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BEFORE THE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

IN RE THE MATTER OF:

CHANUTE AFB INSTALLATION
RESTORATION PROGRAM

BOARD MEETING

Proceedings had on August 1st, 2002, at AFBCA
Public Meeting Room, 601 South Century Boulevard,
Smith Hall, Suite 1106, Rantoul, Champaign County,
Illinois, commencing at the hour of 7:01 o'clock P.M.,
before the Restoration Advisory Board, before H. Lori
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PRESENT:

- Stephen Fain
- Carl Weber
- Gary Schafer
- Lorraine Wirges
- Louis Kowalski
- Gary Adams
- Chris Hill
- Deb Richmann
- Samuel L. Brock
- Bill Lopp
- Rich Weber
- David Powers
- Bill Harris
- Janice Blake
- George Protich
- Donna Kozak

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. BRECHEEN: Good evening, and I'd like to
3 welcome everybody to our RAB meeting in August and
4 thanks for coming out on a nice evening in the summer
5 and for everyone attending. We appreciate it.

6 I guess what we'd like to do to get started
7 is go around the table and have everyone introduced.

8 MS. WIRGES: Lorraine Wirges, a RAB member.

9 MR. BRECHEEN: Tim Brecheen, Air Force Base
10 Conversion Agency.

11 MR. ADAMS: Gary Adams, Village of Rantoul.

12 MR. BURGER: Larise Burger, Village of Rantoul.

13 MR. KOWALSKI: Louis Kowalski, resident.

14 MR. SCHAFER: Gary Schafer, United States
15 Environmental Protection Agency.

16 MR. HILL: Chris Hill, Illinois EPA.

17 MS. KOZAK: Donna Kozak, Booz, Allen & Hamilton.

18 MR. LOPP: Bill Lopp. I work for the Air Force
19 Center for Environmental Excellence.

20 MR. FAIN: Stephen Fain, URS Corporation.

21 MS. RICHMANN: Debra Richmann, URS Corporation.

22 MS. BLAKE: Janice Blake, Air Force Center for
23 Environmental Excellence.

24 MR. HARRIS: Bill Harris, Mitretek Systems.

1 MR. WEBER: Carl Weber, asked to sit in for Caryl
2 Fothergill, member.

3 MR. BROCK: Sam Brock, Air Force Center for
4 Environmental Excellence.

5 MR. BRECHEEN: Thank you.

6 Any comments on the Minutes from the last
7 meeting?

8 (No audible response.)

9 MR. BRECHEEN: Any move to approve them?

10 MS. WIRGES: I so move.

11 MR. BRECHEEN: Any second?

12 MR. ADAMS: Second.

13 MR. BRECHEEN: All those in favor say "aye."

14 RAB MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. BRECHEEN: The Minutes will be accepted.

16 Any other comments or anything before we
17 start with the progress?

18 (No audible response.)

19 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay, we'll go ahead and get
20 started.

21 We'll start with the Landfills Remedial
22 Action. Rich Weber will brief that from Montgomery
23 Watson Harza.

24 MR. WEBER: Well, as the slide shows what we've

1 done since we met last in April, we've continued to
2 make sure that we had good security and erosion
3 control at the site. We've continued to pump water
4 both from our excavations at the landfills as well as
5 the Village borrow source, and we started construction
6 again focusing on Landfills 1 and 3.

7 And we also started hauling soils from the
8 borrow source over off of Chanute Street. We've
9 arranged for a subcontractor to do our landfill
10 seeding this year. Again, Landfill 1 will be done
11 first, and we've got that in place and we've continued
12 to work on the operations, maintenance and monitoring
13 plans for the three landfills.

14 What we're going to be doing over the next
15 sixty to ninety days is continue to do those same
16 things: site maintenance, erosion, and security.
17 We're going to finish the construction at Landfill 1.
18 If you've driving by, you've seen us up there placing
19 topsoil. We're scheduled to have a seeding contractor
20 on Monday, and within the next week or two, you'll see
21 the seeding be done and straw mulch spread out over
22 the top of the Landfill, and so we're making good
23 progress there.

24 We're going to continue construction on the

1 Landfill 3 cap. We are scheduled to be beginning the
2 actual cap construction next week on Landfill 3 and
3 so, again, we're making good progress there.

4 We're continuing to pump water at the
5 borrow source so that we can finish excavation and
6 hauling from Chanute, the southeast retention base for
7 the Village. And again, we're going to complete the
8 activity on the OM & M Plan and get a copy off to the
9 agencies for their review.

10 So in summary, Landfill 1 will be finished
11 this year. Landfill 2 will have a cap construction, a
12 leachate collection system; that's what "LCS" stands
13 for. That will be finished next year. Landfill 2
14 activities are being deferred until next construction
15 season, and I think we talked about that last time.

16 Landfill 3 will be finished this year. The
17 northern excavation area, the completion of that is
18 somewhat dependent upon the retention of the second
19 borrow source and some discussions with the Regulators
20 on the reuse of that property, so that's why there's a
21 question mark as to when that might be done.

22 Then Landfill 4, there's some additional
23 extent sampling that needs to go on, to happen out
24 there; completion of the work plan documents, design

1 documents, and in likelihood the cap construction at
2 Landfill 4 will be next year, possibly slipping into
3 2004 if we don't get the topsoil layer done, similar
4 to what happened this last year for Landfill 1.

5 Just a couple photos as we've done in the
6 past: This is some backfilling activities that were
7 completed this spring, actually just a month or so ago
8 at Landfill 3. Here we are compacting some backfill
9 soils in some waste consolidation excavations, and
10 here's a layer of plastic material that was used to
11 define the edge of where we removed the waste and
12 delineated a clean area, and an area that needs to be
13 addressed in future investigations by the Air Force.

14 This is a shot of the borrow source, which
15 is again is the Village Borrow Source. This is a
16 photo looking to the west. Here's our lake level
17 which by this time is down about 4 or 5 feet from this
18 photo, and these are some stockpiles that were on the
19 west end of the site that were built up last year.

20 Again, if you've driven by lately, those
21 stockpiles are now gone, and we're making some pretty
22 good progress out there.

23 Again, we're topsoiling Landfill 1. We are
24 pretty much complete with spreading the topsoil that

1 we already had available to us, so we're in the
2 process of investigating another topsoil borrow
3 source, so we need that to finish the Landfill 1,
4 basically, the area outside the cap.

5 MR. BRECHEEN: To interject, Landfill 1 is right
6 next to Perimeter Road, and we've worked with a Greg
7 Hazel(sp) on this perimeter system. The Village just
8 forgot that Perimeter that sits on the airfield, and
9 is working with him on the scheduling of the
10 installation of that fence with the completion of the
11 cap. Because right now, they're in the ditch doing
12 all the work they need to do.

13 Also, we know there's a concern with the
14 snow buildup, with that large hill being right next to
15 Perimeter Road. So we're going to work with you folks
16 to make sure that there's a snow fence or other things
17 to put in place.

18 MR. ADAMS: Are you driving the plow?

19 MR. BRECHEEN: Every thirty minutes.

20 MR. WEBER: Is there a schedule for that fence
21 installation around the airfield or is that --

22 MR. BRECHEEN: We've just received it, so we're
23 checking that. We'll get back to you guys to make
24 sure that coincides with you.

1 MR. WEBER: Great. And then again we needed to
2 finish this year basically in the month of June
3 through the first part of July doing more shaping on
4 Landfill 3, getting that to the contours we wanted it
5 to be. And we're at that point now and we're starting
6 to lay the first layer of that synthetic cap on that,
7 possibly even as early as Saturday or Monday.

8 And then possibly as early as Tuesday,
9 we'll be starting to place the clay layer over that
10 first layer of synthetic, and things will move fast
11 after that. I think that's it.

12 Any questions with the Landfills
13 Department?

14 MS. WIRGES: Yes. You said you are getting
15 ready, you'll be seeding and strawing. Are you using
16 a Rye grass or what are you using?

17 MR. WEBER: The mix of grass seed we're using on
18 the Landfill is an IDOT, Illinois DOT mix. There's a
19 wide variety of grass seeds that are in that mix. It
20 was in the Work Plan, and I frankly don't have that in
21 my head what that mix is.

22 And then along the slope right next to
23 Perimeter Road, there's a band which will include a
24 mixture of native grasses and wildflowers. And so

1 over time, those wildflowers will bloom and you should
2 have some nice visual amenities along the road there.

3 MS. WIRGES: Are you going to be watering then
4 shortly after you straw?

5 MR. WEBER: Typically on a landfill, something
6 this big, watering is not done. You rely on Mother
7 Nature to do your job for you, but it's something that
8 we'll have to keep an eye on if we have a blistering
9 heat summer. Then the seeds will be dormant; they
10 just won't germinate.

11 The problem with that is if they don't
12 germinate and we have a big storm, then everything
13 washes away, then we'll have to come back and take
14 care of that. So it's kind of a give and take. We'll
15 order water if we need to. It's something we'll keep
16 an eye on.

17 MS. WIRGES: Thank you.

18 MR. BRECHEEN: Do you have any recommendations or
19 thoughts on that?

20 MS. WIRGES: Well, once you start getting rain on
21 that straw and you get it to germinate, then you'll
22 have to watch it if you get a dry spell and go in and
23 water with a big sprayer system or something that
24 doesn't wash out, because if the seeds just start to

1 germinate, they'll die.

2 MR. WEBER: Right. And again on areas this big,
3 typically you do not water. And we're getting into
4 the time of year in this climate where this is the
5 ideal seeding season - the early part of August into
6 about the mid- to later part of September is the ideal
7 time to seed.

8 I mean, there are different periods.
9 Spring is also a good time to seed.

10 MR. KOWALSKI: Right.

11 MR. WEBER: But again, it could be a very hot,
12 dry August which could cause us problems, and
13 obviously we can't control Mother Nature, but we'll
14 keep an eye on it.

15 MS. WIRGES: Thank you.

16 MR. BRECHEEN: Thank you.

17 MR. WEBER: Uh-huh.

18 MR. BRECHEEN: I'd like to brief the
19 investigation that we're doing in the main base area
20 which is called Operable Unit 1, and also introduce
21 our team from URS. This is a large environmental
22 corporation, and we'll be seeing them more frequently
23 and more often: Deb Richmann and Steve Fain and the
24 rest of their group that's with them. They've been

1 working very successfully with the BRAC cleanup team
2 the last several months developing the OU-1 planning
3 documents so we can go out in the field and perform
4 the investigation at forty different sites.

5 The accomplishments since the last RAB
6 meeting: There's been a very thorough records review,
7 interviews. I think EPA met with Caryl Fothergill and
8 other folks. After the meeting, we conducted site
9 visits, spent some time at the Museum with Don
10 Workhorse(sp); just a tremendous amount of work. We
11 finalized the list of sites that will be in the Work
12 Plan, and the list of sites that we're going to be
13 conducting further research on in the near future.

14 For the next sixty to ninety days, these
15 are actually pretty large milestones that we're going
16 to be completing. The Draft OU-1 Work Plan will be
17 delivered to the agencies for review, hopefully in
18 October. They'll have a chance to review it, and
19 we'll have meetings and discussions to make sure that
20 review happens quickly, revise the main sampling plan,
21 so we can get out in the field and conduct the
22 sampling.

23 One of the key issues - and we'll elicit
24 RAB support like we did before - is a lot of the

1 sampling will be in the main parts of the base. So
2 we're going to have sampling crews and vans and small
3 drilling rigs in different parts, but we'll also be on
4 deeded property. Some of the sites are located on
5 current housing areas, so we'll be conducting sampling
6 out there. We'll notify the residents and possibly
7 have town meetings. Last time we put out a fact sheet
8 that we made several hundred copies of and handed out
9 and met with the different owners.

10 The main goal is just to make sure that the
11 community is properly informed of what we're doing and
12 why we're doing it and what the plan is so there's no
13 surprises when we go out do the work. So we solicit
14 support of the RAB and others to help make sure that
15 we properly get the word out and any ideas on better
16 ways to do that. That's not until spring time, but as
17 we move closer, we'll have more information on that,
18 okay?

19 The Non-CERCLA sites, which are the
20 underground storage tanks and other sites such as
21 that, we've done additional sampling at the Building
22 700 area, which is at the main part of the base. And
23 there is MTBE, which was an additive to gasoline in
24 the groundwater. So we will be conducting additional

1 groundwater sampling for MTBE, and that will start
2 before the rerouting of Highway 45.

3 We also removed a lot of the stockpiled
4 soil; about 4,000 cubic yards of soil was removed, and
5 then just conducted work on additional reports. Over
6 the next sixty to ninety days, we'll continue to work.
7 The main thing is -- you know, there's a lot of soil
8 sites the we want to make sure we're tracking in the
9 database and properly closing out.

10 So we're working the tank sites
11 concurrently with these larger sites so we can work
12 them all together.

13 Any questions or discussion on the
14 progress?

15 MR. KOWALSKI: I have a question that may go way
16 back.

17 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay.

18 MR. KOWALSKI: The sites that you're capping and
19 planting grass on and stuff, are they to remain
20 landfill sites fenced off in perpetuity?

21 MR. BRECHEEN: Yes. But that was part of
22 consolidating the waste and making smaller landfills.
23 So that landfill cap area is a smaller area than it
24 was originally when the Air Force had them as active

1 landfills.

2 Any other questions?

3 (No audible response.)

4 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay, go to Reuse Projects.

5 MR. ADAMS: He's already introduced himself, but
6 for those of you who do not know, he is our new
7 Economic Development/Aviation Director. We're pleased
8 to have him; nobody is any more pleased than I am.
9 I'm tired of doing two or three jobs. Now he's come
10 on board and he's got a wealth of experience and he's
11 been in the economic development business for a long
12 time. He worked for the City of Urbana for -- oh, I
13 don't know, fifteen or twenty years; he's been down
14 there a long time.

15 So we're very pleased to have him working
16 for us now. Of course we've opened our new aquatic
17 center. You guys should have brought your trunks and
18 you could have cooled off after your long, hot day
19 over there. So far it's been well received, lots of
20 people, and it's nice amenity down there I think in
21 that part of the town and community.

22 You mentioned Veterans Parkway, that
23 will -- I think the letting of that is next January, I
24 believe. So I assume that whatever pieces are in the

1 way along that construction site that hopefully we'll
2 have taken care of by that time. And that doesn't
3 start until next spring or maybe next summer, I guess.

4 As you know, and I do want to say thanks to
5 you and to both of the gentlemen here with the
6 Illinois and US EPA for your cooperation and help that
7 you've given us with in getting this world free-fall
8 convention thing under way. It's been a lot of work,
9 a lot of effort, and I know a lot of back and forth,
10 but hopefully, I guess it's up and running now.

11 If anybody in here likes to sky drive, if
12 you want to come out, we'll make arrangements and you
13 can jump out of an airplane from 15 or 20,000 feet if
14 you want to.

15 Anyway, just a lot of people in town from
16 all over the world. I was up there today and met
17 people from eight or ten different countries. So a
18 lot of activity going on here as Reed, I think,
19 realizes now, there a lot of things going on in
20 Rantoul. Rantoul is a busy town.

21 MR. Reed SOMEBODY: That's the first two weeks.

22 MR. ADAMS: Yeah, that's right, that was his
23 first couple of weeks. Other than that, I can't think
24 of anything. We're moving along.

1 Hangar 3 was rented and we got a tenant
2 back in there. It was Illinois Sports, and hopefully
3 we'll lease out the rest of it.

4 MS. WIRGES: Are they only using part of it,
5 Gary.

6 MR. ADAMS: Uh-huh. I think their lease is about
7 70 to 1,000 square feet out of a couple hundred
8 thousand. And Smith Hall, of course you know the
9 things that we've done here. And hopefully, that will
10 continue, and we'll get more tenants in here. I think
11 that's all.

12 Do you want to add to that? Go ahead,
13 Reed.

14 MR. REED SOMEBODY: Just hope we can get the air
15 conditioning working for you again.

16 MR. BRECHEEN: It's a nice facility.

17 MR. ADAMS: It won't be long, and you'll be
18 worrying about heat. There is no heat in here, does
19 that matter?

20 (Laughter.)

21 MR. ADAMS: All you complained about was air
22 conditioning, you didn't say anything about heat. So
23 we didn't make any provisions for heat. I think
24 that's all.

1 We appreciate your cooperation, and things
2 are moving along well, and we appreciate all the help
3 we get from everybody.

4 MR. BRECHEEN: Thank you.

5 MR. ADAMS: I don't think there's anything else.

6 MR. BRECHEEN: Is the schedule for the meetings
7 working out okay with everybody? Thursday 6 PM, and
8 in three months again, we'll schedule another one. I
9 don't know if you want to try and do that now. We
10 usually try and arrange it when we have our BRAC
11 cleanup team meetings. So what we'll do is we'll just
12 coordinate that and publish that through RAB, okay?

13 Any other comments or questions?

14 MR. WEBER: Tim, can I just say something? I
15 want to apologize for walking in a couple minutes late
16 again. And I invited a couple people from Montgomery
17 Watson Harza to come this evening. George Potich(sp)
18 is our On-site Construction Manager. He's out here
19 every day. If anybody ever has any questions and
20 wants to talk to somebody, he's our on-site person
21 responsible for basically everything that's going on
22 here.

23 Dave Powers is the other gentleman in the
24 baseball cap. He's out here working on former

1 construction, quality assurance, and sampling
2 activities.

3 Again, I apologize. I just wanted to let
4 you know who these two gentlemen were sitting down
5 here. So, thank you.

6 MR. BRECHEEN: Sure. Good. There's going to be
7 a lot of activity on the landfill caps throughout the
8 rest of the construction season. I understand we'll
9 have a party on top of Landfill 1 when the seeds start
10 germinating.

11 MR. KOWALSKI: We'll wait for the flowers to
12 bloom.

13 MR. BRECHEEN: I'm excited about that.

14 MR. WEBER: I'm told the flowers will take time
15 to develop; it's a process. I know you're quite
16 familiar with that.

17 MR. BRECHEEN: All right. Thank you all, very
18 much. Appreciate it.

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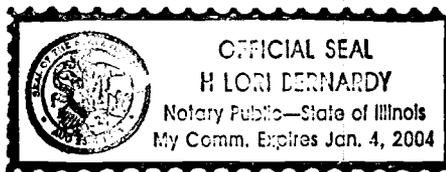
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