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1 MR. ABSOLOM: I would like to introduce
2 Lieutenant Colonel Roy Johnson, Commander of the Seneca
3 Army Depot.

4 LTC. JOHNSON: It is a great pleasure to
5 welcome you all back here for the quarterly Technical
6 Review Committee We have a pretty good agenda. I hope
7 you will receive copies passed out to each of you of the
8 areas which we are going to cover, the order we are going
9 to cover them today.

10 At this time, I would like to turn the
11 presentation over to Mr. Kevin Healy from the Huntsville
12 Corps of Engineers for the current status of our program.

13 MR. HEALY: Good afternoon. As always, we are
14 starting out talking about the remedial investigation.
15 The two main sites are the ash landfill and open burning
16 grounds site. Since the last time we talked to you, our
17 reports are now being reviewed by the regulators and they
18 will be providing us with comments. And we will
19 incorporate those comments as need be Hopefully within
20 another, I'd say, month or two, these documents will be
21 completed.

22 (Off the record.)

23 (Back on the record.)

24 MR. HEALY: I am Kevin Healy from the
25 Huntsville Division Army Corps of Engineers. I am the

1 lead engineer for the work being done at the Seneca Army
2 Depot.

3 MR. DUCHESNEAU: Mike Duchesneau, Engineering-
4 Science in Boston. I am the project manager.

5 MR. CHAPLICK: Jim Chaplick from Engineering-
6 Science in Boston. I am the environmental manager of the
7 office.

8 LTC. JOHNSON: I am Lieutenant Colonel Roy
9 Johnson, Commander of the Seneca Army Depot.

10 MR. ABSOLOM: I am Steve Absolom. I am Chief
11 of Public Works at Seneca.

12 MR. HODDINOTT: Keith Hoddinott, risk assessor
13 for the Surgeon General.

14 MR. SUEVER: I am Rick Suever. I am with the
15 Huntsville Division Corps of Engineers. I am the project
16 manager for the work at Seneca.

17 MS. WILSON: Judy Wilson with the Public
18 Affairs office, the Huntsville Division U.S. Army Corps
19 of Engineers in Huntsville.

20 MS. FALLO: Janet Fallo. I work at the Seneca
21 Army Environmental.

22 MR. ENROTH: Tom Enroth, Seneca Army Depot
23 alternate project manager.

24 MR. GERAGHTY: I am Dan Geraghty with the New
25 York State Department of Health.

1 MR. WHITAKER: Jerry Whitaker, Public Affairs
2 Officer for Seneca Army Depot.

3 MS. BUCHI: Kathleen Buchi with the Army
4 Environmental Center. My agency does the -- controls the
5 program money for the Army.

6 MS. STRUBLE: Carla Struble, I am with the U.S.
7 Environmental Protection Agency. I am the project
8 manager assigned to answer Army questions.

9 MR. NELSON: Bruce Nelson with Malcolm Pirnie
10 providing technical oversight for the USEPA.

11 MR. BIERNACKI: I am John Biernacki with the
12 Army HQDESCOM. We have four installations throughout the
13 U.S. and Seneca is one of our installations in this
14 program.

15 MR. STAFFORD: Ken Stafford, Supervisor of the
16 Town of Varick.

17 MR. COOL: Bill Cool, Seneca Soil and Water
18 Conversation District and Varick Councilman.

19 MR. DURST: R. A. Durst, Professor of Chemistry
20 at Cornell University. A resident of Varick.

21 MR. BATTAGLIA: I am Randy Battaglia, the
22 project manager of Seneca Army Depot.

23 MS. MANASERI: I am Joanne Manaseri. I
24 represent the legal office at Seneca Army Depot.

25 MS. STANCZAK: I am Marti Stanczak with the

1 legal office, Tobyhana.

2 MR. MOLOUGHNEY: I am Joe Moloughney. I am
3 with the New York State DEC Central Office in Albany.

4 MR. REAMON: Tom Reamon, New York State DEC in
5 Albany.

6 MR. VELTE: Cliff Velte, Seneca Planning Board.

7 MR. PICKETT: Jack Pickett, Corps of Engineers,
8 the North-Atlantic Division of New York.

9 MS. VERA: Linda Vera with the DEC in Avon.

10 MR. BURNS: Charles Burns, local engineers.

11 MR. MEHTA: Manmohan Mehta, DEC in Avon.

12 MR. RICOTTA: Frank Ricotta, New York State
13 Department of Environmental Conservation

14 MR. CROOK: Steve Crook. I am with the Law
15 Environmental Office in Auburn, New York.

16 MS. MC NIEAL: I am with The Citizen newspaper
17 in Auburn.

18 MS. SAMPREE: Lucinda Sampree, a private
19 citizen and member of the Seneca Lake Pure Waters
20 Association.

21 MS. COLEMAN: Estelle Coleman. I am a resident
22 in Romulus.

23 MR. HEALY: As I started out, let me briefly
24 rehash the two main sites are the ash landfill and the
25 open burning ground areas. These are the sites at which

1 we are doing the remedial investigation feasibility
2 study. We are proceeding along two paths. First the
3 remediation reports. These are now in draft final form.
4 We have gotten one round. Our regulatory comments,
5 hopefully, will be incorporated and from there we hope to
6 finalize the documents. That should be within the next
7 month to two months.

8 As far as the feasibility study report is
9 concerned, that currently is in draft form which means
10 the EPA and the DEC are reviewing them. We will be
11 receiving comments from them within, hopefully, the next
12 month. And it will be up to the Army to respond to those
13 comments and correct the documents accordingly. Records
14 of decision which is somewhat the final decision from
15 these sites is formalized, are expected somewhere in
16 early 1995. That would be calendar year 1995.

17 As far as the Solid Waste Management Units are
18 concerned, I would like to give an update on the high
19 priority areas of concern. These are ten sites. We have
20 draft documents that have been submitted to the
21 Regulatory Review. The final reports were originally
22 expected by November. We are now looking at a little bit
23 of a delay, possibly early calendar year 1995. The
24 reason for the delay is there has been a lot of higher
25 priority documents that have to be reviewed by the

1 regulators. So these have slipped the priority in
2 consideration.

3 The next site of the Solid Waste Management
4 Unit to be dealt with, what that section refers to is the
5 moderate priority of concern site investigation for those
6 fifteen sites were all recently completed. Primarily
7 draft report which is the draft report that goes to the
8 Army only for the Army's inspection is due probably
9 within the next month or so. The final reports were
10 originally expected in late 1994. More likely they will
11 not be arriving until February or March. Again, the
12 reason for this there have been higher priority documents
13 that have been reviewed. From the review on those have
14 been delayed. What I believe we are only talking about a
15 month or two months delay; nothing more serious.

16 As for the SWMU clarification which is the
17 report that incorporates the Army's position and record
18 search of all SWMUs on site, limited sampling is now
19 done. This report finalization has been completed from
20 basically the Army's standpoint. There is a few issues
21 that remain to be reviewed. Based on some of the names
22 that were received from DEC, we will possibly be required
23 at least to do some altering of the verbiage in the
24 report and very simple statement changes. Additional
25 consolidation work may be necessary, very little.

1 That is it as far as the update as to all the
2 work that is going on.

3 MR. DURST: Kevin, as far as the regulatory
4 review of these documents by the EPA and the DEC, are
5 there any other organizations who have priority first?

6 MR. HEALY: The two main ones are the EPA and
7 NYSDEC. Along with NYSDEC is the Department of Health.
8 And I believe those are the two state agencies that are
9 reviewing these documents. Each one, I would say, has
10 the same priority because this is all site work is being
11 done under the Federal agreement that was signed by the
12 three parties. I believe that they all have equal
13 priority.

14 At this point, I would like to introduce Mr.
15 Duchesneau -- no, I'm sorry. Randy is going to give a
16 discussion, more detailed discussion of the other areas
17 of concern that we are working with.

18 MR. BATTAGLIA: This summer, I think the last
19 field work was done in August. We have investigated
20 twenty-five sites on Seneca Army Depot which may require
21 further investigation and some may end up being no action
22 because we did not find anything at those sites. Mike
23 will talk later about an ash landfill site which is not
24 one of the twenty-five. It's a previous site -- for some
25 of you that are new here -- that we have been doing in-

1 depth investigations at. Another site, the open burning
2 ground, has been going through an in-depth
3 investigation. That in-depth investigation is remedial
4 investigation feasibility studies.

5 Before I get that far into the study, you do
6 initial site investigation at sites. That's also called
7 preliminary assessment and site investigations.
8 Preliminary assessment is a historical review of
9 operations that may have occurred at a facility. And
10 some of those, based on just historical information about
11 a particular area, you can make a reasonable decision
12 that the site does not have to be investigated. You
13 don't have to spend money to look at a site when there is
14 no -- really no need to. If there is any doubt, you go
15 ahead and do the initial site investigation. And twenty-
16 five sites on Depot, we have done a field work this
17 summer on those sites. I am going to go over what --
18 where the sites are on Depot and what they are and a
19 little bit about what we have found.

20 We have found -- we have some preliminary
21 information about what we found out when we were in the
22 field. The lab work simply hasn't been performed yet by
23 the labs. We haven't gotten the data back to tell -- to
24 determine just what we do have at a particular site.
25 When we get that information back, we will know whether

1 we can do a -- just do a cleanup right then and there.
2 If it's pretty simple, such as metals in soils, we can do
3 a removal operation. Those decisions have to go through
4 a lot of review with EPA and DEC before we decide when we
5 can remove the contamination or if you have to do further
6 studies to determine just how much gets removed or what
7 the best alternative is; how to treat the contamination
8 that's there.

9 On this map here, we have number -- we have ten
10 sites. We call them high management -- high priority
11 sites. Basically in general, based on what we know about
12 the sites, whether it's more than likely to be
13 contaminated. Or sometimes we have limited information
14 that really doesn't wind up on the remedial -- on the
15 list. It may be more contaminated; may be a higher
16 priority in the future as far as which one we look at
17 next.

18 This is a map of Seneca Army Depot. To get
19 your bearings here, the Town of Romulus is over here,
20 this is Route 96A along here, over here is Depot
21 Airfield, Route 96A runs along here, and this little
22 triangle down here is lake housing area, that's Kendaia
23 Creek that runs up to the Depot. I will just take it
24 from the top here.

25 Number 4 is the munitions washout facility

1 leach field. Back in the fifties, we had a washout plant
2 where they washed out things like chromium. They steamed
3 it with water and inside the room removed the explosive.
4 We believe we burned that at the abandoned powder burning
5 pit here on Depot which I think that we don't have much
6 information what they did, where they did it.

7 At that particular site, we thought we would
8 find explosive contamination, but we did not. The
9 preliminary results is metals in soils; primarily
10 chromium and copper.

11 Incidentally, a lot of information -- at our
12 public meeting, we are going to be handing out fact
13 sheets. The preliminary results, I hand wrote on here.
14 Again, I want to stress those are preliminary results.
15 We may very well learn a lot more with the lab work when
16 they come whether the contamination is there or not
17 there. We do initially -- just because of some of the
18 results are in some other sites, what they found in the
19 field with some of the monitoring equipment, they know
20 there is paint and solvents there at a particular site --
21 I will get to that later.

22 Number 11 which is on the east side of Seneca
23 Airfield in the ammunition area of the Depot is an old
24 construction debris landfill. We have a number of these
25 old construction debris landfills on Depot. The common

1 practice we have -- we are still doing it, if you have
2 any construction on Depot, say you just built a building,
3 you go to the landfill. On Depot or on post, any other
4 construction debris, whatever, also got landfilled
5 there. Trouble is, you don't know if anything else was
6 disposed of. We have a number of these construction
7 landfills. We don't know what we would find. We found a
8 lot of roadside construction debris. So it varies. We
9 found that there is something underground, we dig it up,
10 we don't know if it's going to be a drum or some kind of
11 construction debris.

12 Number 13 is over on the east side of the Depot
13 towards Romulus. Some of you that are familiar with the
14 Depot boundaries may know that there is a big pond
15 there. We call them the duck ponds. Number 13 is an
16 IRFNA disposal site which is Inhibited Red Fuming Nitric
17 Acid disposal site. Back in the forties and fifties and
18 sixties where they disposed of Nitric Acid by digging
19 trenches and putting limestone in the trench and pouring
20 acid on the limestone to neutralize it. We found some
21 nitrates in the ground water around those sites. We
22 haven't got as far as what to do about it. Each site,
23 some places we will have to coordinate with the EPA and
24 NYSDEC on which sites to be developed, which sites can't
25 and do interim removal, remove contamination.

1 Number 16, which is over here. Sixteen and
2 seventeen are two deactivation furnaces, deactivation
3 furnaces, incinerators, which the furnaces which we have
4 disposed of small arms ammunition. When small
5 ammunition, regular size bullets on up to big bullets get
6 old, a lot of them might be duds. Some might be
7 hazardous for the soldiers to handle. So they dispose of
8 them in the incinerators. We have one that is existing
9 which is No. 17. The abandoned one which they used up
10 until 1962 over here on the east side of the Depot here.
11 And at those sites we have found mostly metals in soils;
12 primarily copper, lead, zinc. And they found some
13 explosive residue in the abandoned deactivation furnaces.

14 Again, those are preliminary results. And
15 actually those two sites are two candidates where you
16 have the soils with metals contamination. It's a simple
17 project to clean that up. When you get into the ground
18 water contamination, it's a little more complex about
19 what the chemicals are and how you can remove them from
20 the ground water. That is, I have to do more independent
21 studies to determine what to do about that site.

22 Number 24 which is over on the west side of the
23 Depot is an abandoned powder burning pit. I presume
24 that's where they burned explosives in the washout plant
25 just because of the time of the operation of both of

1 those areas. It's pretty feasible, but we don't really
2 have good information about the historical use out
3 there. At the abandoned powder burning pit we found
4 explosive residue in the soil and also arsenic. We have
5 no idea where the arsenic came from. We found that out
6 there when we did the initial site investigation. In
7 more in-depth remedial investigations, we look for pretty
8 much everything there is. It's a matter of how much --
9 how many samples you take between the two investigations.

10 Number 25 which is over here by this end of the
11 Depot is the fire training demonstration pad. In number
12 26, which is over by the warehouses just south of where
13 we are here, is a fire training pit and area. We did
14 fire training activities at those two areas over the
15 years. And what we did find, we expected. We found
16 gasoline and some fuel products in the soil and in the
17 ground water.

18 SEAD-45, which is over here and this is the
19 northwest corner; again, this is Route 96A. This is our
20 open detonation area. We open burn and detonate weapons,
21 anything from 9 millimeter to artillery round. We have
22 Korean warheads and there are Korean air war rockets that
23 we stored there. We detonated the warheads on the open
24 burn pit. The propellants -- what we found are
25 contaminations out there normally likely from the old

1 operations, older operations. I know that because the
2 contents of the chemicals that are in the propellants are
3 in explosives that we are disposing of now. And also in
4 the past, a lot of operations were not regulated as they
5 are now. Also in the detonating area we have found
6 metals in the soil and sediments; primarily copper, lead,
7 zinc, and mercury. We will most likely do a more in-
8 depth investigation around the detonation area just
9 because of the nature of that site.

10 And SEAD-57, which is nearby there, is an EOD
11 area which is Explosive Ordinance Disposal. That's the
12 Army bomb squad. They used that as a training range in
13 the past. They most likely disposed of material out
14 there, that's why it made the Solid Waste Management
15 Unit. And at 57 we have found some copper in soils.

16 We have identified 72 areas in total on the
17 Depot that fall into the definition of Solid Waste
18 Management Unit, or is an area that needs to be
19 investigated because of the potential contamination. I
20 have broken up the maps here and the different areas just
21 for simplicity sake. I guess it's pretty messy for all
22 72. On this map, we have 15 areas.

23 SEAD-58, which is over here on the west side of
24 the Depot, is called the booster station debris area. We
25 had a report that there was a number of drums out in the

1 middle of a field. Actually, we had walked out there
2 about four or five times before we even found it. We
3 used to have a dotted area about a half a mile in
4 circumference for that site. When we went out there,
5 there was what looked like a pile of garbage, old drums
6 lying around. So we found the site and identified it as
7 a site. I will give you a little history of what we have
8 done out -- what we do is a lot of work talking to people
9 who have been here for a number of years and some
10 retirees about where they disposed of things on Depot.
11 That's how we find a lot of these IRFNA sites is to get
12 connections. Which again, is up in the air Which maps
13 down the south end of the Depot. It was really two and a
14 half miles away from it. The booster station debris area
15 which is a case of finding the area, some of the sites
16 were just rumors at one time. Actually in talking to --
17 to find somebody who knew about an operation, then went
18 on from there. We found them on the Depot.

19 SEAD-67, which is over in this area, is the
20 building for dump site. There is a sewage treatment
21 plant right near SEAD-67 which is one of our no action
22 SWMUs. There are some funny piles. We went out and
23 investigated around there. We don't know if somebody
24 dumped something out there. We don't have any
25 preliminary results yet about that site; whether or not

1 there is any contamination there, the labs are still
2 working on it. Again, we just went out in the field in
3 August, did the sampling on some of these, we found some
4 things. On actually the first list, the first map was
5 done in June, July, No. 3. Before that, 10 was done
6 about February or March of this year. That's why we knew
7 -- that's how we knew we had metals and so forth with
8 those.

9 SEAD-50 and 54. Again, this is Route 96 over
10 on the east side of the Depot. We drive down 96, you
11 will see a couple of tanks, large above-ground tanks.
12 They used to be a tank farm. Some of the tanks we still
13 store asbestos in. We store for the Army. The question
14 was, was there environmental contamination around that
15 tank farm. That tank farm stored dry ores. They didn't
16 expect any contamination there. One thing we are looking
17 at is past contamination because there are stories about
18 shoveling asbestos on Depot years ago. Actually, I know
19 somebody who used to be here that did that; whether that
20 was when they filled up those tanks, we don't know. We
21 are testing the site to see if there is asbestos
22 contamination. And, of course, it's a full site
23 investigation, we are testing for everything else.

24 SEAD-44 which has two areas. They are
25 identified as a site called QA Lab or QA Test Facility.

1 That's all we know about it. I think they tested
2 explosives at the sites. We knew they did, somebody
3 did. We don't know anything about it. The investigation
4 -- we called for a site investigation there. We looked
5 for everything. Everything that we are looking for at
6 all the other sites.

7 SEAD-50, which is over in this area. Again, so
8 you have got your bearings, we are here, right here.
9 This is Romulus and SEAD-50 is just west of us. Right
10 now, we had accumulated sewage sludge, a number of piles
11 called sewage sludge piles. And the State EPA feels
12 there is another concern. We ought to have that tested
13 around there. I don't expect to have contamination from
14 the sewage sludge because we have tested our normal
15 generation of sewage sludge. We haven't had anything in
16 there that would be a problem. But things are out there,
17 piled out there, so they tend to attract other disposal
18 areas too. Which, of course, SEAD-59, which is right
19 near there, is a little small to see on here, there is a
20 shop right here. There is a number of disposal areas
21 down in here. SEAD-59 is called the fill area building
22 135. The fill areas has rumors about disposal out
23 there. When we did our field investigations, we found
24 one spot where two drums were buried. Some other spots,
25 some paint and paint thinners were buried. And next

1 year, we should have the funding to go and remove those
2 drums and paint and solvent that are behind there.

3 SEAD-62 which we have identified over here,
4 over in this area, is another example of a rumor. It is
5 called the nicotine sulfate disposal building 606 and
6 612. There is a confirmed rumor they buried a couple of
7 drums of nicotine sulfate. They might be the two drums
8 we found over here. We don't know yet until we sample
9 these drums. The rumor was the nicotine sulfate used to
10 be used as a pesticide. So, if they are not the two
11 drums, I think I know of a couple of retirees, the best
12 way to find out, the best way to find out where they
13 might be.

14 SEAD-63, which is over here at the northerly
15 end of the Depot, is called Miscellaneous Components
16 Burial Site. We have buried miscellaneous parts. When
17 we dug that site up, we found drums containing metal
18 pieces, metals and wires and so forth. We also, when we
19 do those site investigations, we put a well around
20 there. Then we test the ground water for any
21 contaminants that might have seeped out of those areas.
22 We do a number of the -- we also test the pits where we
23 think there might be something buried or we go in with a
24 backhoe and dig it up to see if it's a drum, piece of
25 concrete, or a rock.

1 SEAD-64 is a number of areas. One out here,
2 there is a couple at the end -- of the south end of the
3 Depot. When they used to have a municipal incinerator on
4 the Depot which is where the ash landfill site is over
5 here, when this incinerator did not operate, they
6 landfilled the garbage on post. They found those areas.
7 Just like any old landfill, it could have contamination
8 because of something that might have been thrown in
9 there. We don't have any information about that site
10 yet.

11 Sixty-nine, forty-three and fifty-six, building
12 606 is currently used for herbicides and pesticides. We
13 have a licensed pesticide applicator who does things like
14 herbicide along the front fencelines. It is a lot
15 cheaper going along with herbicide than men doing it with
16 a weedeater. That's currently used, but it was an old
17 missile test facility. And there is also some disposal
18 area out there. So we have found this one here, right
19 near this, the circle, is the LORAN tower, which is the
20 Coast Guard tower. Down here, there is a lot of disposal
21 activity, some funny looking tanks out there underground
22 too with vent pipes coming up. And we had no idea what
23 they did at that facility. I had stores that they
24 generated nitric acid. We have very little information.
25 We are doing a site investigation around this whole

1 area. That's still preliminary. We don't have any
2 information.

3 SEAD-12 in the 800 row -- SEAD-12 is right here
4 and the 800 row is the last row of igloos. Igloos are
5 the ammunition storage bunkers that we have on Depot.
6 Both these sites were excavated in 1976. We excavated
7 around the igloos at the north storage pit bunker which
8 we found remains of Howitzer parts. When the excavated
9 and cleaned up the inside of the igloos, they disposed of
10 the materials that were contaminated in Birmingham, South
11 Carolina, which is a radio active waste disposal
12 facility. When we did that, we did not have any reports
13 that there was enough information for DEC and EPA to sign
14 off that these sites have been cleaned up. We still have
15 to go back and do a site investigation now. So we don't
16 - that is around SEAD-12 and probably next year we will
17 have to go back and redo the 800 row to confirm for DEC
18 and EPA that the sites were cleaned up.

19 We did find a number of disposal areas where
20 things were buried, different parts and things around
21 SEAD-12. The preliminary field work where we look for
22 radio activity, we did not find anything that was radio
23 active in our site investigation. Again, this is
24 preliminary. We haven't got all the data back.

25 SEAD-9, the old wood scrap site. But it's

1 actually a landfill that's over here by Romulus. Again,
2 that's another one of those construction debris landfill,
3 like landfill. We treated it like it was on a landfill.
4 Hopefully all there are is construction debris and there
5 is not contamination. We don't know until we go out and
6 look. These results aren't back yet either

7 SEAD-60 which is the south end of the Depot.
8 Over on the east side there is a boiler house that
9 discharged oil on the ground. There is a big oil spot.
10 We don't know anything, yes, the oil spot is on the
11 ground. So we did a site investigation at this site to
12 see if all it was was just oil and clean the dirt that
13 has oil on it.

14 SEAD-70 is building 2110 fill area which is
15 over here on the west side of the Depot. That is, again,
16 this is another construction debris landfill. We went
17 out there and there it was. We don't have any
18 information yet about that one. And SEAD-71, which we
19 call the alleged paint disposal area, is over in here by
20 the sludge piles and other burial pits. And well, it's
21 not alleged, that is a confirmed rumor. It's a site,
22 when we did the field work in some of the instruments
23 they used for their own personal protection, they could
24 use solvent vapors and paint-type vapors. That one, when
25 you have contamination like that, most likely I do an in-

1 depth remedial investigation before you go ahead and
2 clean it up.

3 Going on to my next map. I don't know -- this
4 map is from a list of what we call Solid Waste Management
5 Units that required additional information. We had a
6 number of areas that at this time we don't know if we
7 need to do a full site investigation since we had some
8 information about them and it's right now in the process
9 of being reviewed by DEC and EPA. And some of these
10 other sites vary from what they are. I will show you
11 what the -- building 360 is called the steam cleaning
12 waste tank which is over in this area here. Again, this
13 is Romulus and over in here, if anybody is familiar with
14 the Depot, it's near the IPE shop which is the Industrial
15 Plant Equipment shops. We used -- we have an in-floor
16 concrete tank kind of grate really, the ditch and
17 concrete in the floor of the building. And we used to
18 accumulate steam cleaning water in there for blowing off
19 oil and blowing off the machines. Right now the
20 particular tank has been undergoing -- or is closed under
21 the Hazardous Waste Law where they are going to test the
22 tank. They are going to remove anything that's
23 contaminated. We are going to confirm underneath whether
24 any of the ground water has been contaminated from that
25 tank. Building 360 is on the additional information list

1 because the Hazardous Waste Division of the State, our
2 lead agency for that project, and they are undergoing --
3 right now, they are reviewing this closer. This plan --
4 it's almost approved, we will be able to go out there and
5 clean up the tank.

6 Twenty-eight and twenty-nine, thirty and thirty-
7 one, which are -- twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty,
8 thirty-one, most of them are over here. They're all
9 underground waste oil storage tanks. We generate a lot
10 of waste oil. We generate a lot, between 4,000 and 6,000
11 gallons a year. We have a number of underground tanks
12 that stored waste oil used to burn in the boilers.
13 Mostly it's the same type of oil you get in the garage
14 because it's a waste oil; made those tanks Solid Waste
15 Management Units. Right now they are under additional
16 information because they are being managed under our tank
17 storage program. You have to have a registered tank to
18 store any petroleum product underground or above ground.
19 These tanks are included with that. And we have to do
20 tightness testing of those tanks. So they are additional
21 information because we are due for the next round of
22 tightness testing to see if those tanks leak. We are
23 providing that information whether they pass the test or
24 not to the State or EPA under these programs.

25 SEAD-48, as mentioned earlier, is the last row

1 of igloos which is a pit and other storage.

2 SEAD-72. There is 29. SEAD-72, the north end
3 of the Depot, is a mixed waste storage facility. And
4 that is currently most likely going to be no action. Our
5 representative from the State couldn't make it today. We
6 had talked about that because of the history of the
7 building because it's a management facility. It's not
8 likely to have contamination. So that's one of the ones
9 that is still under additional information.

10 No. 41 which is building 718. It's not on
11 here. There it is. Forty-one is a boiler plant blow
12 down leach pit. Boiler plants, we have four main ones,
13 building 718, 319, 2079 and 121. All those buildings are
14 boiler houses. They have two to three underground tanks
15 where -- which the full tanks, the old days they used to
16 have the leach pit. When they operate a boiler you used
17 to flush out the boiler. They used to run that down into
18 the leach field. Right now, it goes to the sanitary
19 sewer. These all became Solid Waste Management Units
20 because we burned waste oil in the boilers. We mixed it
21 in virgin oil. They made the tank, boiler, then leach
22 pits Solid Waste Management Units. We have four of these
23 tank sites. They were called sites in general. What we
24 found with the boilers some hydrocarbons. We did limited
25 sampling. The State wanted us to do it. We found some

1 petroleum products in the soil. Most likely we will do
2 some more testing there. It's not the in-ground site
3 investigation that we did. If anything, we expected --
4 if you were going to find out it's going to be petroleum,
5 there is a boiler there. The boiler uses fuel oil.
6 Potentially, they could have spilled some around. We
7 don't know what happened over the years. We still have
8 yet to determine whether there is contamination there;
9 whether or not you have to go do more investigation. We
10 are going to do some more because we found something
11 there. Whether it has to be remediated or cleaned up,
12 that's something we will find out in the future after we
13 do some more investigations around that -- in those
14 particular buildings.

15 Building 2079 is out here on the southwest
16 corner of the Depot. Building 121 is over in the
17 administration area, right over here next to my office.
18 Building 718 is up here at the north end. Again, those
19 are the boiler plants, the underground waste oil tanks.
20 And they used to operate with a leach pit. Actually,
21 that knocked off a lot of them here.

22 SWMU No. 10. Ten is the present scrap wood
23 site which is over in this area here of the Depot. At
24 that site, we had accumulated scrap wood. We have given
25 that out to the Depot employees and the public.

1 Periodically we used to use it for the fire training for
2 the firemen. They would use the wood for training
3 because that ended up having an ash. That's most likely
4 going to be a no action site. We tested the ash. The
5 ash didn't have any metals in it. At this time the State
6 and EPA most likely is going to be happy with that. They
7 are not going to cite it which means since you don't --
8 we don't burn anything like treated lumber, like that.
9 We have ceased that operation. We are now using a wood
10 chipper as far as getting rid of the wood. And the
11 firemen don't want to do fire training any more with the
12 wood.

13 SEAD-49 is building 357. As you go right down
14 96, you run by some more piles which look like hills.
15 There is a couple of warehouses down in there we used to
16 store Columbite ore there which I believe contained
17 chromium. It was naturally radio active We had all
18 that shipped out last year to another facility. The
19 State will have a concern because it was radio active.
20 They may have spilled chromium around that building. The
21 State came out here last year and surveyed that
22 building. They didn't find any contamination. Mostly,
23 that's going to be a no action also because of that
24 survey. Again, that's over here on Route 96.

25 SEAD-51 is herbicide usage. That is part of

1 the high security area. That's the fenced area where all
2 the lights used to be at the north end. We have
3 herbicided this area for weed control over the years.
4 And we are still controlling that because that's still
5 being sprayed and maintained in that manner. This is
6 going for a no action site because we are still
7 herbiciding. Herbicides are inclined to leave a residue
8 of herbicide to keep the weeds down. In the future, then
9 you just spot treat after that.

10 SEAD-52 is building 606 and 612, ammunition
11 breakdown area which is out in the area of the Depot,
12 over on the east side. And that building there was the
13 building they disassembled ammunitions, old ammunitions.
14 They used to have a treatment system where the propellant
15 was sucked out through a pipe. It's another building on
16 the other side where it caught that - used to catch it
17 in a tank that had water in it. They used to dump that
18 water out afterwards. We did some limited testing
19 there. We found some amounts -- we did find some
20 explosive contaminants in and around that building. We
21 are going to have to do full site investigation. We did
22 some limited sampling there.

23 SEAD-66 was an old storage of a couple of
24 little buildings. They stored pesticides there. We did
25 have some hits there. We found DDT at that site

1 MR. CHAPLICK: That is a good site. We may be
2 able to go to pick up the dirt that has DDT on it. We
3 have to do some more tests to see if it has gotten in the
4 ground water or anything.

5 MR. BATTAGLIA: Moving on.

6 MR. DUCHESNEAU: You may want to mention the
7 identification of all the SWMUs and the names that Randy
8 is talking about are in the handouts that I have passed
9 out along with the status. There is a summary of what
10 Randy is saying in this handout for those of you who have
11 it.

12 MR. BATTAGLIA: This last map is the remainder
13 of the 72 sites on Seneca Army Depot. There is two
14 grounds on this map. Six of these sites are already
15 included in investigations at our ash landfill site and
16 our open burning ground site and those are -- this ash
17 landfill site here, there is a number of areas inside and
18 around that landfill that were, by definition, "distinct"
19 Solid Waste Management Units. There is the cooling water
20 pond, the old landfill incinerator that used to be out
21 there. There is an abandoned ash landfill itself. There
22 is a non-combustible fill area which is another fill area
23 right next to the landfill. They used to burn the
24 garbage in the pits out in the old days. So we have two
25 rough use burning pits and then there is an incinerator

1 itself.

2 And over in the area, in the open burning
3 ground which right now we are open burning propellants
4 out in that area. One thing we have changed from the
5 past, in the past, they used to burn underground. We now
6 built a 40-foot long tray. We burn the propellants in
7 the tray out in the open burning ground area. We found
8 metals contamination. In some of those operations, they
9 now just don't have metals in it. What we found
10 contaminated in the soils. So they probably did
11 different types of materials out there when they disposed
12 of them in the past. It is good to mention, when you
13 have a bomb, your metals are usually in the fuse. They
14 are usually in small amounts compared to a regular bomb.
15 The regular bomb would be primarily explosives, not have
16 a lot of metals. What we found in the open burning
17 ground, there is metals in the soil. They may have done
18 a lot of fuses. We don't know what they did in the past;
19 where the metals came from out there.

20 Moving on. The rest of the ones I am going to
21 talk about are currently -- I have under the list of no
22 action. This is not finalized yet. We have Solid Waste
23 Management Unit clarification report that should be in
24 the management records at Willard Town Hall probably in
25 two months; a month and a half or two months. And you

1 will have the opportunity to comment on that and review
2 that when that gets finalized and is down there.

3 Number one and number two, which is over here,
4 are hazardous waste storage facilities. Number one is
5 building 307. We generated hazardous waste either from
6 cleaning a machine or something like that. We store that
7 in a building that has a permit to store hazardous
8 waste. Then we send it to a disposal facility off post
9 that can treat that waste. Building 301, we take
10 transformers down there. We put them in the building
11 when they are burned out. This is another permitted
12 storage building. We test transformers to see if they've
13 got PCBs in them. PCBs, if you are not familiar with
14 PCBs, they are commonly used in transformers and they are
15 regulated because they could bio-accumulate in the
16 environment. That is one of the problems with some of
17 the Eagles as far as the pesticides and PCBs get in them
18 and they have reproductive problems.

19 No. 7 is titled the shale pit. Right now
20 that's our clean fill area where we landfill concrete,
21 stone, metal, and clean dirt. We keep a close eye on
22 that. When you just have a clean fill area, you don't
23 need a permit like a landfill permit. We inspect that
24 before we push all the dirt into the fill area. It's
25 down here as a site just because it's a site. Right now

1 I have it on a no action list because for all intents and
2 purposes, it is no action. It is just clean fill.

3 No. 18 and 19, which are over here; this is 18,
4 and 19 is over here in the same area. They are
5 classified document incinerators. We have operated
6 incinerators. We burned all classified papers. We
7 burned paper in the incinerators They have an air
8 permit. Right now it's under no action because all it
9 was was paper actually. I think the State or EPA still
10 want to look at some of the test results where we tested
11 the ash from the paper years ago to see if the ash was
12 okay.

13 Then we have three sites that are called sewage
14 treatment plants. We have No. 20 which is Building 4.
15 This is an active sewage treatment plant. Sewage
16 treatment plant 715, which used to operate at the north
17 end. And one titled No. 314 which is actually just a
18 pump station now, but it used to be a sewage treatment
19 plant. Which over here on this side of the Depot, those
20 are sewage treatment plants. Normally you don't have to
21 investigate around a sewage treatment plant, but they
22 fell into our list of potential sites.

23 Three other no actions are all the boilers in
24 boiler houses which is 718, 121, and 319. 718 is here;
25 121 is over here; 319 is over here also. These are all

1 boilers in the boiler houses. And everyone had agreed
2 that these are not likely to have environmental
3 contamination or high concentration in the boiler
4 houses. The main concern around them is underground
5 tanks wherever the leach pits were in the past because
6 the blowdown from the boilers are -- they wash down the
7 boilers before we process or sent our sewage treatment to
8 the plant.

9 Building 106 was titled preventive medicine
10 lab. We just couldn't plain find this building. We
11 think it's over here where the current health clinic used
12 to be. We really called that no action because we
13 couldn't find any information if that was an actual
14 building in there. There was no other building over
15 there. That was kind of it was an old report. We really
16 couldn't find anything about where it was.

17 Building 321 and 806 is up here. We had two
18 areas where we had -- where we did calibration of
19 equipment for radiation surveys. This is called the
20 radiation calibration source storage. We have SEDA
21 equipment or radiation surveys. You have to calibrate
22 that so you have a little source as to the specific
23 amount of radiation that comes out of that. We had a
24 couple of labs here that did that kind of calibration for
25 the Army.

1 Fifty is the old ammunition storage. Here the
2 State wanted that on as a potential area. Right now we
3 are considering it no action, but they have concerns
4 about the storage of ammunition. And if that causes any
5 kind of environmental problems. That is one that was
6 kind of reserved for the future. It's on here because
7 it's on their list. When they look at a facility -- this
8 list was generated. The Army had a list and the State
9 had a list and kind of combined the list and wanted to
10 make sure all the numbers stayed the same and get one
11 master list of all the potential areas. Originally, the
12 list was 69 and we found a few more places. Now we are
13 up to 72. Hopefully we found them all.

14 Building 357, that is the one here, tannin
15 storage. Right now we have shipped all the tannin out.
16 It's actually tannic acid. It's not a hazardous waste or
17 a hazardous substance. It was on here because -- just
18 because we stored the material here. And everyone, the
19 State and EPA, had agreed that this stuff was not
20 hazardous; that it should not be an area of concern.
21 Building 718, underground waste oil tank. That was
22 specifically for waste oil. I think it was about five
23 years ago built an additional tank to store waste oil,
24 modified the boiler because it was more than what we
25 could fit in with our fuel oils. That's a new tank.

1 Most likely no action because it's a new tank. It is
2 included with our tank problem where we are testing them.

3 No. 65. We have done some limited sampling on
4 those. They stored acid open -- in open pads. We have
5 done some field sampling around these pads.

6 MR. CHAPLICK: We couldn't find anything around
7 those pads.

8 MR. BATTAGLIA: I skipped a number -- those are
9 all our 72 areas on Depot. I want to also mention this
10 was not a statistic or final thing. I am still talking
11 to people about rumors or where certain areas are out
12 here. What I try to do is find somebody who might know
13 something about it. It is the easier and cheaper way.
14 If I can get down and locate an operation, a location,
15 then I will know where the location is and what to look
16 for. Our initial idea was we can do some relatively
17 cheap surveys to determine if anything was buried in an
18 area. The electro-mechanical surveys that usually tell
19 if something is buried. Actually, it tells if some of
20 these ground penetrating radar show us if there was --
21 the penetrating radar is in the top of the ground. It is
22 straight across. You end up getting a printout that
23 looks like a chart for trolling or a chart for trout.
24 Again to give you an idea if something was buried in a
25 given area, you can do an electro-magnetic survey that

1 usually tells if something was buried. Actually tells if
2 something was buried. Then we go out and do other
3 surveys like soil gas. We put a pipe in the ground and
4 put a vacuum on this to see if any contamination that
5 could be detected in that area. Then we put a well
6 around the area. Again, a lot of the ones I did not
7 mention what we found at the areas because the --
8 especially the list of fifteen we just did the field
9 work. We just don't have any information back. The
10 stuff we got back in February, we did in February, we got
11 the results this summer, some of those. It's a little
12 bit of time it takes to get information back from the
13 labs.

14 If anybody has a question --

15 MR. DURST: At the earlier meeting you were
16 talking about flyovers with ground penetrating radar and
17 magnetometers or perhaps something to locate some of the
18 anomalies. In other words, you talked about these 55-
19 gallon drums that you were told were in a field that you
20 looked for just on hearsay evidence and that's the sort
21 of thing that -- have these flyovers been done or why
22 haven't these been seen before?

23 MR. BATTAGLIA: The ground radar, you actually
24 drag across the ground. It's like equipment they put on
25 the equipment and drag it across the ground. On the

1 flyovers, I think we have a contractor that does aerial
2 flyovers.

3 MR. DUCHESNEAU: There may be some confusion.
4 The flyovers are used to create our base maps. We use
5 them -- we take the aerial photographs. What we find is
6 that with some land control survey, we generate our base
7 maps. Many of which are in this document. I think you
8 can see the land contour of the buildings, the roads,
9 etc. The flyover is used for that information. Now, we
10 also have some historical aerial photographs that was
11 done in '68 and the fifties. We know that we also can
12 get, from NASA and some other government agencies, that
13 we used to look at the sites in the past. That helps us
14 get an idea where certain activities were done. Again,
15 that focuses where we begin our investigation. So, the
16 flyovers -- we don't go ground penetrating radar from the
17 air. What you are implying is also magnetometers.

18 MR. CHAPLICK: All that is done is basically a
19 walking over the ground.

20 MR. DURST: Can't you do that not only as a
21 flyover, but you couldn't graph the flyover?

22 MR. DUCHESNEAU: I believe that was techniques
23 that was possibly usually applied on a gigantic area. We
24 are talking about a localized area that we have
25 information, historical or otherwise, that we can use to

1 focus, narrow in our investigation. Our first step is
2 usually to do a site walkover. If you find some strange
3 looking bumps or hills that look out of place, we do some
4 magnetic work; pull this device, either radar,
5 magnetometry, over that area; find out if we are getting
6 any kind of unusual anomalies. From that information,
7 following that, we follow up, you know, soil gas or some
8 soil boring, some soil sample test pits to determine what
9 the identification of those geophysical anomalies are.
10 Then we usually follow that with a monitor well. Once
11 they are confirmed there is something there, you put the
12 monitoring wells in. There is whatever was there has
13 been located in the ground. All these geophysical
14 techniques, they are not -- they are limited. Again, in
15 order to see something like as small as a drum, six or
16 eight feet down, what we have to do, we lay out grid
17 lines; usually ten feet on center in both directions.
18 And then we drag some of the instruments of these small --
19 you can carry them. They are small. You drag them
20 along these lines over that area. That pretty much
21 allows us to say you are not going to miss anything in
22 that kind of space. If you've gone 25 lines on 25-foot
23 centers, the instruments are not receptive enough if
24 anything was in the middle of the box they are
25 surrounding, you could miss it. It really kind of gives

1 you an idea of how far they go side to side.

2 MR. DUCHESNEAU: We are looking at these sites,
3 the entire Depot as one site. We may do something like
4 what you are saying, do an aerial photograph survey
5 That is to say, I haven't personally done it. But I
6 believe that is a viable alternative. It's, like I say
7 too, it depends on the size object you are looking for
8 If you are looking for a drum, you've got to be on a
9 scale I mentioned.

10 MR. DURST: It seems like the possibility of
11 missing things the way you are going about it as far as
12 hearsay evidence. As far as -- it would seem like a
13 generic screening of the whole Depot would be the way to
14 go.

15 MR. HEALY: I don't know that the techniques
16 for locating subsurface anomalies from the skies are
17 developed enough that you can count on them. I think if
18 you are talking about surface features, yes; an aerial
19 flyover can be used.

20 MR. BATTAGLIA: We have done that when we have
21 used what is called USGS. That actually shows where the
22 ground was disturbed in certain areas. So you can go to
23 that map and find out, I think, what might have been land
24 in the area of the washout plant. We could see the
25 building.

1 MR. CHAPLICK: If you go to the public meeting
2 tonight, there will be some exhibits up in the hallway.
3 On one of the boards is one of the more particular areas
4 of the ash landfill or the burn pits. You can see the
5 pits are excavated. There is refuse in these pits. I
6 don't know what years that was. Was that '68?

7 MR. DUCHESNEAU: Before the incinerator was
8 built. The incinerator was not there. This was all used
9 as a first starting point. What we are trying to do,
10 again, is to get a handle --

11 MR. CHAPLICK: I think what you are saying,
12 there is no technique currently available.

13 MR. COOL: I don't have a connection with the
14 CIA. I believe they have the surveys to do it.

15 MR. BATTAGLIA: You are not connected to the
16 CIA, are you, Jim?

17 MR. COOL: Who permits the building for storage
18 of hazardous waste and PCB?

19 MR. BATTAGLIA: That's under DEC. We have to --
20 under DEC, have air permits for the sewage treatment
21 plant.

22 MR. COOL: For everything?

23 MR. BATTAGLIA: I think the Army tried to
24 exempt themselves. They can't as far as environmental
25 permits go.

1 MS. SAMPREE: Are those maps that are very
2 clear that you were using in your demonstration, are they
3 going to be part of the public information minutes that
4 are at the Willard Town Hall?

5 MR. BATTAGLIA: I can make them.

6 MR. CHAPLICK: Most of the maps are on the back
7 of the fact sheet, Randy. We put that on the back of the
8 fact sheets for tonight. They are being copied.

9 MR. HEALY: Are you going to be there tonight?

10 MR. COOL: The '68 flyovers were the flyovers
11 that you have examined?

12 MR. DUCHESNEAU: I believe there was the
13 fifties -- sometime in the early fifties. We have some
14 information. We contacted a service that does that
15 search for us and provides a list of all available aerial
16 photographs. Now, there is probably fifteen different
17 lists that have been done over the years. We picked
18 three or four of them to look at. We don't look at every
19 single one. We picked enough that we thought we covered
20 the time frame.

21 MR. HEALY: Did you go back to when the base
22 was first constructed? I heard there was materials
23 buried at the construction phase; paint and plumbing
24 supplies and so forth that was just a big push the
25 contractor left.

1 MR. DUCHESNEAU: I think the earliest we looked
2 at was '54, '55. But I can --

3 MR. CHAPLICK: All the area photographs are not
4 taken from the same elevation. Obviously, the lower you
5 are, the better the definition of what you can see. Some
6 of them is up higher. It's really very, very difficult
7 to make out in a map in terms of in-ground features. You
8 can see a lot of lines, underground tile lines will show
9 up in the certain time of year if you know specifically
10 what you are looking for.

11 MR. BATTAGLIA: I think it was the State air on
12 the west side of the area, I thought the aerial
13 photograph one time an old map showed where they
14 basically were to the concrete plant over on the west
15 side. I haven't really found that spot where they were
16 yet. That's on the maybe list. I haven't heard anything
17 about them digging holes or burying them. Before the
18 original building, they had their own concrete plant.

19 MR. COOL: What I am saying, is this hearsay.

20 MR. BATTAGLIA: I don't want to call it
21 hearsay. A lot of stuff started as a rumor. If I asked
22 enough people, I found that enough people knew it
23 existed, I actually found a site. That's how we found a
24 lot of these; just checking out those rumors and so
25 forth. We knew as an area some were just something like

1 that. You talk to somebody else, somebody else knew
2 where it is. Sometimes you find somebody that knows
3 something about where it is.

4 MR. COOL: The Sampson Naval Base was the same
5 way; when they were finished, it was buried.

6 MR. BATTAGLIA: Someone told me, someone that
7 just retired told me, they told me that they buried
8 arms. He gave me a couple of areas, a couple of names of
9 people who are retired that might know of it. I haven't
10 told EPA and the State that one. Is it a rumor or is it
11 a site? I don't even have an area to go look at it

12 MR. COOL: Sounds like a rumor to me.

13 MR. BATTAGLIA: If I end up a dead end, I kind
14 of leave it open until I hear something.

15 MR. ABSOLOM: Before we go on to the next
16 presentation, I would like a five-minute break to let our
17 stenographer rest her fingers for a minute. I have
18 learned in the past that she likes that. That she likes
19 to have a break. We will take a five-minute break and
20 come back.

21 (Whereupon a recess was taken.)

22 (Back on the record.)

23 MR. ABSOLOM: As we get started, one thing I
24 would like to remind everyone is that if you have
25 questions, please speak up so the Court Reporter can hear

1 you. People have a tendency to let their voice trail off
2 as the question goes on. Please remember that.

3 MR. DUCHESNEAU: My name is Mike Duchesneau. I
4 am the project manager. I work for Engineer Science in
5 Boston. I am the project manager for the Seneca Army
6 Depot activity project.

7 All my presentations, everything I have, I will
8 be showing up on the overheads. There are handouts that
9 I provided so you can follow along. This organization
10 chart usually is where I like to start. In case people
11 are new, to get a handle on who the players are in the
12 program, EPA is the State we have talked about. We are
13 all working together to identify and solve all these
14 environmental issues that come up. I will be talking to
15 you about where the tanks, some of the AOC
16 investigation. Normally, I would be talking about the
17 action memorandum, the soil remediation project we have
18 planned.

19 So what I am going to do is move fairly rapidly
20 along to the slides I have. I think Randy and Kevin have
21 pretty much touched on the details of that. We have a
22 SWMU classification flow chart that summarizes in
23 graphics. It is derived from the inter-agency agreement
24 that was signed between the Army, State and EPA. And
25 this graphic depicts the process we are going through to

1 first identify the SWMUs. Randy has talked about the
2 list of 72. Once we have identified the SWMUs, we
3 perform an investigation; move through what we call a
4 site investigation phase based on those results we get in
5 the RI/FS phase. This whole process is merge of the
6 obligation of RCRA as well as the CERCLA obligation.
7 CERCLA is an acronym used for Superfund project. And
8 basically, all the investigations are being done under
9 the umbrella of the requirements of CERCLA.
10 Comprehensive Environmental Restoration Conservation
11 Liability Act; otherwise known as CERCLA.

12 So, this depicts that process of trying to mesh
13 the obligations of RCRA, which is a Resource Conservation
14 and Recovery Act as well as the CERCLA obligations.

15 I think Randy has gone through the list of all
16 the SWMUs. I just want to provide this so you can get an
17 idea where the sites and the classification of all the
18 SWMUs are. I am not going to go through each one
19 individually. Randy has already gone through a lot of
20 that. But I would like to say that we have, at this
21 point, reached an agreement with the State and the EPA on
22 the identification of all 72 Solid Waste Management
23 Units; otherwise known as SWMUs. Basically the site of
24 all of these Solid Waste Management Units. And again,
25 all of this information is in your handout.

1 The bottom line here, I think the important
2 message is, where do we stand. We have 72 identified
3 Solid Waste Management Units. Twenty-five of those are
4 deemed no action SWMUs. And as the name implies, no
5 action will be performed on them. We are currently
6 investigating a total of 27. We have combined several of
7 these SWMUs into one SWMU. So the middle column
8 indicates the total number that need to be investigated.
9 And we are investigating 27 of those -- wait a minute.
10 This isn't -- yes, right. So, there are 13 low priority
11 Solid Waste Management Units that still need to be
12 investigated in the coming years. I think the important
13 thing to mention, also, is that all the high priority to
14 moderate priority as well as moderately low priority
15 SWMUs are currently under an RI/FS, Remediative
16 Investigative Facility Study, or under investigations as
17 site investigations which is the middle portion of that
18 flow chart.

19 If you remember, the reports, what we call SWMU
20 classification reports, is the primary document. The
21 list -- that lists all the SWMUs. As I mentioned, all
22 the SWMUs had been classified. It's been issued to EPA
23 and NYSDEC, New York State Department of Environmental
24 Conservation, on June 10th. We have received some
25 comments. We plan on issuing the final documents in

1 early September. Randy has identified the seven high
2 priority SWMUs listed here. I'm not going to go over
3 that again. Just to bring a quick update on where we
4 stand on this. The field work has been completed. A
5 list of all the tests that have been completed, we
6 submitted the draft report to the EPA and NYSDEC on June
7 8th. We are currently awaiting comments on that
8 document. Likewise, for the three moderate priority
9 SWMUs identified here, Randy has shown you where they are
10 on the map. We performed all the field work, submitted
11 the draft to EPA and NYSDEC to review on August 5th. We
12 are awaiting comments back on this document.

13 All the moderately low priority SWMUs
14 identified here are under investigation. And we have
15 completed the field work and are in the process of
16 preparing the report. We are waiting for some final
17 laboratory data. We expect this report to be issued
18 sometime in late September. That report will go to the
19 Army for internal review. Following the review,
20 approximately 30 days later, we make that report
21 available to the EPA for their review, and New York
22 State.

23 The seven low priority SWMUs are identified
24 here. The status of these investigations are, we have
25 also completed the field work this summer. And they are

1 in process of preparing the pre-draft. We call it the
2 pre-draft form, that will go the Internal Army Review.
3 Thirty days after that, we will be submitting that
4 document to the EPA and the State for review.

5 The item that I would really like to spend a
6 little bit of time on we call the Action Memorandum for
7 Soil Treatment. It's a primary decision document that
8 identifies the area at the ash landfill that we believe
9 is responsible for a lot of the impacts to the ground
10 water. We have decided on an alternative. That
11 alternative includes excavation of some materials,
12 sizing, some washing of debris. We are talking about
13 excavating a portion of the landfill, wash that debris
14 that can't be processed through a thermal processor, low
15 thermal desorption unit. We have some air pollution
16 control equipment to be in compliance with all New York
17 State regulations. Following compliance of that
18 treatment of that soil, it will be placed back in the
19 excavation pit. Ground water will also be pumped in the
20 area of the excavation. That ground water will be stored
21 temporarily on site in a temporary storage site. That
22 will be disposed of off site at a hazardous waste
23 licensed facility.

24 Some of the highlights of the action memoranda,
25 I think, are important to talk about briefly here. That

1 the objectives we are trying to remove what we believe is
2 an existing threat. It is a source of ground water
3 contamination. As I have mentioned, there are some low
4 levels of volatiles being admitted in that area. We are
5 also providing the streamline RI/FS. The RI/FS is again,
6 it's a CERCLA term that is used to define a series of
7 steps and risk base management approach towards
8 remediation, the treatment goals that we are -- the
9 thermal desorption process unit are basically the New
10 York State TAGM value. TAGM stands for Technical Action
11 Guidance Memorandum. They are guidelines that have been
12 established by the State of New York for the cleaning up
13 of soil.

14 Our target compounds at the site are TEC
15 (trichloroethylene); 1,2DCE (dichloroethylene); and also
16 vinyl chloride. They are chlorinated solvents that were
17 probably used a long time ago at the base.

18 We are estimating at this point approximately
19 23,000 cubic yards of material, roughly 35,000 tons of
20 soil will be excavated and processed through our
21 processors, then returned back into the ground.

22 As I mentioned, we are talking about what we
23 call low temp thermal desorption. This is a process
24 which the soil is heated and the volatiles are allowed to
25 -- the chlorinated solvents we are talking about the

1 volatiles, they are allowed to basically evaporate or
2 vaporize to the gas phase, swept through the processors
3 and then destroyed or controlled in some kind of an after
4 burner system prior to discharge into the air.

5 Just some milestones on the documents we
6 described which is the Action Memorandum which is a
7 decision document that determines what a selected
8 alternative will be. In this case, we submitted a draft
9 on December 3rd. We have agreed to submit a final for
10 more additional comments from EPA and/or the State. That
11 was submitted in May. Following that, we prepared plans
12 and specifications. We call it Section C to describe the
13 work that will be done, how it will be done at the site.
14 That document was submitted final on June 17th. At this
15 point, the Army of the Huntsville Division has turned the
16 work over to the Omaha District. The Omaha District has
17 a remedial contract with a contractor. They are now in
18 the process of identifying a remedial contractor that
19 will perform the work, finalize the contract terms and
20 conditions, cost estimates, etc. Following all that
21 work, the contractor will be on site. We expect it to be
22 sometime in October of this year.

23 The area that we are concerned with is an area
24 at the ash landfill site. We will call that the bend-in-
25 the-road. You can't really see it that well, but it's in

1 your handout. It's aptly named because it happens to be
2 the majority of the soil that we are having -- wanted to
3 do some treatment or in this area called the bend-in-the-
4 road, just for bearing, north is that way. This is
5 roughly the Depot boundary, Seneca Lake is to the west
6 which would be this way, and the main portion of the
7 Depot would be to the east, that way. The big picture
8 map we are talking about right here, you can see this
9 little road bends here and that is a real good give away
10 as to where it is. That little bend would be right --
11 right with here. So that's the area we are talking
12 about.

13 We have done fairly extensive amounts of
14 investigation for work soil gas, soil bores, sill steps,
15 several ground monitoring wells. All of that information
16 has been assimilated, interpreted, and we have identified
17 two areas; Area A, Area B, that we believe are
18 responsible for the impacts to the ground water and is
19 the focus of our removal action.

20 The process flow diagram that we agreed was
21 probably the most effective way to deal with this problem
22 begins by some excavation, dewatering, to control the
23 amount of water that is in the pit. When the soil is
24 removed, we don't want ground water splashing all over
25 the place. Again, the water will be stored temporarily

1 on site and disposed of off site in a licensed treatment
2 facility. The soil will go through the segregation
3 operation, large debris that can't be processed through
4 the unit will be sprayed off. That debris will then go
5 through some type of wash operation to make sure that
6 there is no residual material attached to that. The soil
7 then will be stockpiled temporarily on site and processed
8 through the thermal treatment unit at the rate that the
9 unit can deal with it. The air will then go through the
10 baghouse to remove particulates. Following that, through
11 the thermal oxidizer to reduce the oxygen to an
12 acceptable level of discharge to the stack. The clean
13 soil will be stockpiled temporarily and sampled to
14 confirm the target levels have in fact been reached
15 Once we have the analytical data back from the lab, that
16 soil will then be returned to the excavation. If the
17 data indicates that the soil has not been satisfactorily
18 treated, it will then be reprocessed back through the
19 thermal incinerator until we reach our treatment goals.

20 To provide you with a little bit different
21 depiction of what the low temperature thermal desorption
22 unit kind of looks like is this from Canonie
23 Environmental. A low temperature desorption process is
24 pretty much the same type of unit. You have the feed
25 hopper. That's what feeds into the rotary kiln, a large

1 direct fired rotary drum where the unit --where the soils
2 are allowed to tumble through the unit being cleaned. As
3 it gets to the end, the cleaned soils are then discharged
4 through the conveyor to the stockpile storage. Then, if
5 necessary, reprocessed. The air then follows through a
6 series of air flow equipment as mentioned, the baghouse
7 particulates removal. In this particular unit there is a
8 venturi scrubber, some type of a wet scrubber. There is
9 also, in this case, using activated carbon to control
10 emissions.

11 And that process looks like this when things
12 are moving. It's depicted here. Here the baghouse, as I
13 mentioned, the feed conveyor, the clean soil in this case
14 is discharged through the conveyor until -- to the cement
15 mixture. In this particular case, the soils are
16 solidified with the cement because of the high
17 concentration of metal at this particular site. Which is
18 unnecessary here.

19 I would also like to take a minute just to
20 touch briefly on the status of the remedial investigation
21 at the ash landfill site which is the same site that we
22 are performing this expedited soil cleanup. We still
23 have to go through the process of doing an RI/FS but the
24 Army has -- because we have identified the area, the Army
25 has determined that it's worthwhile to be aggressive and

1 clean up the soil that we know exists as a threat.

2 MR. HEALY: Let me interject. For those of you
3 that might be interested, the ash landfill, as all the
4 remaining SWMUs that we have discussed, at one point in
5 time was in the preliminary assessment phase; which is
6 the gathering of information. After that, there is
7 enough suspicion that a site investigation was deemed
8 required Site investigation purpose is simply to
9 confirm or deny a suspicion following a site
10 investigation; if there is reason to go on, you do the
11 remedial investigation and feasibility study. The
12 purpose of which is to remediate whatever contamination
13 may be down there. We are close to the end of the
14 remedial investigation and the feasibility study. We
15 have found these areas that are causing the problem which
16 is why they are now going ahead with the remediation.
17 Hopefully, that gives you a little bit of extra
18 perspective.

19 MR. DUCHESNEAU: I think, if you look at the
20 handout that is called a SWMU classification flow chart,
21 this site is probably furthest along in that process. In
22 other words, it is getting to the end of that
23 classification flow process. We submitted the draft
24 final remediation investigation on July 9th. It's been
25 currently being reviewed by the EPA. The feasibility

1 study is scheduled for submittal at the end of next week

2 The other important issue here related to that
3 site is the ground water plume that we have identified as
4 being present. Again, just to get your bearings here.
5 The area at the bend-in-the-road is the area that we are
6 concerned with. This soil remediation, as we would
7 expect, coincides exactly where the areas of high ground
8 water contaminants are located. I might also mention
9 that the removal action of soil remediation will, to a
10 large degree, eliminate the ground water problem at that
11 area because, also in terms of excavating the soil,
12 ground water will be removed and pumped, then treated.
13 So, there will be some decrease in the contamination of
14 ground water as a result of the soil process that we are
15 and doing that I have already discussed.

16 We are looking at several options to control
17 ground water. One of which involves the installation of
18 trenches to collect ground water. The ground water will
19 then be discharged to a main sump. This is just
20 preliminary. I wanted to give you an idea of what kind
21 of remedial strategies we are thinking about for ground
22 water here. I have depicted areas of what we call the
23 source area that is the focus of the soil remediation. I
24 have overlaid the ground water plume. I think you can
25 see clearly that there is a nice fit for where the --

1 where those higher levels and in-ground water coincide
2 with the highest level of soil impacts.

3 The ground water collection trenches would be
4 installed approximately in that area if it is determined
5 necessary to do that. That is discharged to the main
6 sump. That water will then be pumped to a sump to a
7 treatment facility if necessary. It has potential to get
8 the lower end of the plume, the lower concentration of
9 ground water contamination down at the toe of the plume.

10 The type of treatment process that we are
11 looking at and we will be performing a treatment study on
12 involves UV oxidation which in this case ground water
13 will be pumped from the trenches to some type of an
14 equalization tank or settling tank to try to settle out
15 the large particles from the ground water. Typically, we
16 install an in-line filter to remove the smaller particles
17 trapped in the ground water. Potentially a hardness
18 removal will be required to protect the UV oxidizer which
19 is a main destruction process removing TCE or DCE from
20 the ground water. So that may be a possibility. We will
21 know further what will be required after we do our
22 treatability study. We are in the process of doing that
23 now.

24 The process of destroying the TCE and the DCE
25 dissolved in ground water involves the addition of

1 peroxide a generation of ozone in the contact chamber
2 It's a liquid oxidation process. It occurs in the liquid
3 phase. There are no air discharges other than some ozone
4 which can be controlled to a deoxygenator prior to
5 discharge. But the advantage of this technique, the
6 destruction of the liquid phase, there is no transfer to
7 the atmosphere. It is possible that we may need to add
8 liquid carbon and borsor (phonetic) after that as a
9 populace to get the concentration down to the lowest
10 level for the ground water to meet ground water
11 standards. Then we expect to discharge this water, the
12 surface water, possibly to a drainage ditch that
13 eventually will lead to surface water body nearby. That
14 water will of course be clean.

15 The other site that we are moving along on, the
16 RI/FS process rapidly is the open burning ground. We
17 submitted the draft final RI to the regulators for
18 review. We have received comments back.

19 Randy, you are currently in the process of
20 responding to comments. We expect this document to be
21 actually, I think, we have submitted it already; right?

22 MR. CHAPLICK: What?

23 MR. DUCHESNEAU: The OB RI, that was submitted?

24 MR. CHAPLICK: Right.

25 MR. DUCHESNEAU: They submitted the final to

1 the regulators earlier this month, the feasibility
2 study. They submitted a draft to the regulators on May
3 5th. We are currently awaiting comments from EPA.

4 The issues related to that site involves some
5 areas of metal contamination, particularly lead. We have
6 found high -- relatively high concentration of lead in
7 some of the berms and in some of the areas around the
8 area of Reeder Creek. That's pretty much all I have
9 there.

10 Are there any questions?

11 MR. COOL: How much lead is along Reeder Creek?

12 MR. DUCHESNEAU: The concentrations of lead in
13 sediments there, I believe, are relatively low. But they
14 did exceed some of what they call the limit at that point
15 for maximum vertebrae protection. I think they were the
16 part per million type range. I don't remember the exact
17 number.

18 MR. COOL: Has the area of the creek where it
19 meets the lake been tested?

20 MR. DUCHESNEAU: No.

21 MR. HEALY: How many places have been tested
22 between the OB and the OD grounds in the lake?

23 MR. DUCHESNEAU: I would say probably five to
24 six sampling locations from the site to the lake.

25 MR. COOL: If it was washed to the creek, it

1 would go to the outlet and probably stay there.

2 MR. HEALY: Which outlet?

3 MR. COOL: Seneca Outlet.

4 MR. HEALY: I don't know. Would it -- would
5 you expect it to make it that far?

6 MR. COOL: What would happen if it a
7 precipitation ever washed off the surface in the creek
8 and proceeded down the creek to the point where -- right
9 where the stream levels out and --

10 MR. HEALY: It would settle out. It would stay
11 in supported by the ground water or the water in the
12 creek long enough to settle out. How far is the lake
13 from there, Randy? How far down the creek do we get?

14 MR. DUCHESNEAU: It starts to go off post right
15 where it crosses over 96A.

16 MR. CHAPLICK: The only place which we found
17 was the OB-OD facility high level.

18 MR. DUCHESNEAU: The sampling point further
19 down from that point, you are okay. Our approach was, if
20 we found lead or whatever metals or whatever from that
21 consistently down along Reeder Creek, then we would then
22 feel as though there were a need to sample at the mouth
23 of Reeder Creek and Seneca Lake. We found one hot spot.
24 And hot spot probably isn't the right term. One spot
25 right adjacent to the OB-OD area. That area had some

1 elevated contamination of metals. From that point down,
2 we didn't find that. So the philosophy was, you know,
3 there is no need to go sample the mouth at that point.

4 MR. COOL: This so-called hot spot, how did
5 that lead get there, by precipitation events washing
6 across?

7 MR. DUCHESNEAU: Runoff from the OB-OD ground.

8 MR. COOL: Came suspended after strong
9 precipitation event?

10 MR. HEALY: It might not have stopped.

11 Randy, did we find lead in the sample of the
12 pond puddles and things out there?

13 MR. CHAPLICK: On site, we had lead, yes.

14 MR. HEALY: Randy, did we find it in the water
15 sample?

16 MR. CHAPLICK: In the sediments. It doesn't
17 last that much in the water.

18 MR. DUCHESNEAU: It's not in the water. The
19 water meets all the criteria.

20 MR. BATTAGLIA: We sampled the pond and surface
21 puddles.

22 MR. DUCHESNEAU: That's something we can look
23 at; something we can look at that might be worthwhile.

24 MR. COOL: Maybe one test down there, perhaps
25 just before you get to the bridge.

1 MR. DURST: It's probably very seasonal in the
2 spring when you get the heavy flow. And I am sure one of
3 the peculiarities in the Reeder Creek is if you watched
4 the creek, I think in late summer you would see the
5 highest level.

6 MR. HEALY: One other thing, when you talk
7 about -- when this came up before, is sampling at the
8 mouth of the creek the right place to sample? Are there
9 other places in Seneca Lake that we may be testing? Does
10 that lake itself push the sediment someplace that we want
11 to look at? We are of the opinion at this time, at
12 least, that we wanted to first look at Reeder Creek, get
13 some information back in, apply that information, find
14 out if a tremendous amount can make it, to reach the
15 creek from that point and go into the creek.

16 MR. COOL: Reeder Creek does have a dull area
17 somewhere. It's shallow. The water is shallow because
18 of the outloading of the creek.

19 MR. HEALY: But do you sample at the mouth? Do
20 you sample along the creek?

21 MR. COOL: You are the engineer and I am the
22 citizen at this point.

23 MR. DUCHESNEAU: You have approximately three
24 miles of the creek between the OB grounds and the lake.
25 Chances are it would not carry over the entire three

1 miles without being seen through us.

2 MR. HEALY: You don't need anything as to how
3 large the Beaver dam is to the section stored to pick up
4 the precipitation events, enter Reeder Creek, make it all
5 the way down to the lake.

6 MR. COOL: When it enters, would it be spring,
7 during spring run?

8 MR. DUCHESNEAU: There is variations. There
9 would be a large variance of the peculiarities; ice that
10 would enter the creek. At that time, all of it would
11 have metals or wash it down because it cannot change
12 paths. It is not iron selective. So the particularities
13 that would fall out at the interim depositional
14 environment would be picked up by the samples especially
15 by the part per million number.

16 MR. COOL: Only if there was areas where
17 perhaps the water is proceeding downstream as well as up
18 in eddies and that sort of thing; otherwise, it wouldn't
19 carry

20 MR. DUCHESNEAU: Which I am sure that there are
21 small eddies, areas along there.

22 MR. COOL: I don't know if that creek is caused
23 by geography or geological sound bedrock.

24 MR. HODDINOTT: It's a pretty straight shot,
25 you know. It's not much until you get down near the --

1 near on the East Lake Road.

2 MR. DUCHESNEAU: What I would say, we consider
3 that we talk it up. See if there is really a need to do
4 that. It's not something we can't do.

5 Are there any other questions other than that?
6 I guess --

7 MR. CROOK: My name is Steve Crook with Law
8 Environmental. I have a question. Are there any bedrock
9 wells as part of the area we were just discussing or the
10 one previous to that?

11 MR. DUCHESNEAU: We have an ash landfill site.
12 We have four or five layers of bedrock wells, shallow
13 bedrock wells and also deep water wells at the OB ground
14 site. We had installed screen wells in what we call the
15 weather shale portion of the bedrock. Again, the idea
16 here was the open burning ground, if the weather shale
17 wells indicated that there was a potential problem, then
18 we would follow that up with some deeper bedrock work.
19 The weather shale wells came back clean. And therefore,
20 the conclusion was there was no need to do additional
21 bedrock investigatory work at the ash landfill site.

22 Followed by a similar type of a brief we do
23 some bedrock investigation packer test to try to identify
24 in the zone in the deep bedrock portion that would yield
25 water, the bedrock is very tight, it does not yield

1 water. What water we found was clean. So, the result of
2 that bedrock investigation indicated that the ground
3 water contamination is penetrated into the -- into the
4 bedrock which is the shale.

5 MR. COOL: Your trench developed there, would
6 be along the top of the bedrock?

7 MR. DUCHESNEAU: Right. That would be in the
8 component portion of bedrock. We would excavate the
9 shale as much as we could with excavating techniques.
10 What we call the component rock, install the trench in
11 that portion, take up to about a foot below the surface.

12 MR. COOL: Would be something like a French
13 drain?

14 MR. DUCHESNEAU: Exactly, with a pipe in it.
15 To intercept that flow of ground water perpendicular to
16 the trench.

17 MR. ABSOLOM: I would love to open up to any
18 general questions that anybody might have at this point.

19 Anybody have any other questions?

20 MR. DURST: I would just like to make a comment
21 that I in general am quite impressed by the thoroughness
22 of the study. As I said in the past, in some ways, as a
23 resident, I am pleased to say that I feel a lot better as
24 far as DEC and EPA oversight on this kind of activity.

25 I guess as a taxpayer, I think it's a little

1 bit of an overkill. I think more money is being spent
2 that may be needed. In many respects, I am not sure
3 maybe many of our back yards couldn't stand this kind of
4 abuse.

5 MR. HEALY: Doctor, in response to that. I
6 would like to point out what the Army is doing is what we
7 are required to do based on law. It's not something that
8 we are doing because we are enjoying doing this.

9 MR. DUCHESNEAU: I believe what we are trying
10 to do is the most cost effective approach. And I
11 understand that we have spent quite a bit of money. And
12 the costs are extremely high. As you might know,
13 particularly when you are talking about 350 buildings and
14 lakes. You are talking about a wide range of variety of
15 chemicals, organic or inorganic compounds. You are
16 talking about drilling costs, sampling costs. I mean,
17 it's just -- I can assure you that we have tried in our
18 best effort here to try to make this streamlined and cost
19 effective as possible. I mean, that's the numbers that
20 they are only because that's what they are. I can't
21 control laboratory costs type of thing.

22 MR. DURST: I can appreciate that.

23 MR. CHAPLICK: It's a process that has grown,
24 but not at this particular site as the sites all over the
25 country. The way Congress passed the law and EPA has

1 written regulations

2 MR. COOL: There was discussion of secret
3 records disposal areas. Has anyone qualified from a
4 scientific end of that, is that end of the secret
5 documents being pursued as a possible lead to certain
6 waste disposal areas?

7 MR. BATTAGLIA: Well, I think he is talking
8 about the other sites too. Primarily, as far as we
9 talked, I think now we are getting -- I mentioned
10 classified document incinerator where we incinerated
11 papers in that area. We have identified actually three
12 distinct areas; one is a burial pit which was excavated
13 in '86. When they did the 800 row, cleanup materials
14 from both those sites were disposed of in South Carolina
15 which is a radio active waste burial area. That was all
16 low level residue in the 800 row. No. 63 where they
17 buried miscellaneous parts, metal parts, we dug that,
18 that was drum, part of SEAD No. 12 which is two areas
19 which the waste water training and burial pit In and
20 around that area, we found other things, things had been
21 buried, things with geophysical works. When we were
22 doing all of that up there, they were either parts or
23 training items. And we didn't find anything as far as
24 drums in the preliminary field work. We did not find any
25 radio active contaminants. And we do still have some lab

1 work going on. And we will have data, well samples, that
2 are being still processed in the labs, and also soil
3 data, soil samples, that are being processed.

4 MR. COOL: Those locations were discovered
5 through a search of the classified documents or were they
6 discovered otherwise?

7 MR. BATTAGLIA: Really, otherwise We did --
8 we have done some of this work with the -- we have a
9 couple of documents from them that we have to send up to
10 our headquarters. Whether or not some of -- all of the
11 information in these documents will be released, I
12 personally think it's all releasable. Based when they
13 gave it to us, Mike was there. He doesn't have any
14 clearance to see any classified documents. I don't think
15 they actually saw anything that was classified. They did
16 give us a list of information about the history of the
17 site. Actually, a lot of this information can be
18 justified why it should not be contaminated. Probably by
19 the next TRC, we will get approval from headquarters. It
20 will be a lot simpler if they give out what they gave us
21 instead of kind of beating around the bush about the
22 history of the area. We did dig up anywhere, all areas
23 that we thought there might be something buried. We
24 found a number of things. Some of the pictures in the
25 field are a blessing on that from the -- from the higher

1 up pictures are worth a thousand words It's a burial of
2 the parts. There is also a report of all the field data
3 and all the reports is going to be public knowledge, just
4 like any other site out there. Some of the history also
5 goes back to the forties and fifties when we had when
6 we got somebody at Sandia involved in things out in other
7 parts of the country. I actually talked to somebody that
8 worked here back in the forties. Things about waste
9 water tanks. We sampled and didn't find -- identify
10 anything. We found out it was routinely used as a waste
11 water tank. All these reports that I am talking about
12 and the information will be released when we get
13 headquarters approval to do that. Both from Public
14 Affairs side of things and the confirm or deny situation;
15 and both from the classified people and legal people.
16 And the decision really is up to their -- up to them
17 about all the historical information.

18 MR. HEALY: The half -- the other half of the
19 question would be: Do you anticipate that there are any
20 classified documents remaining that might be proof or
21 provide other evidence as to burial sites, in your
22 opinion?

23 MR. BATTAGLIA: No.

24 MR. HEALY: No is the answer?

25 MR. COOL: Very short, too.

1 MR. HEALY: I may live in Alabama, but I know
2 how to interpret New Yorkers.

3 MR. DUCHESNEAU: I have talked with people in
4 Sandia. They have clearance. They have certain - some
5 of the classified archives, the process they have gone
6 through, that involves identifying documents. These are
7 like forty, fifty CERCLA documents. Year documents
8 They pull them out of the archives. They go through a
9 series of steps to get them declassified. Yes, there
10 have been people at Sandia who have reviewed formerly
11 classified documents and made them unclassified and that
12 is a lot of the sources of what Randy is now discussing
13 with you

14 MR. HEALY: We don't care if it's unclassified
15 or not. What we are doing is looking for waste problems;
16 whether it's classified waste or not. That's where I am
17 coming from. I don't remember if they are classified or
18 not classified.

19 MR. DUCHESNEAU: As another follow-up to that,
20 the areas that are known to have activities associated
21 with the use of classified material have been thoroughly
22 investigated by us. We have done our geophysical. We
23 have identified the whole process that we described
24 earlier has been done at the sites. As far as we know,
25 that we have done thorough investigation of things that

1 would have been buried out there.

2 MR. HEALY: I think more directly, we have
3 examined every document that we know is available, that
4 we know is involved in the investigation.

5 MR. COOL: Meaning the Army?

6 MR. CHAPLICK: Well, it's been an Army base.
7 What other source --

8 MR. COOL: We meaning your company.

9 MR. HEALY: Yes.

10 MR. CHAPLICK: We do not have security
11 classification. We do not have looked at such documents.

12 MR. DUCHESNEAU: But again, the Sandia people
13 have for us.

14 MR. ABSOLOM: Are there any other questions?
15 If not, what I would like to do is establish the date for
16 the next TRC for those of us with calendars. It is once
17 a quarter, November time frame would be appropriate. I
18 would like to go through, around the table, and see if
19 possible the 16th of November, it's a Wednesday.

20 It would be here. Anybody has - does anybody
21 else have a conflict with that date? Kathleen has a
22 conflict. The other reason it might be a good time, at
23 that time the activity at the remediation site, at the
24 removal site, would be ongoing. It may be -- at that
25 time, maybe we would be able to give perhaps give a tour

1 of the site or at least take the TRC so they could in
2 fact see what's going on to get a first-hand view of that
3 area to see what's happening.

4 MR. COOL: Bring a VCR and save the tour,
5 Steve.

6 MR. ABSOLOM: Does anybody have a problem with
7 the 9th?

8 I recommend we do it on the 9th of November at
9 12:30 here at the NCO Club. The invitation letters will
10 identify if we in fact put the tour together so you can
11 dress appropriately. November, it could be a little bit
12 cold, possibly snowing. Okay. If not, it's the 9th of
13 November.

14 I would like to thank everyone for coming. The
15 meeting is concluded.

16 For anyone who has comments on the removal
17 action, there is a 30-day period that you can send your
18 comments or questions, send them to Mr. Whitaker here at
19 the Depot. We will get -- we'll address all the comments
20 and questions.

21 The other point I would like to make is that
22 there is a public meeting tonight and that everyone is
23 invited to the public meeting. We are going to present
24 the plan for the removal action at the ash landfill So
25 all of you are welcome to attend.

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September 10th is the 30-day period

The meeting is done.

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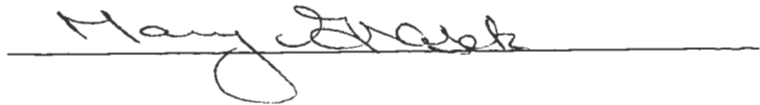
REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION

I, Mary Grasek, do hereby certify that I reported in
stenotype shorthand the Technical Review Committee meeting
held on the 17th day of August, 1994;

That the transcript herewith numbered pages 1 through 72
is a true, accurate and correct transcript of those stenotype
shorthand notes.

DATED AT: Rochester, New York

this 8th day of September, 1994.



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Next TRC 11/19/94
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**EIGHTH MEETING OF THE
TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

SENECA ARMY DEPOT ACTIVITY

17 AUGUST 1994

REMEDIAL INVESTIGATIONS

STATUS UPDATE

**ASH LANDFILL
AND
OPEN BURNING GROUND
SITES**

REMEDIAL INVESTIGATIONS

- ◆ RI REPORTS - DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. IF REGULATORS JUDGE RESPONSES TO PRIOR COMMENTS AS ACCEPTABLE, DOCUMENTS WILL BECOME FINAL.
- ◆ FS REPORTS - CURRENTLY DRAFT DOCUMENTS ARE BEING REVIEWED.
- ◆ RECORDS OF DECISION STILL EXPECTED BY EARLY ^{cy}~~FY~~ 1995.



**SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT UNITS**

STATUS UPDATE

**SENECA'S
HIGH PRIORITY AREAS OF CONCERN**

SITE INVESTIGATIONS

- ◆ **DRAFT DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR REGULATORY REVIEW.**
- ◆ **FINAL REPORTS ORIGINALLY EXPECTED BY NOVEMBER 1994... MORE LIKELY WILL BE EARLY 1995 DUE TO HIGHER PRIORITY DOCUMENT REVIEWS (I.E. RI'S AND FS'S).**



**SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT UNITS**

STATUS UPDATE

**SENECA'S
MODERATE PRIORITY
AREAS OF CONCERN**

SITE INVESTIGATIONS

- ◆ **FIELD WORK RECENTLY COMPLETE
AT ALL. PRELIMINARY DRAFT REPORT
DUE SHORTLY.**
- ◆ **FINAL REPORTS ORIGINALLY
EXPECTED BY LATE 1994 OR EARLY
1995... MORE LIKELY WILL BE
FEBRUARY TO MARCH 1995 DUE TO
HIGHER PRIORITY DOCUMENT
REVIEWS (I.E. RI'S AND FS'S).**



**SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT UNITS**

STATUS UPDATE

**FINALIZATION OF THE
SWMU CLASSIFICATION STUDY**

LIMITED SAMPLING

- ◆ **FIELD WORK COMPLETE.**

REPORT FINALIZATION

- ◆ **REPORT FINALIZED FROM AN ARMY VIEWPOINT. NYSDEC AND EPA HAVE SOME CONCERNS THAT WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL WORK.**

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
CHARTER

Seneca Army Depot Activity
Romulus, New York

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE CHARTER

for

SENECA ARMY DEPOT ACTIVITY

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I. Agencies Forming the Technical Review Committee (TRC) -

This Technical Review Committee (TRC) Charter is being entered into by the U.S. Army, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the local authorities.

II. Basis and Authority for the TRC Charter -

The basis and authority for this Charter is the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), particularly Sections 120(a), 120(f) and 121(f); 10 U.S.C 2705, enacted by Section 211 of SARA; Army Regulation 200-1, Section 9-10.

III. Purpose -

(1) The primary purpose of the TRC is to establish a body which will facilitate communication and coordination among members. The TRC is intended to provide a forum for cooperation between the U.S. Army, concerned local officials and citizens, and the regulatory agencies in order to provide a meaningful opportunity for members of the TRC to become informed and to express their opinion about the technical aspects of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) or Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) process at any site at Seneca Army Depot Activity (SEDA).

(2) A purpose of the TRC shall be to coordinate technical review procedures and schedules to be followed by the Army during the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) for SEDA.

IV. Structure -

TRC membership

(1) Appendix 2.0 of this Charter presents a listing of TRC

members as of June 2, 1994. Absences of any of the members listed in Appendix 2.0 from the TRC due to illness, job transfer or unavailability, may be filled by a duly designated representative.

(2) *Working Sessions of the TRC:*

(a) In accordance with AR 200-1, section 9-10(b), meetings of the TRC will consist of working meetings and public information meetings. Working sessions will consist of the U.S. Army and regulatory agency conducting discussion of operational progress, recommended Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARAR's), problems, and scheduling. At working sessions, the TRC members, who are community representatives, are full participants in the discussions. Working meetings will be held at Seneca Army Depot Activity on a quarterly basis during normal business hours.

(b) Working sessions will serve to facilitate and enhance the Army's decision making process regarding all phases of the IRP process leading to the implementation of remedial responses at SEDA. While concurrence and consensus on various issues will be reached at working sessions, which will ultimately provide direction to the IRP program at the Depot, final decisions will not be made by either the Army, NYSDEC or USEPA Remedial Project Managers during TRC meetings. Recommendations of committee members are not binding on SEDA or the Army.

(c) Working sessions of the TRC are open to the general public and/or news media. Sufficient notice will be posted in print media and by mail, and also by broadcast media if community interest is substantial.

(3) *Public Information Meetings:*

(a) At certain milestones in the IRP process, as indicated in the Community Relations Plan (CRP) for SEDA, public meetings will be held to discuss project activities. The Depot will organize these public meetings and TRC members will be expected to attend. The TRC members will constitute the panel of experts at these public meetings.

(b) Public Information Meetings will be held in the evening, during dates convenient to the general public. Advance notification of the public meeting will be provided by SEDA in a major local newspaper of general circulation.

V. General Responsibilities of Committee Members -

(1) When requested by any TRC member, more frequent meetings or an alternate location may be called by the Chair upon a simple majority vote by present voting members. The normal meeting place for working sessions of the TRC will be at Seneca

Army Depot Activity, Building 142 (NCO Club), Romulus, N.Y.

(2) In the event that any member cannot be in attendance for a scheduled meeting of the TRC, the Chair should be contacted two (2) days in advance of the scheduled meeting. A substitute for the absentee committee member may be appointed by the non-attending member.

(3) TRC members wishing to comment on and make recommendations about proposed IRP actions to be taken at SEDA must submit their comments and recommendations in writing to the Chair.

(4) Members will serve without compensation. All expenses incident to travel and review inputs will be borne by the respective members organization.

(5) For working sessions of the TRC, members intent on bringing guests (contractors, additional technical representatives of the TRC members agencies, or any other employee of the members agency or group) should notify the Chair in advance of any scheduled TRC meeting to insure necessary physical accommodations. Attendance by members representing any new group or agency not described in Section IV (1) of this Charter shall be an agenda at a working session of the TRC for discussion.

(6) If an imminent health hazard is discovered by any member during the effort covered by the Charter, immediate action will be taken to notify all TRC members in addition to the required notification by the installation to regulatory agencies and appropriate local health officials. Additionally, the installation may take appropriate emergency response measures.

VI. Specific Committee Member Responsibilities -

(1) Responsibilities of the U.S. Army:

(a) The Commanding Officer of Seneca Army Depot Activity shall serve as the TRC Chair, and preside over the orderly administration of TRC business.

(b) The Chair is responsible for notifying each member, in writing, of the date, time, location, and agenda of all TRC meetings.

(c) The Chair is responsible for collecting a written list of attendees at each meeting and assuring the written list of attendees is incorporated into the minutes.

(d) The Chair is responsible for assuring that the minutes for each TRC meeting are recorded and copies are provided to each committee member within fifteen (15) days of the date of

any such meeting. The Chair is also responsible for assuring the minutes are promptly incorporated into the Information Repository or appropriate Administrative Record files.

(e) The Chair is responsible for maintaining a mailing list for organizations that wish to receive meeting minutes, the upcoming agenda, and other TRC notices. Mailings should be sent in a timely manner.

(f) In the event that the Chair is unable to attend a TRC meeting, the Executive Secretary shall serve as Acting Chair.

(g) The Army is responsible for, when necessary, supplying appropriate visual aids and other materials associated with conducting presentations relating to past and future IRP projects, issues and progress at SEDA. The Army will deliver presentations as appropriate, provided ample notification of the need for a presentation is provided by the Chair.

(2) *Responsibilities of the USEPA Representatives:*

(a) The USEPA shall notify the Chair two (2) weeks in advance of a scheduled meeting of the TRC if USEPA consultants will be attending the TRC meetings.

(b) The USEPA should use the TRC as a forum through which advice can be given to the regulated agencies on environmental restoration and waste management and technology development issues related to environmental restoration.

(c) The USEPA's participation in this TRC shall be in addition to and not in lieu of the relationship and obligation established by the IAG developed pursuant to section 120 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C., Section 9620 for SEDA.

(3) *Responsibilities of the NYSDEC Representatives:*

(a) The NYSDEC shall notify the Chair two (2) weeks in advance of a scheduled meeting of the TRC if NYSDEC consultants will be attending the TRC meetings.

(b) The NYSDEC should use the TRC as a forum through which advice can be given to the regulated agencies on environmental restoration and waste management and technology development issues related to environmental restoration.

(c) The NYSDEC's participation on this TRC shall be in addition to and not in lieu of the relationship and obligation established by the IAG developed pursuant to section 120 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9620 for SEDA.

(4) *Responsibility of Town Officials:*

(a) TRC members that are official town representatives

have the responsibility of keeping Town Councilmen, relevant Town Boards and town organizations up to date regarding environmental restoration activities at the Seneca Army Depot Activity.

(b) TRC members who are local government officials have the responsibility to participate in the planning and selection of Army response actions by reviewing and, where warranted, commenting on various Installation Restoration Program actions.

(5) Responsibilities of NYSDOH Representatives:

The NYSDOH representative should use the TRC as a forum for assisting the NYSDEC representative in proposing any State health standard, requirement, criteria, or limitation that is legally applicable or relevant and appropriate under the circumstances of the release or threatened release of any hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant which will remain or be treated on site.

(6) Responsibilities of the County Health Department Representatives:

The County Health Department representatives should use the TRC as a forum for assisting the NYSDOH representative in proposing any county or municipal health standard, requirement, criteria, or limitation that is legally applicable or relevant and appropriate under the circumstances of the release or threatened release of any hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant which will remain or be treated on site.

VII. Revision and Termination of the Charter -

(1) This charter may be amended from time to time as requested by any charter member, and any approval should be by mutual consensus.

(2) The provisions of this Charter shall be satisfied and considered complete when all members agree so in writing.

VIII. Effective Date -

(1) The effective date of this charter shall be the date of the last signature.

IX. Proposed Signatories to the Implementation of the TRC Charter -

All members entering into this Charter recognize that mutual consensus and cooperation will result in the best possible solutions to potential and actual environmental problems and protect the health and welfare of the local citizenry and the environment.

X. DISCLAIMERS-

(1) The Charter does not create obligations which are legally binding on the NYSDEC, USEPA, U.S. Army, NYS Department of Health, Seneca County Department of Health, local authorities, or the signatories herein listed, including any citizen participants. The goal of the charter is to provide guidance and structure to meetings of the TRC, and to maximize efficient use of time during the meetings. This will enhance coordination among TRC members which will result in the best possible solutions regarding the Restoration of Hazardous Waste Sites at Seneca Army Depot Activity.

(2) Nothing in this charter impairs, alters, limits or in any way affects NYSDEC's, U.S. Army's or the USEPA's statutory or common law rights, including, but not limited to, the right under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and NYS Environmental Conservation Law. No statements made in this charter shall be deemed a statement, admission or position adopted by the NYSDEC, U.S. Army or the USEPA.

(3) The provision of the IAG pursuant to CERCLA 120(e)(2) with reference to this site will govern if a conflict arises between the provisions and the terms of this charter.

Roy E. Johnson 3 November 1993

Roy E. Johnson DATE
Lt. Col., U.S. Army
Commanding Officer, Seneca Army Depot Activity

Kathleen C. Callahan May 12, 1994

Kathleen C. Callahan DATE
Division Director, ERRD
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II

Michael J. O'Boole 7/29/94

Michael J. O'Boole DATE
Director, Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Allen Nivison 12-5-93

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Town of Romulus Supervisor

Kenneth Stafford 7/12/94

Kenneth Stafford DATE
Town of Varick Supervisor

Robert N. Favraeu 12/3/93

Robert N. Favraeu DATE
Town of Ovid Supervisor

APPENDIX 1.0
ARMY REGULATION 200-1
Section 9-10

9-10. Technical review committees

a. Per 10 USC 2705(c), a TRC will be established whenever possible and practical to review and comment on the Army's actions with respect to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances at installations. For the TRC, the rules governing Federal advisory committees do not apply.

b. The IC will be responsible for establishing and designating a chairperson for the TRC as part of any ongoing IRP cleanup program at and related to the installation, if the installation is included or proposed for inclusion on the NPL, or if a high level of community interest has been expressed about the cleanup, or if the ACE has so requested. For a FUDS cleanup, the same criteria apply in deciding whether a TRC should be established; if the decision is affirmative, CEMP will appoint a representative to convene and chair the TRC. The chairperson of the TRC will be an employee of the Army. For related IRP and FUDS activities, see paragraph 9-5c.

c. Meetings of the TRC serve as—

(1) *Working sessions of the involved Army and regulatory agency representatives for discussing operational progress, recommended ARARs, problems, and scheduling.* If policy questions arise, they should be forwarded through command channels to HQDA (ENVR-2) WASH DC 20310-2600.

(a) Membership generally consists of representatives from the Army; i.e., the installation (or CEMP representative, if the cleanup is a FUDS project, and USATHAMA and the supporting USACE FOA, if the cleanup is an IRP project); the MACOM; the Army contractors for the cleanup; the EPA regional office; the State, regional, and local regulatory agencies; local governments of all potentially affected communities; and concerned neighborhood groups.

(b) A charter may be adopted, although none is required. Decisions on matters of technical management are made by consensus of the representatives of the Army and the regulatory agencies. At working sessions, the community representatives are full participants in the discussions. These meetings, which are open to the public, may be held monthly (or as often as needed) during business hours. Each agenda must provide a comment period for any visitors who wish to speak.

(2) *Public information meetings.* Quarterly, or at milestones in the IRP or FUDS schedule, the TRC will hold a public meeting to report progress and to provide a forum for comments and questions. This meeting should be held in the evening, and the date, time, and location should be convenient for general public attendance.

d. The following provisions for all working sessions and public meetings of the TRC should be made—

(1) Minutes should be kept of each meeting and should be prepared in written form within 1 week after the date of the meeting. A court reporter is not required.

(2) A public file of TRC documents, including minutes of all meetings, should be maintained in an information repository at a public library or other easily accessible location.

(3) A mailing list should be maintained for individuals and organizations that wish to receive meeting minutes, the upcoming agenda, and other TRC notices. Mailings should be sent in a timely manner.

(4) A telephone number for information should be made known to the public.

(5) Sufficient notice, at least 21 days, should be posted in the print media and by mail, and also by broadcast media if community interest is substantial. The notice should state where to obtain a work product that is available for review and the minutes of previous TRC meetings. The notice should also list the telephone number to call for additional information.

Appendix 2.0 - TRC Members as of November 3, 1993

MEMBER	MEMBERS AGENCY or GROUP
Lt. Col. Roy E. Johnson, Chairman	U.S Army - Seneca Army Depot Activity
Stephen M. Absolom, Executive Secretary	U.S. Army - Seneca Army Depot Activity
Jeremiah Whitaker	U.S. Army - Seneca Army Depot Activity
Randall Battaglia	U.S. Army - Seneca Army Depot Activity
Thomas R. Enroth	U.S. Army - Seneca Army Depot Activity
Kevin Healy	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Huntsville Division
Dr. Kathleen Buchi	U.S Army Environmental Center
John Biernacki	U.S. Army - Depot Systems Command
Lani Rafferty	New York State Department of Health
Brian Dombrowski	Seneca County Department of Health
Carla Struble, P.E.	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II
Kamal Gupta	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Frank Ricotta	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Dr. Richard A. Durst	Township of Varick, N.Y.
Allen Nivison	Township of Romulus, N.Y.
Kenneth Stafford	Township of Varick, N.Y.
Robert Favreau	Township of Ovid, N.Y.
James Terryberry	Township of Romulus, N.Y.
William Cool	Township of Varick, N.Y.