

1 A public hearing of the Jefferson Proving Ground
2 Restoration Advisory Board meeting was held at South Ripley
3 Elementary School, Versailles, Indiana at 7:00 P.M. on April
4 27, 2005.

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6 **OPENING STATEMENTS BY MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

7 Okay. Good evening. I guess we'll get
8 started in our rapidly packed over flow standing room only
9 meeting. I'd like to welcome everyone to the Jefferson
10 Proving Ground Restoration Advisory Board meeting. I don't
11 know how many more we'll have but we'll work that out with
12 the community. My name is Paul Cloud. I work for the Army.
13 And Richard Hill is here, he's the community co-chair. I
14 think everyone has signed in so I don't see anyone new here
15 so I won't ask them to sign in. Richard, do you have any
16 opening remarks?

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18 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

19 Just welcome.

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21 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

22 Okay. If you'll follow along in the copy of
23 the slide presentation the ah agenda is shown. We'll talk a
24 little bit about property transfer and Finding of
25 Suitability to Transfer, where we are in the Remedial Action

1 for the Cantonment Area, the revised JPG web site and then
2 we'll have a period for open discussion. If there any
3 questions you can either hold them for that period or you
4 can ask your question as it comes up. Okay the first item
5 is Finding of Suitability to Transfer Update and we have
6 basically two (2) areas: it's the Northeast Parcel and
7 remaining areas of the Central Cantonment Area. Ah the
8 Northeastern Parcel, approximately four hundred and sixty-
9 five (465) acres, it has thirty-nine (39) buildings proposed
10 for unrestricted use. Ah this next slide shows when the
11 Army approved the FOST and the Deed was sent to Mr. Ford.
12 You will see that those dates are quite a bit in the past.
13 There was an issue Mr. Ford raised regarding endangered
14 species and wetlands covenants. That issue is still being
15 worked on. A proposal has been set up. It's currently now
16 at the Army Corps of Engineers headquarters in Washington.
17 If it is approved then I would expect probably in the next
18 month or two (2) the parcel will be transferred. But it is
19 still preliminary and hasn't been through the entire review
20 chain so it hasn't been approved.

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22 **MS. PEGGY VLEREBOME:**

23 What was sent to headquarters that he was
24 concerned about?
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MR. PAUL CLOUD:

He was concerned about the condition of endangered species and wetlands covenants restrictions on parcels that ah had either been transferred or were in the process of being transferred, specifically on the Northeast Parcel because he has not taken title yet. And he has not given us a check and we have not transferred the parcel. So he decided to initiate correspondence and conversations with the Corps of Engineers and the Army's Secretariat on that issue. After those conversations the Army had some internal conversations and made a decision that they would look into the issues some more. As a result of that there has been a proposal, a draft at the Real Estate Office of the Louisville Corps of Engineers has sent up to their headquarters and from there it would go to the Pentagon, ultimately the Army Secretariat, if they're agreeable with sign off and then it would come back down and the Deed would be adjusted, the price if necessary would be adjusted, and then Mr. Ford would take title.

MS. PEGGY VLEREBOME:

And that would take the covenants off of it?

MR. PAUL CLOUD:

No. The covenants cannot come off. They are

1 legally binding. Ah we cannot take them off. We are not -
2 specific to the wetlands the Corps of Engineers is the
3 regulator of record for the wetlands. And the U.S. Fish and
4 Wildlife Service is the regulator of record for the
5 endangered species. The Army does not have statutory
6 authority to remove that.

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8 **MS. PEGGY VLEREBOME:**

9 Can they remove it?

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11 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

12 They can but we have discussed with them the
13 Army is in agreement with those covenants and restrictions.
14 So because the restrictions will stay the Army agreed to re-
15 evaluate how much Mr. Ford may or may not have to pay for
16 that parcel and the remaining parcel. So that's what it --

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18 **MS. PEGGY VLEREBOME:**

19 Because of having restrictions?

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21 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

22 Additional restrictions, yes ma'am.

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24 **MS. PEGGY VLEREBOME:**

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MR. PAUL CLOUD:

He might. Because I know none of the details right now other than the proposal went up to the headquarters Corps Real Estate office on the 12th of April. That's the only thing I know. And I just found that out Monday.

MR. KEN KNOUF:

We can speculate though he will be looking for his discount, you would think.

MR. RICHARD HILL:

He probably doesn't want to pay more just because they got - yeah.

MR. PAUL CLOUD:

Okay. This is a picture of the parcel. Again it's in the Northeast corner of the Cantonment Area. The remaining areas of the Central Cantonment Area total about thirteen hundred (1300) acres. There's no specific figure there obviously because it hasn't been surveyed yet. Ah but there are two (2) large parcels about seven hundred and fifty (750) acres and about three hundred (300) acres and then there are a number that fall under that last bullet down at the bottom, remaining areas that make up the

1 approximately two hundred and fifty (250) acres, and they
2 are little postage stamps all over the Proving Ground where
3 the environmental areas were or still are. The Army's
4 current plan is that once all the restoration work has been
5 done in the Cantonment Area and those completion documents
6 have been created and reviewed and accepted by the
7 regulator, in this case IDEM, we would then proceed with the
8 transfer process which would be the initial FOST. Right now
9 we're estimating the end of this year would be the soonest
10 that that FOST would come out for three (3) day public
11 review. It may slip. It may be a little sooner. We don't
12 know yet. Anyway this is one (1) of the large areas. This
13 is the Southeastern Parcel. It's about seven hundred and
14 fifty (750) acres. This is one (1) of the - this is the
15 other large contiguous area. It's about three hundred
16 (300). And then this is a listing of some of the postage
17 stamp areas that we had to carve around to transfer as much
18 property but stayed away from areas that were still under
19 environmental consideration and that were not eligible for
20 transfer at the time. Any questions on that issue, either
21 the Northeastern Parcel or the remaining transfer? Okay.
22 The Remedial Action, as I think everyone knows the ROD, the
23 Record of Decision, was signed November of last year. In
24 December there was a mobilization and the contractor came
25 out with the Corps of Engineers with the Indiana Department

1 of Environmental Management over site and started the soil
2 removal. They did the soil removal at these four (4)
3 locations. That removal has been completed. They have
4 backfilled it and they are waiting now - probably in the
5 next month to two (2) months before they re-vegetate the
6 excavated areas. And then in the meantime they are starting
7 to work on the Construction Completion Report which will
8 summarize the Soil Remedial Action activities. This is an
9 update of the chart that we showed back in February. The
10 numbers have changed just slightly but it gives you an idea
11 of the amount of soil that was taken out. Five thousand
12 eight hundred (5800) tons of soil is almost six million
13 (6,000,000) pounds. That's a lot of dirt.

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15 **MR. KEN KNOUF:**

16 You took it down to Kentucky right?

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18 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

19 Actually it was taken down to a - a facility,
20 a certified facility in Kentucky. Okay. Here again in this
21 slide you can see the seeding activities will be this
22 spring, probably in the next month or so. And again they
23 will be working on a Completion - Construction Completion
24 Report and you can see when the projected dates are. Right
25 now for the CCR they're the end of next month for the Draft

1 and then that would be sent to the Corps from the contractor
2 and the Army will look at it and then by the end of June we
3 go to IDEM, it goes to IDEM, Richard obviously, and the
4 public will get a copy. They'll look at it if they want to
5 have any comments on it. Okay. Most of these photos you've
6 already seen. What I have done is added one (1) picture to
7 each site and it shows basically the current condition now
8 that they've been backfilled. So we will go the first two
9 (2) or three (3) fairly quickly at each site. And then this
10 is what it looks like basically right now. It's like 21-
11 A/30. And then this is the Landfill Trench and that's when
12 they were taking it out. That's how big it was and this is
13 what it basically looks like now. And then they will seed
14 it and you will probably never know in a year or two (2)
15 that anyone has ever been there. And this is the Burn Site
16 before they removed any soil. This is when they were
17 removing the soil and this is when the soil has been removed
18 and now this is what it looks like that it's been
19 backfilled. Lastly is the Site Fourteen (14) which is the
20 Yellow Sulphur Area across from the DRMO Area that belongs
21 to INDOT. That was before soil removal, this is during
22 excavation, and after excavation but before backfill, and
23 this is what it looks like now. And it will also be seeded.
24 Groundwater schedule, we are monitoring the groundwater at
25 the sites listed above. We have completed a January

1 sampling and an April sampling. We may actually adjust this
2 schedule a little bit. I had a conversation with the State
3 earlier this week and he made a very good suggestion, that
4 suggestion being we tweak on these so that the quarterly
5 groundwater sampling are the same times of the RAB meetings
6 so that he can combine two (2) activities in one (1) week
7 instead of coming down here. So we're going to look at that
8 and while the RAB meetings have already been scheduled and
9 are a little less flexible, we have a little more control
10 over this. We can tweak the July sampling to the first week
11 in August and the October one (1) until the first week in
12 November and so forth as long as we have RAB meetings. And
13 then the State can kill two (2) birds with one (1) stone.
14 And then we can look at you know - the Corps can adjust the
15 groundwater sampling for 2006 and beyond as long as we
16 continue to have RAB meetings. But I have not seen the
17 results yet on the groundwater. As soon as we do and are
18 ready for publication we will provide copies for that also.
19 Any questions before we go on? Okay the next slide shows
20 the new JPB web site home page and the new address. Two (2)
21 things you should know about this. It is not a dot mil
22 (.mil) address anymore. It is on our contractor's server
23 and one (1) of the things we have changed is you will notice
24 that there's no longer any sbc com (sbc.com) or rdt com
25 (rdt.com) or anything like that. It was something due to

1 one (1) of the more recent, but not the most current
2 reorganization, we had to go fix. Down on the left you will
3 see a number of items there. Obviously the most significant
4 would be the one (1) toward the bottom that says
5 Administrative Record. We have now put a significant number
6 of our documents that were in the Administrative Record on
7 the web and they're broken up by category. So I would
8 suggest if anyone is interested they take a look at that.
9 If they have any comments, questions or problems you can get
10 back to me and we can look at it. But it just became active
11 today. So that web site is current. I will be sending out
12 a letter to the entire mailing list for JPG announcing this
13 within the next week. Comments or questions? Ken?

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15 **MR. KEN KNOUF:**

16 No.

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18 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

19 This is be easy. I can just ask everybody
20 that's here.

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22 **MS. PEGGY VLEREBOME:**

23 Yeah. But I don't want my name.
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MR. PAUL CLOUD:

Richard?

MR. RICHARD HILL:

I don't have any.

MR. PAUL CLOUD:

Peggy?

MS. PEGGY VLEREBOME:

I don't have any questions.

MR. PAUL CLOUD:

The next meeting will be back down at Madison on August 3rd at the Library. And other than that this last slide shows all the meeting this year we've had. This is the second one (1). There will be - we have scheduled two (2) more, August 3rd and November 2nd. And if there are no further questions, comments I would like to thank everyone for coming.

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CONCLUSION OF HEARING

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STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

I, Sharon Shields, do hereby certify that I am a Notary Public in and for the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana, duly authorized and qualified to administer oaths; That the foregoing public hearing was taken by me in shorthand and on a tape recorder on April 27, 2005 at South Ripley Elementary School, Versailles, IN. This public hearing was taken on behalf of the Jefferson Proving Ground Restoration Advisory Board pursuant to agreement for taking at this time and place; That the testimony of the witnesses was reduced to typewriting by me and contains a complete and accurate transcript of the said testimony.

I further certify that pursuant to stipulation by and between the respective parties, this testimony has been transcribed and submitted to the Jefferson Proving Ground Restoration Advisory Board.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this 12th day of May, 2005.

Sharon Shields, Notary Public
Jefferson County, State of Indiana

My Commission Expires:
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