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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING held on the 8th day of August, 1996,
commencing at 7:00 p.m. at Old Belton City Hall,
512 Main, Belton, Missouri.

RAB MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. W.V. Powell, Mr. Tom Keeney, Mr. Garey M.
Reeves, Mr. Robert Koke, Mr. Robert Geller and
Mr. Robert Lodato.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Dave Malecki, Ms. Diana Travis, Mr. Robert
Zuiss, Mr. Guy Frazier, Mr. Fred Waterman and
Mr. Bill McFarland.

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1 MR. LODATO: Well, it's time, I
2 think we'll get started. My name is Robert Lodato
3 and I'm from Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base. I'd
4 like to go around and do introductions. We'll
5 start with Mr. Koke.

6 MR. KOKE: I'm Bob Koke with EPA.

7 MR. KEENEY: I'm Tom Keeney of
8 Belton.

9 MR. FRAZIER: I'm Guy Frazier with
10 Missouri DNR, project manager.

11 MR. GELLER: Bob Geller, also with
12 Missouri DNR.

13 MS. TRAVIS: Diana Travis with
14 Missouri DNR.

15 MR. MALECKI: Dave Malecki, airport
16 manager, Richards-Gebaur.

17 MR. REEVES: Garey Reeves,
18 Richards-Gebaur.

19 MR. ZUISS: Bob Zuiss,
20 Richards-Gebaur.

21 MR. WATERMAN: I'm Fred Waterman
22 with the Air Force out of San Antonio.

23 MR. McFARLAND: I'm Bill McFarland
24 with the Corps of Engineers out of Kansas City
25 Richards-Gebaur.

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1 MR. POWELL: And I'm Bill Powell,
2 co-chairman of RAB, and I live in Belton.

3 MR. LODATO: Thank you. I started
4 this morning's BRAC Cleanup Team meeting and Mr.
5 Geller made a very nice gesture as far as
6 remembering Mark Esch, who we all know passed away
7 over the Memorial Day weekend. We all understand
8 that Mark did an outstanding job for us and we as
9 the Air Force and as a group effort will continue
10 the remediation projects and the closure of
11 Richards-Gebaur. We will try to keep things on
12 schedule. Once again, Mark did a fine job for us
13 and he sure will be missed.

14 Do we have any corrections to the last
15 RAB meeting that was on May 1st?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. LODATO: Okay. Meeting minutes
18 stand. Really, since we have the usual turnout,
19 I'm going to make this short and sweet. This will
20 be for the benefit of Mr. Powell and Bill
21 McFarland, as the Corps representative, just to
22 kind of bring you up to speed on where we're at.
23 Mr. Keeney, too. There were handouts that are
24 exactly the same as the slide up there. Let me go
25 through the POL yard remediation project. We have



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1 just completed Phase 2 of the confirmatory
2 sampling which will allow us to -- for identifying
3 the extent of contamination out at the POL yard.

4 MR. REEVES: Robert, you said there
5 was a handout. Are we missing one on that, or is
6 it just the agenda?

7 MR. LODATO: I had a whole stack of
8 them.

9 MR. GELLER: Must have run out.

10 MR. LODATO: Okay. We'll just work
11 off the overhead. And what we found during the
12 Phase 2 sampling was the possibility of
13 contamination extended beyond the POL yard. Our
14 prime contractor, Dames & Moore, is now in the
15 process, they should be mobilizing within the next
16 week and a half, and they'll be doing some soil
17 gas surveys out in the area. They'll be starting
18 from Andrews Road back towards the POL yard. We
19 had a briefing this morning by Dames & Moore and
20 the consensus is that, if I can say consensus, is
21 that it's an isolated extent of contamination, if
22 you will. But the purpose of the soil gas is to
23 further delineate if there is indeed a problem and
24 it has extended beyond the POL yard. If necessary
25 we'll cross Andrews Road and go out towards Scope

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1 Creek.

2 MR. REEVES: On that one there, just
3 to bring it out, I'm sure you're aware, but that
4 area is actually owned by the City of Kansas City
5 and was leased to the Marine Corps on a 50-year
6 lease in 1988.

7 MR. LODATO: So even though the
8 property has been leased and subleased it's still
9 Air Force's responsibility to clean up any
10 contamination. And we'll pursue that.

11 The groundwater assessment. We had our
12 other remediation contractor, Versar, come out the
13 first part of July to do groundwater assessment on
14 six of the IRP sites. The intent there to do the
15 groundwater assessment was to close the loop on
16 these sites. We've pretty well defined -- or
17 cleaned up any soil contamination. Really don't
18 want to say cleaned up. Help me out here --

19 MR. MALECKI: No detect.

20 MR. LODATO: Yeah. In the soils
21 there's no detection of any contamination. We had
22 to do the groundwater to go ahead and close that
23 loop. Our intent is this will be a topic not only
24 tonight but at future RABs. We'll be in the
25 process of beginning to close these sites out. By



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1 closing the sites out: we've identified the site,
2 we've identified that it's clean, and we'll be
3 able to close it out with a no further action
4 decision document that will be signed by the Air
5 Force, EPA and MDNR. These will be some upcoming
6 events within the next year. Going to extent that
7 time frame, because obviously it's going to take
8 us a while to compile all the data and get
9 together and come to a decision of no further
10 action. That should happen on six of the sites.

11 In conjunction with that, with the
12 groundwater assessment, we had some monitoring
13 wells installed at the same sites. We had the
14 water samples collected at the time of
15 installation and the data will be forthcoming.
16 Around the first or second week of September we'll
17 have all of that data available to us.

18 The last one, we have the Belton
19 Training Complex for the drop zone. We had Air
20 Force Reserve, which is the MAJCOM, it falls to
21 them as the responsible party, if you will. They
22 were out on the 16th of July and they did a survey
23 with a magnetometer and a Socks, which is a
24 robotic-type detector that picks up any metallics.
25 They had identified well over a thousand



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1 anomalies. Is that what JJ's report --. By
2 anomalies it could be anywhere from an old washer
3 to a piece of wire.

4 We had taken MDNR out to the weapons
5 storage area and we noticed some flagging had been
6 done out there. That's another part of the drop
7 zone. Some of the flagged material was a piece of
8 wire. We found a small -- kind of looked like a
9 banding strip. So it will be real interesting to
10 see what all they find out at the drop zone
11 itself.

12 They're scheduled to be back out in
13 early October to actually clear and safe the
14 property for us. Depending on whether or not we
15 as the Air Force will be able to support some of
16 their needs, that is going to be kind of a sticky
17 situation for us. They're expecting more from us
18 than we will be able to provide. But that's
19 something that we have to work out between
20 ourselves and AFRES.

21 MR. REEVES: Robert, if I may.

22 MR. LODATO: Yes, sir.

23 MR. REEVES: I'd just like to
24 emphasize that one of the reasons for October is
25 that when they came up with their cleanup plan,

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1 which is part of the package here, they go through
2 the Air Force Safety Board and have the Safety
3 Board approve their proposal to do this. So it
4 depends on where we come up on the priority in the
5 Air Force Safety Board when this approval will
6 happen. Their target is hopeful for October, but
7 if the Safety Board doesn't act we're going to be
8 at their mercy.

9 MR. LODATO: Right. They're in the
10 process now of developing a work plan, if you
11 will, a cleanup plan, and that will be routed
12 through the Department of Natural Resources so we
13 can get concurrence from all sides. As it says,
14 they're scheduled to take approximately 30 to 45
15 days, which would put us towards mid-November if
16 all goes according to schedule.

17 We also have our remediation contractor,
18 Versar, scheduled to do a PA/SI out there. So the
19 PA/SI is going to be split into two phases: Phase
20 1 being the record search, administrative type;
21 Phase 2 will be the actual sampling of soil and
22 water. We should be able to coordinate that as
23 soon as AFRES is done, or as AFRES identifies
24 clean sections of the drop zone, Versar will be
25 able to piggyback right on them and collect their

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1 samples. So within a short period of time not
2 only will we clear the site we've also done the
3 PA/SI. So it's just a matter of coordination and
4 we should be able to do that, and all the
5 mechanisms are in place as soon as we get approval
6 on the work plan. We should be able to maintain a
7 reasonable schedule and complete the site as a
8 whole.

9 MR. GELLER: If I could ask a
10 question about the future, the intended reuse of
11 that Belton drop zone. I know that's gone back
12 and forth between questions about reuse by the
13 military, the Army, I guess Army Reserves, and
14 then whether it could be possibly property that
15 would be public conveyance or something. Garey,
16 can you tell us what the latest status is on that?

17 MR. REEVES: Get my Ouija board out.
18 Currently, when the record decision for disposal
19 of property was made in early '95 the decision was
20 made by the Secretary of the Air Force to transfer
21 that property to the Army Reserve. Having said
22 that, though, the Army Reserve still has not gone
23 through the normal process of getting the
24 Secretary of the Army to approve their
25 recommendation to keep that property, which is the



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1 first step that has to happen. And then when that
2 happens it needs to go forward to the Department
3 of Defense under Secretary for Economic Security,
4 and he has to approve that.

5 Now, that doesn't mean that approving it
6 has to be done, it just says, "Yes, this is not
7 contrary with BRAC, this is not contrary with
8 anything. If the Secretary of the Air Force wants
9 to give it to you, you can have it." Well, the
10 Secretary's already said you can have it, all
11 you've got to do is get the other thing. So they
12 have not moved on that. Until they move -- and
13 obviously they're dragging their feet until such
14 time as they find out what's on this, because if
15 they retain it then immediately we're out of BRAC
16 money, you see. They would have compliance
17 requirements, DERA, but not BRAC. So they don't
18 want to find out, yeah, I'm going to take it -- or
19 keep it, and there's some real -- a lot of DERA
20 money. So that's where we are at on it.

21 I think it will go to the Army Reserve.
22 If it doesn't go to the Army Reserve there's a 99
23 percent chance it will go to a public sale. Not
24 negotiated, but right off to a public sale,
25 because there hasn't been that much initiative for

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1 it. If it goes to public sale it will probably go
2 fairly quick once we know the cleanup.

3 MR. GELLER: Let me ask one
4 question. Would you actually have to go back and
5 amend the record of decision for the reuse?

6 MR. REEVES: Yeah, but that wouldn't
7 be a biggie. I mean, that really wouldn't be a
8 biggie, because we'll draft it up.

9 MR. GELLER: The difference would be
10 that the cleanup standards from our standpoint
11 would be different. Obviously, the intended reuse
12 would be a lesser standard -- it would be more
13 conservative if it's cleaned up for public use.

14 MR. REEVES: We understand that.
15 What I'm saying is we'll come up to it. And just
16 say it goes to a public sale, obviously the other
17 use on that would have to be identified. One
18 interesting note on this, and I don't know else to
19 address this, but you remember when we did the
20 EBS, the Environmental Baseline Study, I don't
21 remember, I don't think we had acknowledgment for
22 reuse of that property, disposing of it and it
23 going to the military, if I remember right. And
24 so if that's the case we might have to go back and
25 revisit that portion of the EBS.



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1 MR. LODATO: Thank you. One of the
2 last items up here is we're in the process of
3 developing a work plan and with the support of
4 MDNR this afternoon we're having a contractor --
5 we had a contract let back in 1988 to remove some
6 underground storage tanks for the Air Force,
7 agreement had been reached between the Air Force
8 and DNR that if any of the tanks came back suspect
9 we would sample 25 percent of the remaining tanks.

10 And we let a contract, a local contract,
11 to sample 20 of those tanks, which was all the
12 ones included in that one project. Because the
13 one was suspect technically all of them became
14 suspect. As we get ready to transfer this
15 property to the City that's going to be a question
16 that's going to keep cropping up. What about this
17 tank here? What about that tank? So for the sake
18 of logic, if you will, the common-sense approach
19 is to go ahead and do it. And so we do have a
20 local contract in place to do that, so we can get
21 a timely turnaround. And we expect that work to
22 be starting within the next probably four to six
23 weeks, once we get approvals on the work plan
24 itself.

25 So you can tell that we're starting to

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1 pull some of these smaller projects together,
2 because we will be working on the long-term lease
3 with Kansas City and these are going to be
4 questions that need to be answered so we can do
5 all the paperwork and get the updated EBS done so
6 we can transfer the property as a whole and will
7 be complete.

8 The last item. This really is for the
9 benefit of Mr. Powell and Mr. Keeney and Bill
10 McFarland, we pretty much had the same drill this
11 morning with the BRAC Cleanup Team. I'm going to
12 ask Bill if he could give us an update on the FUDS
13 from a Corps perspective and what the Corps has
14 done, if you wouldn't mind, as far as the FUD
15 sites on the Base

16 MR. McFARLAND: Okay. Well, as a
17 lot of you know, the Corps of Engineers has been
18 tasked with the FUDS program. We've completed in
19 the past a PA, a preliminary assessment, primarily
20 a record search and everything. We've completed
21 that, one of our contractors. Subsequent to that
22 action we've gone into the SI phase. As a result
23 our contractor, CDM of Lenexa, prepared a work
24 plan and we have approved that. In trying to go
25 into the field -- we were funded, and in

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1 negotiating with CDM we tried to negotiate a price
2 with them, but they were just way too expensive.
3 And with the cutback in work associated with a
4 lack of fiscal year '96 budget, we had the
5 in-house FTEs, if you will, that's in-house labor,
6 that we were going to execute the field activities
7 and the preparation of the final report with
8 in-house labor.

9 We have completed all of our field
10 activities associated with the eight sites
11 identified in the FUDS program on the SI report
12 and we're in the process of -- we've received all
13 of the data from our Missouri River Division Lab
14 and have reviewed that and we're actively engaged
15 in assembling all of the data and we are preparing
16 our recommendations for our draft SI report, which
17 we anticipate having for internal review the 16th
18 of August '96.

19 That will go through a peer review of
20 three reviewers, and once that is reviewed and
21 comments implemented the draft SI report will be
22 finalized. And we would like to have that
23 finalized by definitely the end of fiscal year,
24 which is September 30th, but we're targeting
25 September 24th. Once that report is finalized



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1 then we would like to contact the necessary
2 players and see if you would be interested in
3 receiving courtesy copies. If you are, let us
4 know at that time. This should be in sometime
5 early October, November time frame, certainly the
6 first quarter of the new fiscal year of '97.

7 If you are interested you can tell us at
8 that time how many copies you would like to have
9 and we will formally transmit the copies to you.
10 I think we are looking at right now, I don't mean
11 to exclude anyone, but we're looking at the key
12 players in this room. It will be identified in
13 the transmittal letter that you all will have
14 approximately thirty days, if we can agree to
15 that, thirty days to review the document and give
16 us any comments that you might have. And we would
17 certainly take a look at those comments. If
18 they're minute or editorial type things, certainly
19 we would keep those on file. But if they are what
20 we feel would warrant an addendum or a revisit,
21 then certainly we'd take that into consideration.

22 Right now Army Corps is looking at these
23 sites and we're not seeing a lot of contamination
24 on these eight sites. But this will be further
25 documented and annotated in the report with our



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1 recommendation as to which of the eight sites, if
2 any, warrant going on to the next phase, which
3 would be the formal RI/FS stage.

4 As for funding of this for '97, I think
5 everything is aware, at least on the federal side,
6 that a lot of monies are getting cut back. We
7 have been funded to proceed with an RI/FS if so
8 warranted. And certainly we would make these
9 recommendations if anything needs to go on to the
10 next phase, which I have said will go through
11 internal review, and certainly for everyone in
12 this room can review the report, concur with our
13 findings either individually or collectively that
14 the sites do or do not need to go forward. If
15 they do not, then certainly any funding that we do
16 have would probably be returned to the overall pot
17 of money under the FUDS program. So that's
18 basically where we are right now.

19 MR. GELLER: Bill, just one comment.
20 I guess for the benefit of everyone here, if you
21 could maybe just go over what those eight sites
22 are, I think would be very helpful. Because at
23 least our understanding of the preliminary data is
24 that you've mentioned there are several sites that
25 you don't expect further work, yet some of them



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1 may be on this that you do expect further either
2 characterization or actual remedial activities.

3 MR. McFARLAND: Okay. Be happy to
4 do so, Bob. The eight sites that we're referring
5 to which will be identified in the final SI
6 report: There's a contractor rubble disposal area,
7 there's two landfills, two burn areas, one
8 suspected herbicide burial area, one paint
9 stripper hangar and one suspected radioactive
10 disposal well.

11 MR. REEVES: Go through them one
12 more time and I'll try to point them out.

13 MR. McFARLAND: Okay. I'll get out
14 of the way. Which one should I start with?

15 MR. REEVES: Say the first one.

16 MR. McFARLAND: The first one is the
17 contractor's concrete rubble disposal area.
18 There's two landfills. There's two burn areas.

19 MR. REEVES: Right there, right?

20 MR. McFARLAND: Correct.

21 MR. REEVES: The other one I'm not
22 sure.

23 MR. McFARLAND: The west burn area.

24 MR. REEVES: This one right there.

25 MR. McFARLAND: I'm used to looking

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1 at this map with north going up.

2 MR. REEVES: Yeah. And the
3 contractor's paint one?

4 MR. McFARLAND: The paint stripper
5 hangar is this one over here. Did we get the
6 second burn area?

7 MR. REEVES: Yeah, I think so.

8 MR. McFARLAND: Okay. And the other
9 one was the suspected radioactive disposal which
10 is about a hundred yards downstream of the dam on
11 this pond over here by the runway.

12 MR. REEVES: That's up here.

13 MR. McFARLAND: Right off Markey
14 Road. It's currently in corn right now. Right
15 over here. Does that answer your question, Bob?

16 MR. GELLER: Yes. I think the only
17 question we had was, from a review of the
18 documents, is there a distinction between the
19 south landfill and the contractor rubble area?

20 MR. McFARLAND: No, that's where
21 we're -- this kind of through us for a loop, too,
22 because back when these sites were collectively
23 identified as eight, really there's only seven,
24 because it combines that south landfill area and
25 that rubble disposal area, and basically they butt



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1 up against each other, almost on top of each
2 other. So the report's going to talk about eight
3 but really there's only seven.

4 MR. GELLER: And the burn area is --
5 is one of the burn areas near that south landfill
6 also? We have the west burn area --

7 MR. McFARLAND: The west burn area
8 is back over here.

9 MR. GELLER: I know where that one
10 is.

11 MR. McFARLAND: And I believe the
12 other one is close to the south landfill. I want
13 to say it's in this area right around in here.
14 Yes.

15 MR. FRAZIER: With respect to what
16 would be the west burn area, have you been
17 contacted by the Kansas pipeline operating company
18 yet?

19 MR. McFARLAND: Not that I'm aware
20 of.

21 MR. FRAZIER: Because they plan on
22 laying pipeline right in that area.

23 MR. REEVES: But you have had,
24 haven't you?

25 MR. MALECKI: (Nods yes.)



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1 MR. MCFARLAND: Since my involvement
2 since last summer on this project, this west burn
3 area, prior to my involvement I understand there
4 was actually a limited removal action out there
5 with MDNR. We actually had some of the Corps of
6 Engineers later, from our Napoleon office, that
7 came down and did some excavation and removed -- a
8 number of drums of the soil has been disposed of.
9 Since that time last summer we had one of our
10 Kansas City district drill crews out there with
11 reference test bits to try and laterally define
12 the limits of this layer, and it's definitely
13 defined. You can see the sidewall from these test
14 bits. Since that time we've been investigating
15 that further and that will certainly be discussed
16 in our SI report. But it's a distinct band of
17 kind of like creosote-looking material out there
18 in the sidewalls. Relatively shallow.

19 Who asked that original question? Who
20 asked me to talk a little bit about the SI report,
21 was that you, Garey?

22 MR. REEVES: Yeah.

23 MR. MCFARLAND: Did that answer --

24 MR. REEVES: Yeah.

25 MR. FRAZIER: Bill, when you say



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1 final, I guess you're meaning when it comes out of
2 your office it's final, even though we've provided
3 comments on it you're going to consider that and
4 yea or nay, and maybe you'll change, maybe you
5 won't, but that's it. There won't be a chance to
6 comment on it before it gets to the final stage?

7 MR. MCFARLAND: Right now the way
8 we've decided internally is that it will go
9 through a review of three people within our
10 district, of the draft. And, unless someone can
11 convince us otherwise, we would incorporate those
12 comments and consider that a final document.
13 Final in the sense it's a final Corps document.
14 But we are providing that as a courtesy to MDNR,
15 EPA, certainly the Kansas City Aviation, Air
16 Force, anyone that wants a copy, and certainly the
17 public, with a thirty-day review period.

18 I mean, we have to shut this thing off
19 somewhere so we can get on to the next phase, if
20 in fact there are a number of these sites that do
21 warrant going on to the next phase. But we are
22 certainly not closing the door on any of these
23 issues. So I don't know if we're just talking
24 semantics or whatever, but certainly we would
25 accept any comments from anyone that does receive



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1 a copy. But that's not to say if someone gets a
2 copy and six months later wants to turn around and
3 reopen this issue, I mean, we've got to shut the
4 door and move forward at some point in time.

5 MR. FRAZIER: So basically you have
6 a thirty-day comment period.

7 MR. McFARLAND: That's what we're
8 shooting for. Certainly if someone contacts us
9 and was out of the office for a couple of weeks
10 and needs a couple more weeks, certainly we can
11 extend that a period of time. But I would say not
12 going on to a six-month period or something like
13 that. But I can tell this group what we're seeing
14 is virtually non-detect and little contamination.
15 Really the only contamination we're seeing is up
16 on -- I really don't want to go into all the
17 details right now, but the only contamination
18 we're seeing is up here on this northern landfill.
19 What we're seeing is a lot of surface
20 contamination, primarily lead pellets from the
21 skeet range that's adjacent to the landfill.
22 That's what we're seeing. This will be talked
23 about, but that's really all we're seeing.

24 MR. REEVES: We've talked about that
25 once or twice, haven't we?

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1 MR. MALECKI: Yeah, we're old
2 buddies.

3 MR. LODATO: Thanks, Bill.

4 MR. McFARLAND: Can I say one thing?
5 I think Robert has asked that the Corps at a
6 future RAB meeting to get up and do a presentation
7 of our findings, and certainly at some point in
8 time -- I'd like to get through the peer review
9 and get copies out to everyone and the comments
10 back, and at some future time the Corps will be
11 happy to report to this group and get up and do a
12 whole review of each one of the sites on what we
13 find -- what we did and what we found, so
14 certainly in the future we'd like to do that.

15 MR. LODATO: Very beneficial. And
16 Mr. Geller brought up the suggestion of having a
17 EOD briefing, if you will. And we may be able to
18 schedule that for the next RAB when the EOD team
19 is out here. Kind of give you an overview of the
20 Socks, how they're doing -- how they're performing
21 the survey itself. That would be a good
22 information tool along with the Corps presentation
23 later on down the road.

24 The last agenda item I had was open
25 discussion. As I had said earlier, we will keep



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1 the RAB informed as we get closer to closing out
2 these sites. We'll be presenting the data with an
3 explanation as to why we feel that the site is no
4 longer in need of remediation or we can close it
5 out. And this type of information will be
6 forthcoming in the next -- I don't want to set a
7 time, but within the next year. So as we approach
8 the closure of sites we'll be informing the RAB.
9 Do we have any comments? Any suggestions?

10 MR. REEVES: Just several comments.
11 One is that we had an open house a couple of weeks
12 ago in which the EPA, MDNR and Air Force AFCEE
13 participated in, and we certainly appreciate your
14 support on that. And I don't know how we'll look
15 at future airshows, to what extent we'll be
16 involved in the thing, but I'm sure, if you want
17 to, you should keep that door open direct to the
18 people who work with United Sports when we're not
19 here, I'm sure they will be made available to you.
20 And it's a good time to have a turnover. But
21 certainly we appreciate that.

22 Another thing I wanted to discuss so
23 that people fully understand, we are looking at a
24 long-term lease in furtherance of conveyance.
25 It's a long word. What that is is a new term --



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1 somewhat new term that has been brought about
2 because at many locations as we've got people in
3 it for a long-term program, they've needed money
4 or bank assistance or something like this, to
5 build or expand upon their business, and the banks
6 are reluctant to give money if they can't have
7 title to property. So this new one is more or
8 less a contract between the City and the Air Force
9 saying that, one, the Air Force is going to give
10 this to you and give you title once it meets the
11 cleanup standards established by the enforcing
12 agencies; but, two, it also says that the City
13 will agree to accept this property once we get to
14 this thing. You know what I'm saying? It's a
15 complete circle. They have a guarantee, but we
16 have a guarantee, too, that we'll get down that
17 road. And by doing that it's hopeful that the
18 lending institutions will be more suitable to step
19 up to this. Okay?

20 MR. LODATO: Thank you. Do we have
21 any other comments?

22 MR. KEENEY: You're welcome to come
23 back here on your next meeting.

24 MR. LODATO: Well, the next
25 scheduled meeting would be the first week of



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1 November. The first Wednesday would be --

2 MR. MALECKI: The 6th of November.
3 The following Monday is Veterans Day, the 11th.

4 MR. LODATO: Okay. The next RAB is
5 scheduled for 6 November. And we appreciate the
6 opportunity to use this facility again and will
7 take you up on it.

8 MR. KEENEY: The public response is
9 great here.

10 MR. MALECKI: Lot cooler here.

11 MR. GELLER: I guess from my
12 standpoint, having attended a few of these
13 meetings, I'm curious ask the public
14 representatives, do you ever receive questions
15 about what's going on at the Base or anything
16 else? Obviously the Air Force and the City, we're
17 all here trying to ensure that the citizens have
18 an opportunity to understand what's going on in
19 this process and be able to ask questions, so that
20 hopefully when the Air Force gets done and they're
21 gone they won't be asking the City of Kansas City
22 what did they do out here, why did they do it, or
23 why did they not do something. Is there any
24 response from anyone other than you two devoted
25 individuals?

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1 MR. KEENEY: I hate to kill your
2 ego, but nobody even mentions it.

3 MR. GELLER: Okay, that's fine.

4 MR. KEENEY: Maybe that's good.

5 MR. GELLER: I think it is good. I
6 guess I encourage the Air Force to continue. I
7 know it somewhat feels like it's a waste of the
8 government's money, but you've committed to doing
9 certain things, and we are still going to continue
10 to work together, the extra effort we go to to
11 hold these meetings and put things in the paper or
12 anything else. I think it's easy to stop, but I
13 guess that's when you'll see the public coming
14 out. But we've committed to doing it, we'll
15 continue to do it whether they're here or not. So
16 I support the Air Force in their efforts, and the
17 base closure agency, in continuing to hold these
18 and provide the public the opportunity to
19 participate. And, if they don't, at least no one
20 can accuse us of not trying to be as open as we
21 know how to be as government entities.

22 MR. KEENEY: You have to remember
23 about a year ago, when we did have some public
24 response, our meetings were terrible.

25 MR. GELLER: Well, I understand

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1 that. Maybe there are occasions when we can
2 actually focus on some things that the public
3 might really be interested in. The public has
4 actually raised some issues about coordination
5 about the FUDS, if those are some areas that have
6 already been conveyed to private owners, et
7 cetera. So if we can highlight that, as we've
8 talked about, in the public notice, if you put it
9 in the paper that the Corps is going to make a
10 presentation on --

11 MR. McFARLAND: Certainly.

12 MR. GELLER: -- other areas that
13 have already been converted and kind of highlight
14 what it takes to close out areas like the Belton
15 drop zone, it's somewhat unique to this base and
16 an area where you'll be spending lots of man-hours
17 out there looking for little pieces of wire, but
18 as a Department of Defense agency you really don't
19 have any choice.

20 MR. REEVES: Addressing your subject
21 there, we're mandated to do a RAB. Not
22 necessarily mandated on the frequency of the RAB,
23 but we are mandated. At the present time they are
24 looking how to close down a RAB. But nobody knows
25 how and there's not been permission to close one

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1 down in the several locations that have reached
2 that process. So we are committed to continue
3 with the RAB and everything in the same manner.

4 MR. KOKE: In my experience with the
5 other RAB is that maybe two or three people showed
6 up, like here, until they didn't like what we were
7 doing, then we had a meeting of three hundred
8 people, they were local people, and it lasted a
9 long time. So the fact they are not here is
10 probably more of a vote of confidence in what
11 we're doing. Because if they're not happy we'll
12 find out about it. The public does find out.

13 MR. KEENEY: I think they have faith
14 in you. Bill and I are pretty crazy, though.
15 Maybe that's why there aren't a lot of people
16 here.

17 MR. McFARLAND: When we get ready to
18 do the presentation of the SI report certainly
19 I'll be working with Robert. What I would like to
20 do is go through the internal review before we do
21 the presentation, incorporate internal comments,
22 and certainly get copies to everyone that wants
23 one and receive your comments, and then do it.
24 Because then you've had a chance to see what we're
25 going to present and hopefully it would just be a



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1 formality for the public, and we will know -- will
2 have received your comments and know where you're
3 coming from. So, once again, it would just be a
4 formality. And that way everyone has more or less
5 bought into the idea that one of these sites or
6 all of these sites or fractions of these sites are
7 going forward, that way there's no surprises. And
8 certainly we talk about our funding situation.

9 MR. KOKE: Bill, is Bill Grashim
10 part of your review team now?

11 MR. McFARLAND: Who?

12 MR. KOKE: Bill Grashim.

13 MR. McFARLAND: The reviewers that
14 we've identified are Millard Stone, he's chief of
15 one of the -- gosh -- one of the sections, one of
16 the geotechnical folks in there. Also John Hoyt,
17 chief of the geology section, and Dr. Richard
18 Medary, who's chief of chemistry. So these people
19 that are preparing this document right now are
20 looking at it from a geotechnical standpoint,
21 they're looking at it from a chemistry standpoint,
22 they're looking at a risk evaluation. And I don't
23 want to confuse the group by saying we're doing
24 risk assessment. This is an SI, this is not a
25 formal RI/FS. And I know in the past we've had



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1 people come out and talk a little bit about risk
2 assessment. We're taking the limited data we have
3 and we are making our best recommendation as to
4 how to move forward, and we are funded to do that,
5 if we do need to move forward and go on, further
6 investigate any and all of these eight sites,
7 seven sites, whatever.

8 So certainly we'd like to do that, and
9 support the Air Force and the community and
10 everyone in this room, but we would like to do
11 that at the appropriate time. Now, since November
12 6th was identified as the next RAB meeting that
13 might be a little tight, I don't know, since the
14 report's coming out in September, to get the
15 document out to everyone and go through a comment
16 period. It's possible that we could brief at that
17 time. If not, certainly the following RAB
18 meeting, which I guess would be probably three
19 months later?

20 MR. LODATO: February, yes.

21 MR. MCFARLAND: February. Certainly
22 in the February time frame. And I would bring a
23 couple of the technical folks that were not only
24 involved in negotiations with CDML on the work
25 plan, but were in the field championing a lot of



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1 the field activities, plus were co-authors of the
2 report. So they would be intimately knowledgeable
3 of the site conditions, the data that was obtained
4 from the sampling, and certainly, like I said,
5 were co-authors of this report.

6 MR. KOKE: I'd be in favor of
7 delaying the RAB meeting a month if that would
8 help you -- if that would be enough time for you
9 to make the presentation.

10 MR. McFARLAND: Certainly as we get
11 closer to the November time frame I will be able
12 to coordinate with Robert, because I know Robert's
13 real good about sending out these reminders, and
14 as we get closer to that certainly I could in my
15 communications with him, in the event of
16 postponing it a couple of weeks or whatever, to
17 incorporate in the next go-around, certainly we
18 would talk about that.

19 MR. GELLER: The other thing I would
20 add from the State's standpoint is that if there's
21 any opportunity to provide us with a document for
22 review in advance of even finalizing, I don't know
23 how long you're going to give your reviewers to do
24 it, but if you want to provide us with a
25 preliminary draft we can submit our comments much



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1 earlier and give you an opportunity to look at
2 those. I guess since we are actually working --
3 this group here is working for the Department of
4 Defense, we're looking at it clearly from the
5 regulatory standpoint, we would provide you
6 comments as early as possible. We would be more
7 than willing to do that so that you can
8 incorporate those and not have to look at it at
9 the same time that you're reviewing it for the
10 public.

11 MR. McFARLAND: Well, I will
12 certainly take that into consideration, Bob,
13 because our next internal meeting is tomorrow. As
14 I said, we have all these authors and they're
15 putting together their individual sections and
16 we're in the process of not only assembling this
17 but trying to make sure that we have the necessary
18 matrixes that document what was out there and make
19 the recommendation, so it's going to be very easy
20 to follow this sheet of paper in conjunction with
21 what the narrative says, so if someone from the
22 public were to pick this up it would be easily
23 understood. But I will certainly make that
24 recommendation to the group.

25 But I think at this point in time our

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1 decision has been made within the Corps that we
2 want to go through this draft period internal
3 review and incorporate these three reviewers'
4 comments. So hopefully that would minimize or
5 streamline the overall review process, certainly
6 by EPA, MDNR, Kansas City Aviation, Air Force, and
7 anyone else -- City of Belton, anyone else that
8 would be wanting a copy or copies of this
9 document.

10 MR. LODATO: Fred?

11 MR. WATERMAN: One more matter for
12 the minutes of this meeting. The Air Force
13 intends to identify some of the possibly thirty
14 monitoring wells that we have presently open on
15 the installation for closure in the next 90 to 180
16 days. And the Air Force will be entering into the
17 administrative record a proposed list of those
18 wells for closure for public review.

19 MR. MCFARLAND: One thing I would
20 like to pass on to the group and make a matter of
21 record, whether it be the public or anyone in this
22 room, in the Corps' efforts to generate up-to-date
23 data in preparation of this SI report we did have
24 the entire air base flown and aerial photos were
25 generated earlier on this year before the foliage



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1 had a chance to get on the trees and everything.
2 And so if in the event anyone in the future needs
3 access to these air photos, certainly contact me
4 and we'll make the necessary arrangements to
5 either let you review these or make copies or
6 anything, we'll work with you. So there is an
7 up-to-date, full set of air photos. I have not
8 seen them, but believe me, we've paid for them, so
9 they are within our office here in Kansas City.

10 MR. LODATO: Mr. Reeves?

11 MR. REEVES: Yes. I wanted to give
12 special thanks again to Mr. Powell and Mr. Keeney
13 for attending these things. When they got into
14 this thing they knew it would be thankless. The
15 rest of us, it's part of our job and everything.
16 But I've known you gentlemen for a long time and
17 we rely upon and I certainly appreciate it.

18 MR. KEENEY: Thank you, Garey.
19 There's only one thing that could speed this
20 operation up. If you guys all got the same salary
21 that Bill and I do.

22 MR. LODATO: Like to thank everyone
23 for participating, their input, and if there's no
24 further comments we'll close this meeting.

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