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DUPONT CHAMBERS WORKS FUSRAP SITE
FUSRAP COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

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PRESENTED BY MICHAEL HART

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HAMPTON INN
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Thursday, January 17, 2013
7:00 p.m.

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BEFORE:

Michele R. Honaker, RPR

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3 MR. HART: All right. We're going to go
4 ahead and get started.

5 Can everybody hear me in the back? Okay?
6 It's fine? We have a microphone if you're having
7 trouble, but I prefer not to use it if you can hear
8 me.

9 My name is Mike Hart. I'm the Project
10 Manager for the Corps of Engineers for the DuPont
11 FUSRAP Facility.

12 I'd like to thank you all for taking the
13 time to come out tonight. This is probably our
14 biggest turnout in a long time. We really
15 appreciate it. It is great to be involved in it.

16 Along with the members of the community, we
17 also have additional members of the Corps of
18 Engineers here tonight. Along with members of our
19 community board and some members of the NJDP, as
20 well as Cabrera Services, who have helped the Corps
21 of Engineers do the investigation of the facility.

22 We're here tonight to present what's called
23 The Proposed Plan For the Cleanup of the DuPont
24 Site. So we're going to go ahead with a little bit

1 of a project history and overview of what's been
2 done there. We're going to present what our
3 proposed cleanup plan is.

4 We'll take some questions to clarify
5 anything that was presented tonight. And at that
6 point we'll move to what's known as the Public
7 Comment Period phase of the project, where we'll
8 open the floor to anyone who wants to make a
9 comment. That is submitted to the official public
10 record. So, if you wish, you can go ahead and do
11 that tonight once -- you know, once we have any
12 clarifying questions. And those records will --
13 those comments will, you know, officially be
14 submitted to the record.

15 We just ask if you're going to submit an
16 official comment to state your name so that we can
17 go ahead and accurately get it. And then if you
18 would like to sign the sheet up front at the end of
19 the meeting, we would appreciate it, so we have the
20 spellings correct.

21 Just some meeting logistics. If you have
22 been to a meeting before, you're pretty familiar
23 with the scene here. I guess something a little
24 different, we do have a stenographer here tonight

1 to take a full transcript of the meeting; whereas,
2 in the past we've meetings minutes available on the
3 project website. We'll have a full transcript of
4 tonight's meeting available. You'll be able to
5 view that on the project website. Also, a copy of
6 that is going to be placed in the admin record,
7 which is available in the library, a library copy.

8 I'm just going to ask that you hold any
9 questions on the project until the end of the
10 presentation. And that we specifically deal with
11 the items being presented within the proposed plan
12 tonight.

13 And then, again, you know, once we get
14 through the questions, we'll again have that formal
15 comment period.

16 We'll have three ways to take formal
17 comments for the project; as we stated, tonight
18 you'll be able to make any verbal comments you
19 wish, but tonight will be the last time that we'll
20 be accepting verbal comments. Anything after
21 tonight we ask be provided as a written comment.

22 We have comment cards available at the front
23 of the room if you'd like to take one of those.
24 There's long and short cards available. If you

1 take one of the longer ones, please make sure you
2 get an envelope and an address label, and there's
3 stamps up front too for you guys to use.

4 If you'd rather submit an e-mail comment you
5 can go to a project website. There's a link there
6 to do that. Here's the address. We'll have it
7 again up on the screen at the end if you want to
8 write it down. Those comments will be directly
9 submitted to the Chief of Public Affairs at the
10 Philadelphia District.

11 So, just some background on the project
12 itself: This FUSRAP project came about to clean up
13 some contamination that was associated with
14 Manhattan Engineering District, you know, processes
15 that were done across the country.

16 Background on MED was, you know, work
17 supporting the Nation's early atomic program.
18 Existed from the 1940s to the 1960s. It was
19 located on various federal and private sector
20 facilities scattered across the country, there's
21 about 40 of them.

22 Specifically at the DuPont site, DuPont was
23 asked to process uranium, where they converted
24 uranium oxide, uranium metals, uranium

1 tetrafluoride; and those end materials were then
2 shipped off-site for enrichment at other locations.

3 At the Chambers Works, processing uranium
4 began in 1942 and ended about 1946. At the end of
5 the processing activities, the site was then
6 decontaminated and returned back to DuPont in 1949.

7 After that time period, in the mid70s, the
8 FUSRAP program was created. Based on new sampling
9 methods and new health criteria, it was determined
10 that a lot of these sites were not cleaned up to,
11 you know, today's levels. FUSRAP was created to go
12 back and look at these sites that were used as part
13 of the MED process and determine if any of these
14 contaminants existed on sites still and to clean
15 those up.

16 Originally that was -- that task was given
17 to the Department of Energy. Congress then gave
18 that, transferred that responsibility to the Corps
19 of Engineers at about 1997.

20 1999 Corps of Engineers began working at the
21 Chambers Works site with some, you know, initial
22 investigations. And we did some building
23 demolition and decontamination, materials were
24 shipped off-site. At that point, we continued with

1 what's called the Superfund or CERCLA process to go
2 about investigating the site and cleaning it up.

3 Here we see that, like an outline of the
4 CERCLA process which is being followed. We'll
5 start here in the beginning with the sort of site
6 assessment. Then we move to what's called the
7 "Remedial Investigation," where samples were
8 collected onsite looking for contaminates, and then
9 the human health and ecological risks were
10 assessed.

11 Completion of the Remedial Investigation
12 resulted with what's known as the Feasibility Study
13 where you looked at all the available methods to
14 clean the site up and different ways to go about
15 remediating the site and removal of the
16 contaminates.

17 From the Feasibility Study, we developed
18 what's known as the "Proposed Plan," which is what
19 we're here tonight to present. It's the proposed
20 scenario by the Corps of Engineers on what we feel
21 would be necessary to clean the site up.

22 Once the proposed plan has been completed,
23 we go ahead with what's known as "Public Comment
24 Period," which is where we are here today; right at

1 the beginning of that. It will be a 30-day public
2 comment period for anyone to review the proposed
3 plan and issue a comment on that.

4 Once those comments are received, we'll
5 respond to those. The comments and responses will
6 become part of what's known as "Record of
7 Decision," which is the documented cleanup of the
8 site. Beyond that, we'll move into the remedial
9 design and cleanup action.

10 So throughout the process we've had four
11 stakeholders which have been involved in the
12 investigation and cleanup alternatives. The Corps
13 of Engineers has been the lead agency behind
14 DuPont, being the landowner, had some involvement;
15 as well as we've had a pretty strong community
16 board that has attended regular meetings, who have
17 been briefed on the process and what we've been up;
18 and then the regulators represented by the NJDEP
19 and EPA have been reviewing the documents as well.

20 So here we have just, kind of, an overview
21 of the Chambers Works facility. As you can see
22 here is the property here. Delaware River and
23 Delaware Memorial Bridge and Shell Lane is down
24 here. It's kind of an overview of where we are at

1 on the site.

2 While on the site, three operable units were
3 identified where uranium processing activities took
4 place. We had Operating Unit 1, which is where
5 they had production areas. Operating Unit 2, which
6 are some of the drainage ditches from those areas.
7 And Operating Unit 3, that is where the disposal
8 areas, materials were disposed.

9 Of all those three operating units it was
10 further broken down into six different areas of
11 concern within those operating units.

12 So, all the processes used to develop
13 uranium onsite were then evaluated against a list
14 of specific radionuclides and chemicals that are
15 eligible for cleanup under the FUSRAP program. All
16 those materials listed, three were identified as
17 eligible for cleanup under the FUSRAP program; it
18 would be uranium, thorium and radium.

19 Onsite, within all the areas concerned, we
20 sampled all various source of media for
21 contamination. Soils were tested in all six of the
22 areas concerned, as well as groundwater in all of
23 those areas.

24 Sediments and surface water were only

1 present at area of concern three and six, that's
2 where we did the testing for those. In addition to
3 that, background references were taken for all
4 sample media throughout the site.

5 Several investigation methods were used to
6 identify the presence of any contaminants. We used
7 multiple methods, anywhere from geophysical surveys
8 to air monitoring. In the end we collected more
9 than 93,000 data points of possible contamination
10 areas throughout the site.

11 So, as a result of those investigation and
12 those data points, we determined that there were
13 about two and a half acres in Operating Unit 1,
14 which is this one here -- if you remember the past
15 slide. And less than a tenth of an acre over here
16 in Operating Unit 3 that were shown, were found
17 that shown some contamination.

18 Groundwater, there was little or not --
19 there was some groundwater contamination detected
20 for uranium. It was through monitoring of some
21 wells onsite, it was determined there was little to
22 no migration of that groundwater from the impacted
23 soil areas.

24 There was limited impact in drainage issues.

1 And there was no impact contamination to surface
2 water. Because the groundwater contamination
3 showed little to no migration there wasn't an
4 impact to any drinking wells that were sampled.

5 Currently, at the DuPont facility, they
6 currently run their own water recovery program for
7 their own contaminants, which is kind of shown
8 here. If you can see this, there's two pump
9 stations here and here, which are actively drawing
10 water towards the pumps, away from the river and
11 away from surrounding areas. It's very hard to
12 make out here, but these little blue dots are the
13 areas where we had found contaminated groundwater.
14 And these are also the sites where we had the
15 contaminated soils, since, you know, we determined
16 that the groundwater is not moving away from the
17 soil areas. But here's to show that, you know, if
18 that even was to occur that it's well within the
19 DuPont catch zone for their own active processing.

20 Here's a map of the area which shows the
21 public drinking water draw areas where this -- you
22 know, this is where the communities are currently
23 drawing drinking water from. You can see the green
24 bubbles here at the end of what's being drawn for

1 the local community.

2 Once again, it is harder to see now that
3 we're further away, but here are the areas where
4 the DuPont -- well, here's the DuPont site. Here's
5 the FUSRAP contamination, again was present. But
6 once again, we -- through sampling the wells from
7 surrounding area, we were able to determine that
8 there's been no migration of the groundwater,
9 contaminated groundwater from those areas.

10 So once we went ahead and evaluated the site
11 for the contaminants, we looked at the exposure
12 risk and cleanup goals moving forward for the site.
13 A critical part of that is to determine the future
14 use of the site. And in looking at the DuPont
15 facility, it was kind of determined that the site
16 is and will be industrial use probably for the
17 remainder; so it was evaluated, cleanup goals were
18 evaluated on industrial land use scenario.

19 Once the land use scenario has been
20 determined, then we go ahead and look at risk
21 assessment for the cleanup. And really the risk
22 assessment is just, it's determination if there's a
23 hazard, how bad it is and who actually is going to
24 be exposed to that hazard.

1 So, for this site we looked at past and
2 current human receptors onsite who could
3 potentially come in contact with any of the
4 contamination there. Current receptor scenario
5 were the industrial worker, construction, utility
6 maintenance worker.

7 Future scenario, which we base the cleanup
8 goals on, were determined to be the construction
9 worker.

10 And then also residential receptors were
11 analyzed for comparisons.

12 So, of those operating units that were
13 looked at and the samples collected, it was
14 determined that within these operating units, just
15 these areas of concern, showed they had potential
16 for risk to a construction worker onsite in those
17 areas, so then these areas were further evaluated
18 for the cleanup goals. Cleanup goals were -- the
19 criteria which we were going to remediate the site
20 down to. They were based on an industrial land use
21 scenario. For a construction worker being exposed
22 to it and then the groundwater in that immediate
23 area was not being used.

24 The cleanup level then collected was 65

1 pCi/g, equivalent to 15 millirem per year exposure
2 rate to a construction worker. 15 millirem per
3 year is also the New Jersey Cleanup Standard for
4 remediation. So this -- this 65 pCi/g is the level
5 that the soil is going to be cleaned up to.

6 And just to put that in perspective what 15
7 millirems per year is equivalent to: Typically an
8 average person is exposed to about 620 millirems
9 per year just from natural, manmade occurring
10 sources. Here we list some other typical amounts,
11 typical exposure amounts that people could be
12 exposed to during the course of a lifetime.

13 In the 15 millirem, a good measure would be
14 equivalent to about three flights cross country
15 that you get in an airplane, that's about -- about
16 the same exposure onsite.

17 So then in those operating units, we went
18 back and collected all the samples and, you know,
19 found the areas where the samples exceeded that 65
20 pCi/g, and they are shown here in pink. So all
21 these blue samples were tested and the smaller pink
22 areas are where we found, you know, contamination
23 levels in excess of that 65 pCi/g.

24 And here again, here's area concern six.

1 Again, you'll see the blue tested areas and the
2 pink areas where they were elevated levels.

3 So then the feasibility study went ahead to
4 determine what action was going to be taken in
5 those areas on the site. Three alternatives were
6 listed.

7 S1 is no action alternative, which is just
8 required to be in there for a comparison.

9 S2 was excavation of that material and
10 disposal of it off-site.

11 Alternative S3 that we looked at was
12 excavation of the material, followed by some
13 sorting of the excavated material and then off-site
14 disposal of the exceedances.

15 This is a graphical representation of what
16 was going to be done.

17 Alternative S2, which is excavation of
18 material, material is excavated out of the ground
19 then put into a staging area where it was going to
20 be sent out on railcars to a licensed landfill
21 facility at different parts of the county and then
22 it would be in turn there.

23 The excavation itself would be filled with
24 clean material and then restored to the existing

1 site condition.

2 So, Alternative S3, similar process,
3 material is excavated, it's then sent to a soil
4 sorting system, similar to site mitigator,
5 something of that nature, where the material will
6 be screened for contamination levels. Anything
7 lower than the cleanup standard would be placed in
8 a separate stockpile, anything exceeding the
9 standard would then be stockpiled and placed on
10 railcars and then sent to the landfill. Other
11 material that was below the cleanup standard would
12 then be used to refill the excavation, along with
13 clean fill. And again, that would be restored to
14 the existing site condition.

15 For transformation of the excavated material
16 the site was going to use existing rail lines that
17 are on the site. Similarly, a lot of these
18 remediation sites used rails, we expect private
19 transport and only licensed waste haulers would be
20 allowed to remove the waste to the disposal
21 facilities.

22 Then a feasibility study refer to look at
23 the impacts of the groundwater within the area.
24 Multiple wells and data points were collected in

1 the area to determine which areas showed
2 contamination from uranium. Here you can see the
3 areas that were impacted are these orange bands.
4 Here in Operating Unit 1. Majority of these areas
5 also contain the soil contamination here. So, you
6 know, a lot of this contaminated groundwater is
7 representative of soil contamination still being
8 present at these areas.

9 Again, here, we see this area controls --
10 are concerns six. Again, showed some localized
11 groundwater contamination. Again, it's right in
12 the area that there was the soil contamination.

13 So the feasibility study went ahead to
14 outline, again, three alternatives to cleanup the
15 groundwater within the area.

16 GW1 was a no action alternative.

17 GW2 was active remediation where the
18 groundwater will be pumped and treated.

19 The groundwater -- Alternative GW3 is what
20 is known as monitored nature attenuation, where
21 once the source material is then removed from the
22 site, that the groundwater itself is allowed to
23 turn to its natural state, having the source
24 material removed the majority of that contaminated

1 groundwater is removed with it; and overtime the
2 contamination levels, which is through natural
3 processes received. And that goes on. That
4 process is monitored through the course of time to
5 make sure that that is something that's occurring,
6 that it is -- that we can effectively see that the
7 contamination is reducing in the areas.

8 So, I guess, there's six total alternatives
9 were then evaluated through the CERCLA processes
10 and any of these criterias. Any alternative first
11 must meet these threshold criteria, its alterative
12 must be protective of human health and environment
13 and it must comply with all ARARs. This is where
14 those no action alternatives were then removed from
15 the decision process and was left with just the
16 other two alternatives.

17 Further those options were weighed in the
18 balancing criteria and that can be any of these
19 that range from long-term, short-term
20 effectiveness, reduction in toxicity, whether or
21 not the alternatives is implementable, and other
22 alteratives would be cost factor.

23 Finally, there was some modifying criteria
24 for any alternative site, first being state

1 acceptance. We have been in contact with NJDEP,
2 they have seen a proposed plan and have issued an
3 approval that...

4 Then we're moving now into community
5 acceptance, which is represented by the start of
6 the public comment period tonight, and everybody
7 has a chance to review the proposed plan and submit
8 comments on it.

9 This just shows the total cost estimate for
10 each of the remediation alternatives. Obviously,
11 no cost is no action. About \$33 million dollars
12 for excavation of the material. \$30 million
13 dollars for excavation in sorting. Groundwater
14 treatment about \$8 million dollars and \$6.5 for
15 monitored natural attenuation.

16 So having looked at all those alternatives
17 and evaluated them, a proposed plan was developed.
18 The purpose of the proposed plan is just to
19 summarize for the public what the alternatives
20 evaluated were in the FS.

21 Beyond that, we describe the Corps of
22 Engineers preferred alternative for the cleanup of
23 the site. And then we'd also like to solicit
24 public review of the proposed plan and your

1 comments on that plan itself.

2 As we previously stated, the public comment
3 period beings tonight. It will run the course of
4 30 days, which ends February 16th. In that time
5 frame, we would like to solicit any public
6 comments, either be verbally tonight or as any
7 other forms we elicited earlier.

8 So the Corps's alternative, preferred
9 alternative, which is listed in the proposed plan,
10 would be complete excavation of the material and
11 disposed off-site, the S2 method. And the
12 monitored natural attenuation of the groundwater,
13 which was the GW3 alternative.

14 During that process there is going to be
15 continued site access restrictions to the
16 contaminated areas, which is currently the case now
17 on the facility. The access is restricted.

18 All right. So then what's next? So, after
19 we complete the presentation tonight, again, we'll
20 open it up for any comments solicited from any of
21 the stakeholders, which is the public. At which
22 point, the Corps of Engineers will review those
23 comments and respond to them. Both the written
24 comments and the Corps's responses are going to a

1 document, which is known as a "Responsiveness
2 Summary." That document is then issued as part of
3 the record of decision.

4 Once the record of decision is completed and
5 reviewed, Corps of Engineers will issue a public
6 notice of the completion of record of decision.
7 And from that we'll move toward cleanup and start
8 the remedial effort, which is expected to be some
9 time in 2014.

10 Having said that, before we get to the
11 public comment period, does anyone have a question,
12 basically, on what was presented?

13 MR. BOMBA: The groundwater attenuation
14 where you were saying you're going to then
15 monitor -- or, actually, even in the cleanup, you
16 didn't say where you're going to dispose of this
17 water that would be coming from the wells, if there
18 was a problem. Is that going to be onsite?

19 MR. YOUNG: Yeah. The water is going to be
20 filtered and then discharged after filtration, but
21 they remove the uranium from it.

22 MR. BOMBA: Right, okay.

23 Now, what's captured, where is that -- that
24 goes into the solid waste and gets trucked off or?

1 MR. YOUNG: No. Once we've removed the
2 radioactivity from the water, then we're going to
3 give it to DuPont and they'll put it in their
4 treatment system.

5 MR. BOMBA: I'm not talking about the water
6 now. Solid waste that you collected, you filtered,
7 that would go into the solid waste that's going
8 out?

9 MR. YOUNG: Oh, that goes by rail to
10 landfills.

11 MR. BOMBA: Okay. Is that containerized
12 material or is it -- what method is being used for
13 that rail or trucking?

14 MR. HONERLAH: Any waste that's going to go
15 off-site for disposal will be packaged in
16 accordance with Department of Transportation
17 requirements, whatever container requirements there
18 are. And typically from a site like this we'd look
19 at putting it in an intermodal container onto a
20 railcar. And since the distance is so far, it
21 would probably be more cost effective to put it on
22 a railcar and ship it out west.

23 MR. BOMBA: Recognizing there's a problem
24 with disposal or sites accepting radioactive

1 wastes, do we have a disposal site in mind?

2 MR. HONERLAH: There are -- for this site,
3 the potential to segregate into a couple different
4 disposal waste streams, something -- there are
5 low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities
6 that are available. And then there are also record
7 facilities that take low-activity waste for
8 disposal. So both facilities will be either
9 licensed or permitted. And we'll put it out for
10 bid with our prim contractor to seek the most
11 effective decision, I guess pathway for it.

12 MR. BOMBA: I guess the last part of my
13 question: The well monitoring, if you found
14 seepage or you found contamination later, what
15 would be your remedial action at that point; to
16 come back in or to redo testing?

17 MR. HONERLAH: I think as part of the record
18 of decision, and the CERCLA process requires
19 continuation monitoring, typically through a one or
20 two-year review then into a five-year review where
21 they will look at the wells and make sure that it's
22 effective.

23 I think what we saw out when we did our
24 investigation that the uranium contamination, as

1 Mike talked about, is primarily -- in the water
2 contamination is primarily associated with where
3 the contaminated soil is. So I think our
4 assumption is we remove the source term, i.e.,
5 contaminated dirt, any groundwater or seepage that
6 comes in from new rainfall or things like that it
7 won't become contaminated again.

8 MR. BOMBA: Okay.

9 MS. STRANAHAN: Is there any effect on the
10 local aquifers?

11 MR. HART: No. This contamination was
12 pretty shallow, primarily within the groundwater
13 contamination, less than 20 feet, which would be
14 the upper two aquifers, which really aren't used.
15 It's the deeper aquifers which are actually, I
16 think, used locally.

17 Ms. STRANAHAN: And did you go off-site to
18 check any of the water in Pennsville or water in
19 the river?

20 MR. HART: Do you know how far off-site?

21 MR. YOUNG: Well, we followed it from the
22 center of where it entered the aquifers and then
23 moved outward. So we only needed to go a couple of
24 hundred feet at most. So we followed it from where

1 we knew it contaminated the aquifer and moved
2 outward.

3 So we didn't start where we didn't know
4 where it was, we started where we knew where it was
5 and moved out. And it was -- the contaminated
6 groundwater only exists where there's uranium in
7 the soil, so it's -- it hasn't migrated hardly at
8 all in the last 65 years. It's really very well
9 contained in those locations.

10 MS. POWELL: So you're saying there's no way
11 to seep out into drinking water or the other water
12 in the county?

13 MR. YOUNG: Yeah. We've got 40 wells that
14 we've been -- had installed around these sources.
15 So with the 40 wells we have good control and so we
16 know exactly -- we've got wells that are upgraded
17 and wells that are cross-graded, wells beneath
18 where the contamination is and wells downstream
19 too. So we've surrounded the contaminated areas
20 with wells and measured those on a quarterly basis
21 for quite a number of quarters in order to see if
22 we'd see any change to the migration.

23 And over all of those events it was, it
24 was -- we were all impressed by how the fact that

1 there wasn't any migration at all. And we have
2 good explanation why, part of that monitored
3 natural attenuation is to understand the processes
4 that cause that -- that uranium to stay in place.
5 It's important to understand why. And we think we
6 have a good understanding of why, and it's because
7 of the chemistry of the uranium.

8 So, we know why it's staying in place and
9 we're confident then, with excavation of the soil,
10 90 percent of the uranium in groundwater will also
11 be removed. So only 10 percent will remain. And
12 there will be soil monitoring -- after we excavate
13 we'll monitor it and make sure it does remain in
14 place. It should. The concentration should really
15 drop down after we remove the uranium from the
16 soil.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Excuse me. I'd like to make a
18 request, please. Just so we can capture your
19 comments and responses, because Carl just gave us
20 fabulous, a good response to the groundwater issue,
21 which I know so many people are interested in. If
22 you're going to speak, could you please stand and
23 state your name.

24 Michele, our court reporter, would love to

1 get it all captured accurately, thank you.

2 MR. DAILEY: Yeah, I'm Mark Dailey. I want
3 to follow up on that.

4 I misunderstood from the presentation. I
5 thought -- when you gave the slide that showed
6 where the water was drawn from the communities
7 around, I thought you did some baseline testing
8 there. And now I'm understanding from your answer
9 that you did not do any testing from the --

10 MR. YOUNG: Not outside.

11 MR. DAILEY: Did not do any testing from our
12 drinking water?

13 MR. YOUNG: Right.

14 MR. HOLLEY: Joe Holley. I'm from 733 Hawks
15 Bridge Road. And I just wanted a question as far
16 as do we think that there was any contamination of
17 the canal that runs along the -- along your site
18 that comes out going towards Cedar Crest or Hawks
19 Bridge Road area that travels back there? Has
20 anyone done any testing on that canal that has been
21 there for a while? It's like a main runoff from
22 there that goes back that way. You just put
23 another boat ramp back there, right next to the
24 house, and I was just inquiring about that.

1 MR. YOUNG: Yeah. We looked at -- so, we
2 started with this historical site assessment
3 looking at what -- historically what they -- where
4 they were onsite, where they did production, where
5 they did the dumping. So we knew where they were
6 working onsite, so we investigated those areas.
7 And the farther south was along what's called East
8 Road and that's quite a bit north of the canal.

9 So there was some disposal to the north,
10 some in the center of the site, but not down in the
11 south. And Jackson Lab had some work too, we
12 investigated around that. So, there wasn't
13 anything down farther south, it was all -- it was
14 all East Road, Jackson Lab and north of that.

15 MR. HOLLEY: Okay. That was just, you know,
16 one of my questions as how far that testing went
17 out. I was just concerned about the canal because
18 it's everybody's back door that even lives along
19 that road there, going all the way back 40 and
20 beyond.

21 MR. HONERLAH: We did test a lot of the
22 drainage ditches in and around where the processes
23 plants were and didn't identify anything in those
24 drainage ditches that would have kept us from going

1 further and further away from where the process
2 plants were.

3 MS. JONES: My name is Luerine Jones. 733
4 Hawks Bridge Road.

5 I have lost my whole family there. 733, I
6 had three girls, my husband. I took care of two
7 guys from the estate in my home. Everyone has died
8 from cancer. And I do believe that that -- around
9 that area there its contamination that is around
10 there. Because everybody that's there in that
11 house is afflicted some kind of way. And I believe
12 that there's radiation around that house.

13 I was intending to get a lawyer because I
14 think that there is something there in that water.

15 How many feet, about 100 feet from the river
16 there to my house.

17 MR. HOLLEY: Less than a football field I'd
18 say, probably 70 yards at best. I mean, if we get
19 a good rainfall or whatever it's at the back door.

20 MS. JONES: That's the last house right
21 there, what you call, you know, just before the
22 road there.

23 MR. HOLLEY: The closest one.

24 MS. JONES: It's just before that. And I do

1 believe -- I don't think anybody has ever, you
2 know, come to check that soil or check nothing
3 around that house. The water is no good. We
4 cannot drink it. And everything is just, it seem
5 like it's, like a turmoil there.

6 And I, I would love to have some you all,
7 whoever tests, to do some testing there around my
8 house and that field back in there from that lake
9 right in the back door.

10 The boat ramp is right in my door, almost.
11 Where they put the boat ramp, it's right there. So
12 it's something there in that soil and water that is
13 just not right.

14 And if you could, I would like to have
15 somebody to check that out. If you could.

16 Okay?

17 MR. HART: Thank you.

18 MR. GREEN: Hi, my name is Charles Green
19 from Pennsgrove. I was looking at the screen when
20 you said Alternative 1, Alterative 2, Alternative 3
21 and you had groundwater, Groundwater 1, Groundwater
22 2, Groundwater 3.

23 Now, number one, that means there ain't no
24 contamination at all?

1 MR. HART: No.

2 MR. GREEN: What do you mean no action
3 taken?

4 MR. HART: It is just we won't do anything
5 about it. It's just purely there for a comparison.

6 MR. GREEN: Okay.

7 MR. HART: Just, yeah, going through the
8 process we're mandated to list a no action
9 alternative, just to show, to evaluate what would
10 happen if you didn't do anything.

11 MR. GREEN: Okay. I was thinking it might
12 be a little contamination but not enough to do any
13 -- I thought that's what you meant. I mean, that's
14 what you meant?

15 MR. HART: It's an evaluation of the
16 contamination onsite. So if you were to look at
17 it, just, you know, if we were to look at the site
18 and what would happen if we didn't do anything. If
19 we wouldn't do anything it would never --

20 MR. GREEN: It would be no harm.

21 MR. HART: Well, in this case there would
22 be. We would never get below that cleanup
23 standard. So, once that criteria where it cannot,
24 it can't be harmful to human health, it would be if

1 we didn't do anything. So that alternative is not,
2 it's not selected. It goes out of the decision
3 process. So, it's purely there as a comparison.

4 MR. GREEN: Oh, okay.

5 MR. HART: If you are following through the
6 CERCLA process.

7 MR. GREEN: Okay. Thank you.

8 MS. DEMAREST: Hi, Pat Demarest. In your
9 85-page report I read online today, you had said
10 that the Potomac group was the F aquifer where most
11 of the water in South Jersey and Delaware came
12 from. Can you show us where that was on the map in
13 reference to the DuPont site?

14 MR. YOUNG: Oh, well, it's beneath the site,
15 but it's --

16 MS. DEMAREST: I --

17 MR. YOUNG: So, that the aquifer is a letter
18 A, B, C, D, E, F so it's, it's way down, you know,
19 100 feet --

20 MR. HONERLAH: In excess of 170.

21 MR. YOUNG: Yeah. So the uranium
22 contamination we studied, we found it in A aquifer,
23 in the B aquifer. We looked down in the C aquifer
24 it wasn't there. And, so -- so we studied

1 vertically underneath these locations to see how
2 far down it went. So the B aquifer in areas, in
3 our study areas, it's only 20 feet underground, the
4 A and B aquifer. So, that's how we know it didn't
5 go down, we have wells below that.

6 MS. DEMAREST: Thank you for clarifying
7 that.

8 MR. GLADHILL: Wayne Gladhill. It was a
9 good presentation. Unfortunately for me, it was
10 pretty fast. You went through it really fast. I
11 guess in the future for any presentation for me and
12 other people it would probably -- I know it will
13 extend the meeting a little longer, but
14 chart-by-chart. There's a question I think I had
15 and you were going through so fast, sort of taking
16 notes, you know, I was trying to take notes as you
17 were making issues you just went so fast. Is this
18 presentation online?

19 MR. HART: It's not online. The transcript
20 will be available online. We don't have any video.

21 MR. GLADHILL: What about the pictures you
22 put up?

23 MR. HART: We can put that on the website
24 also?

1 MR. GLADHILL: That would be great.

2 MR. HONERLAH: And I think we'll be here
3 until at least 9:00, so if the meeting breaks early
4 and you want to stay by and chat specifics we can
5 do that as well.

6 MR. GLADHILL: I got a couple of questions.

7 MR. HART: Okay.

8 MR. GLADHILL: You mentioned you had six
9 area of concern on the plan site.

10 MR. HART: Right.

11 MR. GLADHILL: Where are those areas located
12 on the plan site?

13 I mean, where can I find specifics where
14 they are located at? I'm an employee of that plan
15 site and I'd like to know where that's located on
16 the site.

17 MR. HART: It might be the one behind me.
18 We can put it up on screen.

19 All right. So it's shown here, I guess.

20 Operating Unit 1, area of concern one --
21 this one is near area concern two. Area concern
22 six -- five and six are in here. And then I
23 think four is --

24 MR. YOUNG: Four is the big one?

1 MR. HART: Four is the area --

2 MR. YOUNG: And there's five.

3 MR. HART: Five.

4 Do we have one that shows --

5 MR. YOUNG: Three is the in between. We
6 have one that shows AOC's in the back.

7 MR. HART: Don't we have one that shows them
8 all broken out?

9 MR. GLADHILL: So, we're actually talking
10 about areas on the plant site, DuPont Chambers
11 Works?

12 MR. HART: Yeah.

13 MR. GLADHILL: We're talking about more than
14 one area, correct?

15 MS. NELSON: We investigated six areas.

16 MR. GLADHILL: There are two areas above the
17 contamination that are the roped off or areas where
18 people can't get into.

19 MR. HART: Yeah. They are currently
20 restricted.

21 You know, site access to the entire area is
22 restricted and then furthermore onsite access is
23 restricted.

24 MR. GLADHILL: I only know of one area where

1 there is a sign that says, contact radiation stake
2 off, and that's the only area I know of.

3 MR. YOUNG: That's actually two areas of
4 concern there in that lot.

5 MR. HONERLAH: That's former Building 845
6 area.

7 MR. GLADHILL: And that's where --

8 MR. HONERLAH: And then the F-Corral, which
9 was next to it. So, it really is a continuous
10 area, but we broke it out into two. We call AOC 1
11 and one of them AOC 2 because there were two
12 separate plants. I think under F-Corral was former
13 Building 708, so that's actually one continuous
14 area that's roped off, but we call it two AOC's.

15 MR. GLADHILL: So it's broke down.

16 Now, the F-Corral, as it stands right now,
17 DuPont is expanding that area due to Homeland
18 Security as far as parking area. I mean, you know,
19 do you guys know that? Were you involved with
20 that?

21 MR. YOUNG: Yeah.

22 MR. GLADHILL: Because as an employee we
23 have no knowledge of what's going on.

24 This is -- the only chance for us getting

1 information is to hear it from here, that's why I
2 come to this meeting. Plus, I'm a local resident,
3 so I got concerns about that, also.

4 MR. YOUNG: Yeah. They checked with us and
5 we investigated all of that F-Corral and they asked
6 well, could we put that road over on this part and
7 that part wasn't contaminated so that part was
8 cleared. So they -- where they actually worked
9 with the Corps to design where that road could go
10 through there.

11 MR. GLADHILL: Because the road is like
12 right next to that signs.

13 MR. YOUNG: Yeah.

14 MR. GLADHILL: They are also going to spray
15 that parking lot, also. They are pushing a lot of
16 cars out of the area -- they are pushing everybody
17 back into F-Corral, further down. So we have a lot
18 more vehicles back in that area.

19 MR. YOUNG: Yeah. See the hazard would come
20 from being in contact with the soil underneath the
21 gravel in that area or drinking the water
22 underneath the ground in that area.

23 So driving by that area there's no hazard.

24 MR. GLADHILL: So you would pick up nothing

1 with a Geiger counter?

2 Yes, Geiger. You would pick up no rems on a
3 Geiger counter in that area?

4 MR. YOUNG: Well, in the roped off area, if
5 you had a sensitive enough meter in those area
6 where it is roped off you would see measurements.

7 MR. GLADHILL: So you would see readings?

8 MR. HONERLAH: You would see reading, but it
9 wouldn't be a significant health hazard. In the
10 roped off areas uranium has some shielding in
11 between where the contaminated dirt is and where a
12 person would stand in the form of, you know,
13 six inches of gravel. So you might see something
14 slightly elevated above background, but it wouldn't
15 require posting or separate controls that say
16 radiation area.

17 MR. GLADHILL: I have just another question.
18 You said you listed that you had came across -- you
19 said you would equate it out to 50 millirems, which
20 actually would be 65 --

21 MR. HART: pCi/g.

22 MR. GLADHILL: Yeah. You mentioned that
23 there was a couple of areas higher than that, where
24 are those areas located at and what were your

1 readings?

2 MR. HART: Well, the areas when are -- if
3 you could go back, Carl.

4 I'm not sure you can make them out back
5 there, but it's these -- all the dots are the test
6 areas. It's the -- it's the pink, purple ones here
7 that had the elevated readings in it.

8 Carl, did you know what the --

9 MR. HONERLAH: I don't remember what the
10 numbers were.

11 MR. HART: What the peak numbers were?

12 MR. YOUNG: Oh, well, what the highest
13 reading would have been? Well, the highest reading
14 is about one percent or so. So, at 20,000 pCi/g in
15 the hottest part -- see the production building was
16 708 and there was -- there was contamination
17 underneath the building. And so the highest
18 concentration is about one percent uranium, 30,000
19 pCi/g in the soil, three -- two, three feet down
20 underneath the ground.

21 MR. GLADHILL: When was the last time you
22 took readings of the area?

23 Of the hot areas are the two main areas
24 you're concerned about.

1 MR. YOUNG: Well, so the investigation was
2 kind of progressed in a stepalized fashion from
3 production areas to other areas, so we did this
4 investigation first and that happened back in 2002
5 or about 2002.

6 But groundwater was investigated afterward.
7 And there were further, kind of, a lot of backing,
8 subsequent readings after that, so the initial
9 investigations by us done in 2002, but even some
10 earlier by other investigators before that.

11 MR. GLADHILL: All right. So the last time
12 you took any real readings was back in 2002?

13 MR. YOUNG: Oh, no. We sampled wells just
14 four months ago. And the levels in uranium
15 groundwater went way down. As a matter of fact,
16 just six months ago, so we were just out there in
17 2012.

18 MR. GLADHILL: So based on your opinions you
19 are reading from there's no real health hazard to
20 employees who walk through the area or park in the
21 area or work in the area?

22 MR. YOUNG: Yeah, that's true. That's
23 absolutely true.

24 MR. GLADHILL: Unless there's digging being

1 done?

2 MR. YOUNG: Right.

3 MR. GLADHILL: How far do they have to go
4 down to experience any type of abnormal levels?

5 To me, you know, no matter what type of
6 radiation is not normal. I know you say
7 360 millirems per year. If you go by the
8 International Standards, there's no safe amount of
9 radiation, no matter what the level. And that's
10 the International Standards, no matter how low or
11 how high there's no safe rating. So if it's 15 or
12 300 millirems, I know that's within so-called
13 standards, but really it is no safe level of
14 radiation. Just what I know.

15 MR. HONERLAH: Well, and the 360 -- or
16 actually they just changed their thing, it's more
17 like 600 millirem per year is what you get
18 regardless. It's just background; from naturally
19 occurring materials, from medical imaging tests,
20 x-rays, from other things that are just commodities
21 that we deal with everyday. So the 600 is what
22 everybody is exposed to.

23 Now, in New Jersey it may be less than 600.
24 In Denver, Colorado where you have higher elevation

1 and, you know, different types of rocks in the
2 mountain chains out, there might be a little higher
3 than 600, but on average 600.

4 And I think the thing that we're looking at
5 here is 15 versus 600. It's a standard that's been
6 promulgated by the State of New Jersey for us to
7 consider. But for us to clean that level is really
8 only a fraction of what is naturally occurring and
9 that folks are exposed to annually from what's
10 already in the ground.

11 MR. GLADHILL: Okay.

12 MR. HART: Okay. Any additional questions?

13 We may have moved into the comment period,
14 but, you know, if anyone has any specific comments
15 they would like to express now, in addition to what
16 we've already talked about, you can go ahead and do
17 so now.

18 Otherwise, please feel free to take a
19 comment card or comment sheet at the front desk on
20 your way out and drop them in the mail with a
21 written comment.

22 Sure, Glen.

23 MR. DONELSON: I have a comment. I'm Glen
24 Donelson and I'm the community leader. I have been

1 on this since it started.

2 MS. JOHNSON: You sure have.

3 MR. DONELSON: And I can't remember when it
4 started, it was so long ago. And I have seen a lot
5 of elected officials, I have seen a lot of DuPont
6 employees and retired employees come here, and the
7 one thing that I'm very pleased to say the Corps
8 Army of Engineers and Cabrera have always answered
9 the questions.

10 I have heard this presentation probably a
11 dozen times at least, if not, and sometimes when
12 people come out wow, we're going to go through all
13 this presentation again. But what I'm very pleased
14 about -- and I live in the community, I live less
15 than two miles from here, as I said I worked for
16 DuPont for over 37 years and have been all over
17 DuPont, and I know miscellaneous stores and you
18 know, a lot of people work there. But I would give
19 these guy as great big outstanding comment for
20 Mike, Carl, Ann, they have always been aboveboard
21 about their answers. And, in my opinion, have
22 never attempted to hide anything from any of the
23 people in the community.

24 MR. HART: Thank you.

1 Sure, Ma'am?

2 MS. STRANAHAN: My name is Terry Stranahan
3 again.

4 The reason I came here is because I am
5 concerned about the water. I'm concerned about the
6 drinking water. Many of us got letters from DuPont
7 stating that there was contamination in the water.
8 That fizzled out, I guess, because I sent my
9 response back in and never heard anything from
10 them. I don't know if that's connected to this or
11 not.

12 I know from working in the area of
13 Pennsville/Carney Point as a visiting nurse we have
14 a high number of cancer people here. Some whole
15 streets from house-to-house have had cancer. I
16 would call it a cluster. I haven't done research
17 on it, other than face-to-face. So, I'm just --
18 that's my main concern.

19 So when you start talking about not going
20 off-site, do you have any overlap with this other
21 situation DuPont has with the water?

22 MR. HART: No. I mean, we just tested for
23 the area contaminants that were associated with the
24 FUSRAP eligible contaminates. So, we followed

1 those contaminants within the site that were local
2 used during the MED process.

3 MS. STRANAHAN: So is anybody here from
4 DuPont?

5 MR. LUTZ: Yes.

6 Ms. STRANAHAN: So maybe you can answer
7 about the water.

8 MR. LUTZ: I'm not sure why you got the
9 letters, but the groundwater under the facility is
10 contaminated.

11 I work at DuPont. And just to answer
12 Ms. Stranahan's question, yes, the groundwater
13 under the site is contaminated. And DuPont is
14 investigating that and has been controlling the
15 groundwater since the 70s.

16 So, the contamination has not moved from the
17 property to the extent of what we know. But those
18 letters went out as a result -- actually, I don't
19 know, I can't say why.

20 MS. STRANAHAN: There's a litigation
21 associated with it.

22 MR. HOLLEY: Unified Letter of --

23 MS. STRANAHAN: That's funny?

24 MR. LUTZ: No. No, I'm not involved with

1 that.

2 But those letters went out as a result of
3 PFOA, which was suspected of emanating from the
4 plant. It's an unregulated compound. But DuPont
5 agreed to test everyone's well within a two-mile
6 radius of the site and that's what those letters
7 were about.

8 We can talk about this after this FUSRAP
9 meeting is over. I'd be happy to discuss what we
10 know about your questions, rather than clogging a
11 FUSRAP --

12 MS. STRANAHAN: That was my question, is it
13 related?

14 MR. HART: No.

15 Yes, sir?

16 MR. DAILEY: I'm Mark Dailey. I have just
17 one final comment: In the interest of public
18 confidence of what's going on -- and I understand
19 that it may be outside of the scope to go off-site
20 of the Chambers Works plant -- but I think that the
21 testing of the wells where the surrounding
22 community draw their water, just to be sure --
23 given its contamination occurred 70 years ago,
24 would help raise the confidence of the general

1 public and the area that the lady back here
2 expressed concern about, because it is connected, I
3 think, in the interest of making the community feel
4 better about what's going on that that testing
5 would be helpful, given it's a \$40 million project.

6 MS. STRANAHAN: I second that.

7 MR. HONERLAH: Can I just -- Carl, real
8 quick.

9 MR. YOUNG: Sure.

10 MR. HONERLAH: In response to that question.
11 I think his first question was focused on this
12 graph here, where it talks and it shows about --
13 and I don't know if you want to put that up.

14 So his first question, as I understood it
15 and I think you missed the point of the question,
16 what is this information here where it's showing
17 the public water wells off DuPont and their reach?

18 I understand we're showing that the reach
19 isn't pulling water from the DuPont site, but how
20 did we get this information? Did we get this from
21 the public supply wells?

22 MR. YOUNG: We got this from the State.

23 MR. HONERLAH: From the State.

24 MR. YOUNG: Yeah, the State Water Well

1 Registry. The State database.

2 MR. HONERLAH: So that shows us where and
3 how the water is drawn for the public water
4 supplies?

5 And then the next question, and typically
6 the public water supply wells must meet, I guess,
7 the public drinking water regulations, the MCL's.
8 And there is an MCL for uranium, so the public
9 water supply wells are required to test for that
10 annually. And they should publish their results
11 annually for uranium, and they'll typically also
12 look for gross alpha, gross beta and radium.

13 So, that information should be available at
14 the local water treatment facility that's supplying
15 the public water.

16 MR. DAILEY: Well then couldn't that also
17 then be incorporated in your report?

18 MR. HONERLAH: We can -- I guess as the
19 comment, I think what we'll do to try to address
20 the comment is we'll go to those facilities, look
21 at their data and confirm that it meets the
22 requirements.

23 MR. HART: Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. BOMBA: Patrick Bomba again.

1 That's great for the wells that you're
2 showing there, but I would say that the people in
3 the Cedar Crest/Mannington, areas like that are on
4 their own wells. They are not on the deep-wells
5 that are being shown on that graft.

6 MR. HONERLAH: Okay.

7 MR. BOMBA: My well is only about -- well,
8 up until about a year ago, was only about 30 feet
9 deep, okay. I just had to have a new well put in,
10 now I'm about 170.

11 And, of course, I was very curious of the
12 aquifer that I'm pulling out of, so I did a little
13 research. And I think that's where the concern is
14 with some of these other people because of,
15 especially in the people in Hawks Bridge, I know
16 they do not have city or local water that way.
17 Theirs is well water.

18 MR. HONERLAH: Well water.

19 MR. BOMBA: Okay. That's it.

20 MR. YOUNG: Maybe this map here is probably
21 a good thing to look at. In that case, the map
22 that shows where DuPont is pumping the ground water
23 beneath their site, they are capturing the water
24 beneath their site.

1 MR. BOMBA: And they are treating it onsite.

2 MR. YOUNG: And they are treating it on
3 site.

4 And then you take one step from that, the
5 very tiny areas where you have uranium contaminated
6 groundwater they are -- at the very top, you know,
7 only 20 feet down at most, it is very localized.
8 And we've got wells below that. So, we're really
9 confident that that uranium hasn't moved out from
10 those little tiny areas.

11 And when you consider how far away from the
12 property line even those spots are and the fact
13 that DuPont is recovering that groundwater anyway,
14 the thought that that -- the uranium could get from
15 those little tiny spots any distance at all, you
16 know, we would know. We would know.

17 MR. HART: Yes, ma'am.

18 MS. DEMAREST: Pat Demarest again.

19 I have another question. When we're talking
20 about transporting the byproduct off-site, what
21 kind of security will be instituted at that time?

22 MR. HART: Are you talking physical security
23 or security on the --

24 MS. DEMAREST: Security of moving

1 radioactive contaminants off a site.

2 MR. HART: Material will be placed in lined
3 gondolas or railcars, and that material will be
4 sealed and then transported from the site area.

5 MS. DEMAREST: Okay. But then how about
6 further security? I'm not saying armed guards, but
7 I mean the risk of that being taken.

8 MR. HART: Oh, I don't, it's very low-level
9 kind of radio active material.

10 MR. HONERLAH: The Department of
11 Transportation has certain trigger levels where you
12 would require specific security plan if you have
13 material that exceeds a certain concentration. I
14 don't think that anything that we're going to
15 excavation from here is going to hit that.

16 MS. DEMAREST: Okay.

17 MR. HONERLAH: That requirement.

18 MR. GLADHILL: A followup question on the
19 soil removal, especially the hot areas F-Corral:
20 When you start doing the digging, how far do you
21 expect to go down to have to dig out to get to a
22 safe zone?

23 MR. HART: Well --

24 MR. GLADHILL: Well, in other words, no

1 radiation, no uranium.

2 MR. HART: Right. The majority of the areas
3 we expect to go about eight feet. I think some of
4 the deeper sections, or there's an isolated deeper
5 section and it is about 14 feet, I believe. But
6 some of -- those two posters show the cut lines,
7 the excavation cut lines, the depths we intend to
8 go.

9 We will be actively testing during the
10 excavation to make sure we do remove all materials
11 below that cleanup standard. So, once you get to a
12 point and test the bottom, once we've gone below
13 the cleanup standard then we'll stop digging
14 basically.

15 MR. HONERLAH: As well we will have air
16 monitoring around the dig -- I knew where uranium
17 going.

18 We'll have air monitoring around the dig to
19 ensure that as we're excavating that we're not
20 releasing contaminated material out in particular
21 off -- outside the excavation.

22 We'll use engineering controls through
23 moisture, water to spray down the dig if it's too
24 dry. Hopefully, as we get a little deeper, the

1 soil will be moist and that will help us as we go
2 through controlling the situation.

3 MR. GLADHILL: You will have 24-hour
4 monitoring as far as air monitoring, but also is
5 going to determine how much -- if there is any
6 additional radiation coming out in just the air
7 itself, regardless of -- the soil is another
8 question I have, but concerned about that also.

9 But just in the area itself --

10 MR. HONERLAH: Oh, yeah. Yeah. We will --

11 MR. GLADHILL: Especially employees being
12 around there.

13 MR. HONERLAH: We have to monitor for the
14 DuPont employees, which will be considered members
15 of the public, but we also have to monitor for the
16 employees conducting the operation.

17 MR. GLADHILL: Right, that's correct.

18 MR. BOMBA: Patrick Bomba again -- oh,
19 sorry.

20 MS. WOOTEN: My name is Cheryl Wooten. I
21 live in Deepwater. I live right in front of the
22 plant, right near the canal.

23 I want to know are we going to be contacted
24 when you start digging? Are you going to have any

1 more meetings to let -- I think more of the
2 residents in Deepwater don't know -- we kind of
3 just take it advantage of the fact that we live in
4 Deepwater and oh well. But this is not going to be
5 oh well, this is going to be something we're going
6 to be concerned about.

7 I guess it's supposed to start in 2014. I
8 don't know when it's supposed to start, I didn't
9 know if you're going to contact us. If you are
10 going to start digging and everything is going to
11 happen in my neighborhood.

12 MR. HART: I mean, we've conducted regular
13 public meetings. We typically like to try and have
14 them twice a year, we'll continue with them up
15 through the remediation.

16 In addition, once that raw document is
17 finalized we'll issue a notice that that's being
18 published. And I guess at that time we may know
19 further towards when we anticipate starting
20 construction, so -- but you can, again, visit the
21 public website. We have information of activities
22 we're up to on that.

23 We can, you know, as we get closer we can,
24 you know, post something as we're about to start

1 activities. But probably the best source of
2 information is to just attend the meetings.

3 We send out mailers similar to what we did
4 to this one all the time. We also -- I believe we
5 put public adds in the paper.

6 MS. JOHNSON: And before any response or
7 action starts there would be information sent out,
8 particularly to the neighbors right around in the
9 area that you're talking about and on Shell Road as
10 we did with this meeting? We raise -- we tried to
11 make sure that we got the postcards to the
12 neighbors.

13 MS. WOOTEN: Well, I didn't get a postcard.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Well, you got to get on the
15 mailing list.

16 MS. WOOTEN: The only way I found out is I
17 read the newspaper.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Well, we need your name and
19 address and --

20 MS. WOOTEN: Well, maybe I should give you
21 all my neighbors' names and addresses.

22 MR. HART: None of them received them?

23 MS. WOOTEN: Just make sure Deepwater gets
24 everybody included.

1 MS. JOHNSON: We sure will.

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3 MS. WOOTEN: I'll go around and get a
4 petition or a paper or asking people. I don't see
5 any of my neighbors in this room and I live right
6 in front of it.

7 I know, the altitude is people don't care,
8 but when people hear radiation, uranium and then
9 all of a sudden oh, they get concerned. And I
10 think people need to be concerned now. And it's
11 best to be a neighbor -- because DuPont -- my
12 husband's father and grandfather, both of them,
13 they all worked for DuPont. They work at Chambers
14 Works. They worked at all the other DuPont.
15 DuPont is a wonderful company.

16 But I mean I work for people in Pennsville
17 that -- I clean houses for many men that work for
18 DuPont and it's a wonderful, it's a wonderful
19 company to work for, great benefit. I don't know
20 what it's like now, but years ago it was. And I
21 know that the Corps of Engineer where we go camping
22 is wonderful. They share a lake down in North
23 Caroline, we go camping in Virginia and the Corps
24 of Engineer are wonderful people. So I have

1 wonderful things to say. But it's just a concern
2 that now they are talking about something that's
3 been there forever and now you're going to dig it
4 up.

5 MR. HART: All right.

6 Yes, sir.

7 MR. BOMBA: Pat Bomba again.

8 When you start your excavation, recognizing
9 that core drilling is your sampling method doesn't
10 always identify exactly where your hotspots could
11 be or where they go off to, will you continue your
12 monitoring, continue your digging so in case it has
13 to expand you'll be doing that as well?

14 MR. HONERLAH: Yes.

15 MR. HART: Yes.

16 MR. HART: We'll actively monitor the depth
17 and the lateral extent of the excavation.

18 MR. HONERLAH: We'll use field
19 instrumentation that guide the excavation instead
20 of saying here's where we stop and when we go in
21 that's where we stop.

22 MR. BOMBA: Recognizing that the sampling is
23 very local, but then as you really start to dig
24 then you'll kind of have to evaluate whether you

1 have to move or not.

2 MR. HONERLAH: Yes.

3 MR. HART: Okay.

4 Anyone else have a comment? I guess.

5 Okay. Carl, if just go to the end read
6 quick. We'll just show -- once again we have the
7 postcards. And if you visit the project -- oh, I'm
8 sorry.

9 Go to the project website as well, there
10 will be a link for an e-mail address. And I'll
11 just leave this up here on the screen in case
12 anyone wants to write it down. Here's the website
13 address where you can go to get more information
14 about the project.

15 On that site there will be a link, it will
16 bring you up to this man here, Ed Voigh. He's the
17 Chief of Public Affairs for the Philadelphia
18 District, the Army Corps of Engineers. You can
19 address all your e-mail comments to Ed's attention.

20 I appreciate everybody coming out tonight.
21 I just thank you for your interest in the project.

22 MS. JOHNSON: And if anybody didn't get on
23 the sign-in sheet, please do, because we really
24 would like to capture your address.

1 MR. HART: Yeah, especially if you didn't
2 get a postcard.

3 MS. JOHNSON: And get you on our mailing
4 lists because there will be more communication.

5 MS. HART: And also we'll stick around here
6 until nine o'clock so if anybody has any additional
7 questions, concerns you'd like to come up and
8 address us we'd be happy to talk about it.

9 (Meeting concluded at 8:14 p.m.)

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