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TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 23, 1996

(In Conference Room:)

CALL TO ORDER:

THE CHAIRPERSON: Welcome. And we'll begin in just a few moments, so you can take your seats.

Okay. I have one announcement. Again, we have the court reporter here this morning, and if you could again state your name prior to speaking, it would help her very much.

Are there any other announcements this morning from anyone at the table? All right.

Jim, do you want take it?

the FACILITATOR: Yes. Thank you, Sally. It know that at least one person has signed up for the public comment period. We have three people who have indicated a desire to speak today. And, Mr. Baker, the approach that we use is we try to confine public comment to approximately 10 minutes. If it has to take longer, that's okay, but we want to try to keep things moving. So we'll start with Sandy Delcoure.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MS. DELCOURE: Good morning. My name is
Sandy Delcoure and I live on Coldwater Creek. I
adopted Coldwater Creek under a Department of
Conservation and Conversation Federation of Missouri

sponsored program. I have tried to keep citizens in my area aware of Coldwater Creek and its environmental I have also urged residents to get the problems. support of our congressional representatives to pass the legislation that was needed for the funding of a cleanup of the creek.

Since my own children live on Coldwater Creek, I have especially tried to represent the children's rights on the creek to live and play in a clean and healthy environment. Last week I passed a photo album with the neighborhood children's pictures on the creek. Someone suggested to me that I submit a map of the creek and indicate where the pictures were I will present that map for you today and for The location on the map is labeled Willow the DOE. Creek.

In 1991 I sought the assistance of the Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program. Through this program, the National Parks Service provides technical assistance to state and local governments and local organizations with respect to establishing and managing River and Trail corridor This would have been a Greenway Planning projects. and Protection Project for Coldwater Creek.

I had collected letters of support from this

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1 project from such sources as the Honorable Joan Horn, County Executive Buzz Westfall, Colonel James Corbin of the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Senator Kit Bond, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Sewer District Frank Kriz, Director of Florissant Parks and 5 Recreation Ron Veach, State Representative Kaye 6 7 Steinmetz, Hazelwood City Manager Edwin Carlstrom, the Honorable William Clay, Senator Danforth, and Nancy 8 Lubiewski and E.A.R.T.H. Florissant and the 9 Environmental Quality Commission of Florissant. 10

Also collected was a petition of signatures from the Willow Creek subdivision which has been part of the Coldwater Creek Stream Team that supported the National Parks Service Greenway Planning River and Trails Program and advocated Coldwater Creek worthy of assistance for a Greenway Project through the NPS.

I would like to submit this notebook of these letters and signatures to the Task Force and DOE to read and to see the support to protect and preserve Coldwater Creek for the children and the community for the future. Thank you.

Thank you, Sandy. THE FACILITATOR: questions? The next person to sign up for the public comment period is Ed Mahr.

MR. MAHR: My name is Ed Mahr and I'm

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connected with various health food or quack groups, if you would, that are in the United States. July 23rd Meeting, these few pages are to be Appendix One to my previous notes to the Task Force.

I'll keep it short. Of this entire mess of papers here, there are only four that I'm going to read and those are hand-printed. The final pages are for your personal reading if you are interested in what's contained in there.

Since this meeting will deal with Coldwater Creek again, I thought some of my undersights should be addressed in outline form. Those task members who have an inclination can use this as a road map, a road map to the area that I'm talking about. And I also have three pages from Wunnenberg's as a road map to help you find your way around to look at what I looked at.

18. Quoting, the Florissant Karst and sinkhole area is recognized as having the finest example of deep funnel-shaped sinkholes in the Central United States, end of quote. This comes from Page No. 5 of the New Jamestown Community Area Study presented to the St. Louis County Planning Commission in 1987.

Submitted in the back of these pages are Xeroxes of pages 0, 1, 5, 16, 29, and 30 out of a

total of 38 pages. The author of this is Kenneth E. Smith, a registered Missouri engineer, his phone number, can supply a copy of the above study. Or you can call the St. Louis Planning Commission, they have these on file.

Planning Commission in April '88 entitled Old

Jamestown Area Community Study -- these are the same areas, they just decided to change the name -- also is a source of information. Submitted are Xeroxes of Pages 0, 1, 4, 9, 10, 25, 27, 32, 33, 37, 53, and 79 out of a total of 88 pages. Again, Smith can furnish you a copy of this.

These two studies and the St. Louis County
Planning Commission determined the multi-acre -- I
believe it runs all the way up to about five, six
acres required per house -- zoning laws at the Karst
Sinkhole area from Coldwater Creek to the Missouri
River on the north, from Spanish Lakes and Highway
367, which is Lewis and Clark on the east, to Old
Halls Ferry on the west. The borderlines can vary
according to who's telling the story.

The next four pages after this one are Pages 3, 4, and 5 of Wunnenberg's Street Guide which gives a road map and a Dave Murray one-tank trip orientation

of the previously-mentioned sink hole areas should the Task Force members care to see their proximity to Coldwater Creek.

The fourth page is Page 37 of the April '88 study which shows the flood plain in Coldwater Creek. And that I don't think most of you have really seen, but it's four pages back and it shows on the top, the gray area is the area that the zoning was initiated in. That doesn't mean that's the end limits of everything, it simply means that's where they got the zoning laws enacted. And down there on the bottom, of course, you have the darker area which is the flood plain.

Getting back to the reading. The creek bed is less than a block from Avocado Street on Wunnenberg's Page 4, Square J-5. Just to see how we do this, Page 4 is actually called Page 26. I had to do different numbering on it, but Avocado Street is more or less the second arrow from the right and it goes right up to Coldwater Creek and when it floods, the street is flooded to some degree depending upon the amount of water.

The same page, Page 37, which is the flood plain of the Coldwater Creek, shows a bed of Coldwater Creek under the Old Halls Ferry bridge and one block

away from Candlewyck Court shown on Wunnenberg's Page 4 again, Square L-5. Sinks Road, which is the major road through the sinkhole area, is shown on Page 4, and it's about three blocks away -- the end of it is about three blocks away from Coldwater Creek. Again, there is an arrow there more or less -- the third arrow from the right if you're finding that Page 4 in Wunnenberg's. To see the tremendous size, that is, the volume of northern Coldwater Creek, take the Old Jamestown Road to the bridge over Coldwater Creek just south of Jamestown Mall on Wunnenberg's Page 5, Square I-5.

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These are simple ways to coordinate the creek with the homes. To see the sinkholes, I suggest you take Sinks Road.

All right. Getting on. 21. As more development takes place in the Karst area, zoning laws will be loosened by officials and shallow sinkholes and lakes will be man filled causing the displaced water to find other drain holes and probably enlarging large the remaining sinkholes more rapidly. If a sinkhole opens up to Coldwater Creek waters, there will be no controlling it in its path to the Missouri River or southward.

22. A radioactive metering device should be

installed in the Metro St. Louis Sewer District
Wastewater Treatment Facility on Coldwater Creek near
Old Halls Ferry Road. I think such a testing device
is long overdue as a safety precaution. Testing is
the basis of science. Testing is the basis of
science. Why has no one put a testing device on
Coldwater Creek to this day? Test results would go a
long way in resolving the radioactive water runoff
discussions of SLAPS, HISS and FUTURA that this Task
Force has been discussing for two years. Why has no
one tested the Coldwater Creek northward of HISS and
FUTURA?

24. Remember, Barry Commoner postulated:
Everything goes somewhere. And a section of the bank
at the SLAPS site measuring approximately 100 feet
lengthwise, 20 feet perpendicular to the creek bank,
and 20 feet vertically from the creek bed is no longer
there after 40 years of creek flow erosion.

And remember there's no such thing as a free lunch -- again Commoner -- except if you drink the St. Louis water. And remember another Commoner law: Everything is connected to everything else. For example, the SLAPS and HISS sites are connected to ground water runoff into Coldwater Creek and into the Missouri River right now, and maybe at some future

time into the underground streams through a sinkhole.

Lastly, remember the Weldon Springs Quarry cleanup, which McCraken did and no one has really objected to it, ostensibly because the field of water wells of St. Charles County, not the city just the county, were in danger. These water wells only supplied 2,000 county residents with water, not the 2 million in the St. Louis area or the 20 million downstream on the Mississippi River.

That's it. These are the studies. And should you care to get involved in sinkhole topography and geology, I'm sure you can get the rest of the studies, or I could even give you Xeroxed copies that I have. Thank you.

THE FACILITATOR: Thank you, Mr. Mahr. The third speaker today is James Baker who is director of administration for St. Louis County. Mr. Baker.

MR. BAKER: Good morning. My name is Jim Baker. I'm director of administration for St. Louis County. I'm also the chief of staff for the county executive. And I've got a very brief statement from Mr. Westfall this morning who couldn't be available here in person.

"The fact that the St. Louis FUSRAP site is located in a highly populated metropolitan area

underscores the need to initiate remediation of these properties now. As a result of your efforts and by continuing to work closely with the Department of Energy, we expect that soon our children will be able to play on the ballfields and along Coldwater Creek again. Restoring this property to unrestricted use will allow our families to feel confident that this serious health and safety issue has been addressed, and it will also enhance our efforts to stimulate economic development in North St. Louis County. My administration continues to fully support the dedicated efforts of this group and looks forward to the day when remediation is complete. therefore, asking the St. Louis County Council to approve a resolution which supports the Task Force's desire to secure appropriate funding for full remediation of the St. Louis FUSRAP site. The entire St. Louis region is indebted to each of you for your Your commitment will achieve a long-awaited work. conclusion to the Manhattan Project, closing one chapter in history and beginning a new one."

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THE FACILITATOR: Thank you very much. Any questions for Mr. Baker? The next item on today's agenda is report of the Technologies Working Group.

REPORT OF THE TECHNOLOGIES WORKING GROUP:

MR. GRANT: Well, the Technologies Working
Group met last week after the Task Force meeting and
went back and reviewed the activities that it had been
working on over the last number of months. A draft
report has been sent out to members of the work group
for their comment. Once we receive their comments
back, we will finalize that report and issue it to the
Task Force. So that report isn't finalized yet, but I
guess what I'd like to do is at least share with you
the preliminary recommendations of the work group.

I think there were three key things in that report. One was a set of criteria that the work group thought would be useful and should be used for evaluating any technologies that are used in the future, since we believe this is sort of an ongoing type of thing. As technologies are developed and proven out, we may see some technologies in the future that may be available that aren't available today.

But anyway there was a set of criteria. One was volume reduction, stability of the final waste form, management of ground and surface water that may result in or around the technologies control of contaminated emissions and generate controls that would be used in conjunction with the technology cost-effectiveness and analytical tools for

segregation of materials needing processing. Those would be criteria that would be useful and should be applied to reviewing technology.

The second recommendation, and I'll read it to you, is the Technologies Work Group believes that technology exists that holds promise for application at the St. Louis site and requests that the DOE evaluate them. These include, but are not limited to, microwave vitrification, laser ablation nebulization and gamma ray spectroscopy.

And the third recommendation, which is something we've discussed before, concerns soil washing. A lot of tests were previously done. We've ruled out chemical extraction for soil washing. We've basically ruled out physical soil washing for the SLAPS site. But since the soil characteristics at the downtown sites were different, we thought that these also should be evaluated in terms of applicability for physical soil washing. So there's a recommendation in there to evaluate physical soil washing as a possible technology for the downtown site.

So those are the three preliminary recommendations that are coming out of the Technologies Working Group.

THE FACILITATOR: Thank you, Jim. First of

all, are there any questions for Mr. Grant?

MS. DREY: I guess I'm not certain that we all agreed that we should proceed with the physical soil washing, further research for downtown. I don't remember that conclusion. What happened to me?

MR. GRANT: Well, that's a question that we discussed many times in the Technologies Working Group. And, in fact, the whole Task Force, that particular recommendation had been brought back to this whole Task Force and voted on for being brought forward to the DOE and we actually had allowed for some funding to be applied to that. Now, the work has never been done, so the whole task has actually voted on that issue previously.

MS. DREY: I thought we had put it to bed, though, previously, too. So I guess I have some question about it, that's all. I'm just raising a question about that. When I read this draft, you know, that was a question I raised. But I do think also we did feel that -- we discussed ex-situ microwave vitrification which would mean digging up the stuff at the airport and treating it while it was still on site and I think we did say that that has promise.

And I guess I'm not clear enough in my mind

about what the difference is between physical soil washing and chemical soil washing, but I know we did oppose the chemical and I'm not sure we want to spend more money on additional technologies. There are thousands of them.

THE FACILITATOR: Well, may I suggest that --

MS. DREY: Maybe not thousands, but dozens.

THE FACILITATOR: -- that that refinement is something that could be negotiated between this draft of the Technologies Working Group report and the final report. And if there is a need to debate that issue and come to closure on it, there is the opportunity to do that. We ought to do it quickly. That's exactly the type of thing that should occur between the draft and the final.

MR. CAVANAGH: What specifically was the mandate of the committee? If I'm hearing correctly, or maybe I'm just dense, but we're at a point of -- actually getting to the point of almost making some final recommendations and the committee has just established some criteria.

THE FACILITATOR: No. The mandate of the Technologies Working Group was to evaluate the universe of known technologies, either proven or

emerging or whatever state they may be in, to determine as best it could what technologies held promise for application at the St. Louis site.

At the time the Technologies Working Group was formed, there was already some testing going on.

There had been for some time testing going on at

Clemson Technical Lab in South Carolina concerning

chemical extraction and soil washing techniques. And

those tests were being performed on soil taken from

SLAPS but not from downtown. There was also a test on

some New Jersey soils.

It was concluded that for purposes of SLAPS soils that technique did not hold promise. But the question remained whether because of the known differences between SLAPS and downtown soil characteristics whether one or both of those techniques may have application downtown.

Chemical extraction was deemed inappropriate because of byproducts and side consequences that were, it was determined, unacceptable. So the issue of soil washing remained open, at least in some people's minds, for downtown.

Beyond that the challenge was let's find out what's out there, let's screen all known technologies for potential application and see then if we can make

recommendations to the Task Force and then to DOE about how to proceed with those.

in this draft and was reported by Jim Grant.

Basically there are three technologies that have been specifically recommended for additional study and the notion was advanced that there may be others. And I think that the draft report, at least as far as I'm concerned, does provide adequate basis for meaningful inclusion in the final report. I think there can be direction and there can be objectives that may clear.

The bottom line, as of last week, is recited

MR. CAVANAGH: Okay. Then I have to follow up on that. Will there be a detailed report, not just a summary of the meeting, but the analysis of the various technologies made available to the Task Force so that we know what we might ultimately be recommending?

THE FACILITATOR: Jim, do you want to respond to that, or do you want me to?

MR. GRANT: Well, as I said earlier, a draft report has been prepared. It's gone out to the Task Group members for their review and comment.

MR. CAVANAGH: I guess my question is, is that a detailed report or is it just a summary?

MR. GRANT: I don't know what you mean by a

detailed report. No, it's not a detailed report in the sense of a technical scientific report. But all of the -- I think the key information that's been provided to the Task Force will be attachments to that report.

What will be included in that report is the same basic information that the Task Force had. It also will refer to other documents. Specifically, there's a whole stack of documents about this high that we had collected and used at one point to help us develop our studies here, and there will be references in there to what those documents are so if you want to go back and review those documents, you'll be able to do so and identify them and get copies of them.

THE FACILITATOR: Does that answer your question?

MR. CAVANAGH: Yes.

MR. HORGAN: I just want to follow up on Mr. Cavanagh's point. If there are alternative technologies out there that are being studied, I'd like to know a little more about them. Is there any way that we can get either a detailed report or have a presentation, a brief presentation, given to the Task Force to see what's going on because I would like to see, you know, some additional information on it

before we just delve headlong into /it.

THE FACILITATOR: Perhaps it would help if I told you what I think the sequence of events will be. Given the fact that we have a draft report at this point and not a final report from the Technologies Working Group to present to you today, my assumption was that I would incorporate whatever the Technologies Working Group comes up with in the way of a final report. I will summarize that and incorporate that into my initial draft of the Task Force report. But then there would be an opportunity at the August meeting of this entire group to hear as much detail as you would like to hear from the Technologies Working Group and modify their report in any way you see fit.

But the intention, I think, from the beginning has not been that the Technologies Working Group would undertake any in-depth analysis of the technologies. Rather, it would simply determine that certain of them seem to hold promise or none do or whatever and then would recommend that they be pursued by the Department of Energy.

MR. HORGAN: Okay. Well, I just think members of the Task Force would probably like to get more information about the particular technologies including microwave vitrification or whatever because

that's not my area of expertise and I'd just like to, you know, see if we could get more information about it to see if, you know, it's a potential possibility.

THE CHAIRPERSON: I think it would be helpful if, in the final report, we would attach, like Jim Grant said, some two, three-page analysis of each type of technology that has been suggested for review and that would maybe solve the problem.

THE FACILITATOR: Okay. Any other comments or questions about the Technologies Working Group?

MS. DREY: I see that Mr. Golden is here who is, I guess, the primary expert on the ex-situ vitrification. Vitrification I've read about in the past and it was to fuse together soil particles and so on to solidify them. And I've known of problems with vitrification in reading about high level radioactive wastes for many years. I know it cracks, it can crack at any rate, exposed to high levels of radiation.

But what was hopeful to me was to find out that they could exhume the soils at the airport site and vitrify them on-site with microwave radiation and then ship them off-site and let the next state worry about whether the blocks crack or not. But at least it would give us a chance to transport these materials in a form other than dirt that, you know, in the event

of a spill, which did happen by the way, I have a report if anyone would want to look at it that I just got about the derailment of a shipment from Wayne, New Jersey, which was dirt and fortunately it had very, very low levels of radioactivity in it, but there was a train derailment. And in this case, the things would be solidified on the way out.

Furthermore, I was encouraged to find out that there are technologies that could, like, freeze the border of the airport site so that -- and borders and then underneath and so the ground water wouldn't migrate into Coldwater Creek during exhumation.

I mean, I just felt really hopeful about a month ago, or just a little more than that, hearing about this as a possible way to handle downtown -- I mean to handle the airport site. We did not talk about it for downtown or the other sites. But I just for the first time in 18 years felt that maybe there were safe ways of digging it up out of St. Louis's Coldwater Creek flood plain and taking it elsewhere.

And I don't know, maybe after the meeting if we have a little time, maybe Mr. Golden could address us briefly about this technology since he is here.

THE FACILITATOR: All right.

MR. CAVANAGH: Maybe I'm being redundant,

but I just want to make my point very clear. I think there are at this point some competing priorities and competing interests on the Task Force, which is normal and to be expected, but I think it's very important that we have detailed information from the Task Force. And I guess I want to go on record and say I'm disappointed in hearing a five-minute report on something I thought would be rather significant in detail.

And I think at least from my perspective, and I hope it's shared by many members of the Task Force, that we'd like the whole picture rather than just a two or three-page summary even with attachments. I mean, whether it's presentations by individuals representing those technologies or from the committee, but, frankly, one of the reasons I requested that we have the special meeting was for more detail and five minutes didn't tell me much, especially with nothing in hand.

THE FACILITATOR: Okay. Any other comments or questions at this point? There is one observation that might be helpful. It occurs to me that, having sat through most of the Technologies Working Group meetings, there is one difference of perspective that perhaps ought to be resolved by the full Task Force

ultimately and that has to do with whether part of the mission or part of the objective in looking at technologies is cost-effectiveness or whether that is a secondary issue.

And I think from having paid attention for a year and a half as this group has met that initially the thrust was let's see if we can find technologies that are productive in whatever way, but are also cost-effective, that there isn't a premium cost associated with. And I think that that issue has never brought to closure.

MR. GRANT: As I said earlier, it takes data and information to make an ultimate evaluation. The Technologies Working Group has asked for specific information from people reporting to technology.

There's information that this data is available that has not been shared with the group, as far as I'm concerned, in a detailed kind of way that will allow evaluation of that.

The report will contain all of the information that the Technologies Working Group has been provided. And so you'll have everything we have and there's not going to be anything in that report that -- anything extra. You'll be able to use the same information we've had to evaluate the situation.

MS. DREY: I know that I/m not going to feel qualified to make any kind of -- to participate in a vote on one technology versus another. I am not an engineer; I pride myself on not being an engineer. And I also am not an economist, and pride myself on that, but I do think that if -- there was a sentence, and I tried to find it quickly this morning, in my notes that our working group, Technologies Working Group, this past Wednesday or whenever it was, Tuesday afternoon, we used the -- I think it was Jim's word, we used the word "promising" or that some of the technology -- or at least the ex-situ vitrification technology and something else that I absolutely cannot pronounce that I thought sounded like a Hebrew term, but has something to do with -- I don't know what it has to do -- I can't pronounce it. It had to do with analyses and analyzing soils so that you maybe wouldn't have to treat the same volume if you can have a more efficient way of analyzing, more accurate and precise.

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But at any rate, I think that we may want -we may, as a Task Force, want to recommend to the
Department of Energy that they consider certain
technologies. Whether they're cost-effective or not I
do not think is something that the Task Force was

asked to think about. I think we could ask for the moon, as far as I'm concerned, because what we want is our sites cleaned up safely and permanently.

And so I think -- I mean, there was another point I wanted to make, but I'm afraid I've forgotten.

THE FACILITATOR: Okay. Thank you.

MS. LUBIEWSKI: I myself also do not know anything about the sciences and technologies. I avoided the Technologies Working Group, vehemently avoiding it I think the word might be. For me the Technologies Working Group will, I believe, confirm what I want to have done at the airport site, the Coldwater Creek site. What I'm going to recommend from my personal point of view, and what I'm going to fight for, it can done. I'm not recommending something that's a pie in the sky. The report will confirm that the technology is available. As long as it's in the report, then I recommend it and I'll be comfortable with that.

THE FACILITATOR: Thank you. Any other comments?

MS. DREY: I just remembered. And that was that I think that although I don't think we should be saying to the Department of Energy categorically we think a certain technology is more or less

cost-effective and effective technologically, but we are going to be making decisions about the minimal amount of money that we have to spend in St. Louis and I certainly thought we clearly decided not another cent for the chelating agent Clemson, South Carolina technology and I wonder whether we should spend any of our St. Louis money on any technology investigation. I think we should get on with the cleanup.

THE FACILITATOR: Okay.

MS. DREY: Let the Department of Energy decide which technology.

THE FACILITATOR: Thank you. Any other comments or reactions to the Technologies Working Group report or anything that's been said? Okay. Thank you.

COLDWATER CREEK DISCUSSION:

THE FACILITATOR: We'll move on then to Item No. 5 on the agenda which concerns Coldwater Creek. And at the time -- a week ago today when we decided we would meet today, the one issue that was on the table or one report that we expected to hear was either an oral or written report from John Lark who was referred to by Roger Pryor last week as someone had knowledge of Coldwater Creek from a planning perspective and who might be able to help the Task Force put especially

the lower end of Coldwater Creek into perspective.

You will recall that the Remediation Options Working Group generated a recommendation that the upper end of the creek which generally flows through industrialized areas be remediated to an Option IV standard and that the lower end of Coldwater Creek which, generally speaking, is bucolic and wooded and rural, in order to protect it from damage in the remediation process, that it be subject to an Option III level of cleanup rather than Option IV. There was some debate about that issue, and so Roger suggested that perhaps John Lark could help. John could not be here today, but we do have a written presentation, which we will distribute, and Roger will summarize this for you.

Before you begin, Roger, though, I want to point out a couple of other things that may be helpful. We have at the back of the room some colored photographs and a map and a chart indicating degree of contamination by location on the creek. Those photographs were put together in the last few days by Sarah and other people from Bechtel and by Nancy Lubiewski. There is also a video that Nancy and Sarah made yesterday afternoon which we thought would be helpful in just establishing context for those of you

who have not walked the creek.

My suggestion is that we take a look at the video first and then get into the substantive discussion. Does that make sense to everybody? Is that all right? Okay. We would like to run the video then. There is no sound, so, Nancy, as we go through the video, if you could tell the Task Force whatever you can remember about the three places where the film was made.

(Videotape was shown.)

MS. LUBIEWSKI: This is Saint Ferdinand

Park, City of Florissant. It's right next to Field 10

and a parking lot, as you can see. The left side is

the park side; the right side is the residential side.

And there were kids fishing.

This is down by the Bellefontaine Park, the county park. You drive through the compost center and go down the gravel roads on a dry day. We did a residential area, then we did a real wildlife area, and then we went back to a residential. This is the landfill that butts up to the far end of the drive to the creek. Bellefontaine Park is, I believe, an old landfill.

This is Coldwater Creek in the Florissant area, Lindbergh, Charbonniere, Saint Denis. Okay. To

the right is the shot of Bellefontaine Creek. Here's Coldwater Creek. If you keep walking ahead, they meet up there. This is the area where Coldwater Creek and Bellefontaine Creek and any backwash would happen. This is a heavy flood area during heavy rains that go up into the commercial area, over the bridges. We've had bridge rescues of people hanging onto the sides of the bridge, between Lindbergh Graham and where Graham turns into Saint Ferdinand.

(End of videotape.)

THE FACILITATOR: Okay. Thank you. So we have the video, we have the photographs at the back and the map and the other charts for you to look at after you've heard the presentations and engaged in discussion.

Roger, would you like to walk us through the John Lark letter?

MR. PRYOR: Well, I think the letter, you know, if you get a chance to read it, speaks for itself. I quickly ran off some copies this morning.

MS. DREY: You what, Roger?

MR. PRYOR: Ran off some copies this morning. I hope there are enough copies for everybody.

John just got in town last week and I got

ahold of him after our meeting last Tuesday and he went out and revisited the area, the lower end, on Thursday. And as might be expected, he came up with probably more questions than he had answers.

But I think several things are significant on what he has said here. You know, there is some information he needs from DOE to give a more complete evaluation. But I think in the last paragraph, he makes a very -- there's a typo here, too, I see. The word "buy" in the next to third to last sentence or second to last sentence in the next to the last paragraph, it should be "but."

MS. DREY: Where?

MR. PRYOR: It says, "improper buy ethically"; it should be improper but ethically. It's the fifth line before the sincerely.

And he points out because the creek it does look very muddy and not very clear and the -- it does attract kids, they do swim in it and play in the creek, that he, you know, finds it very difficult in his own mind to not clean it up to the highest degree possible.

He is concerned, and I think he expresses that in Paragraph 2 of the letter that, you know, depending on what the technique is for doing this sort

of cleanup -- and he asked me if I knew and I said I really wasn't sure, but, you know. I guess on a scale of one to ten, with ten being some kind of really heavy mechanized thing where you have bulldozers going down and scraping the creek, he expressed that definitely that type of activity could certainly have a lasting impact in scarring of the area. But he suggests that perhaps for the last three miles because of scenic attributes that a more expensive, less -- or a more moderate mechanized approach might be appropriate.

Again, he has questions concerning, and maybe DOE can help on these or not, but questions concerning about the extent of the contamination down there, to the extent that it goes up the slopes and sides as well as the creek bottoms, what the impact of back flooding of the Missouri River has been and to what extent the outcrops -- the bedrock outcrops would be affected, and I don't know the answer to that either, but my assumption all along has been -- we're talking about cleaning up the sediment, is not scraping up bedrock.

Anyway he makes a pitch that he thinks it should be cleaned up to the highest degree possible. He suggests that it's probably going to take special

skill and effort to do that in a way that doesn't detract from the area's other scenic qualities. And then there's additional information that if we want to provide, he'd be happy to pursue on the question of the coalition.

I don't know if this -- this may not answer all of our questions certainly, but it gives us a little more things to think about. And he did say that he thought that if he had the information that he needed here, he could give a more definitive answer in time for our next meeting and would be willing to do so.

He apologized for not being here today, he had to be somewhere at 8:30 and, as I said, I caught him just as he got back in town from being out of town and this was pretty much last minute. But if there are any questions you might have about what he has to say here, I'll do my best to try and answer them.

THE FACILITATOR: Questions?

MS. DREY: Can you just give us a brief background of his involvement? He is a landscape architect, right?

MR. PRYOR: Right. He has his own firm in Webster Groves. His specialty is park planning, open space planning, scenic landscape design for commercial

development and historic preservation.

He had gotten involved in Coldwater Creek in a major way, as he refers to it here, back in the late 70s, early 80s because he got the contract from St. Louis County to study the possibility of linear parks in St. Louis County and four of the creeks — they did four creeks and did fairly extensive studies: Botanical, geologic, all sorts of studies, and inventory and recreational use and residential use and flooding and all sorts of things that occurs along these creeks.

We have that study on Coldwater Creek at our office in U City. The information in it is old. I mean, it's basically, well, it's going on 20 years now. Well, 16, 17 years. But this is the sort of thing he does for a living and he does have some, you know, personal expertise with that area, that's why I thought I'd asked him --

At the time he did the study, he was aware and we were just becoming aware of the fact that Coldwater Creek had this kind of contamination in it. And we weren't sure if it all went down to the lower end because at that time there had been no testing down at the lower end, but that was suspected. So he did address that issue, at least in a very tangential

way, in his report 16 years ago. That's sort of his background. He's done a lot projects, park projects, for the county and the municipalities in the area.

THE FACILITATOR: Okay. Any additional questions or comments?

MR. KUCERA: I don't really intend to bring up another controversial subject, but related to this, and I think it's relevant, is our Times Beach cleanup.

I was heavily involved in negotiating that consent order that drives the cleanup. And we were very concerned that as Times Beach itself was being cleaned up that the same thing we're talking about here would be lost, that the natural and scenic amenities that made Times Beach a nice place to live and a nice place to float by if you were on the Meramec would be lost if we just left this with a simple cleanup requirement where people would be free to use bulldozers, knock down all the trees, and just make it as easy as possible for them.

And also, knowing the inclination toward a lot of these contractors to use the biggest bulldozer possible just because they like to, not because they need to, but because they like to, and we specified in the cleanup requirements that they were to be diligent about protecting the natural amenities. And that hap

been successful.

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I think Times -- and we re not inviting everybody to go down there now. Hopefully, in a few months we'll be able to do that. The cleanup has occurred in Times Beach. The other work there related to incinerators is not done, of course, but the cleanup in the streets and home areas has been done.

And I'd say an excellent job was done in protecting all the scenic amenities. It proves that it's possible to do that, to clean up to the standards which involve the removal of soil and sediment, but yet to protect the scenic amenities. We have a case study in that right here in St. Louis County.

THE FACILITATOR: Thank you. Any other comments or observations?

MR. EBERLE: A question. Is there an agreed-upon reclamation plan for Coldwater Creek by the county quite apart from any radiation factors?

MR. PRYOR: I'll just address the linear park idea. The linear park concept, after extensive study, actually fell by the wayside due to local concerned citizens and local communities that -- well, sort of this whole thing you've heard before, but I'm sure having bike paths and foot paths running along the creek on the opposite side from where people

lived -- a lot of the people wanted the springs and so the project sort of fell by the wayside. As far as I know, the county has no particular ongoing project there other than the fact that they've always recognized that lower section Coldwater Creek was one of the better quality creek areas remaining in St. Louis County.

THE FACILITATOR: Does that answer your question?

MR. EBERLE: I was just pursuing the thought that wouldn't it make sense to have a plan that people wanted so that whatever, and I'm not questioning the fact that we have a responsibility to do something about that, I'm not questioning that all, but what we do about it and what is it that the people there say they want and how do you do the different things that he talks about in his letter but in keeping with some kind of plan as opposed to the objective simply being removing those contaminated spots.

MR. PRYOR: You know, I wasn't at the meeting this came up. This was the second pizza night, I guess. But there are a number of people here on this Task Force who, you know, either live on or are concerned about -- and we had Sandy Delcoure last time and we heard from Ed -- people who are concerned

about Coldwater Creek and I think the concerns, I've always heard, have been of two types. One is that we want Coldwater Creek cleaned up because kids play in the creek, it's in our backyards; and two, we want it cleaned up because it's also, hey, it's a neat creek in many places.

And those two concerns, I think, are both -not speaking for people like Nancy and Sandy Delcoure,
but I think both those concerns are high in their
minds. And I don't think there -- there's not so much
a reclamation plan in mind, but there is the fact that
just two weeks ago they were confronted with the idea
that maybe they couldn't have both these things. It's
either or. And I think John's suggesting that's not
necessarily the case, we can maybe have both.

MS. DREY: You mean, you can clean up but you can also preserve the quality.

MR. PRYOR: You know, I don't think anyone has, in county government, you know, whether anyone in county government has a plan for that.

MR. EBERLE: My final question is don't we have to be very careful as we carry out our responsibility we move into a local community and begin to do things which either restrict or change or condition or affect what they choose to have happen in

their community, and how do we resolve that? Because as you pointed out, Roger, what has happened is we keep hearing the controversy about different things and should we be the ones that in order to do this act in ways that may draw those conclusions?

THE FACILITATOR: It seems to me that ideally we ought to integrate all the available information. We ought to ask those questions and make sure we're sensitive to whatever answers we get or clues we get.

MR. MANNING: The Corps of Engineers plans for flood control on Coldwater Creek actually show the creation of a linear park and a walking or slash bike trail alongside of Coldwater Creek once they have done the flood control measures for Coldwater Creek. And that was placed on hold about ten years ago mainly due to the coalition to get Coldwater Creek cleaned up at that time. And that's one of the things the city of Hazelwood and I believe the city of Florissant would like to see put back into motion. And one of the reasons why the city of Hazelwood is pushing so much for the cleanup of Coldwater Creek is so that we can look at the flood control issue again -- or the flooding issue along Coldwater Creek.

.THE FACILITATOR: So there are really three

issues. There's the desire to clean up the radioactive contamination, there is the desire to maintain the conditions, at least at the lower end of creek, and there's the desire to manage flood water throughout the length of the creek and somehow -- and then when you add whatever the concerns of those who are most directly affected by the creek to that equation, those are the issues that need to integrated it seems.

MR. EBERLE: It seems like somebody has to have a plan so that when we do our part in this, we're not in there messing up the works.

THE FACILITATOR: Well, one way we could handle that I think is by -- since we are on a tight schedule, our report, at least in its draft form, could say something to the effect that community input ought to be integrated into this equation, but here are our objectives from a remediation point of view integrating what we know from those at the table about flood water control and the general objective of preserving the character of the lower end of the creek. Then we do have a plan that includes a public comment opportunity, a review and comment opportunity prior to our finalizing our recommendations to DOE, and it could even be an ongoing, open-ended thing if

we don't feel that we have enough information.

impacted by Coldwater Creek has been invited time and again to be a part of this committee. If the communities of Black Jack and Spanish Lake are impacted by Coldwater Creek, if they wanted to be here, they could be here. If they choose to wait for the public comment period, that's their choice. Mayor Egan, City of Florissant, has sent Lou Jearls to be representative for the administration of the city, so Florissant is represented. And St. Louis County, where Coldwater Creek runs through, is also represented on this committee. So I have no problem with the decision this Task Force makes on Coldwater Creek because everybody hasn't had an opportunity and will have an opportunity to speak on the issue.

THE CHAIRPERSON: I just wanted to briefly say that it sounds like we've had several plans mentioned and one other group that was speaking this morning was Operation Stream Team -- is that the name of it? -- from Sandy Delcoure and it sounded as if there was a possible project in their minds, but I still think we are primarily concerned with cleaning this up and that should be our focus. That's the most active issue at the moment. These other things are

speculative and they can still follow after our action, but you can't put their action ahead of ours. So I think we should focus on the cleanup aspects and remain open minded to these other things as information is provided.

MS. FLYNN: Good morning. I need to leave here this morning and so I wanted to jump ahead a little bit to Kay Drey's motion and say that if there is some type of formal vote on it that the city of Berkeley wanted to go on record as being in favor of

votes.

THE FACILITATOR: Thank you. Christina indicated earlier to me that she had to leave at 8:45 and asked for an opportunity to express that thought before she had to leave.

the motion here as it is amended.

MS. DREY: Christina, are you two votes?

MS. FLYNN: Am I two votes? Yes, I'm two

THE FACILITATOR: Okay. Well, that's interesting.

MS. FLYNN: I'm speaking for Ted Hoskins and Josh Richardson, so that's two votes.

THE FACILITATOR: All right.

MS. FLYNN: So if I take me, then that's three votes.

1 THE FACILITATOR: Why stop there? 2 the population of Berkeley? We're 12,900. Thank you. 3 MS. FLYNN: THE FACILITATOR: All right. I saw a couple of hands. I saw Ric first and then Roger. 5 6 MR. CAVANAGH: Could someone explain this 7 particular handout, where it came from, since it does 8 pertain to Coldwater Creek? 9 THE FACILITATOR: Yes, there is also a copy of that chart mounted at the rear of the room. 10 11 understand it, and please whoever created it jump in, 12 but as I understand it that chart indicates degrees of contamination at points along Coldwater Creek where 13 testing has occurred. 14 15 MR. ADLER: That's correct. It's the results of a sampling program conducted at specified 16 17 locations up and down the creek. The data is 18 represented against distance so it's concentrate 19 versus distance. 20 THE FACILITATOR: So the spikes would 21 indicate locations along the creek where higher 22 concentrations of contamination were found? 23 MR. ADLER: Was detected. 24 THE FACILITATOR: And what's the distinction

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between red and blue?

MR. ADLER: I'm not certain, but I think
it's left side, right side or center line or outside
the line.

THE FACILITATOR: Okay. So it's location
within the creek then.

MR. ADLER: Location within the creek in

THE FACILITATOR: Laterally.

MR. ADLER: -- in the dimension.

THE FACILITATOR: Good.

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MR. ADLER: It only captures data from within the creek bed itself. And there's another blue line for the cross field which identifies five picocuries per gram as a benchmark. Five picocuries per gram is the standard that we've used for residential property cleanup. So if you were trying to ensure that that creek bed could be drained and developed for residential purposes then consistent with the old application, otherwise you want to knock out all those spikes and go five.

MR. CAVANAGH: So if I'm understanding this correctly, then, the spikes are significant 12,000 feet downstream from SLAPS?

MR. ADLER: Well, I think you've got a data point there about 50 picocuries per gram or so

probably.

MR. CAVANAGH: Yeah. I guess the question is, in reading this, if I'm interpreting this correctly, obviously the further away from SLAPS you get, the less problem there is.

MR. ADLER: That's correct.

MR. CAVANAGH: And I guess can someone define then like how far 22,000 feet downstream from SLAPSs get us? Does that give us a point of reference.

MR. ADLER: I know that most of the peaks -yeah, and I've asked that that be done, but it hasn't
been done yet. But most of the high peaks are from
270 south. There's detectable contamination past that
too, but once you get north of 270, you're into the
lower peak range.

I think another point I'd just make on the chart is that if we were attempting to draw that flat blue line currently at five picocuries per gram at a level suitable for other end-points such as swimming and fishing and recreational use, but not agrarian, farmer, residential use, that line would be longer, I believe. I haven't seen that line calculated for purposes of this creek, but given the lesser exposure associated just with swimming and fishing and

accidental ingestion of water and stuff, you'd probably have a higher line. I'm not sure what it would be. It would probably be above some of the peaks from on the lower end of the chart.

THE FACILITATOR: All right.

MR. PRYOR: Well, just to follow up on that question, I also have a motion, how long is Coldwater Creek from the tarmac from the SLAPS site down to the Missouri in miles? This covers about eight miles here on this chart.

MR. ADLER: Correct. Yeah, let Dave. He's more knowledgeable.

MR. MILLER: Yeah, I might be able to speak a little bit to this and answer some of the technical questions associated with it.

The samples are sediment samples, they're not water samples. They're taken from the center of creek in the sediments and then the banks of the creek also, not just simply in the stream bed.

This shows basically from the McDonnell Boulevard bridge at the SLAPS to the mouth of the Missouri River, it's about eight miles, I think, eight or nine miles. And I don't know exactly where it crosses 270, but I think it's somewhere around the eight to 12,000 foot downstream mark. This data was

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              THE FACILITATOR: All right.
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              MR. MILLER: Yes.
              MS. DREY: Is it based on Coldwater Creek --
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   I mean, the Corps of Engineers study, was it?
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              MR. MILLER: No, this was done by --
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                         The Corps of Engineers.
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              MR. ADLER:
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    by Bechtel; some of it was funded by the Corps.
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              MR. BRANDES: I believe he answered my
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    question. This was '94 study?
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              MR. MILLER: Well, the report was published
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             The samples were actually taken around 1990
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your chart then, 366 is not the date?

MR. MILLER: No, that's the page number out of the RI.

MR. BRANDES: Thank you.

THE FACILITATOR: Yes, Roger.

MR. PRYOR: I would propose a motion that I think -- let me ask a clarification, first of all. We have not -- have we actually approved, as a Task Force, any of the recommendations? We talked about them last time that were made by the special meetings, and there was some discussion, but I don't recall actually --

THE FACILITATOR: Unfortunately because the meetings have only been, you know, a week apart -
MR. PRYOR: Yeah.

THE FACILITATOR: -- and there was a crunch in order to get ready for this meeting, I have not read the complete transcript of last week's meeting and therefore I don't know the answer to your question.

MOTION:

MR. PRYOR: Well, if it's appropriate I would like to at least offer a motion that the Task Force would reconsider the consensus that was supposedly expressed last time that Level III be applied to the lower end of Coldwater Creek and that

instead that we would urge that Level IV be considered, if it can be shown it can be done in a way consistent with the concerns very few people expressed here about the creek, but -- and I think also with respect to George and Ric's comments that it be done in a way that is consistent with other agencies and communities and their expectations for the future of Coldwater Creek.

It seems to me the best -- you know, I think we could ask John to do more for us, but it seems to the best we can do as a Task Force is to recommend that we go for as much of a cleanup in Coldwater Creek as we can that meets everybody's other objectives.

And I'd hate for us to recommend Level III, for example -- this is not part of the motion -- recommend Level III and we find out later on that a higher level cleanup would be achievable without creating the damage that we're concerned about.

But, you know, if it's appropriate now or it's appropriate later, I would certainly hope that we would reconsider where we're headed at least last week.

THE FACILITATOR: All right. Let's first see if there is a second to the motion.

MS. DREY: Second.

THE FACILITATOR: All right. Thank you, there is a second to the motion. I saw a couple of hands. Sally?

THE CHAIRPERSON: I was just going to second the motion.

THE FACILITATOR: I see.

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THE CHAIRPERSON: Actually, I'm so pleased because this is what I said last week. This is exactly what I said. I hoped that we could do a very limited hand -- I don't know if you're going to like that but, I mean, a very small scale type of operation that would not impact the creek, but yet would catch the numbers that we need to get removed, so I accept the motion as stated. I'll second it, if that's what you wish, Kay.

MR. CAVANAGH: Point of order, I don't think the Chair can second.

THE CHAIRPERSON: I didn't think I could.

MR. MANNING: I was going to second, but it leads into the resolution that the city of Hazelwood passed at a council meeting last week basically endorsing the recommendations that came out of the working group and we're asking that they consider a Phase IV or Cleanup IV level for the lower level of Coldwater Creek, if it can be done without destroying

the environment, and that it be cleaned up to a level that would permit the Corps to proceed with the flood controls for Coldwater Creek is basically what the resolution was. THE FACILITATOR: I'm circulating the resolution now. I was actually saving that for the new business portion of the agenda, but since it has been brought up, that's what's going around the table. THE CHAIRPERSON: Tom, did you just say that you supported a Level III for the lower end of the creek in your resolution? MR. MANNING: No. THE CHAIRPERSON: You did not. MR. MANNING: No, we supported IV for the lower end. THE CHAIRPERSON: That's what I thought. Okay. THE FACILITATOR: Would anybody else like a copy of this? There are still a few. This is the Hazelwood resolution, city council resolution. Okay. MR. CAVANAGH: Just for clarification, since the motion got long-winded. Basically what the motion is --

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MR. PRYOR: I resent that.

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MR. CAVANAGH: -- is that the Task Force

support a Level IV cleanup for all Coldwater Creek with the proviso that special care be taken at the lower end to maintain the integrity of the natural environment.

MR. PRYOR: Yeah. And also I think to incorporate, to the extent we can, the concerns and plans of other agencies and communities regarding Coldwater Creek.

THE FACILITATOR: All right. So there is a motion on the floor, it has been seconded, and now we're into discussion.

MS. DREY: I just wonder too, though, Roger, why just that section of the lower end? I mean, I realize it should be at the lower end, but I think, you know, there are parks and so on along there.

MR. PRYOR: The recommendation for IV had already been for a IV on the upper end.

MS. DREY: But IV doesn't need to be big bulldozers either is what I'm saying.

MR. PRYOR: Well, okay.

MS. DREY: I think that the beauty of the creek should try to be preserved as much as possible.

MR. PRYOR: Well, I guess maybe I'm naive, and maybe Dave can speak to this, but I assume that DOE when they contract with somebody what they

contract to do, say, clean up the ballfield site or a SLAPS site that they would contract somebody for Coldwater Creek and would certainly do it in a very different way. I mean, that they would certainly be certainly mindful of the fact there's a slightly different environment involved.

MR. ADLER: Sure. I think that if the group can just state among other performance objectives, a performance objective of minimizing some of the ecological impacts and then leave it to us to figure out what --

MS. DREY: Minimize what?

MR. ADLER: To minimize ecological impacts and leave it up to us to figure out how to do that.

MS. DREY: Okay.

MR. ADLER: I think that, and it may be misleading a little bit, I think that ultimately we have two objectives -- one to be able to drain the creek and build homes in the bottom of it, which is what the Level IV cleanup would provide, and to minimize ecological impact. They may, and I could be wrong, but they may be mutually exclusive end-points. It may not be possible to render it suitable for unrestricted future use, drain the creek, bring in the homes, and have minimal impact on the creek bed. We

need to find that out. I mean, at Times Beach they had a -- at Times Beach they actually cleaned it up to totally unrestricted release standards without impacting vegetation -- or minimizing the impact of vegetation. So I suppose it depends on how much impact of vegetation you can withstand.

MR. CAVANAGH: Then I think the question of whether or not houses would be built or whatever is a planning and zoning issue for the municipalities and the unincorporated areas.

MR. PRYOR: Well, barring events that usually take time, I don't think anybody will be building homes in the creek anytime.

MR. ADLER: I don't either. And that's why
I would think it sensible to consider a relaxed
standard. I don't know. You know, III and IV mean
different things to different people. To me, if the
performance objective is to have the creek itself
restored for all potential recreational uses -fishing, swimming, things of that sort, ecological
endpoints, and then I guess being able to build homes
up to the edge of the creek or something like that,
then we can probably pull off a cleanup that maintains
the ecological integrity of the creek.

MR. PRYOR: Just for the record, I'm not

going to debate the issue, but the Coalition

Environment feels that recreational use, in many
cases, demands and deserves as much -- as high a level
cleanup as residential use. And sometimes certain
cases maybe even more so because of the way people
interact with the area.

THE CHAIRPERSON: I have one question about this motion. If in the lower end of creek there is some contamination that would need to take the excavation phase of the project to achieve a Level IV, are we saying that we would do that then?

MR. PRYOR: I don't think we're making a hard --

THE CHAIRPERSON: I guess what I'm asking is, is there any area of the creek that we are going to agree to a Level III cleanup level in order to maintain the natural integrity of the creek? -- you know, in a particularly nice area.

MR. PRYOR: Well, I think what the resolution says is that it is the desire of Task Force that Level IV cleanup be achieved given these constraints that we put on there. I don't think we can go on and second guess anymore than that because we don't know. You know, there's a lot of what-ifs that might come up, but what we're saying is that it's

possible to do it under these -- these other considerations involved and if that's what you want to see done.

THE CHAIRPERSON: So you're a DOE contractor and you go in and you find soil that in order to maintain the trees and the rock formations and keep things as they are, you would need to go to a Level III cleanup, but we state it's our desire for a Level IV. I mean, that's the kind of question I think we're leaving unanswered with this. We're not saying that yes, in fact, maintaining the integrity of the creek is our primary concern. You know, it sounds like we're still saying Level IV so that we still open the door to full excavation. And, you know, that may be what we want. (I just wanted to make sure.

MR. PRYOR: Well, my goal was not trying to resolve all the questions because I didn't think they were resolvable --

THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay.

MR. PRYOR: -- but rather I didn't want to see us go the other way and then decide irreversibly that we thought Level III was okay, thought it was all right, because we were worried about these concerns that we ought to still strive for Level IV and to keep concerns live and current, but not just not

automatically -- Level III, not knowing what's going to happen. You know, if someone has a suggestion in a way of us, you know, of doing this in a way that gives us more certainty, you know, I think you're smarter than I am.

MR. ROLEN: Yes, just a point of observation in this whole process is that I don't see it --

THE REPORTER: I'm sorry, I can't hear you.

MR. ROLEN: I don't see a process for a mechanism for who makes the day-to-day decisions on what's taken out and what's left in. And then if a plan is approved and funded, will the government hold itself immune to local ordinances and laws? For instance, if you need an access road and the local community doesn't want an access road, then how do you resolve those differences?

THE FACILITATOR: Well, I think we have a couple of shots at doing our best job. I mean, this is all productive discussion. It will inform what is written in the initial draft. There will then be an opportunity for people to react to that initial draft and refine it before it goes to the public. And then there will be the opportunity for the public to say here's what's on our mind. And we'll do the best we can and whatever caveats we can come up with, we'll

include and after that I don't know. If we think that it's open-ended or too open-ended, then we'll have to perhaps recommend that there be some ongoing oversight -- local oversight. And there might be a lot of ways of doing that.

MS. DREY: I would like to request that a clear definition of the Department of Energy's term, quotes, release for unrestricted use, DOE's wording for that, to define that, would be helpful to have in the final report. I know Dave Adler, DOE, often says residential. To me you can have unrestricted use where people don't actually have houses.

And I would like to say, too, that I hope in the mention of the concerns about Coldwater Creek that kids fish there -- I mean, people fish there and they swim there and they sit on the banks and eat snow and all kinds of recreational activities, but they also -- the creek does flood and people do have back yard gardens and I think that's very important to put into the report.

THE FACILITATOR: Is there any more discussion on the motion?

MR. EBERLE: Might it be helpful if we asked the county and the state and the municipalities to give us guidance how to proceed on this? Because the

fundamental issue, and Roger alluded to that -- or no, not alluded -- it was stated in his motion that we do this in accordance with future use. So it does seem like we've got to say to them, look, you know, we have to make the decision so we want to be guided by you, what do you see as future use. That also, I think, can help get to the point Ray was making about somebody out here in the county or the state has to decide who's going to arbitrate between all these people who want to do different things and not get stuck.

THE FACILITATOR: And the key at this point is that we may not know all those different things yet.

MR. EBERLE: Yeah, but I guess all I'm saying is can we emphasize that they have to tell us, not that we're going to be guided by what we think it is or that everybody has had an opportunity to do that, but what are their recommendations for that future use. If they don't they don't know, then they say they don't know.

MR. HORGAN: Okay. I think the Congressman would definitely support the principle and theory of the motion. There's two caveats that I'd like to throw out for the committee to think about. First of

all, one of the -- it's not really a caveat -- I think the Congressman would want it to be so that Hazelwood could get in a position, whether full cleanup what have you, so that they can eventually start their -- the Corps can go back to work on the flood control project that they tried to start ten years ago and have been on hold ever since, that would be pretty important.

The other thing is in terms of the theory and the content of the motion, I think the Congressman would be very receptive to supporting it. However, we're talking in general terms right now and I don't know what these different motions and points are going to have on the total cost, but I just caution the Task Force that we deal -- the fiscal reality of it may not let us do what we want to do.

I think Congressman Talent will work hard to abide by what the Task Force does, but, you know, there's 435 other members of Congress and I think we need to be cautious about that. But, like I said, I just want the Task Force to be aware of the potential fiscal realities and the politics involved in it.

MR. PRYOR: I was just going to comment that George's concerns here actually apply to all those sites that we're -- everything we're recommending. I

mean, we don't how this is going to cut with, you know, the community until we put it out there for them to see. I mean, there could be -- it's not just Coldwater Creek that, you know, every one of these sites, every one of these proposed for cleanup is going to have to, you know, go before public scrutiny and, you know, will probably be more scrutinized by the individual communities and governmental officials than it has been to date.

MS. LUBIEWSKI: We can ask the different cities what they want to do, but politicians and politics change all the time. People come and go, their ideas change. All I want to do is clean up the park and then give the cities -- or the Coldwater Creek area, and give the cities then an opportunity to decide what they want to do with it.

If we ask a city what they want to do, the response could be in a month, it could be in a year before they get back to us. April is elections again so the response we get in a month could be totally different than in April. The public comment, they'll come back and change their mind again depending on who's in office. We can only provide a clean creek so that they can then can make their decisions.

THE FACILITATOR: Is there any other

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              THE FACILITATOR: Well, I said the highest
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THE CHAIRPERSON: But that does not mean IV

to me. If you say highest level without impacting the
creek, DOE could interpret that as something other

than a IV. That was my question -- what are we really
saying?

THE FACILITATOR: Level IV to the extent
achievable without compromising those other

objectives. And I'm getting a confirmation -
MR. GRIGGS: Do you want the highest level
possible or the highest level?

THE CHAIRPERSON: Excuse me?

MR. GRIGGS: Do you mean the highest level possible that's attainable, or everybody carte blanc wants IV? The highest level to possibly obtain or we could demand IV.

THE CHAIRPERSON: That's two different things.

MR. GRIGGS: That's two different issues.

THE FACILITATOR: Okay.

MR. MANNING: Yes, I would like the motion to be amended like the city passed, the city of Hazelwood passed a resolution. And it simply states that the Hazelwood City Council urges the Task Force to consider amending this to an Option IV for the area, provided that a more extensive cleanup can be

done without destroying the trees and surrounding environment. We believe the areas proposed for the flood control measures should be cleaned up to a Level IV, if it needs to be cleaned up to a level that will support the flood control measures. If it's anything less, it will not allow the Corps access to the -- basically the Corps will take a hands-off policy.

THE FACILITATOR: Is that clear?

THE CHAIRPERSON: That is clear. I still don't know if we're requiring a Level IV or if we're

just asking for the highest attainable.

THE FACILITATOR: I think what we're saying

THE CHAIRPERSON: What is?

is that that's the desired objective.

MS. DREY: Well, your resolution says IV.

MR. PRYOR: I think my motion really said IV, too, but it's been a while. If it would make things easier and this is cleaner, I'd be willing to withdraw my motion in favor of us adopting the resolution that Hazelwood submitted because it's certainly clear.

THE CHAIRPERSON: I'm not sure. Can the Chair add an addendum?

MR. CAVANAGH: I believe it can be accepted as a friendly amendment if the person who made the

motion plus the person who seconded -- am I correct?

THE FACILITATOR: Yes.

MS. DREY: I seconded it.

THE FACILITATOR: Actually the seconder has to accept it first.

MR. PRYOR: There's no pride of ownership here. Whatever will convey this. I think the sense is we want a Level IV if it can be done in a way that doesn't screw everything else up.

THE FACILITATOR: Well, if you're comfortable with what Tom Manning has just read, then certainly that's a simpler approach because it's already typewritten and it's not subject to --

MR. PRYOR: I would accept Tom's written version here as a friendly amendment, substituted amendment, to my original motion.

THE FACILITATOR: Thank you. Who seconded?

Kay seconded it. Kay said yes.

THE CHAIRPERSON: I have an amendment that I understand someone is going to have to offer for me, but my amendment would be that we make some statement clear in there that it would be a minimum Level III.

I'm just worried that if we don't state something minimally because we're leaving it subject to the language of -- without destroying the trees and

surrounding environment.

THE FACILITATOR: All right. Well, the concept is put on the table. Does anyone want to react to that, that the threshold be established at Option III, but that the objective be expressed as Option IV?

MS. LUBIEWSKI: I know exactly what you're getting at, I understand it completely, but I think this motion is just to send a message that IV is what we want. It can be done. It may or may not be costly, we don't know. At this point, we don't know. But if IV can be done, we as the committee want it done and we want it done with the method of preserving the environment around it.

There's always time later to negotiate down, but our first message should be very strong in the desire. And I'm not comfortable with saying with a minimum of Option III if need be at this point in time. At this point in time, I think we should come on real strong, get the point across pointblank, and then let the DOE come back later and say, well now, we have to try and work around this. And then that's when the Oversight Committee would come into play after this committee is all finished and we start observing what they're doing.

THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. I'm comfortable with that.

THE FACILITATOR: All right. Where does that leave us?

MS. DREY: The motion that Roger now has on the table is just to change the first few words of the Hazelwood motion. Is that right, Roger?

MR. PRYOR: Well, in fairness, it's not the whole Hazelwood motion.

MS. DREY: No, no, just that one -- two sentence -- the one sentence, right? The Hazelwood City Council, this would be the St. Louis Remediation Task Force endorses --

MR. PRYOR: Well, if I may put this into words that sound like a motion from us, we would drop out the part Hazelwood City Council urges and say the Task Force recommends Option IV for the lower end of Coldwater Creek provided more extensive cleanup can be done without destroying the trees and surrounding environment. We believe all areas imposed to flood control measures should be cleaned up to Level -- Option IV. And that's something additional there which we're adding. But we put it in form, not as Hazelwood motion, but as our motion.

THE FACILITATOR: All right. That is the

motion then. The slightly adapted language extracted from the next to last paragraph, is it, Section 3 of the Hazelwood Resolution No. 9610 which was circulated earlier. So that is the motion that's on the floor now as I understand it. Kay was the seconder and she is amenable to that; Roger moved and he's amenable to it. Are there any objections to that being the motion?

MS. DREY: Now, you said lower end?

MR. PRYOR: Because they referred to this

area and so I had to stick it in there. It said lower

part, I believe. I left out the first sentence.

THE CHAIRPERSON: I'll call the question.

THE FACILITATOR: Is there anything more to be said on this motion? All right. The question has been called. All those in favor of the motion as amended please signify by saying aye. All those opposed, please say nay. One nay vote. Any abstentions? Thank you.

We have eleven minutes left on our schedule and we are now at, I believe -- unless there is anything more to be said about Coldwater Creek today, we can move to Item 6 on the agenda which is Kay Drey's motion which is actually a different motion than was originally introduced. And there were copies

of this available for you, I believe, on the table as you came in today. Is there anyone who does not have a copy of a faxed document with a date of 07/22 at the top left corner, 4:02 p.m.? Okay.

KAY DREY'S MOTION:

MS. DREY: Our parliamentarian has suggested that I introduce this as a new motion because otherwise things have to happen like having to do with the table. I move that -- now what? Do I read it?

Okay -- that the motion as distributed dated July 22, I move that.

MR. CAVANAGH: Second.

THE FACILITATOR: All right. There is a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?

MR. MANNING: I just want a clarification so that we all know that even though we're saying -- and I concur that we did establish this as our number one priority -- that this does not mean that all funding is going to be directed just toward that one project, that the other projects will continue on as we have already got basically in progress.

MS. DREY: Yeah, Tom I did try -- may I answer?

THE FACILITATOR: Yes, it's a question to

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MS. DREY: Okay. I did try to say that. was partly why I thought it was important for this all to be one motion so it couldn't be, you know, severed. MR. MANNING: Well, that's the way I understood --MS. DREY: And is it does say --MR. MANNING: -- that's why I wanted it clarified. MS. DREY: Yeah. Good, Tom. But the second paragraph it says that the Task Force requests that remediation for unrestricted use continue or begin at the various -- you know, those sites. And then again I think the next paragraph, No. 3, says continue or begin. So definitely. Now, if you would like to, you know, amend it/to make that more clear? MR. MANNING: No, that's what I wanted that clarification in the record. MS. DREY: Good. THE FACILITATOR: Any additional questions or comments? Yeah, I just wanted to point MR. GRANT: out, other than as we just voted, I guess the requirements here aren't quite exactly the same as what the pizza committee had proposed, and I don't "

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up and spread it evenly across those different categories, that's one thing. If it's refocused from one thing to another, that's another thing.

I guess I'm trying to get a handle on what the priority establishment means. If it doesn't mean budget, what are you asking the department operational to do with the newly established priority? How is that to change what we do in '97 or '98?

MR. CAVANAGH: I can speak to that. That second sentence states -- you know, if we're going on record that the airport site is the highest priority, but the specific request is that DOE start that cleanup at site in fiscal '97 and at the same time continuing, you know, other efforts and so forth. I think that seems to be the intent. I'm interpreting Kay's writing, but --

THE FACILITATOR: Are you going to respond to that, Kay or can Tom speak?

MS. DREY: Sure, Tom.

MR. BINZ: Yeah, at this point in time, it's apparent to me that we really haven't debated issues such as equity or other priorities. I think maybe this is the point in time where we maybe should go back to the Priorities Working Group and discuss the realities of cutting up the pie or equity issues that

seem to be left unattended at this point in time.

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THE FACILITATOR: Yes. I saw a couple of hands.

MR. HORGAN: I just want to say that that's a very good point because that would be one of the things DOE will have when they get the recommendation, and if it should be approved or what have you, they're going to have to figure out how to do it. And if SLAPS is a priority for this Task Force, I think we have to indicate it -- I mean, the Task Force has indicated, but they also have to be as specific as possible for DOE.

MR. GRANT: Yeah, I did want to point out too if you go back and look at the minutes of the Priorities Working Group, I believe they had some discussions in terms of prioritizing, I guess, the ten individual units we're talking about and I think they brought them into four groups of units and discussed a priority, but I don't know that it was ever brought back to the Task Force or even voted on the Priorities Committee. Maybe some members of the committee could comment on that.

THE FACILITATOR: Let me make sure I understood the question. You don't know whether what happened?

MR. GRANT: Well, I know I'm looking at the minutes of the Priorities Work Group that they looked at these individual units we're looking at like SLAPS, the ballfields and they developed a priority --

THE FACILITATOR: Yes.

MR. GRANT: -- for those.

THE FACILITATOR: They did indeed.

MR. GRANT: I don't think they've ever come back to the Task Group, though, with a recommendation to adopt those.

THE FACILITATOR: Well, actually there was a presentation and I'm guessing now it was at the May meeting and it did --

MR. GRANT: I think that's correct.

THE FACILITATOR: There was a specific set of recommendations in order of priority. There was, in addition to that, a numerical ranking. There was a point system that was used --

MR. GRANT: Right. Right.

THE FACILITATOR: -- to determine and SLAPS clearly was the highest --

MR. GRANT: Right.

THE FACILITATOR: -- ranked. It was 37 points and the next one was perhaps 27 or 28 points, and so there was a clear -- yes, Jack.

MR. FRAUENHOFFER: Jim, the rankings were like 27, in terms of points, 24 and 24.

THE FACILITATOR: Is that it?

MR. FRAUENHOFFER: Statistically what we're basically saying is a third, third, and third which is what we've said all along.

THE FACILITATOR: Would you speak into the microphone because I couldn't hear you?

MR. FRAUENHOFFER: The numbers were 27, 24 and 24. So statistically we're talking basically a third, third, and third with a slight preference for SLAPS for the people who were there. To my knowledge, the whole Task Force -- it was reported to this group, but the whole Task Force did not take up an equivalent vote to that particular vote for the Priorities meeting.

THE FACILITATOR: That's what I was going to get to. There was no vote actually taken at the Task Force meeting. The information was presented, there was an opportunity to discuss it, I believe some discussion did occur, but there wasn't ever a formal vote taken on whether the Task Force embraced the recommendation of the Priorities Working Group.

MR. CAVANAGH: I think in light of the time schedule that you established last month in terms of

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motion? 1 THE FACILITATOR: 2 3 MS. STEWARD: And what was your question, 4 Kay? MS. DREY: Well, somebody just raised the 5 question about West Lake landfill which it says on 6 this motion, the removal of these wastes to the Option 7 IV cleanup level. And I believe at the pizza meeting 8 9 you mentioned something about the state's position with respect to West Lake with respect to its being in 10 the flood plain of the Missouri River. 11 Does the state have a position on West Lake 12 Landfill for the cleanup? 13 MS. STEWARD: No. What I said was that the 14 state would prefer an Option IV cleanup for the West 15 Lake Landfill' because of its location in the flood 16 plain. 17 MS. DREY: That's why I guess -- somebody 18 said a few minutes ago that at this pizza meeting that 19 maybe we haven't taken a position on West Lake 20 Landfill and that's why I'm --21 MS. STEWARD: We took a vote. We voted on 22 23 that. 24 MS. DREY: And what was the decision? 25 MR. MANNING: Actually it was a III.

THE FACILITATOR: That's right.

MR. MANNING: This is what came out of the report that last meeting.

MS. DREY: Well, if somebody -- you know, if there's a problem with that, you know, perhaps we could say to the Option III or IV cleanup level if somebody -- you know, if people would prefer that. I don't remember that vote. I don't even remember how I voted.

MR. ADLER: We're spending a lot of time talking about do we call it a III or a IV. Just a point to throw out. By time the report or recommendation goes to some senior manager in Washington we'll probably have to find a different language. They won't know what III or IV is.

MS. DREY: Well, it's going to be defined.

MR. ADLER: For example, Kay, in here is very clear and useful. She says that a IV means these things. So we have to have someone say what it means.

THE FACILITATOR: Yes, we have understood that.

MR. ADLER: You need to move away completely from III and IV and get to a cleanup to recreational standards or a cleanup to some thing that people can understand.

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Well, I did try to say that in the first paragraph what Level IV means. THE FACILITATOR: Dave just acknowledged MS. GINSBURG: Kay, would you be open to looking at the first three paragraphs as a single motion and for the time being not dealing with the Is that a yes or a no? I'm saying I would like West Lake Landfill included. Now, if there's some way -- I mean, it has a little historical background and I think it's very clear, we've agreed on this from the beginning, that the mission of this Task Force is to include those radioactive wastes. And I tried to be specific and not take in all the other crummy stuff MS. GINSBURG: I'm not saying don't deal with it; I'm saying divide it into two separate motions.

MS. DREY: Yeah, I think it has to be one motion, Anna. I'm sorry. But if you-all want to make, you know, the Option III or IV, make it some other way. I think we have to include it.

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THE FACILITATOR: All right. There are two points, then, that have been made. One is that the motion stands as it is, it has been seconded as offered, and that it does call for an Option IV cleanup at West Lake Landfill. Whereas, the Remediation Options Working Group recommended an Option III. There was also confusion. It was not a unanimous recommendation. There were some people on the Remediation Options Working Group who felt they didn't know enough about West Lake landfill to offer any recommendation and there were some who felt that it was really ultimately not the business of this Task Force to determine what the cleanup ought to be, that it has to do with a separate process that has been established and is, as I understand it, underway. nevertheless, the recommendation out of that working group was, with respect to West Lake Landfill, to strive for an Option III cleanup.

MS. DREY: I do want to say I tried to reflect that by saying requests the DOE in consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection

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              THE FACILITATOR: And does the seconder
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resolution. So we have changed it to a minimum of Option III standards for West Lake.

MS. DREY: Are we saying level? Should we be consistent?

THE FACILITATOR: Yes, we should be consistent. We should try to be consistent.

> MS. DREY: Option?

THE FACILITATOR: It should be option, not level. Is there any more discussion on this motion? Just another comment. MR. GRANT: I think

some of us had talked about maybe looking at each of these different areas independently and maybe taking a separate discussion or look at those. This would finalize it all in one swath, okay. Because there are some places or some of those areas where we've talking about is, you'know, there's going to be extensive amount of monies, like at SLAPS, spent and through the risk evaluation there's no reduction in risk and we're concerned about the fact that we would spend hundreds of millions of dollars and not see any risk reduction in something like that. I just want to point that out.

The other thing I'd want to point out too, which was brought up in the first pizza committee meeting, I think there were some comments that I think

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Roger Pryor stated and I think Dan Wall stated when Dan talked about the constraints under the Superfund law in terms of having to balance cost versus risk and that if we went for Option IV everything would outside of that. And so I think Roger stated that, well, we can go outside of the box if we want as a Task Force, which I agree, then that brings us into a political solution in terms of having to go fight for the priorities or funds in Congress. So clearly those are two paths we have when we decide whether we go full bore and go for the political issue which may or may not work or can we find a way to compromise and work inside the Superfund box and get something moving forward.

MS. LUBIEWSKI: I don't get what's going on here. I'm not good in mornings as it is. This is getting very difficult for me to pay attention to, I guess. So maybe I'm saying something that may be out of context, please forgive me. But the airport site is the top of the all the other North County sites. If it is not cleaned up 100 percent, there will then be further contamination of the other sites. So all the cleanups would then be wasted through underground water travel, through above ground, through time.

Somewhere along the line, if we don't do the airport

right, then the ballfields will be recontaminated,

Coldwater Creek will be recontaminated, and everything will have been for nothing.

Money is an issue to a lot of people, but why bother spending a penny if it's not going to be done right? It may cost a lot, but I can't put a price -- I can't understand how anybody can put a price on a clean environment and say oooh, that's too much. That just -- that boggles my mind.

I did bring an article, and there's copies up there, Nuclear Waste Cleanup Will Cost 230 Billion. It's an old article. It's prior to the new -- the replacement of Tom Grumbly. And if you look at the numbers, what we're talking about in the big picture doesn't add up to a hill of beans, even with total cleanups of all the sites.

THE FACILITATOR: Any additional comments on the motion? Yes, Dave.

MR. ADLER: I guess -- it just occurs to me that basically what this motion does, is that it identifies each portion of the site, including West Lake, and it identifies the cleanup approach for each portion of the site for all sites except McDonnell -- downtown identifying a IV.

So in effect what this motion does, I quess,

is to identify how to clean up the site. This motion becomes a recommendation. This is the recommendation. So it's a significant event. It basically does everything that was proposed for the report in one piece of paper and proposes that everything be fired up in '97.

To the extent that it may be outside of the box, as Jim said, beyond what the normal existing laws and congressional guidance would guide you to, it's an even heavier moment I believe. What we're basically doing is making decisions on all sites for IVs outside of the box. Let it rip. That's what this thing does it seems to me. So it's worth thinking about that. You can do it now, but it seems to me that's what this does basically.

In terms of setting priorities, which will be my task for the next couple of years, it doesn't really tell me what to do first, I think, because what I'm being told is it doesn't say do SLAPS first to the exclusion of anything else. It says everything is a priority.

So to the extent we get a set budget, maybe it's 5 million, maybe it's 15 million, maybe it's 50 million, that's what the political process will determine, but it will be a set budget each year. We

will not, I guess, be in a position to say well this one really matters to us today because of economic development pressure, this one matters to us today because of risk things. We're basically just saying they're all a priority, push them all forward as quickly as you can.

So this is a pretty significant thing, I think. It tells us how to clean up, it tells us on what basis to clean up, how far to go and, you know, in what sequence. It seems to me that's the gravity of what is being proposed right here.

THE FACILITATOR: Additional comments?

MR. PRYOR: Well, I think Dave hit the nail on the head. And I think it's about time we did do this. You know, I think this -- it would be hard for anybody to argue that we haven't belabored over this ultimate decision. For, you know, the last six months, certainly, this has been focus we're heading.

And speaking to what Jim said, we broke this down and took them each them separately. I don't think at this point the results would be different than this. You know, I think -- I would like to see us go ahead and do this and then address the more serious issues. I think from my point of view this is what we want and I think we seemed to be headed that

way and I'm certainly comfortable with it.

Then the serious issue before us is how we convey this in the report. A large burden is falling on you to put that in draft form and how then we take that report and turn that into meaningful action that carries this statement out. But I think further delay on deciding what think of these sites is only going to make these other tasks more difficult and delayed.

THE FACILITATOR: What the motion doesn't do and that we have been cognizant of a need to do all along is to justify or support by explaining the rationale that was used to get to these conclusions and that presumably would be now based on what's before you if this motion is adopted then the principal objective or role of the report would be to explain how we got there.

MR. WALL: I just thought of one point that might be useful. By essentially indicating to the Department of Energy that complete cleanup of everything is a priority, that does not really give them any instruction as to how to prioritize things given some set budget that they're going to receive. So perhaps it's something that would be better explained in the report that you put together, but I think it would be helpful to say that, you know, this

is what we think ought to be done first, perhaps indicate whether it's more important to clean up -- let me see, how do I say this -- is it more important to clean up two sites to a lesser or more relaxed standard than it is to clean up one site to a complete standard. Things like that will help the DOE figure out how first to proceed when in a situation where they're given not enough to do everything at once.

MS. GINGSBURG: I think there is a big difference between a resolution and a final report. A resolution say this is what we think; whereas, a final report says these are the actions we want to see taken. And I think, you know, this is simply a mechanism to say at this particular time this is what we think.

MR. GRANT: Based on earlier comments I made, I just wanted to point out, and I think Dave and Roger pointed it out very well, that this is a sort of a final vote. It's important. So if anybody -- I want everybody to understand at that and if anybody is uncomfortable with that, say what they want. I concur with what Anna said maybe there's a way, if we feel there's some additional prioritizations or something that need to be done, maybe it could be rolled into the final report.

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MR. KUCERA: One of the reasons that the state and this Task Force are facing the difficulties of deciding among different sites or frequently will have the difficult discussions that I think Dave Adler keeps trying to have us have is because we don't have adequate fiscal resources to this very significant DOE radioactive waste problem in our St. Louis Metropolitan area.

It's important for us to say something about what we believe there ought to be a cleanup without being concerned right now about the ultimate strategy later on which is in the political realm about how we're going to get adequate fiscal resources.

We do need to say what we think. And if we do believe that there are certain minimum cleanup levels that are appropriate to all the St. Louis sites, which by our count number over a hundred properties, then we ought to say it.

And then if we can collectively pull together and get the right resources from DOE to do this, a lot of the problems about fighting between the various entities who want the resources will go away, if we can get adequate resources like other parts of the country have been able to do. But if we don't say what we want, we'll never get started. And that's why

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it's important to make a statement about how St. Louis feels -- we deserve some certain minimum level of cleanup.

THE FACILITATOR: Is there any other comment?

MR. PRYOR: Well, just again, I think we're saying it, but I think the resolution is to get us off the dime so we can address these other issues and, you know, I don't want to speak to the priority thing per se, but I think it's no secret our organization strongly feels -- I assume many of you have sccn the movie Independence Day -- that we consider SLAPS to be the mothership of this problem at least for most of the North County and that the way to deal with this problem is to get the mothership first and then pick off the satellites afterwards. But I think that's something that is beyond the scope of this motion and we need to do this and move on.

THE FACILITATOR: Any additional discussion on the motion? No additional discussion. Does someone want to call the question?

MS. STEWARD: Call the question.

THE FACILITATOR: Yes, Elsa. Okay. The question has been called. All those in favor of the motion as amended, please signify by saying aye. All

those opposed please signify by saying nay. Are there any abstentions? Okay, it's a unafimous vote to adopt the motion.

REFINED COST ESTIMATE FOR ST. LOUIS SITE:

Item No. 7 on the agenda is the refined cost estimates for the St. Louis site. That was a tentative issue, we weren't at all certain that those would be available. They actually weren't promised until the 31st of July. Does anybody know anything about the status of those?

MR. ADLER: They are available if people are interested, maybe they're not. It would take a couple minutes to go through it.

THE FACILITATOR: Well, let's see, we are running late and I know that some people are anxious --

MR. ADLER: Let's describe what it is, especially for Tom's benefit. Congressman Talent specifically requested that we do a re-rack of our costs to look at off-site disposal of waste versus on-site disposal of waste. So in doing the cost analysis, we're not trying to promote one option over another, we're simply looking at the two options that the congressman asked us to look at.

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consideration to off-site disposal and not unfairly pumping up their cost and pumping ours down and things of that sort. So we went through a whole new re-racking of the costs. The costs have been produced and are available.

David could go through them, but I see we don't have an overhead projector and we don't have handouts for everybody, so why don't I just describe them very quickly? I think that would be fastest at this point.

Basically, what we show is a complete excavation and commercial disposal out west -- these are numbers generated by SAIC -- total around \$800 million, 780 would be the rounded number. Complete excavation and on-site disposal runs at about \$490 million, 500 to keep it even. So you're looking at, what, maybe a 250, 300 million dollar delta at that level.

Now, probably what we'll hear some people present is that well that includes a bunch of overhead and contingency and things of that sort. So in order to net out that kind of noise, if you will, we've also calculated what we would estimate the projects to cost assuming everything does go well -- there is no volume growth, there is no requirement for program support,

monitoring activities of that sort. That gives you smaller numbers, but the relationship between the numbers stays the same and the delta is still significant, I guess in my view. When you look at the numbers that way, again minus contingency and so forth, then you're looking at a complete excavation and relocation to a western commercial disposal cell at \$566 million.

THE FACILITATOR: 566?

MR. ADLER: Correct. And you probably ought to round to -- you know. And then on-site being 356. So roughly a \$250 million difference between the two. About a, what, 50-100 percent difference in costs.

MR. PRYOR: Can you explain again how you got the higher figures and the lower figures?

MR. ADLER: Yeah. We typically, when we project a cost estimate look at the expected cost, direct cost of subcontracts, labor, et cetera, and then have a factor called contingency and we typically apply that as a 25 percent multiplier onto the base case. We do that because it's our experience that sometimes volumes grow, sometimes things get more difficult than you expect. We hope not to have to spend that 25 percent, but often do.

MR. PRYOR: Is that what you call a fudge

factor?

MR. ADLER: That's what a biologist like myself would typically call a fudge factor, yes. But what will happen is that some of the commercial firms will come in and bid numbers minus contingency, and then if we're presenting numbers that include contingency and they're presenting numbers that don't, we're comparing apples and oranges and it's not a productive exercise. So our intent was to produce them both ways so that we can pick the apple to compare to.

These numbers will be made available to the group along with a brief narrative description describing what the difference sub-elements are.

The primary reason for a difference between the cost of the two options is, as you would expect, that in the case of a western disposal, you have a transportation cost which by our accounts runs at about \$117 million and then you have a tipping fee out there which you wouldn't have. It's pretty straightforward. That's the primary difference between the two.

THE FACILITATOR: Are there any questions about that at this point? Yes, sir.

UNIDENTIFIED: What kind of assumptions did

you make on the maintenance of your on-site facility and how much of that is built into your on-site costs?

MR. ADLER: We made assumptions that had to be perpetually taken care of and those were built into the cost estimates.

THE CHAIRPERSON: I just wanted to know how you were going to provide that information to us?

MR. ADLER: Well, I just flew it up here in my briefcase today, so I didn't get Xeroxes done quick enough. Oh, Dave's got copies we'll set on the table. I'm sorry, I didn't realize you had those Xeroxed already.

THE FACILITATOR: All right. So we'll circulate those. Those of you who get a copy today will walk out with one. Anyone who was not here today or was here and has left will be faxed a copy. And when we do our conventional follow-up mailing to those who were not here at all, we'll include that document.

Is there anything more to be said on that agenda item?

MR. KUCERA: The two different sets of numbers that you just described, the higher number and the lower number, where you talk about the 25 percent contingency, did you adjust out in the lower number the oversight fees, for instance, that are normally

paid to companies like Bechtel? Did you back those out in these computations as well?

MR. ADLER: To the extent they could be backed out. We don't envision a scenario under which there is absolutely no oversight cost, of course, but yes.

MR. KUCERA: How much did you back it out I guess is the question?

MR. ADLER: I'd have to dig into the numbers and figure it out. One thing you can do by the way it's broken out, Ron, is that you can see how large a factor site construction management and project management is in the first place. When you're looking at the paper, you'll see that there's only a 100 million to total with in the first place. So if you assume that that was the total wash, then you would still be left with a fairly significant dolta -- any detailed questions related to cost things I can't deal with right now, but can deal with on an almost near-time basis.

MS. LUBIEWSKI: For complete excavation and on-site disposal, this is 30 years is what you have estimated this at? Thirty years site management?

MR. ADLER: You estimate -- well, first of all the activity -- the primary remedial activity

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know, like at least three major sites plus 90 plus --

MR. ADLER: Well, the 174 is based -- if you can think of it this way, it's the cost of getting all the contamination out of whatever medium it's in, removing contaminated soil, taking down contaminated buildings, and getting it all to a staging location which I believe the purpose of this analysis was in the North County area. That's what's captured under remedial action.

MS. DREY: To the staging areas?

MR. ADLER: To the staging are. Then if you think of your options being, okay, converged something close to the staging area into an untrapped like cell as one option or sending it out west as the second option, those costs are uniquely captured in the subsequent columns.

MS. DREY: So --

MR. ADLER: What it does, though, as your pinning it down, it does, as the on-site option, envision a North County centralized disposal area and a disposal cell similar to ones used to manage UMTRA.

MS. DREY: Okay. So this would be above-site, above ground?

MR. ADLER: Above grade. A line not as elegant a cell as a RCRA subtitle C facility, that

would bump the costs up some, 50 million probably. And it would basically be storing it in a cell pretty consistent with the way a lot of the commercial disposal cells do it and the RCRA sites. But it was the above the water MS. DREY: table? MR. ADLER: Yes. Which is three feet from the MS. DREY: surface? I believe it would about MR. ADLER: Yeah. grade, actually. 11 MS. GINSBURG: Am I missing something here? I was under the impression that the people in both St. Louis County and the city do not want a permanent disposal site at the airport. We do not want the 15 waste consolidated at the airport. Why are we 16 considering this? 17 We're not promoting this, we're MR. ADLER: 18 simply responding to a question that was directly 19 If you were interested in what on-site 20 asked. disposal kind of compares with, it's kind of a III. 21 There are less expensive options that a lot of health 22 physicists will tell you are protecting the 23 environment and there are far more expensive options. 24

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simply to provide a cost comparison.

MR. KUCERA: But what's important in discussing the numbers maybe closer than what DOE and their consultants are telling us --

MR. ADLER: In fact, these numbers are closer than the last estimate.

MR. KUCERA: And they may even be closer. And in Missouri if we were building a facility, a single cell that we regulators are looking at, we in this humid environment might have different desires and degree of protection than is provided out in Utah or the state of Washington, so there may be logical reasons why there would be differences there and you're not reflecting those in this.

MR. ADLER: Not in this table. other charts that we produced that can be done and ultimately these are estimates for purposes of getting a general sense of what costs what. When a direction is selected by everyone who is involved in selecting a direction, and a plan is in place, we'll simply go out in the marketplace and get the most competitive bid we can get to do whatever it is we would like to get done, so we may see bigger or smaller numbers.

THE CHAIRPERSON: My name was called and this is my question, so I would like to jump back in

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here. If you're going to talk cell, though, here in this area, which is my point with what Ron was saying, is that it would have to be something more -- constructed in a way that would be more protective of the water and ground water conditions is the point.

So if we're going to discuss on-site here in St. Louis, and I think you need to take that into consideration, so I would like everyone to add 50 million to that cost.

MR. MILLER: May I address that? I think that for one thing 50 million is a guess.

THE CHAIRPERSON: Right.

MR. MILLER: Now, I also think that there's a presumption here that the cell design that was used for this is less protective than a regular-type cell. Those are questions that a technical person or group of people should be answering. They're all issues that are technical issues and I'd like to just let you know that we provided Dave with these numbers on a quick turnaround basis so that he could have them for the Task Force today and he really doesn't have the preparation to answer all these questions.

I would like to offer the opportunity to anybody who would like to direct any questions related to this topic at all to me and I will see that they

are answered and also to make sure that, you know, that was in response to a very specific question.

There are any many other processes out there that have been incorporated in these ideas that you're talking about right now.

MR. PRYOR: Well, my question isn't so technical, but I think you answered part of it because you said that the remedial action cost 174 in both cases. The case of on-site includes consolidated materials to a staging area so it does include transportation cost on a local level.

I guess the question I have is that under the scenario that the stuff be moved away from here out west, it is -- that all this material would be taken to a single staging area for ultimate shipment out west, is that the way it has to be done? I mean, it doesn't make sense to me to take stuff I mean from, say, downtown --

MR. ADLER: Right. It may be that the downtown site there, because of contiguous staging areas, there would be a more straightforward way to go. Certainly for the North County you'd probably want to pick one general staging area to consolidate things.

Another real quick point. This analysis

isn't specific to St. Louis. At Weldon Springs they looked at taking stuff to Utah and leaving things on site, at Rocky Flats -- there were several sites, Denver Radium, that have comparable quantities of The group is free to look though the requisite soil. decisions and feasibility studies at all those sites and draw their own conclusions about the relative expense of the two options. But this finding here, by my view, comparison is consistent with those general findings there also. In each of those cases, the general conclusion was there was a difference, cost estimators could play with the numbers on either side to make the differences bigger or wider. The difference seemed in each case to be significant after that activity is completed. And in some cases they chose to go to Utah, and in some cases they chose to stay on-site.

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MR. CAVANAGH: Real quickly. These numbers could be adjusted downward or at least modified would be if we utilized some type of technology like the microwave vitrification or something else that would reduce the volume, there would be an adjustment on that; is that correct?

MR. ADLER: If in fact that's the way it played out. If the costs of the vitrification didn't

more than offset the volume reduction benefits. To date the analyses done -- there actually have been quite a bit done -- to look at that issue haven't identified technologies which, in fact, had significant cost-reducing effects for campaigns dependent upon shipment out west.

But, yes, that is why we researched this technology to see if it's a way out of this box, a way of getting the radioactivity out of Missouri, but not having to ask Congress for more money.

MR. CAVANAGH: The other comment I'd make, and I realize time factors may not work, but, you know, it may be to our advantage to have some people -- I know Dr. Golden is here today representing one of those technologies and maybe some other people that could give some type of input on that.

THE FACILITATOR: What's the pleasure of the group?

MS. DREY: I would so move.

THE FACILITATOR: Does anyone else wish to comment? The suggestion is --

MS. DREY: I move that we ask Dr. Golden to address us for a few minutes about the technology that we've been hearing about to the whole Task Force.

THE FACILITATOR: Any reaction to that?

MR. PRYOR: The only reaction -- I don't know how long we're planning on going, but is there anything else on the agenda that we already planned to take up?

MS. DREY: Nobody seconded my motion.

THE FACILITATOR: Well, first of all, let's go back to basics. Is there a second to Kay's motion?

MS. DREY: I second.

THE FACILITATOR: Perhaps if Christine were here, we could get a couple of seconds, but --

MR. CAVANAGH: I would be interested. I think there's a time factor.

THE FACILITATOR: Well, I think that time is a factor. Traditionally we have adhered pretty closely to our schedule and that was pretty much of a commitment that was made up front. We also have an agenda, and we have traditionally adhered rigorously to our agenda.

MS. DREY: That's what Roger was saying. Is there anything --

THE FACILITATOR: If there is an item that someone believes ought to be aired before the entire Task Force, then there is always the option of scheduling another meeting. There is already a meeting scheduled for August 20th.

MR. CAVANAGH: I'm wondering if maybe -could we request at the August 20th meeting that we
have some presentations on some of these different
technologies?

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THE FACILITATOR: Actually Item No. 11 is an opportunity to discuss anything that you might want to include on the agenda for the next meeting whenever that meeting is.

THE CHAIRPERSON: I think we should proceed with the agenda and get to that in new business -- or in developing the agenda.

THE FACILITATOR: All right. Is that acceptable to everybody? The next couple of items should not --

MS. DREY: When is the next meeting?

THE FACILITATOR: August 20th. The next couple of items should not take very long. Item

No. 8, Public Information/Communications Working

Group. There was a question raised at last week's meeting concerning promulgation of this product that we create in the form of a final report.

There was also, I think, a question of what steps would be taken between the initial draft and the final report that would allow public review and comment. But more importantly -- was it you, George,

who brought up this question of what happens beyond the end of this Task Force's mission?

MR. EBERLE: I was looking at it from the one point that we have to muscle out as much money as we can. Then we want to be sure that we've designed this report in a way not to distort the facts or anything, but within that document we create the strategies that we need in order to get the most money.

THE FACILITATOR: All right.

MR. EBERLE: So somebody has to pay attention to that is all that I was saying.

THE FACILITATOR: What I didn't recall last week, and I'm not even sure there was time to react to it in any meaningful way, was that the Communications Working Group — there was such a group, it was a rather small one, and some basic work was done and was presented to this Task Force, I don't recall when, but at least six months ago, maybe nine months ago, and I'm sure we've ever taken action on it and there really hasn't been time between last week and today to figure all of that out and do something about it. We could develop a presentation that would be distributed prior to the August meeting and which could be discussed at the August meeting for inclusion in the

second draft, if that will satisfy your concerns?

MR. EBERLE: I think that would.

THE FACILITATOR: Does that work for everybody? All right. We'll resurrect the Communications Working Group information, we'll find out what action was taken by the Task Force, we'll summarize that, and we'll distribute the rest of it for consideration.

MR. FRAUENHOFFER: I would suggest that anyone who would be interested in participating on that Communications Working Group join us now rather than waiting. We had a very small group, about four of us, a very effective group, but I think we need a broader input.

THE FACILITATOR: I wasn't even suggesting that there be another meeting of the working group unless people decide that's appropriate. I was simply talking about resurrecting the information and getting it out.

MS. DREY: I thought maybe the next Task

Force meeting, the full Task Force is August 20. I

believe, Jim, you said something last time about maybe

having a public meeting, a meeting for the public on

September 10th, which is a Tuesday.

THE FACILITATOR: That was a date that I

1 come in. We already took care of that. 2 MR. MANNING: 3 THE FACILITATOR: That's right. MR. MANNING: I guess the next thing is to develop the agenda. 5 THE FACILITATOR: So there is no new Yes. business. DEVELOP AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING: 9 THE FACILITATOR: Then Item 11, develop agenda for next meeting. We have already identified 10 11 one topic. Yes, Ray. MR. ROLEN: I have a request of Ms. Price 12 13 when she develops the order to place that presentation either at the beginning of the meeting or at the end 14 so that those of us who have seen or know the process 15 16 can either come later or earlier. 17 THE CHAIRPERSON: You're speaking about the microwave vitrification presentation? Okay, we can 18 certainly do that. 19 20 Thank you. MR. ROLEN: THE CHAIRPERSON: What would be -- since 21 you'll be one of them that will want to avoid it, 22

MR. ROLEN: Since we tend to take votes at the end of the meeting, I'd rather see it at the

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THE CHAIRPERSON: At the beginning? Okay.

THE FACILITATOR: Any other suggestions for inclusion on the agenda for the August 20th Task Force meeting.

MR. MANNING: I would like to see more than just the vitrification. I mean, is it possible to have a 20-minute presentation from each one of the groups again? How many different systems were the Technologies Working Group looking at?

MR. GRANT: Well, I think the primary technology was vitrification. There was a soil washing and there was some analytical methods, field type analytical methods that could cut down costs and help delineate where the contaminated soils were located. I mean, those were the key things.

THE FACILITATOR: Actually three -- I'm sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt you.

MR. GRANT: I mean, there's a whole network or details of a lot of different technologies that came out of some of the DOE reports that we have listed, but we focused on volume reduction technologies, and the vitrification and the soil washing were really the two key technologies from a treatment point of view.

THE FACILITATOR: First of all, in response to your question, there are three/technologies that are recited in this draft report that Jim circulated yesterday. They all were proposed by the same group of people. And the proposal is that they be integrated. They're separate technologies, but that they be integrated into a system so that there is a package that enables those who were using it to identify radioactive waste more quickly, more efficiently, and thereby minimize the amount of soil that has to be treated -- segregate that which must be treated from that which doesn't need it.

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So as far as the three technologies, other than soil washing, that have been identified in the draft report are concerned, there would be just one proponent who would be capable of explaining the merits of each those.

What I would like to propose is that we try

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in fairly short order and get that out in the mail to

everybody in advance of next month's meeting, and that

in the early part of the agenda we not only hear a

presentation about microwave vitrification and the two

other technologies associated with it or proposed for

use with it, but that we hear an overview from Dave

Miller who assembled most of the technical data for the working group, we hear a 10-minute perhaps or 15-minute overview of what was considered, how it was sorted out, screened, and why some things were discarded and others embraced.

MR. MANNING: Yeah, that's what I was trying to basically get at.

MS. DREY: Well, as I see it, you're talking this one which is ex-situ microwave vitrification, two kinds of soil analyses technologies so that's one. But then I wonder if in this draft report of the Technologies Working Group which was sent to the working group members yesterday, there's mention also of physical soil washing. I think we've eliminated chemical soil washing because of the chelating agents, but physical soil washing. So I would think that the Task Force, if it's being asked to consider putting money into further potential use of the -- you know, into further studies of physical soil washing for downtown St. Louis, I think a presentation specifically about physical soil washing and its relevance to the downtown St. Louis properties should be included, because otherwise I don't think we should spend money on it.

THE FACILITATOR: I'm seeing an affirmative

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nod from Jim, so we can include that as well.

MR. GRANT: I mean, one other item, too, could be also a concept of where do we go from here, and as we would proceed with these technologies what would be a next logical step. I mean, we're recommending to the DOE that these ought to be evaluated, but what does that really mean?

I think part of the problem we've had is there is not a lot data available to say yeah or nay, and we didn't view our job as saying yeah or nay, but to say based on what we have, here are some things that, you know, ought to be moved forward. But how do you move those forward? How do you develop the data? What type of plan or process do you lay out to go ahead and find out for sure whether these things are worthwhile or useful? We can talk a little bit about that, too, or at least our concepts of what should be done along those lines.

THE FACILITATOR: We ought to keep in mind that the principal objective of the August meeting is to review and comment on the initial draft of the Task Force report, so I don't think we want to jam up the agenda with anything that is unnecessary. I haven't heard anything to that effect yet, but we shouldn't be looking for things to fill the agenda.

MS. DREY: Yeah. I guess my feeling is I'd rather hear more about the ex-situ microwave vitrification and physical soil washing and not just an overview that we're not considering anyway at this point.

But I do think that the Task Force members should think about a possibility that we've discussed, at least in the Technologies Working Group, and that is that maybe St. Louis, the St. Louis site, could qualify for major funding from the Department of Energy for a field demonstration project for the airport site. In other words, use special money from the -- you know, not use up FUSRAP money, but use up big DOE money funds as a possible field demonstration for ex-situ vitrification and even the freezing of the boundary which I like.

THE FACILITATOR: Any comments?

MS. DREY: Then we're not held to the tiny little \$15 million per year FUSRAP maximum.

THE FACILITATOR: Any additional comments?

Any additional suggestions for inclusion on the agenda

for the August meeting? Is it agreed that we're not

planning to meet between now and August 20th? Okay.

THE CHAIRPERSON: I just think we've already jammed our agenda and I'm looking at the fact that we

met today on the 23rd and originally the first draft was to be completed by this Friday. So can you give us a timetable as far as when this first draft will be out, how much time we need to review it, how much time you need to incorporate what we say? We're still getting these bits and pieces pulled together even at our next meeting, then we're talking about early September having public review of our final draft. At the risk of suggesting that we stretch this out, I don't see how we can concurrently have a review of a final draft --

MS. DREY: Not final. It would be a review of a final -- oh, final draft, that's right. Okay.

THE CHAIRPERSON: We would be reviewing a final draft and then holding public hearings. You need sufficient time to read and comment and get back to you, and then you need to incorporate and we need check back. I mean, I'm going through this with this EMAB committee and it's taking months just on revising the report. You know, we've already had our input meetings and we're still having input meetings. So help me out.

THE FACILITATOR: Okay. Well, I'll help you out as best I'm able. I'll tell you what I was thinking. Before it became apparent that we were

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going to meet today, I assumed that I would go into seclusion and start writing that afternoon and that I would be able to adhere to the schedule. I think I hedged a little bit by saying perhaps it won't be Friday the 26th, perhaps it will Monday the 29th. I may need the weekend and Monday to print, but that we were going to stick to the schedule.

There were a half a dozen people who encouraged me, some at the meeting and some subsequent to it, not to start writing because of the importance of the issues that were going to be aired today. And just given the logistics of trying to pull a summary report together of what happened last week and to prepare for today, there really wasn't a lot of time, so I have not started writing.

Sarah and I tried to map out a schedule last night and I told her I'm planning to stick with the schedule. I don't know how I'm going to do that, but that's the plan.

THE CHAIRPERSON: Could you just now review that real quickly?

THE FACILITATOR: Well, at the moment, the way I see it is that since it's going to be Tuesday afternoon in a few minutes, I will the rest of this week, through the weekend, and into the early part of

next week to generate the first draft. You know, that's my objective.

THE CHAIRPERSON: So what date would that be?

THE FACILITATOR: Well, I hope that the draft will be in the mail to you by the end of the day Monday. And the objective is to get it out in plenty of time for people to review it and to confer with one another and to sort out their thoughts about the initial draft in advance of the August 20th meeting. The schedule that I've just outlined would allow three weeks. If I encroach on it by a day or two days at the early part, it's still, I think, not fatal. You still have plenty of time to deal with it.

THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Before you gone, we would get back to you by a certain date prior to that meeting with our comments so that you could incorporate another draft by the August 20th meeting?

THE FACILITATOR: That was not my plan. My plan was that unless the greeting to this first draft was so outrageous, you know, everybody thought it was terrible and off the mark by, you know, 300 degrees that --

MS. DREY: You mean, 360?

THE FACILITATOR: No, 300 degrees. The

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debate would occur on August 20th, but I'm assuming that people who had an axe to grind or an issue that they wished to refine would get on the phone with one another and would come to the meeting pretty well knowing where they stand and where others stand and that hopefully the process wouldn't be a painful one. And that we would walk away, whether it's in two hours or two and a half hours, we'll walk away from that meeting on the 20th with what we need in order to develop a second draft which we would do in five days.

THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay.

MR. PRYOR: If you get this thing out next
Monday, hats off to you. But if that's the case, I
would urge, you know, that people be asked to read
this thing and if they have substantive comments on
parts of it that they would get those in to you by a
certain date so they can be circulated to us. Maybe a
drop dead date, say, a week prior to the August 20th
meeting that any comments you receive be circulated as
a packet to everybody so we can look that over just to
facilitate that meeting so we don't have to, you know,
it goes more smoothly.

THE FACILITATOR: I would be glad to include that sort of a proposal in the cover letter. I should tell you, though, I've asked on numerous occasions and

it's difficult, I think, for people to reduce their thoughts in writing. Kay does it/very well. She gets it to you before the question is even out, but for a lot of people, it's --

MS. DREY: Is that a compliment?

THE FACILITATOR: I think so. I intended it as a compliment. It's great anticipation.

MR. PRYOR: Well, if it's at all possible, it would certainly make the meeting run more quickly, I believe, than everybody sitting around and start airing their opinions the first time at that meeting. I'll do my best.

MS. DREY: Roger, you're going to be out of town the week of the 11th.

MR. PRYOR: Well, I have nothing to do in Minnesota but write comments on this thing.

THE FACILITATOR: Well, certainly I would be glad to have anything faxed in or mailed and I would be glad to circulate any comments to the entire Task Force. And it remains to be seen whether you'll be taking your hats off to me or not. I mean, I may get into it and discover that I absolutely can't get it out by early next week.

MS. DREY: Say the schedule again.

THE FACILITATOR: The schedule is that by

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this next week you should have, or approximately this time next week, you should have the initial draft of the report.

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MS. DREY: Okay. So that is July --

THE FACILITATOR: 29th or 30th. And we're scheduled to meet three weeks later on August 20. So that would allow that much time for review and generation of ideas for refinements or new directions or whatever. We would come together on the 20th and, to the extent that we have documents that can be circulated, they will be in advance of that meeting and then we'd get together on the 20th and people say, well, I think we need to tighten this up or we need to refine that and hopefully it's not more than that.

MS. DREY: Now is that going to be August 20 your draft number two will be available?

THE FACILITATOR: No. August 20th you would generate the information that will enable me to generate a second draft and that would be out in five days, by that following weekend or that Monday, August 24th or sixth and then the notion -- and this gets back to Sally's question about how do you jam all this and make it work, I don't know. I just know that we had chosen September 17th as the day we hoped to be able to adopt a final report.

MR. PRYOR: So the second draft will be the one that will be circulated to the public?

THE FACILITATOR: Yes, that was my thought.

MS. DREY: And that's the August 26, right?

THE FACILITATOR: That's right. And then depending on what the public says and what additional refinements are suggested by members of the Task Force, there would be a final draft generated sometime following the -- I guess immediately following the September 17th Task Force meeting.

MS. DREY: Well, then you're saying that the August 26, that would be draft number two, and let's say September 10th would be this public meeting, is there any input or will the Task Force see draft number three before the citizens?

THE FACILITATOR: The Task Force will generate draft number three at its September 17th meeting. It will have had a week -- assuming we meet with the public on the 10th of September, the Task Force participants who attend that public meeting will have a week to reflect on what the public has had to say, would presumably come to the September 17th meeting prepared to say, well, I think we need to modify this because of what we heard last week.

MS. DREY: So the Task Force will look at

draft number three for the first time on September 17th or shortly before that?

THE FACILITATOR: No. The Task Force will create draft number three at its meeting on September 17th; we'll incorporate those refinements promptly, and that will be the final report.

THE CHAIRPERSON: So the Task Force will not be able to review final draft three or whatever we're talking about here before it goes to DOE and they need to, they need to see the document done and all agree to it before. I mean, in other words, if we see it and form it on the 17th, you incorporate changes and then just hand it to DOE, I don't agree with doing it that way.

THE FACILITATOR: That's all there's time for really. So we have to change the schedule if you want to change the process.

THE CHAIRPERSON: I think we need to do that.

MR. CAVANAGH: I would suggest that we wait until we see how it goes. I mean, if it's pretty close to being okay as opposed to a disaster that has to be totally rewritten, let's wait and see. I would agree we need to all finally sign off. So with your name as chair --

MR. CAVANAGH: But there are a number of different ways we can do it. I mean, we could defer it to a small committee for wordsmithing. We could, you know, let an executive committee or something handle it. I just think we need to move on. I need

That is exactly right.

THE FACILITATOR: Yes, everybody needs to Everybody is getting a little anxious. anymore to say about the schedule? Anything else you want to put on the table today? Shall we adjourn?

MR. MANNING: So moved.

THE CHAIRPERSON:

THE FACILITATOR: We're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30

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