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2 COLONEL HODGINI: I'd like to first of

3 all thank everyone for braving the weather and

4 joining us here this evening.

5 Earlier today I met with some of my

6 staff and employees, and I recognize that many of

7 them are wearing Army green, and I thank them for

8 wearing Army green. I see several wearing green

9 here this evening as well, perhaps not in

10 commemoration of the Army but in celebration of

11 St. Patrick's Day. So Happy St. Patrick's Day to

12 everybody.

13 I'd like to welcome you all. My name

14 is Colonel Tom Hodgini. I'm commander of the St.

15 Louis District of the Corps of Engineers. And

16 I'll be your host this evening. I'm assembled

17 here with members of my staff, project managers

18 and technical experts, as well as other sources of

19 information that I want to be able to give you.

20 And I trust this will be a very valuable and

21 productive time, use of your time this evening.

22 The meeting today is really two-fold

23 and it's all about communications. The first part

24 of the communications is talking. And the second

25 part, and the most important part, is listening.

1 So I've got about a 20-minute pitch or

2 so to give you, and that will be the talking part.

3 And then following the talking part will be the

4 most important part where we'll invite you to come

5 forward if you'd like to make comments and we'll

6 listen to your comments and we'll respond to those

7 at the end of the presentation.

8 You see the agenda here. This is the

9 talking agenda. And my staff has allowed me to

10 cover the first three bullets. Dr. Rob Mullins

11 will give you the essence of why we're here.

12 He'll talk to you about the EE/CA part of the

13 agenda and then he'll permit me to come up here

14 and provide a conclusion and then get the question

15 and answer period started.

16 We've got to have ground rules. In

17 the Army we call these rules of engagement. Here

18 they're ground rules. I'd just like to point out

19 a couple things there. The third bullet, we would

20 like you to hold your questions for during the

21 question and answer period. I understand there

22 were cards when you walked in and many of you have

23 already filled those cards out. So we'll

24 recognize you during the Q and A period at the

25 end.

1 Second thing is -- well, these index

2 cards I mentioned.

3 Last bullet, everyone will have an

4 opportunity to speak. That doesn't mean you're

5 required to speak. But if you'd like to come up

6 here and say something, everyone will be given

7 that opportunity.

8 And then, finally, if you don't want

9 to say anything orally but you do have some

10 comments, we'll accept your written comments as

11 well.

12 The St. Louis District here is one of

13 6 districts in the Mississippi Valley Division of

14 the Corps of Engineers. We're in the heart of the

15 division. It's a long division, spanning from the

16 Canadian border all the way down the Mississippi

17 Valley to New Orleans and the mouth of the

18 Mississippi.

19 The Mississippi Valley Division is one

20 of 8 divisions in the Corps of Engineers, and the

21 Army Corps of Engineers consists of about 39,000

22 employees across the continental United States and

23 throughout the world. In the St. Louis District

24 you can pick out the boundaries, but basically we

25 have about responsibility for about 300 miles of

1 the Mississippi River, the lower portions of the
2 Illinois River and the Missouri River, 5 lakes, 3
3 in Illinois and 2 in Missouri, Wappapello and Mark
4 Twain Lake, and 5 locks and dams, 4 along the
5 Mississippi River and 1 on the Kaskaskia River in
6 Illinois.

7 I'm privileged to lead more than 800
8 employees in the St. Louis District of the Corps
9 of Engineers. Only 4 are military officers. The
10 rest are civilian service members. All are your
11 neighbors.

12 At any one time, the St. Louis
13 District is involved in executing flood control,
14 navigation and environmental type projects
15 throughout our district boundaries. The District
16 spans, like I said, from about 300 miles -- that
17 goes from Hannibal, Missouri down to about Cairo,
18 Illinois, the mouth of the Ohio River.

19 The next slide -- this will be the
20 only eye test this evening. I believe you have a
21 hard copy of this in the packet you received.
22 Suffice to say, much -- from 1940 to where we are
23 today, much has gone before where we are presently
24 at this point in time.

25 A couple areas I'd like to point out.

1 I can't even read it from here. But 1974 FUSRAP
2 was created. 1977 DOE established. And then a
3 very important date, 1989 SLAPS and HISS were
4 placed on the national priority listing.

5 Another date of importance, 1992, the
6 Oversight Committee was established. And then
7 finally, a very important date for myself and my
8 organization, October 1997, FUSRAP responsibility
9 was transferred from the Department of Energy to
10 the Corps of Engineers.

11 At this time I'd like to turn things
12 over to Dr. Rob Mullins who will walk you through
13 the EE/CA's. Rob.

14 DR. MULLINS: Thank you, sir. If I
15 can get the microphone working. I told Lou this
16 is not my best thing dressed up in a suit and tie.
17 I much prefer blue jeans but for some reason it
18 just doesn't seem to work quite that way for a
19 public meeting.

20 So we want to talk a little bit about
21 both the EE/CA's that we're doing. And we want to
22 start off with the St. Louis airport site or the
23 SLAP site as you are familiar with it. I want to
24 talk a little bit about some of the things that
25 either have happened or will be happening soon.

1 This past fall under a Department of
2 Energy contract with Bechtel National, remediation
3 work started on the west end of the airport site.
4 We picked that up during the transfer and
5 completed that work in December.

6 Some of the things that we've got
7 going on right now are in the planning stages.
8 We're going to construct a new rail spur there and
9 that's going to happen starting in May. We're
10 going to take some action to start on the ditches
11 north of the site. And then we're also going to
12 build a sedimentation basin to make sure that no
13 uncontrolled water gets off the site.

14 We're doing this EE/CA. That's an
15 engineering evaluation and cost analysis. These
16 are some of the objectives that we had. Number
17 one, primary objective that we had in mind, is
18 protecting human health and the environment.

19 Second off, we have a number of
20 partners that we're dealing with in the state,
21 federal regulatory community, as well as a number
22 of stakeholders here in the community, not just
23 the citizens but also a number of businesses in
24 the city, the county, many different people.

25 The airport obviously is a very

1 important partner in this, and whatever we do
2 we've been coordinating very closely with them,
3 also with the Federal Aviation Administration, to
4 make sure we're not having a negative impact on
5 their operations.

6 The last two objectives shown there,
7 again just restore the property for use and make
8 sure it's safe for future uses.

9 Several of you have gotten the EE/CA's
10 in the mail. We also have copies back there for
11 you to take with you if you'd like. But when you
12 boil it all down, these are the alternatives that
13 we're looking at. We have three alternatives.

14 The first one, the no action
15 alternative mandated by CERCLA. We have to look
16 at that. What if we do nothing. And that
17 actually costs us some money. We'd have to do
18 some long term monitoring and we're talking about
19 \$11 million to do nothing but still figure out
20 what's going on at the site.

21 We looked at two alternatives that
22 were very similar. Alternative number two,
23 basically to go and clean up the entire airport
24 site, the SLAP site under the EE/CA. And we
25 looked at three different criteria levels. Levels

1 A and B are cleaning up to an industrial standard.
2 That's an industrial criteria. And alternative C
3 is looking at a residential standard.

4 And in a lot of the discussions that
5 we saw when we acquired this project, we looked
6 back at what had been done by the task force, and
7 in working with Rick Cavanaugh and the Oversight
8 Committee. We also looked at this was what you
9 wanted, something that's more like a residential
10 clean-up standard. So that's what we looked at.

11 We also looked at a third alternative.
12 Same two criteria levels for industrial clean-up,
13 but also a residential level there as well. The
14 difference between the two is really using totally
15 clean backfill material in alternative two, versus
16 using some below criteria materials that we are
17 taking out of the hole, the excavation, in the
18 site.

19 The materials are below the criteria
20 that we're dealing with. So from that standpoint
21 they're safe to deal with. We see an advantage
22 from a cost perspective to reuse some of that
23 material.

24 And you can see the prices there.
25 They vary widely, going from kind of a bare bones

1 industrial standard up through a very complete
2 residential standard.

3 From our perspective, what we put out
4 in the EE/CA as our preferred alternative is
5 alternative 3 C. And again, number one, it is
6 protective of human health and the environment.
7 We're going to excavate up to all the material
8 that's out there. We'd also take care of the ball
9 fields and use some of that material to fill back
10 in the hole in the main/property.

11 We're going to use some of that below
12 criteria material to fill in because it saves some
13 money for the federal taxpayers. All the material
14 that we pull out that's above the criteria level
15 that we've established at residential standards
16 will be shipped out of Missouri to an approved
17 disposal facility.

18 The difference between this
19 alternative, and alternative 2 C which uses all
20 clean material, no reuse of material, is about
21 \$8.4 million. Now this is accounting for roughly
22 7,000 cubic yards of material that could be reused
23 in the site.

24 There's the potential from other
25 vicinity properties around the airport to get an

1 additional 23,000 cubic yards of material that
2 could be used if the timing works out as backfill.
3 And that could save another 5 to 10 million
4 dollars. But that was not included in the cost
5 computation.

6 So on this alternative, if we go
7 through with this the way it's scheduled, we can
8 begin work this summer.

9 These are the critical dates that we
10 have to remember. We're here obviously tonight on
11 St. Patty's Day. You can submit written comments
12 up through April 6. So that's the important day
13 for this particular EE/CA.

14 We also looked -- we decided we'd work
15 with the Oversight Committee to try to determine
16 whether we should have separate meetings to
17 address the airport site and the HISS site, the
18 Latty Avenue site. We also talked with the
19 regulatory community to get some feeling. There's
20 a feeling that these were best addressed together
21 because they're both north county sites.

22 So, Lou, if you would. Same general
23 kinds of objectives. A little twist here is
24 because we also have a number of industrial
25 properties that are surrounding the Latty Avenue

1 site. The Hazelwood interim storage site is what
2 HISS stands for. And we need to make sure we're
3 not going to have much disruption of the on-going
4 businesses there because that would hurt them. It
5 certainly wouldn't do any good for the job
6 creation there.

7 We're going to be constructing a rail
8 loading facility as a part of this. That's
9 included in this particular package. It's a part
10 of both the alternatives. And main thing is
11 trying to get the piles that are out there on
12 Latty Avenue off the site. We're not really
13 looking at the subsurface work in this EC/CA, this
14 particular document.

15 Same format that you saw on the other
16 slide. These two alternatives are very similar.
17 Primary difference between two and three is that
18 in two what we'd be doing is segregating some of
19 the below criteria material, just as we talked
20 about on the airport site, to use to fill in some
21 holes later on.

22 And right now it's estimated to be
23 about 8,000 cubic yards. So there's some savings
24 there. And you see the few million dollar savings
25 between the two alternatives. That's really the

1 primary difference between these two.

2 But the goal is to clean up some of
3 the vicinity properties and also get rid of the
4 piles. So we go through.

5 Alternative two which involves the
6 segregation and storage of that below criteria
7 material, putting it on the side for some future
8 use. Constructing a rail spur to make getting
9 this material off-site a little bit easier is in
10 here.

11 All the material that's above criteria
12 will be shipped out of state to an approved
13 disposal facility. None of it is going to go back
14 into Missouri. This saves a little under \$4
15 million. And again work could begin this summer
16 on this alternative.

17 A little bit longer deadline on this.
18 We had about a three-day swing when we got the
19 documents out to you all for review. So we've got
20 'til April 9th to receive written comments. The
21 record will be open until then. So we welcome
22 your comments.

23 Those will be included in the
24 documents for both the HISS site and the airport
25 site. We will prepare a response to every comment

1 we receive and that will be included in what's
2 called a responsive summary. Then we'll get to an
3 action memorandum.

4 This is kind of the overall schedule
5 for finishing up the documents. We go from here
6 through the end of the comment periods that we've
7 talked about. Once we have the comments, we
8 respond to those comments, we make adjustments to
9 the plans, or our recommendations, if there seems
10 to be a need to do that.

11 If there's overwhelming support for a
12 different alternative than what we selected, then
13 we will have to weigh that and potentially change
14 our mind based on the comments that come back.
15 But we'll have to look at the impact of that.

16 So the goal is to have a decision
17 document completed on both of these by the end of
18 June and to get into construction, moving this
19 radiological material out of the State of Missouri
20 starting in July.

21 These are some of the ways that we can
22 stay in touch. We do have an on-site gentleman,
23 Mr. Chris Haskell, which some of you met. He's
24 out there on site every day. And so if you have
25 questions or concerns you can reach him by phone

1 or by e-mail. And these are some of the things.

2 I'd like to turn it back to Colonel
3 Hodgini to wrap up.

4 COLONEL HODGINI: Thanks, Rob.
5 Wrapping this part of the session up, I'd just
6 like to say two or three things. First of all,
7 when we look at that site history slide I want to
8 acknowledge -- I'd like to acknowledge that
9 there's been a lot of effort and a lot of work
10 that has gotten us to this point. A lot of work
11 on behalf of the Department of Energy, EPA, the
12 State of Missouri, the Missouri Department of
13 Natural Resources, and very importantly, the
14 Oversight Committee and the local community who
15 have worked very hard to get us to this point. So
16 I acknowledge that up front and say we're on the
17 verge of meeting some early objectives.

18 Last October when the President
19 approved the transfer of this program from DOE to
20 the Corps of Engineers, my boss two levels up,
21 Lieutenant General Ballard is the chief of
22 engineers, summoned myself and about four of my
23 fellow district managers to Washington to give us
24 guidance. And it's common in the Army for higher
25 level commanders to give subordinate commanders

1 guidance and directives. And so I duly reported
2 to Washington.

3 And he said a couple things that have
4 stuck with me. Number one, he called -- he said,
5 remember, the most important thing that you've got
6 to keep in mind to be successful -- I'll back up.
7 He said I expect success and here's how I define
8 success; he says I define success as satisfying
9 the customer. And that's why we're here tonight.
10 You all are the customer.

11 And the second thing he said that
12 stuck in my mind, he referred to this FUSRAP as a
13 mission rather than a project. And mission in the
14 Army has connotations above and beyond a project.
15 When I think of a mission I think of objectives
16 and I think of pulling all the resources available
17 to accomplish that mission. A little bit
18 different than a project.

19 The final objective in this case in my
20 mind is remediation, removing the contamination
21 and replacing it with clean material.

22 An intermediate objective, what we're
23 talking about tonight, is the documents that we
24 need in place to reach that objective. In this
25 case the EE/CA's. And later on we'll be talking

1 about a record of decision. But right now we're
2 talking about the EE/CA's. So that's the
3 intermediate objective. We need to accomplish
4 that before we can move on to the final objective.

5 We've got a lot of experts up here and
6 we're prepared to now respond to your questions.
7 But I would like to keep that in mind, that this
8 for us is a mission, we're not looking at a
9 project 10, 20 years to continue on. But we're
10 looking to get to that final objective just as
11 quickly as we're able to, given the constraints
12 and the resources that we, of necessity, must
13 operate under.

14 Okay. Must be time for questions. We
15 have some cards up here and the microphone.

16 DR. MULLINS: We will bring a
17 microphone to you. If you would, make sure you
18 state your name and organization so we can have
19 the reporter get that entered in the record.

20 COLONEL HODGINI: Several questions.
21 First, I'd like to introduce Mr. Steve mahfood,
22 the Missouri Director of the Department of Natural
23 Resources. Steve. Thank you for being with us
24 tonight.

25 MR. MATTHEW: Thank you very much.

1 Good evening. As some of you may know, I served
2 Governor Mel Carnahan as a director of the
3 Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

4 The Missouri Department of Natural
5 Resources is the environmental quality and
6 resource protection agency for Missouri state
7 government. Tonight I'm here to present formal
8 testimony on behalf of the State of Missouri
9 regarding the Corps of Engineers clean-up
10 proposals for the St. Louis airport site, the
11 Hazelwood interim storage site, and associated
12 vicinity properties.

13 As you know, uranium was refined in
14 St. Louis from 1942 to 1957 for the nation's
15 nuclear weapons program. Radioactive waste
16 resulting from those federal weapons production
17 activities now contaminates properties in both St.
18 Louis City and St. Louis County.

19 Governor Carnahan has strongly urged
20 the responsible federal agencies to move forward
21 with the clean-up of nuclear weapons production
22 wastes and do this in a manner that leaves the
23 property owners whole. This anticipated clean-up
24 is long overdue.

25 The Corps of Engineers is to be

1 commended for proceeding expeditiously with this
2 clean-up project that's been assigned to them by
3 Congress. I believe that the Corps may be on the
4 verge of initiating an extremely successful
5 clean-up that would be consistent with the
6 recommendations of the St. Louis site remediation
7 task force.

8 The Corps has made the correct
9 decision in the selection of the 5, 15 clean-up
10 criteria. This is the proper technical clean-up
11 criteria and it's in agreement with the wishes of
12 area citizens.

13 The State of Missouri supports
14 alternative 2 C for the St. Louis airport site and
15 vicinity properties. Following the same
16 principle, the State of Missouri supports
17 alternative 3 in the Hazelwood interim storage
18 site and its associated vicinity properties.

19 In the case of the St. Louis airport
20 site and the Hazelwood interim storage site, the
21 use of contaminated material between 5 picocuries
22 per gram and 15 picocuries per gram for
23 backfilling purposes poses several significant
24 problems that we don't feel can be justified by
25 the very minor projected 4 percent cost savings.

1 The Corps of Engineers proposal to use
2 the below criteria, but nonetheless contaminated,
3 material we feel would have the following impacts:
4 one, it would make the clean-up more complicated;
5 two, it would require the segregation of waste
6 during excavation; three, it would require the
7 stockpiling of contaminated materials for an
8 undetermined time; four, it would require that
9 stockpiled waste be protected from wind and water
10 and erosion for lengthy periods of time; five, it
11 would require much more extensive sampling and
12 analysis; and finally, we feel it would violate
13 Missouri's solid waste law.

14 I sincerely hope that the Corps will
15 reconsider its position with respect to the use of
16 below criteria material for backfilling. If the
17 Corps would decide to use clean fill for
18 backfilling, we absolutely feel there would exist
19 a broad agreement between citizens and their
20 government regarding the proposed clean-up.

21 Thank you for the opportunity to
22 comment.

23 COLONEL HODGINI: Thank you, Mr.
24 Matthew.

25 DR. MULLINS: Steve, we appreciate the

1 comments. We agree on the criteria. I think we
2 will be working with your staff on some of the
3 issues, particularly the legalities with relation
4 to the Missouri solid waste law. We have a slight
5 difference of opinion there, but I think we can
6 work it out.

7 The reason we want to get everybody's
8 feedback is so we can see if we've made the right
9 decision or if we need to change it. Thank you
10 very much.

11 COLONEL HODGINI: As we proceed
12 through this question and answer period, what I'm
13 going to do -- and you'll see me refer to the
14 staff of technical experts here, because, one, I
15 want to give them some face time with you, and
16 number two, they'll give you the most technically
17 correct answers.

18 Okay. Next question. Miss Anna
19 Ginsburg will be making a statement of behalf of
20 Colonel Griggs and Mayor Harmon.

21 MS. GINZBERG: Good evening. I'm here
22 this evening representing the City of St. Louis
23 and the St. Louis Airport Authority. And the City
24 and the airport are interested in the airport site
25 primarily because it does impact the operations of

1 the airport and it's also owned by the City of St.
2 Louis.

3 We support alternative two as
4 described in the EC/CA: the excavation and
5 disposal of the waste at the airport site and the
6 ballfields.

7 We also support using the strictest
8 proposed clean-up standards for alternative two,
9 including clean-up of Radium 226 to levels of 5
10 picocuries per gram for the surface and 15
11 picocuries per gram for the subsurface; clean-up
12 of Thorium 230 to levels of 5 picocuries per gram
13 for the surface and 15 picocuries per gram for the
14 subsurface; and clean-up of Uranium 238 to levels
15 of 50 picocuries per gram for both the surface
16 and the subsurface.

17 We also support the use of "clean"
18 soil to fill in excavated areas rather than soil
19 from the site that remains contaminated below the
20 criteria of 5/15 and 50.

21 We favor this alternative because we
22 believe it has the support of the public and
23 because it fits most closely with the
24 recommendation of the St. Louis site remediation
25 task force regarding clean-up of the airport site.

1 This body, representing a broad range
2 of stakeholders, met for over two years and worked
3 through a variety of diverse options to come up
4 with a nearly unanimous recommendation on how to
5 proceed with the clean-up of the FUSRAP sites.

6 Furthermore, in 1988 an overwhelming
7 majority of citizens in both St. Louis City and
8 St. Louis County made it clear that they did not
9 want to see the airport site turned into a
10 permanent storage bunker for radioactive waste.
11 And we are concerned that the storage of any
12 contaminated soil, no matter how low the level,
13 may be perceived by the public as a step toward
14 establishment of a bunker at the airport site.

15 An additional reason for rejecting the
16 below criteria backfill is stated on page 5-6,
17 Section 5.2.2 of the EC/CA. This statement points
18 out the fact that the need to segregate these
19 above and below criteria soils during removal
20 would complicate the excavation.

21 Complications on projects of this
22 nature often bring increased costs. And the City
23 of St. Louis does not believe that the minor cost
24 saving is worth endangering the public health in
25 the areas surrounding the airport. We firmly

1 believe that clean soil must be used as backfill
2 at the airport site.

3 We also want to reiterate our support
4 for continued public participation in the clean-up
5 process of all the FUSRAP sites in St. Louis City
6 and County. Through years of discussions and
7 dialogue among diverse constituencies, this region
8 has established a consensus on how to proceed with
9 the clean-up of these sites.

10 And in order to maintain this
11 consensus and implement the work plan, we
12 encourage the Army Corps of Engineers to work
13 closely with the St. Louis Oversight Committee on
14 radioactive waste and the public in general.

15 It is especially important that the
16 Army Corps of Engineers officials coordinate
17 closely with airport officials to make sure that
18 all clean-up activities at and around the airport
19 are consistent with the guidelines of the Federal
20 Aviation Administration.

21 In closing, we want to note that in
22 keeping with the spirit of the regional consensus
23 on this issue, we've worked closely with our
24 counterparts at the State of Missouri and St.
25 Louis County to achieve consensus on our

1 positions.

2 We are united in our belief that
3 alternative two, with clean-up to the 5/15 and 50
4 standard, is the best option for the airport site
5 clean-up.

6 COLONEL HODGINI: Okay. Thank you,
7 Anna. We do remain committed to continue to
8 include the public in everything we do and be open
9 and honest in all our business processes. And as
10 Rob mentioned earlier, we'll continue to look at
11 the use of below standard material.

12 Okay. Next we have Mr. Rick
13 Cavanaugh.

14 MR. CAVANAUGH: My name is Richard
15 Cavanaugh. I'm the chairperson of the St. Louis
16 FUSRAP Oversight Committee.

17 I also want to state for the record
18 that I live on Coldwater Creek. So I have a
19 personal involvement in terms of the concerns
20 about the creek and what flows from here to there
21 where I live.

22 I want to read a statement from the
23 County Executive of St. Louis County, Buzz
24 Westfall. He's not able to be here this evening.
25 As you may have heard, he's had some hip

1 replacement surgery and he's not moving around as
2 well as he would normally be doing. So he is not
3 here.

4 I'm also glad that I don't have to say
5 picocuries as many times as Anna did in her
6 statement. It's very difficult for an Irishman on
7 St. Patrick's Day.

8 But this is a statement from the
9 County Executive.

10 In 1990 I made a campaign promise that
11 I would work with this community to safely remove
12 all radioactive wastes from north county. Our
13 county is home to more than 1 million people and
14 it's one of the most populated regions in the
15 State of Missouri.

16 Radioactive wastes should not be
17 stockpiled anywhere near St. Louis County's
18 residents, its water supply, its creeks, its air
19 or its groundwater.

20 Since 1990 a coalition of concerned
21 citizens and county, state and federal officials
22 have worked hard to get the attention of the
23 Department of Energy to secure funding to remove
24 this waste. Now working with the Corps of
25 Engineers, we are on the brink of approving the

1 EC/CA process to make it happen.

2 As County Executive, I strongly
3 support alternative 2 C for the clean-up of SLAPS,
4 and alternative 3 for the clean-up of HISS which
5 provides a backfill of clean dirt. These are
6 consistent with our task force recommendations.

7 I will take whatever actions necessary
8 to ensure that north county is cleaned up to the
9 highest possible standards to protect residents,
10 industry, Coldwater Creek, our drinking water
11 supply, and the future of economic development in
12 this region.

13 Thank you. That concludes his
14 statement.

15 I would also want to add personally
16 that while there's some minor disagreement perhaps
17 relative to the choice of soils, if you will, for
18 the backfilling of this project, I do want to say
19 that we are very, very pleased with the
20 cooperation and the communication we've received
21 from the Corps of Engineers. It's been a
22 delightful change perhaps, to be honest, from what
23 we have experienced in the past. And we look
24 forward to working collaboratively to getting this
25 project done in a cost effective fashion. Thank

1 you.

2 COLONEL HODGINI: Thank you, Rick, and
3 I believe we're on the same path.

4 Next comment will be made by Mr. Bob
5 Cook from the Missouri Attorney General's office.

6 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL COOK: Good
7 evening. My name is Bob Cook and I'm Assistant
8 Attorney General for the State of Missouri.

9 It is our understanding that the Corps
10 would prefer to backfill contaminated radioactive
11 soil to save a relatively small amount on the
12 clean-up's total costs.

13 We are disappointed that the Corps
14 would rather cut corners than do everything it can
15 to protect the public health, safety and welfare
16 of the people of Missouri.

17 This miserly approach would reduce the
18 expected costs of the SLAPS clean-up by only about
19 4 percent from about \$219 million for clean fill
20 to about \$210 million dollars for below criteria
21 fill.

22 The savings at the Hazelwood interim
23 storage site would be about 3.5 million, a
24 reduction from 73.5 million to about \$70 million,
25 overall only a 4 percent cost savings.

In addition to being disappointed by the Corps's preference to cut corners, we are concerned because backfilling contaminated soil would violate the Missouri Solid Waste Management Law. This law broadly regulates solid waste, including radioactive wastes. It is unlawful to dump solid wastes on to the ground in Missouri.

It is also unlawful to store or dispose of solid wastes in such a manner as to create a public nuisance or adversely affect the public health.

In our view it would be unlawful for the Corps to backfill contaminated soil. Stockpiling below criteria materials and backfilling it at various sites later would violate Missouri law. It does not matter whether the contaminated soil is termed hot or cool by federal agencies. Backfilling it would violate this statute.

We stand ready to protect the people of Missouri from continued exposure to radioactive waste generated, stored and placed around Lambert Field by the federal government a generation ago. All affected properties must be backfilled with clean fill. Nothing else will do. Thank you.

DR. MUI.LINS: I understand your

concern. We did not choose this alternative lightly. We did go through our attorneys and we got an attorney's opinion that in their opinion the backfilling with below criteria material was legal.

We had some discussions with MDR&N in particular about that and we knew there would be more discussion to come. But we do appreciate the comment. Thank you, sir.

COLONEL HODGINI: Thank you, Bob.

The next comment will be made by Miss Mimi Garstang; is that correct? MD&R.

MS. GARSTANG: My name is Mimi Garstang and I'm pleased to comment on the EC/CA for the St. Louis airport site, SLAPS, and the Hazelwood interim storage site, HISS, that were developed by the Corps of Engineers in March 1998.

I'm making these comments on behalf of the state geologist, Dr. James Williams.

The state geologist has always been concerned about the protection of the aquifer that lies beneath the SLAPS and HISS site. This aquifer is being used as a source of drinking water north of the sites.

It is his unquestionable desire to

proceed with the expedited removal of the sources of contamination at both the SLAPS and HISS sites. Dr. Williams believes that clean-up of the soils to levels of 5 picocuries per gram of Radium and Thorium in the first six inches of soil, and 15 picocuries per gram at depth, and 50 picocuries per gram of Uranium at any depth will be protective of the bedrock aquifer.

Source removal will greatly reduce the risks to the aquifer. The state geologist is aware that shallow groundwater at both SLAPS and HISS has already been impacted by the waste at the site. The shallow groundwater is directly in contact with contaminated material during a large portion of the year.

Therefore, the sooner the waste is removed, the less chance of further degradation to groundwater.

Alternative 2 C in the SLAPS EC/CA and alternative 3 in the HISS EC/CA are the proposed actions that are the most protective of both human health and safety and the environment. They are less complicated alternatives as compared to some of the other options suggested. Neither of these alternatives require stockpiling excavated

materials for extended periods of time which could lead to difficult management of run-off and erosion from the piles. They will not require the intense testing and sampling of contaminated material necessary to segregate the various levels of contamination for below criteria soils to be properly placed as backfill.

Therefore, the state geologist supports alternative 2 C at SLAPS and alternative 3 at HISS as the preferred alternatives to protect the aquifer of concern and expeditiously remove the sources of contamination.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to present the state geologist's comments on the documents under review.

COLONEL HODGINI: Thank you, Mimi. Of course we're very committed to removing the contaminated materials as expeditiously as possible.

I'd ask my staff if anyone would want to comment on the aquifer or the groundwater.

MR. HEMPEN: I'm Greg Hempen. I'm a geophysicist with the St. Louis District. I'm a personal friend of Mrs. Garstang's and Dr. Williams'. And we appreciate their comments. We

1 happen to agree with their stance of protecting
2 the groundwater. We hope to do that and move
3 forward with removing the material that's
4 particularly conducive to risk to the public.

5 We want to lower the risks, both to
6 the public and the environment as quickly as
7 possible.

8 COLONEL HODGINI: Thanks, Greg.

9 Next we're also privileged to have
10 represented here with us this evening Congressman
11 Talent's staff. Miss Barbara Cooper, would you
12 like to make a comment?

13 MS. COOPER: Thank you. I did not
14 come to read a comment. I came to listen to your
15 comments and concerns. And so I will be taking
16 those back to the Congressman. I appreciate very
17 much the opportunity to be here this evening and
18 to hear what is said. Thank you very much.

19 COLONEL HODGINI: Thank you, Barbara,
20 for being with us this evening.

21 Also with the Task Force Oversight
22 Committee, Miss Nancy -- and forgive me if I
23 mispronounce your name -- Lubieski.

24 MS. LUBIEWSKI: I'm not Polish. Yes,
25 my name is Nancy Lubiewski. I'm a member of the

1 task force. And I was also a member of the prior
2 task force. First, we had a task force. Then we
3 had the Oversight Committee. We changed names,
4 right, okay.

5 And somebody put out the date, 1990,
6 Buzz Westfall's office started getting the people
7 together for this. That's 8 years. I would guess
8 7 years we worked with the Department of Energy.
9 And at that time as a committee we did compromise.
10 We did go over numbers. And we haggled. And did
11 study, research, sent some people out of town.

12 Came back and the final report was the
13 compromise. As the Oversight Committee, we agreed
14 and promised the task force that there would be no
15 more compromise, that this is what we were going
16 to ask for. At no time did we say anything about
17 anything else but clean backfill. The criteria
18 was the 5/15, 50.

19 The bunkers, the storage bunkers, were
20 not an option. There's too much fear that storage
21 bunkers then may stay permanent.

22 And these things need to be addressed.
23 This is a lot of work in the past. And the
24 compromises already have been made.

25 And I hope you sincerely look at the

1 prior documents and look at all the work that was
2 really put into it, because we put in a lot of
3 time, a lot of volunteer time.

4 And at this point I can't see anything
5 else but clean backfill, putting it on a shipment,
6 cargo bin, and shipping it out. I just hope you
7 look at the old documents.

8 COLONEL HODGINI: Thanks, Nancy.
9 We're listening.

10 Okay. Next person is Miss Sandy
11 Dilcor.

12 MS. DILCOR: I'm Sandy Dilcor living
13 on Coldwater Creek.

14 Timothy Flint, the Congregationalist
15 clergyman, who wrote on the agricultural
16 possibilities of Missouri described the Coldwater
17 Creek Valley around 1836 for the benefit of
18 eastern readers saying: The soil is fertile to a
19 degree, being a rich heavy loam of inky blackness.
20 That long of a description of Coldwater Creek
21 around that time as a considerable stream of pure
22 water and on the opposite side is one of the most
23 fertile and valuable prairies in the country,
24 tells us the best soil available should be used to
25 replace the contaminated soil that is removed from

1 the Coldwater Creek valley, also known as the
2 Florissant valley of flowers.

3 It is a coincidence that this meeting
4 falls on St. Patrick's Day and it isn't easy
5 always being green as we all know from SLAPS and
6 HISS and Mallinckrodt.

7 But perhaps when these sites are
8 cleaned up, we can have the greenway oasis so many
9 of us have dreamed about on Coldwater Creek for
10 years.

11 COLONEL HODGINI: Thank you, Sandy.
12 We share your vision of returning the valley to
13 the one described in the 1800's. Thank you.

14 Okay. Next person to comment, Mr.
15 Donovan Larson from St. Louis County Water
16 Company.

17 MR. LARSON: Thank you. I'm Donovan
18 Larson. And I had been a member of the previous
19 citizens task force, and was part of the group
20 that reviewed the various options that the
21 Department of Energy presented over the years.

22 My particular interest has been in the
23 protection of the field workers at St. Louis
24 County Water Company has to get itself pipeline
25 maintenance. We've been concerned over the years

1 that our exposure or the exposure that we allow
2 our workers to encounter be minimized.

3 And so we're very happy to see that
4 this report has suggested clean-up to background
5 levels. We do support the 2 C and the 3 options
6 of the SLAPS and HISS site.

7 I would also as a former member of the
8 citizens group like to point out that the EC/CA
9 unfortunately is pretty sketchy in repeating some
10 of the work that was done investigating the
11 groundwater contamination potential. And I would
12 urge the Corps to consider going into a little
13 more depth in addressing that part of the
14 environmental decontamination in its final draft.

15 COLONEL HODGINI: Just a second while
16 we change cassettes.

17 Greg, would you like to respond to the
18 groundwater contamination question please?

19 MR. HEMPEN: My response would be that
20 the EE/CA's were considered interim actions to
21 remove source material, get it removed from the
22 public as quickly as possible. We don't feel that
23 this is the end of the actions that we're involved
24 with. And as a matter of fact, for both sites
25 there will be additional work to assess the

1 impacts on groundwater in particular that you
2 describe.

3 But those actions we perceive now as
4 moving toward monitoring particularly deep
5 groundwater and its effects. And we're moving the
6 surface contamination as quickly as possible so we
7 diffuse and eliminate the impacts to surface
8 waters, the near surface groundwater.

9 COLONEL HODGINI: And do keep in mind,
10 I know everyone here is aware, this is an interim
11 objective. I talked about interim objectives and
12 the final objectives. And this is the opportunity
13 to remove some soil, contaminated soil, as
14 expeditiously as possible.

15 Well, I've run out of cards. Did I
16 miss anyone? Is there anyone else who would like
17 to make a statement? Please, sir.

18 MR. MARK: My name is Ed Mark. I have
19 two questions, no comments.

20 At one time they were saying the
21 window for disposing of the radiated waste was a
22 definite thing out there in Utah, and they didn't
23 know how long it would stay open.

24 Do you have any further word of how
25 long Environmental Care, or whatever the name is,

1 is going to be accepting things from St. Louis?

2 COLONEL HODGINI: Right. Go ahead,
3 Bob.

4 DR. MULLINS: Sir, right now it looks
5 like Envirocare is going to be in business for
6 quite a while. But one of the other initiatives
7 that we've done here in St. Louis on behalf our
8 other sister districts that Colonel Hodgini talked
9 about at the beginning of the presentation, we're
10 pushing a series of national disposal contracts to
11 look for additional sources, additional places,
12 where we can dispose of material. And we think
13 that those are out there.

14 And right now we're pursuing those.
15 We hope to have some new contractual vehicles, new
16 disposal sites, on line by the end of this fiscal
17 year, which for us ends in September. Hopefully
18 sooner.

19 MR. MARK: Well, this was gone through
20 before and they had a lot of people come in and
21 talk about available sites and so forth. It's,
22 you know, sort of important to see whether they're
23 going to be accepting whatever you're going to be
24 digging up.

25 DR. MULLINS: Yes, sir, and we have

1 been looking at that and we do believe there are
2 alternatives.

3 MR. MARK: The other thing is that
4 there were two notices in the paper about the MSD,
5 Metropolitan Sewer District, having two meetings,
6 one on the 23rd which is going to be discussing
7 Coldwater Creek from the airport south, and the
8 24th discussing Coldwater Creek from the 24th --
9 from the Lambert north on the following day.

10 I don't know anything about what
11 they're going to be talking about. Do you
12 gentlemen know what they're going to be talking
13 about?

14 DR. MULLINS: I do not, sir.

15 MR. MARK: Then I would like to
16 suggest that you have some representative there
17 because Coldwater Creek has been overflowing the
18 banks for 20 years. And anything you do is going
19 to be compounded by any flooding problems which
20 are still around and going to be around for a
21 while. And so they may be attempting to eliminate
22 some flooding problems, I don't know.

23 But it would seem to me to be very
24 important to you to coordinate with them.

25 COLONEL HODGINI: Thank you for your

1 suggestion. I'll have my staff contact them.

2 Appreciate it. All right.

3 Would anyone else like to make a
4 comment or are there any other questions?

5 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: I'd just like to
6 ask how soon are you going to be putting in the
7 rail spur at SLAPS? And will you be using
8 subcontractors or will the Corps bring in their
9 own people to do this work?

10 DR. MULLINS: Mike, I think you're
11 probably the best one to address that.

12 MR. PHILLIPS: My name is Mike
13 Phillips. I'm the construction manager with the
14 Corps of Engineers here at the FUSRAP sites.

15 With regard to the SLAPS rail spur,
16 the contractor that was turned over to the Corps
17 of Engineers at the time the program was turned
18 over from the Department of Energy, that being
19 Bechtel National, is effecting the contract to
20 install that rail spur at SLAPS.

21 They have advertised, and if I
22 understand correctly, have identified a contractor
23 that will be doing the actual installation.

24 Installation should be starting some time in May.

25 I believe you also asked about the

1 HISS spur. The same contractor, Bechtel, will be
2 soliciting bids for that installation also.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: Has the contract
4 been awarded for the SLAPS spur?

5 MR. PHILLIPS: Award is imminent.
6 Award has not been made at this time.

7 COLONEL HODGINI: I believe there was
8 another question.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: I just wanted to
10 ask, in regard to the criteria that you're talking
11 about clean-up, a couple things. One comes to
12 mind automatically. There is no mention of an
13 ALARA goal -- as low as reasonably achievable --
14 in the criteria. And I know this is an interim
15 response action. But when you do your design
16 engineering, when you do the design, do you have a
17 buffer implied or what's your design criteria? Is
18 the design criteria the background plus 5
19 picocuries surface and again 15 for subsurface?

20 And when you do your removal, how do
21 you define that removal? Are you going to do
22 sampling or walkovers? Or how are you going to
23 define that you've met the criteria? What quality
24 control do you have to assure?

25 And the other thing is why don't you

1 use a combined Radium number 226/228 rather than
2 just using 226 for your surface and subsurface?

3 Thanks.

4 DR. MULLINS: I think we have a couple
5 of different questions in there. Probably we'll
6 have Dennis Chambers address the health physics
7 question and Tom Freeman address the engineering
8 question. Dennis.

9 MR. CHAMBERS: The first question with
10 regard to the issue of the Radium 226, I think the
11 background behind that is that approach was
12 developed based upon on the mill tailings, the
13 UMTRA standards, which were established a number
14 of years ago. It's a standard approach that's
15 been used.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: 192?

17 MR. CHAMBERS: Excuse me?

18 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: Are you talking
19 about 40 CFR 192?

20 MR. CHAMBERS: Yes, exactly. That I
21 think is the basis for it, and all of the
22 calculations that have been done, the risk
23 assessments and so forth, do show that it is
24 protective of health and the environment.

25 At the same time the ALARA

1 principle -- well, obviously as we go through, the
2 actual design of the remediation is going to be a
3 major consideration to make sure that the exposure
4 both to the workers on site, as well as to the
5 members of the public, are kept to a level as low
6 as is reasonably achievable, and the site as it is
7 ultimately designed also meets the ALARA criteria.

8 MR. CHAMBERS: There's a question on
9 the construction you said?

10 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: Well, I just wanted
11 to ask you, as far as this meeting of criteria
12 from the design phase to the actual construction,
13 how are you going to assure that you're meeting
14 those criteria?

15 MR. CHAMBERS: The approach that we
16 have, there is something that's called a
17 Multi-Agency Radiation Site Survey and
18 Investigation Manual. It's been approved in
19 January of 1998 by the EPA, the Department of
20 Defense, the Department of Energy, as well as the
21 Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

22 And the MARSSIM document does provide
23 guidelines and approaches for doing those types of
24 final site surveys. And we will to the maximum
25 extent possible follow the MARSSIM guidelines.

1 COLONEL HODGINI: Does that respond to
2 your question?

3 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: Yes, I was just
4 curious, is there going to be third party
5 independent oversight or is this going to be Corps
6 of Engineers actually doing the criteria or do you
7 have subcontract personnel, you know, doing this?

8 MR. CHAMBERS: The actual methodology
9 for the final site survey is currently being
10 developed. And it will be developed according to
11 MARSSIM guidelines.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: So it's not part of
13 the interim response action or part of any EC/CA
14 document?

15 MR. CHAMBERS: No, it is currently
16 being addressed at this point for specifically
17 that reason.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: Okay, thank you.

19 COLONEL HODGINI: Thank you for your
20 question. Other questions? Over here.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: I'm a property
22 owner adjoining Coldwater Creek. I was here at
23 the last session you had. My thought is you have
24 a little taste of the groundwater today. What's
25 going to happen in the next two months is going to

1 be three or four times more than this. I've lived
2 here 45 years and we're in our wettest part of the
3 spring.

4 I was interested, there was a
5 contributory creek somewhere over by Latty Avenue
6 I believe and it runs into Coldwater Creek. And I
7 believe it comes from your storage piles. The
8 reason I knew there was a creek there, I used to
9 ride a horse over there and I told my kids to stay
10 out of that creek because it's too soft.

11 Now if you disturb something over
12 there, is the groundwater going to wash it into
13 Coldwater Creek?

14 COLONEL HODGINI: Greg, can you --

15 MR. HEMPEN: The piles at HISS have
16 what is called a ring ditch around them. And
17 water is collected and goes through a weir so we
18 know the volume of water being moved off.

19 That is separate from the tributary
20 that is to the south of those piles. There is a
21 separate intermittent stream that the rail tracks
22 have to cross to get to the spur over there. And
23 there's several rail spurs that go both west and
24 east of the site.

25 But the bottom line is there is a

1 tributary over there. It does not receive that
2 water from around the piles. That water is
3 collected. And yes, I'm certain that it's
4 measured before it gets removed from the site. So
5 it is not being put directly into that tributary.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: I know I spoke once
7 before at the other meeting about the site over at
8 Lambert Field by McDonnell Boulevard. You were
9 going to put a retainer or something there to keep
10 the water from washing -- the ground washing over
11 into that.

12 I see you've been working on that.
13 Now is that the final stage of that project right
14 there?

15 MR. HEMPEN: If I may respond again.
16 There is a Gabion wall over most of the western
17 side of the SLAPS site which is the east wall of
18 Coldwater Creek along the airport site. That
19 won't be the final stage of that workings for that
20 bank. That bank will have to be removed because
21 there's contaminated material behind it.

22 But that Gabien wall is a protective
23 measure to prevent erosion of the bank and
24 sloughing of that material into Coldwater Creek.
25 So it's a means to stabilize that site.

1 And in the EC/CA that currently exists
2 for the site and the future EC/CA, we plan
3 additional stabilizing efforts so that the storm
4 water surface-run-off reduces the amount of
5 contaminant material being carried into Coldwater
6 Creek.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: The reason I notice
8 this driving along there, I thought if that's the
9 only protection you're going to have there -- I've
10 been over to McDonnell Boulevard and I saw water
11 come up underneath that bridge to hit the bottom
12 of the bridge. If it gets that way again it's
13 going to come back over into that project, what
14 you're going to work on.

15 MR. HEMPEN: I'd like to say that the
16 Corps recognizes that all of these are just
17 interim actions. We are attempting as rapidly as
18 possible to stabilize the site and prevent other
19 contaminants from not only getting into Coldwater
20 Creek, but into the air that affects the public
21 around it, and into the groundwater.

22 So those are our objectives, to
23 protect first the public, and then the
24 environment, because it will later protect the
25 public by those prevention measures. All of these

1 are just interim until the site is fully cleaned
2 up.

3 Prior to that remediation there's a
4 potential for other things getting into the
5 environment, and that's why we would like to
6 expediently move to remove these what's called the
7 source contaminants from the site.

8 COLONEL HODGINI: Thank you. Sir.

9 MR. MARK: This just occurred to me
10 when I was listening to everyone. I've been
11 involved in this, just looking at things for maybe
12 10 years on and off. And I have a very fuzzy
13 idea -- because I've never seen a chart by anybody
14 who traced the old stream beds on the Callahan
15 farm which is the site of SLAPS.

16 Now the reason this might be
17 important -- it's like the home owner over there
18 said -- when you dig some dirt out of SLAPS, the
19 site of the old streams over there, since
20 according to what I've been told by Kay Drey, is
21 SLAPS was a ditch between two streams. If that's
22 true or not I don't know. But that's what her
23 recollection was.

24 So what I'm saying is I've never seen
25 a chart or a map where let's say when the waste

1 was dumped back in the 1950's, I've never seen
2 what the water pattern was in 1950 before you
3 filled it up. Because if you defill it up, then
4 you're going to get that water pattern again. And
5 who knows what's under the waste. I mean you may
6 have some strange stream condition, even a sink
7 hole, I don't know.

8 Because there was a lake at the site
9 of the airport. This was a big lake. And that
10 was drained through some type of engineering or
11 dried up or whatever. So that area is rather low.
12 And I'm suggesting somebody find out what the --
13 where the stream -- where the creeks were in 1950
14 because it may be important when you start digging
15 this stuff up. It's just a guess.

16 MR. FREEMAN: I'm Tom Freeman with the
17 Corps of Engineers. We have sent a group of
18 people up to Washington, D.C. to look at the
19 National Archives up there and obtain historical
20 documents and records concerning the SLAPS site,
21 the Mallinckrodt site, anything that we can find
22 out on HISS.

23 And we did find some photos. We will
24 be getting photos, hopefully the earliest one is
25 going to be about 1938 of the actual site over

1 there. So we might be able to see something
2 there.

3 Fortunately, there were a number of
4 agencies, the agricultural service, the defense
5 intelligence agency, all flew the airports during
6 that time as we were getting ready for the war.
7 So we're hoping to have a chronology of the site
8 history and actual air photos starting back in the
9 late 30's and going on up through the mid 50's.
10 So we will be able to tell things like that.

11 COLONEL HODGINI: Thanks, Tom. Greg.

12 MR. HEMPEN: If you don't mind I'd
13 also like to respond that the geologic record is
14 very good in itself for appraising just the things
15 you were talking about. We do know that the
16 stream meandered quite a bit just from the
17 sediments adjacent to Coldwater Creek. And so we
18 are going to utilize that information also with
19 the air photos.

20 MR. MARK: Excuse me. I'm not talking
21 about the Coldwater Creek. I'm talking about the
22 water drainage from Eva Avenue through the SLAP
23 site on both sides of the SLAP site which entered
24 into Coldwater Creek. There's a difference. I'm
25 not talking about Coldwater Creek.

1 There was an existing stream pattern
2 with gullies in there, and all this waste was
3 dumped into the streams into the existing dug out
4 area.

5 MR. HEMPEN: That material will be
6 developed by the air photos. These air photos
7 that we're trying to get from the archives will
8 predate the time when those wastes were taken out
9 there.

10 What I was recommending is that things
11 that predate man's use of this site are still
12 there in the geologic record. And we're trying to
13 utilize that to help us understand how material
14 can move off the site also.

15 MR. MARK: Fine. Do it both ways.
16 That's great.

17 COLONEL HODGINI: A question back here
18 please.

19 MR. SKIDMORE: My name is Jason
20 Skidmore. I was wondering when was the last
21 recorded accurate survey done on the property?
22 Because if there's a problem with flooding -- I
23 work for a surveying company and a lot of times
24 when we have areas that are flooded we have to do
25 flood certificates on it. If the creek is

1 flooding, when was the last survey done on the
2 property to determine the limits and, you know,
3 just the boundary of each of the properties?

4 MR. FREEMAN: I know that the Corps of
5 Engineers had actually initiated a study, a flood
6 plain study, for Coldwater Creek. I believe back
7 in the late 70's is when that was started.

8 And we had anticipated doing different
9 channelization, different type of work along there
10 to stabilize it. And it was put on hold because
11 they found contaminated material in there. We
12 didn't know where it came from at that particular
13 time.

14 So I do know that we do have some very
15 accurate maps from back in the 70's back in the
16 Corps. I don't know how recently Bechtel or any
17 of the other contractors have performed any
18 surveying out there. I believe there's been some
19 surveying done particularly on the west end in the
20 1990's.

21 MR. SKIDMORE: Yes, sir. I'm sure
22 that a lot of the companies in the region -- I
23 know my company, we have crews that work only with
24 contaminated sites. And it seems to me like it
25 would be pretty important to do that, and if

1 you're going to do that, are you going to use
2 Corps of Engineer surveyors or are you going to
3 subcontract the work out? Or do you have any idea
4 yet?

5 MR. FREEMAN: As we get into the
6 actual construction we will be using whatever
7 contractor we're using on that particular site.
8 There are a number of contracting mechanisms that
9 we will be using. We're going to be starting on
10 the east end with one particular contractor. That
11 might be the same person that would be doing the
12 surveying work for us. That hasn't been let yet
13 either.

14 COLONEL HODGINI: Thank you, Jason.
15 Other questions?

16 MS. PRICE: My name is Sally Price.
17 I'm on the Oversight Committee. I saw the
18 material here tonight on this handout,
19 sedimentation basin. And I don't know where
20 that's going to be. You're going to construct
21 that in June of 1998. Can someone speak to that?

22 MR. FREEMAN: As part of controlling
23 the material that's on the site and reducing any
24 of the run-off that may eventually impact
25 Coldwater Creek, we're proposing as part of our

1 remediation work to install a basin that would be
2 immediately to the east of the west end
3 remediation that was done already.

4 There will be a basin I believe about
5 4 and a half acres possibly. It would not be one,
6 the way we're presently anticipating it, that
7 would be holding water there. But it would be one
8 to control the sediment that would be on the site.

9 We would still be allowing the water
10 to run off in a gradual fashion, but trying to
11 keep any of the sediment from running off at the
12 site. It would be a segmented type of
13 sedimentation basin to kind of slow down the flow
14 as it was going through there and eventually go
15 through some sort of a bottom drain. It would be
16 on the western portion of the site about a third
17 of the way in.

18 It would eliminate -- if you're real
19 familiar with the site -- it would probably
20 eliminate that southernmost ditch on the SLAPS
21 property itself, and would also eliminate the
22 ditch that's on the north side of SLAPS, but on
23 the south side of McDonnell Boulevard.

24 So it would take both of the ditches
25 that run on either side and run them into the

1 sedimentation pond. We try to control all the
2 water and funnel it down into one place.

3 MS. PRICE: Into the center?

4 MR. FREEMAN: Right.

5 COLONEL HODGINI: Can you address the
6 time frame for that, Tom?

7 MR. FREEMAN: We were hoping to do
8 that as one of the very first options, just to be
9 able to control the material on the site to
10 prevent any kind of future run-off of material
11 from the site.

12 COLONEL HODGINI: And the duration?

13 MR. FREEMAN: As far as construction?

14 COLONEL HODGINI: Right.

15 MR. FREEMAN: I think that they were
16 looking at something that would probably be able
17 to get in there in about 3 or 4 months. So
18 hopefully having it done this fiscal year.

19 COLONEL HODGINI: Other questions or
20 comments? If not, I invite my staff, if anyone
21 would like to comment on anything.

22 DR. MULLINS: Just one quick reminder.
23 We'll be accepting comments between April 6th and
24 April 9th, April 6th for SLAPS, April 9th for the
25 Hazelwood site, and we really want to hear from

1 you. So we've got some postage paid comment forms
2 in the back to make it easy for them to get to us.
3 Please use them. We thank you for coming.
4 Anybody else?

5 COLONEL HODGINI: Okay. In the way of
6 closing I would make one comment myself. We in
7 the Corps of Engineers in the St. Louis District
8 have a lot of experience working on different
9 projects, like I mentioned earlier in our
10 briefing, flood control, navigation,
11 environmental, stewardship, projects that cross a
12 broad spectrum of work.

13 And most of our projects are done in
14 conjunction with sponsors and in partnerships with
15 sponsors. So we're very accustomed to this mode
16 where we work arm in arm, if you will, with our
17 partners.

18 I do appreciate your comments. We
19 listened. I listened. And I heard a trend in
20 several of your concerns. So we will go back now
21 and look at that and continue to evaluate our
22 project management plans and some of the technical
23 aspects of our plan as we move forward.

24 Again our commitment is -- my eyes are
25 focused on that objective, the final objective,

1 remediating just as quickly as possible. Again
2 thank you for your attendance. Have a good
3 evening.

4 (Whereupon, the hearing was concluded
5 at 8:45 P.M.)
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