4 and documenting it, that's the important thing to EPA.
5 Does that help?

6 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Uh-huh.

7 MR. BART REEDY: Okay. But on M-2
8 now, you know, one of the things we haven't said here
9 is they went over that entire parcel of property and
10 that is not necessarily what's going to happen at the
11 rest of your properties. There is -- there is that
12 difference.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. And that's
14 something we're going to get into at some point down
15 the line. We grid'ed the entire piece of M-2.

16 MR. BART REEDY: Every piece of
17 that was walked over.

18 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. And then we
19 went out there, using our instrumentation to find
20 things that we found. We discriminated out those
21 things that we thought were non-OE related and then
22 dug up the rest of them to establish whether or not
23 they were OE. In fact, I think out of the whole site

1 we found one OE item, which was a white phosphorous
2 grenade that still had explosive charge on it, and we
3 blew that. And the rest of it was either nails,
4 horseshoes, or beer cans, I mean, for the most part.
5 I think we may have seen some --

6 MR. BART REEDY: Flares, rocket
7 motors.

8 MR. RON LEVY: Well, it wasn't
9 rocket motors, but some (inaudible) flares of other
10 things that are not -- non --

11 MS. DONNA FATHKE: So, did I hear
12 you right, you say every foot of this plot was walked,
13 but that's not going to happen on the other ones?

14 MR. RON LEVY: No. It becomes very
15 difficult and very expensive. Plus, you got to look
16 at terrain and up and down, you're talking about
17 potentially fourteen thousand acres of property.

18 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Except that
19 that's the more dangerous or more dangerous than M-2.
20 I mean, there is going to be more stuff out there.

21 MR. RON LEVY: Certainly, yeah.
22 Everything will be looked at also based on its
23 intended reuse, too. You know, you've got seven

1 thousand seven hundred acres in the national wildlife
2 refuge, and the intended reuse there is mostly
3 surface, so we'll look at it from that standpoint,
4 too.

5 You've got other ranges where the
6 JPA or the Reuse Authority has considered it for
7 residential purposes; that's obviously going to be a
8 higher concern and therefore require different level
9 of investigation and cleanup. And all this has got to
10 be worked out in the site-wide work plan, which we're
11 trying -- we're grappling with right now. And guess
12 what, the same issues that we're grappling with on the
13 site-wide work plan, how much are we actually going to
14 investigate -- the same issues that you see nationally
15 that EPA is having a problem with across the nation.

16 Hopefully, this team can come to
17 some conclusion without having to worry about what's
18 going on now -- or we're trying to get around the
19 issues that are going on nationally, to see whether or
20 not we can come to an agreement on what level of
21 investigation and cleanup we're going to do on the
22 sites.

23 MR. BART REEDY: That's a -- it's a

1 very important point that you brought up, is very
2 important from EPA's point of view and -- is to
3 determine if there is a thousand acre plot, how much
4 of that little piece of a plot do you need to actually
5 go in and survey and then go in and dig before -- how
6 big does that plot have to be before you can
7 extrapolate what you did here in this one plot to the
8 entire thousand acres? And that's a big thing that
9 you all probably ought to -- that's a very big thing,
10 very important to all of you, all of us.

11 MR. RON LEVY: To me, sitting in
12 your shoes -- I'm sorry.

13 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: I just wondered
14 if there would be any use, if we're compiling any kind
15 of data base that would give us the kinds of
16 signatures that we're finding here for these different
17 items, so that we can have our own data base that
18 might -- I don't know if it depends on the soil types
19 in the different parts of the Fort.

20 MR. RON LEVY: In fact, that's what
21 Huntsville has been doing, is creating data bases
22 based on soil types, types of munitions, and looking
23 at signatures. So, what signatures are generally

1 given off, given the different soil types and at what
2 depth, and they're actually doing. That's one of the
3 reasons I say that we've made great advances in
4 discrimination. We're able to better look down and
5 see what we think is a piece of ordnance versus a
6 nail, but we're still using magnetometers. I mean,
7 they're -- they've got different types of technology
8 out there like radar, but they're -- we're finding out
9 that it's not as useful as people seem to think it
10 might be. It's -- and it's a very time consuming,
11 laborious process with a lot of folks, you know. You
12 think about holding hands, going side by side, going
13 down a lane.

14 DR. BARRY COX: There is also some
15 bacteria techniques I think that they're working on,
16 aren't they?

17 MR. RON LEVY: And you hear about
18 all these great ideas, Barry, the trouble is whether
19 or not they're usable here at McClellan, given our
20 type of terrain and whether or not they've gotten to a
21 point where they're actually, you know, can present or
22 do something for us. Lots of great ideas out there,
23 but are they usable in the field at this point? Not

1 really.

2 MR. BART REEDY: There are a lot of
3 snake oil salesmen in the world.

4 DR. BARRY COX: Bart, do you think
5 we'll actually get to a risk model that we can -- you
6 know, in the chemical contamination, obviously, you
7 get it down to a certain level, and when it's below
8 that level, it's not a problem. Here, you miss one
9 and you can blow somebody up, so --

10 MR. BART REEDY: That's called --
11 it's kind of a bad choice of names. That's called the
12 end point. And that was -- that's one of the
13 controversies that EPA had with DOD is we said -- it
14 was EPA's position that when you start running
15 standard risk models on UXO -- the standard risk
16 models from a chemical perspective, one might develop
17 cancer. However, when you encounter UXO in the
18 classic sense of the word, you are going to develop
19 something really bad. And so there was a difference
20 of opinion in end point.

21 It is my opinion, I would -- Doyle
22 and Phillip and Ron have my heartfelt sympathy on -- I
23 know that we -- and Fort McClellan is not going to

1 answer the nationwide questions, we're not. However,
2 I know that -- I know Doyle, I've known Doyle for many
3 years, I like him very, very much. I've been around
4 Ron. And when you can get Ron away from Huntsville,
5 then again, very cooperative. And ADEM, as you know,
6 is a very forward thinking yet cooperative bunch of
7 folks.

8 I do believe that it is possible to
9 come up with a risk method that is sensible,
10 implementable, at Fort McClellan, and acceptable by
11 all three agencies. I believe that could be done, but
12 it is going to take -- it's going to take some
13 dialogue and some give and take on everybody's part.

14 Now, whether we're going to come up
15 with, you know, a brand new risk model that will, you
16 know, be published, aah, probably not. But I have the
17 faith that these three people, and with y'all's input,
18 will end up with a product that you have a real good
19 idea of what the risk is going to be when you go out
20 and walk across it.

21 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Bart knew when
22 to jump ship.

23 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

1 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Actually, the
2 question that you brought up, when you walk this area,
3 we found one white phosphorous grenade. And you think
4 of the homogeneity or the heterogeneity of the whole
5 base, which kind of comes back to his thing. This is
6 -- you know, it's not a homogeneous where you can walk
7 out and space things out.

8 And being out here finally enough
9 and having personal tours of this, it's alarming when
10 you see a place that you do have a vital (phonetic)
11 there, with the same reuse as almost the M-2, but yet
12 it's just scattered literally with thousands of
13 literal unexploded ordnances and tank piercing rounds.
14 And those kind of issues, I tell you, it's hard to
15 grasp that. And I can see, you know, if this becomes
16 a priority area, I can't fathom just jumping into that
17 making big decisions, you know, we're going to turn
18 this for unrestricted use with thousands of items on
19 it. It becomes a different scenario.

20 But this is one of the things we're
21 grappling with now, along some of the corridors
22 they're going to put in. So, are we going to put a
23 neighborhood right adjacent to a -- you know, right

1 through -- if we're going to put the eastern bypass
2 there and we're going to put a neighborhood right next
3 to it, which is the middle of a range with thousands
4 of these items, so, we got to bring it to unrestricted
5 use, it's hard to grasp that, it really is. And so I
6 hate that he's jumping ship now.

7 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: I am working
8 on that per your instructions.

9 MR. BART REEDY: Thank you.

10 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Now, Bart --

11 MR. BART REEDY: Yes, ma'am.

12 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: -- you're
13 smiling entirely too much and you keep looking back at
14 Doyle and going, his problem.

15 DR. BARRY COX: But Doyle is not
16 smiling, is he?

17 MR. BART REEDY: Doyle is not
18 grinning. Doyle does speak. He did speak.

19 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Been there,
20 done it.

21 MR. DON CUNNINGHAM: Confidence
22 level or what you're talking about in the risk
23 assessment, risk -- acceptance of risk, it's nothing

1 new to our world.

2 MR. BART REEDY: No.

3 MR. DON CUNNINGHAM: I'm in test
4 evaluation. I've been doing test evaluation for many,
5 many years, and we established confidence levels for
6 those things we want to arrive at through a very
7 sophisticated test program, a very robust test
8 program, and we design our tests to do that and then
9 we make some very serious decisions based on the
10 confidence level and the results of tests. You got
11 the same thing right here.

12 MR. BART REEDY: That's exactly
13 correct.

14 MR. DON CUNNINGHAM: You're not
15 going to get a hundred percent. Any way you slice it,
16 you're not going to get a hundred percent, so you have
17 to come up with a representative example and a
18 confidence level associated with that, and I think the
19 world has to accept that.

20 MR. BART REEDY: You're exactly
21 correct, yes, sir, that is all there is to it.

22 DR. BARRY COX: Any --

23 MR. BART REEDY: Exactly correct,

1 Mr. Cunningham.

2 DR. BARRY COX: Miki, you want to
3 go next since you --

4 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I have
5 to depart early tonight.

6 DR. BARRY COX: Shall we sing happy
7 birthday?

8 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: No, no.

9 MR. BART REEDY: Is it Miki's
10 birthday?

11 DR. BARRY COX: It's Miki's
12 birthday.

13 MR. BART REEDY: Well, happy
14 birthday.

15 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Thank you.
16 And my husband is waiting on me at the barn, so --

17 DR. BARRY COX: The barn as in the
18 restaurant, right?

19 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Yes, right.
20 Anyway, we're shooting for the December 12th signing
21 of the MOA, the deed, transfer of the first twelve
22 hundred, thirteen hundred, whatever it works out to,
23 acres of property.

1 The invitation list to this is
2 growing daily. We're looking at inviting our
3 Congressional delegation, both federal and state, the
4 Governor, all the people from the Army, all of you
5 will -- the RAB will get an invitation. It's going to
6 be the biggest deal that McClellan's had since
7 probably the closing when we actually transferred
8 land, clean land to the community. We're real excited
9 about this. I will try and keep you posted. If you
10 want to know something, call me or -- Ron, who is
11 coordinating it for the Army, Mr. Harvey?

12 MR. RON LEVY: No, Mike Barber
13 (phonetic) -- I'm sorry for the --

14 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: You're on
15 LUCAP. No.

16 MR. RON LEVY: I'm on LUCAP. It's
17 the folks upstairs and --

18 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

19 MR. RON LEVY: -- yeah, Gary will
20 be the guy, Gary Harvey.

21 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Gary Harvey
22 for the Army is coordinating the ceremonial part of it
23 and making sure that we give everyone the proper

1 been doing is getting environmental insurance. As we
2 take on the responsibility of the land, the fifteen
3 hundred acres -- the first parcel transfer, we take on
4 general liability, we take on environmental liability
5 that may come up as a result of a bulldozer finding
6 something that they didn't expect. We also need
7 long-term insurance, environmental insurance to cover
8 if a landfill is dug up and taken off Fort McClellan
9 property, and what is our liability of the JPA if we
10 were involved in that.

11 We're dealing with the three
12 largest insurance carriers in the world that deal with
13 environmental insurance; AIG, ECS, and Zurich. All of
14 them have come in and given presentations to us.
15 We're looking at the cost to us and where we're going
16 to find the funding to do this.

17 One of the biggest concerns they
18 have are the landfills. We've had some major
19 discussions with them on landfills and will continue
20 to do so. But that's the one big red flag we have
21 with them right now.

22 DR. BARRY COX: What about the
23 Army's liability under what is it, CERCLA 120, isn't

1 there an issue on how much liability they actually
2 have?

3 MR. RON LEVY: Well, what the Army
4 says is that we clean up the property to standard. We
5 may put some restrictions on and that's -- and if the
6 JPA assumes or wishes to assume that with those land
7 use or control restrictions, then they're going, we're
8 going to have to maintain them that way. So, there is
9 -- there is that. Now, if there is something new
10 discovered --

11 DR. BARRY COX: Such as digging up
12 the landfill?

13 MR. RON LEVY: No.

14 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: No.

15 MR. RON LEVY: No, not such as
16 digging up a landfill. In other words, if --

17 DR. BARRY COX: If something is
18 discovered in the landfill when it's dug up that
19 wasn't --

20 MR. RON LEVY: No. We assume --
21 right now, we're still -- the landfill issues is a
22 completely different issue. Let's say -- let's just
23 take a clean piece of property, okay, such as what's

1 in the cantonment area that we're transferring now.
2 We transferred that to the community and somebody puts
3 a foundation in for a building and digs up some drums
4 of solvent or something, what 120 -- and it's got Army
5 markings on it says it's U. S. Army, it's all -- what
6 our responsibility is is to come in and remediate that
7 site, based upon, you know, our -- you know what --
8 the findings that you found something new there, as
9 opposed to --

10 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: And we are
11 looking at insurance that would allow us to go in and
12 get the issue dealt with and cleaned up as quickly as
13 possible so that the person who was digging that
14 foundation is not being charged a thousand dollars a
15 month interest on whatever it is because his project
16 is stopped dead in the water. You know, how can we
17 make this continue to move? So, there is a lot of
18 different elements to this.

19 But if anyone's interested in and
20 wants more information about the insurance, please,
21 contact me, I'll be glad to review it with you.

22 ALDOT, we had our meeting with
23 ALDOT. The issue of the eastern bypass is still front

1 over for it, Bart?

2 MR. BART REEDY: No. Happy
3 birthday.

4 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Thanks.

5 DR. BARRY COX: Thank you, Miki.

6 MS. MIKI SCHNEIDER: Sorry to leave
7 y'all, but I'm sure that you'll do just fine.

8 DR. BARRY COX: Phillip, do you
9 have any comments from -- do we have it covered from
10 the ADEM side, as far as what happened in the previous
11 month?

12 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Yeah. What
13 I've done here -- Bart covered the M-2. I was going
14 to mention a word or two about that, but he covered it
15 in detail. We've got to move ahead here, so I'm not
16 going to spend a lot of time on this.

17 What I've sent around are -- just
18 to let you get a kind of the magnitude of things we're
19 covering. And what I wanted to do here is let you see
20 the title of the reports we're looking at, what the
21 parcels are associated with each one, and they're
22 different layers here. Stop -- at the top you'll see
23 a draft decision document, maybe a draft site

1 investigation report. You'll have final site specific
2 fuel sampling plans. You have final supplemental
3 remedial investigations that are going on, draft site
4 investigations, and site specific field sampling plan.
5 There is different names for all these kind of things.
6 The things you're going to see a lot are drafts and
7 finals. And you're going to actually see a lot of
8 these drafts become finals in the future.

9 And what I've promised y'all is
10 kind of a review of what we're reviewing. And it
11 gives you kind of a snapshot and how many reports
12 we're looking at per month. And in the back, the back
13 page shows what we're receiving in reports. And it's
14 enormous what's coming across these things. And made
15 kind of a comment, Bart and -- Bart's room and my
16 room, if you walk into it at ADEM, is -- mine is the
17 butt of the jokes there, just it's unbelievable the
18 amount of stuff. And Lisa's office is the same way
19 and Bill's.

20 But anyway, what I'm trying to get
21 at here is show you the amount of reports that are
22 pouring through. And we're doing an enormous amount
23 of work. There is an incredible amount of pressure to

1 keep this kind of work going on. It is not a normal
2 thing for any of us to be going through it this quick.

3 So -- and things change. These
4 drafts may -- we may find a problem with something in
5 a draft which leads to more investigations, which then
6 may -- we may find a site that has a problem, we go to
7 a supplemental site investigation. Or it may be at a
8 point where we then revert back to a remediate -- a
9 site -- let's see, I have one down here somewhere.
10 Hold on a second -- remedial investigation.

11 What I've done here is, this
12 thing's going to evolve, and I'm probably -- this is
13 the first attempt at it, Ron. This is what Miki put
14 together -- Jackie put together for us. And I don't
15 know if y'all want me to -- I didn't want to go
16 through one by one, but this is going to be sitting
17 out at every meeting. And I'm going to put it in red
18 every time. Every time we come back in, you're going
19 to see blocks of red. And then these are going to be
20 outlined in something else. So, it'll be an evolution
21 as we go through.

22 But if you can see the scatter
23 here, this is the scatter of the area of reports we're

1 dealing with. And let's take for example maybe the
2 draft site investigation report, former printing
3 plant, building 1060, parcel 172 is September 2000,
4 that's the review complete date. And then parcel 172
5 is up here.

6 I don't want to go through all of
7 them, unless y'all really wanted to do that, but I
8 don't think it's necessary. But it's just kind of
9 appreciation of how these things are scattered. And
10 what these things are going to do is also focus on
11 areas the JPA is targeting, is trying to get out. So,
12 hopefully, we can please them in the same situation.

13 If y'all want to see more on this,
14 let me know, is there something else you want to see
15 on this map. I told her to go ahead and put the roads
16 on here and some of the buildings. But, you know,
17 it's -- basically, it's here, south, you know where it
18 is located on this thing.

19 If there is anything else you would
20 like to add to this list here, we can do that, also.
21 For example, I know we can bring up the other issues
22 like the M-2 parcel and kind of the status and
23 everything, but I think this will just give y'all an

1 appreciation of the enormous amount of reports we're
2 putting together --

3 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Could you pass
4 it around so we can take a look at it --

5 MR. SHANNON GOLDEN: I think it got
6 hung up right in here.

7 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Did you get
8 one?

9 MR. SHANNON GOLDEN: See if you've
10 got it.

11 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Do you want
12 the -- I'm going to pass the map around. Yeah, pass
13 those around.

14 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I was talking
15 about the map.

16 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Again, the
17 status will be different and some will go from --
18 you'll probably see this thing evolve from a plan, a
19 draft plan, a plan, then you'll go into the site
20 investigation draft to the final site investigation to
21 a FOST and FOSL. You're going to see the whole
22 evolution of it go through. And this will keep y'all
23 in tune and in touch with what's going on.

1 Now, some reports, we get into the
2 situation with JPA where you're going to wonder, well,
3 I've seen this received report down here for a month
4 or two. Things take priorities and I am constantly in
5 contact with the Army on why these things aren't
6 moving so quick, they may be two months, three months
7 away. So, try to understand that sometimes if you do
8 have a question why this isn't going as quick as it
9 is, then, you know, we'll answer that question.

10 The thing like the M-2 parcel,
11 things are evolving with that. And the important
12 thing is that it happens for a reason. So, you may
13 see the M-2 parcel pop up several times. Okay. So,
14 if there is anything else y'all want to see on this
15 thing, just let me know, this map here. Just pass
16 that on around.

17 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Ron, I just
18 have a quick question. On this huge list, obviously,
19 I don't think myself or anyone on the RAB is
20 interested in looking at all these reports, obviously.
21 But how, for example, are you guys selecting some of
22 the reports that you're asking us to take a look at?
23 For example, I know we looked at the M-2 parcel

1 several months ago and we just recently received a
2 report on the different ranges there. And I'm
3 certainly not suggesting that, like I said, that we
4 want to look at all these. I don't. Maybe somebody
5 else does, but I doubt it. But how do you guys choose
6 which ones to allow us the opportunity to take a look
7 at it?

8 MR. RON LEVY: Well, from my mind's
9 eye, it's those documents that are going to a
10 decision, a cleanup decision as opposed to no further
11 action, because that's really where we're starting to
12 spend, you know, federal dollars and tax payers
13 dollars and where you're going to want to get your
14 say-so in and be able to say, well, you know, that's
15 not the way we think you ought to go. So, as we start
16 to talk about decision documents like the EE/CA for
17 Iron Mountain Road, we're looking at spending, you
18 know, six to eight million dollars, you know, on a
19 cleanup decision. That's important to get in front of
20 the RAB. In fact that's the whole issue of involving
21 the RAB, since you brought it up, is an important one
22 and Barry brought it to Glynn and my -- our attention
23 is that, if I'm sitting on the other side of the

1 table, I'm sitting in your position or any one of your
2 positions and I'm here and I'm really not getting paid
3 to do -- you know, paid for this, I really want to
4 feel like I'm part of this process, you know, that I'm
5 contributing to it, and I've been trying to grapple
6 with that to see how do I get information or get
7 things to the RAB so that they can participate and not
8 feel like they're just being fed. How did you put it,
9 that came out there in the -- you know, it was just
10 information, a lot of RABs feel like they just get
11 information all the time, they're not really getting
12 --

13 DR. BARRY COX: Monologue as
14 opposed to a dialogue.

15 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, part of the
16 dialogue. Those big pieces of property that we're
17 looking at cleaning up that -- I mean, there is a huge
18 amount of dollars associated with them, those are not
19 decisions that can be taken very lightly. And
20 certainly that's where the community needs to come in
21 and say, uh, I'm not sure, you know, of this, or I
22 want to understand better why you're doing it this
23 way. And that's kind of what drives me, when I put

1 something in front of you; it's one of those major
2 decisions like the EE/CA for Iron Mountain Road, where
3 we're moving towards the cleanup.

4 MR. BART REEDY: What's going to
5 happen on the ranges.

6 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. There is a
7 lot of stuff in there. In fact, Bart was talking
8 about EPA's position on that and maybe some of the
9 reuse and they're maybe not in agreement about reuse
10 of the property because that drives our decision, as
11 well.

12 DR. BARRY COX: Would everything
13 that happens of any consequence out here be captured
14 in one of these reports?

15 MR. RON LEVY: Either a final or a
16 -- the work plans are just telling us, you know,
17 basically, what the team's agreeing to doing, to
18 actually go out and investigate the property. The
19 final reports are probably more important on the SIs.

20 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Yeah, I
21 mean that's -- I agree completely. I would be more
22 interested in seeing something equivalent to the EE/CA
23 or corrective measure study or something along those

1 lines, opposed to --

2 MR. BART REEDY: We're doing EE/CAs
3 not CMSs. So, yeah, same thing.

4 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: It's all
5 the same thing really.

6 MR. RON LEVY: It involves some
7 sort of decision document, whether it be an action
8 memorandum or a record of decision or something along
9 that line.

10 MR. BART REEDY: Not to volunteer
11 my fellow that's taking over or my friends, my other
12 two friends here for work, but I think you brought up
13 a good point and maybe one of the things -- and I'll
14 be at the next team meeting. Maybe one of the things
15 that we ought to stick on the agenda is how do we flag
16 those reports or issues that, you know, are -- might
17 be meaningful to you, like the things that are coming
18 to mind on the horizon would be the landfill EE/CAs.

19 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. In fact --

20 MR. BART REEDY: And --

21 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I can see
22 where it would be a very qualitative evaluation on
23 your part. I mean, personally, it's, you know -- I

1 mean, really, you know, with the stuff I do and
2 certainly the stuff you guys are considering, you
3 reach points where you know, you know, whether
4 something needs to have some community buy-in or
5 whether it doesn't need to have community buy-in. And
6 it is a very qualitative assessment in a lot of
7 respects. But you answered my question, really. And
8 --

9 MR. RON LEVY: There is some really
10 important things coming up here that we're going to
11 want to get in front of the RAB and that Iron Mountain
12 EE/CA, which you saw the executive summary about, but
13 one of -- this was something I was going to take up
14 when it came to my turn, but there is a lot of money
15 involved in there. And the six to eight million I was
16 talking to you about only really involves four ranges.

17 That's just a small fraction of the ranges that we've
18 got on McClellan that we're going to clean up. And
19 it's only lead, it's not UXO.

20 So, the amount of money going to
21 this program is just tremendous. And for you to be
22 able to say, yeah, I feel comfortable with that or I
23 don't feel comfortable with that and maybe you ought

1 to look at it a different way, that's the kind of
2 thing that the RAB should be able to talk about with
3 me.

4 And with the Iron Mountain EE/CA,
5 since we just came through the ITR, I want to be able
6 to bring in our contractor and try to present it in a
7 way where it opens it up for discussion, as opposed to
8 just feeding you information, so that you can ask
9 questions and see where we're going and see whether
10 you have a different spin on it.

11 And in fact, we're not going to
12 have a meeting in December, but I would like to be
13 able to put that on in January, before we get to a
14 decision point so that you have your input before we
15 even made the decision where we're going with it.

16 DR. BARRY COX: Frankly, I think
17 also that's something I guess is extremely helpful,
18 because one thing this does is if somebody asks what's
19 going on and you've captured every document that's
20 going across their desk, then anybody that wanted to,
21 could then take this list and then look it up.

22 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Sure.

23 DR. BARRY COX: So, I think that's

1 a really good job there, Phillip.

2 MR. PHILLIPS STROUD: And to be --
3 you know, if you were to ask about any one of these
4 projects, numbers start merging together and sites and
5 stuff and I could probably give you the skinny, but,
6 you know, to get -- you know, I could get back with
7 you a lot more details.

8 MR. RON LEVY: We could really
9 overwhelm this RAB, this -- from a perspective, other
10 RABs -- and not to put down Anniston Army Depot, but
11 you're not doing hardly anything compared to what
12 we're doing here at Fort McClellan. I mean, honest to
13 God, the workload --

14 DR. BARRY COX: Do you have a
15 Superfund Site?

16 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: No. And we
17 don't want one.

18 MR. RON LEVY: No, we don't want
19 one. But the workload, in terms of the documents that
20 we're getting through, it's got to be tenfold what's
21 being produced out there. I mean, you're looking at
22 sites that have been around for a long time and there
23 is work going on for each and every one of those

1 sites. But honest to God, you know, a hundred and
2 five SIs.

3 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Is EPA doing
4 the same review of these same documents and so are
5 they getting the same quantity?

6 MR. BART REEDY: Yes.

7 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: I was going to
8 say, they review the same thing, the Army reviews it.
9 And there is actually --

10 MR. BART REEDY: Where are we on
11 the schedule?

12 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: There is
13 actually, you know, a whole battery of people
14 reviewing the same reports.

15 DR. BARRY COX: As far as --

16 MR. BART REEDY: The agenda.

17 DR. BARRY COX: We're right here.

18 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: And she'll be
19 calling for the -- we send them to her and it funnels
20 down to her and she keeps us all straightened out.

21 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: I try.

22 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: And the
23 reviews may vary, if we use the technical review, it

1 depends.

2 DR. BARRY COX: One thing I would
3 suggest, Phillip, if we could provide that to the RAB
4 each meeting and maybe take -- since y'all have --
5 each really has the same thing, I think it would be
6 nice for us to have a list of everything that's going
7 on.

8 MR. BART REEDY: Okay. I was going
9 to save this for a minute, but let me go ahead and add
10 this right now. I got two things that you -- one old
11 and one new. One of the old things is this, that you
12 guys are in on: One of the things that we have done,
13 because this is -- this actually is a staggering
14 amount of work. One of the things that we decided --
15 we've kicked around ways to do it and we're going to
16 explore more ways to do it. Well, I'm not, Doyle is.
17 Is to cut down on the duplicative review when
18 necessary, when we can get that done. Certainly, it's
19 nice to have two sets of eyes looking at the same
20 thing, but my soul. You guys are very fortunate in
21 that the contractor that Ron hired out here, IT
22 Corporation, is doing a very, very good job. The
23 level of confidence that we have in their knowledge

1 and in their openness is really, really high. They're
2 doing a bang-up job.

3 Having said that, we, a few months
4 ago, started doing what we call live reviews, in that
5 the two main players at IT that we know will look at a
6 site and let's -- well, it will take a minute -- but
7 we'll look at an SI that is done. And we, a long time
8 ago, hammered out numbers, a screening set of numbers
9 for chemicals. IT will look at that and go, this site
10 -- we didn't find it, this isn't going anywhere.

11 And at our last BCT meeting we did,
12 I think what, four or five sites, and we said to
13 Steve, the fellow from IT we said, Steve, is this site
14 going anywhere? And he prepared a little three page
15 or four page little summary on the work they did;
16 here's where we looked, here's what we found, here's
17 what we recommend. And we are going to dispense with
18 some of these reviews right here, because it simply is
19 not possible for Phillip or Doyle or Bart to review
20 that much stuff, it just isn't going to happen.
21 That's number one.

22 So, they're going -- we've been
23 exploring and Doyle's going to step into my shoes.

1 He's got other ways of thinking and looking at it and
2 they're going to have to cut down on the document
3 reviews. Craig, I think you can appreciate that.
4 That's a bunch of reading.

5 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Oh, yeah.

6 MR. BART REEDY: And the second
7 thing is: One of the reasons that I am no longer
8 going to be here is that BRAC is winding down
9 nationwide. And because of that, the BRAC positions
10 are being -- people are leaving the BRAC program
11 within EPA, sometimes within the contractors that
12 Ron's getting, as well.

13 We've had several people leave EPA
14 BRAC. Still got the same number of bases, but we've
15 got less folks. And that's what happened in my case;
16 I'm going to go over and work on a DOE site. Doyle is
17 going to have a bunch of work to do. Just exactly how
18 much work Doyle is going to do here, we're not sure,
19 yet. We --

20 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Less than Bart
21 did.

22 MR. BART REEDY: Yeah, less than I
23 did, more than nothing, if those two numbers have a

1 delta there. And I can't -- we can't quantify that
2 for you right now. But that is going to happen. We
3 have the same number of bases and less people. We'll
4 do everything that we can possibly do to assist Ron,
5 everything that we can possibly do to assist Phillip
6 and Shannon in what's going on here, support you guys
7 as much as we can, but it's just a fact of life.

8 MS. DONNA FATHKE: When you say
9 you're going to cut down on your reviews, do you mean
10 that not as many people will be reviewing each
11 document or some documents just won't get reviewed?

12 MR. BART REEDY: I would say that
13 -- I would say it's going to be both, actually.

14 MS. DONNA FATHKE: And how is it
15 decided what won't get reviewed just by --

16 MR. BART REEDY: Those will have to
17 -- as I said awhile ago, one of the things we have
18 instituted was the on-board review, just a live
19 presentation, what did you guys find? We didn't find
20 anything. Here's the table. Okay, we're done with
21 that side.

22 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I have a
23 question: Anywhere in all of the documentation that

1 we've gotten over the RAB's lifetime, do we have any
2 kind of a flow chart that shows when all these
3 different studies take place? I mean, there is a
4 plethora of different types of plans and studies and
5 reports here, isn't there?

6 MR. TOM POWERS: Time lines of when
7 --

8 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Yeah, when do
9 they happen with respect to each other?

10 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Are y'all
11 doing this under the RCRA or Superfund?

12 MS. DONNA FATHKE: I'm sorry?

13 MR. RON LEVY: CERCLA.

14 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Are you doing
15 this following the RCRA process or the Superfund
16 process?

17 MR. RON LEVY: You're asking the
18 wrong person. We're doing it under CERCLA, under
19 Superfund.

20 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: I have some
21 Superfund orientation manuals I could bring, if that
22 would help. I think that will answer your questions.

23 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Will it just

1 have a simple flow chart?

2 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Yes. No time
3 line, because of the project --

4 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Those are
5 simple --

6 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: -- time line
7 with it, but it's the flow charts.

8 MR. RON LEVY: The one that went
9 out in the mailing.

10 MR. FERN THOMASSY: That fact sheet
11 four that you sent out just recently --

12 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah.

13 MR. FERN THOMASSY: -- was a very
14 simple one --

15 MR. RON LEVY: But most all of our
16 sites are --

17 MR. FERN THOMASSY: -- of all the
18 CERCLA processes.

19 MR. RON LEVY: -- all at the same
20 phase in the CERCLA process and we're at the SI level.
21 Some of them are in the RI. So, there is a process.

22 What you tend to get confused is
23 all these number of different sites. Well, really

1 they're all -- each site follows a CERCLA process.
2 And right now, all of them are at SI. If you go back
3 to that fact sheet we passed out to you, it's still
4 the beginning of the process. And, you know, how they
5 come through when are reviewed, well, some of that has
6 to do with, you know, JPA's priorities, some of it has
7 to do with how easy we think we can get them finished
8 and out the door, some of it has to do with long-term
9 requirements such as we think they might move into
10 remedial investigation.

11 MR. BART REEDY: Landfills.

12 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, like
13 landfills. Some of it to do with the fact that we've
14 got ordnance and explosives that are running in a
15 different type of a program that's EE/CAs that you're
16 seeing.

17 MR. BART REEDY: That's one of the
18 drawbacks is on the base everything kind of looks
19 alike, all the reports kind of look alike. Well, it
20 was an active base up until when, September?

21 MR. RON LEVY: September of '99.

22 MR. BART REEDY: Yeah. And so,
23 this is the first step in the process. Things -- all

1 the things do kind of look alike. And there is a flow
2 to it, as Ron says.

3 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Yeah. I just
4 want to understand that flow. That's all I'm asking
5 for.

6 MR. RON LEVY: The thing that -- if
7 you'll go back and look at the environmental baseline
8 survey, Donna, you see every place where we've got
9 category seven or category five and higher, we've got
10 investigations going on. And most everything, you
11 know, again, is in the SI phase, so you see a lot of
12 SI, SI, SI on the documents that Phill pointed out.
13 That's that same phase for everything in this process.

14 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Well, I just
15 want a general generic flow chart. I'm not asking for
16 a flow chart on every particular site, I just want to
17 be able to understand the process that we're going
18 through to put things in perspective.

19 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, that fact
20 sheet that Fern pointed out is a great fact sheet, I
21 thought, for explaining the process. We tried to, you
22 know, make it as generic as possible and as easy to
23 read as possible.

1 before was what I want to get before the RAB, you
2 know, is those decisions -- and I think this is what
3 you ought to be focused on -- is those decisions where
4 we're looking at actual cleanup, because there is a
5 lot of these documents that are just going to fall
6 out. We've investigated. We find absolutely nothing
7 there. And we're all in agreement, we just didn't
8 find anything there. Okay, we thought there might be
9 something there, an old motor pool site, it's gone. A
10 lot of those sites are now starting to drop out of the
11 process, so a lot of documents you really don't want
12 to see if it drops out --

13 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Right.

14 MR. RON LEVY: -- unless you just
15 had a question about it. It's the ones where we start
16 to look at cleanup and the level of cleanup and the
17 cost of the cleanup and those kinds of things that I
18 think would be of most interest to you.

19 However, we can go back and revisit
20 anything that you want to see, even those sites that
21 we thought dropped out, if that's what you're
22 interested in.

23 MR. FERN THOMASSY: We can go back

1 to the map that Phillip was talking about, because I
2 think that would be extremely useful to us. And that
3 is, as those sites drop out, if you had a map that
4 would show those parcels or those sites or those
5 buildings in green as having been a go, having dropped
6 out, we know those things are ready then for the JPA
7 and for turnover, as far as the environmental cleanup
8 goes. That type of map would be extremely useful,
9 rather than just one that's tracking documents.

10 MR. RON LEVY: I agree. In fact,
11 I've got that in the works now, because we're trying
12 to track now no-further-action sites, which we want --
13 I want to attach some maps so that you can get a
14 visual representation to what's actually dropping out.
15 Should be able to share that to you at some time near
16 in the future, because we've already got thirty some
17 odd sites that we identified for no further action.
18 And to put those visually on a map so you can say, oh,
19 okay, that's what's dropped out as no further action
20 should be easy to do for us. What you're looking --

21 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: And if you
22 could --

23 MR. RON LEVY: -- at --

1 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I was going
2 to say, I think if you could take that a step further
3 and have on the same map, you know, like four
4 different layers, you know, no further action, a site
5 that's been identified that needs to be investigated,
6 or for those that need to be investigated what, you
7 know, are they --

8 MR. RON LEVY: Still ongoing.

9 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: I don't
10 know how you would break it down, you don't want to
11 have twelve different colors on the map, obviously,
12 but one that requires investigation and one that's
13 being evaluated for corrective measures or one that's
14 where corrective measures have been implemented.

15 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: This one is
16 intended, as we go along, I think not necessarily to
17 meet yours immediately, but we can involve another
18 map. That would probably be something from the Army's
19 side. But this will evolve. And eventually, I think
20 if we see a FOST, it's going to turn green on this
21 map, you know. You're going to see -- and the others
22 will be outlines of things that we've talked about.
23 And then red will always be -- you know, here is red,

1 and this is what's been done, whether it's in draft,
2 final, or whatever stage it's in.

3 MR. FERN THOMASSY: I think, going
4 along with what Craig said --

5 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Good idea.

6 MR. FERN THOMASSY: -- creating
7 that type of map, you could probably create a map with
8 a series of overlays and combine those overlays any
9 way you want to. And then once they are indexed, you
10 can fit them right on top of each other, you can see
11 the different colors and the different mixes. And
12 probably something that you can comprehend, rather
13 than have them all put together at one time, you can
14 put a couple together or three together, depending on
15 what you're looking for.

16 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, it would start
17 to get -- it would get real confusing like you see on
18 some of these maps up on the wall. I agree, that
19 would be helpful.

20 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: But you still
21 want this one to continue is what I'm hearing?

22 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Oh, yeah.

23 Excuse me, I hope I didn't sound like I was putting

1 that down. I was adding the need for another --

2 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: That's good.

3 And I wanted to follow up on your question, Dr. Cox,

4 about, I'm not going to necessarily put EPA's or the

5 Army's on here. We're pretty much simultaneous with

6 this. It maybe plus or minus one.

7 DR. BARRY COX: Okay.

8 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Is that okay?

9 DR. BARRY COX: Sure.

10 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Unless you

11 want their list. But I don't see a reason for that,

12 unless somebody wants --

13 DR. BARRY COX: I think the beauty

14 of that one is if that's put before us, then we

15 couldn't say that you didn't give us a list of

16 everything that was going on. And if we wanted to, we

17 could ask about this, this, or that.

18 MR. PHILLIP STROUD: Right.

19 MR. RON LEVY: We're busily still

20 building up our website and putting documents out on

21 the website, too, so that you can access them without

22 having to carry home a bulk. So, you'll soon see a

23 lot of these final documents on our website. Mary was

1 just showing me today, she had at least ten more
2 different documents put on the website. So, as the
3 documents become final, the same documents that we're
4 putting in the repositories -- Scott, you got a
5 quizzical look on your face. I guess you don't know
6 that we've got two repositories where our final
7 documents go; one is the JSU Library and the other is
8 at the Anniston Calhoun County Library downtown.

9 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: I was actually
10 more interested in your web address. Is it somewhere
11 in the stuff I've been given?

12 MR. RON LEVY: No. But it's
13 WWW.McClellan.Army.Mil. And then I think you got --
14 that's the transition force. Then you got to go to
15 the environmental section in there and keep going
16 through a series of sites or a series of screens
17 before you get to the documents. You can find them
18 from there, though.

19 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: Thanks.

20 DR. BARRY COX: Ron, if you want to
21 continue on with your comments or are we through with
22 that or are you still --

23 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, there was a

1 lot of good things that went on during the month. The
2 ITR occurred -- and really, I need to wait till the
3 end to talk to that, but that was an independent
4 technical review where we had actually people outside
5 of the Army come in and look at that EE/CA. And I
6 want to hold off talking specifics about it, because
7 as I told you, I want to do a presentation to you
8 probably at the January meeting, talking about the
9 EE/CA and some of the changes that may be coming out
10 from the ITR and getting input at that point from the
11 RAB, thoughts and concerns and other issues that can
12 add into the final decision on that document.

13 But there were a -- there is a
14 number of changes coming to the document that the
15 technical review committee -- and for the people who
16 got the summary sheets, which I think is just about
17 everybody else -- are going to change some of the
18 alternatives, landfill use, costs, level of -- actual
19 level of cleanup, and some of those things are going
20 to come out and we're going to talk about those.

21 We did have the BCT meeting. I
22 thought that was another good meeting. Miki mentioned
23 that she was there and she will continue, the JPA will

1 continue to attend a morning session of our two day
2 meetings, one morning session of our two day meetings.

3 One of the things that we do for
4 Miki and the JPA is we have a list. The list has been
5 provided to us from the JPA. It's a list of their
6 priority sites. And assuming the JPA has no problem
7 with -- and they're not here -- with sharing those, I
8 would certainly like to share with you what they
9 defined to us as their priorities. And on that list
10 is the status we go over with Miki during the morning
11 session that says, you know, where we're at in the
12 cleanup or the investigation of that piece of
13 property. It's a spread sheet, for the most part, but
14 I'll be glad to see if we can't get that out in the
15 mailings.

16 Miki is not going to have a problem
17 with that, I don't think, right?

18 MR. RON MASSEY: I'll check.

19 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: I don't think
20 so.

21 MR. RON LEVY: Defined to us as
22 priority sites, the JPA. Not what the Army put
23 together, but what the JPA put up front to us as

1 priority sites. And then in there we've got a number
2 of different information points about it. And then in
3 the remarks column, kind of a status of what that site
4 is, in terms of the investigation of the cleanup is
5 that. And it may be helpful to you, as well.

6 I think some of the rest of the
7 stuff needs to come underneath the action summary
8 sheet. Maybe we can talk about that.

9 DR. BARRY COX: Of course, that's
10 next on line, so --

11 MR. RON LEVY: We did have a
12 meeting on the 26th of October to talk about the
13 eastern bypass. And I want to point out the map -- I
14 think it's directly behind Jerome -- the colored map
15 of the eastern bypass. Can you see that all up in
16 there?

17 We agreed to, at one point, to
18 split up the eastern bypass, that as it comes through
19 Fort McClellan, the piece that comes through Fort
20 McClellan into three phases. The different colors are
21 the phases. You see the green, brown, and the yellow.

22 You can see the yellow way up in
23 the top there. The yellow is an access road. It's

1 actually the rerouting of Summerall Gate Road.
2 Summerall Gate Road used to come through right where
3 the brown part is. But because of the eastern bypass
4 that is now encompassing that, they had to reroute it
5 and send it further north.

6 What we agreed to, to with ALDOT at
7 a meeting back in September, was that we would split
8 it up into three phases. We told them in September
9 that we would integrate our schedules into theirs and
10 we needed their schedules. Well, they provided us
11 their schedules during the month of October and we
12 came back and integrated what we understood was their
13 schedules with ours and gave them some dates.

14 Now, this is what's coming out of
15 it. Three phases. First phase is the green area on
16 that map, which is the Southern portion. The second
17 phase is the yellow, in the northern, way up there,
18 the rerouting access road. And the third phase, from
19 a priority standpoint, is the brown, which is the
20 northern part of the bypass.

21 As we looked at the schedules, we
22 believed, we thought -- or we thought we could
23 immediately transfer that area in green based upon

1 what we understood to be out there. And we're working
2 on a finding of suitability transfer at this moment
3 now, looking to actually get the finding of
4 suitability transfer out around the middle of December
5 for public comments. And thirty some odd days after
6 that public comment, we're also going to do concurrent
7 review with EPA and the state. And thirty some odd
8 days after that, we'll look to send up, too, for the
9 real estate action, the actual transfer of the deed of
10 that piece of property.

11 The brown area or the yellow area
12 up north is being limited by other OE issues that
13 we've got up there. And it doesn't look like we're
14 going to be able to get that transfer through, until
15 -- let me look at the dates I've got -- until May of
16 '02, based on other OE issues or UXO issues we've got
17 up in there. And the northern piece, as well, we're
18 going to have some time lines that's going to put us
19 in the '02 time frame. And --

20 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Ron, point of
21 clarification.

22 MR. RON LEVY: Yes.

23 MS. DONNA FATHKE: You said there

1 is other OE issues, on the yellow area or are there
2 other priorities elsewhere on the base that preclude
3 that from getting --

4 MR. RON LEVY: No. It's ordnance.
5 We've actually started to work on that, in terms of
6 getting the contract initiated. But because of the
7 clearance that we've got to do there and trying to --
8 and it's going to be a separate EE/CA -- not a
9 separate EE/CA, but it's going to be a separate
10 clearance, it's going to take us just to get the --
11 actually transferred out until the '02 time frame.

12 And then the northern portion,
13 which is in the brown, we're looking at August of '02
14 before we can actually physically do all that we need
15 to do and actually transfer, get the deed in the hand
16 of ALDOT.

17 So, that's kind of what came out of
18 the meeting. I think there was some discussion of
19 that on the radio and in the newspaper about it, if
20 you were reading the Anniston Star. And that's not --
21 that's not a great solution in a lot of people's
22 minds, but it was the best solution that we thought we
23 could come up with, at this point.

1 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Is there any
2 possibility of breaking that brown area down into
3 smaller segments and getting some of it turned over to
4 ALDOT earlier?

5 MR. RON LEVY: I think from ALDOT's
6 perspective, it wouldn't have helped them.

7 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Wouldn't help
8 them?

9 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. And that's
10 why we agreed to the three pieces as we did.

11 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Okay.

12 MR. RON LEVY: From the Army's
13 perspective, I don't know, we didn't really look at it
14 hard, because they didn't really see that as something
15 --

16 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Doesn't help
17 them, there is no sense in --

18 MR. RON LEVY: -- they wanted.

19 MR. CRAIG BRANCHFIELD: Based on my
20 experience with how ALDOT moves, you'll be a couple of
21 years out.

22 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: That's right.

23 MR. RON LEVY: I don't want to

1 comment on that one. We all got our feelings.

2 So, I've got the slides, too.

3 You're welcome to see these and share these, because
4 it's got the schedules in that we proposed and what
5 we're doing now. Even breaks it down so far as how
6 the real estate action moves.

7 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Do you have
8 that electronically?

9 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah.

10 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Can you send it
11 to us in E-mail?

12 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, sure can.
13 Anybody else want it electronically? We would like to
14 send it to you. Scott?

15 DR. BARRY COX: Send me a copy.

16 MR. RON MASSEY: I'll need your
17 E-mail address.

18 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: Okay.

19 MR. RON LEVY: That's about all I
20 want to talk about, unless somebody else has got a
21 question about the eastern bypass work. Let me
22 mention -- let me go into the next issue.

23 A lot of you heard, I think, at the

1 last RAB meeting that we were looking at potential CWM
2 issue, chemical warfare material issue. For those of
3 you who are not aware, Fort McClellan has been the
4 home of the Chemical Corps and the MBC School, I
5 think, its predecessor, so there was a lot of training
6 out here with the use of various types of training
7 agent, to include live agent. And it wasn't just
8 McClellan, it was really across all military
9 installations.

10 And one of the things that they
11 used to use to train soldiers was these CAIS kits.
12 They're called chemical agent identification sets,
13 CAIS kits. And they came in all sorts of
14 configurations with different types of bottles and
15 whatnot in them.

16 We've been working on a landfill
17 EE/CA. You know, understood that we were all looking
18 at characterizing our landfills. One of our
19 landfills, the one that's north of -- I think the term
20 is northwest --

21 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Fill area
22 north of landfill two.

23 MR. RON LEVY: It's got a term, but

1 where we actually had to -- we actually filled the
2 thing in before we were able to tell the contractor
3 not to do that.

4 So, in order to dig it back up, we
5 had to bring in the Army's expertise in chemical
6 ordnance. And that's Tech Escort out of Edgewood,
7 Maryland.

8 Well, in the process -- well, we
9 did that, we dug it up. This happens to be the bottle
10 we dug up. That's the same bottle in that picture,
11 believe it or not. See it? Y'all see it? And the
12 bottle on the bottom of it says, well --

13 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Shinola Shoe
14 Polish.

15 MR. RON LEVY: You got it, shoe
16 polish. But when you look at this bottle and you look
17 at the other, it really looked the same, so we ended
18 up spending some money making sure that we were
19 absolutely safe.

20 The bottle had three and a half
21 ounces. If it was a CAIS kit, it would have had three
22 and a half ounces of mustard in it, so we wanted to
23 make sure that we weren't digging up something that

1 wasn't mustard agent. After all that, we discovered
2 it wasn't.

3 Now, there are lots of sites on
4 Fort McClellan which we have identified for CWM and
5 the potential for CWM being there, that are certainly
6 a lot higher than this particular site, where we are
7 going to be doing our investigation with Tech Escort
8 actually on site. And all our procedures are going to
9 be geared towards being protective and ensuring that
10 when we do dig something up that we identify it and if
11 it's agent that we have everything on site and
12 available to respond to it adequately.

13 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: Question.

14 MR. RON LEVY: Yes.

15 MR. SCOTT BECKETT: How do you dig
16 up something like that where you avoid breaking a
17 glass bottle? I mean, what's the --

18 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Very
19 carefully.

20 MR. RON LEVY: There isn't any
21 special process. I mean, what we're doing with a
22 backhoe is -- this remote excavator essentially was a
23 backhoe electronically controlled from, you know, two

1 hundred meters down the road or three hundred meters.

2 I don't know how far it was.

3 You really can't. They stopped,
4 they went down the hole, they went down in level A.
5 Actually, they went down in level B.

6 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: I don't
7 remember --

8 MR. RON LEVY: They looked at the
9 bottle and they said, wait, might be something. And
10 we went into a different role at that point. But
11 before we could actually tell them not to cover it up,
12 they ended up covering it up.

13 MS. DONNA FATHKE: Do they have
14 remote cameras on this backhoe so that the person
15 three hundred meters away can see what's getting dug
16 up?

17 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah. It's kind of
18 -- it's really a neat thing to watch, to see how they
19 do --

20 DR. BARRY COX: From three hundred
21 meters, though.

22 MR. RON LEVY: In terms of the
23 camera and whatnot and how they do it, yeah, far

1 enough back.

2 MS. DONNA FATHKE: So, what you're
3 saying is we still don't know how to tell the
4 difference between shit and Shinola?

5 MR. RON LEVY: I didn't say that,
6 you did. In this case, it wasn't suspect CWM site.
7 And we -- if we hadn't of covered it up, we probably
8 could have gotten somebody down there and actually
9 maybe even just scraped off the side of the bottle a
10 little bit and established right away that it was not
11 CWM. But because of what occurred, because we had
12 covered it up, we had to assume the worst. So, when
13 we started digging, we had to assume that we may be
14 digging into, just as you said, a bottle of mustard
15 and possibly a cracked bottle --

16 DR. MARY HARRINGTON: She didn't
17 say mustard.

18 MR. RON LEVY: Well, I mean,
19 Shinola.

20 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: The other one.

21 MR. RON LEVY: The other one, yeah.
22 So, the good news here was that it turned out to be
23 shoe polish. And we learned a little bit of a lesson

1 there, too, we also learned about how we should set
2 these things up so we don't do that again, make sure
3 that we are a hundred percent sure before we cover
4 something up.

5 DR. BARRY COX: So, you were
6 characterizing the landfill, that was the purpose of
7 --

8 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, we were
9 looking at a lateral and vertical extent of fill
10 areas, which is part of what we're doing for the
11 landfill EE/CA, which is another document that you
12 will have input into, but we're still not completely
13 finished with the fieldwork on it.

14 The next thing that's on the action
15 summary list was the airborne RAD survey. Was one of
16 those things that we initiated as a response to an NRC
17 comment that they wanted assurances that we could tell
18 them that there wasn't anymore RAD out there. And
19 it's a flyover. I think Lisa can probably talk about
20 it better.

21 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: I can't talk
22 much more about it. I'm not -- just like Bart's not a
23 UXO expert, I'm not a radiological expert, but when

1 the NRC was commenting on our work plans for the
2 Ride-Out Field Burial Mound, they asked us to provide
3 assurances that there were no other sources out on
4 Ride-Out Field. And we couldn't provide them
5 assurances, so we initiated the aerial flyover for
6 Ride-Out Field. And we're also going to take a look
7 at Iron Mountain, Rattlesnake Gulch training areas, as
8 well.

9 MR. RON LEVY: I'm not an expert,
10 but they're able to actually look down and see sources
11 through the type of instrumentation that they're
12 using.

13 MR. RON MASSEY: It's on a
14 helicopter.

15 MR. RON LEVY: Right.

16 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: No. It's a
17 fixed wing.

18 MR. RON MASSEY: I know you said
19 fixed wing, but Bernie says helicopter. But anyway,
20 it's either a fixed wing or helicopter. And as they
21 fly over, they fly over at a very low altitude. It's
22 ten meters or something.

23 MR. RON LEVY: We will give you

1 some information on it as soon as we get --

2 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Get the
3 results.

4 MR. RON LEVY: Yeah, get it nailed
5 down.

6 MR. FERN THOMASSY: What, were
7 there preliminary assessments that drove you to go to
8 Iron Mountain and some of the other areas here on main
9 post?

10 MR. BART REEDY: Those were known
11 training areas.

12 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Were they known
13 training areas with radiological materials? Okay.

14 MR. BART REEDY: (Nods head.)

15 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Uh-huh.

16 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Okay.

17 MR. RON LEVY: I think this is both
18 good for the Army's -- it's good for the regulatory
19 agencies, because assuming that we get through this,
20 we can either definitively eliminate it or find that
21 we've got other sites that we need to go and look at.
22 So apparently, the technology is used quite
23 extensively at other locations. So, another black box

1 thing that's (inaudible).

2 DR. BARRY COX: Any questions on
3 the RAD survey?

4 MR. RON LEVY: And I don't know
5 that I need to go into anymore than what I already
6 told you about the Iron Mountain EE/CA, but my plan is
7 to have a briefing given to you during the January
8 meeting where we can start garnering some input from
9 the RAB about what it is we're doing, thoughts,
10 discussion, input from the RAB. Might give you a good
11 feel, too, for what we're up against in terms of the
12 ranges.

13 DR. BARRY COX: Any comments on the
14 Iron Mountain?

15 One question I would like to ask.
16 I mentioned earlier about the RAB caucus that we were
17 talking about. One thing they would like to do is to
18 make up a list of names and addresses of the
19 restoration advisory board members. And I guess my
20 question to you is: How many of you would be willing
21 to have your name and address put on the list or
22 anybody that wouldn't have -- is there anybody that
23 wouldn't want their name and address on the list?

1 Okay.

2 Any comments or any other topics we
3 need to take up from the board?

4 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: Would you like
5 for me to introduce myself?

6 DR. BARRY COX: Absolutely.

7 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: My name is
8 Doyle Brittain. I've been with EPA for thirty-three
9 years. Spent a number of years working in the air
10 program and then I worked with the RCRA enforcement
11 program. For about the last fifteen years, I've been
12 in the hazardous waste program, working in different
13 military bases.

14 And I've had the opportunity to
15 work with Bart for that last fifteen years. He and I
16 have become good friends. He sits about ten feet from
17 me, there in the office. We have cubicles. And we
18 both learned to whisper in a sawmill, so I hear pretty
19 much everything that he says, so, I have some basic
20 knowledge of some of the problems that y'all have,
21 just listening to him on the telephone.

22 But anyhow, I know that he hates to
23 leave, moving on to other pastures. I have a couple

1 of other bases that just as he is having to give this
2 one up and move somewhere else, I'm having to give two
3 other bases up. And I hate to leave those bases. I
4 got an 8:00 o'clock meeting tomorrow at Tullahoma,
5 Tennessee. But I'm having to go through that same
6 transition up there.

7 Had the opportunity to work with
8 Lisa and Ron maybe one time before a year or so ago,
9 so I have some knowledge firsthand of some of the
10 people that are here.

11 Bart said a lot of good things
12 about you people. And he's not gone, he's going to
13 still be sitting there and I'm going to be going to
14 him many times in the future and asking him, you know,
15 explain this to me. And so I'll still be leaning on
16 him and going to be leaning on some of y'all in the
17 future very closely.

18 But as Bart says, one of the things
19 that we have to realize is that with the base
20 realignment and closure going away, we're going
21 through a downsizing process there at EPA, which means
22 we have less people and we're having to shift
23 workloads. And we're just going to have to work

1 smarter. So, I'll be looking to y'all to help me to
2 come up to speed as quick as possible. I'll be
3 looking to y'all for suggestions or things that you
4 would like to see done or think need to be done.

5 And one of my pet peeves is playing
6 Monday-morning-quarterback. And, you know, I heard
7 you say, Craig, there a minute ago about you can't
8 look at all those documents. I would sure rather see
9 you look at them up front than wait until we get
10 through and then come back and play
11 Monday-morning-quarterback and say, you know, really
12 wish you'd gone back and let's go back and do this
13 over again. It's counterproductive.

14 And so really we like to keep the
15 RAB members involved as much as possible up front and
16 invite you to, you know, give me a call, let's talk
17 about your concerns, call Ron, call Phil, whoever,
18 let's work together on this, let's make it a joint
19 effort.

20 And we're not going to be able to
21 sit down and to just simply read through those
22 documents. I hate to read, anyway. And I prefer to
23 sit around the table and have the sessions. Like Bart

1 MR. DOYLE BRITTAIN: I also have
2 Homestead Air Force Base, which is a base realignment
3 and closure BRAC base down in Homestead, Florida, that
4 already had a few hazardous waste sites, and when
5 Andrew came through there and destroyed everything, it
6 generated a whole lot of new sites. So, I'll keep
7 that base.

8 But I'm giving up Arnold
9 Engineering Development Center or Arnold Air Force
10 Base there in Tullahoma, Tennessee, and I'm also
11 giving up Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant in
12 Chattanooga, so I already know something about the
13 Army and I already know something about munitions and
14 I understand your concern about risks on that right
15 there. Been down that road, too. So, I'll give up
16 those two, but I'll still have one other one.

17 DR. BARRY COX: Welcome aboard,
18 sir. Any other audience comments? Do I hear a motion
19 for adjournment?

20 MR. DON CUNNINGHAM: So moved.

21 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Good comment.

22 MR. JAMES BUFORD: Second.

23 (WHEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned.)

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