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The Advisory Board convened via teleconference at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, James M. Melius, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT:

JAMES M. MELIUS, Chairman
HENRY ANDERSON, Member
JOSIE BEACH, Member
BRADLEY P. CLAWSON, Member
R. WILLIAM FIELD, Member
RICHARD LEMEN, Member
JAMES E. LOCKEY, Member
WANDA I. MUNN, Member
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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 (11:00 a.m.)

3 MR. KATZ: Okay, it's 11:00. It's
4 time to start. Let me check and see if I have
5 my Chair. Jim Melius, Dr. Melius, are you on
6 the line?

7 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes, I'm here.

8 MR. KATZ: Great. All right, so
9 welcome, everyone, to the Advisory Board on
10 Radiation and Worker Health teleconference.
11 Before I start with roll call I'm just going to,
12 to make this less awkward on the phone and
13 simpler, I'm just going to cover conflict of
14 interest on the front end and then go through
15 roll call.

16 And if I know you're on the line
17 already I'll check you off on roll call, you
18 don't have to speak up. But we have one
19 session, one agenda item, in a little bit this
20 morning, a finding to the Uranium Refining AWEs

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1 Work Group, some Site Profile Reviews. And
2 those Site Profile Reviews include reviews for
3 Apollo, Apollo Parks -- I'm sorry, Nuclear
4 Materials Equipment Corporation at Apollo and
5 Parks Township. So it includes those two sites,
6 a Site Profile Review for those two sites as
7 well as one for W.R. Grace.

8 So, for those, Dr. Melius is
9 recusing himself for the Nuclear Materials
10 Equipment Corp., that's NUMEC. For that reason,
11 Dr. Lemen, if he's on the line, is also recusing
12 himself. He has a conflict with that as well
13 as with W.R. Grace.

14 MEMBER LEMEN: Dr. Lemen is on the
15 line.

16 MR. KATZ: Oh, great. Nice to hear
17 you, Dick. So we'll get that out of the way on
18 the front end. So let's just go on then with
19 roll call. I'll just run alphabetically.

20 (Roll call.)

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1 MR. KATZ: Okay, well, we still
2 have a quorum so we're good. And, Jim, it's
3 your meeting.

4 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay, thank you,
5 Ted. Welcome, everybody. We will start off
6 with -- Ted will report on the absentee votes
7 from our previous meeting, the people that
8 weren't able to attend. So, Ted, go ahead.

9 MR. KATZ: Right, thank you. So at
10 the Board Meeting in Augusta in April, we had
11 two SECs that the Board voted on. One was
12 Nuclear Metals to add a Class from 1980 to 1990.
13 And the Board voted unanimously 16-0 for that,
14 so we collected additional votes from two
15 Members on May 20th to complete that vote.

16 And then Joslyn was the other SEC
17 action and the Board voted in the majority, 14-2
18 in favor of, or in support of the NIOSH position
19 that doses could be reconstructed.

20 Two Members, Clawson and Lemen,

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1 voted in opposition to that. So the motion
2 passed and the letters for both of these were
3 transmitted to the Secretary, and I believe the
4 Secretarial letters are just about in motion,
5 is that correct, Nancy?

6 MS. ADAMS: The packages went to
7 CDC for sign-off this morning.

8 MR. KATZ: Okay.

9 MS. ADAMS: Actually, FedEx, and
10 the hard copy FedEx has arrived.

11 MR. KATZ: Okay, very good, thank
12 you. So that takes care of absentee votes.

13 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay, thanks,
14 Ted. And now I'm going to turn over to Paul
15 Ziemer to Chair the meeting because the next
16 item is tasking the Site Profile Reviews where
17 I am conflicted. So, Paul.

18 MEMBER ZIEMER: Okay, hang on just
19 a minute. Okay, we have three UR AWEs that need
20 to be tasked for Site Profile Review. They are

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1 General Atomics, and SC&A delivered a report to
2 the Board on October 2012 on General Atomics.

3 We also have NUMEC, which the report
4 was delivered to us in April of 2013. And W.R.
5 Grace, the report was delivered to us in January
6 of 2013. So we have those three Site Profiles
7 that need to be reviewed by the UR AWE Work
8 Group.

9 Though the appropriate motion would
10 be to task us, or to task -- well, let's see --

11 MR. KATZ: It's to task the Work
12 Group.

13 MEMBER ZIEMER: Yes, to task the
14 Work Group to handle those. SC&A's done the
15 reviews, we need to ask the Work Group to review
16 those three sites and to handle the issues that
17 have been raised by SC&A.

18 Do we actually need a motion for the
19 Work Group to do that or do we need to assign
20 this? It wasn't clear to me.

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1 MR. KATZ: I think it's fine. We
2 just decide on this. I think we just like to
3 make a public record of it.

4 MEMBER ZIEMER: Do I need a motion
5 to do that?

6 MR. KATZ: I don't think so.

7 MEMBER ZIEMER: Okay. Well, if
8 that's the case, if there's no objection from
9 Board Members, then we'll consider those three
10 items assigned to the AWE Work Group.

11 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Good, thank you,
12 Paul. I'll resume the Chair.

13 MEMBER ANDERSON: Paul, that's
14 your Work Group?

15 MEMBER ZIEMER: Well, I was hoping
16 that it was Andy's Work Group.

17 MEMBER ANDERSON: Or is it mine?
18 Yes, this --

19 (Simultaneous speaking.)

20 MEMBER ANDERSON: That's why I

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1 wasn't sure.

2 MEMBER ZIEMER: It would be a real
3 conflict --

4 MR. KATZ: Yes, it's your Work
5 Group, it's the Uranium Refining AWEs Work
6 Group.

7 MEMBER ANDERSON: Okay.

8 MEMBER ZIEMER: It would be a real
9 conflict if I was assigning it to myself.

10 MEMBER ANDERSON: All right, I just
11 want to be sure.

12 MEMBER ZIEMER: Yes. Are you
13 objecting, Andy?

14 MEMBER ANDERSON: We can handle it.

15 MEMBER ZIEMER: Okay, thank you.
16 Okay, back to Jim.

17 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Thanks. I was
18 going to say, the Chair of that Work Group is
19 anywhere from A to Z.

20 MEMBER ANDERSON: Yes.

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1 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: We'll start it at
2 the top of the alphabet. Good.

3 And we also have, again, this is
4 more of an announcement and what's in progress
5 in terms of assigning the Work Groups.

6 We brought this up at our Augusta
7 meeting and then I, you know, emailed to
8 everybody to see who volunteers for two new work
9 groups.

10 We have one that's assigned. I had
11 an adequate number of volunteers, I just was
12 working on the chair for one of them, but for
13 Pacific Proving Grounds, Jim Lockey will Chair
14 that Work Group and other Members will be Bill
15 Field, Henry Anderson and Loretta Valerio. So
16 those are assigned.

17 And then I should be able to assign
18 the Ames Work Group sometime in the next couple
19 weeks. I have to wait for somebody to come back
20 from Europe, from vacation. I tried to get Ted

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1 to send me over there to track him down but he
2 wouldn't. All right, so anyway, that's
3 progress, and thanks everybody for
4 volunteering for that, appreciate it.

5 These were things we now think,
6 given the sort of contract situation, sort of
7 straightened out a little bit in terms of
8 funding and so forth, so we can start moving
9 along on some of these Site Profiles that have
10 been out there for a while.

11 The next item on our Agenda is Jim
12 Neton's going to give us an update on coworker
13 modeling. Jim?

14 DR. NETON: Okay, thanks, Dr.
15 Melius. I just thought, you know, the SEC
16 Issues Work Group has met several times now to
17 flesh out some of the ideas related to coworker
18 modeling and stratification and such and that's
19 been reported out to the Board by Dr. Melius and
20 myself to some extent.

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1 I just thought I'd give a brief
2 update on the status of where NIOSH stands on
3 this. One of the issues that came out of the
4 Work Group was that we really don't, NIOSH does
5 not really have a document that outlines the
6 general criteria of how we would approach
7 coworker modeling and the various, you know,
8 issues associated with that.

9 So we worked on that and just
10 recently, actually yesterday, we issued a draft
11 document to the Work Group that outlines what
12 we consider to be criteria that should be
13 considered in these coworker modelings.

14 We intended to cover some major
15 areas in a generic sense such as adequacy and
16 representativeness to the data, how
17 distributions might be fitted, and some
18 discussion on the stratification issue,
19 although I must admit that still remains a bit
20 of sticky wicket.

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1 We're trying to figure out the best
2 way to compare a stratified subset to the
3 original full distribution in a meaningful way
4 to see that it actually is beneficial to use
5 stratification.

6 And we've got some ideas on that and
7 I'm hoping to generate a report shortly on --
8 at least as an outline of how that's going to
9 be analyzed. I did include a little bit of a
10 hint in the paper that came out yesterday.

11 The second issue that we worked on
12 is we reviewed this one-person one-statistic
13 sample -- pardon me, one-person one-statistic
14 as opposed to one-person one-sample, I think
15 it's a better fit, the so-called OPOS concept.

16 The original proposal for that was
17 to use one value in a monitored period for a
18 worker and that would be assigned or used as the
19 arithmetic average of all of the bioassay
20 samples in that monitoring period.

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1 We thought that this was a much
2 improved approach rather than needing the gross
3 of distribution of all the samples, but SC&A and
4 the Work Group correctly pointed out some
5 issues with that and so we went back, looked at
6 the data and now have determined that we believe
7 a time-weighted average approach addresses
8 many of the concerns and issues associated with
9 the old methods.

10 To that extent, we put out a draft
11 document yesterday as well to the Working Group
12 that covers the concepts behind the
13 time-weighted average approach and some actual
14 real-world examples.

15 We're using americium bioassay data
16 of how this might be done in a comparison of the
17 new time-weighted approach to the old
18 arithmetic average approach.

19 I think it's a pretty good
20 improvement, we certainly look for comments,

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1 comments and input from both of these documents
2 from the Working Group.

3 I think that pretty much summarizes
4 what I intended to cover today. I'll be happy
5 to answer any questions if there are any.

6 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Thanks, Jim.
7 Any questions for Jim Neton?

8 MEMBER LEMEN: This is Dick Lemen,
9 I have one. Did I miss it or did you say you
10 say you just sent the document out to the
11 Working Group or are you sending it out to the
12 whole Board or is it --

13 DR. NETON: No, I distributed this
14 to the Working Group, although I don't see any
15 reason why I couldn't go the full Board.

16 MEMBER LEMEN: Well, if there's no
17 objection, I would appreciate getting a copy.

18 MEMBER MUNN: Yes, so would I, Jim.

19 DR. NETON: Yes, I think then I'll
20 just send both documents out to the --

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1 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes, that would
2 be fine, the full Board, yes.

3 DR. NETON: There's going to be one
4 slight mathematical correction on one of the
5 documents I'll make before we send it out, but,
6 yes, I can get that out today.

7 MEMBER MUNN: Good.

8 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: What our plan is
9 -- this is Jim Melius -- is we were trying to
10 schedule an SEC Work Group meeting between now
11 and our meeting at the end of July.

12 We have sort of these documents that
13 Jim has just sort of updated us on, and there's
14 also a coworker model on SRS that the SC&A is
15 reviewing now, but the SRS Work Group had sort
16 of referred that to the SEC Work Group to take
17 a look at and to review.

18 So SC&A's reviewing that. I don't
19 want to be optimistic, but we think that we
20 should get their report plus the completed,

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1 plus through DOE review, which can take some
2 time, prior to the July meeting. So we are
3 talking about scheduling a meeting of the Work
4 Group towards just before the July meeting.

5 One of the thoughts that I had was
6 that, given some of the timing involved and so
7 forth, that we try to have that Work Group meet
8 in person the afternoon before we'd be, like so
9 Monday afternoon before the Tuesday Board
10 Meeting in Idaho.

11 And so that idea I just suggested to
12 Ted yesterday as we were trying to figure out
13 some scheduling issues on this Work Group, so
14 Ted needs to check out the logistics on that.

15 I don't know if you have an update,
16 Ted, or --

17 MR. KATZ: Yes, thanks, Jim. I
18 don't have an update yet. I'm hopeful about
19 that, though.

20 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Good.

1 MR. KATZ: And I think we might as
2 well, as long as we have everyone on the line
3 right now, just very quickly you could check
4 with the Members of the Work Group to see if that
5 would work for them to come in a little earlier
6 to the Board Meeting, either Sunday night or
7 early Monday morning, Idaho, if that works out.

8 Yes. So, Gen, that's a question
9 for Gen and Paul. Well, Paul, Paul will be at
10 the meeting by phone, that Board Meeting in
11 Idaho.

12 MEMBER ZIEMER: That's correct.

13 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay. So --

14 MR. KATZ: And so, Josie and Gen,
15 would that work for both of you?

16 MEMBER ROESSLER: It works for me,
17 this is Gen.

18 MEMBER BEACH: Yes, this is Josie,
19 it works for me as well.

20 MR. KATZ: Okay. And, Paul, would

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1 you be free that afternoon, the Monday
2 afternoon?

3 MEMBER ZIEMER: Yes, I'll be free
4 on Monday afternoon, yes, to be on the phone.

5 MR. KATZ: Yeah, that's what I
6 mean. That would be great. Okay, so then
7 that's nice, then if they sort out the hotel
8 issues, we could plan on that.

9 I mean, it's better to have more
10 time than less, right?

11 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes.

12 MR. KATZ: Yes. Very good,
13 thanks.

14 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: And then we'll
15 update the schedule for Idaho, which includes,
16 I think, an hour or something like that to talk
17 about these issues, so we'll update the entire
18 Board the next day.

19 MR. KATZ: Right. And if some
20 Board Members, you know, come in in time, you

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1 know, you're welcome to sit in on the Work
2 Group.

3 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes. Well,
4 we're selling tickets, so --

5 MEMBER MUNN: Cheap, I hope.

6 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes, I think so.
7 And ask Paul who had listened to, read the
8 transcript of the other all-day meeting we had
9 earlier, I'm not sure anybody would pay for
10 having to go through that.

11 MEMBER MUNN: Yes. That's always
12 a little tougher than it sounds.

13 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes, it is, it's
14 tough. Tough subjects to talk about and
15 confusing at times. But, anyway, no, I think
16 we're making progress.

17 I've seen Jim's proposal and I think
18 it's a really good start on these issues and I
19 think we can, should be able to make progress
20 and get input from the entire Board on Tuesday

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1 on it, that Board Meeting.

2 So, thanks. Any other questions
3 for Jim? I'll just add also if there's updated
4 drafts of these documents that come out between
5 now and obviously the Board Meeting, we will get
6 those out to you also, the entire Board, so
7 you're not surprised when you get to the hotel
8 and get, you know, a 200-page document to look
9 at the night before.

10 Next on our Agenda is LaVon.

11 MR. RUTHERFORD: All right.

12 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: LaVon has news
13 for us, I hear.

14 MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes, I actually
15 have a little bit of news. It should be a
16 pretty quick update, though.

17 We will be presenting one
18 Evaluation Report at the July Board Meeting.
19 We've been waiting for a while now for a claim
20 to support an 83.14 evaluation to modify the

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1 existing General Atomics Class Definition.

2 That was a building-specific Class
3 Definition that a considerable time ago we
4 recognized that it should've been all employees
5 based on the way we've been handling things.
6 And so we've been waiting for a claim to modify
7 that Class.

8 We recently received a claim that
9 supported this and since we had already done
10 most of the work while waiting for the claim we
11 believe the evaluation will be complete a
12 couple weeks prior to the July meeting.

13 I know the Board likes to have the
14 evaluations with plenty of time to review the
15 information, to have a good understanding of
16 our recommendation, but I think it's pretty
17 straightforward, the change, and I believe it
18 will not require a significant amount of review
19 by the Board.

20 Also, we did receive two new

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1 petitions over the last week. One of the
2 petitions is for Dow Chemical Walnut Creek
3 facility, and that's for the 1947 to '57 period.
4 And the other is for Westinghouse Bloomfield.

5 You may remember we already added a
6 Class for the Bloomfield site operational
7 period, so this petition is for the residual
8 period. Those two petitions are starting
9 through the qualification process now and I'm
10 sure at least one of those will qualify for
11 evaluation.

12 And so that's about it for new
13 petitions and current petitions.

14 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Good. Any
15 questions? I think that is good news on
16 General Atomics. We had waited a while because
17 that was a troublesome site.

18 Okay, and updates from Work Groups
19 and Subcommittees. Volunteers?

20 MEMBER MUNN: Sure.

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1 MEMBER BEACH: Yes. Jim, this is
2 -- Oh, go ahead.

3 MEMBER MUNN: No, go ahead, Josie.

4 MEMBER BEACH: Oh, okay. This is
5 Josie. I've got just a couple real brief
6 updates. We've had two Work Group meetings
7 since our last Board Meeting.

8 The first one I'll talk about is
9 Worker Outreach. We held a conference call on
10 June 5th, it was a real simple agenda, we looked
11 over the review of NIOSH's responsiveness to
12 worker comments for LANL and we also talked
13 about some options for a path forward for our
14 Work Group. I will give a full presentation in
15 July on Worker Outreach.

16 And then we also had a meeting on
17 June 10th for Kansas City. We basically have
18 20 items on our matrix and the Work Group
19 concentrated on just going through each of
20 those matrix items so that NIOSH and the Work

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1 Group and SC&A were all understanding what the
2 issues are.

3 We closed out two of those items and
4 we basically have a lot of work to do still with
5 Kansas City. So the work is ongoing with
6 additional data capture planned for in the
7 September to October timeframe.

8 MEMBER MUNN: Good.

9 MEMBER BEACH: So that's it for me.

10 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Thank you,
11 Josie. Yes, and we do have, I think, it's about
12 at least an hour set aside for the July meeting
13 for an update on the Worker Outreach, the
14 evaluation, or whatever we're calling it.

15 MEMBER BEACH: Right, thank you.
16 That sounds good.

17 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes. Other
18 reports?

19 MEMBER MUNN: Yes, this is Wanda.
20 No report actually from the Subcommittee on

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1 Procedures. We have, as you may remember,
2 reported at our last Board Meeting in Savannah,
3 but we had anticipated meeting the end of this
4 month, but we've had a very hard time trying to
5 get all of the necessary players lined up to the
6 right time.

7 So our next meeting will be held in
8 the end of August, August 28th to be precise.
9 Otherwise, no action.

10 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay. Thank
11 you, Wanda. Other updates?

12 MEMBER CLAWSON: Yes, this is Brad.
13 I just got information received back from NIOSH
14 for Fernald. They said that they're, in late
15 August, early September timeframe that we could
16 plan on to have a meeting on that, be able to
17 start closing out the Site Profile issues.

18 We had some information that they
19 had to research a little bit more and we're
20 pressing forward on Pantex and also the Nevada

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1 Test Site on the Profile issues.

2 We should be ready later, around
3 September timeframe for both those, too, to be
4 able to take care of them.

5 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay. Hey,
6 Brad, how's the weather in Idaho?

7 MEMBER CLAWSON: You know, it's
8 absolutely marvelous. We have sunshine. I
9 was going to tell Paul he doesn't have to be
10 scared in July, really it's warm out here that
11 time of the year, there's no snow, but we are
12 going to get snow tonight in the high mountains.

13 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: I thought we --
14 that sounds very reassuring.

15 MEMBER CLAWSON: All right now,
16 it's Idaho. What can we say, just, it comes and
17 goes.

18 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Beautiful
19 weather, but it's going to snow tonight. Yes,
20 okay, good. Other updates?

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1 MEMBER ZIEMER: Jim, this is Paul
2 Ziemer. I can give you a quick update on
3 TBD-6000.

4 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay, excellent.

5 MEMBER ZIEMER: The Work Group met
6 earlier this week by phone. We're dealing with
7 the residual period for Simonds Saw and Steel,
8 or Steel and Saw, I forget which way it goes.

9 But you may recall the Board
10 provided an SEC for the active period but left
11 the residual period sort of in limbo and we've
12 dealt with that now and we'll be coming to the
13 Board at the July meeting with a recommendation
14 for the residual period and you'll be getting
15 materials on that shortly.

16 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay, excellent.
17 That's on the Agenda, I believe. Thank you.

18 Any other updates? Okay, thank
19 you, and, yes, Dave's not on, I don't -- Ted,
20 is there anything other related to Work Groups

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1 announcements or anything?

2 MR. KATZ: No, I don't think so.

3 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Oh, okay, good.

4 Plans for the July and November Board Meetings.
5 Like July, Ted, what do you have for in terms
6 of updates?

7 MR. KATZ: So for July, we're still
8 trying to, because we don't do this directly
9 anymore, CDC does it and we just plead with
10 respect to hotel arrangements and so on, so
11 we're still working on that.

12 We don't have that battened down
13 yet. As soon as we get that we'll send that out
14 and people will be able to make those hotel
15 arrangements.

16 And for agenda, we have a full day
17 July 29th, including, we're hoping, a more
18 robust public comment session than what we've
19 had in the past.

20 NIOSH, together with the INL Work

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1 Group are interviewing next week people and
2 workers from INL of all different capacities
3 along a variety of lines of sort of inquiry.

4 So we're hoping to have some sort of
5 pointed matters that we can ask for public
6 comment on during the public comment session as
7 a way to make that more robust than it's been
8 in the past, so we're hopeful there and you'll
9 probably hear more as we get closer to the
10 meeting after we get these interviews done
11 which are occurring next week.

12 So that's it. So, anyway, we have
13 a full day, morning to at least, you know, 6:30
14 in the evening on Tuesday, but no meeting for
15 the 30th. So most of you could travel in on a
16 Monday and travel out, you know, Wednesday
17 morning.

18 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes. Providing
19 the weather cooperates.

20 MR. KATZ: Exactly.

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1 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes.

2 MR. KATZ: Avoiding horror stories
3 and all that. And then we have, for November
4 the only thing we might want to talk about is
5 whether -- I don't know whether we've gotten
6 close enough in terms of progress on work on
7 other sites that we can think about where we
8 want to meet in November.

9 One thought we'd had that we
10 discussed before I think is that Santa Susana,
11 would be ripe then that might be, then going to
12 Los Angeles, which we've talked about we
13 haven't been there in quite a while, would be
14 one option.

15 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Sounds good.

16 MEMBER BEACH: Ted, this is Josie.
17 Do you think we'll have a Work Group meeting for
18 Santa Susana before that timeframe?

19 MR. KATZ: Oh, I think we would need
20 one in advance, yes.

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1 MEMBER MUNN: We would hope so.

2 MR. KATZ: Yes.

3 MEMBER RICHARDSON: Ted, this is
4 David Richardson. I just wanted to, for the
5 record, let you know I'm on.

6 MR. KATZ: Oh, great. Welcome,
7 David.

8 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Welcome, Dave.

9 MEMBER RICHARDSON: All right.

10 MEMBER MUNN: I'm on that Work
11 Group but I haven't heard anything from Phil
12 about --

13 MEMBER BEACH: No, I haven't
14 either. This is Josie again.

15 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: We'll check with
16 Phil and sort of -- I think we ought to -- we
17 can wait till the July meeting and decide that
18 and see if there's other candidates, so I think
19 that should be the leading candidate if it makes
20 sense to do.

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1 MR. KATZ: Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes. Any other
3 suggestions that people have or thoughts since
4 our last meeting?

5 MEMBER BEACH: I was curious where
6 we are with Hanford because we haven't been back
7 here for a while.

8 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes, it's a
9 possibility and I actually haven't checked in
10 since Augusta, but at that time it was, there's
11 still lots of document retrieval going on.

12 There's been some interviews and it
13 wasn't clear until, if I recall right, until
14 those get done that we'll have a sense, a time
15 sense, but I'll check with Sam and Arjun and
16 update and see if that's a possibility also.

17 MR. KATZ: Okay, and the third, I
18 think the third possibility, I don't recall a
19 timeline for this either, but LaVon's on the
20 line, a third possibility might be Rocky Flats.

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1 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes.

2 MR. RUTHERFORD: I can update you a
3 little bit on that. Rocky Flats, we issued a
4 couple of White Papers I think last week or the
5 week before and we have another White Paper
6 that'll be coming out probably within the next
7 few weeks.

8 There are still a couple of open
9 issues that we're waiting on documents from
10 LANL on the neptunium for the '84 to '88 period
11 and we identified those documents and we're
12 just waiting for those documents to be shipped
13 to Germantown, just to finalize our review on
14 that.

15 And then we also are finalizing our
16 interviews on the data falsification. We ran
17 into a little bit of a snag in that the documents
18 that were provided, or Mr. Lipsky, who was the
19 FBI Agent involved in the raid, he provided a
20 number of documents.

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1 Well, some of those documents had
2 some identifications on them that brought some
3 concern that we had our general counsel review
4 those and our general counsel has been in
5 contact with the FBI general counsel to make
6 sure that those documents are okay for us to
7 upload into our database so we can distribute
8 to everyone to review.

9 So those two issues that are still
10 open are the open issues and the data
11 falsification in the neptunium. I mean, it's
12 possible that we would have those complete.

13 Right now our current schedule has
14 those complete well before the November
15 meeting, but that also depends a lot on those
16 reviews from FBI general counsel releasing
17 those documents and us getting the documents
18 from LANL.

19 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay. Thanks,
20 LaVon. So, what, five or six weeks we'll be in

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1 Idaho and we can decide there, but I think --
2 I'm not sure how much more of an update on Rocky,
3 but I'll find out more about Hanford and we can
4 track down on Santa Susana and make a decision
5 when we're up in Idaho Falls.

6 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay, Ted, thank
7 you.

8 MR. KATZ: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Good.
10 Correspondence, I'm not aware of any. Ted, are
11 you?

12 MR. KATZ: Hold on one moment. I
13 thought we were in receipt of some
14 correspondence that NIOSH was going to respond
15 to first, but maybe I've --

16 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes, there is one
17 I think NIOSH has that's --

18 MR. KATZ: Okay, right. Yes,
19 nothing --

20 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: I mean, it was

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1 simply a question for NIOSH, not to report, but

2 --

3 MR. KATZ: Right, okay.

4 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes. That's it,
5 that's the only one I'm aware of.

6 Good. Any other business,
7 questions, comments from people? If not,
8 thank you all for taking the time and we'll see
9 you in Idaho Falls.

10 MR. KATZ: Thank you, everyone.

11 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Thanks. Yes,
12 bye.

13 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
14 matter went off the record at 11:36 a.m.)

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