

# UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

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ROBERT BRACE,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	Docket No. 98-897L
	)	
UNITED STATES,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

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1 Q Now, what do you mean by "restore the  
2 hydrologic drive?"

3 A Because of the activities, the hydrology was  
4 no longer staying in the wetland area. Because of the  
5 drainage tile and the ditches and the deepening of the  
6 one tributary, it was facilitating the movement of  
7 water off of the wetland areas.

8 Q So you needed to design a plan that did  
9 what?

10 A Basically corrected the activities that  
11 occurred on the site in order to reintroduce the  
12 hydrology as it existed and I think our target date  
13 was 1984.

14 Q Why 1984?

15 A It was my understanding that was the  
16 timeframe of which activities that we were looking at  
17 had begun and that was the date in time they wanted to  
18 go back to.

19 Q So how did you go about determining to  
20 restore wetlands to 1984 when it's now 1996?

21 A We had information as to, you know, what had  
22 been done. As I mentioned, there was information as  
23 to that the drain tiles had been put in place, we also  
24 had historic aerial photos of the parcel where you  
25 could go back and see the events, sequencing of things

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1 like that, and information from site inspectors, that  
2 type of thing, and that's how we went back to there  
3 and recreated that.

4 THE COURT: Let's do this because I'm just  
5 getting a note that I have to do something, so let's  
6 take our break now for the day. Let's start with the  
7 questioning of this witness at 9:00 tomorrow. I'll be  
8 here by 9:00 and we'll continue the direct testimony  
9 at that point.

10 THE CLERK: All rise.

11 (Whereupon, at 5:19 p.m., the hearing in the  
12 above-entitled matter was recessed, to reconvene on  
13 Thursday, January 13, 2005, at 9:00 a.m.)

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