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The meeting convened telephonically at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, James M. Melius, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT:

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HENRY ANDERSON, Member
JOSIE BEACH, Member
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RICHARD LEMEN, Member
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WANDA I. MUNN, Member
DAVID B. RICHARDSON, Member
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LORETTA R. VALERIO, 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: I think it's time. It's 4 11:00 and Jim's on. So let me get things rolling 5 here. 6 Just a few general notices. The materials that we're discussing today for this 7 teleconference are all available on the NIOSH 8 9 The agenda as well. website. 10 As we're speaking about a SEC petition, 11 which we're wrapping up or we hope to wrap up for 12 a St. Louis Airport Storage Site, SLAPS. 13 So those materials are on the NIOSH 14 website under the Board section, under scheduled 15 meetings, today's date. And everyone from the 16 public, you can pull up the presentation and follow 17 along. Board Members, you have a Live Meeting 18 19 address, if you want it, for that presentation. 20 you also have the presentation Whatever your preference is. 21

One other thing I just wanted to note.

For everybody and John, I mean Jim may, Dr. Melius 1 2 may have more to say, but we had a resignation from 3 the Board since we last met. Mark Griffon has reluctantly, after, you know, struggling with this 4 for quite a number of years, decided to resign. 5 6 As you all know he's been really 7 stretched thin because he has heavy duties with the Chemical Safety Board. So he's really -- he had 8 to scale back years ago when he joined the Chemical 9 10 Safety Board to stay with our Board. And he's had 11 to resign. We'll have to make that work. And it's 12 13 just, I just would say briefly, from the Agency, 14 before we get on the record with anything, but, you 15 know, we're going to miss him. He's been a 16 tremendous contributory, even when he scaled back 17 for the Chemical Safety Board. You know, whenever he could contribute 18 19 it was always valuable. So we're going to miss And we'll do more about that. 20 him. 21 Thanking him for his service down the

But he just resigned just before the New

road.

| 1  | Year.   |
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| 2  | MEMBER MUNN: This is a major loss for               |
| 3  | this Board.   |
| 4  | MR. KATZ: Yes. I mean he's certainly                |
| 5  | a formative influence for the Board and we're very  |
| 6  | grateful to have had him as long as we did.         |
| 7  | MEMBER MUNN: We are.                                |
| 8  | MR. KATZ: So let me, anyway, let me get             |
| 9  | started with roll call. Let me note we don't have   |
| 10 | any items that relate to anyone's conflicts of      |
| 11 | interest so we don't need to go do individual       |
| 12 | conflicts of interest for this meeting.             |
| 13 | And I'll just run down the roll,                    |
| 14 | alphabetically. If I haven't already heard your     |
| 15 | voice please register your attendance and then      |
| 16 | we'll go from there.                                |
| 17 | (Roll call.)  |
| 18 | All right, that covers everything for               |
| 19 | administrative matters. Please, for everyone        |
| 20 | listening in, mute your phones except when you want |
| 21 | to address the group.                               |

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| 2  | mute. And, Jim, it's your meeting.                  |
| 3  | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay, thank you.                   |
| 4  | Thank you, Ted. I think Henry's trying to thaw out  |
| 5  | up in the Midwest. You too, Gen, from what I hear.  |
| 6  | Pretty cold.  |
| 7  | MEMBER ROESSLER: It's not above zero                |
| 8  | yet.  |
| 9  | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Well we're a balmy,                |
| 10 | I don't know, 15 degrees in Albany, so.             |
| 11 | MEMBER CLAWSON: You know, and I find                |
| 12 | that interest because in Idaho it's a nice warm 35  |
| 13 | degrees. Here in the wintertime.                    |
| 14 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Well when you're                   |
| 15 | taking your snowmobile to our next meeting in March |
| 16 | we'll   |
| 17 | MEMBER CLAWSON: Okay.                               |
| 18 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: we'll compare                      |
| 19 | notes, so.  |
| 20 | MEMBER MUNN: Out in Richland in the                 |
| 21 | Banana Belt, you don't even want to hear about our  |
| 22 | 55 degrees yesterday, do you?                       |

| 1              | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Oh.  |
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| 2              | MEMBER MUNN: Go forward.  |
| 3              | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Well we don't have   |
| 4              | anybody from Florida on the committee. Board. We  |
| 5              | have a do a one site residual period, it's a SEC  |
| 6              | petition, and then we'll sort of go through our   |
| 7              | usual issues.   |
| 8              | So I think we'll turn it over right now   |
| 9              | to LaVon Rutherford.  |
| 10             | MR. RUTHERFORD: All right, can  |
| 11             | everyone hear me okay?  |
| 12             | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes.   |
| 13             | MR. RUTHERFORD: Good. All right.  |
| 14             | This is LaVon Rutherford, I'm going to talk about   |
| 15             | the St. Louis Airport Storage Site. And if you got  |
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| 16             | Live Meeting up you'll just follow along with me  |
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| 17             | Live Meeting up you'll just follow along with me there. If you're going through just with the   |
| 17<br>18       | Live Meeting up you'll just follow along with me there. If you're going through just with the presentation, I'll let you know when to flip the        |
| 17<br>18<br>19 | Live Meeting up you'll just follow along with me there. If you're going through just with the presentation, I'll let you know when to flip the slide. |

| 1  | hear us call it SLAPS.                              |
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| 2  | It's a Department of Energy Site in St.             |
| 3  | Louis, Missouri. The covered time periods are       |
| 4  | January 3rd, 1947 through the end of 1973. And the  |
| 5  | beginning of 1984 through the end of 1998, again,   |
| 6  | are the covered periods.                            |
| 7  | Slide 3, you'll go through a little site            |
| 8  | history. In the 1940's the Manhattan Engineering    |
| 9  | District acquired 21.7 acres north of the St. Louis |
| 10 | International Airport.                              |
| 11 | They acquired this land to store                    |
| 12 | residues from processing of the uranium ores. The   |
| 13 | various ores that were received at Mallinckrodt.    |
| 14 | Mallinckrodt Chemical Works sent the                |
| 15 | residues to SLAPS from 1946 through 1953. And       |
| 16 | continued to store the residues at SLAPS until      |
| 17 | production at Mallinckrodt stopped in 1966.         |
| 18 | Most of the stored, or I'll say source              |
| 19 | material, the heavy concentrations or the heavy     |
| 20 | residues, were removed from SLAPS from 1966 to 1969 |
| 21 | period.   |

So Slide 4. The St. Louis Airport

Authority, they remover the residues. Actually 1 2 the residues were bought by another company. 3 Those residues were removed. All 4 aboveground structures were removed. They added clean-fill over the remaining, buried or residual 5 contamination, one to three feet. Most of that 6 work was completed in 1969. 7 They did a final survey for turnover for 8 9 the airport November 3rd, 1971. Or to turnover to 10 the City. 11 The City took over the area in 1973. 12 DOE actually took back ownership of the property 13 in 1984 under the FUSRAP program. And in 1998 DOE transferred the site to the Army Corp of Engineers. 14 15 Let's go to Slide 5. Back in 2010 we 16 issued an Evaluation Report. We actually evaluated the whole covered period. 17 18 Initially the site was designated 19 Atomic Weapons Employer. And in our initial 20 portions of evaluation our we uncovered 21 information that supported, not only a change in 22 the actual covered period, but also that it looked

like it was actually owned by the AEC. Which would 1 have meant it would have been a DOE site. 2 We issued our Evaluation Report on 3 4 April 13th, 2010. In our Evaluation Report we recommended adding a Class from January 3rd, 1947 5 6 through November 2, 1971. 7 Basically, that covered the operational period of when residues were brought 8 out to the site. It also covered the period when 9 10 the residues were, when the major portions of the 11 residues were removed all the way up till we got 12 a closeout or pretty much a survey that was to turn 13 the area over to the City. We did find a dose reconstruction was 14 15 feasible for the remaining cover period. That was 16 for a stagnant period, from November 3rd, 1971 17 through December 31st, 1973. And then for the remaining covered period, January 1, 1984 through 18 19 December 31, 1998. 20 You'll kind of get -- I know one of your 21 thoughts is going to be, why is there this break 22 in period between 1973 up to 1984? Why isn't there

| a residual period there?                           |
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| Well if you remember, the Department of            |
| Energy there are no, you know, residue periods for |
| Department of Energy sites. It's just covered      |
| periods for when ownership.                        |
| So Board action was postponed for that             |
| remaining period. The 1971 to '73 period and 1984  |
| to 1998 period.                                    |
| And we presented that Evaluation Report            |
| at the May Board meeting in 2010 in Niagara Falls. |
| And again, the Advisory Board voted to recommend   |
| the Class that we had proposed.                    |
| Slide 6. There are very few claims for             |
| this site. We had three claims for the entire      |
| covered period.                                    |
| That included the SEC period 1947 to               |
| 1971, which it covers two of the three claims. And |
| then we had one claim that was outside of that     |
| period. We had one claim that had internal         |
| dosimetry. That is one of the claims that is in    |
| the SEC period.                                    |
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And then we have two claims

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that

| 1  | external dosimetry. And both of those claims are   |
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| 2  | in the SEC period. So the one claim we do have is  |
| 3  | for we do not have monitoring data.                |
| 4  | Okay, let's go to the next slide, Slide            |
| 5  | 7. Potential exposures. The site was stagnant,     |
| 6  | pretty much from 1971 to 1973.                     |
| 7  | Again, all the major source material               |
| 8  | had been removed, one to three feet of clean-fill  |
| 9  | was placed on top of the surface, all structures   |
| 10 | were gone.   |
| 11 | Internal exposure was only from radon              |
| 12 | emanation through the clean-fill. And external     |
| 13 | exposures were gamma emissions through clean-fill. |
| 14 | The 1984 to 1998 period, activities                |
| 15 | were mostly environmental monitoring with some     |
| 16 | site maintenance. You know, erosion control,       |
| 17 | things like that.                                  |
| 18 | The potential internal/external                    |
| 19 | exposure potential was from contaminated debris,   |
| 20 | residue source material from maintenance           |
| 21 | activities.  |
| 22 | Slide 8. Personal area monitoring                  |

Again, the 1971 to '73 period was a stagnant 1 2 period when the facility was pretty much locked and 3 no access in that area. You have, as I mentioned, all buildings 4 and source material was removed and one to three 5 feet of clean-fill dirt. 6 So there's no personal or area monitoring data during that period. 7 January 1, 1984 through the 8 Slide 9. 9 1998 period, internal monitoring data urine 10 samples taken from workers involved in 11 characterization and remedial action activities. 12 Urine samples were analyzed for 13 radium-226 as well as thorium-228. Air sampling 14 included breathing-zone, which also have isotopic 15 ratios from SLAPS soils, soils taken at SLAPS in 16 a 1991 analysis. External monitoring data. 17 Slide 10. We have no external monitoring data through the 18 19 1971 to '73 period, but we do have the verification 20 survey that was completed at the end of removing 21 all the buildings, source material and installing

the clean-fill dirt that was the very beginning of

| 1  | this 1971 to '73 period.                           |
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| 2  | And in that survey, no area exceeded 1             |
| 3  | millirad per hour.                                 |
| 4  | Slide 11. Our dose reconstruction                  |
| 5  | approach. Now 1971 to 1973 period, internal        |
| 6  | exposures would have only been from radon.         |
| 7  | We don't expect anyone was at the                  |
| 8  | facility at all during this period. But if we did  |
| 9  | have indications or if the questions were brought  |
| 10 | up, our internal approach would be only to apply   |
| 11 | radon exposure for this period using the highest   |
| 12 | radon concentrations from the site remedial        |
| 13 | investigation studies that were taken.             |
| 14 | External dose would be based on the                |
| 15 | highest dose rate from the 1971 site survey, which |
| 16 | was 1 mR per hour.                                 |
| 17 | Slide 13. Our 1984 to 1998, '98                    |
| 18 | approach. Again, we believe most of the people     |
| 19 | were monitored, internal and external.             |
| 20 | From all indications there were a                  |
| 21 | handful of people that were involved in activities |
| 22 | at the site. You know, doing the environmental     |

1 monitoring, erosion control. There were no major 2 activities going on during that period. 3 internal and external So you use personal monitoring data when available. 4 personal internal monitoring data available during 5 6 the period, we would use a resuspension of soil. Basically 7 contaminated an OTIB-0070 8 approach. We could develop a coworker model if 9 10 applicable. I say if applicable, if it met the criteria that were, you know, established and for 11 12 coworkers. 13 If no personal external monitoring data available, we could determine period external 14 15 exposure based on area monitoring or develop a 16 coworker model. The area monitoring for the facility, 17 as I mentioned earlier, they had TLD monitoring in 18 19 all areas of the site to monitor external 20 They also had track-etch for radon, 21 they had air sampling in the area. 22 So there was good air sampling and good

| 1  | external monitoring for the area during that        |
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| 2  | period. So if that's needed.                        |
| 3  | And I think that's it. Questions?                   |
| 4  | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Anybody have                       |
| 5  | questions for LaVon?                                |
| 6  | MEMBER BEACH: Yes, Jim, this is Josie.              |
| 7  | I have some questions for the '84 to '98 time       |
| 8  | period.   |
| 9  | MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes.                                |
| 10 | MEMBER BEACH: I was reading the site                |
| 11 | interviews that were listed in the ER review and    |
| 12 | it talked about, actually there was two of them.    |
| 13 | They talked about the work they were doing in that  |
| 14 | time period.  |
| 15 | Digging mostly like on the sides of the             |
| 16 | road. One of them indicated they dug from one to    |
| 17 | ten feet, as much as 20 to 30 feet and the dirt got |
| 18 | hotter and hotter.                                  |
| 19 | So I guess I'm wondering, during that               |
| 20 | time period, one of these interviews said there was |
| 21 | 15, I think, to 20 men working doing that type of   |
| 22 | work. Mostly on the sides of the road, digging up,  |

facing radiation is what he said. 1 2 Also on the Evaluation Report on Page 3 34 it talks about the '84 to '98 timeframe that you have TLDs up to 1990 but the data hasn't been 4 located after the '90's. So I just wanted you to 5 talk a little bit more about that work and if that's 6 covered under SLAPS or something else? 7 Well the period -- the 8 MR. RUTHERFORD: 9 '84 to '98 period, yes there was some remedial work, 10 erosion control. And they also did some, as you 11 mentioned, the digging in the ditches. 12 And that was mainly because of the 13 run-off that they were looking at. They had indications that the contaminants were spreading 14 15 out to the ditches and they wanted to determine how, 16 you know, basically the extent of that spread. We still have indication that all 17 individuals that we had, were monitored for that 18 19 period. 20 Now as you mentioned, we don't have all 21 of the TLD data for, you know, for everyone during

That doesn't mean that it doesn't

that period.

exist, it means at this time we don't have that 1 2 data. 3 That data may have been -- if we got a claim for an individual, that may be provided by 4 the Department of Energy. I don't know. 5 But that doesn't hold us back because 6 of the area monitoring data we have. And all the 7 other data that we have. 8 The external dose reconstruction is 9 10 actually a -- there's plenty of data for that. 11 MEMBER BEACH: And I quess it's Yes. 12 just a little confusing when you try to look at all of it. 13 14 When you look at the internal, it says 15 you have available personal monitoring information 16 in the baseline risk assessment. And I didn't go 17 look at that, but I guess I'm just curious what kind of internal monitoring you have for those guys that 18 19 were doing that work. MR. RUTHERFORD: Well for what we have 20 21 -- if you look in the Site Research Database and 22 through, internal actually go have you we

monitoring data for a number of individuals. 1 2 Including portions of that activity that you 3 mentioned. And I can't say if we have all -- because 4 you said ten or 15 people. Now we had indication 5 -- one of our bioassay log sheets had eight to ten 6 people. And so that could have been that activity 7 we're discussing. 8 But all indications we have right now 9 10 are individuals that were working during that 11 period and doing remediation, there was bioassay 12 taken. 13 Now again, I think even from an internal 14 approach, if we do not have personal monitoring 15 data for a specific individual, we believe we have 16 enough internal monitoring data. As well as other urine sampling data for individuals involved in 17 those activities that we can do the internal -- that 18 19 we can reconstruct the internal dose. 20 Okay, thanks, LaVon. MEMBER BEACH: 21 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: So this is Jim, 22 Just to clarify. I think I understood you LaVon.

| 1  | to say that you believe that the workers doing the |
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| 2  | erosion control were among those monitored?        |
| 3  | MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes, I do.                         |
| 4  | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Oh, okay. Now is                  |
| 5  | there a report or anything equivalent of a, sort   |
| 6  | of an updated Site Profile that address all these  |
| 7  | issues?  |
| 8  | MR. RUTHERFORD: No, there's not. The               |
| 9  | actual you can look at the one dose                |
| 10 | reconstruction that was completed for the          |
| 11 | individual that was outside of the SEC period.     |
| 12 | That dose reconstruction actually                  |
| 13 | covers most of the well since the individual did   |
| 14 | not have external or internal monitoring, you can  |
| 15 | see the approach that we used.                     |
| 16 | We used the 1971 to 1973 period. We                |
| 17 | used the highest radon concentration and we also   |
| 18 | used the 2,000 or 1 mR per hour for 2,000 hours.   |
| 19 | So we basically gave him 2 rem per year, external  |
| 20 | dose, for those two years.                         |
| 21 | And the '84 to '98 period we actually              |
| 22 | used the TLD area monitoring data and came up with |

a dose rate based on that TLD area monitoring data 1 2 and assumed 2,000 hours with that as well. 3 then we did an OTIB-0070 approach, as I mentioned earlier, using the resuspension of the isotopes 4 used in the soil ratios that were determined in the 5 6 1991 survey. But we do not have a Site Profile 7 specifically that identifies all this information. 8 9 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: As I recall, when 10 this site was first discussed in, I guess 2010, at 11 that point we had sort of less information, at least 12 available to tell the Board about, about what 13 activities did go on and sort of less certainty about what the, you know, activities, what people 14 15 were doing during this time period. 16 And some of that was, you know, you had very few people at the interview because not many 17 18 people had come forward with claims. And what I'm 19 seeing is there are still very few claims from this 20 site. 21 MR. RUTHERFORD: That's correct. 22 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Any other Yes.

| 1  | Board Members have questions?                       |
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| 2  | MEMBER ZIEMER: This is Ziemer. I                    |
| 3  | just wanted to ask, LaVon. Have there been any      |
| 4  | additional claims around the three that you showed? |
| 5  | MR. RUTHERFORD: No. No, none at all.                |
| 6  | MEMBER ZIEMER: Thank you.                           |
| 7  | MR. RUTHERFORD: Yes, I think what a                 |
| 8  | lot of it is, is not only was there very few people |
| 9  | involved in the work out there, that a lot of the   |
| 10 | remedial work didn't happen until after it was      |
| 11 | turned over to the Army Corp of Engineers.          |
| 12 | MEMBER BEACH: LaVon, I just found the               |
| 13 | spot. This gentleman that you guys interviewed      |
| 14 | said that there was 15 to 20 people working and he  |
| 15 | worked for nine to ten months from '97 or '98. But  |
| 16 | he worked at Weldon Springs and SLAPS from '93 to   |
| 17 | '99.  |
| 18 | And I guess the one paragraph that                  |
| 19 | really struck me was, it said that they did the     |
| 20 | excavating on the sides of the roads, they did      |
| 21 | radiation sampling and testing using excavators     |

They dug from one to ten to as much

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and backhoes.

as 20 to 30 feet on the side of the road. 1 2 So I guess I'm just wondering if we have 3 a sense of everything that they actually did at that It seems like a lot of digging. 4 MR. RUTHERFORD: Well yes. 5 And as I 6 mentioned, if we have bioassay data for individuals involved, or for at least of the 7 individuals involved, it doesn't matter how much 8 9 contamination or digging they did with your 10 reconstructed dose. 11 Okay. As long as all MEMBER BEACH: 12 those workers could be covered, I guess, is what 13 I'm getting at. MR. RUTHERFORD: Well and I didn't go 14 back and try to pull names of each individual and 15 16 try to compare it to that. I didn't do that. 17 And mentioned also, as you the individual work at Weldon Springs as well. And so 18 19 there is going to be, you know, obviously you're 20 going to look at not only his exposures digging the 21 ditch, but also at Weldon Spring. 22 And in both situations I wouldn't

anticipate there was internal monitoring performed.

MEMBER MUNN: We've had lots of experience with raffinates and their contents over the period of years that we've looked at these things. And the raffinates certainly were not unknown quantities.

It was fairly well identified what was contained. Not always what the exact percentages were, but it isn't as though these folks would have been digging without any supervision or without any knowledge of what was there.

Certainly if the object of looking at the trenches was defined, what was in the trenches, then certainly that material was analyzed and the information would have been interpreted with respect to what the job was. Which was to see what was there.

Can't imagine that activity would have gone on for months and months without this information being available about level of exposure that was being generated. There has to

be, whether we have specific records for each 1 2 individual, we have to have a pretty good idea that 3 the exposure there was well observed and was not inadvertent. 4 It must have been known. And certainly 5 6 administered with respect to its severity. 7 MEMBER CLAWSON: You're making assumption there. And as we found out, this is 8 9 Brad, many of the other sites, things that we 10 thought would have been taken care of were not. 11 And what Josie is saying about this, 12 there is a lot of different nuances that can play 13 into this. And we just want to make sure that the 14 people are being covered right. 15 And there's just a question on, you 16 know, what kind of information do we have on this. And LaVon asked that -- that he feels if he thinks 17 18 they're covered. 19 One of my questions is, is there were 20 very few claims in this, but is that possibly 21 because most the complainants for this would have

been Weldon Springs? Because I think I remember

| 1  | reading out that they worked at Weldon Springs,      |
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| 2  | then went out there did this, went back to Weldon    |
| 3  | Springs until the later years.                       |
| 4  | MR. RUTHERFORD: Well, Brad, that very                |
| 5  | well could be that there are a number of claimants   |
| 6  | that are tied into Weldon Springs. You know, I'm     |
| 7  | not sure   |
| 8  | MEMBER CLAWSON: Right, I'm not                       |
| 9  | that's you know, that's what I've been telling       |
| 10 | myself as why we didn't have in just reading the     |
| 11 | information that we do have and it seems like Weldon |
| 12 | Springs actually kind of, well they controlled this  |
| 13 | to a point and then things started to change. Then   |
| 14 | I realized that.                                     |
| 15 | MR. RUTHERFORD: Looking                              |
| 16 | MEMBER CLAWSON: You know, we're out                  |
| 17 | there digging holes into this stuff. And I know      |
| 18 | what we go through today to dig a hole in some of    |
| 19 | these older sites. It's amazing what we find.        |
| 20 | MR. RUTHERFORD: I do agree. I do want                |
| 21 | to remind you thought, this is, you know, this       |
| 22 | happened 1984 to 1998. So this isn't like the        |

'40's and '50's as well. 1 2 MEMBER MUNN: Hardly. 3 MR. RUTHERFORD: And if you look at the 4 amount of analysis that was done, I mean when they're doing isotopic analysis on the bioassay 5 samples, they are, you know, they did the isotopic 6 analysis to ratios on the soil samples. 7 established area monitoring with TLDs, with radon 8 9 for track-etch, they had air sampling in the areas. 10 It's clear that their radcon program 11 was at a point where any activities that were going 12 on, they were going to look at those activities very 13 closely. So from that perspective and the data we 14 have, I feel pretty good about it. 15 MEMBER CLAWSON: And I understand 16 that. And this is Jim. 17 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Ι 18 mean I agree that we don't want to assume too much 19 just because it's a more recent time period. 20 at the same time, in the absence of information 21 about other activities where at the site, where it 22 would appear that there would be, be unable to do

dose reconstruction, I think we have to sort of 1 assume that claims that would come forward would, 2 3 you know, would be taken care of. And then if NIOSH finds claims that are, 4 you know, involve activities or something that 5 could not be addressed are something unusual that, 6 7 that could always be reopened if necessary. MR. RUTHERFORD: Right. 8 To add to If we find 9 I totally agree with that. 10 information and we found this happened before, we 11 could say now based on the information we have and 12 all the data that had, believe dose we reconstruction is feasible. 13 14 If new information comes up or is 15 brought in and is provided in a petition to us and we haven't addressed that or we don't feel it was 16 17 properly addressed or had been looked at by the Board, we would qualify a petition, move it forward 18 19 and come back to the Board with it. 20 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay. This is Jim 21 I would have just felt more comfortable

with some sort of report or something that would

| 1  | sort of document this a little bit better. But,     |
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| 2  | you know, maybe perhaps it's the transcript of this |
| 3  | meeting that, you know, will provide enough of that |
| 4  | information along with your PowerPoint              |
| 5  | presentation for that.                              |
| 6  | But I think in the future, at some                  |
| 7  | point, some of these we need to have a little bit   |
| 8  | more, sort of definitive report to work off of or   |
| 9  | memo to, in order to take action. Because I think   |
| 10 | that would be, would have been helpful here.        |
| 11 | MR. RUTHERFORD: Okay.                               |
| 12 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: But any other                      |
| 13 | questions?  |
| 14 | DR. MAURO: Dr. Melius, this is John                 |
| 15 | Mauro. Is it appropriate for me to raise a          |
| 16 | question?   |
| 17 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Board Members, I                   |
| 18 | DR. MAURO: Oh, I'm sorry if no Board                |
| 19 | I did have a question.                              |
| 20 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: If there's but I                   |
| 21 | don't have any objection to you.                    |
| 22 | DR. MAURO: Thank you. It will be a                  |

I understand -- Bomber, this is John. 1 quick one. 2 You mentioned that OTIB-0070 is a fallback position 3 when you don't have data, bioassay data, or you can't build coworker model bioassay data. 4 The only thing I caution is OTIB-0070 5 6 is mainly indoors and uses the resuspension factor approach. You know, ten to the minus six, ten to 7 the minus five per meter. 8 When you're out doors and you have both 9 contamination of soil, the mass-loading approach 10 11 is probably a better approach. Where you -- I'm 12 sure you have good information on the mix of 13 radionuclides, you know, picocuries per gram of soil based on, you know, characterization. 14 15 And then if you assume some 16 loading, because while people are digging they're going to be kicking up some dust, and there are ways 17 18 of assigning dust loading in milligrams per cubic 19 meter. I would think that's a better approach then 20 the resuspension factor approach. 21 MR. RUTHERFORD: John, actually that

is exactly what we did in the dose reconstruction.

| 1                                      | I said OTIB-0070 because of it being our standard  |
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| 2                                      | residual approach.   |
| 3                                      | If you look at the approach we used, we  |
| 4                                      | used the resuspension factor from the baseline risk  |
| 5                                      | assessment. And it's based on the ambient dust   |
| 6                                      | concentrations in the St. Louis area.  |
| 7                                      | And then it's adjusted based on  |
| 8                                      | activities. And it's, you know, in milligram per   |
| 9                                      | cubic meters.  |
| 10                                     | DR. MAURO: Excellent. Thank you.   |
| 11                                     | MR. RUTHERFORD: So it's exactly what   |
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| 12                                     | we did.  |
| 12<br>13                               | we did.  DR. MAURO: Thank you.   |
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| 13                                     | DR. MAURO: Thank you.  |
| 13<br>14                               | DR. MAURO: Thank you.  CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Any other questions?   |
| 13<br>14<br>15                         | DR. MAURO: Thank you.  CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Any other questions?  Comments? If not do I hear a motion or?  |
| 13<br>14<br>15<br>16                   | DR. MAURO: Thank you.  CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Any other questions?  Comments? If not do I hear a motion or?  MR. KATZ: Jim, before we do that.   |
| 13<br>14<br>15<br>16<br>17             | DR. MAURO: Thank you.  CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Any other questions?  Comments? If not do I hear a motion or?  MR. KATZ: Jim, before we do that.  This is Ted. We should just check, we have no  |
| 13<br>14<br>15<br>16<br>17<br>18       | DR. MAURO: Thank you.  CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Any other questions?  Comments? If not do I hear a motion or?  MR. KATZ: Jim, before we do that.  This is Ted. We should just check, we have no indications that the Petitioner is, wanted to  |
| 13<br>14<br>15<br>16<br>17<br>18<br>19 | DR. MAURO: Thank you.  CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Any other questions?  Comments? If not do I hear a motion or?  MR. KATZ: Jim, before we do that.  This is Ted. We should just check, we have no indications that the Petitioner is, wanted to participate. But we should just check that box |

| 1  | Petitioner for the original site, you're welcome     |
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| 2  | to comment at this point.                            |
| 3  | Okay, hearing no one I think we will                 |
| 4  | MR. KATZ: Right.                                     |
| 5  | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: move ahead. Do                      |
| 6  | we have any proposals for action?                    |
| 7  | MEMBER MUNN: This is Wanda. I                        |
| 8  | propose that we accept the recommendation made by    |
| 9  | NIOSH and fail to accept this Special Exposure       |
| 10 | Cohort for the St. Louis Airport Storage Site as     |
| 11 | stated in the presentation by Dr. Rutherford.        |
| 12 | MEMBER ANDERSON: Hello, this is Andy.                |
| 13 | I didn't make it for the first part, but I did start |
| 14 | with the presentation. So I'll second that.          |
| 15 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay. Andy, we were                 |
| 16 | concerned that you're out there with frostbite or    |
| 17 | something.   |
| 18 | MEMBER ANDERSON: No, my computer had                 |
| 19 | frostbite.   |
| 20 | MEMBER MUNN: Okay.                                   |
| 21 | MEMBER ANDERSON: We were having a                    |
| 22 | little IT problem because we're shifting systems     |

| 1  | right now.  |
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| 2  | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Oh geez.                             |
| 3  | MEMBER MUNN: Well keep them indoors.                  |
| 4  | MEMBER ANDERSON: Right.                               |
| 5  | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: So we have a motion                  |
| 6  | and a second. Any further comments? If not, Ted,      |
| 7  | can you do the roll call?                             |
| 8  | MR. KATZ: Sure. And let me just note,                 |
| 9  | before I do the roll call, two things. One, Dr.       |
| 10 | Richardson also joined us around the time Andy did,   |
| 11 | pretty close after we got started. And then after     |
| 12 | we do this I need to reclaim the mic to cover another |
| 13 | administrative matter that I overlooked.              |
| 14 | But so let's go with this with the                    |
| 15 | votes. And I'll just do it alphabetically. Dr.        |
| 16 | Anderson?   |
| 17 | MEMBER ANDERSON: Yes.                                 |
| 18 | MR. KATZ: Ms. Beach?                                  |
| 19 | MEMBER BEACH: No.                                     |
| 20 | MR. KATZ: Mr. Clawson? Brad, are you                  |
| 21 | on the line still?                                    |
| 22 | MEMBER CLAWSON: No.                                   |

| 1  | MR. KATZ: Dr. Field?                           |
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| 2  | MEMBER FIELD: Yes.                             |
| 3  | MR. KATZ: Dr. Kotelchuck?                      |
| 4  | MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: Yes.                        |
| 5  | MR. KATZ: Dr. Lemen?                           |
| 6  | MEMBER LEMEN: No.                              |
| 7  | MR. KATZ: Dr. Lockey?                          |
| 8  | MEMBER LOCKEY: Yes.                            |
| 9  | MR. KATZ: Dr. Melius?                          |
| 10 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes.                          |
| 11 | MR. KATZ: Ms. Munn?                            |
| 12 | MEMBER MUNN: Yes.                              |
| 13 | MR. KATZ: Dr. Poston I believe is              |
| 14 | still absent, is that correct?                 |
| 15 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes.                          |
| 16 | MR. KATZ: Dr. Richardson? Are you              |
| 17 | still with us, Dr. Richardson? Maybe you're on |
| 18 | mute. Okay, let me go down. Dr. Roessler?      |
| 19 | MEMBER RICHARDSON: Hi. Do you hear             |
| 20 | me?  |
| 21 | MR. KATZ: Oh yes, there you are.               |
| 22 | MEMBER RICHARDSON: Yes.                        |

| 1  | MR. KATZ: Okay, thank you. Dr.                     |
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| 2  | Roessler? Gen, are you still with us? Maybe        |
| 3  | you're on mute.                                    |
| 4  | MEMBER ROESSLER: This is Gen, am I on              |
| 5  | now?   |
| 6  | MR. KATZ: Yes, you are.                            |
| 7  | MEMBER ROESSLER: Okay. Yes.                        |
| 8  | MR. KATZ: Mr. Schofield?                           |
| 9  | MEMBER SCHOFIELD: Yes.                             |
| 10 | MR. KATZ: Ms. Valerio?                             |
| 11 | MEMBER VALERIO: No.                                |
| 12 | MR. KATZ: Dr. Ziemer?                              |
| 13 | MEMBER ZIEMER: Yes.                                |
| 14 | MR. KATZ: Okay, the yeas have it with              |
| 15 | one, two, three, four noes, 11 yeas. Well ten      |
| 16 | because we have one absentee vote for Dr. Poston,  |
| 17 | which we'll have to collect. But in any event the  |
| 18 | motion passes.                                     |
| 19 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes. I have a                     |
| 20 | letter, do you want me to read into the record or? |
| 21 | MR. KATZ: Yes, please do that. And                 |
| 22 | then I'll get to my other administrative           |

believe 1 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Т Ι 2 circulated this to the Board, the draft. It's 3 pretty straightforward. The Advisory Board on Radiation Worker 4 Health (The Board) has evaluated Special Exposure 5 Cohort Petition 00150 concerning workers of the St. 6 Louis Airport Storage Site, under the statutory 7 requirements established by the Energy Employees 8 9 Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 10 2000, EEOICPA, incorporated into 42 CFR Section 11 83.13. 12 Institute National for Occupation 13 Safety and health, NIOSH, has recommended that 14 individual dose reconstructions are feasible for 15 all employees of the Department of Energy, its 16 predecessor agencies and their contractors and 17 subcontractors who work at the St. Louis Airport Storage Site in St. Louis, Missouri, from November 18 19 3rd, 1971 through December 31st, 1973. And from 20 January 1st, 1984 through December 31st, 1998.

adequate exposure monitoring and other information

NIOSH found that it has access to

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necessary to do individual dose reconstructions with sufficient accuracy for members of this group and therefore a Class covering this group should not be added to the SEC. The Board concurs with this determination.

Based on these considerations and the discussion, the January 6, 2015 Board meeting, the Board recommends that this Class not be added to the SEC. Close this documentation for the Board meeting where this SEC Class was discussed.

Documentation includes copies of the petition, NIOSH review thereof and related materials. If any of these items are unavailable at this time, they will file them shortly. So anyone, spelling, misspelling or grammatical errors, just send Ted or I an email on that.

MR. KATZ: Okay. Thank you, Jim. And I was, as I'm reminded by the two Board Members that joined us late, I was remiss in not completing the roll call for everyone who isn't a Board Member, the front end of this, and we need that for the transcript record.

So let me just run through that very 1 2 quickly and then we'll carry on with the agenda with 3 LaVon's presentation. (Roll call.) 4 And back to you Jim or LaVon for his SEC 5 6 presentation. 7 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: I want the pleasure of introducing LaVon again. 8 LaVon, for your very enlightening Special Exposure Cohort Petition 9 10 Status Update. 11 MR. RUTHERFORD: Okay, this will be 12 much guicker than the last presentation. We 13 anticipate that we will present four Evaluation 14 Reports at the March meeting. We will present Dow Walnut Creek. 15 We 16 anticipate that Evaluation Report will be to the 17 Advisory Board and out mid to late January. We were held up a little bit getting 18 some information that some documents from OSTI that 19 20 we did receive back in December. So we have 21 reviewed that once and we are, again, anticipating

that will be to the Board mid to late January.

1 Idaho -- INL, it's been a flurry 2 activity. We are going to have that Evaluation 3 Report at the March meeting. And we anticipate that we will get the report to the Advisory Board 4 in early March. 5 6 I realize that's a little late, however the -- I think there's a -- it's a large site and 7 there's a lot of information there that ultimately 8 9 I anticipate the Board's going to ask for continued 10 And I believe we're going to tell the Board 11 that we may have some additional work that we need 12 to do. 13 But we will present an Evaluation 14 Report for a portion of that period at a minimum. 15 Hanford. Again, this is a specific for 16 some construction workers. We are -- anticipate 17 having a report to the Board mid to late February. 18 And then Grand Junction Operations 19 Office. This is the post 1975 period. We expect 20 to have a report to the Advisory Board in mid to 21 late February as well. 22 And so those are the four reports we

| 1  | will be presenting at the March meeting. And       |
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| 2  | that's it.   |
| 3  | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: So no other                       |
| 4  | petitions in review or?                            |
| 5  | MR. RUTHERFORD: Actually we do have a              |
| 6  | couple of petitions that Westinghouse Electric     |
| 7  | Corporation that I had presented or indicated at   |
| 8  | the Board meeting. It's a residual period.         |
| 9  | That Evaluation Report will come                   |
| 10 | forward in the July meeting. And we do have a      |
| 11 | potential 83.14 that we're also working on. And    |
| 12 | I won't get into any details on that at this time. |
| 13 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay. Any                         |
| 14 | questions for LaVon?                               |
| 15 | MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: Jim, I have a                   |
| 16 | question for you.                                  |
| 17 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes.                              |
| 18 | MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: Administratively,               |
| 19 | aren't we isn't the Board supposed to vote on      |
| 20 | your letter? I have no objection but I thought we  |
| 21 | normally, when you sent the letter that            |
| 22 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: No. Usually we                    |

| 1                                      | don't, I believe.   |
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| 2                                      | MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: Ah-ha. You just  |
| 3                                      | gave it to us for   |
| 4                                      | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: For review. And to   |
| 5                                      | read it into the record. So it's in the record for  |
| 6                                      |   |
| 7                                      | MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: Okay. Fine.  |
| 8                                      | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: But we certainly   |
| 9                                      | accept, you know  |
| 10                                     | MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: I have no, I   |
| 11                                     | have no corrections or  |
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| 12                                     | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay.  |
| 12<br>13                               | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay.  MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: edits.   |
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| 13                                     | MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: edits.   |
| 13<br>14                               | MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: edits.  MR. RUTHERFORD: Oh, I do I   |
| 13<br>14<br>15                         | MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: edits.  MR. RUTHERFORD: Oh, I do I apologize, Jim or Dr. Melius. I wanted to identify  |
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| 1  | schedule coming up. Good. Okay, next item, if       |
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| 2  | there's no more questions for LaVon, next item,     |
| 3  | updates from Work Groups or Subcommittees. Any      |
| 4  | MEMBER BEACH: Yes. Jim, this is                     |
| 5  | Josie. I'd like to give a quick update on the       |
| 6  | Kansas City Work Group Report?                      |
| 7  | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Go ahead.                          |
| 8  | MEMBER BEACH: Okay. So the                          |
| 9  | Evaluation Report was issued January 7th of 2014.   |
| 10 | There's been several site visits with NIOSH, SC&A   |
| 11 | and Board Members present.                          |
| 12 | Those visits were in December of 2013,              |
| 13 | May 2014 and the latest one was in October of 2014  |
| 14 | for interviews and data capture.                    |
| 15 | The issues matrix was issued March 12th             |
| 16 | of 2014. And there was a revised issue matrix that  |
| 17 | went out June of 2014.                              |
| 18 | There was a technical call held in July             |
| 19 | of 2014 regarding Kansas City external dose records |
| 20 | and neutron dose estimation questions. There's      |
| 21 | two key issues.                                     |
| 22 | The internal exposure to uranium.                   |

NIOSH's approach using TBD-6000 and TBD-0070. 1 Work Group has agreed that this is scientifically 2 3 sound and extremely claimant-favorable. The second of the key issues is the 4 thorium-mag or mag-thorium operations. There's 5 more clarification needed from NIOSH regarding the 6 reconstruction approach for the machining of the 7 mag-thorium alloys. 8 We have had, I believe, two Work Group 9 10 meetings. I didn't grab the dates of those. 11 During data capture other potential 12 radiological source terms were identified that 13 were not fully addressed in the Evaluation Report. Including tritium handling operations. 14 We still need some clarification to 15 16 determine the potential exposure timeframe involved and the workers who may have been 17 potentially exposed for certain thorium oxide 18 19 handling activities. 20 We found inventory information, but no 21 actual monitoring. Or excuse me, no actual 22 operational applications yet.

| 1  | So we're still working on additional                |
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| 2  | inquires and we're continuing to work. We have      |
| 3  | several petitioner questions that we are working    |
| 4  | on getting answers to.                              |
| 5  | Our next Work Group meeting is                      |
| 6  | scheduled for the 20th of this month. To date       |
| 7  | there were 20 matrix issues. We closed three of     |
| 8  | them.   |
| 9  | I expect we'll have quite a few closures            |
| 10 | after our meeting on the 20th. And I plan to maybe  |
| 11 | work with Ted in March, do a more formal            |
| 12 | presentation if we feel like we're ready for it,    |
| 13 | at out March meeting. That's all I have.            |
| 14 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: You think that the                 |
| 15 | March presentation would be to try to reach closure |
| 16 | on the SEC?   |
| 17 | MEMBER BEACH: You know, Jim, I don't                |
| 18 | want to say yes right now. I'll know more after     |
| 19 | our meeting on the 20th.                            |
| 20 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay.                              |
| 21 | MEMBER BEACH: It just yes, there                    |
| 22 | was still at the time of this, us putting this      |

| 1  | together, there's still some unfinished items that   |
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| 2  | we need to keep looking for answers to. So.          |
| 3  | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes. Well and I                     |
| 4  | you know, whether the Work Groups ready for          |
| 5  | recommendation or not, I'm not objecting to I        |
| 6  | think it might actually be helpful to have an update |
| 7  | just to, you know, bring the Board have the Board    |
| 8  | understand what issues you're addressing and         |
| 9  | MEMBER BEACH: Yes. Yes, that's why I                 |
| 10 | was thinking more of an in depth on the 20 issues    |
| 11 | that we have and what we've closed so far.           |
| 12 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes.                                |
| 13 | MEMBER BEACH: If the Work Group agrees               |
| 14 | with that.   |
| 15 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay, well                          |
| 16 | let's talk after your                                |
| 17 | MEMBER BEACH: Yes.                                   |
| 18 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Work Group                          |
| 19 | meeting. Good. Anybody, any other Work Group or      |
| 20 | Subcommittee chairs wish to give an update?          |
| 21 | MEMBER CLAWSON: Jim, this is Brad.                   |
| 22 | I'd like to give just a little update on some of     |

my Work Groups there. 1 2 We have the Work Group meetings for 3 Fernald and Nevada Test Site. All these issues that we're trying to close up now are mainly Site 4 Profile issues and so forth. Because of the SEC 5 that both of these sites have. 6 We've made very good progress on both 7 of the sites. We're getting very near to closing 8 9 Nevada Test Site completely. 10 Fernald, we still have a couple of outstanding issues. Nothing major but we final 11 12 closed the K-65 issue and the radon issues through 13 there. We did have a Work Group with Pantex a 14 15 little bit earlier. We are still waiting on that. 16 And, Stu, correct me if I use the right 17 terminology on this because there was 18 neutron-photon ratio that we're trying to work out 19 on that. 20 This is Stu. The MR. HINNEFELD: 21 actual question is, how are we going to do neutron 22 dose reconstruction?

| 1  | Whether it's going to be neutron to                |
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| 2  | photon or what technic are we going to use. And    |
| 3  | I think we're getting pretty close to having a     |
| 4  | product to be able to deliver to the Work Group on |
| 5  | that.  |
| 6  | MEMBER CLAWSON: Okay. And that will                |
| 7  | basically pretty well finish out Pantex. But the   |
| 8  | neutron issue kind of bleeds into a couple of the  |
| 9  | sites there. But we've made very good progress.    |
| 10 | I would like to tell NIOSH how much I              |
| 11 | appreciate the work that they've done and the      |
| 12 | manner that they've done it in. It's been good.    |
| 13 | Thank you.   |
| 14 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Good. Thanks,                     |
| 15 | Brad. Anybody else like to update on their Work    |
| 16 | Groups?  |
| 17 | MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: Jim? Jim, Dave                  |
| 18 | Kotelchuck.  |
| 19 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay.                             |
| 20 | MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: Board Members will              |
| 21 | be happy to hear that the Dose Reconstruction      |
| 22 | Subcommittee has finished its deliberations on     |

| 1  | Sets 10 through 13, which we've been working on for |
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| 2  | many months.  |
| 3  | There are still a few outstanding                   |
| 4  | resolution of a few outstanding cases that are in   |
| 5  | other Subcommittees or other Working Groups. But    |
| 6  | we're pretty close to finishing.                    |
| 7  | And then that will allow us to move                 |
| 8  | ahead on the report from the Subcommittee. The      |
| 9  | case report for the Secretary.                      |
| 10 | And while I'm speaking, Jim, I hope that            |
| 11 | you will be able to appoint a replacement person    |
| 12 | for Mark Griffon, who we will miss. Both soon and   |
| 13 | helpfully even before our next meeting on February  |
| 14 | 27th.   |
| 15 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay. Okay,                        |
| 16 | thanks, Dave. Other Work Group updates?             |
| 17 | MEMBER MUNN: This is Wanda. Just a                  |
| 18 | quick note or two with respect to Procedures.       |
| 19 | Our total findings values now are at                |
| 20 | 698. To all intents and purposes we've looked at    |
| 21 | 700 different findings over the years.              |
| 22 | We have less than ten percent of those              |

| 1  | are in the open classifications of which we've       |
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| 2  | physically closed better than 80 percent of them.    |
| 3  | About ten percent of them are in the process of      |
| 4  | being worked by other Work Groups or transferred     |
| 5  | in some way. So we're making progress.               |
| 6  | As I've told you repeatedly, a great                 |
| 7  | deal of our effort currently is being directed to    |
| 8  | our PERs. We addressed a full dozen of them at our   |
| 9  | last meeting.  |
| 10 | And we're meeting roughly every three                |
| 11 | months now. And our next session will be in          |
| 12 | February, Wednesday February 18th. So we're          |
| 13 | making progress in Procedures.                       |
| 14 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Good, thank you.                    |
| 15 | Anybody else?  |
| 16 | If not I have a, well I guess two more               |
| 17 | information for people on the SEC Evaluation Work    |
| 18 | Group. I believe we will plan a Work Group meeting   |
| 19 | before the March meeting.                            |
| 20 | And also for Hanford, if LaVon keeps his             |
| 21 | commitment and gets us a report in February, I think |
| 22 | it would probably worthwhile for the Work Group to   |

| 1  | have a meeting, at least a conference call, to       |
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| 2  | review that report and get prepared for the March    |
| 3  | meeting in that area. So I will be working with      |
| 4  | Ted and setting up those two meetings.               |
| 5  | In regard to Mark Griffon, in addition               |
| 6  | to the Dose Reconstruction Subcommittee, which he    |
| 7  | was a Member, he also chaired three other Work       |
| 8  | Groups. I believe Savannah River, Rocky Flats and    |
| 9  | LANL.  |
| 10 | And so I will be probably be sending out             |
| 11 | a notice looking for people to, you know, possibly   |
| 12 | replace him on the groups. But first I want to sort  |
| 13 | of go figure out I want to talk to some of the       |
| 14 | people on the Work Groups, sort of understand where  |
| 15 | we are and what kind of assignment would be          |
| 16 | appropriate.   |
| 17 | So probably in the next week or two.                 |
| 18 | Hopefully we'll at least get that part of the effort |
| 19 | to replace Mark underway.                            |
| 20 | MEMBER MUNN: You realize of course                   |
| 21 | that Mark's irreplaceable. When you say that.        |
| 22 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: All right, the                      |

| 1   | effort. The effort to. I wasn't predicting a         |
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| 2   | completely successfully, a hundred percent           |
| 3   | replacement, right.                                  |
| 4   | MEMBER MUNN: Oh, well, we can do that                |
| 5   | physically.  |
| 6   | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes. But yes, no                    |
| 7   | well will all miss him and do that. Any other Work   |
| 8   | Group updates?                                       |
| 9   | MEMBER ZIEMER: This is Ziemer. Let                   |
| 10  | me note a couple quick comments on the TBD-6000 Work |
| 11  | Group.   |
| 12  | I think all of the Board Members have                |
| 13  | been just apprised of the information that has been  |
| 14  | developed over the last number of months and their   |
| 15  | various email exchanges between the staff and the    |
| 16  | Work Group and the Co-Petitioner.                    |
| 17  | In any event, I just wanted to remind                |
| 18  | the group that we have a form, SC&A, their, what     |
| 19  | I would call their operative review of the Appendix  |
| 20  | BB, which is General Steel Industries, Appendix BB   |
| 21  | Rev 1.   |
| 22. | We have the December Evaluation Report               |

that they made of the NIOSH document. And we are 1 2 awaiting comments back from NIOSH on that. And hope to schedule a Work Group 3 4 meeting very soon so we can resolved these issues and try to put the Appendix BB matters to bed so 5 6 that the PER can proceed. So I am very hopeful we can schedule that Work Group meeting very soon and 7 try to resolve these issues. 8 9 I know that the competition is very 10 anxious to get this resolved as well and I'm hopeful 11 that we can do that. We're just awaiting this last 12 group of comments from NIOSH. 13 CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay, thanks, Paul. 14 Anybody else? Okay so I think that takes us 15 directly into plans for the March meeting. 16 And I think given, I think what you heard from LaVon, I think we can assume that our 17 March meeting will be at least a day and a half and 18 19 most likely a two day meeting to get through all 20 of this information and the work. So I think you 21 should plan accordingly.

So I'm quessing more likely a two day

| 1  | meeting. But that helps with your planning. Ted,  |
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| 2  | do you have anything else to add on that or?      |
| 3  | MR. KATZ: Yes. Just that in addition              |
| 4  | to all this other work, we also need a morning    |
| 5  | session, again, for you annual ethics training.   |
| 6  | So yes, I completely agree. I think that is a two |
| 7  | day meeting.                                      |
| 8  | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay. And we always              |
| 9  | find a distant place for ethics updates.          |
| 10 | MEMBER LEMEN: Okay. This is Dick                  |
| 11 | again.  |
| 12 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes.                             |
| 13 | MEMBER LEMEN: Can you please give us              |
| 14 | the exact dates and locations?                    |
| 15 | MR. KATZ: Yes. It's March 25th and                |
| 16 | 26th, I believe. If I'm remembering correctly.    |
| 17 | MEMBER MUNN: That's correct.                      |
| 18 | MEMBER BEACH: That's what I have.                 |
| 19 | MR. KATZ: 25 and 26th of March, Dick.             |
| 20 | MEMBER LEMEN: And where?                          |
| 21 | MR. KATZ: This is in Richland or that             |
| 22 | area. Richland, Pasco area.                       |

| 1  | MEMBER LEMEN: Okay.                                  |
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| 2  | MEMBER MUNN: That's in the State of                  |
| 3  | Washington dear.                                     |
| 4  | MR. KATZ: Yes.                                       |
| 5  | MEMBER LEMEN: Really? I didn't know                  |
| 6  | that. I'm happy you told me, Wanda. I'm              |
| 7  | enlightened.   |
| 8  | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: So we'll be coming                  |
| 9  | out to visit Wanda and Josie.                        |
| 10 | MEMBER MUNN: Yes.                                    |
| 11 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: We'll do that at that               |
| 12 | time. And then I'm also expecting, I don't want      |
| 13 | to put Jim Neton on the spot, but I think we'll also |
| 14 | have some spend some time spending about the         |
| 15 | coworker model issue also.                           |
| 16 | DR. NETON: Yes. This is Jim, I agree.                |
| 17 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Yes. On the agenda.                 |
| 18 | So it will be, you know, as I said, like two days.   |
| 19 | But two interesting and full days of activity for    |
| 20 | us.  |
| 21 | MEMBER MUNN: And this is Wanda. I'm                  |
| 22 | mentioning the fact that there's a great deal of     |

| 1  | excitement locally in the Hanford area with respect |
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| 2  | to the new designation of the Manhattan Project     |
| 3  | sites of which of course we are one.                |
| 4  | And this means that a great deal of                 |
| 5  | activity is going to be seen historically. With     |
| 6  | respects to the events that occurred here locally.  |
| 7  | Offline I'd like to ask the Board                   |
| 8  | Members whether anyone is interested in seeing some |
| 9  | of what maybe going on, with respect to the         |
| 10 | definition of a new park area and what we have been |
| 11 | looking at as the Hanford site for the last 50      |
| 12 | years. And if so, the B Reactor now is more         |
| 13 | available for tours than it has been in the past.   |
| 14 | And we could probably arrange that if               |
| 15 | Members of the Board are interested in doing that.  |
| 16 | So I'll inquire about that offline.                 |
| 17 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay. Very good,                   |
| 18 | that sounds like a good idea, Wanda. Thanks. Any    |
| 19 | other, I don't believe we have any correspondence   |
| 20 | that needs to be addressed.                         |
| 21 | MR. KATZ: Right.                                    |
| 22 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: And so I think we can              |

| 1  | adjourn our meeting. I guess we have to ask a       |
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| 2  | motion to adjourn.                                  |
| 3  | MEMBER CLAWSON: Jim, this is just                   |
| 4  | Brad. Not to speak for Dr. Kotelchuck, but          |
| 5  | shouldn't we be getting some more blind reviews     |
| 6  | getting pushed forth, SC&A, so that we don't have   |
| 7  | a lag in that?                                      |
| 8  | MR. KATZ: We have they're working                   |
| 9  | on blind reviews, Brad.                             |
| 10 | MEMBER CLAWSON: Are they?                           |
| 11 | MR. KATZ: Yes.                                      |
| 12 | MEMBER CLAWSON: Okay.                               |
| 13 | MR. KATZ: Yes.                                      |
| 14 | MEMBER CLAWSON: Okay, I just wondered               |
| 15 | what  |
| 16 | MR. STIVER: This is John Stiver. I                  |
| 17 | think one thing I'm a little bit concerned about    |
| 18 | that we're going to be finishing up this Set 21 and |
| 19 | the blinds by the end of February.                  |
| 20 | And so we tend we like to, if                       |
| 21 | possible, giving the time that it takes to get a    |
| 22 | new set authorized and selected and all that, maybe |

| 1  | go ahead and start that process to get the ball     |
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| 2  | rolling so that we don't have a big gap, you know,  |
| 3  | in activity for that period the beginning of March. |
| 4  | MEMBER KOTELCHUCK: Okay.                            |
| 5  | MEMBER CLAWSON: Okay. I just want to                |
| 6  | make, I know it takes a long time to get that done, |
| 7  | I just wanted to kind of get the ball rolling. But  |
| 8  | I'll leave that up to the powers that be and we'll  |
| 9  | go from there.                                      |
| 10 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay. So do I hear                 |
| 11 | a motion to adjourn?                                |
| 12 | MEMBER CLAWSON: Yes, let's adjourn.                 |
| 13 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay, Brad. Do I                   |
| 14 | hear a second?                                      |
| 15 | MEMBER BEACH: I'll second it. This                  |
| 16 | is Josie.   |
| 17 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: All in favor?                      |
| 18 | (Chorus of ayes.)                                   |
| 19 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: And that leaves Dr.                |
| 20 | Lemen, right?                                       |
| 21 | MEMBER BEACH: Yes.                                  |
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| 1 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Okay, anyway.            |
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| 2 | Enjoy the winter, we'll see you in March. |
| 3 | MEMBER LEMEN: Bye-bye.                    |
| 4 | CHAIRMAN MELIUS: Bye.                     |
| 5 | MR. KATZ: Thank you everybody.            |
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| 7 | (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter     |
| 8 | went off the record at 12:05 p.m.)        |