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STORAGE SITE, LEWISTON, NEW YORK

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P R O C E E D I N G S

██████████ ██████████ ██████████ 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

1 those out, and we'll have posters of the proposed
2 remedy that you're going to hear about in the
3 presentation as well. So we're going to have about
4 15 or 20 minutes of the video, about 45 minutes to
5 talk to the Corps and ask any questions about that
6 during that period. And then we'll come back and
7 we'll have a short presentation, and then we'll have
8 the formal public comment period.

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

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

23 So that's how that will work and we'll talk
24 about that more as we get closer. But before we
25 dive into tonight's program, we want to honor ██████████

1 ██████████ was a Town of Lewiston Councilwoman and
2 one of the area's first environmental activists.
3 And it was really ██████████ that raised the alarm back in
4 the 1980's about the materials here onsite and asked
5 that more be done and more be looked at.

6 She got the National Academies of Sciences
7 involved, and in a lot of ways, started the ball
8 rolling on the process that ended here, that is
9 going to be announced here tonight in terms of the
10 remedy that's going to be put into place at the
11 Niagara Falls Storage Site, at least for the IWCS.

12 ██████████ passed away about two weeks ago, but
13 not before she learned about this remedy, and so it
14 brought a very large smile to her face and we're all
15 pleased at that. So I'd like to offer just a moment
16 of silence if we could for ██████████.

17 (Moment of silence)

18 ██████████ ██████████: Thank you. I would also just
19 before we get rolling tonight, thank all of you for
20 being here and all of you who have been here through
21 this process. I think citizen involvement,
22 obviously it's what I do for a living. But beyond
23 that, it's so important to a process like this, it's
24 been incredibly important to this process. I know
25 that I have appreciated the opportunity of working

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

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

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

25 (Video being played)

1 looking for here tonight. We're going to be talking
2 about the Proposed Plan for the Interim Waste
3 Containment Structure Operable Unit of the Niagara
4 Falls Storage Site, just like you learned in the
5 video. And I'm going to refer to this as the IWCS
6 for short throughout my remarks. I hope you find
7 all of our presentations informative and that our
8 proposal and the supporting rationale earns your
9 trust and confidence, that's what we're after.

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

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

21 We've got many projects within this area of
22 responsibility, but this one is close to home. Many
23 of our nearly 300 employees from the Buffalo
24 District live in this community, and we care about
25 serving all of our fellow citizens and safeguarding

1 those resources can shift to this one. While we'd
2 all like to see the site cleaned up as quickly as
3 possible, it's important that I reassure you that
4 the IWCS does not put you at any health risk today
5 or in the near future. The site emits less
6 radiation than typical background conditions. What
7 I mean by that is, the radiation that everyone is
8 exposed to in their day-to-day life. We also have
9 over 25 years of data that confirms the IWCS is
10 performing as it was designed and will continue to
11 be protective as long as it is maintained properly.

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

22 Responses to your comments will be outlined
23 in a Record of Decision which will be reviewed and
24 approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for
25 Civil Works, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Next slide please,

1 one more. And one more, thank you. This has been a
2 team effort, and we value the partnership and
3 collaboration with all involved. This slide depicts
4 the team, and it certainly starts at the top with
5 the community. We value your input and have
6 incorporated it through the phased development of
7 the Feasibility Study. I'm only lucky enough to be
8 in Buffalo for two years. I've heard the history of
9 this project, the interaction that we've had with
10 you over many, many years, and it is important that
11 you know that we hear what you have to say.

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

24 Moving down, the U.S. Department of Energy
25 retains ownership of the site. When the Corps of

1 Engineers completes our activities, the site will be
2 returned to the DOE's Office of Legacy Management
3 for long-term stewardship. Next, the U.S.
4 Environmental Protection Agency and the New York
5 State Department of Environmental Conservation are
6 regulators who provide comment and input to the
7 Corps of Engineers, but they do not have a direct
8 regulatory authority at the site.

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

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

25 And, in case you think of additional

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

18 Next slide, please, thanks. So, Niagara
19 Falls Storage Site is situated within what was the
20 Lake Ontario Ordnance Works; it was a TNT facility
21 that came online in the early 1940's; it was
22 decommissioned in 1943. Basically, we had a surplus
23 of TNT during the World War II effort, so they no
24 longer needed the operation of that facility; the
25 government had to find a different use for that

1 structure, so we ultimately started the Atomic
2 Energy program around the same time, and there was
3 residues and waste material that was being generated
4 as a result of that work, and it kind of found its
5 way to Niagara Falls Storage Site where it was
6 stored for a considerable length of time. If you
7 hone in on the right-hand side there you can see the
8 smaller Niagara Falls Storage Site. And if you
9 focus in on the dark blue Interim Waste Containment
10 Structure and you all know what that is.

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

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

25 And then the other operable unit is

1 groundwater. On the next slide, I'm going to walk
2 you through where we are in the time line. That
3 kind of fades in, if you can hit again. Look at
4 that. I didn't realize it was that fancy. So, in
5 2007, we did a remedial investigation; we issued it
6 for public comment, and we got several comments from
7 the community and the regulators; we ultimately came
8 out with a Remedial Investigation Addendum in 2011
9 to address those comments and concerns.

10 If you look at the left-hand side, we show
11 the IWCS Operable Unit and where we are at. So,
12 we've done the Feasibility Study in 2015, which we
13 issued just recently. We're scheduled to get to the
14 Record of Decision which codifies the selected
15 remedy and what we'll take action on. If you look
16 at the right-hand side, the other two operable
17 units, if you think back to the previous slide, we
18 still have that process to follow. And remember on
19 the big CERCLA slide, so we're in the investigation
20 phase. So, these are the steps that we're mandated
21 by Congress to follow. So, ultimately, before we
22 get to any type of remedial action at the Niagara
23 Falls Storage Site; we want Record of Decisions in
24 place for all the operable units, we want to take a
25 holistic approach to the site. We have TBD down

1 there, to be determined for that remedial action
2 phase of the CERCLA process. It's going to take
3 some time to get there; we don't know what the
4 funding level is. Again, my Commander kind of spoke
5 to that already, but again, I just want to reassure
6 the public the IWCS is performing as designed; we
7 will continue to do our environmental surveillance
8 program; we'll monitor radon, gamma, groundwater,
9 surface water, and sediment until we can actually
10 get to the remedial action phase.

11 Next slide, please. So, this kind of shows
12 what the IWCS looked like prior to construction. On
13 the left-hand side, you can see what the site looked
14 like in the 1970's. And, we have the dotted line
15 there showing the R-10 residues; obviously, that was
16 stored on the ground just north of Buildings 411 and
17 413, and 414, which are structures that were
18 associated with the former water treatment plant of
19 the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works.

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

1 it was in that structure where the K-65 residues,
2 the high-activity residue material, was stored for a
3 considerable length of time before it got
4 transferred into the Interim Waste Containment
5 Structure. So, the placement of the waste into the
6 Interim Waste Containment Structure is shown on this
7 slide. Again, it was completed by the DOE in the
8 1980s. The high-activity residue material like the
9 K-65s, the L-30s, the L-50s, the F-32s (you guys
10 have heard these names), went into the former
11 structures of the water treatment plant Buildings
12 411, 413, and 414; the R-10 residues pretty much
13 stayed where it was; and we kind of built the
14 Interim Waste Containment Structure around it.

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

20 Next slide, please. So, one of the key
21 takeaways that I want everybody -- next slide,
22 everybody knows what it looks like. Waste activity
23 versus volume. So, the K-65 residues are one
24 percent of the volume, but they represent 90 percent
25 of the radioactivity in there. Some pretty highly

1 radioactive material, it's been a cause of concern
2 for the community as well as the regulators for a
3 considerable length of time, dating all the way back
4 to the late '70s and early '80s. So, on this
5 portion of the presentation, I'm kind of going to
6 walk you through how we evaluated the different
7 alternatives, ultimately, arriving at our preferred
8 alternative selection.

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

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

24 And then Subunit C contained the R-10
25 residues and the contaminated soils from the cleanup

1 of the vicinity properties. So these are the
2 alternatives we looked at. No action is a baseline
3 condition that we have to evaluate as part of the
4 CERCLA process within the Feasibility Study.

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

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

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

23 Each alternative has to meet the structural
24 criteria to be carried forward in the evaluation,
25 and our alternatives 2 through 4 did comply with the

1 threshold criteria. And then we evaluate against
2 the balancing criteria, long-term effectiveness,
3 short-term effectiveness, implementability and cost.
4 And there's actually a preference in the regulations
5 to reduce toxicity, mobility, or volume through
6 treatment. And then the modifying criteria, the
7 community and state acceptance, and that's why I
8 emphasize that your comments tonight are very
9 important for us to get to that selected remedy,
10 which we'll codify in the Record of Decision.

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

21 Next slide, please. So, the first
22 alternative we evaluated was leaving everything in
23 place and basically putting an enhanced cap or final
24 cap over the material. Some key takeaways from that
25 is land use controls; we would have land use

1 controls in place and federal ownership, security,
2 operation and maintenance for a thousand years.

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

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

20 Rip-rap is like stones and rocks and stuff,
21 and that's added to keep animals from burrowing into
22 the radioactive materials. And then again,
23 subsurface soil or common fill, and then topsoil on
24 top of that. So, alternative 3A, we looked at.
25 Basically, we took out all the contents within

1 Buildings 411, 413, and 414, we would leave the
2 building structures there, we'd fill that in with
3 clean fill, and then we'd build that enhanced cap
4 over the top of it. Again, some key takeaways from
5 that is, we take out the high-activity residue like
6 the K-65s, we treat it with fly ash and cement, and
7 ultimately put it into steel containers, and
8 transport that to a licensed offsite disposal
9 facility. But we're still left with land use
10 controls, monitoring, maintenance, security for a
11 thousand years. And I wish it was this easy, where
12 we could just hack it off and go, but it's really
13 not. So alternative 3B, we take basically the whole
14 southern half of the cell, we take it away, and
15 again we build that enhanced cap over what remains.
16 Again, the key features, again we're treating the K-
17 65s residues; we're getting it offsite.

18 But, we're also removing the rubble that
19 was surrounding that building structure from
20 Building 434 and some of the other appurtenances
21 that were taken down when they consolidated
22 radiological material within the IWCS. But, again,
23 a thousand years of operation and maintenance.

24 So, through our comprehensive evaluation,
25 what we had determined was the best alternative was

1 taking it all away, removing all our future land use
2 controls, all operations and maintenance, and kind
3 of returning the site back to its original condition
4 is really what the goal is ultimately, so it could
5 be beneficially reused, possibly by the community or
6 other entities as you see fit. Next slide, please.
7 So, we put it through this comparative analysis
8 here, this kind of shows a breakdown of how we rated
9 each of those balancing criteria, if you think back
10 a couple slides for each of the alternatives.

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

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

1 disposal sites that we have across the country was
2 another reason that lead us to choose alternative 4.

3 Again the preferred alternative is to take
4 it all away. Can I hear a hooah for that?

5 (All cheer)

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

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

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

1 back over to Doug.

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

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

22 All the documents, all the technical
23 documents, all of the decision documents, all of the
24 response documents, are entered into the
25 Administrative Record, which will be available in

1 hard copies at the administrative record locations,
2 which include the Lewiston Public Library and the
3 Youngstown Free Library as well as the Corps
4 offices, you'd have to make -- there's security
5 there, you'd have to do that by appointment.

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

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

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

25 All of the oral comments will be recorded

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

15 I'll call the person whose turn it is, and
16 then the next person so you know you're coming up
17 next. So the first speaker will be [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and
18 the second speaker will be, is it [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?
19 [REDACTED].

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: It's [REDACTED], but I
21 don't have a comment.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Oh, so you're not going to
23 comment. Okay, so then the second commenter will be
24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. So, starting with [REDACTED]. Are you okay
25 to walk up there?

1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: No comment.

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: No comment. [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: No comment.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] not going to comment. [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED].

6 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: Thank you. My name is

7 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], I'm the Superintendent of Schools at
8 Lewiston-Porter. We're very appreciative that the
9 Army Corps is suggesting moving forward with the
10 Proposed Plan number 4 so that we finally have
11 opportunity to clean up our backyard. That is very
12 important to all of us who work at the school
13 system. As you move from the Study to Record of
14 Decision, it is vitally important to us that you
15 consider the transportation of the materials,
16 particularly those materials in Subunits B and C.
17 Once those are at a point where you're going to be
18 moving those out to whatever intermodal site is
19 finally decided upon, it is absolutely essential
20 that you understand that there are, on every given
21 day within very close proximity, 2,500 students and
22 employees in front of that facility, and that really
23 has to be taken into consideration. We're working
24 on a new building site evacuation plan, and we're
25 doing that because we know it's important for all

1 schools to have that, but we really would prefer not
2 to have to implement that.

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

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: Thank you, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: Regarding proposed option
11 4, hell, yes.

12 (Applause)

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: Did anyone else want to make a
14 formal public comment tonight that I did not call,
15 for any reason didn't get in on a card?

16 (No response)

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: This was the easiest public
18 comment I have ever done. And I appreciate everyone
19 coming out tonight. And, yes, [REDACTED].

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] didn't take her
21 three minutes.

22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: No, she did not.

23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I just wanted to praise the
24 thoroughness of the Army Corps of Engineers. And
25 the steps that they're going to take assures that

1 the people of this community don't become the
2 ultimate victims to history's ultimate weapon. So,
3 thank you very much.

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: Thank you, [REDACTED]. Thank everyone
5 for coming out, get home before the snow. We'll be
6 here til 9:00 if you want to continue to ask
7 questions. Have a good night.

8 (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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