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1 COURT REPORTER'S NOTE: The public meeting
2 portion of the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) meeting
3 convened at 6:00 p.m., in Room 102 of the Business Technology
4 Building, Coastal Carolina Community College.

5 MS. CHARITY M. RYCHAK: Hello. Good evening.
6 Welcome. We are going to be starting the evening with the
7 Proposed Remedial Action Plan. This is going to be our
8 public meeting. Just like the last one we had, if you guys
9 have any questions at the end of the presentation, please say
10 your name beforehand and then speak your question.
11 Everything will be recorded. And, without further ado, we'll
12 let Matt with CH2M Hill take it away.

13 MR. MATT LOUTH: Okay. Matt Louth with CH2M Hill.
14 Good evening, everybody. Tonight we're talking about Site
15 89. And for members who have been around for a long time, we
16 have been talking about this site for a few years. For some
17 of the new people in the crowd, this is one of the sites that
18 we've been working on, gosh, 13 plus years. There is a lot
19 of investigations, a lot of clean ups already at the site,
20 and now we're almost to the finish line, almost to the goal
21 line. So the purpose tonight is to give you the Proposed
22 Remedial Action Plan for Site 89, which is part of Operable
23 Unit 16.

24 So the purpose of tonight is to present the
25 alternatives to clean up Site 89. The groundwater there; you

1 know, we have been dealing with the groundwater for years.
2 We have done soil remediation at the site. So, basically,
3 hopefully everyone was able to get a copy -- it's up here if
4 you did not get a copy of the -- of the -- I'm going to call
5 it a PRAP; that's our acronym for the Proposed Remedial
6 Action Plan. For the PRAP, it kind of lays out the
7 alternatives. You know, it gives the background of the site,
8 the history, all of our clean up to date, all of the
9 treatability studies, any actions we have taken out there at
10 the site. It kind of lays out the history and tells the
11 story of the site, and talks about the risks that we have to
12 deal with at the site. Our risk is a groundwater risk at the
13 site. So it lays out the alternatives that we have to
14 evaluate as part of the CERCLA program for the groundwater.
15 We're looking at the source areas, some downgradient areas,
16 and also surface water that's been impacted. So that's the
17 whole purpose of the PRAP is to lay everything out in a nice
18 story. It gives the public a chance to comment on the
19 alternatives that are evaluated and being selected. Because
20 the next step is for us to move into the ROD, which is the
21 actual Record of Decision to move forward with the action at
22 the site; carrying forward, that gets signed off by the Navy
23 and the EPA in concurrence from the State. So tonight we'll
24 present the alternatives, and then ask for any questions you
25 may have. There is a public comment period that's one month

1 in length; that gives ample time for the public to ask
2 questions that we will take in, answer the questions and take
3 into consideration into the final remedy for the site.

4 So a little bit about community participation, which
5 is a critical component of us working within the CERCLA
6 program. You know, some of the outreaches to the community
7 from the Navy and the base, you know, this RAB is one of
8 them. You know, formed back in 1995, the Navy and the base
9 continually solicit input from the community on our proposed
10 actions. We have done site tours with the community and the
11 RAB. We have our community relations plan for outreach to
12 the community to make sure we are keeping them notified of
13 our clean up program on base. And then, you know, in doing
14 these Proposed Remedial Action Plans, having public comment
15 periods. You know, those notices in the paper, and then
16 holding this public meeting to make sure everyone is informed
17 about what's going on.

18 So specifically, for Site 89 PRAP, we put public
19 notice into the Jacksonville Daily, the Globe, and the
20 RotoVue on those dates in May. Officially, the public
21 comment period started Tuesday. It's going to run through
22 June 25th, so it gives it a little over a month for the
23 public to review the PRAP, and the alternatives, and submit
24 their questions. Part of the CERCLA program is to have our
25 public meeting, which we are doing tonight. There is, you

1 know, hard copies here that also can be obtained
2 electronically from the admin record, administrative record,
3 that has all of the CERCLA -- CERCLA documentation leading up
4 to this remedy. All the investigations, all the treatability
5 studies, other removal actions are here on the admin record
6 and you can also obtain a copy there. We also put a copy in
7 the Onslow County Library. There is a certain section back
8 where the computer room is. If you go in there, there is a
9 young woman sitting there who can direct you to where all
10 those documents are for Camp Lejeune or admin record, a copy
11 of the PRAP. Even if you don't have a computer, you can use
12 their computer to access the website.

13 All right. So, let's talk Site 89. I think those
14 have been here for a while; this is a little camp geiger on
15 base. This figure depicts where it is within the greater
16 Camp Lejeune area.

17 Some of the history. It was the location of the base
18 motor pool until 1988 and where they reportedly used some
19 chlorinated solvents as part of their operation as part of
20 the motor pool. There was a 550-gallon underground storage
21 tank that was in use from 1983 until it was removed in 1993.
22 And, during its removal, is really what triggered us finding
23 this site and the chlorinated solvent contamination within
24 the soil and groundwater as well. You know, some of the
25 historical operations, as you can see here, that, as part of

1 the motor pool, typical motor pool-type operations; wash
2 racks, et cetera. It was also utilized by DRMO from '88 to
3 2000 for a lot of their storage of metals, electronics,
4 vehicles. You know, everyone has probably seen a DRMO and
5 all of the metal and items that are placed and used within a
6 DRMO facility. So it was used by them until 2000. And 2000
7 is a critical day because that's when a lot of our
8 investigations, as you'll see, really kicked in as far as
9 what was being found.

10 So what this slide shows is a time line going back
11 to, you know, I said 1993 is when that UST was removed that
12 led to the contamination being discovered at the site. So,
13 as you can see, really from '96, really kicked in more
14 remedial investigation looking at soil, groundwater, surface
15 water sediment site-wide. This is just a close up of the
16 site showing the initial investigations, moving through, you
17 know, starting long-term monitoring of groundwater. And
18 then, you know, with this site, the -- the motive of the
19 investigation was to delineate the nature and extent of how
20 far this contamination went out laterally and vertically,
21 more would be found. And we were able to, you know, conduct
22 these investigations, you know, a good 12 years to really get
23 the nature and extent bound for this site both laterally and
24 vertically and -- in all the different media, and then assess
25 the risk to human health and ecological receptors at the

1 site. So that kind of presents our investigations.

2 If you'll also recall, we have done a lot of pilot
3 studies and removal actions out here as well. You know, I
4 said that 2000 was a critical date. 2000 is when we moved
5 DRMO off the site, and a low temperature thermal desorption
6 of soil was conducted. Basically, they scraped off a lot of
7 surface soil that was contaminated, cooked it to remove the
8 contamination. So that was a critical component, moving the
9 DRMO, so we wouldn't have any potential recurring source
10 contaminating the soil, because, as you can see, we really
11 needed to get into the groundwater and look at the
12 groundwater as far as the contamination and remediation
13 treatment studies to, you know, help clean up this site. So
14 a lot of different things have been done. As you recall, we
15 cooked it; we cooked the groundwater with ERH, the electrical
16 resistive heating pilot study. Which, basically, was, you
17 know, electrical rods, you know, stuck into the ground and
18 heated up to cook the -- cook the contamination from the
19 groundwater, which is very successful. And we also did a
20 treatability study looking at several different technologies
21 to help us write our feasibility study, which is the -- the,
22 you know, official document before we get to this PRAP where
23 we really look at all the different alternatives. So we had
24 good -- to get good information in our feasibility study, you
25 know, we did these treatability studies looking at enhanced

1 reductive dechlorination, zero valent iron injections, a
2 horizontal air sparge, and then, also, a permeable reactive
3 barrier at the site to see how the site conditions change.
4 Because, you know, we work on Camp Lejeune the whole, but
5 every site's a little different; you know, they're not
6 homogeneous across the site. So all of our technologies that
7 we look at and evaluate are very site specific. So this
8 pilot study really gave us good information because we found
9 out that, you know, ERD was okay, the zero valent iron
10 injections we really couldn't get it out to the formation,
11 but the air sparge and the reactive barrier wall worked
12 pretty good for what the purpose of the site for clean up was
13 to do. If you -- next we did -- we had very -- three
14 distinct areas on the site. This may be a little hard for
15 everyone to see, but there is a figure coming up that shows
16 it -- depicts it better. Where we did the soil mixing, and
17 for some of those who have been around, we did the soil
18 mixing out at Site 88. And, basically, it was that big auger
19 that we, you know, mixed the soil with zero valent iron with
20 a clay material to -- to clean up very contaminated areas.
21 We did this at this site as well back in 2000 -- 2009 to
22 treat very high areas of contamination and had great success
23 with not only treating it, but also creating, by us mixing it
24 in this clay material, containing it and making groundwater
25 flow around it so it wasn't a continuing source; which was

1 very beneficial to clean up further downgradient areas as
2 well. And then, also to address some ecological concerns and
3 risks at the site, a non-time critical renewal action was
4 conducted in 2010. We had some sediment that was
5 contaminated that we did a removal action. It was very --
6 two small areas, but they still posed a risk to ecological
7 receptors. So we did that removal action as well. So, as
8 you can see, leading up to, you know, where we are now, a lot
9 of investigation, a lot of action already to help clean up
10 this site. So in taking all this information and pulling it
11 together, you know, remedial investigation report, a
12 feasibility study, it boils down to looking at the site.

13 Right now we're at the groundwater, and the way we
14 look at it, we look at it from this official VOC, volatile
15 organic compound exceedances, which is this lighter green
16 area. And then the upper -- upper Castle Hayne VOC
17 Exceedances, which is this darker green area looking at the
18 lateral and vertical extent. And, you know, these little
19 symbols are monitoring wells, and we have a lot more out
20 there. So there is some downgradient because we really need
21 to evaluate and delineate the site. So there is wells all
22 around making sure that we have a good handle laterally and
23 vertically at the site. And now you can see our main drivers
24 here and, I guess, the key features to point out is, you
25 know, this is our area that we're calling the source area

1 where we still have some higher concentrations to address.
2 And these three areas is where we did the soil mixing. We
3 have a horizontal well running through here from one of the
4 treatability studies. This is the -- the surface water
5 feature that feeds out to Edwards Creek. So this is some of
6 the factors we have to take into account. So in looking at
7 the site in its totality, you have surface water. These are
8 our three main contaminants of concern, the 1, 1, 2, 2-
9 tetrachloroethane, trichloroethane, and vinyl chloride at
10 some pretty high levels. You know, these are high levels
11 within surface water that's been tested throughout all of our
12 investigations. And then the groundwater, you can see our --
13 our suite here of contaminants of concern that pose a risk in
14 groundwater, and we have some -- some high concentrations
15 well above the -- the Federal and State standards that need
16 to be addressed. So this -- these are the compounds and --
17 that we're focusing on to focus on risk from the groundwater
18 and the surface water out at the site.

19 So when we talk about risk, we talk about human
20 health risk and we talk about ecological risk. As I
21 indicated earlier, we did a removal action to remove the
22 ecological risks. So, from that standpoint, we're okay.
23 But, from a human health standpoint, as the site exists right
24 now, if it's not being used, there are no current risks.
25 However, in evaluating risks, you know, who knows what the

1 property is going to be used for in 20 years. We have to
2 evaluate future scenarios, whether it be construction
3 workers, they put a building out there. We have to look at
4 all these different scenarios to evaluate risk. So, as you
5 can see, you know, our risk assessors look at all the data
6 and they evaluate the different impacts and effects of
7 groundwater and all the media at the site. And the real risk
8 to human health out there is future groundwater use to
9 industrial workers, construction workers who may have to put
10 a utility line through there. But also, the potential if
11 they were to put a, you know, a shack out there, from a vapor
12 intrusion standpoint, because groundwater is so shallow, we
13 have to evaluate that pathway if they were ever to put some
14 type of structure out at that site or within 100 feet of our
15 groundwater contamination at the site. So -- so this is what
16 we really need to focus in on from a risk perspective. I
17 showed you the concentrations in the surface water and the
18 groundwater, and risk is the other component that we have to
19 really address.

20 So pulling it all together, you know, for this site,
21 and this is a conceptual site model that kind of is tilted at
22 an angle. It's trying to show the -- the subsurface, you
23 know, geology in addition with what -- a lot of the features
24 as far as the soil mixing areas, our areas of contamination
25 both from a high VOC concentration, but also diffuse plume

1 across the site. This -- the creek here. You know, our
2 horizontal well, and then our biowall. Trying to pull
3 together everything we have done at the site and looking at
4 it from a risk standpoint, and how we're going to move
5 forward addressing the groundwater risk.

6 So what we have to do, as part of our feasibility
7 study, is we have to come up with remedial action objectives.
8 You know, what are our objectives here? What are our risks?
9 What do we have to treat? What do we have to do to clean up
10 this site? And, basically, it boils down to -- to three main
11 objectives for Site 89. It's basically we need to clean up
12 and restore the groundwater to the Federal and State levels.
13 We need to minimize the degradation of Edwards Creek from the
14 contaminants of concern that are discharging groundwater into
15 the surface water in that creek. So we need to make sure
16 we're not contaminating the creek -- Edwards Creek, further
17 downgrading it. And then we need to focus on not -- making
18 sure that groundwater isn't causing a potential vapor
19 intrusion concern to anyone who may be using the site in the
20 future, but from a structure vapor intrusion standpoint. So
21 these are -- it boils down to these three objectives of what
22 we need to -- to do. And these are our media. Groundwater
23 with our contaminants of concern, VOCs. And then surface
24 water contaminants of concern. And these are the State or
25 Federal standards that we have to clean up to until we can

1 say that we are done at this site. We have to meet these
2 standards to make -- to ensure that we are cleaning up the
3 site in accordance with the guidance and regulation.

4 So the way we looked at these areas to address them
5 at Site 89, we broke it up, as I said earlier, to a source
6 groundwater area. Which we saw as source, meaning it gives
7 you the highest concentrations that we're still seeing at the
8 site. And we've done these treatability studies, we've done
9 the soil mixing, and we still have concentrations out there
10 that are high and need to be addressed. So we looked at four
11 different alternatives to treat the source area. We looked
12 at no action. We have to do that as a baseline in doing our
13 evaluation. If we did nothing, what's the cost, what's the
14 risk to do nothing? And then we looked at enhanced reductive
15 dechlorination, in-situ chemical oxidation, and then an air
16 sparge via horizontal well which was from the treatability
17 study. We also -- we have the downgradient groundwater plume
18 that we have to deal with. And we have to look at no action,
19 like I said. We looked at monitored natural attenuation.
20 And, basically, that is, because we are dealing with
21 chlorinated solvents, volatile organic compounds, they're
22 going -- naturally going to degrade if the conditions are
23 right to allow that to happen. We do have that out at this
24 site. So we looked at that. If we weren't to do any type
25 of, you know, action meaning, you know, clean up some type of

1 injection and what have you, if we just let it go and just
2 sample the groundwater for the next, you know 10 to 15 years,
3 would it eventually get to clean up standards. So we
4 evaluated that. And then also looked at the permeable
5 reactive barrier, or a mulch wall, that we did during our
6 treatability studies that we had good success with in
7 addition to monitoring natural attenuation to treat this
8 area. Because, as you can see, these blue lines with the
9 arrow heads, that's groundwater flow. And you can see how
10 there is a eastern component of groundwater flow from this
11 more highly contaminated area to the more downgradient area
12 leading to Edwards Creek. So that's our second area to look
13 at. And then the third component to meet our remedial action
14 objectives is, once again, no action to evaluate that.
15 Looking at a permeable reactive barrier along the creek so if
16 things were to -- if the groundwater contaminated were to
17 discharge the creek, it would be cleaned up by the reactive
18 mulch wall before hitting the creek, or looking at aerators
19 within the creek to aerate the surface water. Which, the
20 aeration causes the volatile organic compounds to volatilize
21 off. And, just for point of reference, we do already have an
22 aerator out there approximately located right there in the
23 creek doing a really good job of cleaning of the groundwater
24 discharge to surface water.

25 So evaluating the alternatives for the source area.

1 You know, I've kind of talked through the alternatives. You
2 know, basically no action. We had to do that as a baseline.
3 ERD, it would just be injecting a substrate into the ground
4 and hoping that it would get out into the formation, come
5 into contact -- Chris Bazzini who likes to say, you know,
6 this is a contact sport -- we had to get the solution out to
7 the chemicals to make it happen to react to degrade. And
8 this ERD is one of them. We have to get it out there, so we
9 evaluated that. You know, the same thing goes with the
10 persulfate and Sodium Hydroxide injections. You have to get
11 it out into the formation for it to cause the degradation of
12 the VOC contamination. And then horizontal well, which we
13 have done and had great success at multiple sites on base, is
14 basically putting a horizontal well within the subsurface,
15 purging -- or pumping air through a compressor through a
16 slotted screen to cause the air to volatilize the VOCs and
17 create an aerobic biodegradation of the contamination at the
18 site. So we evaluated those -- those four a little more.

19 Specifically looking at the different comparison
20 analysis of the criteria. These are the criteria under the
21 regulations that we have to meet for evaluating each of these
22 alternatives. You know, we have to make sure that it's going
23 to protect human health and the environment. And what these
24 little circles are, it's kind of like a Consumer Report
25 diagram. You know, open circle is low, bullseye is moderate,

1 and then completely filled in is high. High meaning that
2 it's -- it ranks high, obviously. Compliance with ARARs,
3 those are regulations. Does the alternative meet the rules,
4 laws, and regulations to do the clean up at the site. And
5 then looking at different long-term effectiveness, short-term
6 effectiveness, how easy is it to implement, and then looking
7 at the cost. What's the cost at looking at all of these
8 alternatives. So the benefits of all the work that's been
9 done out there over the years is that we've been able to
10 evaluate cost from actually doing it. Implementing these
11 treatability knowing on a smaller scale how much the cost
12 will be, how effective it will be. So we have a really good
13 handle on the cost and what's -- you know, what's the best
14 bang for the buck here. I mean, you know, we're all tax
15 payers. We want to make sure that we're being prudent and
16 to, you know, do the right alternative for the cost. So, as
17 you can see, looking at the Consumer Report here, looking
18 across, air sparge, number 4 here, basically that's the
19 horizontal well that pumps the air through the groundwater to
20 volatilize off the VOC contamination. That was the preferred
21 alternative selected by the partnering -- partnering team as
22 the option that's been demonstrated at the site before
23 because we've done a treatability study out there. We've
24 seen the degradation of VOCs. It's -- you know, our cost,
25 looking at it compared to the other alternatives, it's --

1 it's a lower cost, and we know we can implement it at the
2 site. So the partner team selected that as the preferred
3 alternative for the source area.

4 I kind of ran through the rationale and the concept.
5 So, basically, rationale just explains lower cost. It's
6 proven treat -- proven out at the site. What's not on this
7 figure is our existing horizontal well goes this way. We
8 plan to use that one as well, but the plan is to put it --
9 two additional horizontal wells, these orange dashed lines,
10 solid lines. Basically, to put these horizontal wells in to
11 go underneath the higher areas of contamination. To, you
12 know, pump air to volatilize the VOCs over time. And,
13 basically, we're thinking three years is the time that we
14 think it will take to volatilize off these VOCs until we can
15 meet 95 percent reduction is achieved out at the site. So
16 that's what we're working -- so that's the proposed
17 alternative for the source area out at the site. And still
18 remember, we do have these soil mixing areas here, roughly
19 here, and over here that are still working out at the site
20 where we have those clay with iron -- zero valent iron within
21 it is still working at the site. So we still have that
22 helping and also creating a groundwater barrier for leeching
23 off any contamination from those areas.

24 So then next, looking at that downgradient area;
25 that, you know, swath, plume, if you will, moving away from

1 the source zone area. You know, we talked about, you know,
2 monitored natural attenuation. Just over time watching
3 groundwater. Will it meet -- on its own, if we leave it out
4 there, will it get there to the Federal/State regulations.
5 Just monitoring that over time. And then putting on some --
6 putting in some land use controls on the site to prevent
7 people from using the groundwater or even being exposed to
8 the groundwater from a construction/industrial worker
9 standpoint. And then also the -- looking at the last
10 alternative, the reactive barrier with MNA. And, basically,
11 that would be putting in a mulch wall out at the site,
12 downgradient from the source area -- I thought I had a
13 picture of it, maybe it's next -- to help that degradation
14 process to clean up the VOCs downgradient. And then
15 monitoring that over time to make sure it's working, and then
16 also implement the land use controls to prevent groundwater
17 use.

18 So looking at the CERCLA criteria, and evaluating
19 them for each alternative, you can see that, you know,
20 obviously -- no, actually it doesn't. But MNA doesn't really
21 meet the overall objectives in the comparison of the analysis
22 compared to the PRB as far as being effective. Because,
23 basically, you're just, you know, saying, "Okay. We're just
24 going to watch it." Whereas the PRB is more active
25 implementation of an alternative. So the partner team chose

1 the preferred alternative to be the permeable -- permeable
2 reactive barrier with monitored natural attenuation for this
3 downgradient component as well.

4 And there's my figure. So, basically, you know,
5 we've proven at the site this -- this alternative works as
6 well. We did the treatability study, it had really good
7 success. So this is -- the concept is to install roughly a
8 525-foot wall. It kind of got cut off here, but the source
9 area with the horizontal wells is right over here. So we're
10 going to be just downgradient. So if anything is not cleaned
11 up from the source area, we'll catch it moving downgrade. If
12 we follow the groundwater contours, it has the overall
13 groundwater moving towards Edwards Creek and the tributary
14 there at Edwards Creek. So we'll put in this mulch wall, and
15 we will -- we'll reduce the time to clean up this area as
16 contamination moves through it. And there is -- you know,
17 where we put the wall in, we also have, like, a flex tube
18 that we can put in a carbon substrate to inject into the wall
19 every three to five years. So it's not a one-time shot and
20 walk away. We have a chance to, you know, go in and put some
21 substrate when we find we just need a little boost to help
22 the activity to reduce concentrations. We have that -- that
23 chance to do that by having that flexy pipe as part of the
24 wall.

25 And, like I said earlier, part of the overall site-

1 wide, since groundwater is our main risk to future resident,
2 future industrial worker, future construction worker, there
3 is going to be land use controls for the whole site
4 prohibiting groundwater use. This pink line is our aquifer
5 control, so -- to prevent people from using the drinking
6 water until all the clean up standards are met.

7 And last component, you know, surface water. We
8 showed the creek there leading to Edwards Creek and needing
9 to insure that, you know, groundwater discharging from Site
10 89 into that creek is not impacting and degrading the, you
11 know, habitat of that creek. Which, we're doing something
12 there to clean it up. So we looked at the -- the barrier
13 wall running along the creek again, and then also the
14 aerators installed in the creek.

15 So you can see from our -- our chart here doing the
16 comparative analysis of the three alternatives. Looking at,
17 you know, no action as a base line. The reactive barrier
18 would cost a lot more. The long-term effectiveness is a
19 moderate. Short-term effectiveness is moderate. And
20 implementability is moderate as well because it's pretty wet
21 down there, so getting equipment in there is going to be more
22 intensive, it's going to kind of tear up more vegetation and
23 natural habitat by doing that than just letting it exist as
24 it is opposed to just coming in with aerators -- putting
25 aerators within the creek. We have had great success with

1 the current aerator out at the site. Cleaning up the VOCs
2 discharging to the creek. So the concept is to put in
3 aerators downgradient of the plume areas. I have a figure
4 showing that next. So that was the preferred alternative by
5 the partnering team to address the remedial action objective
6 for the surface water.

7 So, basically, the concept is to put five -- this is
8 our existing aerator right here, and to put in five
9 additional. This one got cut off here, but one, two, three,
10 four, five -- five additional aerators within the creek. So
11 as groundwater that's not, you know, cleaned up by the
12 horizontal wells and zero valent iron that still exists, the
13 mulch wall concept. As -- spacing them out so as groundwater
14 discharges to the creek, the aerators will take care of it
15 because ultimate discharge to the new river.

16 So this kind of lays out the schematic site-wide. So
17 for the source area, implementing the horizontal well with
18 our existing horizontal well. The PRB concept for anything
19 that's coming off will be, you know, further degraded, you
20 know, cleaned up moving into the monitored natural
21 attenuation to meet the regulation standards. And then the
22 aerators out at the site within Edwards Creek to -- to clean
23 up to insure there is no discharge of contaminants above the
24 State surface water levels.

25 All right. So that kind of wraps up, you know, the

1 history of the site, all our investigations, the remedial
2 actions that we've taken out at the site to date, all of the,
3 you know, nature and extent, looking at the alternatives to
4 clean up groundwater both laterally and horizontally through
5 horizontal well, and mulch wall, and aerators. So that leads
6 us to, you know, the public meeting tonight and then the
7 public comment period for the next month. So if you have
8 questions, we'll take questions tonight. If you leave here,
9 and you're thinking about it at 3:00 in the morning you have
10 a question, you can write it down. There is a -- there's an
11 insert sheet into the PRAP that has a mailer in it that you
12 can mail it to. And that one goes to Dave Cleland at the
13 Navy. But you also can, you know, mail it to Charity at the
14 base, EPO -- Gina with EPA, and then Randy with the State,
15 any questions that you may have. And what happens is we take
16 all those questions in, review the questions, prepare
17 responses to the questions, and take that into consideration
18 to the preferred alternatives that were selected by the
19 partnering team which were the horizontal well, the mulch
20 wall, and the aerators with land use controls and monitored
21 natural attenuation of groundwater until the State and
22 Federal clean up standards are met.

23 So -- so if you have questions, you can go ahead and
24 -- see if I have any more slides. So the path forward, kind
25 of what I explained. After the public comment period is

1 over, and if we don't receive any questions during the public
2 comment period, the next document, which is the official
3 document that records the decision moving forward, is the ROD
4 with the selected remedy. And -- and then that moves forward
5 for a signature by the Navy, EPA in concurrence with the
6 State. So that's kind of the path forward. So any questions
7 you may have about the site, our investigations, our
8 alternatives? Sure.

9 MR. MICHAEL CURTIS: Earlier, I -- at least at the
10 very beginning, but you mentioned that a three-year window is
11 an anticipated clean up. Is that for Site 89?

12 MR. MATT LOUTH: That's for the -- if you recall that
13 source area -- let me go back to that figure real fast. That
14 was -- the three-year window was specifically to this source
15 area using air sparge.

16 MR. MICHAEL CURTIS: Okay.

17 MR. MATT LOUTH: Based on our treatability study that
18 was done on this upper leg of the plume, you know, we think
19 that within three years we can meet -- meet 95 percent clean
20 up of the VOCs within that area. If we don't meet it, that
21 doesn't mean we turn it off. We still have to keep going
22 until that 95 percent clean up level is met. So that's one
23 of the performance metrics, if you will, for how we'll
24 evaluate when we turn this air sparge system off and then let
25 monitored natural attenuation go as groundwater goes to

1 Edwards Creek and in through the mulch wall. So -- so that
2 three-year window really applies to this -- this one area.

3 MR. MICHAEL CURTIS: How about the rest of the plume?

4 MR. MATT LOUTH: As far as time to clean up?

5 MR. MICHAEL CURTIS: Yeah.

6 MR. MATT LOUTH: You know, it's hard to give an exact
7 year. But, you know, based on modeling, based on, you know,
8 evaluating these different technologies, you know, monitoring
9 natural attenuation, monitoring is the plan for the next 25
10 to 30 years out there to make sure we do meet the clean up --
11 clean up levels. Because, if you'll recall -- it might be
12 easier just to -- I wanted to show you the clean up levels
13 that have to be met are pretty low. Let's see here -- yeah.
14 So this is -- I don't know how well you can see it. These
15 are our maximum concentrations. So, for example, in
16 groundwater, TCE is 69,000 parts per billion. And what we
17 have to meet is TCE in groundwater, we have to meet 3.

18 MR. MICHAEL CURTIS: You have a long way to go.

19 MR. MATT LOUTH: We have a long way to go. So -- so
20 we're doing the active treatment with the air sparge, and the
21 mulch wall, and the aerators. But, as you can see, it's
22 going to take time to -- to get it to 3. And as far as some
23 of the other compounds like perchloroethylene, it's, you
24 know, .7. So it's pretty low standards that we have to meet.
25 So we'll continue to, you know, implement the alternatives

1 and keep land use controls so people won't use the
2 groundwater for any type of residential or industrial
3 activities. At the same time, monitoring, you know, vapor
4 intrusion as a big component for any type of structures that
5 may be in and around that area. So, yeah, so we have quite a
6 long ways to go. Any other questions? Mr. Mattison.

7 MR. THOMAS MATTISON: Tom Mattison, by the way. And
8 I'm real, real interested in those aerators and there are
9 dozens of different kinds of aerators. What type of
10 technology there? Are you using -- blowing air in --

11 MR. MATT LOUTH: Yes, sir.

12 MR. THOMAS MATTISON: -- with -- with diffusers?

13 MR. MATT LOUTH: Yes, sir. Basically, it would be
14 blowing air in through these aerators to create -- you know,
15 pretty much what we're trying to do with the air sparge
16 system, through our horizontal wells. Blowing air in to
17 create enough of a cone of influence within that creek to
18 cover and volatilize any of the VOCs that may be within that
19 creek as it passes through the aerators. So the specific
20 type and model I don't know. We're still evaluating that as
21 part of our remedial design component that comes after the
22 Record of Decision. We have to look at the design specs, and
23 we have to look at the types and models.

24 MR. THOMAS MATTISON: Yeah.

25 MR. MATT LOUTH: We're looking at, you know,

1 electricity opposed to solar. Other ways to look at the
2 unsustainable doing the remediation as well. So --

3 MR. THOMAS MATTISON: Yeah.

4 MR. MATT LOUTH: -- it will be pumped air.

5 MR. THOMAS MATTISON: You know, the finer the air
6 bubbles, the more the water will absorb them.

7 MR. MATT LOUTH: Correct.

8 MR. THOMAS MATTISON: In Wilson Bay, we put those
9 aerator circulators in there. They were rotary putting air
10 from the immediate vicinity in.

11 MR. MATT LOUTH: Okay.

12 MR. THOMAS MATTISON: And they worked great.

13 MR. MATT LOUTH: Did they?

14 MR. THOMAS MATTISON: We done in one year in Wilson
15 Bay what it would have taken nature 60 years to do.

16 MR. MATT LOUTH: Wow. Okay. That's good to know.
17 That is good to know. We'll definitely take that in
18 consideration as we're evaluating our aerators. Yes, sir.
19 Great. That would be -- that would be very helpful. Any
20 other questions or comments? All right. I think we're done
21 with the public meeting part, so we'll take a quick break and
22 allow the court reporter to finish up what she needs to do,
23 and then we'll get started with the other presentations.

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25 * * * * * THE PUBLIC MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:42 P.M. * * * * *

