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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT: Quarterly Report

1. The emphasis of this quarterly report is on the events occurring between April 9, 1994 and July 1, 1994.

2. In accordance with para 26.1 of the Interagency Agreement (IAG) between the Army, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the following quarterly report is submitted:

a. Minutes From Formal Meetings Held During the Reporting Period.

On May 18, 1994, the seventh meeting of the Technical Review Committee (TRC) was held at the Seneca Army Depot NCO Club. The recorded proceedings from the seventh TRC are enclosed as Appendix 1.0. This TRC meeting was preceded by a quarterly meeting of the project managers. The minutes from the project managers meeting are enclosed as Appendix 2.0.

The minutes of the May 17-18 Project Manager's meeting indicate agreement on several issues. Some of these issues were discussed at length, and specific agreement on issues or courses of action may not have been clear to all parties. The Army has indicated its understanding of agreements and actions, and indicated these as "agreed to" or "open issues". Some issues discussed at length, such as future use, may be in agreement after review of materials presented at the meeting.

If you disagree with any noted agreements or courses of action, please submit your position in writing no later than August 1, 1994. The Army will then have three weeks prior to the next project manager's meeting. Final discussions and resolution can then take place in the PM meeting.

b. **Milestones Met on Schedule, Explanation of Milestones
Not Met on Schedule.**

(1) IAG Milestones:

(a) IAG Schedule 5.0: A proposed revision to Attachment 5.0 by Seneca Army Depot Activity (SEDA) has yet to be resolved.

(b) An extension until July 5, 1994 has been requested by SEDA for the submission of the Ash Landfill Draft-Final RI.

(2) Ash Landfill RI/FS Milestones:

(a) A report prepared by Engineering Science (ES), Inc. on First Quarter Groundwater Monitoring for 1994, Ash Landfill was received during the reporting period and enclosed as Appendix 3.0.

(b) The Final Action Memorandum Ash Landfill Removal Action was submitted on May 12, 1994.

(3) Open Burning Grounds RI/FS Milestones:

No reports were received this quarter.

(4) Solid Waste Management Unit Investigation
Milestones:

(a) The Draft-Final SWMU Classification Report was submitted on June 3, 1994.

(b) The Pre-Draft Expanded Site Investigation at Three Moderate Priority SWMU's- SEAD-11, 13, and 57 was submitted on May 18, 1994.

(c) The Pre-Draft Expanded Site Investigation at the Seven High Priority AOCs was submitted on April 29, 1994.

c. **Inspection Reports, Audits and Administrative
Information.**

FY-94 Funding Status:

Funding for the projects identified in the FY 94 Obligation Plan is available for the CERCLA program.

FY-95 Funding Status:

The FY 95 1383 Report has been submitted. The Workplan received from HQ does not reflect the updated 1383 Report. SEDA

is in the process of having the changes made.

d. Permit Status as Applicable.

There was no change in Seneca Army Depot Activity's RCRA facility permit status during this reporting period.

e. Personnel Staffing Status

(1) SEDA Staffing Update:

The Environmental Protection Specialist position was filled by Bob Huneau, who started work on April 18, 1994. He is currently working on RCRA and NEPA projects.

(2) Training:

No training took place this quarter.

f. Community Relations Activity Update

(1) Ash Landfill Administrative Records Milestones:

SEDA has updated the Ash Landfill Administrative Record File. A revised index is included as Appendix 4.0.

(2) OB Grounds Administrative Records Milestones:

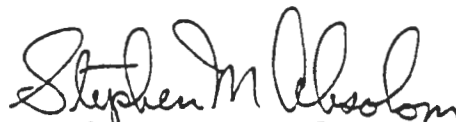
SEDA has updated the OB Grounds Administrative Record File. A revised index is included as Appendix 5.0.

(3) SEAD Administrative Record Milestone:

SEDA has created this new category to include documents and reports associated with the CERCLA program for multiple sites and general information. The revised index is included as Appendix 6.0.

3. Point of contact for additional information is Janet Fallo or Thomas Enroth, telephone number 607/869-1450.

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APPENDIX 1.0

MINUTES FROM THE
TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING

1 COUNTY OF SENECA
2 STATE OF NEW YORK

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6 TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
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Romulus, New York

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15 HELD ON: May 18th, 1994
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20 REPORTED BY: PATRICIA A. NELK
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1 MR. ABSOLOM: Okay. If we can get
2 started, I am going to kick this thing off
3 as close to twelve thirty as I can today.
4 For those who don't know, I am Steve Absolom.
5 I am chief of public works here at Seneca
6 Army Depot. The commander of the Army Depot,
7 Colonel Johnson, is away in training this
8 week. He's unable to attend and be here.

9 A few opening things I want or opening
10 remarks is, first off, I would like to make
11 sure that everybody understands that we will
12 answer all questions but I would like them
13 one at a time so we can answer them one at a
14 time. This is so that we can properly record
15 the question and the answer. So please be
16 patient if we say, "time out, one question,
17 please." That is the purpose for it. We
18 passed out an agenda for today. We are going
19 to make one slight change on that. Because
20 of the way we are going to present it Mr.
21 Healy is not going to give a presentation.
22 Engineering Science will give the overall
23 presentation. So that will be the one change
24 we will have in the agenda.

25 I do see a few new faces. What I would

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am the project manager at Seneca.

CPT. RAIMONDO: I am Captain Raimondo, the command judge advocate here at the Seneca Army Depot.

MR. GERAGHTY: Dan Geraghty, New York State Department of Health.

MR. ENROTH: Tom Enroth, project manager.

MR. NELSON: Bruce Nelson with Malcolm Pirne providing technical assistance to the EPA.

MS. STRUBLE: Carla Struble, project manager for USEPA.

MS. RAFFERTY: Lani Rafferty, State Health Department.

MR. GUPTA: Kamal Gupta, project manager for New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division.

MR. MEHTA: Manmohan Mehta, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. I am out of Region 8 in Avon

MR. SCOTT: Robert Scott, DEC permit administrator, Avon, New York.

MR. COOL: Bill Cool, Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation and councilman for the

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MR. LAFFIN: Alan Laffin, Lozier Labs
out of Rochester.

MR. BURNS: Chuck Burns, Lozier
Engineers, Rochester, New York.

MR. ABSOLOM: Very good. Welcome,
everybody. With that we are going to get
started right in with some briefings from
Mike.

MR. DUCHESNEAU: Sure. I would like to
welcome you all here to the presentation. We
will begin with an overview of the
organizational project. Many of you have
seen this before. On the top here is Rick
Suever. You have already met Rick. He's the
project manager. And technical manager for
this project for the Corps of Engineers,
Huntsville is Kevin Healy. I am the
engineering science project manager. And
Kamal, who you have met, represents the State
of New York. Carla represents EPA Region
Two. And Randy represents the Seneca Army
Depot. We have been working together here
for almost three years. Now we are fairly
comfortable with each other. I think that is
a very positive aspect of the project that we

1 the SWMU has been identified as an AOC, area
2 of concern, or no action SWMU -- let me step
3 back a second. Once it is listed as an AOC
4 it enters the site investigation phase. For
5 a no action SWMU, there would be no further
6 action and it will be deleted from any
7 further action investigation. The site
8 investigation phase involves potentially site
9 investigation. But also possibly if there is
10 enough information to assure that a threat
11 doesn't exist or it could possibly. We just
12 make a completion report and that will be the
13 end of it. However, if there is sufficient
14 information and a removal action can be
15 performed, that is done at the Army's
16 discretion. To perform a removal action, say
17 for a localized area, we have to eliminate
18 the threat and prepare the completion report
19 and that will be done with it.

20 Some SWMU's are AOC's that have a
21 sufficient threat and additional work is
22 required or additional large scale
23 remediation would be required. That would
24 enter the RI/FS phase. What this is intended
25 to do, this whole process, is to blend the

1 a summary of this. Just to point out also
2 that several of these -- I think there is
3 seven, as a matter of fact, that have been
4 identified on these sheets as TBD, to be
5 determined. We met yesterday, our group
6 project managers group which includes NYSDEC,
7 New York State Department of Environmental
8 Conservation, as well as EPA and Seneca. And
9 we have agreed to classify all of these to be
10 determined SWMU's as low priority AOC's. So
11 when we revise this we will include all of
12 those TBD's, or to be determined, as low
13 priority SWMU's. I am not going to spend a
14 lot of time here identifying any particular
15 one. It is all shown in your handout but I
16 want to provide you with a listing of the 72
17 and where they currently are classified. But
18 what's interesting is the summary of all of
19 the classifications of all the SWMU's. This
20 is an overview picture -- again this is in
21 your handout -- of where we stand on all the
22 SWMU's.

23 Now, just to make sure there is no
24 confusion here. There are 13 high priority
25 SWMU's that have been identified in the SWMU

1 listed as low priority which will bring the
2 number to twenty. We are investigating at
3 this point seven. There are thirteen low
4 priority AOC's that we have to consider at
5 this point. There are twenty-five no action
6 AOC's or SWMU's.

7 That pretty much is a summary of where
8 we currently stand in the investigation and
9 identification of all of the SWMU's or AOC's
10 at the Seneca Depot.

11 One of the primary documents that is
12 identified in the IAG is the SWMU
13 classification report. As the name implies,
14 it is a report that identifies all of the
15 SWMU's, classifies them in one of the groups
16 that we just discussed.

17 We have performed limited sampling
18 recently. The limited sampling was intended
19 to provide us with preliminary information to
20 help support classification of several of
21 these SWMU's that were teetering on whether
22 they were no action or low priority. We have
23 collected that information. And based on
24 that information, as I said, those to be
25 determined SWMU's have been classified as low

1 a busy week for us.

2 What I am going to show you today are
3 some of the figures that will be included in
4 that high priority AOC site investigation
5 report. And I made copies of these overheads
6 so you can follow along. Although they are
7 not color I think you can hopefully follow
8 along with what's happening here.

9 This is SWMU -- what we call SWMU four.
10 It is SWMU four. It is the old munitions or
11 break out washout plant. What was performed
12 here was the spent casings of the shells,
13 like Howitzer (phonetic) shells and whatnot,
14 still had residual propellant in there. It
15 would come to this plant and be washed out
16 with steam and the wash water was discharged
17 through leach fields. Our investigation was
18 to try to ascertain the extent, if any, of
19 the impacts caused by the operations. I
20 guess the interesting thing on this facility
21 is that we had expected to find some residual
22 amounts of PEPS. Well, we haven't found that
23 much. We found low levels of TNT. What I
24 show here is we were surprised to find copper
25 at the levels that we did find here. And we

1 small arms were deactivated or rendered
2 harmless through the process of heating
3 inside a large steel rotary kiln tube. This
4 is the old facility. Subsequent to this a
5 newer facility was built and that is SEAD 17
6 that we will discuss in a minute. What we
7 found here was not surprising. We found some
8 elevated levels of lead in a lot of the
9 surface soils, which is the picture I am
10 showing you now. The highest being upwards
11 of nine thousand parts per million of lead in
12 the surface soil. Lead was known to be a
13 component of, you know, the bullets and some
14 of the propellant material.

15 The next AOC that we have investigated
16 is what we call SEAD 17. That is the
17 existing deactivation furnace. This facility
18 is currently being applied as part of the
19 permit to operate under the part B permit. A
20 trial burn has been prepared. But we
21 identified this as a SWMU and subsequently
22 did an investigation to identify the
23 potential threat to human health and the
24 environment. Again what we find here are
25 lower levels of lead but nonetheless what we

1 surprising. We don't understand why arsenic
2 would be at the levels that we found it at.
3 Because arsenic is not typically associated
4 with the operations that went on here; in
5 other words, burning of powder, of munitions.

6 MR. DURST: Could this have come from
7 farming pesticides?

8 MR. DUCHESNEAU: Yes. I believe arsenic
9 is a component of pesticides. In some cases
10 it could have been spread there. I guess the
11 issue that we are concerned with is why is it
12 so localized in this area. It is kind of
13 unusual.

14 The next one is SEAD 25, this is the
15 fire demonstration pad. What went on at this
16 facility was, as the name implies, fires were
17 ignited and then, you know, subsequently put
18 out by the fire department at the facility.
19 We have found BTEX -- Benzene, Toluene,
20 Ethylbenzene and Xylene, otherwise known as
21 BTEX -- at levels approaching -- the highest
22 in this one boring is about 15,000 parts per
23 billion micrograms per kilogram. It
24 coincides almost exactly with the location of
25 what we find in the groundwater for these

1 bentonite lined pit so the oil wouldn't seep
2 down into the ground. The pit was ignited
3 and then subsequently extinguished by the
4 fire training folks. What we found here is
5 not inconsistent with what we expected. What
6 I am showing you are the PAH's. PAH's are
7 poly-aromatic hydrocarbons. Those PAH's are
8 products of the combustion process as it
9 occurred. It was totally consumed. As a
10 result of that, there are PAH's. They are
11 deposited had over the surface of those
12 soils. What we are finding is elevated
13 levels of these particular compounds. These
14 are the same kind of compounds that you
15 probably inhale through cigarette smoke and
16 the like. In this case they are deposited on
17 the surface of the soils.

18 The last of the high priority SWMU's
19 that I will be talking to you about today is
20 SEAD 45. This is the open detonation area.
21 This is a facility that is an active RCRA
22 facility. The subpart X has been submitted
23 to the DEC and we are currently in the stages
24 of negotiating the permit for that facility.
25 But again while that permit is being applied

1 of the land and the infiltration of the run
2 off of the rain from this we found, you know,
3 the highest concentration of explosives in
4 the low lying area down in this spot here.
5 So we think that what we believe is happening
6 is some of the rainfall is basically washing
7 some of that material down into the low lying
8 spots.

9 Just to move on to what we call the
10 moderate priority SWMU's. Again we set up
11 this criteria of identifying these SWMU's and
12 our investigations have been focused on worst
13 first type of priority. The seven priority
14 SWMU's are fairly far along in the process.
15 The three moderate priority SWMU's are
16 lagging along in a couple months. We will
17 get to them in the degree of completion as
18 the other ones are.

19 This is SEAD 11. It is the old
20 construction debris landfill. And what we
21 found here is material that was construction
22 debris and that kind of stuff was deposited
23 in this landfill. It is a well defined
24 landfill. Actually I think I have this
25 turned somewhat around here. I guess it goes

1 results of our geophysical and photogrametric
2 survey. It identifies areas in the ground
3 that are highly conductive. This produces a
4 salt. The salt obviously increases the
5 conductivity of the ground. As a result of
6 that we have been able to identify the mound
7 of this dissolved salt plume which seems to
8 be consistent where the IRFNA pits were
9 neutralized. This area here, the organic
10 here is associated with dissolved salt --
11 nitrates from the nitric acid, calcium from
12 the lime stone, sodium from probably the
13 nitric acid also -- which is causing us this
14 high conductivity area. So we think we have
15 pretty well delineated the extent of this
16 salt plume.

17 The last of the three is SEAD 57. And
18 it is the EOD area, explosive ordnance
19 disposal area. This is SEAD 57. At this
20 point we don't have all our data back. I
21 can't show you any nice color graph of this.
22 This would obviously be for the next time we
23 met. I will show you the map that we have
24 produced from the photogrametric work that we
25 have done and identify this as the area where

1 process as well as the investigation of the
2 AOC's. What we generally begin by doing
3 after we have done a thorough literature
4 search of the history of the site is to
5 perform geophysical; that includes EM surveys
6 to try to identify magnetic anomalies. We
7 try to find pits or any other anomalies. In
8 the geophysical work we do seismic surveys.
9 The intention of the seismic survey is to
10 find the depth of the bedrock. From that
11 information we believe -- and its been
12 consistently shown throughout the
13 investigations to date -- the slope of the
14 bedrock or the shale defines the slope of
15 where the groundwater flows. From that
16 information we are able to place our wells
17 from the upgradient and downgradient of the
18 area. And it helps us space so we don't
19 space them too far apart or in the wrong
20 location so we don't miss where the
21 downgradient location is. Its been very
22 successful to date.

23 Although I have in the book identified
24 all of the SWMU's, I am not going to bore you
25 to death here going through each one

1 again following behind the moderately low
2 priority AOC investigations. And I mean it
3 is almost a repetition of what you have seen.
4 They are probably a week or so lagging behind
5 the moderate priority, the moderately low
6 priority AOC's. We also expect this report
7 to follow shortly thereafter. Sometime in
8 early fall after the eight moderately low
9 priority AOC's having completed.

10 I have also included in your handout
11 again work plan cuts showing the location of
12 the wells, soil samples that we are planning
13 on taking. We are currently involved in
14 completing these investigations and I am
15 simply not going to go through every single
16 SWMU here and show you where the wells are.
17 I mean, it is all defined in there. I mean,
18 unless there is a need to do that.

19 MR. DURST: Could I ask one question on
20 a couple of the moderately low sites? It was
21 radioactive waste burial sites. I was just
22 curious what the wastes were and how were
23 they buried? Were they containerized in some
24 way?

25 MR. DUCHESNEAU: I think -- could we

1 that we call the bend in the road that we
2 have identified through Phase I. Through the
3 soil gas surveys there was a concentration of
4 volatiles as well as through our monitoring
5 well a source of dissolved chlorinated
6 organics pretty much originating from this
7 spot. We think it is responsible for the
8 source of this groundwater plume that we have
9 identified as the ash landfill RI/FS. We
10 will get into talking about that briefly. On
11 a close up of this area there are basically
12 two areas of contaminated soil that is the
13 focus of our interest here that we would like
14 to remediate. It constitutes approximately
15 23,000 cubic yards of material or roughly
16 35,000 tons of material that need to be
17 remediated in some way.

18 The proposed strategy here involves
19 excavation, low temperature thermal
20 desorption followed by thermal oxidation of
21 off gases. It is to remove the existing
22 threat and streamline the RI/FS process and
23 eliminate the source of continual leaching to
24 the groundwater plume. Treatment goals are
25 the NYSDEC tag, technical action guidance

1 the gases be thoroughly oxidized. Vinyl
2 chloride does not oxidize through carbon and
3 we are concerned about the emissions from the
4 stacks of that.

5 Just a picture of a similar process that
6 I was involved in. It is pretty much what
7 you see here. I don't know if you can see it
8 in your book there but here is the conveyer.
9 Right here is the rotary kiln. Off gases are
10 swept through the bag house. In this case
11 there is a wet scrubber. What you can't see
12 is the cyclone and the activated carbon
13 absorber. They are in the background. The
14 soil in this case was taken out and actually
15 put back in the ground with concrete.

16 Moving on to the RI/FS at the ash
17 landfill. Again we have touched on this just
18 briefly as part of the action memorandum. We
19 have scheduled a submission of the draft
20 final RI on June 22nd. The reason that has
21 been somewhat delayed -- the reason is to put
22 in two additional monitoring wells and the
23 ash landfill operation unit being made
24 operable was combined in here. We have
25 needed to install two additional wells so

1 44, which is right in the middle of where
2 that contaminated soil that we identified
3 was. And it is a fairly extensive
4 groundwater plume heading off towards the
5 west. What our proposed remedial action for
6 that problem is is a series of collection
7 interceptive trenches strategically located;
8 one immediately downgradient in this area and
9 another one down at the toe. We believe
10 because of the nature of the geologic
11 material there -- the till, which doesn't
12 yield a lot of water -- that the most
13 effective way of capturing that plume is
14 installing trenches -- trench drains to go
15 down to the bedrock 10 feet down, back
16 filling with gravel and at the bottom of the
17 gravel filled trenches, you know, using PVC
18 perforated pipe to allow the water to collect
19 in and move off into a sump. That material
20 would be pumped to a holding tank and treated
21 with either air stripping or UVO zone. We
22 are not sure exactly which alternative at
23 this point. We are currently looking into
24 doing treat-ability studies with UVO zone.
25 Those are the two alternatives that we have

1 and basically you cannot really destroy a
2 metal. You can't change lead to gold. You
3 can't change lead to Co2. It is lead and it
4 will always stay lead. What the alternatives
5 involved in doing something with metals are
6 basically isolation or solidification or
7 somehow binding the metals in a matrix that
8 would prevent it from leaching into the
9 groundwater, for example, or prevent it from
10 getting on people's skin and that kind of
11 thing. So the alternatives that we are
12 looking at are excavation and consolidation
13 of the areas; off site treatment of some of
14 the more elevated levels of lead and possibly
15 capping in place. You can see the list here.
16 Off site landfill is another one.
17 Constructing solidifying material. The
18 solidification phase is a process that
19 involves mixing the soil with the heavy
20 metals in some type of cement based material;
21 basically form an analytic structure.
22 Disposing on site or off site. Soil washing
23 is another innovative technology. That is
24 potential application soil washing. It could
25 separate the fine material from the course

1 the radio chemical one. In the case, for
2 example, of the calcium nitrate where you got
3 rid of the red fuming nitric acid, that was
4 rated firstly high priority, I guess.

5 MR. DUCHESNEAU: Moderate.

6 MR. DURST: Why? Neither of those
7 things are really toxic insofar as the
8 nitrate? If anything, it is going to make
9 vegetation grow better.

10 COMMITTEE MEMBER: There is a primary
11 drinking water standard for nitrate. That is
12 one of the reasons. And, in fact, we did
13 find concentrations in excess of that
14 drinking water standard.

15 MR. DUCHESNEAU: The other thing would
16 be the concept of mixing a strong acid with a
17 base. Not all of the acid was neutralized.
18 Some of that acid could slip through the
19 cracks and maybe change the pH and maybe do
20 ecological damage. Those were some of the
21 issues that may have gone through, you know,
22 the people that decided upon the range. I
23 think it was Randy and EPA.

24 MR. DURST: Another question I had was
25 on your diagrams where you had the color

1 of the risk assessment process simply as we
2 are doing for both the ash landfill and the
3 OB ground, which were the last two sites we
4 talked about.

5 MR. DURST: Okay. One other question on
6 the chlorinated organics, especially at this
7 plume that you are just discussing at the old
8 landfill. Have you had enough time to
9 determine whether that plume is continuing or
10 is natural bio-remediation holding it in
11 place?

12 MR. DUCHESNEAU: Seneca has been
13 groundwater monitoring for about eight years.
14 Actually, to be honest with you, the
15 concentration and the extent of that thing
16 has not changed. All the time we have been
17 involved we haven't seen a real shift in that
18 plume. My personal opinion is exactly what
19 you suggested here. Is that by the time the
20 plume gets down that far -- because the
21 groundwater is so slow in moving here -- that
22 it is essentially bio-remediated pretty much
23 by the time it gets to that point. Now, will
24 it ever move an additional 10 or 15 feet? I
25 mean, who is to say? We don't have wells in

1 whole process.

2 MR. CHAPLICK: The other issue is how
3 far is that from the edge of the plume?
4 There is a drinking water well a thousand
5 feet downgradient.

6 MR. DUCHESNEAU: A trench is not going
7 to be that big of a destruction to the
8 environment. It is basically about this wide
9 and going down about eight feet. So we are
10 not talking about excavating the entire site
11 to get that. Certainly, the excavation of
12 the soil is going to cause some environmental
13 damage to the critters, the worms that live
14 in the soil at that particular spot. But we
15 would like to eliminate that source of
16 contamination.

17 COMMITTEE MEMBER: Just a quick
18 question. You basically have 10 feet of
19 glacial till over bedrock?

20 MR. DUCHESNEAU: Correct.

21 COMMITTEE MEMBER: The depth to
22 groundwater is?

23 MR. DUCHESNEAU: For the ash landfill,
24 for example, there are times during the year
25 where the groundwater is six inches from the

1 our augering, we do auger essentially to
2 compensate bedrock. We can generally auger
3 with no problem. We may break a few bits off
4 here and there. It is fairly soft.

5 COMMITTEE MEMBER: These wells are
6 screened in the weathered bedrock?

7 MR. DUCHESNEAU: The majority of the
8 wells are screened in the overburden, the
9 till. We have conducted at the ash landfill
10 a fairly extensive bedrock investigation,
11 which has included down to 100 feet; also
12 packer tests at 20 foot intervals. And we
13 are screening the wells at the zone that we
14 found most permeable in the rock. That has
15 all been completed at the ash landfill. The
16 bedrock has not detected volatiles in the
17 competent rock. So we are not focusing our
18 remediation efforts at this point in the
19 bedrock because there is hardly any water
20 there. The permeability that we are getting
21 through the rock through the packer test are
22 ten to the seventh and up. So there is
23 essentially no water there. And the water
24 that is there is uncontaminated.

25 MR. HEALY: Ten to the seventh or ten to

1 to remediate and difficult to find and really
2 get it out. We have, in fact, done several
3 borings of the hot spot and have not, as of
4 yet, discovered the presence of DNAPL's.
5 That doesn't say we have elevated soil
6 concentrations. We have not found through
7 the boring program that we have done or
8 through the existing monitoring that has been
9 installed the presence of a DNAPL's. My
10 answer is no. There are some transfers of
11 the solvent in the pore space of the soils.
12 Maybe there is a displacement of the water in
13 the saturated pore space by some of this TCE
14 material. But we haven't found enough
15 evidence to say that exists as of yet. I
16 think we have done enough borings out there
17 that if it was there we would have hit it.

18 COMMITTEE MEMBER: Is there any reason
19 to believe that the source would generate
20 such a pool or substantial residual
21 contamination?

22 MR. DUCHESNEAU: I am sorry.

23 COMMITTEE MEMBER: Not understanding the
24 exact source of the TCE, would the quantities
25 lend itself to generating the pools or

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MR. CHAPLICK: Of the saturation?

MR. DUCHESNEAU: Right.

MR. CHAPLICK: I think they got 10 percent but I am not sure what the value is.

MR. DUCHESNEAU: I thought it was less than one percent. TCE is what? Seventeen hundred ppm? I don't think we are finding upwards.

MR. BATTAGLIA: Eighteen was 9.8.

MR. CHAPLICK: I don't remember what the numbers were.

MR. DUCHESNEAU: We have gone through this with the EPA. Although it is getting close to that magic number of ten percent of the saturation, this case would be 170 parts per million of TCE. One-tenth of the saturation, which is about 1700 ppm. We still have not yet found evidence that there is a DNAPL present. We have well 44 that is right smack dab in the middle of this thing at the hot spot. And that well does not indicate the presence of DNAPL. We have used clear balers (phonetic) to locate. If there is a separate phase, we haven't found that. But I mean, be that as it may, we are

1 encompass any of this potential area of these
2 pits. Subsequent to this we did our
3 geophysical investigation again to try to
4 focus on a large area down to a small area.
5 Although I haven't, you know, shown you the
6 information here we have, in fact, done an EM
7 and radar and identified the location of
8 these underground buried pits. We just
9 recently completed that work. So we knew
10 that there was one pit marking out there.
11 You could see that. We also suspected there
12 were other pits. Through the use of
13 geophysical techniques we have been
14 successful in identifying those locations.
15 Therein lies the focus of our test pits. Not
16 throwing a dot out on this huge area. To go
17 and do it right at the spot where we found
18 the geophysical evidence to suggest there is
19 a pit there.

20 MR. BATTAGLIA: Rob, is this the one
21 that you are talking about?

22 COMMITTEE MEMBER: Yes.

23 MR. BATTAGLIA: When you walk around
24 this field, it is a moot field. By the
25 terrain it is hard to tell as far as where.

1 Seneca Army Depot was the last one to be
2 built in 1956. That is an important point.
3 A lot of details I got to hold until I get
4 the document prepared because there is a fine
5 line on whether something can be public
6 information or not because of the technical
7 information that is going into it. So the
8 things that are over the line we can't really
9 release. We are going to get a historical
10 description of the activities that went on at
11 those facilities. That is what we are going
12 to do. The people at Sandia are helping us.
13 We got people from the Atomic Energy
14 Commission back in the 40's and 50's. They
15 had people that worked here when the Army
16 took over, too. It is also very similar
17 across the country at these places. They had
18 similar disposal areas associated with these
19 buildings. Building 804 -- they called it A
20 structure and C structure. Building 804,
21 which is the C structure, has the waste water
22 tank to the north of that building. We had
23 no idea what that waste water tank was for.
24 After those discussions with Sandia they told
25 us in case there was a problem in the

1 of off site. There is other areas. This
2 whole field really was blocked off as being
3 suspected because we really didn't know where
4 or how much in that area they had buried
5 things. We did know the Army buried a lot of
6 miscellaneous parts that they generated from
7 de-militarization activities. They just
8 buried the parts. I don't know if they got
9 it handy here or not. We have found a couple
10 areas.

11 MR. DUCHESNEAU: You want the
12 miscellaneous components?

13 MR. CHAPLICK: Twelve A, the big one.

14 MR. DUCHESNEAU: It would be oriented
15 something like this. Although I am sure you
16 can't see it back there. What this is is a
17 geophysical output.

18 MR. BATTAGLIA: Show the pits here.
19 Right here is the pit area that I am talking
20 about next to the woods. And after we did
21 the electromagnetic surveys we found the
22 other burial areas over in here, which would
23 be over in this area here. Also, to get your
24 bearings, building 803 and 804 are over here.

25 COMMITTEE MEMBER: Where are the ponds?

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Do they have long lives or are these --

MR. BATTAGLIA: We may say that in the document. The problem is when you are talking about sensitive things as far as whether something is classified or not, if you can add one and one equals two you can infer it equals two. You can't really say it completely like that. So what you do is you filter out some things so you can still tell the story without telling one and one equals two. Okay. That is basically what Sandia had to do for us. They really couldn't tell us everything AEC did down there. We are still working with them. They are going to come out on site. They are studying all these sites in the country. And they are going to be out here when we do the field work. My document, when it is done, is probably going to be detailed enough. You are really going to see everything they did back then when the AEC was here.

MR. COOL: What watershed is that in, Seneca or Cayuga?

MR. BATTAGLIA: Kenda (phonetic) Creek. The duck ponds feed down through there. It

1 MR. BATTAGLIA: This fence line here is
2 the perimeter of the special weapons area.

3 MR. CHAPLICK: That is on the inside?

4 MR. DUCHESNEAU: Yes.

5 MR. CHAPLICK: That is on the inside of
6 the fence.

7 MR. BATTAGLIA: And if it is done in
8 time, it will go into the SWMU classification
9 on June 10th. But if it is not done and if
10 the report is not done in time for that, it
11 will go in the SI report with the finding of
12 the investigation as far as the historical
13 information about the site. And the SI
14 reports the work plans. And the SWMU
15 classification report would be added in the
16 record down at Willard. Okay. Does that
17 answer your question good enough?

18 MR. DURST: Yes. Thank you.

19 MR. BATTAGLIA: Okay. Anything else?

20 MR. COOL: You said you found barrels on
21 that one site. Can you tell us what was in
22 the barrels?

23 MR. BATTAGLIA: They told me it was lab
24 waste. That is what they told me. They were
25 disposed of in a radioactive waste burial

1 materials. I would say not 100 percent dry
2 but they were not liquid materials in the
3 drums. They were solids.

4 MR. BATTAGLIA: As far as what I know.
5 Another thing --

6 MR. DUCHESNEAU: That is what they tell
7 us.

8 MR. BATTAGLIA: When they are out there
9 burying parts and things, who knows if they
10 threw a drum of solvent in there. We are
11 also looking for chemical contaminants, also
12 porous.

13 MR. COOL: When you removed the
14 materials, was the integrity of the barrels
15 all right, though?

16 MR. BATTAGLIA: I don't know. They
17 didn't tell me anything about it. If no one
18 else has any questions, we can set the date
19 for the next meeting.

20 MR. CHAPLICK: If you look at that same
21 figure, there are three surface water and
22 sediment sampling locations along the creek
23 that is indicated there.

24 MR. DUCHESNEAU: You want me to put that
25 up, 12?

1 conflicts with that. It is usually far
2 enough ahead.

3 MR. ABSOLOM: Is that agreeable to
4 everyone? Seventeenth of August it shall be.
5 Does anybody have anymore questions? If not,
6 thank you all for coming. I think it was an
7 informative meeting. I look forward to
8 seeing you all on the 17th of August at
9 twelve thirty.

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APPENDIX 2.0

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