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1 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2001

2 5:57 P.M.

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4 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Good evening. I think we
5 can get started, even though we have a few people just
6 joining us. They can sign in. But it's 6 o'clock, so
7 let's get started.

8 My name is John Scott. I'm the facilitator for
9 this RAB meeting; and I'd like to begin, as we always
10 do, by giving everyone an opportunity to introduce
11 themselves, and then I'll come back with a couple of
12 comments.

13 So let's start to my left.

14 MS. HARRISON: Go ahead.

15 MR. TISDELL: My name is Keith Tisdell. I'm
16 community -- a community member and RAB member.

17 MS. HARRISON: Marie Harrison, community
18 member, RAB member, SAN FRANCISCO BAY VIEW newspaper and
19 Community First Coalition and a few others.

20 MR. SCOTT: And I just want to remind everybody
21 to please, please speak up and a little bit louder,
22 especially those on -- on along the back, along the
23 rear.

24 I'm sorry. Go ahead.

25 MR. KAO: Chein Kao, State Department of Toxic

1 Substances Control.

2 MR. KEICHLINE: Ronald Keichline, Bechtel

3 Community Relations.

4 MR. TOMPKINS: Raymond Tompkins,

5 Bayview-Hunters Point Coalition on the Environment.

6 DR. SUMCHAI: Ahimsa Sumchai, RAB.

7 MR. JOB: Brad Job, Regional Water Quality

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9 MR. WORK: Michael Work, US EPA.

10 MS. FOX: Jill Fox, RAB community member

11 representing India Basin Neighborhood Association.

12 MR. MASON: Jesse Mason, Bayview-Hunters Point

13 Community Advocates, life-long resident representing

14 Bayview-Hunters Point as a whole.

15 MR. BROWN: Lynne Brown, Communities for a

16 Better Environment, resident.

17 MR. DeMARS: Dave DeMars, lead project manager

18 for the Navy.

19 MR. MACH: Richard Mach. I am the BRAC

20 Environmental Coordinator and the Navy Co-chair for the

21 RAB.

22 MS. HUNTER: Carolyn Hunter, Tetra Tech.

23 MR. BIELSKIS: Doug Bielskis, Tetra Tech.

24 MS. BUSHNELL: Barbara Bushnell, resident,

25 member of Roses, resident of southeast sector, and RAB

1 member.

2 MS. PETERSON: Dorothy Peterson, community
3 co-chair.

4 MR. SCOTT: Again . . .

5 MR. LAWRENCE: Peter Lawrence, IT Group.

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7 MR. GEISBUSH: Jon Geisbush, ADI Technology.

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10 Services.

11 MS. BURDSALL: Kristi Burdsall, Sierra
12 Communications.

13 MS. KOHL: Susan Kohl, Sierra Communications.

14 MR. KOHL: And I'm Doug Kohl, Sierra
15 Communications.

16 MS. RAYKOWSKI: Carol Raykowski, Bechtel
17 National.

18 MR. SCOTT: We will catch the table later. Why
19 don't we begin over here.

20 MR. PINARD: Tom Pinard, BRAC Public Affairs
21 Officer for the Navy.

22 MS. FREEMAN: Hannah Freeman, reporter, BAY
23 GUARDIAN.

24 MS. MORET: Leuren Moret, past president
25 Association for Women Geoscientists and president

1 Scientists for Indigenous People.

2 MR. CAMPBELL: Maurice Campbell, New California
3 Media and SAN FRANCISCO BAY VIEW newspaper.

4 MR. HAYES: Lou Hayes, BDI.

5 MS. AGUIRRE: Ena Aguirre. I live in
6 Bayview-Hunters Point.

7 MR. BLANKFORT: Jeff Blankfort, KPOO, San
8 Francisco Liberation Radio and TUC Radio.

9 MS. LANE: Jackie Lane, community involvement,
10 EPA.

11 MR. MILANO: Elmer Milano, IT Corporation
12 procurement.

13 MR. RIST: David Rist, California Department of
14 Toxic Substances Control.

15 MR. OLSON: Greg Olson, City and County of San
16 Francisco.

17 MR. RATCLIFF: Willie Ratcliff, publisher of
18 SAN FRANCISCO BAY VIEW, president of the
19 African-American Contractors Association.

20 MS. MELTON: Kim Melton, SAN FRANCISCO BAY
21 VIEW.

22 MS. BROWNELL: Amy Brownell, San Francisco
23 Health Department.

24 MR. SCOTT: Great. I think there were a couple
25 of people at the table. Did you get a chance to

1 introduce yourselves -- themselves? Did we recognize
2 everyone?

3 Great. Thank you. With that, I just make a
4 couple of brief announcements. One, I want to remind
5 everybody to please sign in.

6 I also like to remind everyone that as you do
7 sign in, please as best as possible be real clear with
8 your writing, perhaps print, because there are people
9 that's going to take this information and want to get
10 information back to you in the future, and it helps when
11 it's obviously legible.

12 Also, if you carry business cards with you --
13 we didn't do it this time around, but we probably will
14 do it in the future; but nonetheless, you can leave your
15 business card on the table. That will also help us be
16 able to communicate with you.

17 The other thing I'd like to remind everyone is
18 that even though we went around for introductions, as we
19 move into the meeting and you have questions or
20 comments, especially the very first question or comment,
21 please state your name again one more time clearly.
22 It's not likely that she's going to remember everyone
23 from this round of introductions. So at least state
24 your name one other time.

25 So with that, let's move right into the review

1 and the agenda. Hopefully, everyone has a copy of this
2 evening's agenda and were able to see which items we're
3 going to discuss this evening.

4 I'd just like to ask the RAB board members if
5 they accept the agenda for the -- for the night's
6 meeting. Any questions or comments on the agenda?

7 Did I see your hand, Lynne?

8 MR. BROWN: Yes. I'd like to say, the last RAB
9 meeting that we had here, we -- it was like a
10 dog-and-pony show. We didn't even get an opportunity to
11 respond to Mrs. Lowman's presentation, and I really
12 would -- I really felt that the community was cheated
13 then.

14 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Are you -- are you making
15 that as a point of something you want to --?

16 MR. BROWN: No. I'm just --

17 MR. SCOTT: Okay. All right.

18 Well, going back to this evening's agenda,
19 hopefully -- well, people are probably taking a look at
20 it right now.

21 MR. BROWN: Right.

22 MR. SCOTT: So let's take a brief moment. And
23 if there are comments specifically about this evening's
24 agenda, then let's make them. If not, then we can say
25 the agenda is fine, and we'll move a- -- we'll move on.

1 Yes, Ray.

2 MR. TOMPKINS: Okay. To follow Lynne's point
3 in the agenda, I see under here a discussion for
4 formulation of our committees; then Mr. Mason is
5 supposed to provide an update on the trucking. Where --
6 In some of the previous e-mail I have is the community's
7 input to the response to questions that didn't go
8 answered or the community didn't have an opportunity to
9 respond to the questions. Where is that? This is
10 somewhat different from previous e-mails that I
11 received.

12 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Are you -- are you talking
13 about questions that were raised in the last meeting and
14 didn't get answered or questions --

15 MR. TOMPKINS: Yes, that --

16 MR. SCOTT: -- that were e-mailed?

17 MR. TOMPKINS: Right. Is that also --? Has
18 that been addressed within here in this context? I'm a
19 little confused reading through it quickly.

20 In a previous e-mail, it was requested by
21 June 25th that questions be submitted to the Board. Is
22 that going to be taken up in this period, or is this
23 open for -- format for questions that people have from
24 the last meeting, given from the time period 7:10 to
25 7:30?

1 MR. SCOTT: Yeah.

2 MR. TOMPKINS: How is this going to be handled?

3 That's what I'm asking.

4 MR. SCOTT: I see.

5 MR. MACH: Well, I mean, I spoke to both
6 community co-chairs about this agenda prior to
7 finalizing and sending it out. And based on the
8 transcript from last month and what was asked for, you
9 guys asked for time to discuss and set up subcommittees.
10 That's what the first part is.

11 That's totally open to however the community
12 wants to formulate the subcommittees. Whether you go
13 for three of them, which has been thrown around, or try
14 and be more than that, it's kind of how you guys want to
15 set that up.

16 Second thing that was asked for -- and Jesse
17 Mason actually brought it up, and it was approved -- was
18 that, going back to what Lynne said, you guys were
19 concerned that you didn't have the opportunity to voice
20 your concerns about radiation. And so you guys said
21 that you would submit questions to us, and we would try
22 to respond to those in this meeting.

23 We had also offered to set up a public outreach
24 type meeting or an open house, open house forum type
25 thing, sometime later in the summer, probably -- and

1 we're shooting for sometime in later August to do that
2 for you for radiation and whatever else the
3 subcommittees want us to present information at that
4 time.

5 So the second piece was basically the response
6 to comments that were received; and we received some
7 this weekend, and we received Dr. Sumchai's about two
8 hours ago, so obviously we don't have a whole lot of
9 responses to those. But you know, we'll provide what we
10 can. And what we can't, we'll take your comments back
11 and address those in a future meeting.

12 And then the last thing on the agenda is the
13 open forum for RAB members to ask questions to discuss,
14 and this is something that goes back about two or three
15 months ago when Jill had asked for this; and you guys
16 said, Yes, this is something we'd like to be able to
17 have on the agenda, to just discuss things that are of
18 concern.

19 So that's how the agenda is set up.

20 MR. SCOTT: Okay. So if that's clear, does the
21 Board accept this agenda? And we can move on.

22 MS. PETERSON: I make a motion that we accept
23 it.

24 MS. BUSHNELL: I'll second it.

25 MR. SCOTT: All those in favor, "Aye."

1 THE BOARD: Aye.

2 MR. SCOTT: Those opposed, "Nay."

3 (No verbal response elicited.)

4 MR. SCOTT: Ayes favor.

5 MR. TOMPKINS: Abstentions?

6 MR. SCOTT: I'm sorry?

7 MR. TOMPKINS: "Abstentions."

8 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

9 MR. TOMPKINS: I'll abstain.

10 MR. SCOTT: We have one abstention.

11 Thank you.

12 (Ms. Washington arrives at 6:08 p.m.)

13 MR. SCOTT: With that, then, the next thing I'd

14 like to move to, then, is the approval of the meeting

15 minutes from last month's meeting. Again, hopefully

16 everyone, although the RAB members particularly, had a

17 chance to go over last month's meeting minutes. I want

18 to open for a discussion on last month's meeting

19 minutes.

20 Yes, Dr. Ahimsa.

21 DR. SUMCHAI: I -- I share with you some

22 concerns about information that was given in the three

23 technical pres- -- presentations that I felt was

24 inconsistent.

25 But with regard to acceptance of the minutes, I

1 want to refer you to "Page 5 of 9"; and as part of
2 Mr. Wadsworth's presentation, he concludes in his
3 presentation by saying that excavations at the
4 Building 509, 364, and 707 sites were completed and met
5 the cleanup goals.

6 And I want us to all agree that he said this,
7 because I have some concerns about the accuracy of this
8 data. And I just want to have us all, you know, be
9 clear that this was, in fact, stated by Mr. Wadsworth.
10 And I'm sorry he's not here.

11 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you.

12 Other board members?

13 Then do I have a -- a motion to accept the
14 minutes?

15 MS. PETERSON: Let me check.

16 MS. BUSHNELL: Do we have an exact cite as to
17 paragraph?

18 MR. MACH: He said it, and it's -- and it's
19 correct.

20 DR. SUMCHAI: Okay.

21 MR. MACH: And that's why it's in the minutes.

22 MR. SCOTT: Did you have a question, Barbara?

23 MS. BUSHNELL: Just what paragraph?

24 MR. SCOTT: Oh, that -- if you're on page 5?

25 You want to take it, Dr. Ahimsa, where --

1 where --? You're on "Page 5 of 9." You're asking one,
2 two, up to third -- third paragraph.

3 DR. SUMCHAI: Third paragraph down from "Status
4 Update on Current --"

5 MS. AGUIRRE: Second sentence.

6 DR. SUMCHAI: "-- Radiological Cleanup
7 Activities."

8 MR. SCOTT: You're about the middle of the
9 paragraph.

10 MS. PETERSON: "Sites were completed and met
11 the cleanup goals."

12 MS. BUSHNELL: Thank you.

13 MR. SCOTT: "Building 509." See it?

14 MS. BUSHNELL: Yes.

15 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Great.

16 Okay. Do I have a -- do I have a motion to
17 accept the minutes by a board member?

18 MR. TOMPKINS: I so move.

19 MR. SCOTT: Second?

20 MS. PETERSON: Second.

21 MR. SCOTT: All those in favor, please state so
22 by "Aye."

23 THE BOARD: Aye.

24 MR. SCOTT: Those opposed, "Nay."

25 Any abstentions?

1 Ayes have it.

2 Oh, we do -- we do have one. Okay. Great.

3 With that, let's move into announcements. Are

4 there --?

5 Richard, do you have any . . .

6 MR. MACH: Just to go --

7 MR. SCOTT: . . . others?

8 MR. MACH: Just to go through the action items

9 list real quick, we took care of Parcel D, information

10 up on the Web site, and that was put in there.

11 Jim Rodriguez is back on the application list

12 for RAB membership.

13 IT has copies of the prequalification packet in

14 the back that you can pick up copies of.

15 And the report on the trucking will be done

16 today by Jesse.

17 And I did receive some comments regarding the

18 radiation; and those that we got on time there are

19 responses in the back; and those that we did not get in

20 time, we may be able to discuss some of those tonight;

21 but I'm not sure that we'll have all the answers for

22 them.

23 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

24 Yes. Did you have a question?

25 MR. TISDELL: Yeah. Is there a representative

1 from IT here?

2 MR. MACH: There are several.

3 MR. TISDELL: Okay. I'd like to ask them, on
4 Parcel E -- excuse me for going back, Richard.

5 MR. MACH: That's --

6 MR. TISDELL: You know, you're -- you're out of
7 it.

8 Parcel E, what is -- why are those railroad
9 ties been sitting there while they moved them from
10 over -- from the far end of the bay to over here by the
11 fence?

12 And those railroad ties have -- the ones that
13 you moved that was on the far side was off on by where
14 all the trees removed when the fire happened. They
15 moved them over the far end, and now they removed them
16 back over to where the other railroad ties is. Why are
17 they just sitting there when it has contaminants of --
18 in it?

19 When it rains, creosote and the tar gets --
20 goes right back off into the soil. And why is it still
21 sitting there on supposedly [sic] clean area?

22 MR. SCOTT: Is that a question that can
23 actually be answered right now?

24 MR. MACH: I can look into it and get back to
25 you on that. But I believe what happened is: The

1 railroad ties that burned in the fire were moved over
2 with the brush when they did all the consolidation of
3 the material, and those railroad ties that burned were
4 actually hauled off site.

5 The other railroad ties that are still sitting
6 there as material were never moved. They have always
7 been sitting there. And they are -- they are not a
8 CERCLA-hazardous waste, and they are not something that
9 we are cleaning up at this time. So --

10 MR. TISDELL: But you got -- you got it right
11 there on use -- on so-called clean soil that's leaking
12 creosote and other stuff that they use to keep them ties
13 from rotting. When it rains, it goes right back in the
14 soil, clean soil, but -- and everybody -- 'cause soil's
15 still clean. I can't understand that. If something's
16 dirty and I mix something clean with it, evidently that
17 clean is going to become dirty.

18 MR. SCOTT: Well, is there -- is there --? I
19 don't want to spend -- I appreciate this question. I
20 don't want to deviate too much from the agenda. But let
21 me -- let me -- go ahead.

22 MR. BROWN: I'd like to know how many atom
23 bombs were made out at the Sh- -- Hunters Point Shipyard
24 by the NRDL during the time from 19- -- from the time
25 they came in the extension in 1946 to the time they

1 disbursed in 1969, because a lot of this stuff -- I
2 mean, like, uranium-238, how did 226 -- radium-226 get
3 out there?

4 Bomb-making materials, folks. Bomb-making
5 materials. Don't let them swing you.

6 Look at the map, the map where the parts --
7 where the accelerator was in 816. It's not even on
8 here. So this is -- this is rubbish right there.

9 Don't let them fool you. They are out there
10 making atom bombs, testing them.

11 MR. SCOTT: Okay. There is a point in the
12 agenda where we --

13 MR. BROWN: Yeah.

14 MR. SCOTT: -- can get into these items. So
15 with that --

16 MR. BROWN: Okay.

17 MR. SCOTT: -- I want to move on to --

18 MR. BROWN: Okay.

19 MR. SCOTT: -- the new member --

20 Do you have an announcement? Yeah.

21 MR. TOMPKINS: Yes. Or how we wish to address
22 a particular agenda, one, issue on where this meeting
23 should be held, has been previous, and I'd like to bring
24 it up for discussion and for questions.

25 Secondly, I'd like -- I'd like to, one, know:

1 Who takes responsibility for the RAB Board when we make
2 decisions writing and communicating or any information
3 to the public in general? I don't have an understanding
4 of that. Could I get clarity on that point, please?

5 MR. SCOTT: Okay. That's -- If I understand,
6 there's two questions. One, you want to bring up the
7 discussion again about locations for a -- different
8 locations for having this particular meeting.

9 MR. TOMPKINS: For the agenda. It could be
10 scheduled at another time.

11 MR. SCOTT: At another time. I follow you.

12 MR. TOMPKINS: But I want to know whose
13 responsibility of announcing and dealing with
14 communications for the RAB Board when we make decisions.

15 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Can we --?

16 MR. TOMPKINS: And I have a follow-up after
17 that as well 'cause it leads to other questions.

18 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Can we -- can we put that on
19 the -- on the next month's agenda?

20 MR. TOMPKINS: No. I'd like clarity for that
21 now because it was a e-mail and stuff that went out
22 representing the RAB Board and what took place here.
23 And I'm sorry, gray hair, senior moment, I forgot who
24 sent it out.

25 And it was concern because it was a

1 representation to the media of presentation that was
2 done at the last RAB meeting as though we endorsed the
3 presentation, not reflecting that we had questions of
4 quorum and didn't have opportunity to address this
5 issue. It was a carryover matter, and though, it was
6 presented to the public as a done deal; and it gave the
7 impression if you didn't -- wasn't present, that we
8 accepted the information without question. And we had
9 very many questions that are carried over to this
10 meeting.

11 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

12 MR. TOMPKINS: And I would like to know who is
13 responsible for that.

14 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Can I pose that question to
15 you, Richard? Who would send information out coming out
16 of this meeting that would represent the entire RAB
17 Board?

18 MR. MACH: Unless the RAB votes that they are
19 going to do that and they are going to elect someone to
20 do it, no one.

21 I mean, you all have individual voices to say
22 whatever you want. And the RAB is not a consensus
23 board. So you have your own opinion, your own voice.
24 You can say whatever you like.

25 MR. BROWN: Right.

1 MR. TOMPKINS: No, no. That's not my question.

2 It was --

3 MR. BROWN: Right.

4 MR. TOMPKINS: -- sent from the Navy -- please,
5 please understand me -- to NEW BAYVIEW NEWSPAPER in
6 terms of a summary of what took place here in terms of
7 the presentation, the historical information on the
8 radiological study that was presented to us.

9 And that in their summary of that information
10 to the press, it made -- it gave an impression if you
11 were a reader not knowing what took place that the RAB
12 members accepted verbatim the presentation. And in
13 fact, we had several questions over the matter, which I
14 brought up issues during that meeting and other members
15 of the RAB Board, and it's a carryover for this evening.

16 So I'd like to know who is responsible. I'm
17 sorry, I do not remember who it was. When I went to go
18 print it up, it had already erased out of my e-mail.
19 And I'd like to know who, because I think it is unfair,
20 and it should not be done this way. It's not an
21 individual. I believe it came from the department. I'm
22 not sure, and I don't want to be . . .

23 MR. SCOTT: Can we -- can we -- can we
24 resol- --?

25 MR. MACH: If you can -- if you can produce the

1 e-mail --

2 MR. TOMPKINS: I can't.

3 MR. MACH: -- I can tell you, you know --

4 MR. TOMPKINS: Rich, I just said I can't.

5 MR. MACH: But, I mean, I answer questions from
6 media all the time. I answer questions from citizens,
7 from RAB members. I mean, if someone sends me an
8 e-mail, I answer it.

9 I don't speak on behalf of the Board. I speak
10 on behalf of the Navy. I just happen to be the Navy's
11 Co-chair representative on the RAB. But I am not
12 speaking on behalf of the RAB.

13 MR. TOMPKINS: Okay. But unfortunately --

14 MR. SCOTT: Would -- would it suffice to have
15 someone, then, either from the RAB or from the Navy send
16 a rebut, if you will, to the same publication just
17 making certain? I mean, it's done all the time in the
18 media.

19 MR. MACH: No. Don't offer up what the Navy's
20 going to do, please.

21 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

22 MR. MACH: Just -- you know, there are a lo- --
23 there's a lot of bad publicity that gets out there, and
24 the --

25 MS. PETERSON: Exactly.

1 MR. MACH: -- Navy is not going to retort every
2 single thing that gets in the media.

3 MR. SCOTT: And -- yeah. I'm not going to say
4 in the Navy that should do it, but RAB members have
5 concern about it.

6 I want to -- I want to -- I see two hands, but
7 I want to -- one question on this, because we have to
8 move on, okay?

9 DR. SUMCHAI: Well, it's not a question. It's
10 an effort to maybe resolve the issue.

11 I did print out copies of the e-mails that I
12 was certainly part of the -- you know, the linkage too
13 with regard to the Navy's correspondence on various
14 issues; and you know, perhaps we can go through these
15 and, you know, determine what the issues are. I have
16 certainly been vocal about my concerns that there has
17 been data that has been generated and statements that
18 have been made that have been less than factual.

19 I did have a quick announcement. I had the
20 opportunity to review the recommendations for the
21 establishment for restoration advisory boards, as did a
22 number of people here who attended a meeting at the
23 Milton Meyer Recreation Center earlier in the month.
24 And there were two issues that stood out in my mind.

25 One is the recommendation -- indeed, the

1 requirement -- that the RAB member -- that the RAB
2 meetings be accessible to the public and, in particular,
3 that they be accessible to people who may have handicaps
4 and disabilities. And I think that that is the most
5 authentic and valid and credible argument that can be
6 raised for us thinking about a different venue for the
7 meeting.

8 The second issue that stood out in my mind is
9 the requirement that the meetings be properly noticed to
10 the public. And while the RAB general monthly meeting
11 itself is noticed, you know, relatively well, the
12 subcommittee meetings haven't been noticed; specifically
13 the emergency subcommittee meeting hasn't been noticed.

14 And as we move forward into a new phase where
15 we're going to be forming other subcommittees, I think
16 that it's a issue that we need to embrace heartily.

17 So, you know, I'm encouraging us, one, to think
18 about another locale, another venue, one that seats the
19 appropriate number of attendees in a manner that's
20 comfortable and safe; secondly, that we notice all of
21 the subcommittee meetings, as is the recommendation for
22 the formation of restoration advisory boards.

23 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Great. Thank you.

24 MR. MACH: I would like to just --

25 MR. SCOTT: Go ahead.

1 MR. MACH: -- let you know that the Emergency
2 Response Plan Committee is not a subcommittee of the
3 RAB.

4 DR. SUMCHAI: Okay. Well, that is news to me.
5 I've been sitting on it. I did not know that it was
6 not.

7 MR. MACH: It's not a subcommittee of the RAB.

8 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Great.

9 With that, we made a point that at each RAB
10 meeting, we would accept new members if the applicants
11 are present today -- if the applicants are present at
12 the meeting, rather.

13 Do we have the applications, and are there
14 applicants present at this meeting?

15 I don't have that -- I don't have --

16 MS. HARRISON: You can use mine.

17 MR. SCOTT: Thank you.

18 Mack Anthony. Is Mack Anthony here?

19 Betty Banks?

20 MS. HARRISON: No.

21 MR. SCOTT: Richard Ganley? I think I'm
22 pronouncing that right. Richard Ganley?

23 Miss --

24 MS. PETERSON: No.

25 MR. SCOTT: She's not here. Thank you.

1 Peter Lacy -- Thomas Peter Lacy? Not here.
2 Alex Lanberg -- Lantsberg? Didn't see. Okay.
3 J. R. Manuel?
4 MS. PETERSON: No, no, no.
5 MR. SCOTT: I didn't see him.
6 Patricia Mitchell?
7 MS. PETERSON: No, no, no.
8 MR. ATTENDEE: Do you need somebody?
9 MR. SCOTT: Jim Rodriguez?
10 MR. MACH: Yes.
11 MR. SCOTT: Jim Rodriguez is here? Jim
12 Rodriguez is here.
13 Okay. Great, Jim.
14 Harry Shin? Harry Shin? No.
15 MS. HARRISON: No.
16 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Mildred Thomas-Bruno.
17 Mildred Thomas-Bruno.
18 MS. HARRISON: No.
19 MR. SCOTT: So we have one applicant who is
20 with us today. That is Jim Rodriguez. For those RAB
21 board members, do I have a motion to accept Jim as a RAB
22 member?
23 MS. BUSHNELL: I move to accept Jim.
24 MS. PETERSON: I second.
25 MR. SCOTT: We have a second.

1 MR. TOMPKINS: I have a question.

2 MR. SCOTT: Question.

3 MR. TOMPKINS: Yes, on the criteria.

4 Mr. Rodriguez was present at the previous meeting. I'd
5 ask for clarity that some of the previous RAB members
6 announced they had been committed being on the Board.

7 One of the criteria that a member for being
8 accepted has to be for a two-year period. And I
9 remember Mr. Rodriguez had talked about he wasn't -- had
10 talked about not being here for that time period, for
11 two years, that you're going to be here for a short
12 time.

13 Therefore, that would be in conflict with the
14 by-laws with the RAB Board if you're not going to be
15 here to commit for a two-year year period. Is that --?

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I will commit for a two-year
17 period.

18 MR. TOMPKINS: Okay. That fills the
19 requirement.

20 MR. SCOTT: He's committed.

21 So those RAB members in favor of accepting Jim
22 Rodriguez as a RAB member, please state so by saying,
23 "Aye."

24 THE BOARD: Aye.

25 MR. SCOTT: Those opposed, "Nay."

1 (No verbal response elicited.)

2 MR. SCOTT: Any abstain?

3 Jim, please join us.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

5 MR. MACH: Can I make one quick thing while
6 we're on this?

7 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

8 MR. MACH: Also in the -- in the by-laws, if
9 you've missed four meetings in a row, you're out. And
10 we forgot to erase one person, Nia Crowder. She was not
11 here for the first four, and she has not been for the
12 last three.

13 So it's seven in a row she's not been at. If
14 you guys concur, then, we'll just erase her from the
15 list.

16 MR. SCOTT: Who --?

17 Would you say her name one more time.

18 MR. MACH: Nia Crowder.

19 MR. SCOTT: Nia Crowder. Okay.

20 Those RAB members -- well, I don't know if you
21 even have to vote on that if that's part of the by-laws,
22 so she's gone.

23 MR. MACH: Okay, okay.

24 MS. FOX: Can I ask a question on that?

25 When --

1 MR. SCOTT: Hold -- excuse me. Hold on.

2 MS. FOX: Sorry.

3 MR. SCOTT: Jesse, you were -- I'm
4 acknowledging you. Go ahead.

5 MR. MASON: One of the -- one of the things
6 that -- that some of us on the RAB committee were
7 concerned about was, you know, the rules and regulations
8 of the RAB; and we had merely made a suggestion that ARC
9 Ecology is one of those organizations that -- that has
10 been involved with the RAB for quite some time and that
11 we have a workshop -- you know, we request workshop from
12 them.

13 And I'd like to put that -- make that a motion,
14 if we possibly can, because I'd like to know a little
15 more about the RAB and the RAB's responsibility and what
16 the procedures are and everything else.

17 MS. HARRISON: The procedures and by-laws.

18 MR. MASON: So I think that a workshop would be
19 something that would be forthright as far as I'm
20 concerned.

21 MS. BUSHNELL: Point of order. Aren't we
22 dealing with membership right now?

23 MR. SCOTT: Yes, yes, yes.

24 MS. BUSHNELL: This is under --

25 MR. SCOTT: Yes, we are.

1 MS. BUSHNELL: Thank you.

2 MR. SCOTT: So is this -- is this

3 membership --? Okay, yes.

4 MS. FOX: It's a membership question. I should

5 know this.

6 But when someone is dropped from their RAB

7 membership, do they stay on the mailing list?

8 MR. MASON: Why not?

9 MS. FOX: The general mailing list? I don't

10 know. Or should they or do --?

11 MS. HARRISON: Is there -- is there a general

12 mailing list?

13 MS. FOX: Yes.

14 MR. MACH: Yes.

15 MS. FOX: Yes. That is large -- I know it's

16 larger than the RAB, because you can be on the mailing

17 list without being a RAB member.

18 MR. MACH: How many people are on the RAB

19 distribution list?

20 MR. KEICHLINE: About 200, including e-mail

21 addresses.

22 MR. MACH: Okay. And then how many are on the

23 entire list when we send out the fact sheets?

24 MR. KEICHLINE: About 2700.

25 MR. MACH: Okay.

1 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

2 MR. TOMPKINS: Point of clarification.

3 MS. FOX: So they get -- they stay on the
4 mailing list?

5 MR. MACH: Yeah. And, you know, we have had
6 some people that send in saying, "Please take me off."
7 And if, obviously, they come back because they have
8 moved, then we take them off.

9 MS. FOX: Okay.

10 MR. SCOTT: This is a membership question,
11 Keith?

12 MR. TISDELL: Yeah.

13 MR. SCOTT: Go ahead.

14 MR. TISDELL: The people on this -- on this
15 application, how long do you keep the application and
16 keep announcing it --?

17 MR. MACH: I'm hoping that we get to the point
18 of actually setting up subcommittees and there's a
19 subcommittee that talks about the by-laws and this and
20 these things and you guys decide, because right now
21 there is nothing -- there is nothing that says how long
22 to hold them.

23 MR. SCOTT: Okay. There's one more and then --
24 and then Dorothy.

25 MS. PETERSON: Wait a minute. There's Dorothy

1 and then him.

2 MR. SCOTT: Well, everybody -- every --
3 everybody is going to get a chance to speak.

4 Go -- go ahead. This is -- this is related
5 to --

6 MR. TOMPKINS: -- membership --

7 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

8 MR. TOMPKINS: -- and it's two part.

9 One, for the person who has been, because of
10 the by-laws, we will put written notification to the
11 person out of courtesy and let them know they have been
12 dropped from the RAB Board.

13 Secondly, in terms of membership, I would like
14 the Board to entertain, one, that we invite Senator
15 Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, and Nancy Pelosi and Sophie
16 Maxwell to be ex officio members of the Board. Since
17 they have concerns and they are so designees to
18 participate in a RAB Board as a member I think would be
19 nothing but an asset to us in terms of trying to get
20 things done here.

21 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

22 MR. TOMPKINS: I'd like to put that in the form
23 of a motion to be entertained by the body.

24 MR. SCOTT: Okay. We -- Let me have some
25 discussion on that.

1 Go ahead, Dorothy.

2 MS. PETERSON: First of all, you know, we need
3 to form the membership committees.

4 I'm sorry I didn't hear you, Ena.

5 MS. AGUIRRE: It's a by-law issue --

6 MS. PETERSON: Oh, okay.

7 MS. AGUIRRE: -- okay? That's really what it
8 is.

9 MS. PETERSON: Oh, okay. Okay. So that we
10 really need to form these committees and let them deal
11 with the membership. We really need to do that, because
12 we're taking up a lot of valuable time --

13 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

14 MS. PETERSON: -- dealing with membership and
15 other committees when if we just form the committees,
16 then we can really get down to the business at hand
17 and --

18 And I'm going to say it: We do have the
19 resources to teach the RAB members what the RAB
20 committee is -- what the RAB Board is supposed to be
21 about. And if we want to deal with ARC Ecology in
22 addition to the Navy's resources, fine. But we really
23 need to understand the purpose of the RAB Board.

24 And I just propose right now we get down to the
25 business of committees, and we stop making suggestions

1 on what committees should be doing.

2 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Great.

3 Go ahead.

4 DR. SUMCHAI: Just one quick point. I wanted
5 to let everyone know, if you haven't had a chance to
6 read the by-laws, that there is a standing seat on the
7 RAB that is designated for a member of the Citizens
8 Advisory Committee to the mayor on the Hunters Point
9 Shipyard, and that seat is not filled. And, you know,
10 it certainly would enhance communication between the two
11 bodies if we did have someone who was representing both
12 organizations, and it is designated in the by-laws.

13 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Great.

14 MR. TOMPKINS: I have a procedural issue.

15 I just asked a co-chair about was she contacted
16 at all for the approval of this agenda and our by-laws.
17 That was supposed to have taken place both co-chairs.
18 She said she wasn't contacted.

19 MR. MACH: I'm sorry. What?

20 MR. TOMPKINS: Like, that's been an issue --
21 Miss Washington was -- as our co-chair just said she
22 wasn't notified --

23 MR. MACH: Of this agenda?

24 MR. TOMPKINS: -- about ge- -- of the agenda.

25 MR. MACH: Caroline, I spoke to you last

1 Tuesday.

2 MS. WASHINGTON: You said you were sending it
3 over to someone to get it printed.

4 MR. MACH: I s- -- Right, and I went through
5 every single item on here, and I said, "Do you concur?"
6 And you said, "Yes." And I sent it to Bechtel, and they
7 mailed it out to everyone.

8 MS. WASHINGTON: My mistake.

9 MR. TOMPKINS: Okay. Thank you.

10 MR. SCOTT: Okay. So if we can -- if we can
11 then bring this to a conclusion by asking Ray, if you
12 would -- if you don't mind rescinding your motion and
13 having that referred to a subcommittee, we'll --

14 MR. TOMPKINS: I'll refer it to a
15 subcommittee --

16 MR. SCOTT: Great.

17 MR. TOMPKINS: -- for expedience.

18 MR. SCOTT: Excellent. Thank you.

19 Wow, we finally get to "Community Reports."

20 Dorothy, do you have anything in terms of
21 community reports?

22 MS. PETERSON: Yes. At the Emergency Response
23 Committee meeting, FEMA spoke and gave us some of these
24 Guides to Federal Aid in Disaster. And I won't take up
25 any more time, since we have taken up a lot of time.

1 I'll just hand them out to those who want them, and you
2 can read them. It tells you --

3 Here. Pass it down.

4 It tells you --

5 MR. SCOTT: Pass this down.

6 MS. PETERSON: -- everything you need to know,
7 and I don't want to repeat it, and we can get on with
8 it.

9 MS. BUSHNELL: And we can't get money unless
10 the governor asks for it.

11 MS. PETERSON: And yes, it did mention that
12 individuals cannot get money. It's in the guidelines.
13 It goes to the government. The government in turn gives
14 to individuals; and they have guidelines, disasters,
15 eminent disasters, et cetera.

16 MR. SCOTT: Okay. I skipped over one thing;
17 but before I move back to it, let me ask the other
18 co-chair, Caroline, do you have any announcements to
19 make?

20 MS. WASHINGTON: The only announcements I have
21 to make is with the community. They have some questions
22 they wanted to ask, and they were too much to give to me
23 to ask them. They will ask them.

24 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

25 Let me go back to a point I missed on the

1 agenda, and that is: "RAB Co-Chair Election
2 Announcements" -- "Announcement," rather. We are going
3 to be -- and I need someone else to tell me this. We're
4 going to be voting?

5 MR. KEICHLINE: Yeah. Last July was the last
6 RAB co-chair election, and per by-laws it's supposed to
7 be approximately every year.

8 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

9 MR. KEICHLINE: So . . .

10 MS. PETERSON: Every year or not every year.

11 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

12 MR. PETERSON: Can't be approximate.

13 MR. SCOTT: So if it's every year, then, what
14 you're basically saying is that we are up now for
15 elections of co-chairs to the RAB again?

16 MR. KEICHLINE: [Nods.]

17 MR. SCOTT: Is that something that we're saying
18 we have to do in this particular meeting, or can we set
19 it on the agenda for next month?

20 MR. KEICHLINE: In July. It should be on the
21 agenda.

22 MR. SCOTT: Okay. All right. Good.

23 So next month we will have on the agenda an
24 item to vote on co-chairs for the RAB again.

25 MS. HARRISON: Okay.

1 MR. SCOTT: Great.

2 MS. FOX: Can I just --?

3 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

4 MS. FOX: How it's been done for the last five
5 years -- I'm not sure if it's to the by-laws, but -- is
6 that in one month we kind of had nominations, and the
7 next month we voted.

8 But I just have something I want to bring up,
9 and that's that since we are in such a state of flux
10 with these formation of subcommittees and trying to do a
11 lot of recruitment, that maybe we could hold the sub- --
12 the community co-chairs until we get our subcommittees
13 set. I -- It's just a suggestion.

14 But if people want to have it, I -- you know,
15 we have done it traditionally in July or August, had
16 that meeting of chairs.

17 MR. SCOTT: Okay. It's -- it's really -- It
18 really -- It sounds like it's -- it's not a
19 hard-and-fast . . . So if it's -- if it's better to get
20 our subcommittees up and structured and after that point
21 vote on the co-chairs, then I don't think it's a
22 problem.

23 Is that the way you read it?

24 MR. KEICHLINE: That's fine.

25 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

1 MR. KEICHLINE: I was bringing it up to the
2 RAB --

3 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

4 MR. KEICHLINE: -- just as an announcement.

5 MR. SCOTT: Good.

6 So then let's say it may even be August now.
7 First thing we want to focus on is actually getting
8 these subcommittees up and running. Okay.

9 MS. HARRISON: Put that before the board
10 membership, don't you?

11 MR. SCOTT: Well, yes, but I see -- but I see a
12 question. I've been making --

13 MS. HARRISON: Okay.

14 MR. SCOTT: -- no --

15 Yes. Go ahead.

16 MR. TOMPKINS: To make that happen, since I
17 have a copy of the by-laws here, No. 4 -- Section 14,
18 then I would suggest that putting a amendment that you
19 waiver the time and ask the election be in August,
20 because technically, as was correctly stated by Ronald,
21 that July 1st is the period for extensions -- for the
22 elections.

23 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

24 MR. TOMPKINS: That if we're going to, then
25 let's move, then, election be August if we wish.

1 MR. SCOTT: All right. Then can I have -- can
2 I have a RAB board member, then, make that motion?

3 MS. PETERSON: Excuse me.

4 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

5 MS. PETERSON: Don't you all need to ask the
6 co-chairs if they want to be co-chairs after July?

7 Well, it's true.

8 MR. SCOTT: Well, I mean, you know, let's be
9 expedient. I don't think a co-chair would mind being
10 one more month. Right? Okay. So let's up -- it's to
11 the RAB Board if one would make a motion to have this --
12 the elections extended until August so that we get the
13 subcommittees off the ground.

14 MR. MASON: I make a motion.

15 MR. SCOTT: Do I have a second?

16 MR. TOMPKINS: Second.

17 MR. SCOTT: Those in favor, please state so by
18 saying, "Aye."

19 THE BOARD: Aye.

20 MR. SCOTT: Those opposed, "Nay."

21 MR. TISDELL: Nay.

22 MR. SCOTT: Are there any that abstain?

23 (No verbal response elicited.)

24 MR. SCOTT: We have one "Nay" and no
25 abstentions. Okay.

1 So we will deal with the election of the new
2 co-chairs in August. And we can following -- Following
3 what -- what Jill said, what we can then probably do is
4 at the July meeting make some nominations and in August
5 vote on it. Okay? So that hopefully clears that point
6 up.

7 Here we go. Finally, we are at the discussion
8 of subcommittees. It's been brought to this RAB Board's
9 attention that subcommittees would certainly facilitate
10 these RAB meetings and specific items that come before
11 the RAB. That was agreed upon by all RAB members.

12 If I remember correctly, the number of people
13 on the RAB Board up until a couple of months ago was --
14 was a nominal number, so it made having various
15 subcommittees somewhat difficult. We now have a
16 pretty -- pretty workable size RAB, one that I think
17 allows us to do -- to have subcommittees that can
18 actually function.

19 So with that, it is before this RAB Board now
20 to make decisions about which committees or what
21 committees you think would help facilitate the RAB. So
22 I saw a first hand, Dr. Ahimsa, and then Marie.

23 DR. SUMCHAI: I would like to see a
24 subcommittee that is dedicated to the oversight of the
25 radiation reme- -- remediation action and other

1 radiological operations on the Shipyard.

2 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

3 Marie?

4 MS. HARRISON: It is my understanding -- Did
5 we not at the last mee- --

6 MR. MASON: Yeah.

7 MS. HARRISON: -- or RAB meeting have three
8 categories --

9 MR. MASON: Yes, we did.

10 MS. HARRISON: -- already set aside?

11 Shouldn't we --?

12 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

13 MS. HARRISON: If I'm not mistaken, Ahimsa,
14 that would be the Review & Oversight Committee.
15 Something like that? I'm mixing up the names. Help me,
16 you guys.

17 MR. TOMPKINS: There were three separate --

18 MS. HARRISON: There were three separate, and I
19 know one of them would deal with review and oversight,
20 if I'm not mistaken.

21 MR. TOMPKINS: One was for the engineering, if
22 I'm not -- for the record. Do we have a copy of the
23 record where -- that's what I was going to ask -- where
24 we had already agreed upon those three general
25 categories, one to deal with medical risk assessment,

1 one that deal with oversight and environmental
2 engineering concepts of that? And the other one was an
3 economic committee.

4 MS. AGUIRRE: And one was for the by-laws.

5 MR. TOMPKINS: And --

6 MS. AGUIRRE: -- by-laws.

7 MR. TOMPKINS: Okay. It's the by-laws. Well,
8 I remember the two generals that were sub- --

9 MS. AGUIRRE: One to take job --

10 MR. SCOTT: Do we have a copy of that available
11 anywhere nearby?

12 MR. TOMPKINS: We have discussion.

13 MR. SCOTT: Ron?

14 MR. KEICHLINE: I have a copy of the
15 transcript --

16 MR. MASON: That's what I'm looking for.

17 MR. BROWN: Not the last one. It was the one
18 before that.

19 MS. HARRISON: It should have been in the
20 transcript, and I --

21 MR. ATTENDEE: Yeah.

22 MS. HARRISON: I might be overlooking it, but
23 I --

24 MR. BROWN: It was in the RAB before this.

25 MR. SCOTT: Yeah. It wasn't -- it wasn't last

1 month.

2 MR. TOMPKINS: It was the RAB before that,
3 right.

4 MS. HARRISON: Okay.

5 MR. TOMPKINS: The month before that. I'm
6 sorry.

7 MR. SCOTT: Yes, go ahead.

8 MS. PETERSON: Okay. We do need a membership
9 committee. So even if we have three, we need to expand
10 it to four. We need a membership committee.

11 MR. SCOTT: Okay. But I want -- yes, yes. But
12 you know what? I think even -- even -- we will -- we
13 will --

14 Someone is looking for them as we speak. I
15 know that. But e- -- But as that is going on, let's
16 work on a parallel track.

17 As that is going on, some of the things that we
18 wanted to committee -- these committees to address will
19 help us probably remember what those subcommittees were
20 in the first place.

21 So we are talking about dealing with
22 membership. We are talking about by-laws. Is that one
23 and the same committee? If that is, that's one thing.

24 Are --? We are talking about middle -- medical
25 risk assessments. We are talk --

1 I'm sorry. Go ahead.

2 MS. HARRISON: And economic development.

3 MR. SCOTT: And --

4 MS. HARRISON: I remember that one.

5 MR. SCOTT: And we are talking about economic
6 development. Economic development and medical risk
7 assessment certainly sound as if they come under two
8 different committees.

9 And there was a review -- this Review &
10 Oversight Committee. What was that?

11 MR. TOMPKINS: That was to deal with the
12 engineering prob- -- procedures to try and avoid some of
13 these accidents.

14 MR. SCOTT: So that sounds like that can --
15 that can also encompass the radiological --

16 MS. ATTENDEE: Right.

17 MR. TOMPKINS: No. One deals with methodology.
18 The other one deals with human exposure. Two
19 different --

20 ATTENDEE: Two separate --

21 MR. TOMPKINS: Two separate.

22 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

23 MR. TOMPKINS: We made a remediation on that.
24 But they're interrelated --

25 MR. SCOTT: Yes, Barbara.

1 MR. TOMPKINS: -- not -- not --

2 MS. BUSHNELL: I guess I don't understand it.

3 MR. TOMPKINS: -- on the surface.

4 MS. BUSHNELL: The methodology versus the risk?
5 What's the separation? I'm sorry. I just still don't
6 understand.

7 MR. TOMPKINS: One is, for example, like we saw
8 in the example in one of the RAB meetings when we saw
9 two Latino workers breaking up the uranium-235, and a
10 by-product of it was radon gas, but we didn't see any
11 breathing apparatus on them.

12 We had a great discussion when Marie asked the
13 question on the last meeting for about ten, fifteen
14 minutes. But the gentleman didn't realize that none of
15 the monitoring for radon gas took place here at
16 Bayview-Hunters Point. All they had was particulate
17 monitoring device, in other words, measuring the dust
18 and nothing about the gas.

19 So that before -- the idea behind dealing with
20 methodology, so that before somebody starts going in and
21 busting up, we do review to make sure that methods are
22 safe and sound for the community.

23 Risk assessment deals with exposure to human
24 beings, which is something 'together different, which
25 they couldn't address, which is a whole semi-quasi

1 medical field versus an engineering aspect of it. Two
2 different disciplines but it -- yes, both are related.

3 ATTENDEE: Yes.

4 MS. BUSHNELL: Thank you.

5 MR. SCOTT: Thank you.

6 DR. SUMCHAI: I think that we have to be
7 pragmatic about this, designating committees that are
8 not going to just splinter us and overextend us, you
9 know, at a time when we need to be communicating
10 maximally and seeing the big picture for the -- you
11 know, for the trees.

12 It may be important for us to think about the
13 difference between standing and ad hoc committees. We
14 may need to designate some major standing committees,
15 such as the ones that have been proposed.

16 There may also be some ad hoc committees; i.e.,
17 the Emergency Response Committee could conceivably be an
18 ad hoc committee of the RAB; a Radiation Remediation
19 Action Oversight Committee could be a ad hoc committee
20 that could be in place during the time that the
21 radiation remediation operation is being scrutinized,
22 you know, very, very heavily.

23 I personally feel strongly that the radiation
24 issues on the Shipyard are very, very large and are
25 going to be with us for some time, and I think that it

1 will take an awful lot of time, concentration, and focus
2 just dealing with that one issue; and I think that it's
3 in our interest to think about a -- an ad hoc committee
4 at minimum that is dedicated to looking at that -- that
5 matter.

6 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Good points.

7 Let's then deal with our standing committees.

8 Let's then deal with standing committees, and -- and
9 let's -- let's probably take the least controversial
10 right now.

11 The Membership & By-Laws Committee would be a
12 standing committee. With that as a standing committee,
13 we would, obviously, need members of the RAB who are
14 going to be -- volunteer to be a part of that and then
15 put some structure to --

16 Yes.

17 MS. FOX: I'm not volunteering. I'm asking a
18 question.

19 In the past one of the reasons that the
20 subcommittees failed is because all of the subcommittees
21 were made up of the community volunteers. I am
22 wondering if that is the same situation here or if we
23 will have some of our regulators, Navy personnel, you
24 know, if you all were planning on volunteering to be on
25 these subcommittees, even if it's --

1 I think that some of these subcommittees can
2 work via e-mail, via telephone messages. A lot of
3 times, especially on something like, you know, keeping
4 up with things, sometimes they would have to be
5 face-to-face meetings, of course. But my question is to
6 the regulators and other members of the RAB Board, you
7 know.

8 (Karen Pierce arrives at 6:44 p.m.)

9 MR. SCOTT: Are you --? Yeah. Are you --?

10 MS. FOX: Are you going to step up to the plate
11 here or . . . ?

12 MR. MACH: I think from the Navy -- from the
13 Navy side, it kind of depends on what the subcommittee
14 is and what the agenda for that is. Now, whether or not
15 the Navy would actually be a member of the subcommittee,
16 I don't know. Would we attend meetings if you guys
17 asked us to to discuss specific points? Probably.

18 MR. SCOTT: Any other regulatory --?

19 Yes.

20 MR. WORK: Michael Work with US EPA.

21 Conceptually I have nothing wrong with the
22 idea. I would be open to being on a subcommittee.

23 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Great.

24 Dorothy, you had a question or a comment?

25 MS. PETERSON: Yes. I think we should set

1 size. Otherwise, you may get 50 on one and two on
2 another. So I think we do have to come to some
3 consensus about the size of these subcommittees --

4 MR. SCOTT: Well, I think we --

5 MS. PETERSON: -- and makeup.

6 MR. SCOTT: Go ahead, Jesse.

7 MR. MASON: I'd like to make a suggestion. You
8 know, the subcommittee is going to be a long
9 conversation, you know, and it's something that you
10 really want to do.

11 I think that if the RAB members themselves --
12 if they are really concerned about getting on the
13 subcommittee, we can make an appointment to meet at a --
14 at a -- at a different situation, location, and decide
15 on what subcommittees we want to be on. And --

16 MS. PETERSON: We were talking about Sunshine.

17 MR. MASON: What?

18 MS. PETERSON: Sunshine.

19 MS. FOX: No, we are -- not Sunshine.

20 MS. HARRISON: Nope.

21 MR. MASON: Come on, this is our community.

22 MS. HARRISON: Excuse me for interrupting.

23 You're not.

24 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Let's go. Jesse has the
25 floor.

1 MR. MASON: But that's what I'm talking about.
2 You know, we can decide what committee we want to be on.
3 And, you know, we don't necessarily have to have the
4 Navy or IT or any other, you know --

5 MR. TISDELL: Entity.

6 MR. MASON: -- entity on our subcommittee.
7 This is a subcommittee where we want to make sure that
8 the community participates wholly, you know, because
9 this subcommittee is going to be addressing, asking
10 questions that the Navy and IT and the rest of the
11 contractors have to address.

12 MR. SCOTT: Yes, Marie.

13 MS. HARRISON: I would just add that while I
14 agree with Jesse that what would be one way of moving
15 this forward, I also would like to address what Jill was
16 saying.

17 If the committee itself decides that it needs a
18 representative from the Navy or the EPA or any other
19 legal body here that's representing some particular
20 group here, then it is my given opinion that then you
21 send a request to them and say that you need to assign
22 someone to us for this period of time or for this
23 particular reason or for this particular item, because
24 after all, that is their job.

25 MS. FOX: Right. That's -- Yeah, that was

1 kind of what I . . .

2 MR. SCOTT: Brad.

3 MR. JOB: Yeah, I just wanted to follow up on
4 that point that, you know, I'm, obviously, open to
5 speaking with any or all of you in whatever form there
6 is.

7 I think that as a -- as a regulator, I'm not
8 really a voting member of the RAB. So I would be
9 reluctant to call myself a member of a subcommittee.

10 MR. MASON: There you go.

11 MR. JOB: But, you know, I mean, you know, I
12 work for you folks; and so wherever you guys, you know,
13 need me, that's where I'll be.

14 MS. HARRISON: So that's --

15 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Let's kind of get this
16 resolved.

17 Go ahead, Marie.

18 MS. HARRISON: Then I would suggest that we go
19 along with my suggestion, because that would really just
20 give you no real voting voice, but you would be there as
21 technical if you were needed.

22 MR. JOB: Certainly. And, you know, you would,
23 obviously, have to make sure that my supervisors and
24 all, you know, were aware of my time commitment there.

25 So . . .

1 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

2 MS. HARRISON: I think we can arrange that.

3 MR. SCOTT: I saw -- Did I see another RAB
4 hand?

5 Want to make it quick, Ray, and then I want
6 to --

7 MR. TOMPKINS: For the other --

8 MR. SCOTT: -- get some people in the audience.

9 MR. TOMPKINS: -- members representing
10 different agencies, go around and check with them that
11 I -- via letter from the Board officially requesting
12 their participation in the subcommittees for technical
13 purposes and assistance. Department of Toxic Substances
14 Control would be able to participate.

15 Let me make it quick. Any of those
16 representing institutions find objection or feel that
17 the department would be a -- be counter- -- be against
18 your participation in it? If not, then we can -- we
19 make a motion as we formulate these committees to
20 automatically send a letter out to the different
21 departments inviting their participation in these
22 subcommittees for assistance.

23 MR. SCOTT: Okay. That motion has been put on.
24 But before we take that motion, let me take a couple of
25 more questions.

1 MR. TOMPKINS: Certainly.

2 MR. SCOTT: I see -- I want to take some --

3 you have your hand --

4 MR. MASON: You have a RAB member standing up,

5 and she needs to be sitting down.

6 MR. SCOTT: What RAB member?

7 MR. MASON: Chris.

8 MR. SCOTT: Oh. Okay. What --

9 MR. MASON: She needs to be in a seat.

10 MR. SCOTT: Well --

11 MR. TOMPKINS: Have a seat, Chris.

12 MS. SHIRLEY: I -- well, no. It's okay. I

13 just have a suggestion so that we can begin to resolve

14 the issue.

15 We have, I think, three or four subcommittees

16 categories. Can we put up four or five pieces of

17 butcher paper on the wall with those titles on it and

18 a -- and another one that says "Other," and people at a

19 break can just sign up so that we get a handle --

20 MS. ATTENDEE: Or on the grease board there?

21 MS. SHIRLEY: -- or on the -- right, so we can

22 get a handle on who's interested so they can be

23 contacted later?

24 MR. SCOTT: Absolutely. Absolutely. Let me --

25 let me --

1 There was a hand back here.

2 MS. PETERSON: Ena.

3 MR. SCOTT: Go ahead.

4 MS. AGUIRRE: Yeah. My suggestion was going to
5 be something like hers except that you all -- you know,
6 you all decided two months ago to basically start with
7 three committees.

8 MS. HARRISON: Right.

9 MS. AGUIRRE: And number two, I think that the
10 easiest way to do it is to get some kind of a paper and
11 circulate it and get people to just sign up. And I
12 think that her suggestion of "Other" might be a good one
13 so that there would be a fourth one.

14 And then after that is done, I think it's
15 important that these committees be open to anybody who
16 wants to spend the time to go.

17 So having some kind of schedule that is brought
18 to, you know, next month to show when the committee's
19 going to be meeting might be very, very helpful. Thank
20 you.

21 MR. SCOTT: Thank you.

22 I don't know if we have -- well, yes, we have a
23 board behind us.

24 MR. TISDELL: I have four sheets of paper right
25 there.

1 MS. ATTENDEE: Yeah.

2 MR. SCOTT: Okay. So what -- so what we h- --
3 what we have come up with so far --

4 MS. HARRISON: Here you go [indicating].

5 MR. SCOTT: -- if I'm -- if I'm not -- if I'm
6 not mistaken, is two broad categories: We are going to
7 have standing committees, and we are going to have ad
8 hoc committees.

9 And the standing we're -- standing committees
10 right now we are looking at a committee dealing with
11 economic development in the area.

12 We're looking at a standing -- a standing
13 committee dealing with membership and by-laws.

14 We are looking at a standing committee dealing
15 with risk assessments and -- and this is the part I'm
16 not sure. Would that also include Review & Oversight
17 Committee of whether that was a sep- -- something
18 separate? So you all could make that clear.

19 And then we have ad hoc committees, which the
20 Radiation Committee is one, and there will be others as
21 we -- as we --

22 MR. MASON: Those will -- Those committees
23 will come out of the standing committees.

24 MR. SCOTT: They will -- they -- they -- Yeah,
25 they may. But it's already been brought up that one --

1 that one ad hoc committee be that. So I want to -- I
2 want to identify that as one that has been already
3 identified.

4 Then at -- with each one of these committees,
5 each one of the RAB board members, then, has an
6 opportunity to -- to join any one of those
7 subcommittees.

8 I would only then say that each one of the
9 subcommittees of the RAB members should agree to a
10 minimal number.

11 In other words, the subgroup -- a subcommittee
12 doesn't work -- isn't necessarily workable for you if
13 there's only three out of all these RAB members that
14 want to be involved in something, so some number in
15 there just to give some guidelines in terms of where --
16 of where you want to go with it.

17 So if that -- if the -- if the standing
18 committees that I had mentioned -- if -- do you all
19 agree that those are the standing committees that you as
20 a RAB Board want to have?

21 MS. HARRISON: Yes.

22 MR. SCOTT: I hear "Yes." I hear --

23 Yes, go ahead.

24 MS. FOX: I just have a question. I'm still
25 confused on that third one, the risk asse- -- Could it

1 just be, like, sort of a health committee --

2 MS. HARRISON: Well, see, that's what --

3 MS. FOX: -- or something like that that is --

4 MS. HARRISON: That was the difference.

5 MS. FOX: -- sort of broader?

6 MS. HARRISON: That was the difference.

7 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Then let's give it a name.

8 MS. FOX: I -- I -- I know. I missed this

9 earlier.

10 MR. SCOTT: Some -- someone --

11 Some RAB member want to give it a name?

12 MR. MACH: I was -- I was hoping that Ray was

13 going to come back.

14 MR. TISDELL: Yeah.

15 MR. MASON: Well --

16 (Simultaneous colloquy.)

17 MR. MACH: I'm a little confused as to what

18 the --

19 MR. SCOTT: I think we all are. I see a --

20 Yeah.

21 MS. HARRISON: I'm not confused about it.

22 MS. FOX: Okay.

23 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Give it a name.

24 MS. FOX: Then what is it?

25 MR. SCOTT: Give it a name.

1 MS. HARRISON: Let me just tell you what one
2 is. The -- One of the -- The review is -- The Review
3 Committee would be the person that would be reviewing
4 all of the -- all of the technical information and the
5 methodology of which they were doing the cleanup with to
6 assess that whether or not there was -- like, with the
7 guy that was doing the digging and the stuff and got the
8 gas --

9 MR. TOMPKINS: Excuse me, but I didn't hear.

10 MS. HARRISON: -- then that person -- that
11 group would be reviewing that information beforehand and
12 letting them know that this is where we feel that they
13 need to have this equipment at.

14 The other would be a -- would be strictly
15 dealing with the health assessment. Everything that's
16 occurred up to now and anything that may occur was the
17 removal and cleanup of anything out there, what would be
18 the health effects upon the community greater than what
19 they already are right now [sic].

20 MR. SCOTT: Okay. My only -- my only -- my
21 only --

22 MS. HARRISON: So it's two.

23 MR. SCOTT: My only thing to that is: Does
24 that splinter you too much in having those -- tho- --
25 that kind of separation? But anyway --

1 Yes, Ray.

2 MR. TOMPKINS: Sir, one specialized -- 'cause
3 complexity of it, one deals with methodology: Is this
4 laid out correctly? Is it set up correctly?

5 MS. HARRISON: Right.

6 MR. TOMPKINS: The others look at another issue
7 on terms of medical exposure and risk. It's two
8 different entities. Yes, they are interrelated, but
9 they are separate in the volume of information and the
10 technical, because that -- we can't -- as was very
11 clearly stated dealing -- and Dorothy put, we don't have
12 enough time here.

13 We need those separate entities 'cause they're
14 separate issues, and let those argue out the points
15 technically there, and then bring summary back to the --
16 to the body saying: "Hey, this is what we debated.
17 These are the points we discussed. And this is the best
18 way we feel to deal with it."

19 Maybe subcommittees maybe need to meet together
20 when it's so interrelated to discuss the issues --

21 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

22 MR. TOMPKINS: -- but have --

23 MR. SCOTT: Yeah, but what I -- what I was --
24 what I was going to attempt to do -- and I just don't
25 have --

1 MR. TISDELL: The room.

2 MR. SCOTT: -- chalk back here and can write
3 on --

4 MS. PETERSON: But you have a --

5 MR. SCOTT: Please, let me finish.

6 What I was going to do is write on the board so
7 that everyone can see at one point in time what standing
8 committees and what ad hoc committees we were
9 discussing. We do have something.

10 MS. HARRISON: No, no. John, are those the
11 erasable kind?

12 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

13 MS. HARRISON: Okay.

14 MR. MACH: Do a test mark in the corner.

15 MR. TISDELL: Yeah, 'cause I don't want to come
16 bail you out.

17 MS. HARRISON: You don't have far to go. You
18 are already here.

19 MR. TISDELL: Yep.

20 MR. MASON: -- going in there.

21 MR. TISDELL: I got opinion on his bail.

22 MS. BUSHNELL: We haven't even mentioned your
23 committee yet.

24 MS. PETERSON: Oh.

25 MS. HARRISON: I'm thinking on development.

1 MS. FOX: That's right. That's all economic.
2 MS. HARRISON: That's all economic.
3 MR. TISDELL: Yeah, I feel my lungs fill up.
4 MR. MACH: John, you need to try to erase it
5 too, okay.
6 MR. SCOTT: Yeah.
7 (Simultaneous colloquy.)
8 MS. PETERSON: Are we breaking now? Are we
9 breaking now?
10 MR. SCOTT: Yes. Why don't -- why don't we
11 take a five-minute break right now and --
12 MS. HUNTER: John, can I make announcement?
13 MR. SCOTT: Sure.
14 MS. HUNTER: I just wanted to make a real quick
15 announcement: Over by the cookies and the water and
16 everything is a board. We had a Navy kids day on
17 November -- or May 24th, and those are some pictures of
18 the fifth graders from the community that came out in --
19 to the Shipyard and did a tour and learned how to do
20 soil sampling and stuff.
21 And the -- Heidi Hardin, who is part of the
22 BEEP program, sent the Navy this book as a thank you for
23 the program and stuff. I just wanted you guys to check
24 it out.
25 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you.

1 Please, let's take a five-minute break.

2 (Recess 6:56 p.m. to 7:06 p.m.)

3 MR. SCOTT: Let's reconvene.

4 We want to -- we want to start the discussion
5 where we left off, and that is identifying the
6 subcommittees and giving members of the Board, of the
7 RAB Board, to either add to the subcommittees that we
8 have on here, further flush out what ad hoc committees
9 we feel we need right now -- certainly, that's fluid and
10 can be ongoing -- and then give members of the RAB an
11 opportunity to join those subcommittees, if they already
12 have intention tonight, and put some structure in terms
13 of when these subcommittees will get together.

14 And also, we want to include Ray's suggestion
15 about when these subcommittees are then formed, that
16 they do then send a letter out to the regulatory
17 agencies asking that they -- that they participate.
18 Okay?

19 MR. MASON: Participate on what?

20 MS. SHIRLEY: They were separate --

21 MR. SCOTT: Yeah, and we can --

22 MS. SHIRLEY: -- until further notice, right?

23 MR. SCOTT: Right, right. We can --

24 MR. TOMPKINS: Yes.

25 MR. SCOTT: Yes, yes. We can -- we can -- we

1 can hash that out.

2 MS. SHIRLEY: Define them later.

3 MR. SCOTT: Absolutely. Absolutely.

4 Okay. With that, what we have before us right
5 now in terms of standing committees is Economic
6 Development, which includes economic development and
7 jobs, even though I didn't write "jobs" up there, but I
8 want to make that real clear that the RAB Board made
9 that a point the last time we brought this up, Economic
10 Development includes jobs; Membership & By-Laws; Risk
11 Review/Health Assessments -- you can help me if we got
12 to do something different with that, but you -- but you
13 see what that is -- and then Technical Review, okay.

14 Now, if there is any other at this point in
15 time standing committee that -- that we want to add to
16 those four, please let me know right now. Is there
17 any --?

18 MS. HARRISON: Point of --

19 MR. SCOTT: Yes.

20 MS. HARRISON: -- clarification?

21 I don't know why, but we are adding Risk Review
22 and Health Assessment as one, right?

23 MR. TOMPKINS: Right.

24 MS. HARRISON: And then you're breaking off
25 Technical. Okay.

1 MR. SCOTT: That was y- -- that was your
2 question?

3 MS. HARRISON: I kind of thought they were
4 all -- okay. Never mind.

5 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

6 MS. HARRISON: I'm going with what everybody --

7 MR. SCOTT: Great.

8 I take it, then, that to mean that there are no
9 other standing committees we want to add right now to
10 this forefront. All board members? Fine.

11 MR. POTTS: May I ask a question?

12 MR. SCOTT: Question.

13 MR. POTTS: Under "Economic Development" -- and
14 you're talking about jobs -- is that also contracting?

15 MR. TOMPKINS: Yes, sir.

16 MR. MACH: Yes.

17 MR. SCOTT: Yes. Economic Development I
18 just -- I just made it a point of clarification that --
19 that yes, job is included in there because we always
20 think about business when we think about economic
21 development, but also we're talking about jobs in this
22 case.

23 Okay. With that being the case, then, we also
24 talked about having at this juncture at least one ad hoc
25 committee, and that ad hoc committee is to deal with

1 radiological -- radiological concerns. Is that -- is
2 that agreeable with this Board?

3 Can I ask you to -- under "Ad hoc" just add
4 "Radiological"

5 Are there any other at this juncture ad hoc
6 committees besides the Radiological Committee that this
7 Board wants to -- wants to entertain?

8 Yes, Jim.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Can I ask to clarify the
10 difference between a Technical Review and the
11 Radiological Ad Hoc Committee? Because there seems to
12 be some overlap in my mind about the function of both of
13 those.

14 MR. SCOTT: Okay. I'm going to -- I'm going to
15 defer to one of the RAB board members. But before I do,
16 I would say that there probably is some over- --
17 overlapping.

18 I think what was being addressed is that the
19 radiological issue is such an in-depth and complex issue
20 that it in itself needed its own focus, and that's why
21 ad -- that's why had ad hoc attention. But if that
22 weren't the case, then I would assume that yes, it would
23 go under. That's my interpretation of it.

24 Any of the board members want to either change
25 that, correct that, or whatever?

1 MR. TOMPKINS: Yeah. The technical -- For
2 clarity, technical review would be, like, for
3 engineering, how would you approach Parcel B, what would
4 be the best methods in terms of goals and criteria to
5 say that it would be more of a technical.

6 Radiological is: It almost -- as I said, it
7 fits under both, one, in terms of removal, methods in
8 terms of protection for workers, then the issue of
9 exposure that you deal with the health risk to the
10 population. So that they do overlap but that as an ad
11 hoc because it concerns of every radioactive material on
12 the base.

13 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you, Ray.

14 There's a question for --

15 MR. RATCLIFF: Yes. I want to ask, where are
16 we going to cover getting the information to know how
17 we're going to execute this as far as cleaning up?

18 Right now people were being exposed because we
19 don't know what's where, where it is, how deep it is,
20 and what's there.

21 It seems like we got some people out there on
22 the base running around like a chicken with his head cut
23 off, don't know what they're doing, just digging all
24 over the place.

25 We need to know where everything at. We need

1 that information, open up so we can get hold to it, what
2 happen out at that base, and what did they leave out
3 there, where they left it, so we know how to execute a
4 plan to clean it up.

5 It's going to take a billion dollars to clean
6 up that Shipyard, and we just, well, get off it. It's
7 going to take a billion and maybe more if we don't get
8 started earlier.

9 And we need to know what's out there. We need
10 all of those records declassified so we'll know what
11 happened out there and where they put all of that stuff.

12 Then the committee, Technical Review Committee,
13 can help come up with how we're going to execute the
14 plan to clean it up safely so it don't kill people
15 that's working there and it don't kill people that live
16 out there. And that's what it's about.

17 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Great. But right now what I
18 want to deal with is make certain that we do have the
19 committees that this RAB wants to see in place and that
20 these members then have an opportunity to join that
21 subcommittee.

22 What I'm also asking is that there be at least
23 one member of the RAB Board for each one of these
24 committees that acts as a lead, if you will, and for
25 right now let's just leave it at that, as a lead, to

1 sort of help orchestrate the structure of the
2 subcommittees and to pull other or recruit other board
3 members to join that subcommittee.

4 So with that, let's begin right now with
5 Economic Development. Are there -- are there members of
6 the RAB committee that want to join?

7 And I see Amy has a question.

8 MS. BROWNELL: Not a question.

9 MS. ATTENDEE: Can we just --?

10 MR. SCOTT: Put Amy on there. No. I'm sorry.

11 MS. BROWNELL: In the past when we had
12 subcommittees on the RAB, we also allowed any --
13 anybody, any -- I don't know if you already said this --
14 community member, anybody can be on the subcommittee.
15 They can help out and do whatever they want.

16 MR. SCOTT: Right.

17 MS. BROWNELL: It's not just RAB board members.

18 MR. SCOTT: Right. I don't -- I don't think I
19 said it, but I remember somebody from the Board
20 mentioning that the subcommittees are open to the
21 community and that -- and that the subcommittees will
22 also ask the Navy and other regulatory agencies to
23 participate as they see.

24 Yes, Jill.

25 MS. FOX: I'm just going to suggest for the

1 sake of time that we pass around sheets, and --

2 MR. SCOTT: Okay. That's fine. If you --

3 MS. FOX: -- put your name and phone number on
4 it, and then we'll maybe catch up at the end of the
5 meeting, 'cause we're running about --

6 MR. SCOTT: That's --

7 MS. FOX: -- twenty minutes behind.

8 MR. SCOTT: That's fine. What I still want to
9 do right now is if I can identify at least one person
10 for each one of these subcommittees who will act as a
11 lead for each one of these. Then that lead -- we can go
12 and -- So that's -- I want to get back to that point.

13 So I'll go again. Economic Development. Can I
14 identify one person who will want to take the lead on
15 that?

16 Jesse, are you volunteering to take the lead on
17 that?

18 MR. MASON: Yes, I am.

19 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

20 Can I -- can I get you to write "Jesse Mason"
21 under that --? Put it under "Economic Development."

22 For Membership & By-Laws, could I get one
23 person to take the lead on that?

24 Keith --

25 MR. TISDELL: Yeah.

1 MR. SCOTT: -- are you volunteering?
2 And what's your last name, Keith? I'm sorry.
3 MR. TISDELL: Tisdell.
4 MR. SCOTT: Tisdell.
5 Can you write "Keith Tisdell" on that for me,
6 please.
7 Risk Review/Health Assessment, can I get one
8 RAB member to take the lead on that subcommittee?
9 Ray, are you volunteering?
10 MR. TOMPKINS: I'll volunteer.
11 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Ray.
12 And the fourth one is "Technical Review,"
13 slash, "Methodology." Can I get a person --?
14 MS. HARRISON: Chris.
15 MR. SCOTT: Chris? Okay.
16 MS. BULLOCK: "Chris --"
17 MR. SCOTT: "-- Shirley."
18 MS. BULLOCK: Okay. I'll write that.
19 MR. SCOTT: And then finally, for the ad hoc
20 committee, let me take a guess. Is there one person?
21 DR. SUMCHAI: [Raising her hand.]
22 MR. SCOTT: Thank you. All right. Dr. Ahimsa.
23 Great.
24 So these people who have -- who have taken a
25 lead on each one of these committees, I will ask you,

1 take the lead, then, in recruiting other members of the
2 RAB Board to help and participate on these subcommittees
3 and to then get the letters out to the regulatory
4 agencies as we see fit, okay?

5 That's ou- -- that's our group of
6 subcommittees. Thank you.

7 MR. TOMPKINS: Car- --

8 MR. SCOTT: Yeah. I'm sorry. Caroline.

9 MS. WASHINGTON: Do you want those people up
10 there to pass the papers around --

11 MS. ATTENDEE: Right.

12 MS. WASHINGTON: -- for the people on their
13 committees?

14 MR. SCOTT: Yes, yes. We can do -- we -- Yes.
15 We -- we can -- Yes, we can do that right now. I want
16 to move on to some other things; but as we're -- as
17 we're moving around, there is a sheet of paper. Is that
18 it?

19 MR. ATTENDEE: That's "Membership."

20 MR. SCOTT: It's "Member- --" Oh, this is
21 "Membership." "Membership" is coming around.

22 So all of the others, please --

23 MR. ATTENDEE: Put it that way.

24 MR. ATTENDEE: Put your hand up the guys that's
25 going to be on the --

1 MS. HARRISON: It is. It's on top.

2 MR. SCOTT: Yeah, yeah. It's on top.

3 So we have -- we have the subcommittees.

4 MS. HARRISON: Jesse.

5 MR. TOMPKINS: Are you putting sheets around?

6 MS. WASHINGTON: Someone's putting each -- a
7 sheet for each committee?

8 MR. TISDELL: Mm-hmm.

9 MR. SCOTT: What I want -- what I want to move
10 to now is dealing with replies to the RAB members on
11 questions they sent in specifically about the
12 radiological presentation from last month.

13 And with that, I'm going to ask Richard to take
14 the lead on responding to questions that have come up
15 from e-mails and if we have questions right now as well.

16 MR. MACH: Okay. This is going to be somewhat
17 brief because, unfortunately, the -- the questions came
18 in somewhat late, and it took us a while to get
19 responses.

20 First is: We did get a number of questions
21 that were submitted by Olin Webb. We sent those back to
22 our Radiological Affairs Support Office, so essentially
23 Laurie Lowman, the woman who was out here last month.

24 And she worked with RASO, the Radiological
25 Affairs Support Office, to come up with responses to

1 questions that were posed, and those have been provided
2 in the back. Most of these have to do with NRDL, or the
3 Navy Radiological Defense Laboratory, operations.

4 Due to the short notice in getting these and
5 our understanding of what the RAB had asked for and
6 wanting to set up another meeting closer to when the
7 Historical Radiological Assessment report will be coming
8 out towards the end of the summer, we did not invite
9 anyone from RASO to come here and speak today.

10 We can ensure that they are here to speak in
11 more detail about these questions and some of the other
12 ones that are here that we received from Dr. Sumchai
13 this afternoon.

14 But there are responses here; and some of them
15 do say that, you know, they are still looking into some
16 of the issues.

17 They gave a brief explanation of some of the
18 responses and then went into saying there will be more
19 detail provided in the Historical Radiological
20 Assessment report that's coming out. So those are in
21 the back.

22 MR. SCOTT: Okay. I see a question or two.
23 There's a -- RAB member questions first.

24 Yes, Dr. Ahimsa.

25 DR. SUMCHAI: I wanted to make a specific

1 comment with regard to one of the presentations; and it
2 follows on the issue I raised during the minutes with
3 regard to the comments that Mr. Wadsworth provided us.
4 In his presentation when he said that the excavations at
5 Building 509, 364, and 707 sites were completed and met
6 the cleanup goals, I would like to challenge this
7 comment, because the January 2000 work plan identifies
8 that the EPA decay-corrected preliminary remediation
9 goals for uranium-235 and its daughters are .57.

10 And I have the postexcavation data from two
11 building sites that were given to me, 364 and 509, and
12 there are numerous elevations of uranium-235 and
13 specifically its daughter, depleted uranium-238,
14 including at Building 509.

15 Now, I know you guys can argue that there are
16 several sites at 364, but I want to emphasize that
17 Building 509, he says, met these goals. And there is
18 one site in particular where depleted uranium was found
19 at .66. I want to repeat that the EPA remediation goal
20 is .57.

21 I also want to emphasize that those remediation
22 goals were based on commercial reuse of the -- this
23 property. It is not the residential standard that this
24 community and the voters of San Francisco adopted under
25 Proposition P.

1 So these are standards that are already too
2 low, and this is data which supports that there is
3 residual uranium at these sites and that Mr. Wadsworth
4 in last month's presentation said that these areas had
5 been excavated and that the remaining residual was below
6 these standards.

7 MR. SCOTT: Is there a response?

8 MR. MACH: I suggest that the radiological ad
9 hoc subcommittee address those, 'cause we don't have all
10 that data with us.

11 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

12 DR. SUMCHAI: Okay. Glad someone --

13 MR. SCOTT: Maurice.

14 DR. SUMCHAI: -- has the data, Richard.

15 MR. SCOTT: Oh, I'm sorry. Maurice, I'm sorry.
16 There's a board member.

17 MR. KAO: Can I clarify that I think that was
18 Navy's contractor's report. It has not been submitted
19 to us for approval. Is that correct?

20 MR. MACH: There have been reports that have
21 been completed by the contractor, New World Technology,
22 that has been submitted to the Radiological Affairs
23 Support Office for their review and approval to ensure
24 that they have met the cleanup goals.

25 And as I understand it, the 509, the 707, and

1 364 areas have all been reviewed by RASO, and they have
2 approved the backfilling of those; and they've met the
3 cleanup goals, and we have been discussing this with
4 EPA.

5 Now, all this will come out in a removal action
6 closeout report that everyone will get to review with
7 all the validated data. So I'm not sure if you're
8 looking at draft data, if you're looking at data that
9 was then reexcavated. I'm not sure exactly what you're
10 looking at right there.

11 And if you're looking at the p- -- the
12 preexcavation --

13 DR. SUMCHAI: No, no.

14 MR. MACH: -- sample data --

15 DR. SUMCHAI: I've been around the --

16 MR. MACH: So -- so --

17 DR. SUMCHAI: -- corner around this. This
18 is --

19 MR. MACH: So --

20 DR. SUMCHAI: -- postexcavation data. It was
21 analyzed by Paragon Laboratories. There are multiple
22 sites, and there are consistent elevations in uranium at
23 Buildings 364 and 509, and this information has to be
24 scrutinized --

25 MR. KAO: Yeah.

1 DR. SUMCHAI: -- and it has to be looked at
2 credibly.

3 MR. KAO: Yeah. My point is: That report
4 needs to -- will be subject to a regulatory agency's
5 review and approval. So that report is strictly Navy's
6 report so far. So we all -- and the community also have
7 an opportunity to review that report and challenge it.

8 DR. SUMCHAI: Okay.

9 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you.

10 Now Maurice. I'm sorry.

11 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

12 Richard, on your Question 5, "Yes, NRDL did
13 conduct human radiological experiments," and it goes on,
14 "There is no indication that any Bay View residents or
15 the air, water, soil of the surrounding community were
16 directly involved."

17 MR. MASON: I can't hear you.

18 MR. CAMPBELL: It basically s- --

19 MS. ASHER: Stand up.

20 MR. ATTENDEE: Just stand up.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: It basically states there's no
22 intentio- -- indication of any of the Bayview residents
23 or the air, water, soil and the surrounding community
24 was directly involved in any HREs.

25 But if you look at Question 10 and 11, and

1 it -- it talks about controlled releases, Question 11:
2 "Was there any recent radiation to air, water, sewage
3 septum, soil? Yes. See the above." So there's a
4 little conflict there. So maybe the community needs
5 clarification.

6 And I was looking at one other, Question 16,
7 the answer, and it said, "No records were destroyed."
8 But we have a DOE document, US Naval Archives and
9 Records Administration, San Bruno Records Center, in the
10 past year NARA destroyed 88 feet of this map collection.
11 And also, there's a committee that was by President
12 Clinton in 1995 that talked about many RDL -- NRDL
13 records were missing.

14 MR. MACH: And as we stated in the meeting last
15 month, they are going through all those records and
16 writing the Historical Radiological Assessment report.
17 While they are still going through all those records, I
18 can't answer all those questions.

19 MR. CAMPBELL: So would you -- would you agree,
20 then, to modify the answer to Question 16, based on the
21 1995 presidential committee on human radiation
22 experiments? This would make your answer inaccurate.

23 MR. MACH: Well, if you can give me a copy of
24 that document, I can provide it to RASO, and they can
25 incorporate with the --

1 MR. CAMPBELL: I will e-mail it to you.

2 MR. MACH: Thank you.

3 MR. SCOTT: Yes. And please state your name
4 for ones I -- I --

5 MS. ASHER: Okay. My name is Lani Asher, and
6 I'm a tenant on the Shipyard, and I'm also a member of
7 Communities for Better Environments [sic].

8 I want to refer to Question No. 14, "Does
9 radium attach to dust?" Okay. I would like to
10 assert -- and I think there's some scientists here --
11 that this is inaccurate. This is just inaccurate. It
12 does, in fact, attach to the dust.

13 And I also want to say that the Navy making
14 every effort to control the dust at the Shipyard, I
15 would also venture that that is inaccurate, and I think
16 other people would support me on that.

17 MR. BROWN: Right.

18 MS. ASHER: Okay? And the levels of the
19 radiation that are around Parcel B are higher than
20 background levels. They are not naturally occurring.

21 MR. BROWN: Right.

22 MS. ASHER: Okay? And any of the scientists
23 here like to --? I invite Chris Shirley to comment or
24 Leuren Moret to comment on the dust particles.

25 MR. SCOTT: I -- What hands did I see?

1 Yes. You have a comment.

2 MS. MORET: I've worked on fallout with a
3 Lawrence Livermore Labs scientist who was part of the
4 Manhattan project; and in fact, he did the fallout and
5 rainout research on radionuclides for the nuclear
6 weapons program at the Livermore Lab, because they
7 couldn't get straight answers through DOE at the test
8 site.

9 And in fact, in a dust population, the
10 one-tenth micron size is suspended indefinitely. This
11 is also the greatest number of particles in a dust
12 population. And a one-tenth size particle of plutonium
13 oxide releases 740 disintegrations a year. That is two
14 or three a day. At that rate it's several hundred rads
15 of radiation exposure per year. This is from one
16 particle. The national-allowed exposure is 10 rads a
17 year for the whole body.

18 This is a high-school explanation. And it's
19 inaccurate. And I think the Navy do -- needs to do much
20 better than that, because I've gone over 70 surveys of
21 people who were exposed during that landfill fire; and
22 people dropped dead; they stood talking to their
23 neighbors in the street and threw up; they took their
24 sick babies and children to the emergency room over and
25 over again. And this is all a Navy coverup.

1 And I'd like to read John Gofman's words.
2 Dr. John Gofman, M.D., Ph.D., former director of the
3 Biomedical Research Division at the Lawrence Livermore
4 Lab, professor emeritus at the University of California
5 at Berkeley and faculty member of the University of
6 California Medical School in San Francisco, has said:

7 If you pollute when you do not know
8 if there is any safe dose, you are performing
9 improper experimentation on people without
10 their informed consent. If you pollute when
11 you know there is no safe dose with respect to
12 causing extra cases of deadly cancers, then you
13 are committing premeditated random murder.

14 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you.

15 Yes, Lynne.

16 MR. BROWN: I'd like to add -- talk about
17 Question 4 where -- what was the tie between the Naval
18 Radiological Defense Laboratory and Lawrence L- --
19 Berkeley Laboratory?

20 The NR- -- the NRDL was in on, oh, God, every
21 atomic explosion that they -- test that they had. You
22 know, they had over -- the most of them, I'd say
23 200 explosions that they had. The Naval Radiological
24 Defense Laboratory were involved with that.

25 What was --? Just ask yourself, what was

1 uranium doing out there? What was plutonium doing out
2 there that's being found now? It was out there making
3 bombs. They're testing on the ships. They tested on
4 the people. They tested on everyone. They tested on
5 people in the community too.

6 So just ask yourself that. What was uranium
7 doing out there? And Parcel B is contaminated with
8 radioactives, U -- Parcel C and D and E and F. Just
9 ask yourself, it's -- a blind person could see they was
10 out there testing, making bombs in the community, in
11 the -- in the -- in the --

12 MR. SCOTT: Jesse.

13 MR. BROWN: -- black community.

14 MR. SCOTT: Jesse.

15 MR. MASON: You know, I -- you know, I'm really
16 concerned with Question No. 5, "Did the NRDL conduct
17 human radiological experiments?" Was there -- was there
18 "any resident of BVHP used for any human radiological
19 experiment? Via air, water, soil or in the surrounding
20 community"?

21 You know what? 1944, you know. 1946 I was
22 born, you know. And if that was going on, then quite
23 naturally we were part of being that experimentation,
24 because if -- because when you go back to No. 10,
25 "controlled releases" of radioactive material, what the

1 hell does that mean?

2 MR. BROWN: Thank you. Thank you.

3 MR. MASON: What the hell does that mean?

4 Controlled releases of materials were conducted at
5 NR- -- according with the regulatory guidance. What is
6 "regulatory guidance"? You know, in effect at the time
7 of release, and an accounting of each release is not
8 available at this time.

9 I don't know what's going -- running through my
10 body, you know. And it may go back to my little sister,
11 you know. Her five-year-old son died of brain stem
12 cancer.

13 Now, if there was some testing going on out
14 there, how did it affect my family? You know, I'm
15 pretty upset. I'm pretty upset. And you guys answered
16 in the yea: "Yeah, we did some controlled experiments."
17 What's going on, man?

18 MR. BROWN: They did it.

19 MR. MASON: You know, everybody needs to pay
20 attention to this. Everybody needs to pay attention to
21 this, because on Navy Road -- below -- below Navy Road
22 close to the Palou Avenue, there were quite a few people
23 that died of cancer in that area. Quite a few people
24 died of cancer in that area, and that's right down there
25 by that large white building down there where they did

1 all of that experimentation, you know. Quite a few
2 people.

3 But if you've done some testing, there's quite
4 a few people in the community that have died --

5 MR. BROWN: Right there.

6 MR. MASON: -- you know. That's atrocious,
7 man, you know.

8 MR. BROWN: It's all over.

9 MR. SCOTT: I wa- -- I want to get some other
10 comments on that, Jesse.

11 Marie and then Chris.

12 MR. ATTENDEE: How about a response?

13 MR. ATTENDEE: Yeah.

14 MR. SCOTT: Is there -- is there -- is there a
15 response? And I don't want to take --

16 MR. MACH: I'll give you the same response I'll
17 give to just about every one of these. I mean, we need
18 RASO here to answer these questions, and --

19 MR. MASON: Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

20 MR. MACH: -- we -- we did -- we did not bring
21 them here because the vote at the end of the meeting
22 last time was that you would submit some questions and
23 we would get some -- some answers and that we would have
24 RASO out here finishing the Historical Radiological
25 Assessment re- -- records reviews, that we would set

1 up --

2 MR. MASON: I'm not finished.

3 MR. MACH: -- that we would set up additional
4 meetings with the community with a subcommittee that was
5 set up and also do a public meeting with all of this
6 data, and so I can't answer all these questions.

7 And to say that the Navy covered stuff up, when
8 we admit right here that yes, these tests were done, is
9 somewhat of an unfair statement.

10 MR. MASON: Okay, okay. I didn't say you
11 covered up.

12 (Simultaneous colloquy.)

13 MR. MASON: Let me -- let me finish. Let me
14 finish.

15 MR. SCOTT: Hold it. Hold it. Hold it. Wait
16 a minute. Wait a minute. Hold on. One person has the
17 floor. We don't want to get out of order.

18 MR. MASON: Let me finish.

19 MR. SCOTT: One person has the floor.

20 MR. MASON: Let me finish.

21 MR. SCOTT: Jesse, let's make it quick so we
22 can get to somebody else.

23 MR. MASON: During that RAB meeting last
24 month --

25 MR. BROWN: Yeah.

1 MR. MASON: -- the presentation was about what
2 was going on with the Navy. We stood up and said:
3 "Listen, your presentation was fine. What we want to do
4 is ask questions, you know. We need to ask some
5 questions about what was going on, and we need answers."

6 We had the people from Dianne Feinstein's
7 office, Boxer's office, and Pelosi's office. I expected
8 for them to come back again. In fact, I faxed all of
9 them the agenda that we created, the questions that we
10 created.

11 And we want to know some answers, you know. We
12 want to know some answers. You didn't give us a time
13 line on a date and when we needed to send you those
14 questions. So we sent them to you Saturday. We sent
15 them to you Saturday, you know. And --

16 MR. MACH: And I'm sorry we weren't working
17 Saturday.

18 MR. MASON: Well, if you -- that was the --

19 MR. MACH: We got them Monday.

20 MR. MASON: That was the whole point. The
21 whole point of this whole RAB meeting and the agenda
22 that was supposed to have been created was questions by
23 the community, answers by the Navy.

24 MR. TISDELL: By the person that presented it.

25 MR. BROWN: Right, right.

1 MR. SCOTT: Marie.

2 MS. HARRISON: In particular, I have two
3 questions, and then I really would like -- I really,
4 truly would like to have a response.

5 One of my questions backing up to what Jesse
6 was alluding to, Question No. 6 asked, "Are they still
7 doing any testing?" You answered that the records show
8 that they stopped in 1963.

9 I worked out at the Shipyard out there, and
10 consequently I'm assuming that I was exposed to an awful
11 lot of stuff that I -- that I don't know about. So
12 what -- and I do know that -- the one thing I do know
13 about the Navy, being that I worked for the Navy, is
14 that they keep very meticulous records. Are those
15 records classified? And if so, how do we declassify
16 them?

17 MR. MACH: Some of the records are classified,
18 and some of them are not. And I know that RASO is
19 reviewing both, and they are looking into what they can
20 do to declassify some of the classified records. They
21 may -- There may be some records that they are not able
22 to declassify.

23 MS. HARRISON: Now, my second -- my second
24 question, you're talking about RASO. I honestly -- this
25 is not going to sound right any way I say it, so why

1 don't I just say it, period.

2 Richard, when you -- and when you sent us these
3 answers, you knew that as soon as you mentioned that
4 RASO had the answers to these questions, as soon as you
5 knew that, it appears to me that you would have saved
6 yourself a lot of trouble by making sure that they had
7 someone here who could answer these questions, because
8 there are many folks in this room that I know personally
9 that either lived on top of that yard or lived right
10 there at the gate or worked in there, as I did.

11 And -- and it's very disturbing for me to read
12 that they did -- that there were several laboratories
13 all over the -- the Shipyard. We didn't know that
14 during the time.

15 I know that there were areas that I could not
16 go into, okay. I know that there were also areas that
17 no one, even my commanding officer, were -- was not
18 allowed to go into. They had an actual posted guard on
19 those.

20 I need to know if those areas were -- Were
21 they doing the testing on the animals and the rats and
22 the dogs and the cats out there?

23 MR. BROWN: And humans --

24 MS. HARRISON: What happened --? And -- and
25 the humans. We're not getting -- I'm not -- I'm not

1 getting away from that.

2 What happened to those carcasses? I was told
3 that they were put sealed in barrels. Since we don't
4 know what's in "E," are those in "E"?

5 See, the pro- -- my problem is that I happen to
6 know that the Navy keeps very meticulous records. If I
7 did not know that; if I was not aware of anything else,
8 the one thing I learned as being a military person who
9 worked for the military is that you guys keep very
10 meticulous records. Couldn't get a pencil without a
11 form that I filled out three times to my commanding
12 officer first.

13 So I really honestly believe that any
14 further -- I mean, we can ask all the questions we want,
15 but the person outside of yourself that needs to be on
16 the hot seat -- and I think that you would be tired of
17 being on the hot seat, especially by yourself.

18 Why did you not bring these persons or person
19 to us? Because, Richard, you don't have these answers,
20 from what you're telling me. You should have these
21 answers because you are the man at the top that we need
22 to stop, see.

23 And if they're not going to give you the right
24 information, then we need to just simply move you aside
25 and go over you. And I'm not trying to be rude, but you

1 need to understand that we're talking about lives here.

2 So I would like to make it a formal request
3 that we'll go through these questions, but nothing that
4 you say can re- -- can resolve any of these issues until
5 you get those people here before us, even if it means
6 calling a special meeting.

7 MR. MACH: And I offered last time to have a
8 special meeting. I will offer to bring them to the July
9 RAB meeting. I will offer to bring them to any other
10 meeting that you guys want to have, and they will be
11 here in August when we set up the public meeting. So --

12 MS. HARRISON: Richard --

13 MR. MACH: -- I apologize --

14 MS. HARRISON: -- in July bring them.

15 MR. MACH: I apologize that they were not here
16 for this meeting. We did not know whether there were
17 any questions coming in or not; and by the time we got
18 them on Monday, it was too late to get travel
19 arrangements to bring them out here.

20 MS. HARRISON: Oh, Richard, I worked for the
21 Navy. I know better than that.

22 MR. SCOTT: Christine has a question.

23 MS. SHIRLEY: I have a comment.

24 MR. SCOTT: Or a comment.

25 Quiet, please.

1 MS. SHIRLEY: I -- I'm disappointed in these
2 answers because they perpetuate a problem with this
3 whole issue, which is that statements are made that are
4 not -- we don't know where to go to get further
5 information.

6 You -- On Question 5 the answer was pretty
7 good, because it said, Yes, this happened; and if you
8 want more information, go . . . But that -- there are
9 just a smattering of answers that are like that.

10 I would suggest that when you do another one of
11 these with the full suite of questions, that you
12 actually give us the references so that we know what's
13 been included and what hasn't and so we can --

14 MR. MACH: You know, I --

15 MS. SHIRLEY: -- work with the information.

16 MR. MACH: -- I -- I actually went back to RASO
17 last Monday, and I met with them; and I talked about
18 scoping out what the HRA was going to look like. And,
19 you know, I asked them what they were going to include
20 in there.

21 They had a draft Table of Contents from other
22 HRAs that have been done. They were bouncing out what
23 the requirements of MARSSIM is, which is the Multiagency
24 Manual.

25 And I said: "Well, what are you going to do

1 about all these references? Are you just going to put
2 references in there?"

3 And they are probably going to scan everything
4 that is nonclassified and put it either on the Web or on
5 CDs or something so that it will be accessible.

6 MS. SHIRLEY: Well, it's not only --

7 MR. MACH: And we're -- and we're --

8 MS. SHIRLEY: It's not only accessible there.
9 When you do a -- a fact sheet or a information piece
10 like this, it needs to have a key into that data so that
11 we don't end up having to file around through masses of
12 stuff.

13 MR. MACH: We agree that we don't want to put
14 out misinformation and -- Do you know how many people
15 have to chop these answers to make sure that they are
16 accurate? There's the -- there's -- I mean, if you want
17 to get into the -- into the Navy chain --

18 MS. SHIRLEY: But that's not the issue. The
19 issue is --

20 MR. MACH: To get -- to get it accurate, you
21 make sure that they've got it right; and to get it out
22 in a -- in a three- or four-day time frame is an amazing
23 feat.

24 MS. SHIRLEY: I understand that. I'm just
25 saying, for example, Question 2 just says, "Yes,

1 numerous agencies were involved." Well, that doesn't go
2 near far enough. It needs to be a specific -- and I
3 understand that you -- there was a time constraint.

4 So I'm saying that the next time this comes
5 out --

6 MR. TOMPKINS: July.

7 MS. SHIRLEY: -- it would be helpful if it
8 had -- if it were much more specific and if it had a
9 list of documents that were used to come up with the
10 answers. And I think that would be much more helpful to
11 us in reviewing these answers.

12 MR. SCOTT: Keith.

13 MR. TISDELL: To the RAB Board, I'd like to
14 make a motion that we set these questions and stuff
15 to -- to the side till the people can be here and answer
16 instead of getting "I don't know," because I'm tired of
17 hearing "I don't know"; because you can ask me a
18 question, and I can sit up and tell you "I don't know,"
19 you know.

20 You know, let's have somebody here that can
21 answer these. They was here presenting the stuff. How
22 come they can't be here to answer the question?

23 And I'd just -- I'd like to make a motion that
24 these minutes and stuff be set aside till they get here
25 to answer.

1 MR. SCOTT: Okay. That's -- That motion has
2 been posed to the RAB Board. Is there further
3 discussion by the RAB members on that?

4 MR. BROWN: No. We ha- -- still have twenty
5 minutes. They get --

6 MR. SCOTT: Well, we have -- we have other
7 things here to --

8 MS. ATTENDEE: No.

9 MR. SCOTT: We have -- we have other things --
10 we have other things to get to. We can -- we can -- we
11 can do that.

12 So do I -- do I have a -- have a second on that
13 motion?

14 MS. WASHINGTON: I second that.

15 MR. SCOTT: All those RAB board members who are
16 in favor of setting aside these particular questions and
17 having them brought to the front again when RASO is here
18 to answer and in more detail, please indicate by saying,
19 "Aye."

20 MR. TOMPKINS: Point of order, John, should
21 have -- since it was a second, it should have discussion
22 before we call for a vote.

23 MS. HARRISON: Yeah.

24 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Let's go. Do you have
25 discussion?

1 MS. HARRISON: I have a discussion.

2 I -- I -- I have no problem with setting these
3 questions aside and waiting, provided that we are
4 assured that we will meet with these people as soon as
5 possible. That does not mean that you will wait until
6 the July meeting.

7 That means that if, in fact, you can set up
8 something sooner, then you have access to all of us,
9 that you will do that, because I have a sense of urgency
10 for this. I don't know about everybody else, but I have
11 a definite sense of urgency to get these right answers.

12 So with that, I'll agree to do that as long as
13 we have your word that you will set this up as soon as
14 possible. That does not mean that you will arbitrarily
15 wait until the July meeting.

16 MR. MACH: And what I -- what I will offer is:
17 They will definitely be here at the July meeting, and we
18 will work with the ad hoc subcommittee to see what we
19 can work out when they are out here looking at the San
20 Bruno records and the other things to take advantage of
21 that time to try and meet with the subcommittee and
22 discuss some of these issues and anyone else who would
23 like to attend.

24 MS. HARRISON: When will they --? I -- What
25 I'm trying to pin you down, Richard, is a specific time.

1 When can you have them here? Remember, I am talking
2 about a sense of urgency here.

3 MR. MACH: And I cannot tell you their
4 schedule. I mean, they deal with radiological affairs
5 for the entire Navy. So, you know, I don't know their
6 schedule, and I cannot guarantee a time --

7 MS. HARRISON: Oh --

8 MR. MACH: -- or date --

9 MS. HARRISON: -- Richard --

10 MR. MACH: -- for you.

11 MS. HARRISON: -- is it possible also to have
12 someone here from NRDL?

13 MR. MACH: There is -- there is no NRDL.

14 MS. HARRISON: There is no -- there is no NRDL?
15 Is it possible to get somebody who worked with
16 them --

17 MR. BROWN: Yeah.

18 MS. HARRISON: -- in the past here?

19 MS. MORET: Mr. Tompkins.

20 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

21 MS. MORET: Not you.

22 MS. HARRISON: I didn't get an answer. No?
23 Yes? Maybe?

24 MR. MACH: I don't know -- I don't know.

25 MS. HARRISON: Leuren --

1 MR. SCOTT: Can we -- can we look into that?
2 But there's still discussion going on on this -- on this
3 motion.

4 Go ahead.

5 MR. MASON: But along with that, along with
6 that, you know, if we are going to have this discussion
7 in questions and answers to whomever, I would like to
8 invite -- I would like you [indicating] to invite, you
9 know, Dianne Feinstein's representative, Barbara Boxer's
10 representative, Nancy Pelosi's representative if they
11 can come.

12 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Let me ask, Jesse, are you
13 asking that to be a part of this motion in order for
14 these -- in order for this -- these questions to be set
15 aside, or is that a separate issue?

16 MR. MASON: That's a separate issue.

17 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Well, I want to continue
18 with entertaining discussion on these -- on this
19 particular motion.

20 Yeah, go ahead, Ray.

21 MR. TOMPKINS: Keith, is that acceptable in
22 terms of what Marie was saying to the intent of what you
23 wanted to achieve?

24 MR. TISDELL: Yeah, you know. As soon as
25 possible. But, see, he's saying definitely the next

1 meeting, you know, and which, okay.

2 MR. TOMPKINS: With my understanding and to
3 clarify is that it would be meeting with since we set up
4 our subcommittees, so therefore would be on radiological
5 subcommittees; they would set up a time to meet prior to
6 the next meeting --

7 MR. TISDELL: Right.

8 MR. TOMPKINS: -- so that we can kick it and
9 get to the truth as best as can be and start deciphering
10 what it is so that we would have the report back from
11 the subcommittee in terms of their review rather than a
12 big debate here --

13 MR. SCOTT: Exactly.

14 MR. TOMPKINS: -- any other technicians sitting
15 here.

16 MR. SCOTT: And I believe that's what Richard
17 said, if I'm not mistaken, that they would be available
18 to an ad hoc subcommittee while here at the -- exactly.
19 So that w- -- that was stated.

20 Yes.

21 MR. BROWN: One more question. When the NRL
22 was --

23 MR. SCOTT: Is this related --

24 MR. BROWN: -- dismantled --

25 MR. SCOTT: -- to this discussion?

1 MR. BROWN: -- where did the radioac- -- active
2 material go? What happened to this radioactive
3 material?

4 MR. SCOTT: Lynne, Lynne, that's a different --
5 we need to clear up one issue at a time.

6 Is it -- is it about this? Yes.

7 MS. AGUIRRE: No. It's about something else.

8 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Then what I want to do is
9 clear this motion up, and we can move on to something
10 else.

11 MS. ASHER: Question.

12 MR. SCOTT: Is it --? Do you have -- do you
13 have a question about this deal? Yeah, I'm speaking to
14 you, yes.

15 MS. ASHER: Oh, me. No. I have a question
16 that is related, which is: How can they answer the
17 questions if they haven't done a proper survey of the
18 Shipyard? We know that when we asked them last time,
19 they hadn't done it.

20 So how can they answer the questions if they
21 haven't done the type of research that they need to do?

22 MR. MACH: And that's why a lot of the
23 responses say that additional information will be
24 provided in the HRA report, because you're absolutely
25 right; they are still going through all of the records.

1 So it is --

2 MS. ASHER: No, but I --

3 MR. MACH: -- it is -- it is very difficult to
4 provide complete answers when we haven't finished that
5 review.

6 MS. ASHER: Right. I appreciate what you're
7 saying. Excuse me just one more minute.

8 But they actually physically have not done a
9 proper survey of the Shipyard. Regardless of what the
10 records that you already have say, they don't have the
11 information that they need to assess what the proper
12 risk is.

13 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

14 MS. ASHER: And this is just basic.

15 MR. SCOTT: Okay. So with that, what I want to
16 do is: I want to clear -- There's a lot of questions
17 people want to get out, and we're going to get them.

18 But what I -- what I need to do right now,
19 though, is clear this motion so that you know what we're
20 going to do from this point on.

21 Please, go ahead. Yeah.

22 MS. PIERCE: It speaks to this motion.

23 I just want to say, Keith, do you want this
24 handled at a subcommittee, or don't you really want to
25 have this handled at a regular meeting so it's on the

1 record?

2 MR. TISDELL: The subcommittee -- okay.

3 Subcommittee's going to meet with them, and then they
4 going to be at the July meeting.

5 MR. SCOTT: Right, right. So --

6 MR. TISDELL: But -- excuse me, John. Due to
7 the time circumstances, I got to get to the hospital.
8 I'd like to withdraw my motion, not unless somebody else
9 can pick it up.

10 MS. HARRISON: I'll take it.

11 MR. SCOTT: Okay. You take it.

12 So -- so the mo- -- we -- we still have the
13 same motion before us, and I will pose the question
14 to -- to the -- to the RAB members: Will you vote on
15 setting this aside and having this discussed with RASO
16 present? Okay. Do I have a -- do I have a motion?

17 ATTENDEE: Yes.

18 MR. SCOTT: Do I have a second?

19 MR. TOMPKINS: Second.

20 MR. SCOTT: Okay. All those in favor, please
21 state so by saying, "Aye."

22 THE BOARD: Aye.

23 MR. MASON: Hold.

24 MS. HARRISON: The motio- -- the motion was to
25 set aside these questions --

1 MR. MASON: Oh, yes.

2 MS. HARRISON: -- until RASO could be here,
3 because obviously, Richard is not able to answer these
4 questions.

5 MR. BROWN: Of course.

6 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

7 Again I ask, all those in favor, please state
8 so by saying, "Aye."

9 THE BOARD: Aye.

10 MR. SCOTT: Those opposed, nay. There are no
11 nays? Any abstain?

12 (No verbal response elicited.)

13 MR. SCOTT: Good. Then that's -- then that's
14 what passed. That's what we will do.

15 MR. ATTENDEE: I have a --

16 MR. SCOTT: Just a minute.

17 MR. MACH: I'm still on the agenda.

18 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Just a minute.
19 What did you have?

20 MS. HARRISON: Well, actually, I just wanted
21 to -- I have a question for Richard, since he's still on
22 the agenda.

23 MR. SCOTT: Well, yeah. The next thing he's on
24 the agenda for is the -- is the --

25 MS. ATTENDEE: -- "sandblast grit."

1 MR. SCOTT: Yeah.

2 So, Richard, will you please take it from
3 there.

4 MR. MACH: I'm going to try and -- I'm going to
5 try and make this quick.

6 We did get out a fact sheet on the -- on the
7 sandblast grit. So hopefully, you guys have a copy of
8 it. There are copies in the back. And it talks about
9 the history, a very brief history, of what was done out
10 at Parcel B in IR-07 and IR-18.

11 And "IR" just means Installation Restoration.
12 It's a Navy designation of a -- of a site or an area
13 that we are going to investigate and clean up.

14 And so because of the concerns that there was
15 sandblasting done out there -- it was in the submarine
16 areas -- there was concerns that they may have disposed
17 of sandblast grit that may have had radiological
18 components associated with it.

19 There were studies done from 1988 through 1995.
20 There were three different phases of the study. There
21 were test trenches that were done. There were soil
22 samples that were collected, water samples that were
23 collected. They never found any radiological components
24 that were above background in any of those studies.

25 MR. BROWN: (Interrupting.)

1 MR. SCOTT: Please, please. One person has
2 the --

3 MR. BROWN: They're never gonna find it.

4 MR. MACH: Okay. So we started doing the
5 cleanup of IR-07 and IR-18. And the con- -- the
6 contaminants of concern that were out there were
7 primarily metals that were associated with sandblasting.
8 There were some PCBs and some PAHs that are associated
9 with oil and other type of fluids. So we are cleaning
10 up for those materials.

11 In 1999 -- 1999 they discovered a big layer of
12 sandblast grit, sometimes called black beauty. It's a
13 black grit, and it was at about 10 feet below ground
14 surface.

15 They stopped the excavation. They took samples
16 of the grit, and they ran it for radiological nuclides;
17 and they were looking for the type of nuclides that
18 would have come off the OPERATION CROSSROADS ships. So
19 they were looking for the plutonium, the americium, the
20 uranium. They didn't find anything. So they just dug
21 it up and hauled it to a landfill.

22 As we came back and we were digging in May of
23 this year, we came across another layer at about
24 18 inches below ground surface. It was about --

25 MR. ATTENDEE: Eighteen?

1 MR. MACH: Yeah, 18.

2 It was about 6 inches thick, and so they were
3 digging through it. They saw it.

4 About that time we had New World Technology out
5 there, and we said: "Hey, why don't you go take another
6 sample? Take a look, see if -- confirm that the
7 previous radiological assessments that were done that
8 didn't find anything were accurate."

9 All their field instruments showed that there
10 was nothing there above background. They took a sample.
11 They sent it to the laboratory. Unfortunately, the
12 laboratory had just gotten a new software program in.
13 They had a problem in one of the library databases
14 within the software program that was multiplying the
15 results by an extra factor of a hundred.

16 The results came back on the 17th of May
17 showing that it was 155 picocuries per gram of
18 radium-226 in that sandblast grit. So the contractors
19 stopped work, buttoned up the holes. Everything was
20 fenced off, and all the piles were -- were covered with
21 plastic.

22 We also met out there with EPA on June 5th.
23 They brought their radiological experts. They brought
24 their own field instruments, and they took their own
25 readings; and they concurred that they did not find

1 anything above background in that area. And they were
2 questioning why the lab result was showing
3 155 picocuries per gram.

4 We also collected additional samples in other
5 areas of the base, and we sent them off; and all the
6 samples came back in that 100- to 200-picocurie-per-gram
7 range.

8 That prompted us to look further into the
9 software and the other things that were being done in
10 the laboratory. And we sent confirmation samples to
11 another laboratory, and all those results came back
12 lower; and that's when they found the glitch in the
13 software. So there was no risk out there due to the
14 sandblast.

15 And quite frankly, the sandblast grit that
16 we're talking about is sold commercially for
17 sandblasting everywhere. It's the same stuff that a lot
18 of you put in your fish tanks as that black shiny
19 material, and it's the same stuff that if you look in
20 the ashtrays all around in San Francisco that people put
21 their ashes out in. So it is the same material.

22 MR. ATTENDEE: May I --?

23 MR. SCOTT: Just a minute.

24 What I want to say is the que- --

25 MR. MACH: There is -- there is a table in the

1 back that shows all the results from the stockpiles,
2 from the areas out there; and it was run by two
3 different laboratories. So . . .

4 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Excuse me.

5 What I want to say right here, I see about five
6 hands. We only have about five or six minutes.

7 So what I'm going to ask is, I'm going to try
8 and give all of you a chance to get your question in,
9 but please, get your question in. Please be specific
10 with it. Don't elaborate. And let's go from there.
11 And that way I can get everybody in. If you don't do
12 that, I'm going to have to cut some people off. I mean
13 that.

14 You had your hand up first. Let's go.

15 MR. BROWN: First of all -- first of all, I
16 would like to explain to him, the NRDH had after they
17 was established, they moved on. They had a -- the
18 federal radiation counsel. Then they moved on and made
19 up the A -- EPA. So that's why you not going to find
20 anything out there. You will never find nothing. Just
21 like they went out to the Farallon Islands, all this
22 low-level stuff. Don't believe the hype. Don't believe
23 it.

24 MR. SCOTT: Yes, Ray.

25 MR. BROWN: Don't believe it. Just check it.

1 Check it.

2 MR. TOMPKINS: Two quick things and I'll yield.

3 One, in the presentation, which I found
4 disturbing, that was presented the last time is that the
5 claim was on the last page that there was no health
6 risk. If you don't know what the hell is going on, how
7 can you scientifically -- any validity of commitment say
8 there's no risk?

9 If there -- What you should have written is
10 what I teach it in class on your conclusion in your
11 papers is that the report you have inconclusive
12 evidence. You don't make a definitive statement. You
13 don't say it's at -- there's no risk if you don't know
14 what the hell's out there.

15 Secondly, I'd like -- in terms of information
16 be presented to us in July, one, I understand there was
17 an accelerator out there. I'd like to know where. I'd
18 like to know the alignment. I'd like to know the
19 relationship between the homes and property adjacent to
20 them because in 1947 when experimenting, and people are
21 just learning what's going on so that you don't know
22 about exposure.

23 Also, in terms of the data that was presented,
24 also do bear in mind in terms of exposure or release
25 controlled exposure factor -- was it a 52 or 53? -- they

1 did a bacteriological study, and they sprayed it over
2 San Francisco, and three people died from that.

3 So that in terms of exposure factors and risk
4 to human beings, that definitive statements, I would
5 ask, please, that that information in terms of where,
6 what, and also the two buildings that were talked about
7 that were destroyed, could we have the information on
8 how -- what method, where, and how did they haul that
9 out, since they knew that?

10 One, I'd like to know what radioactive material
11 was in there, what was the volume, what was the
12 concentration, and how it was disposed and how it was
13 carried out of this community.

14 MR. BROWN: Right.

15 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you.

16 Attempt to be even brief -- be more brief. Go
17 ahead, Marie.

18 MS. HARRISON: I will try.

19 Richard, also I would like to know at our July
20 meeting . . . There were several workers out there that
21 felt that they were exposed. It was my understanding
22 that they were all promised that they would be examined
23 vis-a-vis either different types of tests for radiation
24 poison and other -- other tests, because as they
25 recapped what they had been working under the situations

1 which they had been working, they felt they had been
2 exposed to several different things.

3 Have those tests been given? And will you
4 insist?

5 And if not, then you need to bring the person
6 from IT, who was in charge of that particular section
7 and "E" during the coverup when this pa- -- these
8 particular work people were exposed to large amounts of
9 gases that came out of those wells. I would like to
10 know for a fact -- and I made a promise that I would
11 insist that -- one, that because you -- you were -- you
12 were told that this had happened, they need to be
13 tested.

14 Those men -- Whether you give us those
15 responses to those tests or not, I'm sure that the men
16 that were working out there will do that because they
17 are really worried and concerned. They -- As of yet
18 today, I have not heard either one of them has gotten
19 those tests. They were promised those tests.

20 Will you go back to IT and make sure that they
21 do these tests, perform these tests on these men?

22 MR. MACH: Who prom- -- who promised those
23 tests?

24 MS. HARRISON: Who was the supervisor out there
25 at the time of both exposures?

1 MS. ATTENDEE: IT.

2 MS. HARRISON: I believe they were working for
3 IT at the time.

4 MR. MACH: And you think that a member of IT
5 promised them?

6 MS. HARRISON: I believe that they were
7 promised. I don't believe that anywhere between three
8 or four people would hear the same thing and then come
9 up with "I was promised to get tested" and didn't get it
10 and --

11 I mean, you might misconstrue something with
12 one of them, and maybe the second one might not
13 understand; but three or four people not listening to
14 the same person are not going to misunderstand that one
15 simple little question: "We are going to test you. We
16 promise that."

17 MR. ATTENDEE: That should be --

18 MR. SCOTT: Maurice and then -- I'm sorry.
19 Well, yeah.

20 MR. CAMPBELL: Richard, at the last RAB
21 meeting, May 24th, I believe that you guys were aware of
22 what was going on in Parcel B, IR-07, dash, 4. This was
23 a community meeting, and the community needed to have an
24 idea of what was going on. Can you tell us about that,
25 what it was?

1 MR. MACH: Well, there was an awful lot being
2 discussed at that meeting, and we just did not get to
3 it, and we did not believe the ones --

4 MR. CAMPBELL: Excuse me.

5 MR. MACH: Okay.

6 MR. CAMPBELL: Wasn't it the radiological group
7 that was here --

8 MR. MACH: That was --

9 MR. CAMPBELL: -- through our community?

10 MR. MACH: That was the radiological group,
11 yes.

12 MR. CAMPBELL: And then you think you had a
13 radiological problem?

14 MR. MACH: We did not think we had a
15 radiological problem. We thought that the 155 number
16 was wrong --

17 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

18 MR. MACH: -- because we had all the other
19 field evidence that was not supporting it.

20 MR. CAMPBELL: So when the community learned of
21 this with various means, do you think it was okay?
22 Because we were all present here, and that circumstance
23 could have been mitigated.

24 MR. MACH: And we discussed that in the
25 Emergency Response Committee --

1 MR. CAMPBELL: This is the RAB.

2 MR. MACH: We discussed that in the Emergency
3 Response Committee, and we said that we would work at
4 finishing the community response notification plan to
5 alleviate these types of things from happening in the
6 future --

7 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you.

8 MR. MACH: -- because I'm tired of getting beat
9 up in the press and --

10 MS. ATTENDEE: I don't --

11 MR. SCOTT: Okay. I'm going to -- I'm going to
12 take -- Excuse me. I'm going to take one more question.
13 I'm going to take one more question.

14 And your hand has been up for the longest.

15 MS. AGUIRRE: Thank you. My question is a
16 little different.

17 What I was wondering is: Are there copies, you
18 know, within driving distance of San Francisco, of all
19 of the documents that are cited in terms of the -- you
20 know, of the radiological problem that might be here?

21 In other words, do I have to go to Washington,
22 D.C., to pick up a copy? Or is somebody --? Okay. Is
23 some --? I don't have access to a c- -- I mean, I don't
24 have a computer at home, so that's why I'm asking this,
25 you know.

1 Is there anybody putting together that kind
2 of --?

3 MR. MACH: I know that we're looking at, you
4 know, putting in electronically somehow either on a
5 computer or on a Web page or on CD ROM. That's
6 something that the radiological subcommittee can discuss
7 when -- when they get into what -- what the HRA is going
8 to look like.

9 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

10 MS. AGUIRRE: But right now --

11 MR. SCOTT: Excuse me.

12 MS. AGUIRRE: -- I can't go anywhere and look
13 at it?

14 MR. MACH: No.

15 MS. AGUIRRE: Okay. Thank you.

16 MR. SCOTT: One question and then we --

17 MS. AGUIRRE: Thanks.

18 MR. SCOTT: -- adjourn.

19 Go ahead.

20 MS. ATTENDEE: No.

21 DR. SUMCHAI: Okay.

22 MR. SCOTT: We've got --

23 DR. SUMCHAI: I think that we --

24 MR. SCOTT: -- to squeeze one more question.

25 DR. SUMCHAI: However, at the last meeting and

1 at previous meetings, we had, you know, decided that if
2 there were issues that took us beyond, you know,
3 8 o'clock, that, you know, since many of the personnel
4 here are being paid for their time, that it might be,
5 you know, reasonable to hear them.

6 I did have some points that I wanted to make.
7 And one of the things that I found in reviewing the data
8 that the Navy gives you is that often they give you data
9 and give you an interpretation. If you look at it,
10 you'd find that the interpretation may, in fact, be
11 wrong or that the data is very, very flimsy.

12 I want you guys to all look at this sheet that
13 Mr. Mach just handed out to you. And note under 4,
14 Parcel B, 7-4, that the measurement for radium-226 in
15 picocuries per gram for New World Technology is 1.48;
16 and then look at the independent laboratory assessment,
17 and that's .777. So that spread -- These presumably
18 were two labs, right, who both looked at the same --
19 That spread is very suspicious.

20 MR. MACH: Well, I can explain that, and I --

21 DR. SUMCHAI: Okay.

22 MR. MACH: I mean, there's so much detail --

23 DR. SUMCHAI: Right, right.

24 MR. MACH: -- in there, but --

25 DR. SUMCHAI: But you don't have --

1 MR. MACH: And the reason is: The one -- the
2 one on the left is using a lead brick shield that is
3 constructed, and the other one is using a fully
4 encapsulated lead shield, which means it shields out
5 more naturally occurring radiation that is all around
6 us.

7 So those on the right are the more accurate
8 numbers that are showing less because it's filtering out
9 the naturally occurring background.

10 DR. SUMCHAI: Okay. I appreciate your
11 explanation.

12 I'm also going to mention that I submitted a
13 list of questions that I'm going to defer till the next
14 meeting.

15 There are two other points, however, that I
16 want you guys to hear because I think that they are the
17 most compelling, urgent, and time-constrained matters
18 that we have to contend with, and I've raised them
19 before. Let me raise them this meeting.

20 In the last presentation, Mr. Wadsworth was
21 asked about the monitoring for radon gas, and he said
22 that New World did continuous air monitoring during the
23 removal action. They did not observe any unusual levels
24 of radon gas.

25 Mr. Wadsworth said it was very difficult to

1 sample for radon gas indoors [sic] in an open atmosphere
2 because radon diffuses readily, and he says that it
3 generally is not a health hazard except in enclosed
4 spaces when in very high concentrations.

5 Now, the January 2001 work plan does not
6 specify that radon gas was even tested for. And I
7 believe in the March meeting, Mr. DeMars was asked, and
8 he stated that radon gas wasn't tested for.

9 The other point I want to make is that
10 Buildings 364 and 707 exist. These are buildings
11 inside. This is an enclosed space.

12 The Environmental Protection Agency has
13 determined that radon gas in the Bay Area -- that this
14 is a region of high geologic radon potential. This is
15 an area of great risk.

16 The final point that I want to make is that the
17 American Lung Association has pamphlets, which I
18 distributed at the emergency response meeting, in which
19 they have now determined that radon is probably the
20 second leading cause of lung cancer.

21 So I believe and I feel with all of my heart
22 that for workers' safety that we need to make sure that
23 there is appropriate radon gas monitoring during the
24 radiologic activities.

25 Now, the last point that I'm going to make is

1 with regard to the biomonitoring.

2 As I had mentioned to you in earlier meeting,
3 the CDC just received -- just released a 27-element
4 biomonitoring system for human blood and urine; and the
5 substances that can be te- -- detected include uranium,
6 cobalt, cesium, lead, mercury, et cetera. There is no
7 reason for us to have this technology and not be able to
8 apply it to workers who have been exposed on May 11 or
9 residents in this area.

10 There was just a human health risk assessment
11 that was done for Parcel F by the Navy at this Shipyard.
12 It does not include any radiological surveys. This
13 technology is available, and I think that as part of the
14 HRA and as part of continued radiologic operations, that
15 we should be doing some human biomonitoring.

16 MR. SCOTT: All right. Thank you.

17 Richard, do you have any responses to that?

18 Okay.

19 MR. MACH: No.

20 MR. SCOTT: Okay. What I -- what I'd like --

21 MR. MACH: I do -- I do want to mention one
22 thing real quick. There's also a map in the back. I
23 was hoping to be able to discuss it real briefly.

24 There was, I guess, some discussion after the
25 last RAB meeting about Formerly Utilized Defense Sites,

1 and that is a term that means any piece of property that
2 was at one time under Department of Defense control that
3 was transferred to the public, and it does not include
4 BRAC bases. So there are three areas.

5 And unfortunately, that "816" should really be
6 815. That's a typo on there.

7 MR. ATTENDEE: Right.

8 MR. MACH: Should be 815.

9 We are going to put a fact sheet together and
10 hopefully have it out before the next RAB meeting that
11 kind of describes what this all means. We just didn't
12 have a chance to get it done in preparation for this,
13 but I figured I could at least get the map together so
14 that you can see the property area that was pro- --
15 previously transferred in 1974, '81, and '84. So it was
16 prior to Hunters Point being put on the BRAC list for
17 closure.

18 These sites, all FUD sites, in the entire
19 country are managed by the Army Corps of Engineers. So
20 the nay -- the Navy and BRAC and what we are doing have
21 nothing to do with this.

22 We have done some investigation out there in
23 the past. We are providing all that data to the Army
24 Corps. They are programming these sites to fund
25 investigations and closure. It is not part of the NPL

1 site of Hunters Point because Hunters Point was put on
2 the NPL in 1989. It's not part of BRAC. And there
3 is -- there will be an Army point of contact on the fact
4 sheet when it comes out.

5 MS. HARRISON: Richard, Richard --

6 MR. MACH: Yes.

7 MS. HARRISON: -- before you, before you,
8 before you, before you . . . , that brings about another
9 question in my -- the Army Corps of Engineers. Did they
10 dump stuff in Parcel E?

11 MR. MACH: Who?

12 MS. HARRISON: The Army.

13 MR. MACH: I don't know -- I have no
14 information that the Army dumped anything in Parcel E.

15 MS. HARRISON: Then, Richard, can I ask them or
16 can we ask as a -- as a board that you invite them to
17 proceed to sit on the hot seat with you?

18 MR. MACH: About what?

19 MS. HARRISON: Because we'd like to know what
20 they put out there in that shipyard.

21 MR. BROWN: Right. They don't have a lot of
22 land --

23 MR. MACH: I'm sorry. When was the Army out
24 there?

25 MR. BROWN: No. What the Presidio brought over

1 here.

2 MS. HARRISON: Excuse me.

3 What the Presidio actually brought over here,
4 we'd like to know what that was.

5 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

6 MR. SCOTT: Let's -- let's -- Then we're going
7 to have to break some things up and adjourn the meeting
8 anyway.

9 There's a couple of things I want to get to,
10 Jill, and then I'll -- and then I get the question.

11 What I want to do is make certain before
12 everybody leaves that the next -- that we're in sync in
13 terms of next month's meeting. A couple of things will
14 happen.

15 One is: We will have -- We will discuss
16 nominations for co-chairs. We will have question and
17 answers from -- from RASO that hopefully will have come
18 out of the subcommittee that will happen even earlier
19 than that. And we will talk about on that agenda
20 meeting locate -- possible different meeting
21 locations --

22 MR. BROWN: Yeah.

23 MR. SCOTT: -- for the RAB meeting. Okay. So
24 I just want to make sure that all those things on there.

25 That aside, I want to end that -- I saw Jill

1 hands [sic] first, and then we'll go.

2 MS. FOX: I -- I actually have -- these are big
3 issues. I thought we had twenty minutes to talk about
4 this.

5 One thing I did want to mention to everyone is
6 that the Parcel B LUCIP is go -- is in its final stages;
7 is that correct?

8 MR. MACH: We extended the finalization till
9 September 17th.

10 MS. FOX: September 17th. And is there any
11 method for -- you know, are we having any more feedback
12 on that for the community's side?

13 MR. MACH: I think that the responses to the
14 comments that were provided by the RAB were fairly easy
15 to address, that there's -- most of the comments from
16 the regulatory agencies I think we can address.

17 There is one sticking issue that we had with
18 EPA about annual reporting and who should be doing it,
19 and that's at a much higher headquarters level than me,
20 and that's why they're trying to work that out.

21 We are final -- finalizing the land-use
22 covenant with DTSC and hope -- and we're hoping that
23 with the city finishing their soil and ground-water
24 management plan that all three documents will come out
25 about the same time, and that's why we're pushing it off

1 to September was not a big deal.

2 MS. FOX: I'm just concerned, because the
3 last -- my last understanding when I came downtown to
4 EPA for a meeting was that the regulation of the
5 land-use controls was going to be done by the City
6 Department of Permits. Is that still in there?

7 MS. SHIRLEY: The city is actually putting
8 together that plan now. And I have some simple flow
9 charts that show how they are conceiving of it that I
10 will share at the Community First tomorrow. And -- But
11 it will be out -- when? -- a couple -- couple -- next
12 couple of weeks.

13 MS. BROWNELL: We're putting together a draft
14 draft draft plan that we expect everybody to comment on.

15 We already did some presentations to the
16 agencies, and we are planned to do some presentations.
17 We hope to do one at the RAB and other meetings if we
18 need to about this whole soil and ground-water thing,
19 and we expect a lot of publicity back and forth on that.

20 MS. FOX: Okay. So it's not final until we get
21 another chance, because I don't know if everybody in the
22 community realizes, but the land-use controls are the
23 long term, after the city owns it, kind of stuff. So
24 it's very important that we have input on that.

25 Okay. I'll hold the other issues till next

1 month.

2 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Real quick, then we adjourn.

3 Go, Jesse. What did you have to say?

4 MR. MASON: Just this commenting on the
5 economic development and the trucking issue.

6 The community has some grave, grave, grave
7 concerns with IT. Right now we're dealing with the --
8 with some of the Navy people and Doris Broussard, which
9 is contracting agent; Carolyn Selby, which is -- she's a
10 legal adviser; and then with Michele Crook.

11 And we're going to be having a session with
12 Doris Broussard at BDI July 5th, and we're hoping that
13 Michele Crook and some others come out here to give the
14 truckers a workshop on contracts.

15 But our grave, grave concern is that the
16 community contractors are not participating in any of
17 that work that's going on, you know. There is grave,
18 grave concerns because we have other trucking con- --
19 organizations coming to this community and making money
20 and creating unemployment situations with the truckers
21 in our community. And the RAB needs to discuss these
22 issues.

23 MR. SCOTT: Great.

24 Agenda item, go ahead.

25 MS. HARRISON: On the agenda item, my item is

1 really quick -- really simple.

2 I believe that given the severity of these
3 questions, that we don't overload -- my que- -- my
4 suggestion is that we don't overload next month's agenda
5 so that these questions can really be talked about; and
6 I'm sure you know that if you don't, we're going to be
7 all over it. So I would suggest that you don't clutter
8 this agenda.

9 MR. SCOTT: Okay. And we have some more things
10 that --

11 MR. MACH: And I mean, if you -- if you want it
12 to be only radiation, it can be only radiation. I have
13 no problem with that.

14 MS. HARRISON: Richard, I would actually say so
15 excepting that this community almost every month has a
16 new issue. There's always something new that's happened
17 at that Shipyard every month; so about the time next
18 month get here, there may be another fire. I was just
19 informed there was a fire along the outside of the
20 fence, along the side of the fence at "B."

21 So now, I don't want to just say "have it all
22 on one thing" because, God knows, we don't know what's
23 going to happen before we get to this next meeting.

24 MR. MACH: Well, I don't want to -- don't take
25 this as flippanant, but it would be nice if we get through

1 approval of the meeting minutes in less than a half an
2 hour.

3 MS. FOX: Yes.

4 MR. ATTENDEE: Yeah.

5 MS. HARRISON: Richard, I don't think you're
6 going to have a problem because I think we already get
7 on these questions.

8 MR. MACH: Okay.

9 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Great.

10 So with that, I want to thank everybody, and
11 we'll see you next month.

12 (Whereupon, this meeting ceases at

13 8:12 p.m., 6/28/01.)

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