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If I could have your attention. My name is and for the past four, almost five years I’ve been lucky enough to serve as the technical facilitator for the community here on the activities surrounding the Feasibility study. So I and the folks on the community advisory committee that have been working with us over the past few years are very happy to see this day.

And I’m going to be serving just a little bit as a master of ceremonies tonight and move us through the process. So let me just explain how the evening is going to work. In a few moments, we’re going to have a short video, which is going to provide a bit of a background on the site, on the cleanup process, and the process getting us to this point in the decision. And then we’ll have a break and we’ll be changing over to the posters.

The posters that are in the back right now are background posters and they are there just to kind of remind people where we’ve been. Those posters are the same posters that you’ve seen at the last couple public meetings. But during the video that we’re going to play, we’re going to switch
those out, and we’ll have posters of the proposed remedy that you’re going to hear about in the presentation as well. So we’re going to have about 15 or 20 minutes of the video, about 45 minutes to talk to the Corps and ask any questions about that during that period. And then we’ll come back and we’ll have a short presentation, and then we’ll have the formal public comment period.

If you want to be in the formal public comment period, you are to sign up out front. So if you haven’t signed up and you do want to speak, please do that, everybody will be given three minutes to speak in that formal period.

Because we have formal public comment tonight, we’re not going to be asking questions at the microphone. If you have questions or if you want to talk to any of the Corps or the contractors who are in the back, they’ll be there all night, we’ll be here until 9:00 o’clock, so all your questions will get answered. But we want to have time at the microphone for the formal public comment period.

So that’s how that will work and we’ll talk about that more as we get closer. But before we dive into tonight’s program, we want to honor [redacted].

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was a Town of Lewiston Councilwoman and one of the area’s first environmental activists. And it was really [REDACTED] that raised the alarm back in the 1980's about the materials here onsite and asked that more be done and more be looked at.

She got the National Academies of Sciences involved, and in a lot of ways, started the ball rolling on the process that ended here, that is going to be announced here tonight in terms of the remedy that’s going to be put into place at the Niagara Falls Storage Site, at least for the IWCS. [REDACTED] passed away about two weeks ago, but not before she learned about this remedy, and so it brought a very large smile to her face and we’re all pleased at that. So I’d like to offer just a moment of silence if we could for [REDACTED].

(Moment of silence)

[REDACTED]: Thank you. I would also just before we get rolling tonight, thank all of you for being here and all of you who have been here through this process. I think citizen involvement, obviously it’s what I do for a living. But beyond that, it’s so important to a process like this, it’s been incredibly important to this process. I know that I have appreciated the opportunity of working

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with you folks, and the Corps has appreciated all of
the great input they’ve gotten. I think citizens
don’t get thanked enough for their participation,
sometimes it can seem a little controversial and a
little contentious. But we always know that you’re
giving up your time, you’re giving up your energy,
and you’re doing this out of true passion for your
community, and so I want to express my thanks for
that.

And that’s why we’re here tonight to share
this news and you’ll hear from the Corps in a little
bit. This video you’re about to see, the Corps just
recently finished, it was a response to a community
desire to -- as we came to these public meetings a
lot of folks hadn’t been here in a while or this was
their first public meeting and they often ask, you
know, how do I catch up, how do I learn what’s gone
on here, how do I get a better sense of the past.

And that’s what this video does, it
provides a nice setting of how things got to be at
the Niagara Falls Storage Site and a little bit
about where we’re headed. So, it’s going to be
about 15 or 20 minutes and then I’ll call us back to
the posters. Start the video.

(Video being played)

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Okay, and as I said, now the posters are set up in the back of the room to talk about the preferred remedy. We’ll call you back up here in about 45 minutes for the presentation. If you want to be in the formal comment period, please make sure you’ve signed up. Or, alternatively, you can speak to our court reporter privately and have your comments put into the record right over here. You can also just provide written comments either to the address on the website or there’s a comment box for comment cards here tonight as well. So I’ll call you back up in about 40, 45 minutes, thanks.

(Break taken)

Okay, if I can have everybody’s attention, please. We’re going to start the formal presentation. It’s my pleasure to introduce the Buffalo District Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Karl Jansen who’ll kick us off.

LT. COLONEL KARL JANSEN: All right, good evening everyone, very nice to see you here tonight on a cold, snowy Western New York evening. This level of attendance really is a key symbol of how important this project is to this community and that it is important to you on a very personal level. So I hope that we deliver what you’re
looking for here tonight. We’re going to be talking about the Proposed Plan for the Interim Waste Containment Structure Operable Unit of the Niagara Falls Storage Site, just like you learned in the video. And I’m going to refer to this as the IWCS for short throughout my remarks. I hope you find all of our presentations informative and that our proposal and the supporting rationale earns your trust and confidence, that’s what we’re after.

I extend a special welcome to several officials who are joining us tonight, from the Tuscarora Nation. It was an honor to meet you, sir, for the first time. from the Lewiston Council. And I’d also like to thank our hosts here at the Senior Center. You made it very cozy on this cold evening, so thank you.

The Buffalo District serves the people in the watersheds of the lower Great Lakes from Massena, New York, in the east to the Indiana state line in the west, and we’ve done so since 1857.

We’ve got many projects within this area of responsibility, but this one is close to home. Many of our nearly 300 employees from the Buffalo District live in this community, and we care about serving all of our fellow citizens and safeguarding
them. As we investigate and remediate sites like these, our number one priority is protection of human health and the environment; this guides our decision making process. Our preferred alternative that we’re proposing tonight is known as alternative number 4. It involves excavation, partial treatment, and out-of-state disposal of the entire contents of the IWCS.

(Applause)

LT. COLONEL JANSEN: This proposal is the result of complex and meticulous analysis that we have performed throughout the Feasibility Study.

In our judgement, this alternative provides the best overall long-term protection of human health and the environment. We estimate that we will be waiting several years until we can begin remediating the site because there are still some formal steps to accomplish and significant national level program funding must become available.

After all, the total price tag of our proposal falls just short of half a billion dollars, and the typical amount in the annual national program to address all sites across the nation is about a hundred million. So, we’ll be waiting for some work at other cleanup sites to conclude until
those resources can shift to this one. While we’d all like to see the site cleaned up as quickly as possible, it’s important that I reassure you that the IWCS does not put you at any health risk today or in the near future. The site emits less radiation than typical background conditions. What I mean by that is, the radiation that everyone is exposed to in their day-to-day life. We also have over 25 years of data that confirms the IWCS is performing as it was designed and will continue to be protective as long as it is maintained properly.

We maintain the site today with a lot of rigor, but it may not be possible to do that for a thousand or thousands or ten thousands of years. That’s why it’s prudent to mitigate a future potential risk by removing all of the radioactive material per our Proposed Plan. The most important part of tonight’s meeting is receiving your input on our preferred alternative. A final decision regarding the IWCS will not be made until after all public comments have been considered.

Responses to your comments will be outlined in a Record of Decision which will be reviewed and approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, [redacted]. Next slide please,
one more. And one more, thank you. This has been a
team effort, and we value the partnership and
collaboration with all involved. This slide depicts
the team, and it certainly starts at the top with
the community. We value your input and have
incorporated it through the phased development of
the Feasibility Study. I’m only lucky enough to be
in Buffalo for two years. I’ve heard the history of
this project, the interaction that we’ve had with
you over many, many years, and it is important that
you know that we hear what you have to say.

Moving on down the list, the Study and the
Proposed Plan were reviewed by our chain of command
up to Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil
Works, who approved the public release, which is
where we are now. Moving down, the Corps of
Engineers is responsible for conducting
investigations and remediation of the site under the
FUSRAP program, which you heard about in the video.
We also have overall responsibility for maintaining
the site and ensuring that it continues to be
protective of human health and the environment in
the meantime.

Moving down, the U.S. Department of Energy
retains ownership of the site. When the Corps of
Engineers completes our activities, the site will be returned to the DOE’s Office of Legacy Management for long-term stewardship. Next, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation are regulators who provide comment and input to the Corps of Engineers, but they do not have a direct regulatory authority at the site.

Tonight, [REDACTED] is here representing the U.S. EPA, and [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are all here representing the New York State DEC; thanks to you. We ask that you save your comments until the end of the next presentation, so that they can be accurately recorded.

If you have a comment, and you’d like to read it before us, and have it recorded by our stenographer who is here, please make sure that you check the box on the card that you filled out when you came in. And [REDACTED], who is just here to my left, has additional cards if you need one. If you have any questions after the formal comments are recorded, we’ll be available back at the posters, and our staff will be happy to meet with you again.

And, in case you think of additional

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comments after our session tonight, you can submit them in writing before February 6th. So, before we move from this slide, I would just like to recognize the members of the Buffalo District team, and will all of you please either stand up if you’re in the audience or raise your hand in the back.

(Applause)

LT. COLONEL JANSEN: All right, thank you.

And these are our technical experts; dedicated, committed fellow citizens and neighbors that are here to answer your questions and help you understand what we’re proposing on a very complex project. With that, I’ll introduce [redacted], who is our Buffalo District Special Projects Branch Chief; he’ll continue with the technical presentation. And, again, thanks very much for joining us here tonight and learning about the Proposed Plan. [redacted].

[redacted]: Thank you, sir. So, a lot of my presentation in the beginning is going to look awfully familiar because you saw it in the history video. Next slide.

So, our FUSRAP objectives, we have three of them. We identify and evaluate sites; we cleanup or control FUSRAP related material; and, just to hammer

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in home the point that our Commander made that our
number one objective with FUSRAP is, protection of
human health and the environment. Next slide. So,
you’re wondering why it takes us so long; well,
CERCLA is why it takes us so long; it’s the law of
the land, it’s Congress-mandated, and we follow this
process. There are three groups here, as you can
see on the slide. There’s the pre-investigation
phase, there’s the investigation phase, and then
there’s the remedial action phase. Any of these
steps can take one year to several years; it depends
upon the complexity of the site. We’re currently in
the Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan phase for
the Interim Waste Containment Structure and we have
several other operable units, and I’ll kind of walk
you through that again and just kind of reaffirm
what we had in the history video.

Next slide, please, thanks. So, Niagara
Falls Storage Site is situated within what was the
Lake Ontario Ordnance Works; it was a TNT facility
that came online in the early 1940's; it was
decommissioned in 1943. Basically, we had a surplus
of TNT during the World War II effort, so they no
longer needed the operation of that facility; the
government had to find a different use for that
structure, so we ultimately started the Atomic Energy program around the same time, and there was residues and waste material that was being generated as a result of that work, and it kind of found its way to Niagara Falls Storage Site where it was stored for a considerable length of time. If you hone in on the right-hand side there you can see the smaller Niagara Falls Storage Site. And if you focus in on the dark blue Interim Waste Containment Structure and you all know what that is.

And that’s what we’re here to talk about tonight. So, we divided this site into three operable units; we did that when we issued the Feasibility Study Work Plan in 2009 and it’s basically how we were going to manage this site and get it through the CERCLA process.

So we started with the Interim Waste Containment Structure, which poses the greatest potential risk to human health and the environment. And we figured whatever ultimate decision that we made on that operable unit would impact all the other operable units, the Balance of Plant, which is all the remaining site soils around the IWCS as well as some of the infrastructure as well.

And then the other operable unit is

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groundwater. On the next slide, I’m going to walk you through where we are in the time line. That kind of fades in, if you can hit again. Look at that. I didn’t realize it was that fancy. So, in 2007, we did a remedial investigation; we issued it for public comment, and we got several comments from the community and the regulators; we ultimately came out with a Remedial Investigation Addendum in 2011 to address those comments and concerns.

If you look at the left-hand side, we show the IWCS Operable Unit and where we are at. So, we’ve done the Feasibility Study in 2015, which we issued just recently. We’re scheduled to get to the Record of Decision which codifies the selected remedy and what we’ll take action on. If you look at the right-hand side, the other two operable units, if you think back to the previous slide, we still have that process to follow. And remember on the big CERCLA slide, so we’re in the investigation phase. So, these are the steps that we’re mandated by Congress to follow. So, ultimately, before we get to any type of remedial action at the Niagara Falls Storage Site; we want Record of Decisions in place for all the operable units, we want to take a holistic approach to the site. We have TBD down
there, to be determined for that remedial action phase of the CERCLA process. It’s going to take some time to get there; we don’t know what the funding level is. Again, my Commander kind of spoke to that already, but again, I just want to reassure the public the IWCS is performing as designed; we will continue to do our environmental surveillance program; we’ll monitor radon, gamma, groundwater, surface water, and sediment until we can actually get to the remedial action phase.

Next slide, please. So, this kind of shows what the IWCS looked like prior to construction. On the left-hand side, you can see what the site looked like in the 1970's. And, we have the dotted line there showing the R-10 residues; obviously, that was stored on the ground just north of Buildings 411 and 413, and 414, which are structures that were associated with the former water treatment plant of the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works.

The black and white slide there kind of shows what those structures looked like in 1944. And then I think everybody is pretty familiar in this area. This was a visible structure in the area of Building 434, the concrete silo that was associated with the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works and

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it was in that structure where the K-65 residues, the high-activity residue material, was stored for a considerable length of time before it got transferred into the Interim Waste Containment Structure. So, the placement of the waste into the Interim Waste Containment Structure is shown on this slide. Again, it was completed by the DOE in the 1980s. The high-activity residue material like the K-65s, the L-30s, the L-50s, the F-32s (you guys have heard these names), went into the former structures of the water treatment plant Buildings 411, 413, and 414; the R-10 residues pretty much stayed where it was; and we kind of built the Interim Waste Containment Structure around it.

A lot of the vicinity properties that were surrounding Niagara Falls Storage Site were also cleaned up by the DOE, and that material was consolidated in the Interim Waste Containment Structure, as well as around the R-10 residues.

Next slide, please. So, one of the key takeaways that I want everybody -- next slide, everybody knows what it looks like. Waste activity versus volume. So, the K-65 residues are one percent of the volume, but they represent 90 percent of the radioactivity in there. Some pretty highly
radioactive material, it’s been a cause of concern for the community as well as the regulators for a considerable length of time, dating all the way back to the late ’70s and early ’80s. So, on this portion of the presentation, I’m kind of going to walk you through how we evaluated the different alternatives, ultimately, arriving at our preferred alternative selection.

So the first thing we did in order to come up with alternatives for the Interim Waste Containment Structure was dividing it into subunits; we wanted to look at a range of alternatives, we didn’t just want to look at everything stays in place or everything goes. We wanted some options in between, so we divided it into subunits. Subunit A had the K-65s, the F-32s, L-30s and L-50 residues; those are high-activity residue material.

Subunit B, which is everything pretty much south of that interior dike wall, was contaminated rubble and debris. Basically when we took down Building 434, that material got placed there; some of the other buildings that are onsite got placed in Subunit B.

And then Subunit C contained the R-10 residues and the contaminated soils from the cleanup.
of the vicinity properties. So these are the alternatives we looked at. No action is a baseline condition that we have to evaluate as part of the CERCLA process within the Feasibility Study.

And then we looked at everything from leaving everything in place to complete removal. We had some variations in there, where we take out Subunit A and keep everything else there or we take out Subunits A and B and keep everything else there.

We ultimately during our comprehensive evaluation that’s contained within the Feasibility Study determined that alternative 4 was the best alternative, and that’s why we put it into the Proposed Plan. How did we arrive at that decision? We put it through CERCLA. CERCLA is a common theme throughout this presentation; I think I’ve said it nine times already.

So we take each alternative and we pass it through three categories of criteria. There’s the threshold criteria, which is protection of human health and the environment and also compliance with the laws and regulations of the land.

Each alternative has to meet the structural criteria to be carried forward in the evaluation, and our alternatives 2 through 4 did comply with the
threshold criteria. And then we evaluate against
the balancing criteria, long-term effectiveness,
short-term effectiveness, implementability and cost.
And there’s actually a preference in the regulations
to reduce toxicity, mobility, or volume through
treatment. And then the modifying criteria, the
community and state acceptance, and that’s why I
emphasize that your comments tonight are very
important for us to get to that selected remedy,
which we’ll codify in the Record of Decision.

This is, basically, we’re going to slice
it, the Interim Waste Containment Structure, right
down the middle from north to south. And so the
subsequent slides coming are going to show that
configuration. So, we vertically exaggerated it;
what you see above with no vertical exaggeration,
you can’t really see what’s going on, so we kind of
squished it to kind of give you a sense of how this
material is stored within there, and remember, this
is sliced right down the middle from north to south.

Next slide, please. So, the first
alternative we evaluated was leaving everything in
place and basically putting an enhanced cap or final
cap over the material. Some key takeaways from that
is land use controls; we would have land use
controls in place and federal ownership, security, operation and maintenance for a thousand years.

We’d increase the cap thickness as well as some other key features, which I can get to on the next slide; we’ll show you what that cap structure actually looks like. So, on the left-hand side you can see the existing clay cap the way it looks; we have three feet of clay, common fill, and some topsoil and grass.

And then if you look at the right-hand side, and this will be consistent with all the enhanced containment alternatives, this is how we plan to do the cover for each of those. We basically had an additional four feet above the existing clay cap; we put down a 60 mil geomembrane, which is impervious to water (it’s kind of like putting down a tarp); and then we had a sand drainage layer, basically that wicks away the water so the water doesn’t get into the waste material.

Rip-rap is like stones and rocks and stuff, and that’s added to keep animals from burrowing into the radioactive materials. And then again, subsurface soil or common fill, and then topsoil on top of that. So, alternative 3A, we looked at.

Basically, we took out all the contents within

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Buildings 411, 413, and 414, we would leave the building structures there, we’d fill that in with clean fill, and then we’d build that enhanced cap over the top of it. Again, some key takeaways from that is, we take out the high-activity residue like the K-65s, we treat it with fly ash and cement, and ultimately put it into steel containers, and transport that to a licensed offsite disposal facility. But we’re still left with land use controls, monitoring, maintenance, security for a thousand years. And I wish it was this easy, where we could just hack it off and go, but it’s really not. So alternative 3B, we take basically the whole southern half of the cell, we take it away, and again we build that enhanced cap over what remains. Again, the key features, again we’re treating the K-65s residues; we’re getting it offsite. But, we’re also removing the rubble that was surrounding that building structure from Building 434 and some of the other appurtenances that were taken down when they consolidated radiological material within the IWCS. But, again, a thousand years of operation and maintenance. So, through our comprehensive evaluation, what we had determined was the best alternative was
taking it all away, removing all our future land use
controls, all operations and maintenance, and kind
of returning the site back to its original condition
is really what the goal is ultimately, so it could
be beneficially reused, possibly by the community or
other entities as you see fit. Next slide, please.

So, we put it through this comparative analysis
here, this kind of shows a breakdown of how we rated
each of those balancing criteria, if you think back
a couple slides for each of the alternatives.

One thing to note is for the enhanced
containment options, it looks like the cost is low,
but that’s because we used the discounted value for
operations and maintenance. Basically the way we
look at it is if you put 44 million dollars into the
bank today and earn 3.5 percent interest you’d be
able to cover the thousand years of operations and
maintenance on those alternatives.

Obviously the federal government doesn’t
manage our money that way, so ultimately we decided
that was another key factor why we chose alternative
4. We’re also consolidating that material and
placing it with the K-65s that were remediated from
Fernald, and shrinking the federal government’s
overall liability and proliferation of the small

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disposal sites that we have across the country was
another reason that lead us to choose alternative 4.
Again the preferred alternative is to take
it all away. Can I hear a hooah for that?

(All cheer)

: And the next slide, I’ll kind of
walk you through the path forward, and I didn’t
realize that, yeah, that’s awesome. So, again, we
still have to get to the Record of Decision like the
Commander stated in his opening remarks. It’s a
long process that we follow, but it’s a good
process, and ultimately we’ll arrive at the right
decision.

But, there are the necessary steps that
we’re mandated to follow in the implementation of
this program. Ultimately, we need to get to a
Record of Decision for all the operable units before
we can move into that remedial action phase.

And, again, IWCS will remain protective of
human health and the environment, the Corps will
continue to do what we’re doing out there monitoring
for gamma, radon, groundwater, surface water,
sediment to ensure that it remains protective until
the funding becomes available that we can implement
this remedy. And with that, I think I’ll turn it

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back over to Doug.

[Author name]: Thanks, [Author name]. We’re going to transition now into the formal comment period. Next slide, please. I’m going to just quickly talk about how this is going to work; I don’t believe we have too many folks signed up. Do we still have five, or seven? So, this will take a little less than half an hour once we get rolling. Again, this isn’t the only way or the only time to get on the record.

We recognize three minutes we’re giving each person is not a lot of time; you can go online or, by writing, provide as extensive comments as you wish to get on the record. And those comments can be either mailed or emailed to the Corps; there’s the address, all this information is in the packets as well. All of the comments that are formally submitted either tonight orally or in writing will be entered into the response to comments, and the Corps will be formally responding to all comments in their responsiveness summary.

All the documents, all the technical documents, all of the decision documents, all of the response documents, are entered into the

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hard copies at the administrative record locations, which include the Lewiston Public Library and the Youngstown Free Library as well as the Corps offices, you’d have to make — there’s security there, you’d have to do that by appointment.

But, you can go and see those documents there as well. And, also, most of them are obviously located online, as all of you saw during this process. Next slide. If you have any questions for folks at the Corps, all this contact information is also in your material, so phone, email; people are there to answer your questions.

Next slide. So what I’m going to do is walk you through the process tonight. So, we have seven folks; I’m going to call you up in the order that you registered; you’ll each be given three minutes.

We’ll ask you to please identify yourself by name and affiliation if you have one and you want to share that. Once you’ve stated your name, I’ll start the clock. Again, you’ll have three minutes, and I will give you a 30-second and 10-second warning to wrap up, and then we’ll ask you to yield to the next person.

All of the oral comments will be recorded

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by our stenographer here, so it will be entered into
the formal public record. Obviously we’re here to
talk about the Proposed Plan for the IWCS, and so we
hope you’ll focus your comments on that. And,
again, if you have any further questions, or you
want any further detailed information, or you want
to talk to the Corps or anyone on the team, they’re
in the back of the room; they’ll be here until 9:00
o’clock when we close down for the evening. So with
that, I’m going to begin calling up folks. And if
you would please go to this microphone; if you
cannot stand or make your way there, then I can have
a microphone brought to you where you’re sitting if
need be.

I’ll call the person whose turn it is, and
then the next person so you know you’re coming up
next. So the first speaker will be [redacted] and
the second speaker will be, is it [redacted]?

[redacted]: It’s [redacted], but I
don’t have a comment.

[redacted] Oh, so you’re not going to
comment. Okay, so then the second commenter will be
[redacted]. So, starting with [redacted]. Are you okay
to walk up there?
I’m okay. Hi, my name is [REDACTED]. I grew up in this area and forty, well, when it was first put in, I was just a baby in arms. So, my grandparents owned the land where the Lew-Port high school is, and I have done a cancer study. I want to turn in to someone. I will have to mail it because they can’t copy from here.

I’m concerned about the fact that it wasn’t capped off when I was growing up. So what’s going to happen when they do disburse the property and take it away? What’s that going to do to us now? Because I’m third generation cancer victim right now. That was my comment.

And, again, if you want to talk further with folks there, they’ll be in the back.

Okay.

Thank you, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

And after [REDACTED] will be [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

I just want to say that I’m really glad that the preferred alternative is number 4, and I support that. And that’s really all I have to say. Thank you.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

(Applause)

[REDACTED]: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

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(716) 444-5165
1: No comment.

2: No comment.

3: No comment.

4: No comment. Not going to comment.

5: Thank you. My name is [redacted], I’m the Superintendent of Schools at Lewiston-Porter. We’re very appreciative that the Army Corps is suggesting moving forward with the Proposed Plan number 4 so that we finally have opportunity to clean up our backyard. That is very important to all of us who work at the school system. As you move from the Study to Record of Decision, it is vitally important to us that you consider the transportation of the materials, particularly those materials in Subunits B and C. Once those are at a point where you’re going to be moving those out to whatever intermodal site is finally decided upon, it is absolutely essential that you understand that there are, on every given day within very close proximity, 2,500 students and employees in front of that facility, and that really has to be taken into consideration. We’re working on a new building site evacuation plan, and we’re doing that because we know it’s important for all
schools to have that, but we really would prefer not to have to implement that.

So if you could very much consider, when you make that decision to move those materials, you know, whatever intermodal site you decide upon, it’s essential that you understand that, you know, you have a school system in very close proximity to the movement of those materials. Thank you.

: Thank you, .

: Regarding proposed option 4, hell, yes.

(Applause)

: Did anyone else want to make a formal public comment tonight that I did not call, for any reason didn’t get in on a card?

(No response)

: This was the easiest public comment I have ever done. And I appreciate everyone coming out tonight. And, yes, .

: didn’t take her three minutes.

: No, she did not.

I just wanted to praise the thoroughness of the Army Corps of Engineers. And the steps that they’re going to take assures that
the people of this community don’t become the ultimate victims to history’s ultimate weapon. So, thank you very much.

: Thank you, . Thank everyone for coming out, get home before the snow. We’ll be here til 9:00 if you want to continue to ask questions. Have a good night.

(Meeting concluded)
CERTIFICATE

I, [redacted], certify that the foregoing transcript of proceedings in the matter of US Army Corps of Engineers, Re: Interim Waste Containment Structure Operable Unit of the Niagara Falls Storage Site, Lewiston, New York, public meeting for the Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan was recorded and transcribed from a Liberty Court Recorder and transcribing machine, and is a true and accurate record of the proceedings herein.

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