

are connected by rails. There's numerous buildings out there that were used and housed these manufacturing areas

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right, another question. Now had there any been any evidence of the contamination or has it been cleaned up? I remember the Mead situation at the ammunition factory there. Can you explain a little bit if the cleanup process has been...

SENATOR FISHER: There is a very big contamination problem out there. They have all...the army, because northwest Grand Island has been contaminated, their water, they're pumping in water to that area. They have agreed, I think the bill is like \$14 million to clean it up and to work on it and I've been told it's going to take 20 to 25 years, perhaps even as far as 30. This particular corporation will then be shielded from it in the arrangement as I understand it, that if they do enter into this agreement they will lease the land until that time it's cleared and then transfer of title will take place, protecting the city of...the county, of Hall County for many of the legal obligations of the contamination. It's a long ways from being cleaned up.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I see. That kind of bothered me a little bit, that would someone would come in there and invest a bunch of money and then get stuck with any cleanup that may be there, but the government and the army and the corps of engineers have all taken care of that.

SENATOR FISHER: It's not taken care of. They're working on it.

SENATOR JANSSEN: No, I mean...

SENATOR FISHER: It is a long-range program. It did not happen overnight nor can it be cleaned up overnight.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay, thank you for answering questions, Senator Fisher. I'd give the rest of my time to Senator Beutler, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, you have about...a little more than a minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Janssen, thank you. I've got my light on, it might be better if I just started at the beginning of a