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WANDA I. MUNN, Chair MICHAEL H. GIBSON, Member\* MARK GRIFFON, Member\* RICHARD LEMEN, Member PAUL L. ZIEMER, Member

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ALSO PRESENT:

TED KATZ, Designated Federal Official NANCY ADAMS, NIOSH contractor HANS BEHLING, SC&A\* KATHY BEHLING, SC&A\* LIZ BRACKETT, ORAU\* EMILY HOWELL, HHS JENNY LIN, HHS\* STEPHEN MARSCHKE, SC&A JOHN MAURO, SC&A\* JIM NETON, DCAS\* STEVE OSTROW, SC&A\* MATTHEW SMITH, ORAU\* DAVE SUNDIN, DCAS ELYSE THOMAS, ORAU LEROY TURNER, DCAS

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agendas, we do not always have the responses 1 2 we anticipated or have not moved that as forward as we would like with some of 3 the items that are listed. 4 5 So our times that are shown on the 6 agenda are not times certain. They are rough estimates made by me and are likely to be 7 8 overridden at any moment. 9 Our primary goal this morning is 10 to have as much instruction as we can get with respect to the new electronic database that 11 12 has been in process for several months. Now 13 that we have the folks here to show us where we are at that stage, we want to have as many 14 15 people as possible familiar with how this is going to operate, first of all, how it is now, 16 17 then how it is going to operate, and get a 18 better feel for who has responsibility for seeing that these fields of data, which we 19 20 anticipate being long-term archive, а are 21 properly maintained.

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1	I really don't have any way to 10
2	help folks on the phone follow us other than
3	oral instructions that we are going to have
4	from our IT experts who are here to give us
5	their view and to show us how to get to where
б	we need to be with this new process.
7	If anyone has any addition to the
8	agenda, then let me know at any time and we
9	will make a note of that. Otherwise, we will
10	make an attempt to follow what we have in
11	front of us.
12	Anyone who doesn't have that
13	agenda and needs it, please let us know. We
14	will try to email a copy to you.
15	MEMBER GRIFFON: Hey, Wanda, this
16	is Mark Griffon. I just wanted to let you
17	know that I'm on the line.
18	CHAIR MUNN: Thank you, Mark. I'm
19	certainly glad you are here. I don't know how
20	much instruction you have had with this new
21	system, but I hope you are able to follow

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1	this 12
2	CHAIR MUNN: Go ahead.
3	MR. KATZ: So before we do this,
4	let me just say this is really an
5	administrative session, this training. It
6	doesn't need to be transcribed from this
7	point. Leroy Turner expects that this will
8	range anywhere from half an hour to an hour.
9	So we can stop transcription. Of course, the
10	lines will stay open. We will resume
11	transcription once we get into the substance
12	of the Subcommittee again and are finished
13	with this administrative session.
14	So I just wanted to say that for
15	the record, and then you guys can march along.
16	CHAIR MUNN: Thank you.
17	My personal guess is that Mr.
18	Turner is being extremely optimistic, but we
19	will see how we go.
20	(Whereupon, the above-entitled
21	matter went off the record at 9:37 a.m. and
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8	A-F-T-E-R-N-O-O-N S-E-S-S-I-O-N
9	(1:40 p.m.)
10	MR. KATZ: Good afternoon.
11	We are just reconvening after
12	lunch break.
13	Let me check with folks on the
14	line. Board members Mike Gibson and Mark
15	Griffon, are you with us?
16	MEMBER GRIFFON: Yes, I'm here,
17	Ted.
18	MR. KATZ: Okay, Mark.
19	MEMBER GIBSON: And I'm here, Ted.
20	MR. KATZ: And Mike. Great.
21	And, John, do we have you and the
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1	DR. MAURO: Wanda, this is John. 15
2	When we broke for lunch, I was
3	looking at a database, but it was an older
4	one. And I found the one that I should be
5	looking at which does contain the information
б	that Steve was referring me to. So I just
7	wanted to let you know that I guess there is
8	more than one on there. There is the most
9	recent version of the Access database, and I'm
10	online now. I don't know if anyone else had
11	the same problems I did.
12	MEMBER LEMEN: I think they were
13	updating it as we talked this morning, so we
14	kept getting different versions. They updated
15	mine because I kept getting different
16	versions.
17	CHAIR MUNN: But he was on the
18	Access database.
19	I think we are going to try to
20	work on the other database, John. Are you up
21	with it?
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#### CHAIR MUNN: Okay.

5 Yes, DR. MAURO: and I have the 6 correct one in front of me with the most 7 recent information that Steve was referring me to regarding, I guess it was OTIB-0019, where 8 9 Steve just pointing out that, yes, in was 10 is fact, it closed based on more recent information that I did not have on the old 11 12 database, but I have it here on the correct 13 database I should be looking at.

14 CHAIR MUNN: Can we safely say 15 that you verified that 19 does, in fact, 16 incorporate the answers to the questions that 17 were raised in 95?

DR. MAURO: I could speak to that to the extent, yes, we have looked at the response. Actually, on 10/4/2008, the Work Group directive was closed decision, but NIOSH

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1	attachments. That is part of what we 18
2	discussed this morning. And I think that is
3	in the works as we are working.
4	CHAIR MUNN: So we need to
5	maintain this item on our tracking list until
б	next time so that we can make sure that the
7	appropriate links have been incorporated,
8	correct?
9	MR. MARSCHKE: We need to make
10	sure, yes, but it is more of a global issue
11	than just an OTIB-0019 issue. It is
12	basically: make sure that the new database has
13	the hotlinks capabilities.
14	CHAIR MUNN: Right.
15	DR. MAURO: But, Wanda, my
16	question now, we have in front of us the
17	Access database, which is the one we were
18	using for quite some time. But this morning
19	was a training session on what is that
20	referred to as, SQL database? Is that
21	something different? That's a different

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1	CHAIR MUNN: And now part of my 20
2	training has not led me to be able to pull up
3	any document that I want at any time, but I am
4	sure sometime during the afternoon I will get
5	accustomed to doing that.
6	The second item on our carryovers
7	was PR-12 status and complete coverage of
8	PROC-97 sorry.
9	MEMBER LEMEN: Did you tell Mark
10	what we did? I think he got off the phone and
11	didn't know what you did with 95. Is that
12	right, Mark?
13	Hello?
14	MEMBER GRIFFON: I'm still on. I
15	was actually logging onto the network. So I
16	was trying to catch up a little.
17	MR. KATZ: So, Mark, the status
18	for PROC-95 is, and there was some discussion
19	at the beginning of this meeting, is that the
20	findings that were transferred, in effect, are
21	closed. They were closed on PROC-95 and they

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1 So, the Work Group agreed to close 25 2 the issue because SC&A reviewed it or because 3 they brought their recommendations or findings back and we agreed that it has been done? Or 4 5 whichever Work Group this was. 6 CHAIR MUNN: The findings were based on the fact that they were duplicate 7 findings, essentially, for 19 and for 95. 8 On 9 95, were carrying them as open items. we 10 Nineteen was redone and reviewed, and two of the three items that were being carried from 11 12 95 had already been closed by the actions that 13 had been taken in OTIB-0019. leaves one outstanding 14 So, that 15 action item, one finding, PROC-95, which is 16 currently transferred to RPRT 0044, which we 17 are going to cover later. 18 MEMBER GIBSON: Okay. So, I'm not 19 trying to cause problems here. Ι am just 20 trying to get it clear in my head.

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27 there was, on October 14th of 2008, there was 1 2 a Work Group or Subcommittee meeting at which the Work Group agreed to close this issue. 3 So, that is really, in kind of a nutshell, how 4 5 the TBD-019 issue was closed. 6 MEMBER GRIFFON: Steve, can you I pulled up OTIB-0019. How do I 7 help me? view the details again on the new data? 8 I'm 9 just trying to find the details of what you're 10 talking about, the step-by-step, you know, what happened, what Work Group. 11 12 MARSCHKE: First, MR. when you 19, you don't 13 pull findings. up see any Basically, the findings status filter box kind 14 15 of on the righthand side, it says -- probably 16 the default is all except closed. You have to 17 change that so that it shows the closed. You 18 either select all messages, which is can 19 probably what you should select, and then the 20 closed issues will be displayed. Then you can 21 click on that closed issue, and that will get

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40 1 properly in terms of, for example, we were 40 2 just discussing, the sense this transaction had already transpired. Change from will to 3 4 has. 5 Yes? 6 MEMBER ZIEMER: Well, I think the suggestion that was made is that we can bring 7 that to closure here as an action on PROC-95 8 9 simply by indicating that, in reviewing the 10 for PROC-95 record and the record for OTIB-0019, that we recognize that that issue 11 12 had already been closed at the time of 13 transfer and, therefore, we can close it here. That would show as the final step here, I 14 15 think is what Leroy is suggesting, right? Or 16 maybe it was Steve that suggested it. We just 17 show that as an action today because we have 18 reviewed it, we recognize that it needs to show a closure rather than a transfer, and we 19 20 can just do it. 21 CHAIR MUNN: Let us do it.

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1	MR. MARSCHKE: What we would do is 42
2	we would add well, I can do it here, but
3	nobody can see Paul can see me. What we
4	would do here is we would add a response.
5	Now, Paul, do you want to compose
6	a response? We can just add it here.
7	MEMBER ZIEMER: Well, my response
8	would be that the Subcommittee has reviewed
9	the previous comments on this finding, as well
10	as the comments on OTIB-0019, and realizes
11	that or realized that at the time this finding
12	was transferred to OTIB-0019 that the issue
13	had already been closed. Therefore, the
14	Subcommittee recommends or the Subcommittee
15	agrees to close the issue for PROC-95.
16	Give it about 30 minutes; I could
17	probably express that in a better way.
18	CHAIR MUNN: Yes, and we do need
19	to express it in just a slightly different
20	way.
21	MR. MARSCHKE: Therefore, this
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1	resolved. We still have a couple of questions
2	related to how the data are dealt with,
3	certain aspects of how the data are dealt
4	with.
5	This has to do with coworker
6	models. It has to do with you have some
7	numbers, some measurements, bioassay samples,
8	for example, that are close to the low limits
9	of detection, and they are sporadic. And you
10	want to try to assign an intake to a worker.
11	There are a lot of different statistical
12	methods that can be used.
13	Joyce looked at this, and she
14	feels that, to a large extent, the approach
15	that has been adopted in Report 44, it looks
16	fine. But she did have a couple of questions
17	and has some requests for clarification.
18	That's where we are. Right now,
19	that finding of Joyce, that has just been
20	reported relatively recently. The status
21	report is really not a deliverable yet.

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And I'm glad you have that piece 55 of paper, and I will certainly forward it on to Mike and Mark.

But please bear in mind, though, 4 5 that I don't think we are ready to give SC&A's 6 official position because I would like -- by 7 any chance, Steve, I just recently forwarded I would like him to look at it 8 it to Harry. 9 because it's not only an internal dosimetry 10 it's a statistical question. question, Ι would like both of them to weigh in on this. 11 12 So, that is why I am sort of reining in this 13 and that. We are really not there yet.

MR. MARSCHKE: Yes, this is just the status update for this meeting. We will provide a report which will have a checklist in it.

18 I mean this does not follow our 19 procedure. This handout that we gave today procedure for 20 follow the SC&A does not 21 reviewing procedures or documents, and it

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documents that is the plan, and then there are 1 58 2 well, OTIB-0019 that we were talking two, 3 about addresses internal dosimetry, and OTIB-0020 addresses external dosimetry. 4 And I 5 believe that both of them discuss under what 6 circumstances they would be used. 7 individual Then, there are studies, 8 coworker some that have been 9 incorporated into the Site Profiles, which 10 would also discuss when they might be used at a particular site. 11 12 I guess I'm asking MEMBER LEMEN: 13 not for like OTIB-0019 or these where it has already been used. I guess my question is, is 14 15 there a basic document like there was on 16 surrogate data for coworker data? 17 MS. Well, OTIB-0019 **BRACKETT:** 18 isn't where -it's not being used in discusses OTIB-0019. 19 That how to do а 20 coworker study. 21 Well, Ι MEMBER LEMEN: yes, **NEAL R. GROSS** COURT REPORTERS AND TRANSCRIBERS 1323 RHODE ISLAND AVE., N.W.

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But what I'm saying is, unless I 1 understand. 59 2 am totally out of place in what I'm asking, 3 how do you determine, is there a document that 4 says, okay, we don't have actual data on the 5 workers, so we are going to use coworker data 6 to assign to that worker? Do you have a 7 document that says when you would do that and under what circumstances? 8 9 MS. BRACKETT: I think that the 10 overarching document, and I can't recall the number of right now, I believe it is a plan. 11 12 that addresses But the particular 13 circumstances. It's not an extremely specific document, but I believe that it does discuss 14 15 when you might do one. 16 MEMBER LEMEN: Well, I guess the 17 question is --This is Jim Neton. 18 DR. NETON: Ι

20 But the document that Liz is 21 talking about, she is correct, we would always

have been lurking on the phone for a while.

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coworker model, if we had one, 1 for use a 60 2 workers who were not monitored, who had no 3 monitoring data at all, but were, in our opinion, determined to have been exposed and 4 5 should have been monitored. 6 Then the question becomes, what 7 level of coworker dose does one assign? And then that becomes whether we would assign the 8 9 50th percentile; the coworker model would be 10 full distribution that was generated by that model or the 95th percentile. 11 12 And the document that Liz referred to has some general guidance as to what class of the workers we might apply that level of Of course, there's also another exposure.

13 14 15 16 level of coworker. Well, it is not really 17 coworker. It would be ambient environmental. 18 people who probably Those are were not 19 exposed in the plant, but just the general plant environmental conditions. 20

> MEMBER LEMEN: Ι quess, mγ

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1	question is maybe not specific enough. If you 61
2	have a plant and you are using coworker data,
3	is there some model or some decision logic
4	that says how close the coworker has to be or
5	the job title or anything like that?
6	DR. NETON: Okay, yes. The way we
7	approach this, and that is covered probably in
8	TIB-019 I guess, is that we decided early on
9	in this program that we could not get that
10	specific to do sort of a job exposure matrix-
11	type approach.
12	We generate the entire
13	distribution of all the monitored workers
14	using that as a cumulative probability
15	distribution and then generate some
16	statistical parameters from that, where there
17	is the 50th, the geometric mean and the
18	geometric standard deviation.
19	MEMBER LEMEN: Would that mean,
20	then, that if you had a workforce, say, that
21	had multiple operations and some of the

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1	operations had the potential for high exposure 62
2	let's not assign a number; let's just say
3	high exposure other operations in the same
4	facility had low exposure, and both the high-
5	exposure group and the low-exposure group had
6	measurements, do you then take an average of
7	that and assign it to those that don't have
8	measurements?
9	DR. NETON: No, no. We would
10	take, for example, if someone were, say, a
11	security guard who was, clearly, present in
12	the environment of the plant where exposures
13	were possible, but it was on a somewhat
14	sporadic basis, they would be assigned to the
15	50th percentile of the distribution with a
16	geometric standard deviation as their exposure
17	on a year-by-year basis, if the data were that
18	good. Or you would take someone else who may
19	have been a chemical operator who was clearly
20	exposed at the higher end, they would receive
21	a 95th percentile constant for that year.

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1	MEMBER LEMEN: Well, I guess I am 63
2	still confused as to what decision logic are
3	you using. Have you written it down someplace
4	so that a neophyte like me coming into this
5	Board can read your decision logic and
б	understand why you are doing it?
7	DR. NETON: Yes, there is a TIB
8	out there I think it is a TIB; maybe it is
9	a plan. But we can get you that document.
10	But it is somewhat generic. One
11	needs to use some degree of professional
12	judgment in making those decisions. I would
13	propose that when we have decisions like that
14	to be made, and it is not clear, it is not
15	clear-cut, we would err on the side of the
16	claimant and use the higher-level exposure.
17	And I think, to some extent, that
18	has been borne out in the review of the
19	individual dose reconstructions that have been
20	done over the last several years.
21	MEMBER LEMEN: Well, I don't want
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you have 100 percent data, that's great, but 1 65 2 So, it is always necessary to you never do. 3 use, to build some type of coworker model for those 4 workers who were not adequately 5 monitored, perhaps should but have been 6 monitored.

7 And the SEC question that comes up time and time again is, let's take a look at 8 9 the operations at the facility as a function 10 of time, the type of campaign, the kinds of radionuclides. All the questions that 11 qo 12 towards, okay, can we build a coworker model 13 that is applicable to workers that worked in this facility that might have been exposed to 14 15 this radionuclide over this time period?

16 And whether there is or not. 17 adequate data to build a coworker model for 18 that particular box is always the difficult 19 question. And I would say right now, that is 20 a judgment call. That is, that is usually 21 discussed between SC&A and NIOSH when we start

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1	to sort out the data and put them into bins,
2	66 and we start to get a sense of whether or not
3	there might be a place where there's just too
4	much missing data, and we just don't know
5	enough about those workers and that facility
6	for that radionuclide for that time period.
7	And that's when, all of a sudden, you find
8	yourself in a place where an SEC petition
9	takes hold.
10	So, I think the question you have
11	asked really goes to the heart of just about
12	everything we do.
13	MEMBER LEMEN: Well, that's why I
14	am asking if there is a basic document that I
15	can start with to understand the logic. The
16	discussion so far makes a lot of sense to me,
17	but doesn't answer the questions I have.
18	MR. SMITH: This is Matt Smith
19	with the ORAU team.
20	The external site again, I would
21	recommend OTIB-0020 as a document to take a
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and there were a number of issues that were 73 raised.

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3 During that process, NIOSH developed PR-12, a relatively recent procedure 4 5 regarding outreach, and it has been now -- the important point is everything in PROC-97 that 6 7 we discussed has been subsumed into our review of PR-12. And there's a whole section in our 8 9 review of PR-12 dealing with the issues that 10 originally in PROC-97, raised its were predecessor document. 11

12 Now, that being said, I believe 13 this -- now this is a question -- I guess it's good that Mike is on the line also. This 14 15 particular review really was initiated not by 16 the Procedures Work Group, but by the Outreach 17 Work Group. And all this work was done under 18 the direction and authorization of Mike Gibson and his Work Group on Outreach. 19

20 So, I guess my question to you, 21 Wanda, is it seems to me that certainly

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1	tracking the findings and maybe loading them, 74
2	but it seems to be something that was
3	initiated by the Outreach Work Group. So, we
4	are in this unusual circumstance, similar to
5	other procedures where we review something
6	that has to do with Y-12. Here we have a
7	procedure that we reviewed, but under the
8	auspices of a different Work Group.
9	CHAIR MUNN: Yes, this was
10	essentially unique in the way it was developed
11	and the way it was brought to us. So, it has
12	been tracked almost as a separate issue
13	because of that.
14	I have not read the document that
15	we just received. I scanned it, but have not
16	read it and do not know what we can do further
17	with it, other than indicate that it has been
18	filed, that it has been provided, and that it
19	is currently, I am assuming and, Mike,
20	correct me if I'm wrong I am assuming that
21	we are going to do the review of this

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1	the Outreach Work Group, where they will 76
2	engage it and discuss all the findings, and
3	then make recommendations back to you, Wanda,
4	and the Subcommittee as to whether the issue
5	is in abeyance, closed, open, and so forth.
6	CHAIR MUNN: Now you're pretty
7	much saying what I thought I said, John. Just
8	a minute
9	DR. MAURO: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay.
10	CHAIR MUNN: Paul?
11	MEMBER GIBSON: Wanda, this is
12	Mike.
13	I agree. I think that the Worker
14	Outreach Work Group, that is our intention, is
15	to review this, but I guess what John brought
16	up explained better, I guess, what I was
17	trying to bring up earlier.
18	In the Procedures Subcommittee,
19	when one issue is transferred from one PROC or
20	it is going to be addressed in a new version
21	or a revision of another PROC, to make sure

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that that doesn't get lost in the process and 1 2 does, indeed, get transferred to a Work Group, and it is their responsibility, and it should 3 be, it should be their interest to make sure 4 5 that is done before it shows as closed in your database. 6 7 CHAIR MUNN: Yes, that has been our intent and that is what we have tried to 8 9 do in process before with single findings. In this case, we don't have a single finding; we 10 have an entire document. 11 12 MEMBER GIBSON: Right. 13 CHAIR MUNN: But from my perspective, the process is essentially the 14 15 It is my view that this document should same. 16 be shown on our database as transferred to the 17 Work Group for review and for closure. 18 Is that the general feeling of the Subcommittee? Paul? 19 20 MEMBER ZIEMER: Yes, I agree with 21 that. **NEAL R. GROSS** COURT REPORTERS AND TRANSCRIBERS 1323 RHODE ISLAND AVE., N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005-3701 (202) 234-4433 www.nealrgross.com

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1	that we don't lose any issues, whether they 79
2	were originally raised in PROC-97 or they are
3	new issues now that are raised in PR-12. They
4	should all be there, all the issues, whether
5	they originated from PROC-97 or PR-12. So,
6	they should all be there listed and discussed
7	in the PR-12 document. So, the idea being
8	that, once we get through PR-12, we in theory
9	should have also gotten through PROC-97.
10	MEMBER ZIEMER: Well, that is
11	basically what my question was. So that if
12	the Work Group, the Worker Outreach Work Group
13	reviews PR-12 and addresses those issues, it
14	is a moot point as far as PROC-97. They don't
15	need to go back on those, and they will have
16	to satisfy themselves on this, I'm sure.
17	DR. MAURO: Yes.
18	MEMBER ZIEMER: Basically, PROC-97
19	won't be in effect in any event, is that
20	correct?
21	DR. MAURO: That was our
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1	intention. In other words, when we do get to 80
2	that point with Mike where we're going through
3	each of the issues in PROC-12, certainly the
4	Work Group is going to be interested to make
5	sure that we didn't slip anything, that is
6	that, in fact, we have captured everything.
7	That would be the first order of business,
8	that the Work Group will need to be convinced
9	that, yes, every one of the issues that we
10	have raised has found a home in PROC-12, in
11	our review of PR-12.
12	So, that we can transition over to
13	PR-12 review and issues resolution with a
14	degree of comfort that we haven't left
15	anything out and left anything behind that was
16	originally raised when we discussed PROC-97.
17	That was our intent.
18	And certainly, that judgment,
19	though, really is maybe one of the first
20	things that needs to be done when we take this
21	on in the Outreach Work Group.

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6 Ι quess you could do it either 7 convinced that all Ιf are the way. you PROC-97 issues have been duplicated under the 8 9 PR-12 review, why carry two sets of issues 10 when they are virtually identical?

MEMBER GIBSON: Steve, this is
Mike.

13 Personally, I'm not comfortable, Chair of the Worker Outreach Work 14 as the 15 Group, that PROC-97, all the issues are 16 duplicated, you know, are covered in 12. So, 17 I can't see closing 97 issues until we assure 18 they have went away or they have found a home that they are being addressed at somewhere 19 20 else.

MR. MARSCHKE: That is a good

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1 reason, Mike. 83 2 DR. MAURO: That was what I was 3 trying to say, right. We have to make sure, the Work Group has to be comfortable that 4 5 PR-12 is complete in terms of making sure that 6 we haven't let anything, any issue slip 7 through the cracks. You're right, though, that in some 8 9 of them we may have just renumbered them, and 10 that's fine that we've captured it. But in other cases, we have to be sure. 11 Because I remember a lot of very 12 13 important issues came up in PROC-97, and I guess just to close the book on it, maybe that 14 15 is the first thing we do, is to close the book 16 and say, listen, it's a PROC that no longer is 17 in effect. It has been, for all intents and purposes, replaced by PR-12. But before we go 18 ahead and close the book on it, let's make 19 20 there's nothing important that sure was in 21 PROC-97 that we have let slip through the

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All except Wanda, and 4 CHAIR MUNN: 5 still wondering why the tracking Wanda is 6 application that I am looking at is showing 7 all of the PROC-97 findings as open if our database showed 8 other us that the entire 9 procedure was canceled.

10 Which MR. MARSCHKE: other database? Which database are you --11 12 MEMBER ZIEMER: Would the new one 13 show it canceled procedure as а and, therefore, it would have no findings? 14 15 MR. MARSCHKE: No. PROC-97 is 16 complete. It's got nine --17 No, you are looking CHAIR MUNN: 18 at the old one.

19MR. MARSCHKE: I'm looking at the20new one.

CHAIR MUNN: You're looking at the

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1	that. In other words, that's what the 88
2	attachment tries to show. Yet, here was
3	everything in PROC-97, and we have made sure
4	that we didn't miss anything. So, it is
5	there.
6	And the question now becomes,

okay, so we are at the point now where I think 7 that the Work Group will need to read PR-12. 8 9 I think we have done our job, I guess that is 10 what I am saying, in trying to tell a story 11 that shows here's our comments on PR-12 and 12 here's the degree to which PR-12 addresses 13 adequately or doesn't all of the issues raised 14 in PROC-97. And that is what you have in 15 front of you as our standalone report.

So, I think it is now a matter of the Work Group reading that report, and then we convene a Work Group meeting whereby you could feed back to whether you agree. Yes, I think you guys did a good job in making sure that you've captured everything in PR-12 or

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1	not. And then we will proceed to work with
2	NIOSH on issues resolution.
3	So, I think really we are at the
4	point now where, after NIOSH and the Work
5	Group have a chance to read our report on
6	PR-12, it might be a good time and it may
7	be that NIOSH is perhaps even prepared to
8	write up a response to the issues raised, and
9	at the next meeting we will, I guess, first
10	engage to make sure that everyone is
11	comfortable that we didn't miss anything in
12	PR-12.
13	Then, let's say you agree that,
14	yes, you guys have captured it all. Then, we
15	would proceed with issues resolutions, start
16	marching down each issue, and, hopefully,
17	achieve some closure.
18	MEMBER GIBSON: Okay, this is
19	Mike.
20	And I didn't mean to take up
21	Wanda's agenda time, but, yes, I just believe
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1	that you had a preliminary review of PROC-12. 90
2	But we will set up a Work Group meeting and
3	we will get this sorted out.
4	DR. MAURO: Yes, that was a big,
5	that PR-12 was, you'll see when you get to it
б	take a look at it, and you let us know if
7	you think it is you know, we certainly are
8	receptive to any commentary you might have
9	where we may have missed something important,
10	maybe have not done a sufficient job in
11	capturing PROC-97 issues and making sure
12	nothing has slipped through the cracks.
13	I guess as a Work Group you could
14	feed that back. We have done this before.
15	And if you would like us to revise it,
16	certainly working through Ted, if you think
17	that a rev is needed before we have the Work
18	Group meeting, we will certainly do that.
19	But I think right now the ball is
20	in the Work Group's court to let us know
21	whether or not you've got a document of

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1	should be changed. 96
2	MS. THOMAS: The Subcommittee had
3	reviewed all the responses on a paper copy a
4	while back. I can't tell you exactly which
5	meeting. But on that paper copy, some of the
6	responses didn't match the findings. So, they
7	were just a little bit mismatched. So, that
8	is what that means to renumber the responses
9	to match the appropriate finding. So, that
10	should be reflected now. If it's not, I will
11	take care of that.
12	MR. MARSCHKE: What's the name of
13	the procedure that is special
14	MR. TURNER: See, right now, you
15	guys are seeing it with the OTIB-0013.
16	MS. THOMAS: Yes, it's
17	OCAS-TIB-013. It's not OTIB
18	MR. MARSCHKE: OCAS-TIB-013.
19	MS. THOMAS: Yes.
20	MR. TURNER: I'm looking at it by
21	document title.
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kind 1 again, there's of long а history 99 2 discussing these findings. If you recall, I think, Steve, there was a long email from Stu 3 back in the fall that kind of listed the 4 5 sequence of events, you know, the finding, the 6 response, the followup --7 MR. MARSCHKE: Right. -- the NIOSH follow-8 MS. THOMAS: 9 up. And we have gone back and forth a little 10 bit. We are basically down to finding 11 12 49-01, and at the last meeting I think Stu 13 committed that we would, you know, kind of clarify our response or basically restate our 14 15 position. We haven't quite done that yet. We 16 are kind of holding up because we are not 17 exactly sure what SC&A's issue is with our 18 initial response. But what we will go ahead and do 19 20 is kind of restate our initial response, maybe 21 in a different way, and pick it up from there.

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1	bottom one, right?
2	So, what did we decide on that
3	one? Can somebody tell me right now?
4	MR. KATZ: So, the decision is
5	DCAS will restate their original response to
6	the concern to see if that doesn't clarify at
7	least where DCAS stands on this.
8	MEMBER LEMEN: But it says here
9	the Work Group instructed that the status of
10	this issue be changed to in progress. Is that
11	what you're stating?
12	MS. THOMAS: Yes.
13	MR. MARSCHKE: It is in progress.
14	MS. THOMAS: It's still in
15	progress, yes.
16	DR. MAURO: This is John.
17	Was that Liz speaking?
18	MS. THOMAS: No, that was Elyse.
19	DR. MAURO: Oh, I'm sorry.
20	In circumstances where there may
21	be a breakdown in communication between SC&A
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1	and NIOSH on some technical issue, in other 102
2	words, you may not fully understand what our
3	concerns are, sometimes we have special
4	technical conference calls where we don't
5	resolve anything, but what we do is, if we
6	have a concern and you're not quite sure what
7	we mean, it is sometimes helpful to have a
8	call where we could better articulate what our
9	concerns are. That would put you in a better
10	position to be able to answer the question.
11	As opposed to, let's say, you
12	know, perhaps you have taken a guess at what
13	our thinking was and then tried to rewrite it
14	as best you can. So, this might be one of
15	those times I'm not familiar with the
16	issue, but it sounds like maybe a technical
17	call could help here.
18	MS. THOMAS: Right, and that was
19	one, I think it was one of the Subcommittee's
20	directions a while back, was to have a
21	technical call. I think NIOSH felt that it

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1 there now. 104 2 042? MEMBER LEMEN: 3 MR. MARSCHKE: If you look at 042, what that was, it was in the original report 4 5 we had a finding that did not get transferred It had to do with the 6 to the database. 7 workbook and the way the workbook performed. 8 So, what I have done is, between 9 the last meeting and this meeting, we have 10 added that issue to the database. And if you look at, if you pull the procedure up -- what 11 12 is it, PROC-0042? -- if you pull it up, and if 13 you look down at the very last issue in there --14 15 MEMBER LEMEN: Where it says SC&A 16 has added this issue to the database? 17 MR. MARSCHKE: That's right. And 18 basically, it the issue the says, was 19 procedure appears to contain a technical error 20 in applying the scaling factor. That is the 21 first sentence.

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1	MR. MARSCHKE: So, it's we have 106
2	added it to the database, and we have added it
3	as in progress because, I added it as in
4	progress because, on November 17th, 2009, at
5	the meeting, we discussed it briefly.
б	CHAIR MUNN: And is it
7	incorporated as Finding 6 now?
8	MR. MARSCHKE: It is incorporated
9	as, yes, I would assume it is Finding 6
10	because we have no numbers on the new
11	database, but it is the next one in line.
12	One, two, three
13	CHAIR MUNN: I guess the real
14	question is, was it incorporated on the old
15	MR. MARSCHKE: It's on the old as
16	well, yes.
17	CHAIR MUNN: So that it would have
18	been transferred over?
19	MR. MARSCHKE: It has been
20	transferred over.
21	CHAIR MUNN: Okay.
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1	I'm saying. I would have been sitting, if I 116
2	would have been home in my office trying to
3	search this, I would have never found it
4	without you standing there.
5	MR. TURNER: Well, you could have
6	actually went to the other
7	MEMBER LEMEN: Yes, I'm going down
8	that avenue.
9	MR. TURNER: But we'll change the
10	search function so it will bring up these. We
11	have already changed the document titles.
12	Because, as you will remember, this morning
13	this is what you saw, the way I'm looking at
14	it. Now, when you look at it, you are looking
15	at it as a document number, which is one thing
16	you guys asked for.
17	CHAIR MUNN: Yes.
18	MR. TURNER: So, that has already
19	happened. And they will change that search
20	functionality so you can type in TIB-0010
21	or
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1 owe --118 2 CHAIR MUNN: All right. Now we go 3 to draft format for tracking page proposal. I think that was a 4 MR. MARSCHKE: 5 rather simple thing. We changed our procedure 6 for doing procedures. We revised that. And 7 one of the questions that the Subcommittee asked was, well, what did you exactly change 8 9 because we don't have rev bars and we don't 10 have а revision page currently in our 11 documents? 12 So, we have put together, 13 basically, a very simple -- and we are in the process of including this into our documents 14 15 -- just a very simple thing, very similar to 16 what NIOSH puts in in their documents, where 17 we have a record of revisions table and we 18 have revision number, effective date, and description of revision. 19 20 So, we will be putting this into 21 and I believe, John, we are going to be **NEAL R. GROSS** COURT REPORTERS AND TRANSCRIBERS

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should be cautioned that this transcript is for information only and is subject to change. 119 putting this into all of our documents right 119 underneath the title page, which has the task manager and John as the project manager on it. It will be right underneath that title block. So, that is what we have done on that. We have been working with Nancy Johnson. She will be inserting that with our technical editor. So, that is just a very

10 CHAIR MUNN: Yes, it was a 11 simplistic thing. I just want to make sure we 12 are not missing some piece of information we 13 want on there.

simple thing that will come in.

14 Would you read me the headings one 15 more time?

MR. MARSCHKE: Basically, we have record of revisions, revision number, and then the first one, we always use Rev 0. CHAIR MUNN: Zero zero. MR. MARSCHKE: The effective date,

and then we will put in month, date, year.

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Because the whole process that we go 1 issue. 122 2 through, whether it is procedures or a Site 3 Profile Review, it is such а protracted process, we would be spending an awful lot of 4 5 time issuing revisions.

6 I think that the tracking system, 7 I think if it is understood, and maybe some language needs to be put in, work products to 8 9 make it clear that the tracking and closure of 10 issues is a separate process, and how this all turns out is really documented in the tracking 11 system or, in the case of, let's say, a Site 12 13 Profile, in the matrices that are a living document, that keep changing. That is where 14 15 the documentation lies as to the status of 16 each issue.

17 So, I don't want to leave anyone 18 with the impression that it was our intention to stop the issue revisions. 19 Now, there may 20 occasions when, like, for example, be let's 21 Outreach Work does find say the Group

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1	significant deficiencies in our report, like 123
2	happened recently with a Bethlehem Steel White
3	Paper, where we did issue a revision.
4	But, in general, I would say that
5	is a pretty rare occasion when you say, well,
6	no, we would like you to revise the report and
7	address this, this, and this. It does occur,
8	but it is not a matter of standard practice.
9	It is when, really, we have not fulfilled our
10	mission properly. You see the distinction
11	between fulfilling our mission and the need to
12	revise a report, as opposed to issues
13	resolution and the need to revise a report? I
14	don't think the latter is what we intend to
15	do. It would be a very time-consuming and
16	costly process, and you see where I'm going
17	with this?
18	CHAIR MUNN: I think that is
19	understood, John.
20	DR. MAURO: Okay.
21	CHAIR MUNN: I don't believe
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1	but covers the waterfront quite well. 127
2	The current revision of it does,
3	in my view, cover the information very well.
4	However, what we are working on here is one of
5	the simpler PERs that we are using as a basis
6	for our first strawman. And in its current
7	version, it does run over what I have
8	established in my own mind as a two-page
9	limit.
10	I had asked for a little more time
11	to try to compress some of the information
12	that was there, and the other folks who were
13	working with it agreed that we should do that.
14	I was unable to complete that, unable to get
15	it to you.
16	I will try to see if I can, before
17	the end of this month, have a further exchange
18	with the folks that are working with it and
19	get a proposal out by email to all of the
20	Subcommittee members, so that you can take a
21	look and see if you agree if we are going in

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if you want to go a little more incremental, 1 129 2 that is, once you get an example of what you 3 feel is the right tone, maybe SC&A would do a few and say, okay, what do you think? 4 You 5 know, approach this a little bit with baby 6 steps? 7 incremental CHAIR MUNN: The approach is what I had in mind. 8 9 DR. MAURO: Okay. 10 I don't know what the CHAIR MUNN: other members of the Subcommittee had in mind 11 12 or what Ted anticipated. But I had certainly 13 expected an incremental approach. I had no of charging SC&A 14 expectation with the 15 responsibility to address all that you have 16 done at this juncture. 17 Thank you. DR. MAURO: Okay. 18 CHAIR MUNN: Does that fit other Subcommittee 19 appropriately with the 20 members' views of how to proceed with that? 21 MEMBER ZIEMER: John, I think you

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will need to look at what we have developed. 1 130 2 You guys did a two-pager, and our reaction to it was not very positive, if I could put that 3 nicely. You did a fine job, but you guys are 4 5 too technical. 6 (Laughter.) And maybe the rest of us are, too, 7 but I think the version that Dick and I worked 8 9 on, Wanda has helped edit, is more what we had 10 in mind. And you'll have to look at that and say, do I have anyone onboard that can write 11 12 like that? 13 DR. MAURO: Yes. 14 MEMBER ZIEMER: You know, it is 15 almost elementary school level. You know, you 16 might look at it as an early science reader 17 sort of thing. 18 DR. MAURO: Yes. MEMBER ZIEMER: We have tried to 19 20 eliminate even, to the extent we could, except 21 for in the title itself, even document

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1	really complex document going to look like?
2	MR. KATZ: But I just don't want
3	brevity to be the enemy of doing a decent,
4	complete job. I mean people can deal with
5	three pages or four pages, if they need,
6	because some of it is going to be boilerplate
7	that is going to be similar, and that eats up
8	some of your substantive space.
9	CHAIR MUNN: Only the first
10	paragraph.
11	MR. KATZ: Yes.
12	CHAIR MUNN: Everything else will
13	be, hopefully, entirely specific to that
14	document.
15	DR. MAURO: You know what might be
16	a good way to go? I mean this is a
17	suggestion.
18	I understand what you are saying.
19	We do have certain people I would include
20	myself as one of them that can take
21	something and write it down to what I would

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1	say common-sense language for the regular guy. 133
2	And we do have a handful of people that are
3	good at that. I would say they are the folks
4	I am thinking of right now.
5	Maybe the next round, SC&A will
6	make another run at maybe three, using your
7	once we get the tone and your style. We would
8	bounce that back to the Work Group and say,
9	oh, I think we're getting there.
10	My guess is that it is going to be
11	asymptotic. You may want to take it at that
12	point and maybe Paul and Wanda and others may
13	want to take a shot at that. I don't know. I
14	am just trying to think of a process to get us
15	to the place where everyone is comfortable.
16	Maybe the process would be SC&A
17	try to make a run at it. I know the format
18	that we used in the previous one was not what
19	you had in mind. My guess is that getting it
20	to that right place might be iterative.
21	I mean, other than that, of

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deficiency, 20 1 0.5, output volume, 149 2 milliliters, and hours in a day. This is used for conversion of the 24th sample, the 24-hour 3 The time over which the sample was 4 sample. 5 collected is a variable in the equation. 6 MEMBER LEMEN: Is there any reference to that or is that just --7 Well, the reference 8 MS. THOMAS: 9 isn't in the response, no, but it will be when 10 it goes into the OTIB. MEMBER LEMEN: Document? 11 12 MS. THOMAS: Yes. 13 MEMBER LEMEN: Okay. So, what you did was you took this out of a reference or 14 15 scientific publication someplace? 16 MS. THOMAS: Yes, or historical 17 document about the site. 18 MEMBER LEMEN: And will you reference that when it goes into --19 20 MS. THOMAS: Yes. 21 Okay. Where do we MEMBER LEMEN: NEAL R. GROSS COURT REPORTERS AND TRANSCRIBERS 1323 RHODE ISLAND AVE., N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005-3701 (202) 234-4433 www.nealrgross.com

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Right. So, that will MS. THOMAS: 152 be the first thing that I will need to do, is to enter, make sure our responses are in there. Then, you can take a look at it and see if that addresses your concerns. MR. MARSCHKE: Okay. CHAIR MUNN: Ι guess my real concern is if Mike's okay with that, since he was the one who was primarily concerned. MEMBER ZIEMER: Mark. CHAIR MUNN: Mark. I'm sorry. Since Mark's not with us right now, let's leave this open for the time being for us right here today, until we see if Mark comes back. If he does not come back, then I would suggest we place this in abeyance because all

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we are waiting for is for NIOSH to incorporate

what we have asked for. We will come back to

it just before we close to see if Mark has

taken a look at that and is okay with it.

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on the program limits and hot links for items 1 153 2 like -- I gave you specific ones -- to verify 3 discussion capture. I think this is the same item that 4 5 we discussed at length this morning, and we've 6 been assured that that is okay, correct? Is it going to happen, can happen, not a problem? 7 Well, specifically, 8 MR. MARSCHKE: 9 I think the specific action item was to do 10 with the old database, which NIOSH actually through, and the hot links were not 11 went 12 working on the old database. 13 CHAIR MUNN: But that's a moot point. 14 15 MR. MARSCHKE: But it is a moot 16 point at this point, yes. 17 CHAIR MUNN: Yes. 18 MR. MARSCHKE: So, now the hot links would be working on the new database. 19 20 Yes, since they are MR. TURNER: 21 all migrated over to new documents. NEAL R. GROSS COURT REPORTERS AND TRANSCRIBERS

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going to do with that one?

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1 sources, and -04, response to the 157 documentation question.

3 MS. THOMAS: Yes. On this one, Matt Smith provided this information to Stu 4 5 back in August of 09, and I'm not sure if Stu forwarded it to the Subcommittee. So, again, 6 7 right now, it should be kind of a database 8 issue. Again, I have those responses. Ιt 9 will be a matter of if Stu sent them to the 10 Subcommittee or not. What I need to do is get those into the database. 11 12 So, again, if you would put that 13 on for next time, then we can look at it. I have the responses. 14 So, They

are just not viewable.

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CHAIR MUNN: Okay.

17MEMBERLEMEN:They'renot18presentable.

19 CHAIR MUNN: Yes, not ready for 20 primetime, but, hopefully, on our next go-21 round.

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1	those up. 169
2	So, if we have a short agenda,
3	even though we need to understand the
4	reason for the short agenda. If the short
5	agenda is because NIOSH is overworked and
6	cannot accomplish the open items that we still
7	have, then we need to know that and make some
8	administrative decisions about how to handle
9	these things.
10	Yes, Steve?
11	MR. MARSCHKE: I just wanted to
12	mention that Brant sent out two emails last
13	Thursday.
14	CHAIR MUNN: Yes, he did.
15	MR. MARSCHKE: One of them was on
16	OCAS-TIB-014 and some NIOSH responses, and
17	Joyce is looking at those responses.
18	The other one was about PER-004
19	and PR-008. Basically, if I recall what the
20	email said was, the NIOSH response was that
21	these documents, PR-008 has been canceled and

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the NIOSH proposal to close the finding. 1 The 170 2 same is true, I think, for PER -- the other document that he did, he mentioned, PER-004. 3 just mention that to the 4 So, Ι 5 Subcommittee. I don't know if you want to put 6 it on the agenda for next time or if we want 7 to talk about it this time. Well, if no one has 8 CHAIR MUNN: 9 any objection, I would really like to at 10 least, since Matt went to the effort to get it to us, I would like for us to take a look at 11 12 it. Thank you for bringing that up. 13 Yes, Wanda, DR. MAURO: this is John. 14 15 Ι know probably you guys are 16 anxious to get out. Just real quickly --17 MUNN: that anxious, CHAIR Not 18 John, not if it's important. 19 DR. MAURO: The three PERs, 20 Blockson, thoracic lymphoma, and there was a 21 third one, oh, the high-fired plutonium. As

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written before PR-008 was, before any guidance 1 173 2 was available. And SC&A had recommended the 3 status be changed to in abeyance until NIOSH completes a revision or deletes PR-008, and 4 5 PR-008 was canceled. 6 So, really, the thing is, the is 7 bottom line both of these documents, PER-004 and PR have been, if I am reading what 8 9 Brant wrote here correctly, both these documents have been canceled. 10 Wait. Can you be clear 11 MR. KATZ: You said PER-004 and which 12 which? Both? 13 other one? MARSCHKE: PER-004-01 is the 14 MR. 15 finding number. 16 I'm having trouble with my email. 17 CHAIR MUNN: So am I. 18 MS. THOMAS: That's the finding, but only OCAS Procedure 8 was canceled. 19 The 20 finding on PER-004-01 has to do with OCAS 21 Procedure 8.

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1 think Brant was suggesting Ι So, 174 2 since OCAS-PR-008 canceled, that, was you that this finding for PER-0004 or 3 know, 004 closed. PER-004 4 should be But was not 5 canceled; just Procedure 8. 6 MR. KATZ: Okay. Thank you. 7 MEMBER LEMEN: These are in the new document system, right? 8 9 CHAIR MUNN: No, they're not. 10 They are in Brant's email. Right, right. 11 MEMBER LEMEN: 12 MS. THOMAS: Does that make sense 13 to you, Steve, too? 14 MR. MARSCHKE: Yes. 15 MS. THOMAS: Yes. 16 You explained MR. MARSCHKE: Yes. 17 it much better than Ι stumbling was over 18 myself here. 19 CHAIR MUNN: Ι guess the only 20 question is whether we are comfortable with 21 the decision to cancel PR-008 being as

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adequate closure for the issue.
MR. KATZ: So, does anyone have
the issue that they can pull up and summarize?
CHAIR MUNN: Well, what we have on
the original finding, SC&A's original finding
said the statement in Section 433 refers back
to Section 42, but the wording is inconsistent
and may cause confusion. Also, Section 5.4
refers back to Section 5 in two places that
actually refers to information in Section 4.
And NIOSH agreed, said that the
PER process has changed a lot since they did
PR-008, and a lot of discussion had gone on
about it. And therefore, PR-008 would either
be revised or canceled until such time as PER
activity resumes and PER process is clarified.
Well, activity has resumed. The
process is clarified. We had it in abeyance.
SC&A agreed with the
recommendation that was made with respect to
PR-008, and now NIOSH is saying PR-008 was

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1	MR. KATZ: My only question was I 193
2	thought at one point the Subcommittee talked
3	about PER-012, wanting to look at, I mean, the
4	front end of that and wrestle with not the
5	I mean it seems to me this Subcommittee could
6	still John, maybe you want to weigh-in on
7	this can still discuss the whole front end
8	of that evaluation before it has the dose
9	reconstruction cases in hand.
10	DR. MAURO: Absolutely. I mean,
11	certainly, we could do that. The examples are
12	really to validate that the things that are
13	committed to were, in fact, implemented. But,
14	remember, the front end of the process is to
15	review what the changes are, and based on, I
16	guess, the technical approach.
17	That is, there really are two
18	issues. Whenever you review a PER, really you
19	ask yourself, is the criteria for selecting
20	the cases valid? You know, let's say we're
21	talking the one dealing with high-fired

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1	plutonium. A good way to think about it is
2	the first thing you really have to look at is
3	there was a process that NIOSH went through to
4	select the cases that would be reviewed, and
5	there's a set of criteria they used to select
6	them. It is not always all cases that were
7	denied. Sometimes it is some subset of that
8	and there is a basis for that. And we comment
9	on that. I know, for example, we have
10	commented on that on the high-fired plutonium.
11	Then, the next question is, all
12	right, the method for redoing the dose in
13	other words, we know that the way it was done
14	previously, where these people were denied,
15	now it is going to be redone using a new
16	protocol, and the new protocol is laid out in
17	some procedures that it turns out we may or
18	may not have reviewed. In this case, we have
19	reviewed the procedure. I think it was
20	OTIB-0049.
21	So, the PER, then, evaluates
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1	and then we review the degree to which the 195
2	technical validity, completeness of the new
3	protocol for doing in that case the dose
4	reconstruction to the high-fired plutonium.
5	And we stop there and write a report. Right
6	now, you have reports for three of those.
7	Then, of course, the last step is,
8	given that everything is copacetic and we are
9	completely supportive of the technical
10	approach and the scope, then it becomes, okay,
11	did it really hit the ground running and was
12	it actually implemented the way they committed
13	to implement it in real cases?
14	So, yes, it is very severable.
15	The case reviews are very severable from the
16	so, the three parts, parts 1 and 2
17	certainly could be discussed in this
18	Subcommittee, and we could save any discussion
19	of the actual cases for wherever you feel it
20	is best discussed. It could be discussed with
21	the Subcommittee or with the other, the DR

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1	And we have not really discussed
2	that, and I think that will need some
3	discussion by the Work Group. But in the
4	actual selection of the universe of cases for
5	which we may have sample subsets, regardless
6	of which number we will agree upon, that has
7	to be really done by NIOSH because they are
8	the only people who have access to the
9	database that will allow us to determine which
10	cases we would potentially or the Work Group
11	will determine which cases we want to
12	actually, then, sample the audit from.
13	So that NIOSH has a significant
14	role in this whole process.
15	DR. MAURO: Yes, interestingly
16	enough, we will get to this. And, Hans, you
17	correct me if I am wrong. When we reviewed
18	the high-fired plutoniums PER, we came down
19	favorably on parts 1 and 2.
20	DR. H. BEHLING: Yes.
21	DR. MAURO: And we reviewed
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1	OTIB-0049, I think that was the number, on the 198
2	science. So, in a funny sort of way, I mean
3	if we were to load that up right now and put
4	it in the system, we would recommend that the
5	issue be closed because we find that the
б	protocol I recall reading Hans' report.
7	Hans found that the selection criteria for who
8	is going to be redone and also the technical
9	approach for redoing them was sound.
10	So, I mean, we could move through.
11	I'm not sure where we stand with regard to
12	thoracic lymphoma, you know. Maybe Hans, I
13	don't know if you found favorably in those
14	cases
15	DR. H. BEHLING: Well, we had some
16	differences of opinion, and I think Jim Neton
17	can weigh in on this. We identified two
18	potential problems with the thoracic lymphoma
19	issue, and one was for the early time period
20	when a lymphoma was diagnosed, let's say in
21	the seventies and eighties, the technology

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really wasn't there to allow people to 199
determine the cell line of origin that might
give rise to that lymphoma, which is,
obviously, key to the whole issue of the PER.
And the second issue was the issue
of the impact of smoking. I think Jim, and I
think the Board members themselves or the Work
Group members, had concluded that this would
take a specific ad hoc committee with high
levels of knowledge regarding the impact of
smoking on lung function, and that would be
prohibitive.
And so, therefore, as far as I am
concerned, the issue of the PER-020 for
lymphoma no, that's not 20; that was
PER-009 was something that I think at this
point requires no additional comments or work
on the part of the Work Group, other than help
in the selection process of cases that are to
be audited based on the PER-009.
DR. MAURO: The good news is, for

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1	the first two parts of the PER review so, 200
2	that was for the high-fired and the thoracic
3	lymphoma I mean, in theory, you probably
4	can move those through very quickly. It is
5	the back end of the process where things take
6	some time, which may or may not be something
7	that this Subcommittee would want to take on
8	because it has to do with dose reconstruction
9	reviews.
10	CHAIR MUNN: Well, let's bring
11	this back
12	DR. MAURO: One more item, should
13	we kill Blockson? Basically, we have a
14	situation now where I think that the PER for
15	Blockson really does not reflect the latest.
16	Blockson was revised, the Site Profile, and
17	the PER was issued, and cases were redone.
18	But when you look at the new Site Profile, it
19	still does not reflect the latest set of
20	conditions, and it also sounds like Blockson

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1	CHAIR MUNN: It might not be a bad 202
2	idea, especially since they are done. The
3	findings are out there. And even though we
4	can't do anything past address those specific
5	findings, there is no reason why we shouldn't
6	continue to do that, if it meets the approval
7	of the other members of the Subcommittee.
8	Does anyone have objection to
9	that?
10	MEMBER LEMEN: No.
11	MEMBER ZIEMER: No. Let's do it.
12	MR. KATZ: Okay.
13	CHAIR MUNN: Mike?
14	MR. KATZ: Is that good to you,
15	Mike?
16	MEMBER GIBSON: Yes, go ahead and
17	put that on the agenda, yes.
18	CHAIR MUNN: Mark?
19	MR. KATZ: Mark is not there, I
20	think.
21	CHAIR MUNN: Oh, he's not.
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1	good, Ted, because on the new database there
2	is a report, if you click on the report
3	button, dropdown, and you get the table, which
4	is called SC&A Findings Status Report. It
5	just basically shows all the documents, and it
6	gives numbers as to the total number of
7	findings, the number of closed, the number of
8	open ones. And you can just look down the
9	open column and see which document has a lot
10	of open issues associated with it and put
11	those on the hit list, I guess.
12	DR. MAURO: Yes, I really would
13	like to see that. Because, you know, we are
14	at about 75 percent home on this one. In
15	other words, when Steve prints out the table
16	I don't have it in front of me and I add
17	up how many items have been either
18	transferred, closed, or in abeyance, I add
19	them all up, and I know there are about 550
20	findings, three-quarters of them are, for all
21	intents and purposes, behind us.

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1	Boy, it would be great to hit the 205
2	open ones that we haven't even talked about
3	because it would be great to be able to get to
4	the point where we're saying, well, we're
5	basically done. We've closed out six years of
б	history, and I would like to make a sprint to
7	the finish line.
8	CHAIR MUNN: We would all like to
9	do that, John, but this is the third time we
10	have addressed the same issue. The really
11	heavy bucket is in NIOSH's lap. And for us to
12	be saying here's what we want to look at now,
13	when we are not being able to address what we
14	have on our plate already, is not, it seems to
15	me, reasonable. Perhaps I'm being too blase
16	about that.
17	But if the agency is not being
18	able to take on more of a burden than we are
19	providing to it now, it seems unwise to me for
20	us to load them up further by saying, all

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right, and here are all the extra open items,

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1	too. 206
2	Perhaps I am just being too
3	pragmatic about that, but
4	MR. KATZ: Well, what I was going
5	to suggest is, if you just want to we have
6	about a week before I have to get a Federal
7	Register notice out. So, if you would want to
8	select a procedure with a bunch of open items
9	that you would like to focus on, we can at
10	least put that to the NIOSH group as a
11	possibility, and they can respond as to
12	whether they can get to that in time, if their
13	response is what is needed at this point.
14	Then, at least there is a potential for going
15	on the agenda. Obviously, if they can't
16	fulfill that within the six weeks, or whatever
17	there is, five weeks, then that's fine.
18	MS. THOMAS: I think the two big
19	ones are OTIB-0070 responses and OTIB-0054
20	responses.
21	MEMBER ZIEMER: Right.
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