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2.5 hour meeting at the site

terry - the forman of sorts - the one with the tremor in his left hand
randy - the inspector - works for chuck
don - lawyer local
joey - gen counsel - from Mtgy
chuck - the project mgr - been doing this for more than 20 years
charlie

ADEM violations - required to be fixed by Wednesday of next week - have to fix the sign - remove the off site silt fences (chuck is the one who put them there on his own initiative) - clean up the off site damage (clean the mud) - they plan on doing this mostly by hand (as best as I could tell) - but someone mentioned the possible use of small machines - chuck said in some cases they might leave some of the mud undisturbed and plant grass - joey was the one who made the comment about using buckets and shovels - after the most recent heavy rain (the morning of Tues the 19th) terry saw the river was clean that morning (which it was) and he noticed later that it was dirty (which it was) - there was discharge from the site reaching big branch, but when terry went further down big branch the mud dissipated. He went down to the river and saw heavy machinery clearing near the river, presumably water board property - this may be the source of mud - chuck says that he is responsible for the site for two years or if the property is not stable, then for longer until it is. Seemed to also say that the City of Vestavia could decide otherwise? Two thirds of the property is owned by Vestavia - the bottom 1/3 (near pool 3) is owned by Liberty Park JV, LLC - They are finished grading, finished with the design and construction of the holding ponds and dams - planting grass a challenge - heat lack of rain; army worms; they will also plant trees - they will put down a winter mix and then put a more permanent grass to take over when the fescue dies from summer heat - there legal mandate is to reclaim land that is a public hazard - that is, of injury - that is their hook - once there, they add the environmental part, which sort of piggy backs on the hazard part - the contractor is Beatty (Bay-tee) - environmental subcontractor (can't recall name) has been a pretty big disappointment - at first they were responsive, but soon ceased to be as other jobs demanded their attention - Bay-tee has done a first class job of renovation, but they too can be slow to respond - site is divided into three runoff zones. 1 and 3 each drain about 25 acres - 2 drains about 10 acres - there is a fourth discharge point at the lower end of the property (past pool 3) where a small amount of water runs into the river basin untreated - the 3 pools are each designed to hold mud while allowing clear water to come through - they must drain the pools periodically so that the pools can function during a heavy rain - pool 3 needs emptying now (I think Chuck said this) - they monitor the amount of rain fall closely

DBB CONCLUDING NOTES: They are genuine in their concern for the river and for correcting the problems, but are hampered by the army worms, the lack of steady rainfall, and the gully washers that we have had. ADEM's requirement that the downstream silt fences be removed is ludicrous. Once a winter mix gets in the ground the soil should start to stabilize and things should be better. Need to find out what the water board is doing at lake purdy.