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**Commission Meeting Summary (FINAL)  
for Wednesday, May 8, 2002 (Approved 5/22/02)  
Commission Office; 3525 Sunrise Highway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Great River, NY; 2:00 pm**

Commission members present: Mr. Proios (for Suffolk County), Ms. Prusinowski and Ms. Compitello (for Brookhaven; Ms. Prusinowski voting), Mr. MacLellan (for Riverhead), Mr. Murphree (for Southampton) and Mr. Cowen (for New York State).

Others present: General counsel was Mr. Rigano. Staff members from the Commission and other agencies included Mr. Corwin, Ms. Trezza, Ms. Jakobsen, Ms. Carter, Mr. Rizzo and Mr. Randolph (from the Commission), Mr. Spitz (from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation), and Capt. Conklin (from the NYS Forest Rangers, Vice Chair of the Wildfire Task Force, and member of the Law Enforcement Council). Additional attendees are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

(Excerpt)

**Compatible Growth Area (CGA)**

! Brookhaven National Laboratory / Upton (Brookhaven) / environmental remediation work: presentation and discussion (from 4/10 meeting; Lab representative to attend)

Summary: Mr. Michael McCann, an attorney for the Lab, was present today along with Mr. Robert House of the environmental remediation staff. They discussed the CERCLA (Federal Superfund) groundwater remediation work that the Lab is undertaking on the southern portion of its land, and in several privately held CGA parcels to the south of the Lab. One of those parcels' owners has asked for an assurance that the clearing for roads and well sites that the Lab would undertake on his property would not be counted against any future development proposal that he might wish to put forward.

Mr. Howe showed a large map of the groundwater contamination plumes that the Lab is attempting to pump and treat; noted that their depth can be as much as 200 feet below grade; that the remediation process would treat approximately 100 to 300 gallons per minute; that the private parcel in question is approximately 660 acres; that the Lab intends to revegetate the cleared areas when they are finished; and discussed the time periods in years over which the pump and treat, and the monitoring, wells are likely to operate. A discussion followed regarding the map details, the existing and future wells, the amount of land area that the lab would clear; and the relation of those cleared areas to future clearing calculations in a development project review.

***A motion was then by Mr. Cowen and seconded by Mr. Proios to determine that land cleared for purposes of conducting environmental remediation pursuant to NY ECL Article 57-0107(13)(c), immediately after revegetation, shall be considered "natural vegetation", and shall not be considered "cleared" or "previously cleared" land in determining conformance with the vegetation clearance limits in Section 5.3.3.6.1 of the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote. It was agreed that Mr. Rigano will send a letter to Mr. McCann regarding this matter.***