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1 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2000
 2 6:06 P.M.
 3 ---oOo---
 4 MR. MACH: Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, welcome
 5 to the Hunters Point Restoration Advisory Board for
 6 September.
 7 As you see, we do have a court reporter here
 8 that takes a detailed transcript of everything that is
 9 said here.
 10 So I'd like to go around and do introductions
 11 real quick so everyone's name is on the record so if you
 12 have any questions that we can't answer now, we're able
 13 to get back to you with a response.
 14 My name is Richard Mach. I'm the BRAC
 15 environmental coordinator for Hunters Point Shipyard
 16 with the Navy.
 17 MS. HARRISON: Marie Harrison, RAB member.
 18 MR. JOB: Brad Job, Regional Water Quality
 19 Control Board.
 20 MR. KAO: Chein Kao, State Department of Toxic
 21 Substances Control.
 22 MR. POTTS: Oh, my name is Jimmie Potts. I'm
 23 with the A&T Trucking and Barbary Coast Truckers.
 24 MR. MACH: Okay.
 25 Sir?

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1 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm Maurice Campbell. I'm with
 2 the New California Media San Francisco Bayview
 3 Newspaper.
 4 MR. THOMAS: My name's Mike Thomas. I'm with
 5 Communities For A Better Environment.
 6 MR. LEWIS: I'm Jim Lewis. I'm a community
 7 resident and a concerned citizen, especially about this
 8 Hunters Point Shipyard thing.
 9 MR. RUSHING: I'm Richard Rushing, tenant of
 10 the Hunters Point.
 11 MR. SAUNDERS: Lee Saunders, US Navy
 12 environmental public affairs officer.
 13 MS. COSKY: Charmaine Cosky, Bechtel community
 14 relations.
 15 MR. PARDINI: Chuck Pardini with Levine-Fricke.
 16 MS. HUNTER: Carolyn Hunter.
 17 MR. PELOSI: John Pelosi.
 18 MR. ANSBRO: Jim Ansbro. I'm in the community.
 19 MR. JULIO: Dennis Julio, project manager with
 20 IT Corporation.
 21 MR. MARINI: Don Marini with IT Corporation.
 22 MR. RADZEVICH: Bill Radzevich with the Navy.
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1 MS. MCCRAY: Darlene McCray, Tetra Tech.
 2 MR. TALAMANTEZ: Anthony Talamantez, Tetra
 3 Tech.
 4 MS. LANE: Jackie Lane, EPA.
 5 MS. WILLIAMS: Angela Williams, CLEAN
 6 contractor, Bechtel.
 7 MS. LAUTH: Sheryl Lauth, EPA.
 8 MR. WANTA: Mike Wanta, Tetra Tech.
 9 MS. CROWDER: Nia Crowder, RAB member.
 10 MR. MACH: And there's a couple more people
 11 signing in. If you could just make a quick
 12 introduction.
 13 Lynne?
 14 MR. BROWN: Lynne Brown, Community For A Better
 15 Environment and a resident of Bayview-Hunters Point.
 16 MR. MACH: Dorothy?
 17 MS. PETERSON: Oh. Dorothy Peterson, RAB
 18 co-chair.
 19 MR. DACUS: Charles Dacus, member of RAB and
 20 also Roses.
 21 MR. MACH: All right. First up on the agenda,
 22 we've got approval of the meeting Minutes from the
 23 August RAB meeting. I'm sure everyone got a copy of
 24 those in the mail. If you've had a chance to review
 25 them, are there any comments on those?

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1 (No verbal response elicited.)
 2 MR. MACH: If there are no comments, can I get
 3 a motion to approve?
 4 MR. JOB: Approve.
 5 MR. MACH: Can I get a second?
 6 MS. CROWDER: Second.
 7 MR. MACH: All in favor? Any opposed?
 8 Okay. The Minutes are approved.
 9 I don't have a lot of old business to discuss,
 10 although at the end of last month's RAB meeting, there
 11 were a whole bunch of agenda topic ideas that were
 12 discussed. When we started putting the agenda together,
 13 it would have been extremely long if we tried to get all
 14 those.
 15 Everyone has a lot of concern about the
 16 landfill fire and some of the other tenant fires that
 17 have been out there as well as the petroleum discussion
 18 that was discussed last month as well.
 19 I did speak with Dorothy Peterson, our
 20 community co-chair, to prioritize what we were going to
 21 put on the agenda.
 22 A couple of things that did get dropped were
 23 the Proposition P, although if we get done early and if
 24 Jill Fox or someone else wants to discuss that, we could
 25 discuss that at the very end and other tenant issues

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1 beyond the fires that have been out there. So we're not
 2 really prepared to speak on that. We're a little busy
 3 with the fire.
 4 MS. HARRISON: On what?
 5 MR. MACH: On other tenant issues other than
 6 fires.
 7 MS. PETERSON: Okay. When you say "other
 8 tenant issues," are you talking about the person who --
 9 the organization or the -- your tenant who keeps setting
 10 those fires?
 11 MR. MACH: No. We will discuss the different
 12 fires with regard to the tenants.
 13 But there was a discussion brought up about
 14 lease agreements, what's going to happen after transfer,
 15 how we can deal with the lease and stuff like that. All
 16 right. And so that was pushed off.
 17 I do have one other announcement. As you
 18 recall, we did produce a quarterly newsletter back in
 19 June. I think it was around June 8th.
 20 We are about 98 percent done with the September
 21 newsletter, and it should be coming out hopefully by the
 22 end of this month. If not, beginning of next week. The
 23 contract. Okay. So that will be coming out, and that
 24 will update all the projects that we've got going on
 25 right now.

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1 So hopefully, that -- although we haven't been
 2 able to discuss every project at these RAB meetings
 3 because they have been kind of long, so that newsletter
 4 will keep everyone updated on where we're at.
 5 With that, I'd like to turn it over to Dorothy
 6 Peterson for any community reports.
 7 MS. PETERSON: Who is the --? I'm sorry. I
 8 wrote the name down. Then I forgot it. The guy for the
 9 I TAPP did call.
 10 MR. MACH: I TAPP?
 11 MS. PETERSON: Yes.
 12 MR. MACH: What is "I TAPP"?
 13 MS. PETERSON: The TAPP.
 14 MR. MACH: Oh, the TAPP, okay.
 15 MS. PETERSON: But I don't make long-distance
 16 phone calls since you don't pay me. So I had written
 17 the name and number down to give to you. But he --
 18 MR. MACH: Okay.
 19 MS. PETERSON: -- was responding.
 20 MR. MACH: Okay.
 21 MS. PETERSON: And --
 22 MR. MACH: Did he want to bid on it? Has he
 23 contacted our contracting officer?
 24 MS. PETERSON: That, I don't know, because I
 25 wasn't in. He left it on my voice mail.

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1 MR. MACH: Okay.
 2 MS. PETERSON: But --
 3 MR. MACH: 'Cause that LUCIP is out for review
 4 through October 5th.
 5 MS. PETERSON: Yes.
 6 MR. MACH: Okay.
 7 MS. PETERSON: So I'll give you -- you can
 8 call --
 9 MR. MACH: Okay.
 10 MS. PETERSON: -- me tomorrow, or I can call
 11 you.
 12 MR. MACH: You -- We're meeting tomorrow at
 13 10:00, right?
 14 MS. PETERSON: Depending.
 15 MR. MACH: Emergency response stuff?
 16 MS. PETERSON: Yeah, depending. You got the
 17 approval?
 18 MR. MACH: I'm wor- -- I -- Yes.
 19 MS. PETERSON: Okay. And you did contact BDI
 20 to let them know that you got the approval?
 21 MR. MACH: No.
 22 MS. PETERSON: Well, then, that w- -- it was --
 23 you were supposed to do that after you got the approval.
 24 MR. MACH: I will follow up on that.
 25 MS. PETERSON: Okay. Great.

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1 MR. MACH: Okay.
 2 MR. MASON: I talked to John today, and it's
 3 still -- tentatively he's still just waiting for you to
 4 make that call.
 5 MR. MACH: Okay. I'll give him a call.
 6 MS. HARRISON: Before you go further, can you
 7 tell me who all besides Dorothy is working on the
 8 emergency response?
 9 MR. MACH: I'm going to discuss that during the
 10 Parcel E fire update.
 11 MS. PETERSON: Oh, it's not just me.
 12 MS. HARRISON: At the meeting he couldn't think
 13 of anybody's name.
 14 MS. PETERSON: That's pitiful.
 15 MS. HARRISON: Got you on tape. I kept asking
 16 you the question. You kept saying, "Dorothy Peterson,
 17 Dorothy Peterson."
 18 "That's one."
 19 "Dorothy Peterson, we're working with her."
 20 I said, "That's one."
 21 MS. PETERSON: Okay.
 22 MR. MACH: I believe I named some of the other
 23 people there.
 24 MS. HARRISON: No. Got you on tape.
 25 MS. PETERSON: Okay. Well --

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1 MS. CROWDER: Is that from the meeting from
2 last week?
3 MR. MACH: Yes.
4 MS. CROWDER: I got a message regarding that
5 meeting. Unfortunately, I was not able to make it,
6 because I got it the same day from Jill.
7 But can we get a little summary or a feedback
8 from that meeting regarding what had happened?
9 MS. PETERSON: You mean the emergency response?
10 MS. CROWDER: Exactly.
11 MS. PETERSON: Yeah, that's what I was going
12 to --
13 MS. CROWDER: Okay.
14 MS. PETERSON: Yeah. And that's when he said
15 there was another meeting tomorrow, and it prompted the
16 question.
17 MS. CROWDER: Okay.
18 MS. PETERSON: Okay. We did meet. There is an
19 emergency response team committee already in place for
20 PG&E. And let's see if I can remember some of the
21 members. Lynne Brown is one, Jesse Mason, Karen Pierce,
22 Sulu Palega, Emily -- Emily -- what's --?
23 MS. ATTENDEE: Emily Rogers.
24 MS. PETERSON: Emily Rogers. Who else?
25 MR. ATTENDEE: That's about it.

1 consult -- to hire BDI. And so we will collaborate.
2 And we do need more people from here, from this RAB
3 organization.
4 MS. HARRISON: BDI has a contract with PG&E
5 too --
6 MS. PETERSON: Yes.
7 MS. HARRISON: -- for the emergency --?
8 And you're going to use the same plan?
9 MS. PETERSON: Yes.
10 MS. HARRISON: We are not going to reinvent the
11 wheel.
12 MR. MACH: Yes, Jesse.
13 MR. MASON: Yeah. I had talked to John Scott
14 with BDI this morning, and he's telling me that unless
15 you called him --
16 MR. MACH: I didn't call him, but I will call
17 him.
18 MR. MASON: -- they are not considered as a
19 consultant. So BDI has not been hired yet.
20 MR. MACH: They have not been hired yet, but we
21 are -- we are going to do that.
22 MR. MASON: Okay, okay. I just want to make
23 that known.
24 MR. ATTENDEE: Well, who's BDI? Because I'm --
25 I keep hearing "BDI"; and obviously, some people -- I,

1 MS. PETERSON: Well, Mike Jones from PG&E.
2 MR. ATTENDEE: Jesse.
3 MR. MACH: John Scott from BDI.
4 MS. PETERSON: John Scott from BDI. Tessie --
5 But there's a lot of --
6 This committee came about as a result of some
7 emergencies that were happening at PG&E; and the
8 community felt that they needed to be informed, and they
9 needed to be formed -- informed in a safe manner and
10 according to the regs, state and city regulations. So
11 that's how the meeting came about.
12 And one of the things that has been happening
13 with these fires is: The community has not been
14 informed. So I brought this emergency response team
15 committee to Richard Mach's attention.
16 MS. CROWDER: Okay.
17 MS. PETERSON: And we had a preliminary
18 meeting.
19 BDI is a consultant, and the Navy will have to
20 hire them, because we have been working with PG&E for a
21 year, and it's just not fair to -- but the wheel does
22 not need to be reinvented because everything is in
23 place: the training, the emergency, the regulations and
24 all of that and the educational component.
25 So Richard says he now has permission to

1 for one, don't know who BDI is.
2 MR. MACH: I'm sorry. That's Business
3 Development Incorporated. They are a local community
4 organization.
5 MR. ATTENDEE: Okay. And that's to do
6 something with PG&E, as I understand it?
7 MR. MACH: They have been hired by --
8 MR. ATTENDEE: How does that relate to the fire
9 that poisoned some of us? That's what --
10 MS. PETERSON: Because there was no emergency
11 response plan in place to notify the community.
12 MR. ATTENDEE: I see. Okay. I got it. I
13 understand it now.
14 MR. MACH: Okay.
15 Dorothy, did you have anything else?
16 MS. PETERSON: No. That's basically it.
17 MR. MASON: I have something else. You know,
18 my organization would like to talk to you on that same
19 issue, you know. We'd like to talk to the Navy on that
20 same issue, you know, talk to BDI.
21 I think that we have made a point that we are
22 going to be a very integral part of that emergency
23 response for Bayview-Hunters Point community advocates.
24 And I think we had that meeting on the 8th of -- of
25 September in reference to emergency response; and you

1 I know, we are in the community. We are in the community
 2 at large. So you know, that's something that we need to
 3 talk about.
 4 MR. MACH: It is my understanding that you are
 5 a member of --
 6 MR. MASON: I'm also a member of the emergency
 7 response team that BDI put together for PG&E; and that's
 8 the emergency response team for the city on the
 9 community of Bayview-Hunters Point, you know, on the
 10 city level, you know.
 11 But this is a federal facility. So you know,
 12 this is really an environmental issue, so we are an
 13 environmental justice organization. So you know, we'd
 14 like to be considered in that.
 15 MR. MACH: Okay. Are you going to be at the
 16 meeting tomorrow, assuming I can get ahold of BDI?
 17 MR. MASON: If I am invited.
 18 MR. MACH: You are. I talked to Olin a couple
 19 days ago. He said you were coming.
 20 MR. MASON: I'm just making a statement.
 21 MR. MACH: Okay. Dorothy, if you've got
 22 nothing else, I'm going to move on to the Parcel E
 23 landfill fire.
 24 Okay. We've got an hour on the agenda, and
 25 obviously we'll go as long as we need to to address all

1 the concerns. I've got a whole bunch of things that I
 2 can talk about. I'll try and go through them somewhat
 3 briefly and then open it up so that we can address any
 4 additional concerns that the community has.
 5 There are two fact sheets in the back of the
 6 room that have been sent out regarding the landfill
 7 fire. It gives some of the history of the fires, the
 8 smoldering area, what's been done, some sampling that's
 9 been conducted out there, and results that we have. So
 10 hopefully, you've either seen a copy of that, and if you
 11 haven't, you can pick one up in the back as well, and
 12 you can take a look at that.
 13 We have collected four -- I'm sorry -- five
 14 soil samples, two surface water samples, six
 15 ground-water samples, and one air sample on the 31st of
 16 August.
 17 And then we have been doing continuous 24-hour
 18 air monitoring from six different stations on a daily
 19 basis from September 8th through now, and that will
 20 continue until we are done with the capping of the
 21 landfill. I'm sorry. Of the burned area of the
 22 landfill.
 23 All of those results have been -- The soil
 24 results and the water results have been discussed in the
 25 fact sheets. They showed low concentrations of

1 contaminants on everything with some elevated metals
 2 hits and some oil and oil burn product detections in the
 3 soil area.
 4 The metal results are somewhat consistent with
 5 some of the deeper soil that we have seen on the -- on
 6 the site. So we are -- it doesn't look like the fire
 7 did anything different to the -- to the metals out
 8 there.
 9 With regard to the air samples and the results
 10 that we have been getting, we have talked to several
 11 different toxicologists, compared them to preliminary
 12 remediation goal screening criteria for air, and it does
 13 not show that anything coming off of the area right now
 14 is a health risk.
 15 We have also been trying to determine whether
 16 or not the fire is actually out right now, and I know
 17 that's a big -- the big \$24,000 question right now: Is
 18 it out? And right now I cannot say 100 percent that it
 19 is out.
 20 If you take a look at the photo behind here,
 21 you see an aerial thermal image that was flown on
 22 September 12th. And see all those little white dots in
 23 there? White dots signify hot areas. So back on the
 24 12th you can see there are a whole bunch of little hot
 25 areas that were out there that were still smoldering.

1 The following weekend, which was the 14th, 15th
 2 time frame or so, we mobilized our contractor, got out
 3 there and started removing the large pieces of brush
 4 that were out there. There was some 10-foot brush.
 5 And as the contractor started to pull that out
 6 of the ground, they noticed that the roots on there were
 7 still smoldering. So it appears that a lot of the hot
 8 spots were related to roots that were still hot and
 9 smoldering as well as the sawdust that was mixed in
 10 there from an old sawmill.
 11 They started hauling in soil, but we made sure
 12 they hauled it in areas that were not -- where those hot
 13 spots were until we get another thermal image flown,
 14 which we -- we tried to get it on the 20th. I discussed
 15 this at the public meeting last week on the 20th.
 16 Unfortunately, it got fogged out on the 20th and the
 17 21st.
 18 But they finally did get to fly it on the 22nd,
 19 and you can see there are no hot spots showing on the
 20 22nd. Keep in mind, though, this is only showing the
 21 surface temperature. So if there is something that is
 22 still smoldering or hot down deeper, this image right
 23 there is not going to tell us for sure that -- that it
 24 is out.
 25 So we are doing the prudent thing. The

1 discussions were had with landfill experts. We
 2 discussed this with the regulatory agencies, and we have
 3 proposed putting a cap on the site to cut off the oxygen
 4 source to any remaining smoldering areas that are down
 5 there. And so we have started doing that and laying
 6 down the soil.
 7 It's going to be several layers -- it's called
 8 a composite cap -- in order to cut off the oxygen
 9 source. There's a layer of soil that goes down first
 10 that -- that is like a base layer. Then there will be a
 11 GCL, a geosynthetic clay liner, that goes down. Then
 12 there's a high-density polyethylene liner. So it's very
 13 impermeable.
 14 There will be a filter fabric put on top of
 15 that to allow drainage as wa- -- as it rains and water
 16 comes on top. And then there will be a couple feet of
 17 soil that goes on top of that, and then there will be
 18 hydroseed grass put on top of that.
 19 So that is what we are in the process of doing
 20 right now. We are hoping to have that complete in about
 21 four weeks or so. You've probably seen a lot of trucks
 22 hauling that soil on right now; and tho- -- that will
 23 continue for, like I said, about three to four weeks.
 24 There was a concern raised last week about the
 25 trucks and them not being covered. And I apologize that

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1 because that is the -- as the summer comes and
 2 everything dries out, the water table goes down. And so
 3 we would expect it to continue to go down.
 4 And because we didn't see a mound or an
 5 increase in the water level and also the contaminant
 6 levels that we analyzed in those were actually less than
 7 the last time we monitored, we're confident that we --
 8 that the firefighting water did not push the
 9 contaminants any more or any faster to the bay.
 10 We are continuing to do additional ground-water
 11 monitoring out there, and that will continue as well as
 12 the air monitoring that was discussed earlier that will
 13 continue on a 24-hour basis until we're done with this
 14 cap.
 15 There were discussions also about do we know
 16 everything that's in that landfill? And we know that
 17 it's an industrial landfill. We know that there was a
 18 lot of stuff put in there. We can't tell you every
 19 single thing that was put there and every single place
 20 that it is at right now.
 21 We have a lot of data that shows different
 22 contaminant levels. It's a very heterogeneous landfill.
 23 So that means it's mixed up all different ways.
 24 We actually had a meeting this Tuesday with the
 25 regulatory agencies and with the city to address data

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1 it took so long to get the covers on. We were
 2 scrambling to try and get as many trucks we needed to
 3 haul this material on.
 4 A lot of the truckers did not have covers that
 5 they could put on their trucks. It did take us a little
 6 while; but as of yesterday, they were coming through
 7 with covers on, and although some of them -- the
 8 truckers were still waiting till they got to the gate to
 9 put the covers on. That has been fixed as of today.
 10 We have told the truckers, "If you come through
 11 town and you do not have a cover on, we are not going to
 12 pay you, and we're going to turn you around and send you
 13 back home."
 14 MR. ATTENDEE: Here, here.
 15 MR. MACH: So we are -- we are getting that
 16 done. And again, I apologize that it took so long to
 17 get that done.
 18 I did mention some ground water. We did do
 19 some ground-water monitoring. There was a concern that
 20 the amount of water that was put onto the landfill to
 21 put out the fire might have caused contaminant migration
 22 faster from underneath the landfill down to the bay.
 23 The results show the ground-water elevation is
 24 actually about 6 inches lower than it was back in June
 25 when we monitored that. And that is not uncommon

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1 gaps within the soil on all of Parcel E, and in
 2 particular we had a long discussion about the landfill
 3 as well.
 4 We are looking into additional record
 5 searching, getting ahold of some of the historians that
 6 are out there, some of the people that worked on the
 7 base years ago, trying to get a better feel for where
 8 did you dump it, where did -- what did -- what is in
 9 there, what did you dump, so we can get a better feel on
 10 that.
 11 We're looking into if there are any innovative
 12 technologies out there that have better geophysical
 13 capabilities so you can see down below what's under
 14 there, try and map out exactly what the depth is and
 15 what the different levels are.
 16 And then once we get tho- -- that result --
 17 those results, we'll go back and fill in some additional
 18 sampling in different areas to try and get a better
 19 characterization on what's in the landfill. So that is
 20 in the works right now.
 21 There have been a lot of people that have been
 22 asking for all of this data, the monitoring data, the
 23 reports, the work plans. We have got a long list of
 24 people with E-mail addresses, faxes, mailing addresses;
 25 and we have been getting that out on a regular basis.

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1 A lot of these files are very large, and so it
 2 has been clogging up some people's E-mail systems. I
 3 know that my boss today just approved setting up an
 4 electronic Web page, whether it's an FTP site or a Web
 5 page or what. There -- It's in the works; and within a
 6 few days, we should be able to post all that data there,
 7 and people can just download it or view it on line if
 8 you have access to the Internet. So that might make it
 9 easier.

10 However, if you don't have access to the
 11 Internet, we will definitely, you know, work with you in
 12 whatever way is necessary to get you the data that you
 13 want to see. And that will continue.

14 Emergency response plan: As Dorothy mentioned,
 15 you know, we did have --

16 MS. HARRISON: Can we have some questions on
 17 the first half before you go on to the emergency
 18 response? I have a couple of questions I need to have
 19 answered, and I'm going to have to leave soon.

20 MR. MACH: Okay.

21 MS. HARRISON: One of the questions that I
 22 asked earlier on, remember, at the -- at the last
 23 meeting we had, you had said that for the first two
 24 weeks that the fire department was out there, they were
 25 pumping water with a 3 1/2-inch hose down into the

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1 ground.

2 MR. MACH: They did that one day.

3 MS. HARRISON: See, that does sound contrary to
 4 what I was told twice about that water being pumped
 5 every day for a week, and that's how the steam got in
 6 there and cracked the cap. But that's neither here nor
 7 there.

8 Right now what I'm really kind of interested in
 9 is: Where is that --? Where does that water go?

10 If the ground water is testing at -- you saying
 11 that it's low now?

12 MR. MACH: Mm-hmm.

13 MS. HARRISON: And it's not testing high in
 14 any -- any -- any higher now in the contaminants than it
 15 was before the fire?

16 MR. MACH: Mm-hmm.

17 MS. HARRISON: Where did that water go?

18 MR. MACH: Okay. When the -- when the fire
 19 first happened, it was a surface fire. There was about
 20 500,000 gallons of water that was used to extinguish the
 21 fire over a six-hour period. Some of that got absorbed
 22 into the soil. Some of that, I'm sure, evaporated.

23 There was no runoff that went off the site into
 24 the bay. So it either went in the soil or it went up.

25 MS. HARRISON: Okay. Now, see, that's where I

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1 get confused because a written re- --
 2 (Simultaneous colloquy.)

3 MS. HARRISON: Excuse me. I'm sorry, you guys.

4 On the written response that I got, it said
 5 that for the first two weeks for a --
 6 three-and-a-half-hour periods of time that they were
 7 pumping water into the -- before they realized
 8 supposedly what they were doing --

9 MR. MACH: Okay. I can -- I can give you the
 10 rest of the story if you'd like to hear it.

11 On a daily basis after that, they went out
 12 there, and they took what they call a brush truck. And
 13 it has a 750-gallon capacity tank. And so they would
 14 use 750 gallons a day to extinguish any smoking hot
 15 spots that they saw.

16 And that happened on essentially just about a
 17 daily basis up until the day that they went ahead and
 18 opened up the 3-inch line to flood out the areas that
 19 they were not able to contain. That happened on the
 20 26th. They did it in two 3-hour periods in two
 21 different areas on the landfill.

22 Now, we estimate that about -- I've got to
 23 remember these numbers now -- I think it was 250 gallons
 24 per minute would come out of a 3-inch hose. Over a
 25 three-hour period, it comes out to, I think,

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1 45,000 gallons.

2 So since it was done for two different periods,
 3 that is 90,000 gallons that went onto -- onto those two
 4 hot spots over two 3-hour periods on one day.

5 But all of the other days when there were
 6 responses, there was about 750 gallons that was used on
 7 each of those days.

8 And that -- and that flooding on the 26th was
 9 the last time we allowed them to put water on it.

10 MS. HARRISON: Okay. No disrespect intended,
 11 but that -- remember I told you that part of the problem
 12 with this whole process is that we were not given
 13 accurate information?

14 Now what you're saying is totally contrary to
 15 what -- to the questions -- the answers to the questions
 16 that were E-mailed and faxed back to me from
 17 Mr. Saunders. So somebody has actually given him wrong
 18 information if I'm to believe what you're saying.

19 And that really -- that's what sets
 20 everybody -- I don't want to speak for everybody.
 21 That's what sets me off is that I -- I ask the question;
 22 you give me one answer to the best of your abil- -- and
 23 I believe you.

24 Unfortunately, the people who are supposed to
 25 be in the know-how sit down and they put this in

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1 writing, and they specifically said for a two-week
 2 period of time that the fire department was using the
 3 3 1/2-inch hose pumping water at three-and-a-half-hour
 4 period -- three-hour periods of time for two weeks into
 5 the ground.
 6 I said, Fine. Where did all this water go to?
 7 And I have -- If you bear with me, I have some
 8 place I'm going with that, because the air tested
 9 17 times -- 17 point something high in benzene.
 10 Benzene, we know, comes from cars and all that other
 11 stuff. However --
 12 MR. MACH: That's also a typo. It's seven
 13 times.
 14 MS. HARRISON: Okay. However, that's extremely
 15 high, and we know what benzene -- what benzene does to
 16 the body and that kind of stuff.
 17 Where I was headed is that because I need to
 18 know, if, in fact, that water went out into the ocean
 19 off of the side of the shore there, was it detoured
 20 through the old pipes down there to the sewage plant?
 21 And if it went there, that -- very part of that
 22 question --
 23 MR. MACH: I understand.
 24 MS. HARRISON: If it went there with all that
 25 benzene in it -- I don't know what else was in there,

1 they'd be all around .7. The next day they'd be all
 2 around 1.
 3 It shows us that it's not something coming off
 4 of the landfill. It's something that is naturally
 5 occurring within the air within the Bay Area. So we
 6 don't think any benzene is coming off the landfill that
 7 is contributing to those readings.
 8 MR. ATTENDEE: Have you done that testing
 9 anywhere else?
 10 MS. HARRISON: Can I -- can I finish?
 11 A report --
 12 MR. MACH: I was going to answer the rest of
 13 your question.
 14 MS. HARRISON: Okay. Well, just because you --
 15 on that benzene -- and let me take you back to why I
 16 asked the question, because in one of the reports that I
 17 pulled down -- that we pulled down, it also stated that
 18 our southeast sewage plant had higher levels of benzene
 19 in it than the Shipyard. And I'm puzzled. Where is it
 20 coming from?
 21 MR. MACH: Well, whatever level they would
 22 measure in water is not comparable to an air result.
 23 MS. HARRISON: That's -- I mean, I know that.
 24 MR. MACH: Okay.
 25 MS. HARRISON: Believe me, I do know that.

1 but we do know that that was the key thing that tested
 2 the highest out there in the air. I'm going to assume
 3 it was the highest within the water content -- did --
 4 who notified the people at the southeast sewage plant
 5 that they were dealing with that kind of contaminated
 6 water?
 7 MR. MACH: Okay. I'll answer all of those
 8 questions.
 9 First, with the benzene going into the air, we
 10 have shown that that one sample that you're talking
 11 about was four times higher -- I'm sorry -- seven times
 12 higher --
 13 MS. HARRISON: Seventeen times higher.
 14 MR. MACH: No. That was a typo. It was seven
 15 times, seven times higher than what the acceptable
 16 standard would have been under an EPA PRG.
 17 However, we also know that within the Bay Area,
 18 the background is anywhere from four to seven parts per
 19 million anyways.
 20 As we continue to do continuous air monitoring
 21 and we are able to have six stations at a time -- some
 22 are upwind, some are downwind -- we saw that every
 23 single day the benzene levels from those six stations
 24 were very constant. One day they'd be all around .5.
 25 The next day they'd be all around 3. The next day

1 MR. MACH: Okay.
 2 MS. HARRISON: My problem is, where is it
 3 coming from?
 4 MR. MACH: I don't know.
 5 But the amount of water that goes to that sewer
 6 plant and the amount that would come off of Hunters
 7 Point is so minute that there's no way that we would be
 8 giving them that much benzene unless we were pumping
 9 pure gasoline into them.
 10 MS. HARRISON: That's what I -- I mean, I'm
 11 sure that you wouldn't. But we do know that there is
 12 oils out there and -- I don't know whatever else is out
 13 there. So it really kind of puzzled me in what kind of
 14 danger that kind of stuff offers to the people working
 15 there.
 16 MR. MACH: We -- If you recall, we have a
 17 sheet-pile wall out there along the bay; and it
 18 doesn't -- doesn't cover everywhere where the landfill
 19 fire was, but it does cover a portion of that. The wall
 20 was put up to prevent contaminants in ground water from
 21 migrating into the bay.
 22 MS. HARRISON: Where does that water go to?
 23 MR. MACH: Because you put the wall there, the
 24 water naturally wants to flow there. It's going to
 25 mound up behind there. So you'll actually get

1 additional water behind it. So we had to install
 2 extraction wells that we pump the water out, and we give
 3 it to the city sanitary sewer.
 4 We have to monitor that on a regular basis, and
 5 they have certain criteria that we have to screen
 6 against. We have never had an exceedance on any
 7 contaminant of any of their criteria.
 8 So you know, we do give them water that comes
 9 off of our landfill site, and none of it exceeds their
 10 criteria.
 11 MS. HARRISON: I'm listening to you, and please
 12 believe me, there's no disrespect meant. I believe you.
 13 But I know that this stuff has to be coming from
 14 somewhere.
 15 The only feasible explanation at this
 16 particular point, especially knowing that all that
 17 excess water had to go somewhere and since that wall is
 18 there and it's not allowing it to run out into the open
 19 water, then that means to me that it's going into the
 20 well that you're pumping out, and you're sending it.
 21 Is it --? Since the people who were so
 22 negligent in notifying you of the fire in such a long
 23 period of time, is it at all possible that they were
 24 also negligent in their testing of this water and
 25 sending it to the southeast sewage plant?

1 more in my -- in my talk. So I mean, I'll --
 2 MR. ATTENDEE: So you mean they're running from
 3 all over the city just right out here? That's what
 4 you're telling me?
 5 MR. JOB: No, no. I -- As I understood, the
 6 influent . . . As I understood, the influent, the water
 7 coming into the city's sewage treatment plant, is high
 8 in benzene. Is that what you were . . . ?
 9 (Interruption.)
 10 MS. HARRISON: According to the report that
 11 came actually from your office, if I'm not mistaken,
 12 that I pulled out indicated that it was higher at the
 13 southeast sewage plant than it actually was at the
 14 testing site of wherever they tested inside the,
 15 Shipyard, and that puzzled me a great deal.
 16 MR. JOB: But that's -- an important thing to
 17 understand is that this city is covered with locations
 18 of former underground storage tanks, not just Navy
 19 underground storage tanks, but everywhere.
 20 I've been doing underground storage tank
 21 remediation for about the past eight years. The reason
 22 there aren't any more mom-and-pop gas stations was
 23 because of things that my agency did, the decisions we
 24 made about environmental cleanup.
 25 In that process there were decisions made to

1 MR. MACH: No, because the people that are --
 2 that are doing that are my people.
 3 MR. JOB: Not only that --
 4 MS. HARRISON: Hold it.
 5 But are the people out there that failed to
 6 notify you your people too?
 7 MR. MACH: Not exactly.
 8 MR. JOB: And it's not only that, but the city
 9 is required by us -- you know, we regulate what comes
 10 out of the sewage treatment plant. So as part of that,
 11 we make the city look at everybody who has an industrial
 12 discharge into the sewer system and make them -- not
 13 only do they have to -- does the Navy have to monitor,
 14 but the city also has to monitor and double-check to
 15 make sure --
 16 MS. HARRISON: Perhaps I should have asked that
 17 question of him.
 18 I should have asked that question of you.
 19 Where is this coming from?
 20 MR. JOB: The benzene? That's -- that is a
 21 very good question. There is a very high likelihood
 22 that much of it -- much of it is coming from
 23 infiltrating ground water associated with corner gas
 24 stations located all over the city.
 25 And I was going to talk about that a little

1 leave some of this stuff behind, which is, in my
 2 opinion, the appropriate decision, but that makes it
 3 into the cracks in the sewer lines which then makes it
 4 to the sewage treatment plant.
 5 MS. HARRISON: How can it be appropriate to do
 6 this?
 7 MR. JOB: This -- The sewage treatment plant
 8 is quite capable of treating benzene. It's -- it's
 9 other chemicals, like chlorinated hydrocarbons and
 10 metals, that the sewage treatment plant -- sewage
 11 treatment plants can't deal with. But the benzene and
 12 petroleum hydrocarbons, you know, they're pretty
 13 amenable to biological treatment, which is kind of
 14 fortunate for us.
 15 So I'll try to get into this a little more in
 16 detail after Rich is done. But -- but I sincerely
 17 looking -- assuming what -- what he said about the --
 18 the one day of -- of water being discharged onto that
 19 fire, everything I know about irrigation and ground
 20 water, which is, you know, a reasonable amount, is
 21 that -- that that wouldn't add up to something that
 22 would really be noticeable above, you know, kind of
 23 natural variations.
 24 So you're talking about maybe an inch of ground
 25 water over the space of, you know, 10 or 15 acres, which

1 it's very difficult to measure envi- -- you know,
 2 natural phenomena with that kind of precision.
 3 MS. HARRISON: We would be if we were talking
 4 about one single day of this. But --
 5 MR. JOB: Certainly.
 6 MS. HARRISON: -- according to the person at
 7 the top who is supposed to -- see, that's why --
 8 MR. JOB: Well, I understand your concerns
 9 about that.
 10 MS. HARRISON: I'm not meaning to be difficult,
 11 but that's why I have my problem here, because, see,
 12 living here for as long as I have, knowing the different
 13 type of health effect that -- things that are happening
 14 here, and then the fact that here he is in charge of a
 15 toxic dump out here, and for two weeks he doesn't get
 16 notified that it's burning.
 17 The gentleman at the -- at the top -- I'm
 18 assuming that's over him -- doesn't get notified until
 19 after him.
 20 So I'm going to assume that he got notified two
 21 weeks later within -- hopefully, you notified him the
 22 day that you got -- you got notified or at least the day
 23 after. So that's after another day or so.
 24 Then we are told when we asked these questions
 25 and ask for specific answers, because I specifically

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1 noted that I would be asking these questions.
 2 The first thing I tell everybody is that -- and
 3 they know that -- is: I'm extremely nose-y. A nonanswer
 4 gives me another question. A not-complete answer gives
 5 me even two more questions. And that just makes this
 6 thing drag out more and more and more and more. And
 7 it's not necessary. I got two sets of different answers
 8 going on here.
 9 MR. JOB: Oh, I understand you're concerned
 10 about that.
 11 MS. HARRISON: Now that I got yours, I got
 12 three. So --
 13 MR. JOB: That's really an opinion, not an
 14 answer, so . . .
 15 MS. HARRISON: There we go, okay.
 16 MR. ATTENDEE: It's getting late.
 17 MR. MACH: Jesse?
 18 MR. MASON: What I want to ask you, Brad, what
 19 does your organization do?
 20 Does your organization monitor the sewage of
 21 the San Francisco -- of the city of San Francisco and
 22 the Shipyard?
 23 MR. JOB: Right. The -- Every sewage
 24 treatment plant in the whole Bay Area -- sometimes it's
 25 the city; sometimes it's several cities put together.

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1 Every sewage treatment plant has a permit from my
 2 agency.
 3 We were authorized by Sheryl's agency to
 4 administer this program for the entire state. So the
 5 state of California got, you know, kind of like a gold
 6 star from federal EPA and says we can implement the
 7 Clean Water Act.
 8 Any time you discharge water into San Francisco
 9 Bay, no matter what you're doing, you need to ask us,
 10 even if it's tap water.
 11 It turns out that we give permits to East Bay
 12 MUD and to San Francisco Water Department to discharge
 13 tap water into the bay because it contains chlorine, and
 14 we're afraid that's going to hurt the fish. So any
 15 discharge is permitted by us.
 16 They are required to treat that and to make
 17 sure that they are doing pollution prevention. As part
 18 of that, they're obligated -- the city's obligated to us
 19 to watch what the Navy puts into that pipe.
 20 MR. MASON: So your organization monitors?
 21 MR. JOB: Right. And if there's a fine, it's
 22 \$10 a gallon, period, across the board. And that
 23 doesn't sound like much, \$10 a gallon, until you
 24 consider that for the City of San Francisco to violate,
 25 it would be something on the order of probably, you

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1 know -- what is it? -- 70 million gallons a day.
 2 So you know, you're talking about, you know,
 3 some real money. That's \$700 million a day potential
 4 liability. So they are very serious about staying in
 5 compliance with that permit.
 6 MR. ATTENDEE: You never had to fine anybody?
 7 MR. JOB: We fine routinely in the hundreds of
 8 thousands of dollars.
 9 MR. ATTENDEE: Maybe --
 10 MR. MACH: Wait. I'm sorry. This gentleman
 11 had his hand up first.
 12 MR. CAMPBELL: Couple of quick questions. The
 13 EPA says the cap that the Navy is installing right now
 14 is just an interim measure.
 15 MR. MACH: Correct.
 16 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.
 17 MR. MACH: The Navy says that too.
 18 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Would you clarify that
 19 statement, please.
 20 MR. MACH: The purpose of putting the cap on
 21 right now is --
 22 MR. CAMPBELL: To put the fire out.
 23 MR. MACH: -- to put the fire out as an interim
 24 action.
 25 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

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1 Second question: On September 8th we have
 2 digital photographs, and we show X amount of water.
 3 September 18th we took some more digital photographs,
 4 and we show more surface water. Can anybody explain
 5 that?
 6 MR. MACH: I don't have an answer for the
 7 September 8th one.
 8 MR. CAMPBELL: We'd be glad to provide the
 9 photographs.
 10 MR. MACH: If you can provide the photographs,
 11 I could look at that.
 12 The 18th we were already underway doing our
 13 work, and so we do not -- we know that there are metals
 14 on the surface based on the samples we took. So we made
 15 sure that we, you know, got approval from the regulatory
 16 agencies that we could use water for dust suppression
 17 because we don't want to kick that stuff up and put it
 18 in the air and have it --
 19 MR. CAMPBELL: Sure.
 20 MR. MACH: -- so that there is --
 21 MR. CAMPBELL: We were talking ponded water,
 22 ponded water in a particular -- particular zone area,
 23 not water that is sprayed to suppress dust.
 24 MR. MACH: Okay. Well, there should not have
 25 been, and if you can show me those --

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1 So you haven't decided you're going to test the roots of
 2 that to tell us what was in it?
 3 MR. MACH: We have not started looking at it.
 4 We have been too busy just putting the cap down. We
 5 have not looked into that yet.
 6 We will -- we will work with the regulatory
 7 agencies to find what -- to come to agreement on what
 8 needs to be sampled for -- if anything, for the disposal
 9 characterization.
 10 I mean, generally, as a -- as a -- there's a
 11 cleanup technology called phytoremediation. It means
 12 you use plants to clean stuff up. Now, plants have
 13 several different ways of doing that. There's one way
 14 that -- that the enzymes that they emit from their --
 15 from the rootballs actually does treat it within the
 16 soil.
 17 There are other ways that will pull water out
 18 of -- you know, the roots go down 20 feet. It will pull
 19 the water out. It can treat the water. It can pull the
 20 solvents out, and sometimes it will treat it within
 21 its -- within the leaves. I don't remember exactly what
 22 that process is called, but -- and there are other times
 23 that it will just take it and it will shoot it out into
 24 the air.
 25 And then there are other ti -- especially with

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1 MR. CAMPBELL: Sure.
 2 MR. MACH: -- I can get back to you on that.
 3 MR. CAMPBELL: We'll do that.
 4 One other fast question. We noticed that when
 5 the brush was removed, it looks like it was put on
 6 Visqueen plastic.
 7 MR. MACH: Correct.
 8 MR. CAMPBELL: Has that brush been analyzed?
 9 Will it be analyzed? We tried to get a decision on what
 10 you were going to do.
 11 MR. MACH: We don't have a decision on that
 12 yet.
 13 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. So you're saying it may
 14 be just destroyed and --?
 15 MR. MACH: We're looking -- we're looking at
 16 disposal options for it right now.
 17 MR. CAMPBELL: I see.
 18 MS. HARRISON: So it's possible that it's not
 19 even there anymore? I know it's not there --
 20 MR. MACH: It's still there.
 21 MS. HARRISON: It's still there?
 22 MR. MACH: It's still there. Nothing's been
 23 hauled off yet.
 24 MS. HARRISON: So the -- what you're waiting to
 25 decide is whether or not you're going to test it or not?

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1 metals and especially with lead, that it can uptake the
 2 lead and store it. Now, when -- I've actually seen -- I
 3 think mustard plants are used for that a lot. They have
 4 actually cleaned up lead sites by planting mustard,
 5 harvesting the plants, burning the -- the plants so you
 6 get it down to just the lead ash and disposing the lead
 7 ash.
 8 So the thing that we might have to be concerned
 9 about would be metals in the -- in the brush; but there
 10 would -- as far as I -- as much as I know about
 11 phytoremediation, I don't think there will be much else
 12 in there. But that's one of the things that we'd have
 13 to look into with the regulatory agencies.
 14 MR. MASON: One question.
 15 About how hot is that -- is that hot spot?
 16 What's the Fahrenheit on that? How hot is that -- are
 17 the hot spots? Photographs.
 18 MR. MACH: Oh, the photographs? You can't tell
 19 from the photographs. It can -- it can just tell
 20 relative. Darker is cooler. Lighter is hotter. I
 21 think that IT did some temperature probes. And I'm
 22 thinking 110 to 130 degrees, but I don't --
 23 Do you have that data?
 24 MR. MARINI: I don't have the data. I'm sorry.
 25 MR. MASON: Could we get it?

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1 MR. MACH: Yeah, we can get back to you on
2 that.
3 MS. HARRISON: Last question about water.
4 MR. ATTENDEE: Was it about 120?
5 MR. MACH: I'll have to get back to you. I --
6 MR. RATCLIFF: Now, we did some research on
7 what was there before the Navy came in there. And
8 matter of fact, there is a underground stream running
9 underneath that landfill.
10 MS. HARRISON: Yeah.
11 MR. RATCLIFF: That low sheet-pile metal that
12 you put around there don't stop water. Just 'cause you
13 cover a stream, it doesn't stop the stream. So we are
14 getting stuff in that bay. Those fish is not dying.
15 And as many times as you all have violated the
16 protection act of that bay -- and right now you're
17 talking about putting some plants up on top of something
18 you shouldn't be doing. From all the information we
19 come up with, that landfill is never safe until it's out
20 of there.
21 And look like you still don't want to face
22 reality that you got to get it out of there. Why is you
23 spending all that money now when you could be looking at
24 what's really happening and getting it out?
25 So you know, we still -- the Navy pulled off a

1 coverup at your last month's RAB meeting. You brought
2 up the fire very smally [sic]. Look, read your Minutes.
3 MR. MACH: The March RAB meeting?
4 MR. RATCLIFF: March? No, not March.
5 MS. ATTENDEE: August.
6 MR. MACH: August, okay.
7 MR. RATCLIFF: August. August. You brought up
8 the fire. So you already knew you was burning. And
9 then you tell us you knew nothing about it. So we have
10 no confidence whatsoever in the Navy.
11 We want the Navy to start looking at getting it
12 out of there. We won't stop until you do. So why are
13 you spending all of this money and then trying to tell
14 us you can take a few plants and put it on top of what
15 you done?
16 The oxygen will -- it will just spread and come
17 up around the sides. It got bust the first time. And
18 if you get the real information out there, and you'll
19 find out.
20 The fire they put out in Canada was a 44-acre
21 fire. It was 65 feet deep, and it had a concrete lining
22 under it.
23 You don't have nothing under there. So we are
24 messing up the bay for everybody in the bay, not just
25 the people around here. And you people going around

1 I like you got your head up in there like we some foreign
2 country that you're running over and keep on lying and
3 keep on messing up things.
4 So we got a big demonstration coming up, Fleet
5 Week, to really emphasize what the hell you are all
6 doing to us, and we just tired of hearing your stuff.
7 Can you answer to me about the stream running
8 around there?
9 MR. MACH: I can answer several of the things
10 you just said.
11 First, everyone thinks that there's a cap out
12 here and that this fire cracked the cap. There's not an
13 engineered cap out there. There has --
14 MR. RATCLIFF: But does the fire crack caps?
15 Look, this is technology day. This is not back in
16 whatever days you talking about. They got new
17 technology now about landfill fires.
18 But you guys ain't listening 'cause you already
19 made up your mind you never intended to move. You still
20 don't intend to move it. But we says, Damn it, you
21 going to move it.
22 MR. MACH: Okay.
23 (Applause.)
24 MS. HARRISON: You have two questions.
25 MR. RATCLIFF: So all these answers, you don't

1 I need to answer me. Just do something real quick to let
2 these people know that look, our future, we got one, and
3 that you going to move and get that stuff out of there
4 and stop talking all that crap: You got mustard seeds
5 and all of this going to go down. You are not going to
6 find out anything after two hours in here.
7 I'm leaving.
8 MS. ATTENDEE: Amen.
9 MS. HARRISON: Richard, I do have a question
10 about the temperature of the soil, the temperature of
11 the property, and the brick wall and the water.
12 When that water rose to this brick wall and the
13 stop . . .
14 MR. MACH: Excuse me. Could we not have
15 sidebar conversations? Thank you.
16 MS. HARRISON: I really am trying to understand
17 this because I have a tedious job of trying to explain
18 this.
19 MR. MACH: Okay.
20 MS. HARRISON: So I'm a child here. So as a
21 child, I'm going to ask these questions until I can
22 understand them --
23 MR. MACH: Okay.
24 MS. HARRISON: -- or until I leave and then at
25 which point I'll be back at you again.

1 Now, when the water drains off of the land and
 2 it hits off of this ground water and it hits this brick
 3 wall --
 4 MR. MACH: Steel wall, but okay.
 5 MS. HARRISON: A steel -- well, it hits the
 6 steel wall, but it still heats up.
 7 MR. MACH: The water temperature is not any
 8 higher right now --
 9 MS. HARRISON: That's --
 10 MR. MACH: -- than it was before the fire.
 11 MS. HARRISON: That's what I'm asking you. Are
 12 you sure of that?
 13 MR. MACH: Yes.
 14 MS. HARRISON: And you've tested that --
 15 MR. MACH: We --
 16 MS. HARRISON: -- steel wall --
 17 MR. MACH: We --
 18 MS. HARRISON: -- to make sure that it is
 19 not --?
 20 MR. MACH: When we collect samp- -- When we
 21 collect ground-water samples, one of the things that --
 22 one of the parameters we have to test for is
 23 temperature.
 24 MS. HARRISON: Okay. And you are doing
 25 something to go down deeper to find out -- to test down

1 going to have to leave. But I do have other questions.
 2 But I think I will leave and then just forward them to
 3 you.
 4 MR. MACH: Okay.
 5 MS. HARRISON: But obviously, you do understand
 6 the ill risk of the community folks here?
 7 They're upset, rightfully so. They feel
 8 betrayed because they didn't get the information in what
 9 they considered a timely manner; and then when they got
 10 the first offset of information, it was haphazard,
 11 because it happened so fast that people decided that
 12 they better do something about getting everybody
 13 prewarned.
 14 So now you're working on a first response,
 15 which is cool, but you should have had one in place at
 16 the offset. I know that the military takes care of its
 17 own folks.
 18 My last question would be that I understood
 19 that the fire department on the second day or so or hour
 20 or so after they were out there had pulled back all of
 21 their men and instructed them to put on air-filtering
 22 mask and all this other stuff and -- for breathing. And
 23 I understand that the fire could have been very hot out
 24 there in the first couple of days and whatever, and that
 25 was maybe the case.

1 there to see --?
 2 MR. MACH: We are developing a future
 3 monitoring plan to ensure that the fire is out. We're
 4 looking at different types of temperature probes, carbon
 5 dioxide, the measuring devices that as fire burns, it
 6 creates carbon dioxide. We are looking at a few
 7 different alternatives that we're going to put under the
 8 cap to measure the deeper subsurface to ensure when the
 9 fire is out.
 10 MS. HARRISON: So technically we are no closer
 11 to knowing that that fire is out so we can even start
 12 addressing the removing of what's down there, right?
 13 MR. MACH: You are -- You have mentioned and
 14 several people have mentioned many times that you hear
 15 mixed stories coming out of the Navy. I am not going to
 16 give you a mixed story. I am not going to say it's out
 17 until I can guarantee that it's out. So I --
 18 MS. HARRISON: You knew where that came from,
 19 that victory story that hit the paper?
 20 MR. MACH: I know where that came from. I
 21 think that it's much less than it was months ago -- or
 22 I'm sorry -- weeks ago. I think it's pretty close to
 23 being out, but I am not going to say it's out until I
 24 can prove it.
 25 MS. HARRISON: Okay. Well, obviously, I'm

1 So maybe this is not for you; it should be for
 2 the fire department: At that particular point, if the
 3 air, then, was harming them and they were right there,
 4 they know that the wind carries it up. They should have
 5 notified the surrounding community that perhaps you
 6 should have closed your windows, maybe go visit somebody
 7 for a while if you --
 8 You know, the asthmatics out here are our first
 9 wall of defense. They get it first, and then we
 10 generally pick it up afterwards. So I really would be
 11 interested in seeing that first response.
 12 I would be interested in finding out from you
 13 why the Navy did not have someone already trained on the
 14 fire -- on their fire department that knew how to deal
 15 with these types of fires.
 16 And as far as the cap being cracked, that came
 17 straight from the -- from the Navy as part of their
 18 answers that the -- the water hit the steam. They
 19 didn't find out until afterwards that pumping the water
 20 near caused the -- it to steam up and crack the cap.
 21 And --
 22 MR. MACH: Okay. I would like to finish
 23 addressing that cap question, even though --
 24 MS. HARRISON: You just said there wasn't a
 25 cap, though.

1 MR. MACH: That QAPP -- that -- I'm sorry. We
 2 have QAPPS too. They're Q-A-P-Ps. And between QAPPS,
 3 SAPs, and caps --
 4 MS. HARRISON: It gets a little confusing,
 5 doesn't it. So you understand how we feel.
 6 MR. MACH: I certainly do.
 7 Okay. There -- In the past there was
 8 obviously waste put in that landfill. Someone decided,
 9 Well, it would be good to cover it over. And so in some
 10 areas they say that there was 2 to 3 feet of material
 11 put over top of it, clean soil.
 12 In the area where it's smoldering or was -- I'm
 13 sorry -- where it was smoldering and hopefully is no
 14 longer, but in that area there was no topsoil on top of
 15 that. There was no additional cap-type material on
 16 there.
 17 That's why when we walked out there, we were
 18 dead on the debris, the metal debris. There were
 19 springs and different pieces of metal shards in the
 20 sawdust from the old sawmill that was out there.
 21 So for anyone to say that these hot spots
 22 cracked a cap that wasn't even on top of it is wrong.
 23 There's an area to the very north that has some
 24 concrete on it. It wasn't engineered. It wasn't put
 25 down there to be a cap.

1 that information as well? Because I think we forwarded
 2 all that stuff to you and sent you also a series of
 3 questions.
 4 MR. SAUNDERS: All the answers I provided you
 5 are coming from Mr. Mach.
 6 MS. HARRISON: Did you not read the information
 7 that we forwarded to you?
 8 MR. SAUNDERS: And you're with who?
 9 MS. HARRISON: SAN FRANCISCO BAY VIEW
 10 NEWSPAPER.
 11 MR. SAUNDERS: Mary Ratcliff?
 12 MS. HARRISON: No. Actually, I'm the other
 13 one. I'm a little bit worse than she is. I'm Marie.
 14 MR. SAUNDERS: Well, I got questions from Mary
 15 Ratcliff.
 16 MS. HARRISON: I know.
 17 MR. SAUNDERS: Yeah.
 18 MS. HARRISON: Yeah, I know that --
 19 MR. SAUNDERS: Yeah.
 20 MS. HARRISON: -- because we sent them.
 21 But my question was: Did you not read the
 22 information and then respond?
 23 You said you got your information from them.
 24 Did you not read the information with the first set of
 25 questions that went out from whomever?

1 I believe the rumors that I've heard is that
 2 when Triple A and some other machine shops were working
 3 out there, if they were building something and they had
 4 to clean out concrete, they went and just washed the
 5 trucks down there.
 6 So it's residual concrete. It has no
 7 structural capability. It was cracked the day I walked
 8 out there in March when I first took this project over.
 9 So it did not crack due to the fire.
 10 Had there been a cap on top of the material
 11 that was smoldering, it would not have smoldered because
 12 it wouldn't have gone through the clean dirt to get to
 13 the brush roots and the sawdust that was smoldering out
 14 there.
 15 So all those statements that have been made in
 16 the press and by whomever else made them --
 17 MS. HARRISON: From the Department of the Navy.
 18 That's my problem.
 19 MR. MACH: Well, you know what, I'm the one who
 20 writes almost all the technical responses and provides
 21 them to different people to distribute, and I never
 22 wrote that water was used and cracked the cap.
 23 MS. HARRISON: Who's Mr. Saunders?
 24 MR. SAUNDERS: Right here.
 25 MS. HARRISON: Mr. Saunders, did you not read

1 Did you read the information that we --?
 2 We also sent you responses back, and we sent it
 3 to several other folks trying to get clarification on
 4 the steam, the -- the -- the fire, the steam, the
 5 cracking of the cap, and a few other things that came
 6 out --
 7 MR. SAUNDERS: I read all the questions, yes.
 8 MS. HARRISON: You read -- Then you read the
 9 answers?
 10 MR. SAUNDERS: Right.
 11 MS. HARRISON: Did you not relay that to
 12 Mr. Mach about the fact that the answers to some of
 13 those questions was the steam --? Or did you not pick
 14 up on the steam and the fire and the cracking of the
 15 cap? God, that sound like a rhyme. I don't mean it to.
 16 I really -- I really don't mean it to, but it sounds
 17 like it.
 18 MR. SAUNDERS: I don't recall that, and
 19 whatever I got from Mary I passed on to Richard.
 20 MR. MACH: Marie, if you've got the E-mail or
 21 whatever response was done, send it to me, and I'll --
 22 MS. HARRISON: It's on the Web site, Richard.
 23 Just pull it. Do me a favor and pull it down. I'm
 24 really -- I -- Like I say, I don't want to --
 25 MR. MACH: The E-mail's on the Web site or the

1 article's on the Web site?
 2 MS. HARRISON: All of it. I posted the
 3 answers. I posted the questions. I posted all because
 4 I did not want to come here and have someone say that I
 5 was misconstruing what I was told, because as I told you
 6 before, I have been getting several different answers,
 7 and it just didn't jive with me.
 8 I'm not a scientist. I'm not -- I don't work
 9 for the EPA. I deal in common sense and logic. I do
 10 know when I'm getting two different answers. And that's
 11 why I asked you to be specific and precise when you
 12 answered those questions to me, because it only made me
 13 ask more questions.
 14 I really do have to leave, but honestly, I have
 15 more questions. And I believe you, for whatever good
 16 that is.
 17 MR. MACH: Well, thank you.
 18 Okay. I did have two other things on my list
 19 that I was going to talk about before opening up the
 20 questions, but we -- I'll try and get through those, and
 21 we'll open it up for some more.
 22 The emergency response plan: Our base does
 23 have a response plan -- has a couple of response plans.
 24 They do have one for hazardous material spills and how
 25 to make notifications for that. And the fire department

1 also has their notification plans.
 2 There's a whole bunch of different laws and
 3 regulations that have requirements for notifications for
 4 different responses to be conducted.
 5 We are in the process right now of trying to
 6 combine this all into one comprehensive, cohesive plan
 7 in adding a large piece in there, which is the community
 8 outreach and the community communication. And that is
 9 why when Dorothy had told me that she was already on
 10 this emergency response task force, target team --
 11 MS. PETERSON: Committee.
 12 MR. MACH: -- committee with PG&E, you know, we
 13 immediate -- we immediately want to jump on board and
 14 say, We don't want to reinvent the wheel. We want to
 15 take, you know, what the community has already put
 16 together with one of the other industrial facilities out
 17 here and try and do the same thing.
 18 So we are trying to put all these pieces
 19 together so that we do have one comprehensive plan. I
 20 can't give you a date on when it's going to be done,
 21 because there are a lot of actions that have to be done
 22 to get this all done and done correctly. But everyone
 23 is very aware of the importance of this.
 24 We have an added challenge that PG&E doesn't
 25 have in that we are the landowner, but we don't have any

1 industrial activities going on out there. We do have
 2 the environmental cleanup, but all of the industry
 3 activities that are ongoing are tenants.
 4 And so we have tenant lease agreements that we
 5 have to make sure that when we come up with our plan, we
 6 coordinate with the tenants that they obey our plan,
 7 that they provide us their hazardous material
 8 inventories, that they do what they are supposed to do
 9 as well.
 10 So that -- you can see that it is quite a
 11 challenge to get this all done, but we will -- we will
 12 succeed.
 13 MS. HARRISON: Lots of luck because --
 14 MR. MACH: Thank you very much.
 15 MS. HARRISON: -- not just the Navy, but the
 16 community has been after Astoria Metals for what seems
 17 like forever. Boy, you all dragging -- never mind.
 18 MR. CAMPBELL: Question: When this fire first
 19 started up and fire -- federal firefighters were out
 20 there, nobody was using any respiratory equipment, and
 21 then later on we understood that firefighters were using
 22 respiratory equipment.
 23 MR. MACH: You know, I've never quite gotten
 24 the exact when they use respiratory and when they --
 25 What I've heard is: They try to stay upwind.

1 I do know that when the San Francisco Fire
 2 Department responded, they assisted; and for the first
 3 couple of hours they started putting out the fires,
 4 someone came by with information showing that they were
 5 on a hazardous waste site, a landfill. And I think that
 6 it had something to do with ra- -- with the radiation.
 7 And there are radium dials out there in a
 8 different area, not what burned; but they are out there,
 9 and we are aware of that, and we will be taking care of
 10 those.
 11 But whe- -- when they realized that they were
 12 out there and there was radiation somewhere in the area,
 13 they backed off. They called their industrial
 14 hygienist.
 15 Their industrial hygienist came out and scanned
 16 them, made sure that they were not exposed to something.
 17 Once they felt they were safe, they allowed them to go
 18 back in.
 19 But I don't know who and when respiratory
 20 equipment was used --
 21 MR. CAMPBELL: To my understanding, people were
 22 using respiratory equipment. That usually is a sign to
 23 me that if you have, if you're in an urban setting and
 24 you've got buildings and apartments and people living
 25 nearby with open windows, that the firefighters are

1 using this, something should take place.
 2 MR. ATTENDEE: There should have been a
 3 warning.
 4 MR. CAMPBELL: And --
 5 MR. MACH: We are -- we are --
 6 MR. CAMPBELL: The hygienist -- I believe he
 7 works -- the person works for --
 8 MR. MACH: Department of Health Services?
 9 MR. CAMPBELL: Department of Health.
 10 MS. HARRISON: Services.
 11 MR. MACH: Department of Public Health
 12 Services.
 13 MS. HARRISON: Yeah.
 14 MR. CAMPBELL: So they were notified as of the
 15 16th. They realized that this fire was taking place.
 16 MR. MACH: Correct.
 17 MR. CAMPBELL: Yet, still, the residents'
 18 notification, when did you specifically first know the
 19 fire was on?
 20 MR. MACH: I knew that there was a surface fire
 21 on the 16th, and I was made aware that it was -- or I
 22 was told that it was out later on the 16th.
 23 I did not know that there was a subsurface
 24 smoldering area until the 29th. And I was on a plane
 25 two hours later, and I was out walking the site the next
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1 morning on the 30th, and we were sampling it. And we
 2 came up with a strategy --
 3 MS. HARRISON: And on the 30th -- You knew on
 4 the 16th, but on the 30th you were back --
 5 MR. MACH: No, no. I knew that there was a
 6 fire on the 16th. I was told that it was out on the
 7 16th.
 8 I was only told on the 29th that it was still
 9 smoldering. I came up that night. I walked the site on
 10 the 30th. And I came up with a sampling strategy for
 11 the soil, the surface water, the air.
 12 I notified the regulatory agencies the next
 13 morning, on the 31st, what my plans were and went and
 14 took samples.
 15 MS. HARRISON: Just off the cuff, wasn't the
 16 fire department or somebody supposed to notify the
 17 regulatory agencies that that fire had actually occurred
 18 on the 16th, I mean, that it was ongoing of the --
 19 something had happened on 16th on the land -- once they
 20 found out that it was on the landfill?
 21 MR. MACH: There was a lack of communication,
 22 and that's why we're updating our response plan.
 23 MS. HARRISON: Okay. I'm going to leave,
 24 Richard, but please, you know, let me tell you how
 25 important that response is.
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1 That if we have a earthquake right now and
 2 knowing what I know now, which is probably too much --
 3 sometimes too much information is more scary than
 4 knowing nothing.
 5 MR. MACH: Right.
 6 MS. HARRISON: In this particular case, that's
 7 a dead call, because I already know the information. So
 8 if -- We live in San Francisco. You know that San
 9 Francisco is prone to earthquakes. They are already
 10 predicting that --
 11 MS. ATTENDEE: -- that is coming.
 12 MR. ATTENDEE: 67 percent chance.
 13 MS. HARRISON: Heaven forbid, but they are
 14 already predicting this, right?
 15 This plan must be in place before anything
 16 occurs: another fire, another haphazard of something
 17 out there with Astoria Metals. I really hold the Navy
 18 responsible for their actions because they're your
 19 tenants. Okay?
 20 So it could be something that you're not doing
 21 that they will end up doing that will cause a tremendous
 22 calamity here, and we can ill afford to allow that to
 23 happen.
 24 I would urge you to start immediately to reject
 25 that notion of doing a feasibility study two years from
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1 now and then allowing us to ask questions. That's not
 2 going to work.
 3 What you going to find is: If you push forward
 4 with that, you're going to find a very peaceful action
 5 going on in the beginning that's going to escalate to
 6 something very terrible, because these folks are talking
 7 about going all the way to Washington to see the boss of
 8 your boss. And that's crazy. All you have to do is
 9 take care of it.
 10 So I'm going to leave you with that. I'm out
 11 of here.
 12 MR. MACH: Okay. I have one more quick thing,
 13 and then I will open it up.
 14 Last question that was brought up when I first
 15 walked in here was: Can you give me an update on the
 16 public meeting that happened last week?
 17 It was long. It was grueling. And I got
 18 yelled at a lot. And if you want to see it, I
 19 understand it's being played tonight at 9 o'clock on
 20 Channel 26.
 21 MS. PETERSON: I'm so glad I'm going to miss
 22 it.
 23 MR. MACH: Okay. Mr. Potts.
 24 MR. POTTS: Regarding the emergency response
 25 actions that you doing after the fire's been noted, you
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1 guys have been bringing in trucks, bringing in more
 2 material in to cover this up, right?
 3 MR. MACH: Correct.
 4 MR. POTTS: I thought the Navy had an agreement
 5 with this community that there would be community
 6 companies involved in this.
 7 IT did not make any outreach to this community.
 8 I got called after -- a day after they have already
 9 started moving material in there to go and help a
 10 company because they fell short of trucks, and then they
 11 wanted to jew me on the price. They wanted me to work
 12 for slave labor to bring material in, and this would be
 13 my project or this community's project.
 14 I'm trying to find out -- like, she now has the
 15 tarp law in effect, which is good.
 16 But this one company, Double D Trucking, is not
 17 from the Bay Area, not from San Francisco. They are in
 18 southern -- southern part of the Bay Area. Now S & S is
 19 running trucks in there bringing material in there.
 20 When does the community get its fair share of
 21 this work here? This is my question to the Navy, and
 22 when are you guys going to do something?
 23 And quite kept, I wish everything that was
 24 rolling out there tomorrow morning -- Matt called me
 25 today for 20 trucks to bring out to work on that job

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1 when I should be calling him, and he wants to pay me
 2 less than rate, and you guys are backing this.
 3 I would like to see everything shut down until
 4 you all get it straight.
 5 MR. ATTENDEE: They haven't.
 6 MR. MACH: Jim -- I know Jim started telling me
 7 some of the trucking issues.
 8 Are you prepared to answer any of this?
 9 MR. MARINI: I can address some of the
 10 questions.
 11 MR. MACH: Okay, 'cause I know that you told --
 12 MR. ATTENDEE: Can you stand up?
 13 MR. ATTENDEE: Yeah, I can't see.
 14 MR. MACH: I know that you did tell me there
 15 were some notice -- that there were attempts made to get
 16 local hires, and there was a reason for the decision.
 17 Can you --?
 18 MR. MARINI: Yeah.
 19 MR. MACH: I'm sorry. This is Mr. Don Marini.
 20 He's with IT Corporation.
 21 MR. MARINI: Yeah. We responded as quickly as
 22 we could to the Navy's requirements to, you know, get
 23 this emergency action going.
 24 We looked as quickly as possible for the actual
 25 source of soil, the soils wherever it is.

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1 We have utilized -- As you may know, IT is --
 2 has its own sites that's closing from years ago, and
 3 we're still in the process of doing that.
 4 It came to light when we went to use our own
 5 sites people internally, who have helped us determine
 6 what the best, you know, remedy was to smother the fire
 7 as well as utilizing their talents to design, that there
 8 was a ready source of soil. We made sure when we found
 9 out where it was that we could try to utilize, as you
 10 pointed out, community truckers.
 11 MR. POTTS: Excuse me right there. Okay. Now,
 12 if you had the material, all you had to do was make one
 13 phone call. You would have had trucks. But still
 14 Double D gets the trucks. They are bringing in the
 15 material. S & S has got the trucks, and he's bringing
 16 in material, which we got to work for their slave labor.
 17 MR. MARINI: Well --
 18 MR. POTTS: Now, they are getting the
 19 material -- part of the material is coming from the BART
 20 project.
 21 MR. MARINI: Right.
 22 MR. POTTS: The other part of material is
 23 coming from down here at Fremont, which is -- basically,
 24 it's like a ravine where water erodes underneath the
 25 city, and they are digging that out, okay. That

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1 material was supposed to go somewhere else.
 2 So everybody's making money except for people
 3 in this community. And then they want to call us in to
 4 help them out, and then they are doing it to us, man.
 5 What you guys going to do to stop it? That's
 6 all I want to know. What are you going to do to stop it
 7 and correct it?
 8 MR. ATTENDEE: Yeah, why don't you give him
 9 some contracts, yeah. That's what --
 10 MR. MARINI: Mr. Potts does have a contract.
 11 MR. POTTS: I do.
 12 MR. ATTENDEE: Give him some more, the rest of
 13 them.
 14 MR. POTTS: You see, this is what I'm saying to
 15 you. The community wasn't called. Nobody was called
 16 here. And on the emergency response situations when
 17 trucks are needed, you make a phone call. You guys have
 18 everybody's numbers. You guys asked for all that. We
 19 give them to you, but still go outside. Why?
 20 MR. MARINI: Well, first of all, we have
 21 literally 500 truckloads coming in a day. You know, if
 22 you can supply 500 truckloads, that's fine. But I
 23 wouldn't expect anybody to do that.
 24 We called D & D Trucking --
 25 MR. POTTS: Did -- did --?

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1 MR. MARINI: Let me finish.
 2 MR. POTTS: Okay.
 3 MR. MARINI: D & D Trucking, we made sure that
 4 they opened this up to every available trucker,
 5 including people in Hunters Point. You were invited to
 6 participate.
 7 MR. POTTS: Sure, I was invited to participate
 8 to work for less than rate. This is what the terms that
 9 were given me by that company.
 10 MR. MARINI: I'm not sure what rate is, but
 11 there are 500 trucks that are out there --
 12 MR. MACH: Wait, wait. Just one at a time,
 13 please.
 14 MR. POTTS: This is what you don't understand,
 15 see. Involving the trucking, there's all kinds of ways
 16 that companies making money, and they are -- they are
 17 killing the truckdriver, man. They are all killing the
 18 truckdrivers.
 19 But we won't work for that. So we are being
 20 phased out because so long as they can get people pull
 21 their trailers, that's fine. But the owner-operator,
 22 the guy who owns his own truck and his own trailer,
 23 can't work.
 24 And that's what they are doing to us, and
 25 you're facilitating that.

1 doing is: You're taking away the opportunity for that
 2 broker in the community to get those 500 trucks that you
 3 need, because why couldn't he have gone to some other
 4 truckers --
 5 MR. ATTENDEE: Right.
 6 MR. MASON: -- in San Francisco --
 7 MR. ATTENDEE: Right.
 8 MR. MASON: -- and done the same thing?
 9 MR. ATTENDEE: That's right.
 10 MR. MASON: So what you're doing is cutting
 11 them off. You're cutting us completely off. You're
 12 suffocating us just like the fire is doing. You're
 13 suffocating us. You know, you're not allowing us, you
 14 know, to build a resume for ourselves, and that's
 15 exactly what we are trying to do.
 16 So if you're going to do some stuff like this,
 17 you know, we need to rethink what's going on, you know,
 18 because you're not coming up to what you say you're
 19 going to be doing, because if you're going to pull in a
 20 outside contractor and eliminate a community trucker,
 21 then there's a problem with that.
 22 MR. MARINI: Under normal channels,
 23 nonemergency situations, we worked with yourself.
 24 We worked with Mr. Potts. He does have a
 25 contract for hauling backfill in. The reason he's not

1 MR. MASON: Mr. Robbins, can I make a statement
 2 to you? You know, I had a conversation -- my name is
 3 Jesse Mason.
 4 MR. MACH: Marini. Mr. Robbins is --
 5 MR. MASON: Mr. Marini.
 6 MR. MARINI: Right.
 7 MR. MASON: I understand that IT speculated
 8 with Double D by giving them a contract three years ago
 9 and -- for these purposes, emergency purposes. And my
 10 question to you is this.
 11 My question to you is this: If they could have
 12 speculated three years ago with Double D, why couldn't
 13 they have speculated this year with Bayview-Hunters
 14 Point community truckers, you know, and give them that
 15 speculation emergency response to do that same thing?
 16 Because you're in this community. You're in
 17 this community. And one of the things -- One of the
 18 reasons why the community is allowing this to go on is
 19 because IT and the Navy is supposed to be working with
 20 this community as far as contracts and everything else
 21 is concerned.
 22 But now when you do some speculation three
 23 years before and allow an outside contractor to come in
 24 and create a bid process for community truckers, that's
 25 bull. That doesn't make sense, because what you're

1 working this very minute or these days is because the
 2 shift of activity moved from Parcel B, which is where he
 3 has his contract to bring soil in.
 4 MR. POTTS: That's true enough. But still, the
 5 work that is going on now for the emergency response
 6 could have been handled by us, could have been handled
 7 by the truckers here; but we have not been given that
 8 opportunity.
 9 MR. MARINI: Well, in the heat of battle, as
 10 they say, we really had to respond in less than
 11 24 hours.
 12 Just try and understand --
 13 MR. POTTS: Okay.
 14 MR. MARINI: -- where we went with this.
 15 MR. POTTS: You should try --
 16 MR. MARINI: We respond to the Navy in a
 17 situation to keep the community safe to smother this
 18 fire. We went to the first source that we knew we could
 19 get enough soil to provide backfill in as quick a time
 20 as possible.
 21 MR. MASON: We have materials in the community
 22 that could do the same thing. And in an emergency, in
 23 an emergency you can call me, you know. My office is --
 24 I always pick my messages up. It doesn't matter what
 25 time it is. I can always call Mr. Potts. You know, we

1 live not too far from one another.
 2 So you guys are doing business behind our
 3 backs --
 4 MR. ATTENDEE: Right.
 5 MS. PETERSON: I have something to --
 6 MR. MASON: -- you know.
 7 MS. PETERSON: -- say too.
 8 You know, Jesse -- I'm sorry -- Mr. Mason and
 9 several of us, Brenda Safreed, we keep dancing the same
 10 dance. Now, what's wrong with this picture?
 11 You make this -- quote, unquote -- good-faith
 12 effort, and we all know what that means.
 13 You waste my time. I don't get paid a dime for
 14 sitting in these conferences with these committees
 15 putting things together for this community. And then
 16 you go and do this. Come on.
 17 We have spent hours, free time for me. I'm
 18 going to start charging the Navy whenever I have to go
 19 to these committees and this happens.
 20 Now, something has to be done.
 21 Why are we wasting our time putting together
 22 these plans that involve the community?
 23 The Navy says they have an emergency. Well,
 24 dingdong, we got a plan in place that involves the
 25 community. What's wrong with this picture?

1 Now, it needs to be corrected immediately. I'm
 2 not wasting my time. So you correct it. My time is not
 3 for free, plain and simple.
 4 There's a plan in place. It's behind us, SLUG
 5 and Jesse Mason. We spent many hours, weeks, putting
 6 together this plan so the Na- -- so that this community
 7 can have a strong economic base.
 8 MR. ATTENDEE: Right.
 9 MR. MARINI: And we have hired local hires --
 10 MS. PETERSON: I don't care about what you have
 11 done. I am -- Read my lips. I don't care about what
 12 you have done. You are wasting my time when you tell us
 13 to put together a plan that involves a strong economic
 14 base for this community, and then you turn right around
 15 and go outside of this community.
 16 MR. ATTENDEE: Right.
 17 MS. PETERSON: What you have said to me is:
 18 I'm of no value; my time is of no value. And it
 19 obviously isn't 'cause you're not paying me and all the
 20 people who were involved.
 21 There were workshops put together so that you
 22 would have a list. And I don't care. If the Navy said
 23 move like that, go to the list. Go to the two people
 24 who you said in good faith you want to work with so that
 25 you don't keep making these same mistakes.

1 MS. CARRINGTON: They are not mistakes. They
 2 are done on purpose. I'm Michelle Carrington. I'm with
 3 Young Community.
 4 MS. ASHER: My name is Lani Asher, and I'm a
 5 tenant at the Shipyard and I'm an artist.
 6 And I was shocked the other day when I was out
 7 there because I did notice that all the trucks had
 8 different license plates. They were from all over the
 9 place. And I've been going to these meetings, and it
 10 was my understanding that you were going to use local
 11 people. I was really shocked about that.
 12 And then they are going down the roads,
 13 barreling down the roads, faster than the speed limits.
 14 Every tenant on the Shipyard have felt scared and
 15 worried. We don't even know who's coordinating it. We
 16 were never informed about what the Navy's procedure was
 17 on this.
 18 One person -- she's not here today -- tried to
 19 find out. And she just felt terribly scared by the
 20 whole process.
 21 So I think that this whole cap thing is very
 22 out of control --
 23 MR. MACH: Well, I did --
 24 MS. ASHER: -- and I'm not happy.
 25 MR. MACH: I did speak with Georgia Olivva --

1 Oleeva [phonetic], Oliva?
 2 MS. ASHER: Yeah.
 3 MR. MACH: Okay. I spoke with her yesterday,
 4 Tuesday evening or yesterday evening -- I don't remember
 5 which now -- about her concerns. I did --
 6 MS. ASHER: None of the tenants have been
 7 notified as to how the Navy's proceeding on this, what
 8 sort of traffic is coming in and out of the yard. They
 9 don't obey the speed limits.
 10 MR. MACH: Okay. I -- Let me finish. I did
 11 talk to Georgia. She did bring up those concerns.
 12 MS. ASHER: Well, she's not the only one with
 13 those concerns.
 14 MR. MACH: Would you like me to address your
 15 concern?
 16 MS. ASHER: Yeah.
 17 MR. MACH: Thank you.
 18 She did bring up the concern about the speeding
 19 trucks and not going throu- -- and going through stop
 20 signs. I did immediately call IT and tell them to get
 21 on the truckers about that.
 22 I also went out there this morning, and I saw
 23 one of the federal DOD policemen out there, and he was
 24 sitting there watching them come in.
 25 MR. POTTS: DOD?

1 MR. MACH: Department of Defense.
 2 MR. POTTS: Oh, DOD.
 3 MR. MACH: Department of Defense, Navy.
 4 And I asked him -- I said, "How are they
 5 doing?"
 6 He said they're -- "They're right at the
 7 limit."
 8 I said, "You have authority to give federal
 9 tickets?"
 10 He said, "Yes."
 11 And I said, "You see them speed; you give them
 12 a ticket."
 13 MS. ASHER: And what about --?
 14 MR. MACH: And so -- So we are addressing the
 15 issues as they come up.
 16 MS. ASHER: As they come up. Well, it seems to
 17 me -- I'm -- and there were no covers on any of the
 18 trucks.
 19 MR. MACH: I already -- and I did --
 20 MS. PETERSON: We danced that dance.
 21 MS. ASHER: It seems to me it's all about
 22 saving money. I mean --
 23 MS. PETERSON: We danced the dance.
 24 MR. POTTS: Can I say something to you?
 25 MS. ASHER: Yeah.

1 material was coming out of the East Bay, you know, stuff
 2 like that. But the community truckers are not being
 3 involved. They are not participating.
 4 MR. POTTS: No. Well, see, well, they
 5 called -- Jim called me and asked me to give him some
 6 help, right? So I called him up and asked him how many
 7 trucks they need. They said, "As many as you can get."
 8 So I asked him about the rate, and I was told
 9 it was \$55 -- no -- \$155 a load, right? And so I said,
 10 "Well, where's it coming from?"
 11 They said, "From Union City."
 12 "Where's it going?"
 13 And then I get this, you know, 'cause they
 14 don't want me to figure out where I'm going to so that
 15 they can, you know, mess with the rate, okay? So they
 16 tell me that I can get the directions at the job site.
 17 So I got to show up at the job site to find out where
 18 I'm supposed to be going for this \$155, okay?
 19 So now after I get this paperwork after I got
 20 the first load, I'm looking at this; I'm saying, Wait a
 21 minute. I know where I'm going. And I start
 22 calculating, and I'm saying, Hey, this isn't decent
 23 rate.
 24 So I call him up. I says, "You guys got to do
 25 something about the rate."

1 MR. POTTS: Can I explain something to you
 2 about the covers on the trucks?
 3 MS. ASHER: Yeah.
 4 MR. POTTS: Usually, when material is being
 5 brought in from a place, they're usually supposed to wet
 6 it down, and that way covers are not needed.
 7 But I understand you haven't been informed, and
 8 everybody's worried about the particulars. But I would
 9 be more worried about the concern -- the particulars
 10 coming out of materials coming out of the Shipyard. But
 11 I understand both. But coming out, I could understand.
 12 Going in, I can understand, but it's -- those
 13 were not being enforced. I'm glad that it is now
 14 'cause, you know, it doesn't hurt me. But I'm just, you
 15 know, explaining to you the condition of the industry.
 16 MS. ASHER: Right.
 17 MR. MASON: But Mr. Marini, we still need some
 18 information about that speculation, 'cause I understand
 19 that Brenda Safreed is the one that speculated with
 20 Double D and allowed them that contract, that special
 21 agreement two to three years ago. Now, I may be wrong,
 22 but this is information that I got.
 23 And you know, and I know that they are not from
 24 the community. And from what I understand, they
 25 charging something like \$190 a run, and it's -- and the

1 "Well, what did they tell you?"
 2 I told them what they told me, right? Then
 3 when I get the call back, I get, "Oh, somebody made a
 4 mistake telling you what the rate was." Now, this was
 5 supposed to have been the head dispatcher that gave me
 6 this rate.
 7 MR. MARINI: Well, I'll get with you
 8 afterwards. Find what the rates are, and I'll go
 9 back --
 10 MR. MASON: I just told you what they were.
 11 MR. POTTS: No. It's changed again, man. It's
 12 changed again.
 13 MR. MARINI: Well, there's actually four
 14 different sources.
 15 MR. POTTS: Okay. My request is Double D,
 16 S & S don't pull a load in here.
 17 MR. ATTENDEE: Right.
 18 MR. POTTS: This is my request, see, because if
 19 they wanted to be fair, they could have been fair at the
 20 jump. I don't have no problems with being fair with
 21 people. But don't try to do me.
 22 MR. MASON: And my request is that IT and maybe
 23 the Navy set up a monitoring system with community
 24 advocates so that we can monitor those trucks, and this
 25 is a paid position.

1 MR. POTTS: All -- Also, also, another
 2 solution is: The reason why IT stated that the plan
 3 would go with Double D was favorable is because they had
 4 the material.
 5 Then if you just buying material, buy material.
 6 We can truck it. Why does Double D's trucks have to
 7 come in here?
 8 MR. MARINI: Well, I understand generally in
 9 the dirt business -- and you can tell me if I'm wrong --
 10 the dirt is basically controlled by the people who have
 11 the contract to remove it.
 12 MR. POTTS: And if they want to sell the dirt,
 13 they sell it.
 14 MR. MARINI: Right, and then they would mark it
 15 up to you, I guess.
 16 MR. POTTS: That's what -- You want me to tell
 17 you what's really happening? You want to know the whole
 18 nine yards? That dirt they're selling to you guys is
 19 supposed to be so -- was paid for to be sent somewhere
 20 else, okay? That dirt's paid for.
 21 MR. MARINI: Yeah, I understand that.
 22 MR. POTTS: Okay. And now they are marking it
 23 up to you and then killing me on the trucking cost,
 24 okay? So we are both losing here. We are both losing
 25 here.

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1 that we needed to mobilize and get going, we went to --
 2 in-house to find out where we could get soil real
 3 quickly. Double -- Double D was someone that works with
 4 us at Panoche and knew sources of soil.
 5 Again, we said: "Okay, we got to get soil
 6 fast. We'll work with you, but you guys got to work
 7 again with the community."
 8 MR. MASON: I understand all of that. I
 9 understand everything you're saying. But what you say
 10 was: Double D is a company that you worked with two or
 11 three years ago.
 12 MR. MARINI: No. We work with them currently.
 13 MR. MASON: Okay. Well, you work with them,
 14 but you speculated emergency situations. Why couldn't
 15 you have done that to the community? Because you know
 16 that San Francisco and the Navy are one of the most
 17 toxic waste sites there is.
 18 MR. MARINI: I -- I apologize for not, you
 19 know --
 20 MR. MASON: But that doesn't give my people any
 21 work.
 22 MR. MARINI: No, but under the circumstances,
 23 you know, in the heat of battle, it's always good to go
 24 back and say, "Well, what should we have done?"
 25 MR. MACH: Okay, okay.

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1 If they want to sell you guys the dirt, tell
 2 them you'll arrange for the trucks to pick it up. We
 3 have the contract with you to do the trucking. They
 4 load them up; it's a done deal.
 5 MR. MARINI: Well, I'll be glad to look into
 6 that. You know, I don't have any problem with that.
 7 Again --
 8 MR. POTTS: Okay. Now --
 9 MR. MARINI: And I need to answer Jesse's
 10 question about the D & D -- or Double D, rather.
 11 As I said, you know, we have a sites -- we have
 12 sites that are up in Contra Costa or Solano County that
 13 we are in the process of closing for the EPA. And so we
 14 have been at this for years and years.
 15 We have people that are relatively expert at
 16 landfill stuff. They go around, and we -- our own
 17 profit -- profits are at stake because it's all money
 18 that's going out that we are paying to close these
 19 things. We're not getting any insurance.
 20 So we relied on them in the past to give us the
 21 best leads on, you know, where the soil is, because they
 22 actually are ordering it as we speak. And we are in the
 23 process right now of doing the same up at Panoche.
 24 All that having been said, you know, in the
 25 heat of within a few hours of being notified by the Navy

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1 MR. MARINI: When things are --
 2 MR. POTTS: Okay. I -- What you are doing --
 3 MR. MACH: Jesse, Jimmie, I will meet with IT
 4 tomorrow. I will talk -- I will talk to them, and I
 5 will --
 6 MR. POTTS: Tomorrow -- tomorrow they will be
 7 running trucks in there tomorrow.
 8 MR. MACH: Jimmie, their contracting officer is
 9 not there right now. I can't get ahold of her tonight.
 10 I'm sorry. I will talk to her first thing tomorrow
 11 morning.
 12 MR. MASON: Can you get back to me? Because we
 13 want to talk to you about that -- excuse me -- that
 14 monitoring, that we'd like to be a part of, because we
 15 want to make sure that the community truckers are
 16 getting an added part participating in this cleanup.
 17 And if we have somebody that's not from the
 18 community and their license shows that they are not and
 19 they are not certified to do certain things, we need to
 20 know this, because we have to have certification for all
 21 these young people to be in there. It should be the
 22 same way for the truckers.
 23 So this is a important situation. So if they
 24 are not certified, they shouldn't have a right to be in
 25 there either.

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1 MS. ATTENDEE: I just have a -- the one point
 2 that you were bringing out about the DOD being able to
 3 write tickets --
 4 MR. MACH: Yes.
 5 MS. ATTENDEE: -- they need to do something
 6 about the speed outside the Shipyard.
 7 MR. ATTENDEE: There you go. Excuse me.
 8 MS. ATTENDEE: I sat there --
 9 MR. ATTENDEE: I'm --
 10 MS. ATTENDEE: -- on Saturday counting the
 11 trucks that were going in and out, and they are
 12 really -- that curve right at Innes, that is so
 13 frightening that those trucks are coming around there.
 14 I -- you know --
 15 MR. MASON: But they are coming down Third
 16 Street too --
 17 MS. ATTENDEE: I know.
 18 MR. MASON: -- at a rate of speed.
 19 MS. PETERSON: They wouldn't do it if they were
 20 from the community because they would care about the
 21 community.
 22 MS. ATTENDEE: I know.
 23 Somebody needs to know if you're sitting there
 24 watching these trucks -- and I mean -- I don't know.
 25 Maybe you need to know if you've got these people coming

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1 29th, something is, you know, being done.
 2 And second, where the speculation came from
 3 that something was going to go on. You speculated
 4 hiring contractors. Am I correct? Did I just hear him
 5 say -- you guys say that there was a speculate --
 6 anticipation anticipating that you were hiring
 7 companies --?
 8 MS. PETERSON: When did you notify him of an
 9 emergency that he needed to get some land to you to fill
 10 in -- some -- some dirt to cover up the fire? On what
 11 date?
 12 MR. ATTENDEE: A week ago Friday or two weeks
 13 ago.
 14 MR. MACH: Yeah. Let's see. We walked the
 15 site with the landfill people on the 13th. I think we
 16 made the decision either the 14th or the 15th. I don't
 17 recall what --
 18 MS. PETERSON: Of September?
 19 MR. MACH: Of September, yes.
 20 And it was the 15th -- 15th and the 16th that
 21 they started clearing the site. So it was about that
 22 time or the Monday, the 18th, that they knew that we
 23 were moving forward with the cap.
 24 And they started hauling material on what? On
 25 the 19th or the 20th? It was a Tuesday. I know that

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1 through here to tell them that the speed limit is not 40
 2 with a big truck that can't stop because of kids running
 3 across the street.
 4 MR. ATTENDEE: Right.
 5 MS. ATTENDEE: Those trucks -- they are going
 6 way too fast, and there's that construction right there,
 7 so the street's even smaller. So that's --
 8 I mean, I know they can write the tickets. The
 9 DOD can write it inside. They can write it outside or
 10 you get the SFPD outside, because that's --
 11 MR. MACH: Jesse, can the Mayor's Office help
 12 with a speed trap on Innes Avenue?
 13 MS. ATTENDEE: I mean, it's frightening now
 14 because the trucks are so numerous.
 15 MR. BLOUT: We will try and get somebody out
 16 there tomorrow.
 17 MR. MACH: Thank you.
 18 MS. CARRINGTON: I'm Michelle Carrington
 19 from --
 20 MR. MACH: She -- Wait. She was first.
 21 MS. CARRINGTON: Michelle Carrington from
 22 Y.C.D., and I have two things on my mind: first, the --
 23 not -- the miscommunication between the time that you
 24 found out first about the fire and it was -- you were
 25 told it was put out; and then later on, way past the

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1 there was dirt coming on by the time we had the 20th
 2 public meeting.
 3 MS. ATTENDEE: Yeah, it was the 19th.
 4 MS. CARRINGTON: Was anything done about the
 5 miscommunication between you and whoever notified you
 6 about this incident?
 7 MR. MACH: I'm --
 8 MS. CARRINGTON: You said that you were
 9 notified the day of the fire, the 16th?
 10 MR. MACH: I knew that there was a fire --
 11 MS. CARRINGTON: Okay.
 12 MR. MACH: -- on the 16th, right.
 13 MS. CARRINGTON: And then you were told that
 14 the fire was put out?
 15 MR. MACH: Correct.
 16 MS. CARRINGTON: Okay. Then you find out
 17 again; you were on your way back on the 29th?
 18 MR. MACH: Right.
 19 MS. ATTENDEE: Notified him on the 29th.
 20 MS. CARRINGTON: On the 29th.
 21 MR. MACH: Right.
 22 MS. CARRINGTON: Okay. So where's -- what
 23 happened in that gap that you didn't find out before the
 24 29th that this fire was going on? Because it was
 25 burning.

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1 MR. MACH: Like I said, there was a breakdown
 2 in communication. The firefighters thought they were
 3 doing the right thing. They thought it was just the
 4 smoldering brush roots and the -- and the sawdust debris
 5 that was out there. They didn't see anything that
 6 indicated anything hazardous. They made a decision to
 7 continue to try and put it out.
 8 I mean, firefighters put out landfill fires.
 9 They put out underground fires. They put out forest
 10 fires. They put out mulch fires. They thought they
 11 were doing the right thing. And we're fixing that.
 12 MS. CARRINGTON: Okay. I'm not going to argue
 13 that point.
 14 MR. MACH: Yes? I'm sorry. Either one.
 15 MR. GASKIN: Just for everybody to know who I
 16 am, I'm Derek Gaskin from Y.C.D., CERTEP coordinator,
 17 program coordinator, basically here to update the Board
 18 in regards to IT Corporation.
 19 Hats off to Jim Robbins, Jim Martin, Tom Macham
 20 and those guys. Right now, existing, we have about five
 21 field techs out there, three and four --
 22 (Simultaneous colloquy.)
 23 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. I can't hear. I
 24 apologize, but I can't hear two -- everybody talking at
 25 once. Go ahead.

1 was being laid down as a interim solution. I guess
 2 what's the -- what's the projected life span of a cap,
 3 or does the Navy have one at this point?
 4 MR. MACH: Well, I mean, right now it's being
 5 done as an interim measure to put out the fire. Based
 6 on the material we're putting --
 7 MR. MARINI: How long to complete it? I'm
 8 sorry.
 9 MR. MACH: No. How long -- how long would --
 10 how long could it -- how long could it stay? And --
 11 MR. MARINI: Indefinitely.
 12 MR. ATTENDEE: Does it meet the specifications
 13 of an actual, you know, what you're saying -- what is
 14 it? -- 3 feet of concrete, or something like that, that
 15 you need to cap an area?
 16 MR. MACH: It -- it would meet RCRA
 17 requirements.
 18 MR. MARINI: It meets -- it meets the RCRA
 19 landfill closure too.
 20 MR. ATTENDEE: Okay. Well, what -- what
 21 would --? Okay. Well, I understand exactly what that
 22 means; but why would the Navy, then, want to remove it
 23 later?
 24 I mean, we had, it seems like -- it happened
 25 now because there's a fire; and then, well, we just

1 MR. GASKIN: Just got a call today from Jim
 2 Martin with 13 offers, so they are processing our people
 3 as fast as possible. So it's not about just putting
 4 people to work.
 5 The reason why we do what we do at Y.C.D. is,
 6 one, so these people that's in this room can be
 7 certified in an area of remediation as well as
 8 construction to add to the solution and not the existing
 9 problems. So we're trying to, you know, be of help on
 10 that angle and get these people out there to help
 11 resolve these extreme issues that exist.
 12 So appreciation to IT. Tip our hats off, you
 13 know, continue to submit to us and actually do what you
 14 say what you will do.
 15 And that's about it. So you know, we kind of
 16 want to thank you guys on that as far as, you know --
 17 The trucking and all that, I -- you know, as
 18 far as field techs that get out there and do the dirty
 19 work, clean up, remediate, the whole nine, help
 20 redevelop, that's what we're here for. So, you know.
 21 All right.
 22 (Applause.)
 23 MR. MACH: With that, I think we should end the
 24 meeting on a good note. I'm sorry. All right.
 25 MR. ATTENDEE: The cap, you mentioned that it

1 happen to have the 3 feet of concrete that is
 2 permissible for a RCRA facility closure.
 3 Well, why don't we leave just well enough alone
 4 instead of removing the toxic material that's underneath
 5 it?
 6 MR. MACH: Because we're not going to -- we're
 7 not going to presuppose a remedy.
 8 MS. LAUTH: And EPA has been very clear to the
 9 Navy on several occasions that this is an interim action
 10 for the cap of the fire area.
 11 They will have to go through the full process
 12 for evaluating all alternatives, including removing all
 13 the material out of the landfill and the cap itself that
 14 they have already put down.
 15 So they sort of did it at their own risk is
 16 what the Navy said to us. They understand that they may
 17 have to actually dig that up. But they were willing to
 18 take that risk, according to them.
 19 MR. ATTENDEE: Don't get me wrong, though, but
 20 I -- you keep adding dirt on the landfill, eventually it
 21 will spread out. It will spread.
 22 And I -- I mean, I seen all the trucks going
 23 down there. And you know, I mean, you compact -- it
 24 happens with the garbage truck. And it spreads. It
 25 will have to spread.

1 And that's what's happening down there. It's
 2 going -- They are pushing it towards the docks and
 3 Oakdale project.
 4 MR. MACH: Mike, do you want to address that?
 5 Because I know you discussed --
 6 Mike Wanta with Tetra Tech has done a lot of
 7 landfill work, and they have done some design
 8 calculations to show that.
 9 MR. WANTA: Right. Actually, we have looked at
 10 the depth of the waste out there and the amount of
 11 material that's being placed on, and the actual weight
 12 that's being placed on and the compaction that will
 13 occur on that is really not that great at this point in
 14 time because we are not putting that much fill on there.
 15 If you look at the weight, it will -- it
 16 certainly will settle. There's no question about that.
 17 There will be some settlement.
 18 But there's no reason that we have to believe
 19 that would actually push it out into the bay or back up
 20 into other areas because the waste inside is actually
 21 lighter than adjacent material that is placed. It's not
 22 as dense. So it is no different than the adjacent fill
 23 would be as far as total weight goes. So it should be
 24 fairly stable at this point.
 25 MR. ATTENDEE: But you don't know?

1 MR. WANTA: We don't know for sure at this
 2 point, you're right. But we are actually going to be
 3 checking into that shortly. That's part of the meeting
 4 that we had with the EPA on Tuesday. We discussed it
 5 and will verify that that would be the case.
 6 MS. ATTENDEE: Are --? So -- okay. Explain
 7 this again for people who don't quite get it.
 8 You're just putting it on top of it; you're
 9 saying that the -- what is in the landfill is lighter so
 10 it won't spread out? It will stay where it is?
 11 MR. WANTA: It would usually condense, and it
 12 usually goes down vertically.
 13 MR. ATTENDEE: But it's not -- it won't --
 14 you're saying it's not going to spread out because it's
 15 lighter than the soil itself?
 16 MR. WANTA: No.
 17 MR. JOB: The surrounding soil.
 18 MR. WANTA: Yeah, lighter than the surrounding
 19 soil is.
 20 We -- Actually, I'm not -- I'm more concerned
 21 about what would happen at -- by the bay. There's
 22 additional pressure out there because that material is
 23 usually not as compacted. It's a little bit weaker.
 24 What's happened in some cases on the bay is:
 25 You actually had a lot of weight being placed adjacent

1 to the bay, and it kind of slides out. And that's
 2 what -- I'm more concerned about that.
 3 And fortunately, we're not even putting any
 4 material down there to begin with by the bay. It's all
 5 on the north side to start with.
 6 But normally if you have too much loading, you
 7 have the potential for that to occur. But what happens
 8 inside the fill, it's not as compacted and it is not as
 9 heavy as the fill that's right next to it that's not
 10 garbage and landfill. And when we add this extra weight
 11 on top, the total weight that's left on the landfill
 12 wouldn't be any different that's right next to it.
 13 So we wouldn't expect that anything will happen
 14 at this point other than it will compact down.
 15 MS. ATTENDEE: Is there a limit to how much --?
 16 MR. WANTA: There will -- Absolutely. There
 17 will be some type of limit. And we -- actually, as I
 18 mentioned, we talked to the EPA about that and some of
 19 the other agency people that are here about taking a
 20 look at some geotechnical properties of material in the
 21 area to make sure that we don't have any problems.
 22 MR. MASON: Let me ask you a question. You
 23 said that there was some sawdust out there in that
 24 landfill, right?
 25 What happens to the level of sawdust that's

1 already compacted and you're putting stuff on top of it?
 2 Sawdust burns. And unfortunately, whoever put that
 3 sawdust out there was illegal dumping anyway.
 4 MR. MACH: Well, it probably wasn't illegal at
 5 the time.
 6 MS. LAUTH: Long time ago.
 7 MR. MASON: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. The
 8 reason I'm asking is: The mill just got out there.
 9 When I was growing up, it was never there. Sawmill was
 10 never there when I was growing up, you know. And I
 11 left -- I left that -- you know, that area in about
 12 1964, '65. That's a brand-new mill out there as far as
 13 I'm concerned.
 14 MR. MACH: Like --
 15 MS. LAUTH: It was news to us when we heard
 16 about it too, so . . .
 17 MR. MACH: Well, I mean, you know, like I said
 18 in the very beginning, you know, when we -- when we had
 19 our meeting on Tuesday to look at data gaps, we're
 20 looking at doing some additional records search, some
 21 interviews with people that worked out there in the
 22 past; better geophysical, geotechnical, as well as
 23 geochemical analysis. So we're looking at the full
 24 gamut on this thing. So --
 25 MR. MASON: And you should, because, you know,

1 when I -- when I saw that, I asked Olin, "Where the heck
 2 does that come from?"
 3 He said, "That was never there."
 4 You know, I said, "I know it." You know, it
 5 was never there. But all of a sudden, it's a new mill.
 6 And they are out there cutting lumber and dumping it
 7 over there in the hot spot, you know. And spontaneous
 8 combustion is one of the first things that we learn in
 9 science. Right?
 10 MR. MACH: I don't remember the first thing I
 11 learned in science.
 12 MR. ATTENDEE: How long do you expect that to
 13 take, the characterizing of the landfill?
 14 MS. LAUTH: Good question.
 15 MR. MACH: I don't exactly know. We're looking
 16 at it in a stepwise process.
 17 We have had a data gaps evaluation in our
 18 schedule in the past. We were going to -- We were
 19 hoping to have a data gaps work plan by November 8th;
 20 but after yesterday's meeting, and wanting to add so
 21 many additional things, we're planning on pushing it
 22 out.
 23 We haven't had a chance to discuss that. It's
 24 not going to push the feasibility study out, but it is
 25 going to push out getting all that data because it's

1 MS. SHIRLEY: I did bring some updated copies
 2 of this -- what's inside thing that I passed out at the
 3 meeting if anyone wants. I corrected one error and
 4 added some new information about --
 5 MS. CROWDER: Thanks.
 6 MS. SHIRLEY: -- the air monitoring.
 7 MR. ATTENDEE: Thanks, Chris. I'll take a
 8 look.
 9 MR. WANTA: Can I grab one?
 10 MR. MACH: Can I have one?
 11 MS. PETERSON: Thank you.
 12 MR. MACH: Okay. The last question, right?
 13 MS. ATTENDEE: Yes, I swear.
 14 Okay. When -- Whatever happened to Jeff
 15 Young, the public affairs guy out of San Bruno for the
 16 Navy? Is there somebody else there?
 17 MR. SAUNDERS: He lives in Washington, the
 18 state of Washington now. He works for the Army --
 19 MS. ATTENDEE: Is there anybody -- is there
 20 anybody to help you so that you don't have to fly up
 21 from San Diego if we need it, like, in a short period of
 22 time out of San Bruno?
 23 MR. MACH: We do have a public affairs officer
 24 up here. We also have Lee Saunders down in San Diego.
 25 We have another public affairs officer down there as

1 going to take longer.
 2 MR. ATTENDEE: How many people are working on
 3 it?
 4 MR. MACH: How many people are working on what?
 5 MR. ATTENDEE: On characterizing the land- -- I
 6 mean, is this a one-person job? Is this a three-
 7 four-person job?
 8 MR. WANTA: No. We actually -- That's
 9 something that my company is looking into right now. We
 10 are aggressively pursuing that; and not only does our
 11 San Francisco office work on that, we are using other
 12 offices to help out. But we probably have at least a
 13 dozen people working on it right now.
 14 Because we did have this meeting on Tuesday, we
 15 realized we had a little bit more work to do than we
 16 anticipate. We added a lot of staff to help out with
 17 that. But this is more on the research and planning
 18 phase, not actually field work at this point.
 19 MS. ATTENDEE: I'm sorry. What company are you
 20 with?
 21 MR. WANTA: Tetra Tech.
 22 MS. ATTENDEE: Oh.
 23 MR. MACH: Okay. That was all I had to say
 24 about the landfill fire unless there are any more
 25 questions.

1 well.
 2 If you've seen the fact sheets, Tom Pinard is
 3 our public affairs officer up here, and his information
 4 is on the back of the fact sheets.
 5 But -- and I don't -- I don't come up here just
 6 to answer questions.
 7 MS. ATTENDEE: No. I --
 8 MR. MACH: I come up here to run the program,
 9 and you know I'm up here a lot.
 10 MS. ATTENDEE: 'Cause, I mean, it just seems
 11 like if you have somebody there, I mean, it's closer.
 12 MR. MACH: I check my E-mail every day several
 13 times a day. If questions come through from the PAO, I
 14 get them answered. It doesn't matter whether I'm here
 15 or in San Diego; I get them answered.
 16 MS. SHIRLEY: But it is a bit frustrating when
 17 you call San Bruno and they say, "Oh, you're going to
 18 have to call San Diego for that."
 19 ATTENDEE: That's true.
 20 MR. MACH: Well, I have -- I've been told that
 21 my 800 number has become one of the highest priorities
 22 within the Navy. But like I told you last time, dealing
 23 with the phone company is even more difficult than
 24 dealing with the Navy.
 25 MS. SHIRLEY: I can vouch for that.

1 MR. POTTS: That's it?
 2 MR. MACH: No. Well, there is more on the
 3 agenda.
 4 MS. PETERSON: No. We're going to carry that
 5 over. It's almost 8 o'clock. It's almost 8 o'clock.
 6 MR. MACH: Okay. Okay. There -- well, there
 7 were -- there were two -- I'm -- you know what? I'm
 8 more than happy to --
 9 MS. PETERSON: To stay till 9:00?
 10 MR. MACH: -- to go home early.
 11 There -- there were two -- well, Parcel B
 12 update. Dave DeMars isn't here. I can tell you in two
 13 seconds that we're still proceeding. We have only got a
 14 cup -- you know, we got a couple more sites done. But
 15 other than that, there is nothing to update. So that
 16 one is done.
 17 MS. ATTENDEE: What about Astoria?
 18 MR. POTTS: Okay. Regarding Parcel B,
 19 basically, everything is put on hold until all this fire
 20 thing --
 21 MR. MACH: Parcel B is not on hold because of
 22 the fire. Parcel B is slowed down right now because we
 23 are -- we are still waiting to get some additional
 24 samples back; and we're getting ready to get back in
 25 there in the next couple of days, I think, to start some

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1 more excavations. So that was not slowed down.
 2 The two other things that were on the agenda
 3 were additional fires, including Astoria Metals, which
 4 we do have a handout in the back is a chronology of all
 5 the different fire events that -- that have happened.
 6 And Marie Avery, my boss, the -- the base closure
 7 manager, was going to sit in for Joseph Joyce to present
 8 that. We can have her discuss a few things if you'd
 9 like.
 10 And the other presentation was going to be Brad
 11 Job about petroleum, and we can try and do that too, or
 12 we can push that one to the next meeting. It's up to
 13 you.
 14 MS. PETERSON: How about Astoria Metals burning
 15 up everything?
 16 MS. ASHER: And are you going to talk -- we
 17 talked about Parcel B -- about the tenants on Parcel B?
 18 Is that part of the discussion?
 19 MR. MACH: I would --
 20 MS. ASHER: During the cleanup how -- what will
 21 happen to the tenants out there?
 22 MR. MACH: You mean after the cleanup's done?
 23 MS. ASHER: No. Are they going to be there
 24 during the cleanup? Are they going to be moved, or
 25 what's --?

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1 MR. MACH: They -- they've been there during
 2 the cleanup, and we have been notifying them.
 3 MS. ASHER: You have been notifying them?
 4 MR. MACH: Yes.
 5 MS. ASHER: We talked about this last time,
 6 'cause we haven't been notified of anything as far as I
 7 know.
 8 Have you notified our landlords? Is that the
 9 procedure? Or are you --
 10 MR. MACH: I --
 11 MS. ASHER: -- posting it on the --
 12 MR. MACH: IT --
 13 MS. ASHER: -- side of the building?
 14 MR. MACH: IT has been posting it with the
 15 tenants that are out there, and they also provi- -- you
 16 know, they told you guys where their trailer is, and you
 17 can get ahold of Jim Robbins at any time.
 18 MS. ASHER: Okay. But is the general plan that
 19 the tenants are going to remain on site during the
 20 cleanup?
 21 MR. MACH: Yes.
 22 MS. ASHER: Yes. Okay. That's my first
 23 question. I'm satisfied for right now.
 24 MR. MACH: Okay.
 25 Okay. Marie.

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1 (Sotto voce discussion.)
 2 MS. AVERY: Did everybody get this handout with
 3 the chronology --
 4 MR. ATTENDEE: Yes.
 5 MS. AVERY: -- of the fires at Astoria?
 6 Richard introduced me. I've met some of you.
 7 Haven't been here for a while. My name's Marie Avery.
 8 I'm the base closure manager for Hunters Point Shipyard.
 9 Basically, I wanted to kind of in general talk
 10 about what's going on at Astoria. I understand at the
 11 last RAB meeting, there were some questions and
 12 concerns, some information requested; and we hopefully
 13 provided this here in this handout.
 14 I'm not going to say I'm an expert about
 15 absolutely all of this. Actually, I had hoped my deputy
 16 would make this presentation.
 17 But I wanted to come here, first of all, and
 18 tell you that we are very concerned about this issue and
 19 basically the -- hopefully give you as much information.
 20 If you need additional information, we'll get it to you
 21 as soon as possible.
 22 There has been a concern from the last meeting
 23 of a lot of the fires going out of Astoria Metals.
 24 Astoria Metals, I'm sure most of you know, is a
 25 ship-breaking operation. They do a lot of things like

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1 hot work. And there are basically in a ship-breaking
 2 operation a lot of potentials for fires.
 3 Basically what I kind of wanted to walk through
 4 is that there have been a series of fires. Now, I can
 5 walk through and go through each one of these if you
 6 would like to; but in general, I'd like to talk about
 7 what I think the more important question is, is what is
 8 the Navy going to do about this?
 9 MR. ATTENDEE: Thank you.
 10 MS. AVERY: So either I can walk through all of
 11 these if you would like to. And, you know, basically,
 12 we have listed all of these for you. If there's any of
 13 these that you have a specific question about, I'm going
 14 to tell you, I'm not the expert. If I don't have the
 15 information here, I can try and get it for you. Okay?
 16 Okay. But basically, I think the bigger
 17 question is: What is the Navy going to be doing about
 18 this?
 19 One of the things that we have done in the past
 20 is working with our federal firefighters and actually
 21 having them go on Astoria, work with the people, view
 22 what they are doing, and also issue any citations if we
 23 find a violation. There have been several
 24 recommendations made to Astoria, and those are actually
 25 monitored repeatedly.

1 Because of the number of fires that have
 2 recently occurred there, the Navy is investigating if
 3 Astoria Metals is meeting the requirements of this lease
 4 with us basically to proceed in a safe manner; and at
 5 this time the Navy is looking into that.
 6 If we -- If it is determined that Astoria
 7 isn't -- and we're going to have a little bit more
 8 stringent policies about ship breaking -- the Navy would
 9 exercise its right to issue a cure notice, which is
 10 basically saying:
 11 You know what? We have a lease with you. We
 12 have certain requirements that we are requiring you to
 13 meet. You know, we are notifying you, these are the
 14 requirements. Fix them. Demonstrate that you're going
 15 to fix them, or else that is basically a breach of the
 16 lease.
 17 Also, I think a lot of you may know that there
 18 is also a large Navy contract at Astoria -- I don't know
 19 if you know that -- with NAVSEA to do a lot of ship
 20 breaking at the highest levels of the Navy. This issue
 21 has been discussed being, environmentally safe, being
 22 safe in terms of a lot of the fires.
 23 And NAVSEA is through the contract on its work
 24 guaranteeing that they are -- that their work done on
 25 their ships is done in a manner which is environmentally

1 safe and also safe in terms of -- in terms of fire.
 2 Yeah?
 3 MR. MASON: One more question is: How often is
 4 Astoria Metals monitored? How many accidents have they
 5 had? What kind -- what kind of accidents have they had?
 6 Have they any deaths on the job?
 7 MS. AVERY: Okay.
 8 MS. MASON: You know, what I'm concerned with
 9 is their safety, because, you see, I'm a old scrapper
 10 myself, cutting teeth on metal and whatever.
 11 MS. AVERY: Right.
 12 MS. MASON: And I know that there are accidents
 13 on the job, but I've never heard anybody at IT or the
 14 Navy tell me that there's any accidents going on or any
 15 kind of amputations or any deaths.
 16 MS. AVERY: Well, I know that on this -- on
 17 this particular report and looking at it, basically what
 18 we did is: We looked into this, that there have been an
 19 accident noted on here when we looking at some of the
 20 recent accidents.
 21 I'd actually have to go back and get our
 22 records to provide you that additional type of
 23 information in terms of how many accidents there have
 24 been.
 25 I mean, the question is -- at least that I

1 understood it as it was addressed to this group, was
 2 with a lot of firefighters and the responses with that;
 3 and what we did was go back with our records and reports
 4 and list each and every incident.
 5 MS. PETERSON: I'd also like to know --
 6 MR. MACH: Dorothy, just one second.
 7 Part of -- and I think that what Joseph had
 8 done here was: The question was: We see fire trucks go
 9 on; we see fire trucks come off. We never know what's
 10 going on.
 11 So that the accidents that are on here are when
 12 the San Francisco Fire Department responded. It may not
 13 have been a fire, but they responded, so that was a fire
 14 truck going through town. That's why that was added on
 15 here.
 16 MR. MASON: But you know, my concern is that
 17 Astoria is creating much of the contamination and
 18 pollution out there anyway, because I'm looking at a lot
 19 of stuff that they are taking out and a lot of the stuff
 20 that they are leaving, you know. And it looks like a
 21 trash dump on the docks, you know, when I've walked
 22 through there, you know. And I'm pretty sure they were
 23 supposed to take a lot of that stuff out there, you
 24 know.
 25 And then my concern is the number of jobs that

1 they created in the community.
 2 And you know, those are a lot of the concerns
 3 that I have, you know. And --
 4 MS. PETERSON: And I'd like to know with your
 5 other bases where they are -- what's the term you use
 6 that Astoria's doing with the ships?
 7 MR. MACH: Ship breaking.
 8 MS. AVERY: Ship breaking.
 9 MS. PETERSON: -- ship breaking, how many fires
 10 have been created on those bases by that tenant as
 11 opposed to Astoria Metals?
 12 MR. MACH: As far as I'm aware, there are no
 13 other bases that have ship-breaking activities.
 14 MR. JOB: That's the problem.
 15 MS. AVERY: There are two -- there are two
 16 major dry docks large enough to do this type of work.
 17 One of them is here at Hunters Point, and there's one on
 18 the East Coast. I can't remember.
 19 MS. PETERSON: Okay. But they don't have the
 20 ship breaking on the East Coast at that dry dock?
 21 MS. AVERY: Yes, they do.
 22 MS. PETERSON: And how many fires do they
 23 start?
 24 MS. AVERY: I'd have to find out --
 25 MS. PETERSON: Please do.

1 go someplace else.
 2 There's no security in the job, you know, what
 3 kind of benefits they're getting, you know. So I'm
 4 getting a lot --
 5 See, I was also a part of that team that talked
 6 about Astoria coming to San Francisco. And I also lived
 7 in Portland, Oregon, when Astoria did what they did in
 8 Portland, Oregon, you know, when they walked away from
 9 that city and left a lot of people unemployed, you know,
 10 and the same thing that they did here for a time, you
 11 know.
 12 So I'm really, really concerned with it. I'm
 13 really concerned with it, you know.
 14 And I'd like to know, you know, what's going
 15 on, because I know that as far as the environmental laws
 16 are concerned, they want Astoria out.
 17 MR. JOB: Yeah, it's not really my agency's
 18 business; but under the Clean Water Act, there has been
 19 a Notice of Intent to Sue filed by BayKeeper and -- I
 20 forget the other party, but --
 21 MS. SHIRLEY: ARC. For six years we have been
 22 battling with them over clean water violations. Six
 23 years. We've had three cour- -- consent decrees, all of
 24 which they violated.
 25 MR. JOB: So -- so, you know, I mean, there --

1 MS. AVERY: -- that information, because, like
 2 I say, I was trying to address the question --
 3 MS. PETERSON: You know, I -- you know, you --
 4 it seems to me that Astoria is not a good tenant. I
 5 mean, it's not rocket science to me.
 6 MS. SHIRLEY: I agree with that.
 7 MS. PETERSON: I'm looking at all these fires
 8 that they are starting, and then they are not notifying
 9 you in a timely manner so that you can in turn notify
 10 us. And they are just putting -- just creating more
 11 hazards in this community and pollute it.
 12 MR. MASON: And I get a lot, a lot of
 13 complaints about Astoria. You know, I get a lot of
 14 complaints about Astoria and the workers, you know. And
 15 a lot of the complaints are that my money is not on
 16 time. Astoria is not hiring anybody. You know, they
 17 have gone weeks and weeks without pay sometimes, you
 18 know, and stuff like that.
 19 And then there's no teamwork in the job
 20 situation, and there's a lot of, you know,
 21 discrimination down there at Astoria.
 22 I'm getting a lot of, a lot of complaints. I'm
 23 getting guys coming into my office talking to me about
 24 sending them someplace else, because they do have the
 25 skill. They do have a welding skill, and they want to

1 there are other people who are -- are actively trying
 2 to --
 3 MS. PETERSON: Get rid of Astoria.
 4 MR. JOB: -- to get them either to change their
 5 act or get rid of them.
 6 MR. MASON: No, they haven't changed their act.
 7 They changed it from Portland to San Francisco.
 8 MS. PETERSON: So what can be done? So what
 9 can be done?
 10 MS. AVERY: If Astoria Metals is found to be
 11 environmentally not compliant, we can issue them a --
 12 what we call a cure notice.
 13 MS. PETERSON: Does that mean --? Is that like
 14 an eviction?
 15 MS. AVERY: It's basically like you're not
 16 meeting up to your ex- -- to your agreement. And this
 17 is in terms of we have a lease agreement with them, and
 18 we have to go by the terms of their lease; and after --
 19 you have to go through the process. You have to be able
 20 to demonstrate this, and you have to be able to say
 21 "Okay, you're not doing this. We have given you notice"
 22 and then give them a sufficient time to try and cure
 23 this.
 24 MS. PETERSON: Well, I think if you hand them
 25 that paper and then give them that cure, give them their

1 90 days, and then count the fires after that.
 2 MR. ATTENDEE: Yeah. I'd like to say this. I
 3 mean, in other words, we have to listen to 35, 45 more
 4 fire trucks come down Innes Street again between 8:30 --
 5 8 o'clock and 4:30 in the afternoon, you know. I mean,
 6 it's really -- it's really nerve-racking, because we
 7 don't know what's going on.
 8 MR. MACH: Thank you.
 9 MS. AVERY: Okay.
 10 MR. MACH: Dorothy was just whispering in my
 11 ear to see if we could push the discussion of petroleum
 12 on to the next RAB meeting next month in October, also
 13 add in some further discussion on the fires; and I
 14 would -- I would have no problem doing that if you guys
 15 want to get out of here pretty -- pretty soon. It's,
 16 like, 8 o'clock.
 17 Yes?
 18 MR. BROWN: I'd like to ask, why is the RAB
 19 meeting down here at the police department and not up
 20 adjacent or close by the shipyard, like up in the hill?
 21 MR. MACH: As I have said when that question
 22 has come up every single time, the Navy doesn't care
 23 where the meeting is. Wherever the RAB members vote to
 24 have the meeting is where we'll have it. And every time
 25 the RAB votes, they vote to have it here. It's a safe

1 voice needs to be heard, you know. We are the one
 2 that -- who are subjected to this oppression. You know
 3 what I'm saying? What has the Navy been doing for
 4 years? You know what I'm saying there. What kind of
 5 toxins and pollutants?
 6 MR. MACH: And this is the forum where we
 7 discuss that. So --
 8 MR. BROWN: And I -- Is there any handouts?
 9 MR. MACH: There's a quarterly newsletter
 10 that's back there. There are two fact sheets about the
 11 fire back there. There's a whole bunch of information
 12 on how you can join the RAB and get more information, be
 13 added to our mailing --
 14 MR. BROWN: Joining the RAB is not the issue.
 15 The pollution is the issue.
 16 MR. MACH: And --
 17 MS. SHIRLEY: And I think it's fair that people
 18 get -- be able to attend the RAB in a convenient
 19 location without being members, because not everyone
 20 wants to put in the effort. I'd rather have lots of
 21 visitors and a core of dedicated RAB than a RAB that's
 22 bloated with people that can only come once every eight
 23 months or something.
 24 MR. MASON: But what is the RAB? Is the RAB an
 25 educational source that educates the community on

1 area. The buses come here.
 2 MR. BROWN: Okay. Let me say this.
 3 MR. MACH: And so if you -- if you want to
 4 change that, join the RAB and get enough people to join
 5 the RAB and vote for something else.
 6 MR. BROWN: The last meeting that we had --
 7 that RA- -- I ca- -- I attend to, it was only three
 8 members from the community and Y.C.D., and that was it.
 9 MR. MACH: But they are not -- if you're not a
 10 RAB member, you don't vote. Join the RAB. It's real
 11 simple. It doesn't cost you any money. The
 12 applications are back there. Everyone here would love
 13 to have you on, and then you could vote for whatever you
 14 want.
 15 MR. BROWN: The community is still alienated.
 16 I mean, you guys are way over here. I mean --
 17 MR. ATTENDEE: Excuse me.
 18 MR. MACH: Lynne, it's not the Navy.
 19 MR. BROWN: This is our community, not the
 20 RAB's community. The RAB does not live in this
 21 community.
 22 MR. ATTENDEE: I live in the community.
 23 MR. JOB: Oh, yeah, they are supposed to.
 24 MR. ATTENDEE: I'm a member.
 25 MR. BROWN: You know, what I'm saying is: Our

1 different concerns that we have as far as cleanup is
 2 concerned?
 3 If that's the case, then we probably need to
 4 have it elsewhere, because what's going on is right in
 5 the community center, and the community is not involved
 6 here.
 7 MS. SHIRLEY: Right.
 8 MR. MASON: It's not involved at all, you know.
 9 See, now, if we put it to the test, we could bring it up
 10 at Milton Meyers Center so that you can really educate
 11 the community there on really what's going on or either
 12 at Southeast, you know, because like you said, we'll be
 13 looking at you on TV tonight in how that community
 14 admonished the Navy on some of the pollutants that are
 15 involved at Site E, you know.
 16 So the community needs to be educated, and you
 17 need to educate us, and we need to educate the
 18 community.
 19 MS. CROWDER: Well, what --
 20 MR. MASON: So --
 21 MS. CROWDER: -- happened previously was that
 22 other community -- community members of the RAB, not the
 23 other agencies, had voted to keep it here due to
 24 convenience of transportation. That was the main
 25 reason. I mean, I --

1 MR. MASON: For whose transportation?
 2 Everybody on the RAB, I'm pretty sure, has an
 3 automobile.
 4 MS. CROWDER: Well, they -- I mean, that's what
 5 we had voted. I voted -- I didn't care personally,
 6 because I have a car, but --
 7 MR. MASON: See, those are -- those are my
 8 concerns. See, you all have automobiles. We have
 9 people in places that need to know about what's going
 10 on.
 11 MS. CROWDER: No, I agree with you. But I'm
 12 saying that the community RAB members --
 13 MR. MASON: I understand.
 14 MS. CROWDER: -- are the ones who voted to keep
 15 it here.
 16 MR. ATTENDEE: When was that vote?
 17 MS. CROWDER: Springtime.
 18 MR. MACH: I mean, I -- this is my seventh
 19 mee- -- this is my seventh meeting, and it's been voted
 20 on about four times since I've been here. So I mean, it
 21 comes up all the time. Everyone always says "Come back
 22 here" so --
 23 MR. MASON: Next time we have a vote -- next
 24 time we have a vote, then what we will do is: We'll
 25 fill the house with the community and see if we could

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1 turn it around.
 2 MR. ATTENDEE: It will be more members.
 3 MS. ATTENDEE: While we are dealing with this,
 4 we have to have it the way it is, so the community has
 5 to try to convince the RAB to make the change, at least
 6 alternate it, I mean, because it --
 7 MR. MACH: You know, like I said, the Navy is
 8 not the decision maker here, you know. And the reason
 9 that the RAB had kept saying "keep it here" was: People
 10 who are on the RAB -- and they come on a regular basis
 11 because they want to hear about it on a regular basis
 12 want to have one place, one time. They said: We want
 13 it very standard. It's every fourth Thursday. It's
 14 6 o'clock. It's always here.
 15 So even if you miss a mailing; if you miss some
 16 information; if you miss something, you know where to go
 17 and when to go there. So -- But if you got -- you
 18 know, if the community gets with the RAB and you guys
 19 choose another location, another time, the Navy will be
 20 there.
 21 MR. MASON: Because, see, my -- you know, my --
 22 my situation is this, that I've heard completely
 23 different, that the RAB is being held at the police
 24 station because of security purposes. That's what I
 25 heard.

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1 MR. POTTS: That's the word on the streets.
 2 MR. MACH: Well, if the voting RAB members feel
 3 that way, it's not the Navy that feels that way. We
 4 came -- we came to the Milton Meyers Center. I go on
 5 the base all the time. I come to your office. And I
 6 will go wherever you guys want it.
 7 MR. MASON: We have invisible protection around
 8 here.
 9 MR. MACH: And now -- and now our court
 10 reporter is out of paper, so this meeting is adjourned.
 11 (Meeting adjourns at 8:07 p.m.)
 12 ---oOo---

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Mr. Richard Selby, Code 02R1
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Subject: Hunters Point Shipyard: Reporter's Transcript for
28 September 2000 Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

Dear Mr. Selby:

Enclosed for your review, please find one (1) copy of the Reporter's Transcript from the Hunters Point Shipyard, Restoration Advisory Board meeting held on 28 September 2000.

Please forward the AR File Number to Ronald Keichline for placement on the IR copies. If you have any questions, please contact me at (619) 744-3095 or Ronald Keichline, CTOL, at (619) 744-3603.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure