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In the Matter of the  
PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN  
Northrop Grumman - Bethpage Facility  
Operable Unit Number: 03  
State Superfund Project  
Former Grumman Settling Ponds  
Bethpage, Nassau County  
Site No. 130003A  
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10 Cherry Avenue  
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TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC SPEAKERS

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(Whereupon, the presentation was conducted.)

MR. FONDA: Folks, as the screen notes, we are going to have a public informational session on June 21st. It's at the Bethpage Community Center. That will be similar to the posters you see out in front. You'll be able to ask individual questions. We hope to have some time tonight to answer the individual questions.

The first thing I would like to say is I want to thank you for your patience in sitting through the presentation. It took us an hour to get through that to convey as much information as we possibly could.

We have reached the public comment section. Comments should be focused on Operable Unit 3. Many of you have filled out cards. I have about 15 cards here.

I'll just announce the first

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1  
2 four speakers. We have the  
3 representative of the Bethpage Water  
4 District, the two representatives of  
5 the Massapequa Water District and the  
6 New York Water District  
7 representative. They will be the  
8 first four speakers.

9 Then I'll call out two names at  
10 a time. Your comments are going to be  
11 timed. I'll hold up a sign when you  
12 have one minute left and then I'll  
13 hold up a stop sign. If you're in the  
14 middle of a thought, obviously you can  
15 finish the thought. I'm not going to  
16 be so hard to stop you in mid  
17 sentence.

18 Again, I am willing to let  
19 people comment more than once. I want  
20 to get through the people who have  
21 handed their cards in first. If you  
22 want a second comment, a third  
23 comment, that's fine. We can stay  
24 here until 10:00 to listen to the  
25 comments. We all have a vested --

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Use the  
mike.

MR. FONDA: Again, we can stay  
here until 10:00. We all have a  
vested interest in your making  
comments. That's why you came out  
here. We will stay and listen to you  
as long as possible.

The other item I noted much  
earlier that the response to these  
comments will all be addressed in the  
responsiveness summary for this site.

Now, with that being said, the  
representative of the Bethpage Water  
District will come forward. You have  
two microphones here. You can choose  
whichever is closest to you.

Please, state your name to the  
court reporter.

MR. SABINO: Anthony Sabino,  
representing the Bethpage Water  
District. Thank you. I'll do my best  
to keep it down to five minutes. I  
cut out the first six pages of my

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comments.

While this is an OU-3 investigation dealing with the Bethpage Community Park, it is important to know that this is much more than the Bethpage Community Park. There was an OU-1, two OU-2s and now an OU-3.

Your remedy selected for the OU-3 is founded in history. Unfortunately, that history has not been a good one for the DEC.

I just want to read a couple of comments that go back in time to let you know why we are opposed to the OU-3 PRAP.

Back in 1992, I wrote to the DEC, now two years down, two district wells show that traces of TCE are still present and no valid offsite test results have been coming from the remedial infeasibility study.

You and Grumman have had it your way and as usual the taxpayers wind up

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2 proceeding without the help from the  
3 very agency charged with the  
4 responsibility of protecting the  
5 public health.

6 Later in 1994, I wrote the level  
7 of ground water remediation is a  
8 significant concern to the community.  
9 As you are aware, ground water will  
10 provide the most likely human exposure  
11 pathway. Speaking of pathways, the  
12 District must express deep concern and  
13 dismay for the delay in the  
14 presentation of a ground water  
15 remediation program.

16 In 1995, I further wrote, there  
17 are important open issues that need to  
18 be addressed from the Bethpage Water  
19 District's point of view and they  
20 include: availability of data,  
21 modeling scenarios and ground water  
22 remediation and their impact on the  
23 Bethpage Water District. As time  
24 moves on... more and more  
25 contamination moves off site towards

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2 the District wells and the district  
3 must deal with that day in an day out.

4 It is also our view that the DEC  
5 should critically evaluate the model  
6 and assumptions being employed as well  
7 as the data used for its initial  
8 conditions. It should be recognized  
9 that the model may not fully represent  
10 the real conditions being experienced  
11 by the Bethpage Water District.

12 Later in 1995, I wrote the DEC,  
13 again, enclosed you'll find a copy of  
14 the most water raw water test results  
15 for... the Plant 6 well site. The  
16 results indicate that here has been a  
17 dramatic increase in the concentration  
18 of TCE as well as total VOCs. This  
19 trend has the District extremely  
20 anxious over the delay in the  
21 construction of... (the Grumman  
22 Groundwater Interim Remediation  
23 Measure).

24 The test data causes the  
25 District to doubt the results of the



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2           (groundwater) modeling, which  
3           estimated much lower off site  
4           concentration at that well (sites).

5                   We then move on to the OU-2  
6           investigation. The District engineers  
7           commented to the DEC that they claimed  
8           that this plan had the old plant with  
9           had full containment of on site  
10          contamination.

11                   In addition, the Bethpage Water  
12          District disputes that we wrote that  
13          contaminated water has continued to  
14          move off site. You claim full site  
15          contamination. This has not been  
16          documented. The feasibility study  
17          should provide for full evaluation of  
18          the full containment concept. As of  
19          this moment all we have is the model  
20          (predictions) and you should not be  
21          stating full containment as fact.

22                   In fairness to the gentlemen up  
23          here, they are proposing a program  
24          which will try to demonstrate full  
25          containment. They claim they will dig

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2 many monitor wells at depths, which  
3 they failed to do the last time, to  
4 make sure the contamination is held on  
5 site.

6 Now, in 2000, I wrote again to  
7 the DEC letting them know we are  
8 having difficulty in a lot of water  
9 well sites. The investigation is  
10 ongoing for new remediation plans,  
11 such as the one on the Motor Parkway.  
12 They were processing a very limited  
13 remediation.

14 The Bethpage Water District  
15 became concerned that we would have to  
16 close down well sites.

17 And I wrote, there is no  
18 provision for the development of a new  
19 well field in the event treatment  
20 becomes ineffective... Kindly  
21 understand that the Bethpage Water  
22 District has no plan to distribute any  
23 water that contains any level of  
24 contaminants to its consumers.

25 Now, that's the history of what

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2           has gone on.

3                   Now, this PRAP in OU-3, we got a  
4           copy of the plan in late 2010, early  
5           2011.

6                   So I wrote directly to the  
7           Commissioner Joseph Martens of the  
8           DEC, which states as follow: There is  
9           significant data and expert opinion  
10          that the Bethpage Water District  
11          public supply wells at Plants 4, 5 and  
12          6, located in the midst of the OU-2  
13          and OU-3 plumes and hot spots, will  
14          remove more mass from the plume than  
15          the RW-21 proposed as a remedy in  
16          OU-3. That was the remedy that you  
17          saw up on the screen tonight.

18                   While the Bethpage Water  
19          District would have preferred to have  
20          seen offsite recovery wells installed  
21          a decade ago to lessen the impact of  
22          the plume on its well sites, that  
23          possibility is now history.

24                   Consequently, the Bethpage Water  
25          District is left with the task of

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1  
2 treating its public water supply to a  
3 nondetectable level, and by default,  
4 being the most significant pro-active  
5 environmental player of the OU-3 plume  
6 remediation.

7 This unenviable position has  
8 come as a result of the morbid pace of  
9 the OU-2 and OU-3 investigations and  
10 inadequate remedy selections of the  
11 past investigations. Again, this is  
12 history and we are now left with the  
13 current state of affairs.

14 Therefore, the Remediation  
15 Division must now hold the PRPs  
16 accountable to the Bethpage Water  
17 District. The PRPs must be directed  
18 in the OU-3 remedy selection and ROD  
19 to pay for the treatment facilities  
20 made necessary by the discharges  
21 emanating from both the Northrop  
22 Grumman and Navy properties. The OU-3  
23 remedy selection must not ignore the  
24 fact that the Bethpage Water District  
25 has spent, approximately, ten million

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2           dollars to upgrade its treatment  
3           facilities to provide pure water to  
4           its residents.

5                   That figure is now 14 million.  
6           And it's going to be 21 million for  
7           the Bethpage Water District to  
8           remediate this plume caused by the  
9           Grumman and the Navy properties on the  
10          OU-3 section of the plume.

11                   Of the recent 14 million  
12          dollars, Grumman and the Navy have not  
13          paid one dime. You people have paid  
14          for all of it.

15                   (Applause.)

16                   The Bethpage Water District  
17          urges you to place the financial  
18          burden of the newly constructed  
19          treatment/remediation system where it  
20          belongs, on the shoulders of Northrop  
21          Grumman and the Navy and remove it  
22          from the innocent residents of  
23          Bethpage. This will also prove to be  
24          the most beneficial to the environment  
25          and cost efficient remedy available to

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2           the PRPs.

3                   I will put the rest of my  
4           comments --

5                   (Applause.)

6                   I will put the rest of my  
7           comments in writing.

8                   By the way, that last letter was  
9           sent to every elected official to deal  
10          with Bethpage Water District on  
11          federal, state, county level.

12                   Thank you John Vendetto for  
13          taking the contamination out of the  
14          park. If it was up to the DEC and  
15          Grumman, the park would still be  
16          closed.

17                   Thank you Ed Mangano who met  
18          with Grumman and the Water District  
19          three times to try to remediate the  
20          financial burdens of this plume with  
21          no avail.

22                   Senator Schumer said to throw  
23          out the model that the DEC has used  
24          for the last twenty years.

25                   In conclusion, let me say I

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2           think I've been here since 1990  
3           working on this plume. All the  
4           gentlemen in the front of the room  
5           have changed over this time.

6                   This particular group in front  
7           of you is, in fact, the most  
8           responsive we have had up-to-date.  
9           The defense issue, their hands are  
10          tied. They have to make Grumman and  
11          the Navy do what they have to do, stop  
12          the migration of this plume.

13                   When we started, it was roughly  
14          -- it was just short of Hempstead  
15          Turnpike, this side of Hempstead  
16          Turnpike. Now it's across Hempstead  
17          Turnpike, approaching the Southern  
18          State Parkway because the remedy  
19          selections have been inadequate.

20                   We have one recovery well  
21          proposed for this plan. That is not  
22          enough. At least a half dozen are  
23          necessary.

24                   Thank you very much.

25                   (Applause.)

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MR. FONDA: The next two speakers are the representatives of the Massapequa Water District.

MR. CARUSO: Good evening. Thank you very much Bethpage Water District. Wonderful job.

MR. SABINO: Thank you all for coming out tonight, by the way.

Mr. CARUSO: John Caruso, Commissioner with the Massapequa Water District. I hold a degree in engineering in case you are wondering, been in this business for 25 years, former Commissioner of Public Works for Nassau County, where myself and my co-commissioner Frank Flood did, in fact, put into effect the clean-up of two sites, one at the MSBA bus garage and one ongoing at the Firemen's Training Center. The MSBA bus garage, the EPA completed about two years ago. We come to you with some background. We don't come to you without.

First of all, how many know the



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1  
2 yellow garage at Jet Blue at JFK? Has  
3 anyone been there? That's 100,000  
4 square feet. This is 11 acres. They  
5 put up 30 test pits. We put in 75  
6 test pits in 100,000 square feet. I  
7 think the amount of information is  
8 severely lacking because we just don't  
9 have people who want to get this thing  
10 done.

11 (Applause.)

12 First of all, your PRAP is  
13 rejected simply because it does not  
14 incorporate the mitigation  
15 requirements of the four water  
16 districts. We have sent you a letter.  
17 We represent 200,000 people. There  
18 isn't anything in that PRAP that was  
19 selected based on the letters we  
20 wrote. We are entering those two  
21 letters tonight as part of the record.

22 Your PRAP is also rejected  
23 because the Massapequa Water District  
24 presented 5,400 petitions to the  
25 Governor's office saying stop this

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2 plume and clean it up.

3 As far as we are all concerned,  
4 the only person that can do that is  
5 Governor Cuomo. He must step in, make  
6 him step in, he must step in and clean  
7 this plume up and stop this plume.

8 (Applause.)

9 As far as the PRAP is concerned,  
10 it's further rejected because over the  
11 last twelve months you received a  
12 series of letters that we are entering  
13 into the record. None of us have been  
14 answered by the DEC, the State  
15 Department of Health or the Governor's  
16 office regarding the technical  
17 approach, the amount of constituents  
18 in the ground water, how to clean that  
19 up. That we're entering into the  
20 record.

21 Also, your PRAP is rejected  
22 again because you blatantly did not  
23 incorporate any of a series of letters  
24 sent to the DEC, the State DOH and  
25 Governor Cuomo's office regarding the

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2 health effects of the known  
3 carcinogens PCE and TCE that  
4 predominantly make up this highly  
5 toxic hotspot and plume. PCE and TCE  
6 are not anything to fool around with.  
7 They must be stopped from entering our  
8 drinking water supply and it is your  
9 responsibility to do that.

10 (Applause.)

11 Your PRAP is also rejected since  
12 it knowingly and blatantly  
13 misrepresents facts and cost estimates  
14 regarding the cleanup of this highly  
15 toxic plume.

16 Your recommended Alternative  
17 Five fails to understand the simple  
18 fact that capping contaminated soil  
19 does not work since the capping  
20 process you are recommending will not  
21 stop the leeching process. Again all  
22 you have to do was look at the EPA  
23 Liberty Superfund site to realize that  
24 even the EPA agreed with the  
25 Massapequa Water District in that the

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1  
2 capping process would not work. The  
3 EPA demanded that the PRPs remove all  
4 of the soil and they complied.

5 You have to talk about soil  
6 removal. You went to a lesser plan.  
7 If you called up your fellow people at  
8 the EPA Liberty Superfund site, an  
9 industrial contamination site, you  
10 would see that they came to realize  
11 that Massapequa Water District was  
12 right and said take out all the soil.  
13 It was resisted. The EPA finally  
14 complied. Those 72,000 square yards  
15 of contaminated soil was removed. You  
16 must get Grumman to remove the soil.

17 The reason why capping does not  
18 work because it does not ex-filtrate  
19 the contaminants from the ground  
20 water. Also, if you want to use  
21 asphalt to cap, every five years you  
22 have to seal that asphalt. Who is  
23 going to do that? Removing soil is  
24 far less expensive and the proper  
25 thing to do.

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(Applause.)

Also, you have to consider the fact that there are 19 public water supply wells that could be contaminated by the plume.

We look at the drawings here. We have a little different drawing. As you know, the vertical profile boring at the intersection of Route 107 and the Southern State Parkway came up at 150 feet, there it is right there, PCE and TCE, that's within eight-tenths of a mile of a well.

This plume for 20 years has been allowed to travel and go on its merry way. It's going next into the Great South Bay. There is 60 gallons of underflow that needs to be accounted for.

The reason being the model you have chosen as that report, the optimization report, points out is static presentation. Nassau Department of Public Works has on

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2 dynamic use that model and you will  
3 see that Massapequa Water District is  
4 going to be hit in four years, not the  
5 40 years as you say.

6 As far as the time, it is going  
7 by real fast. The estimates for OU-2,  
8 which were not estimated by the DEC,  
9 cost 30 million dollars. Grumman went  
10 to Newsday two years ago and said they  
11 spent 100 million dollars and the Navy  
12 said they spent 100 million dollars.  
13 That 30 million dollars is over 250  
14 million dollars. This 20 million is  
15 going to represent another 200 million  
16 dollars. Doesn't it pay to stop this  
17 and clean it up?

18 (Applause.)

19 Doesn't it pay to stop this and  
20 clean this up? We have designs for  
21 this. And we have said it will cost  
22 \$400 million. You have not returned  
23 any of those. You haven't answered  
24 any letters. We stand on what we  
25 said. The Water Districts demand this

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2           be stopped.

3                   We do not agree with the PRAP  
4           for OU-3. As far as Senator Schumer,  
5           he wants to stop the plan. Call  
6           Governor Cuomo and tell him that you  
7           want this plume cleaned up.

8                   (Applause.)

9                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bravo.

10                   MR. CAREY: My name is Stanley  
11           Carey. I am the Superintendent of the  
12           Massapequa Water District.

13                   I just have several questions  
14           that I would like to have answered and  
15           put on the record tonight.

16                   Mr. Scharf, you stated that the  
17           optimization report mentioned a goal  
18           of 90 percent removal. The report  
19           actually states a minimum of 90  
20           percent. There is a difference there.  
21           It's not accurate what you stated.

22                   The statement of full  
23           containment based on cost is not  
24           feasible and public water supply wells  
25           were left out of it. We pointed that

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2 out and the report was never changed.  
3 That statement is based on false  
4 statements.

5 Another question I have, do the  
6 PRPs who caused the pollutions  
7 reimburse the DEC under FS, PRAP and  
8 ROD? I would like to know how much  
9 DEC has been paid and by whom.

10 The PRAP states that additional  
11 monitoring wells will be installed to  
12 better delineate the leading edge of  
13 the plume. What will happen if the  
14 monitoring wells show contamination  
15 above drinking water standards? Will  
16 remediation wells be installed or will  
17 wellhead treatment systems be the  
18 action required by the DEC?

19 The public had requested an  
20 informational website be set up back  
21 in 2001 during the PRAP hearing for  
22 OU-2 and again at the RAB meeting in  
23 April of 2012. I would like to know  
24 if this has been done. It's been  
25 requested by the public a couple of



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2                   times to be informed.

3                   The OU-3 makes several  
4                   references to being commingled with  
5                   the OU-2 area and it is known that  
6                   additional public water supply wells  
7                   have been impacted since that time.

8                   Isn't this an indication of a  
9                   failed plan?

10                  Why is such a simple plan being  
11                  proposed for OU-3?

12                  The OU-2 ROD made reference to  
13                  being co-mingled with the EPA RUCO  
14                  site. Why isn't RUCO mentioned in the  
15                  OU-3 PRAP?

16                  I submitted these writings to  
17                  you in writing. Hopefully, I will get  
18                  an answer in writing. Thank you.

19                  (Applause.)

20                  MR. FONDA: The next speaker is  
21                  with New York Water.

22                  The following speaker will be  
23                  Kyle Strober from Senator Schumer and  
24                  then a representative from the New  
25                  York State Legislator will meet next.

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2                   MR. VARLEY: My name is Bill  
3 Varley. I am the president of New  
4 York American Water. We were known as  
5 the Aqua Property, which is the water  
6 service. I'm no stranger -- I'm a  
7 civil environmental engineer. I'm no  
8 stranger to the hazardous waste  
9 industry. In fact, Commissioner  
10 Caruso was one of my first bosses when  
11 I was a resident here at the bus  
12 facility. I've been in the water  
13 industry my whole life.

14                   The fact that you are saying  
15 that 90 percent of the plume is going  
16 to be contained is not acceptable. In  
17 fact, we're relinquishing and saying  
18 we know your wells are going to be  
19 contaminated. That's why we are here  
20 from American Water. It's not  
21 acceptable.

22                   I ask that you reach out to us.  
23 We're the largest private water  
24 supplier in America. We have  
25 significant resources and technology.

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2           We prefer to work with you and come to  
3           the solution. There has to be 110  
4           percent containment to achieve this  
5           cleanup in this day and age.

6                   ( Applause. )

7           I cannot stand here and say  
8           jeopardize our wells. We hope to work  
9           with you and not against you.

10           Thank you for the time. Nice to  
11           meet you.

12           MR. STROBER: Good evening,  
13           everyone. My name is Kyle Strober.  
14           I'm here on behalf of Senator Chuck  
15           Schumer. Unfortunately, today the  
16           Senator is down in DC. He called me  
17           before to make sure I say a few words  
18           on behalf of the Water Districts.

19           We have long pushed for  
20           delineation, remediation and new  
21           wells. We have fought for funding  
22           from the Navy for the Water District.  
23           The residents should not bear the  
24           burden of cleaning up this plume.

25                   ( Applause. )

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2                   Finally, I want to thank  
3 everyone for coming out and taking  
4 time in their busy lives. Numbers  
5 speak volumes.

6                   MR. ELLINGER: Good evening,  
7 ladies and gentlemen. In the lull of  
8 the meeting, my name is Bill Ellinger  
9 (phonetic). I'm a Commissioner at the  
10 Bethpage Water District and because of  
11 what has been said here, I have to  
12 make a few comments.

13                   First of all, I was born and  
14 raised here. Grumman moved out here  
15 in 1937 and proceeded to be one of the  
16 finest organizations to build military  
17 aircraft in the United States. We did  
18 not care what they dumped overboard  
19 because all they wanted to do is beat  
20 the Japs. They built 330 F6 Hell  
21 Cats. For what? For what? To ride  
22 right over the Japs.

23                   In any event, they had equipment  
24 you couldn't fit in this room that  
25 lubricated the stuff. They dumped

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1  
2 waste overboard by the ton, not by the  
3 gallon and now has formed this  
4 tremendous plume that the DEC knew  
5 about in 1969.

6 When the water went bad and they  
7 called us, the Bethpage Water District  
8 hooked them up to our water supply.  
9 We had no idea what they were talking  
10 about. They had 13 wells on test.  
11 They had twice the amount of water  
12 that the Bethpage Water District could  
13 pump. They had 22,000 employees  
14 there.

15 So we found out what  
16 trichloroethylene is. It's a cleaning  
17 solvent for metal. Could you imagine  
18 the tons of that they used there?  
19 They dumped it overboard. We notified  
20 the DEC. We notified everybody and  
21 their brother at that time. That was  
22 35 years ago. And they are still  
23 doing studies. Are you, guys, kidding  
24 me or what?

25 (Applause.)

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2                   We don't need that. We need  
3 someone to get a hold of like my  
4 counsel Anthony Sabino who is an  
5 expert in this field. He has been  
6 studying this for years and years as  
7 an attorney and scientist.

8                   We need money. These people  
9 cannot spend anymore money. As Tony  
10 said, it's going to hit 20 million  
11 dollars.

12                  The Bethpage well sites, we have  
13 treated ever well site in Bethpage.  
14 We treat it so we can give you water  
15 with undetectable contaminants. We  
16 will not send anything to your house  
17 in your pipes that has detectable  
18 signs of any contamination. That is  
19 our rule.

20                  But it takes a lot of effort on  
21 our part and our staff's part to do  
22 the testing that is required and to  
23 run a machine. And you have to see  
24 the machine. It's about as big as a  
25 building. We got all of these things

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2                   going and doing a great job.

3                   Hopefully, you people will soon  
4                   be relieved of this amount of money,  
5                   this enormous amount of money, that  
6                   you have to layout.

7                   Hopefully, they will come  
8                   through for us. Thank you.

9                   (Applause.)

10                  MR. DENENBERG: Good evening.  
11                  Dave Denenberg. I'm a Nassau County  
12                  Legislator. Thank you.

13                  I have been in the environmental  
14                  field for years, going back to 2000  
15                  when I first became Chairman of the  
16                  Planning Development Environmental  
17                  Committee. My background is  
18                  engineering and law in the  
19                  environmental field as well as the  
20                  intellectual property field.

21                  When I worked in that field, we  
22                  always heard or knew that the science  
23                  of remediation is first delineate,  
24                  then contain and then treat.

25                  I have to say when I looked at

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2           the numbers of those hearings in 2000  
3           and the current County Executive  
4           Legislature sat in those chairs as  
5           well and looked at the numbers, I was  
6           convinced we hadn't delineated a  
7           thing. I was convinced that the plans  
8           to contain were not existent and our  
9           concern was that these plumes would  
10          continue to migrate south down  
11          gradient and they have.

12                    When you look at the numbers  
13           today, we still have a bunch of  
14           numbers but they are inconsistent.

15                    The plan is to make sure that  
16           the plume is not migrating further and  
17           further to our public water supply  
18           wells. That's ridiculous. That's  
19           absolutely ridiculous. How can you  
20           contain something if we are not really  
21           able to fully delineate it?

22                    Then you come here, and by the  
23           way, it's a lot closer to the public  
24           water supply wells than we thought.  
25           The gentleman who said four years from



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1  
2 the Water District is absolutely  
3 right. And the gentleman who is from  
4 American Water, Aqua Water, just had a  
5 hearing a few months ago to say that  
6 the wells that were not supposed to be  
7 impacted actually are impacted.

8 One of the things that we heard,  
9 and I got to check this out, the OU-3,  
10 we're not going to have a down  
11 gradient, we will pump and treat,  
12 which should prevent 100 percent of  
13 the migration, but they say, at best,  
14 we're going to prevent 90 percent of  
15 the migration. We are afraid to pump  
16 then and treat in OU-3. We'll pull in  
17 the contamination from OU-2. Why  
18 don't you have a pump from OU-2 and  
19 pull that in? I mean, come on.

20 (Applause.)

21 If you ask me, pump and treat.  
22 Don't be afraid to pump and treat one  
23 because it might pull it in from the  
24 other. That makes no sense.

25 Will it cost more? Of course.

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2           I forget which legislator in 2000 and  
3           it was repeated in 2002 was pushing in  
4           federal law, as Senator Schumer has  
5           been pushing, under the circumstances,  
6           you can go after the PRPs to get the  
7           money back we're spending.

8                   As for the DEC, whether you are  
9           doing a good job, a bad job or  
10          indifferent, we pay your salaries.  
11          The State of New York is paying your  
12          salary. We don't want to pay our tax  
13          money for something that was caused by  
14          Primary Responsible Parties.

15                   The public session should let us  
16          know what the legal action is. I did  
17          that for a living for many years.  
18          Under certain circumstances, you can  
19          get the money back. You don't have to  
20          wait until you expend the whole  
21          amount. You can get the money on the  
22          way, as we deserve, for containment  
23          and delineation.

24                   I'm in Merrick and we have Apple  
25          Water. I get private water. I get to

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2           spend four times as much as you for  
3           the same water. Notwithstanding, it's  
4           the same water. If the water gets  
5           impacted, we'll all feel it, Nassau,  
6           Suffolk.

7                   More money should be spent to  
8           have down gradient wells to know for  
9           sure we're not impacted. It is  
10          imperative. It should have been  
11          happening 20 years ago.

12                   Let's not repeat the same  
13          mistake going forward for 20 years.  
14          If it's 30 million now or we need to  
15          spend 80 million, in the long run if  
16          it's going to cost 400 million 20  
17          years down the road, you still have to  
18          do it.

19                   We have to know how to achieve  
20          containment. We have to know how far  
21          it went. We still fully can't treat  
22          it because we don't know what we are  
23          treating. We got a problem and that's  
24          what we are dealing with right now.

25                   We're really saying this is a

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2           massive plume. We're not fully sure  
3           how to contain the entire plume.  
4           That's unacceptable.

5                   We need 100 percent containment,  
6           100 percent delineation, 100 percent  
7           treatment. That's what everyone  
8           deserves.

9                   If it's a matter of money, go  
10          after the PRP, get the money back but  
11          protect our water. Thank you.

12                   (Applause.)

13                   MR. FONDA: The next three  
14          speakers are -- Raymond J. Averna, a  
15          representative for the Assemblyman Joe  
16          Saladino, John Budnick, Richard Schary  
17          and an Ivy Green are our next four  
18          speakers.

19                   MR. AVERNA: Good evening. My  
20          name is Ray Averna. I live in  
21          Massapequa. I am here on behalf of  
22          Assemblyman Joe Saladino. He asked  
23          that I read this letter, which I would  
24          like to submit for the record.

25                   Good evening. I deeply regret

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2           that I could not be in Bethpage with  
3           you this evening. The time of this  
4           meeting tonight coincides with my  
5           necessity to be in session in Albany.

6                   I would like to express my  
7           gratitude to all of the residents in  
8           attendance this evening.

9                   I am thinking about the very  
10          serious environmental challenges that  
11          we are faced with and the constructed  
12          positive action of residents committed  
13          wholeheartedly to protect us from  
14          potential environmental health  
15          threats.

16                   The fact that you have taken the  
17          time to be here tonight is evident  
18          that you care deeply and wish to  
19          protect the health of the environment.

20                   As you know, this is not the  
21          first time I have taken off the gloves  
22          to fight environmental threats that  
23          could endanger the regions water  
24          supply and the Great South Bay.

25          During my nine years in the State

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2           Assembly, I have endeavored to fight  
3           for issues which address the quality  
4           of our water.

5                   I have endeavored to find low  
6           cost energy to Long Island homeowners  
7           and entrepreneurs to join with the DEC  
8           to keep our beaches, bays and ocean  
9           protected and labored to maintain our  
10          area's many wildlife habitats.

11                   As a voice in the State  
12          Assembly, I am duty bound to say "no"  
13          to any proposition or consideration  
14          that I believe is not 100 percent in  
15          the best interest of my constituents.

16                   (Applause.)

17                   "No" is a powerful word and  
18          should not be spoken frivolously. Yet  
19          I feel morally and intellectually  
20          obligated to tell you tonight that I  
21          find the proposed plan to employ the  
22          well-head treatment as the sole  
23          solution to protect our water wells  
24          from contamination is absolutely and  
25          unequivocally unacceptable.

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2                   In all candor, it is important  
3                   to state that the quality of water at  
4                   the tap has not reached the level that  
5                   should incite panic or alarm. It  
6                   should also be stated that the plume  
7                   has not reached the wells of the  
8                   Massapequa Water District.

9                   I do wish to outline reasons why  
10                  to oppose the measures proposed.

11                  First, the employment of the  
12                  well-head treatment is not compliant  
13                  with New York State DEC regulations,  
14                  which state that the well-head  
15                  treatment "shall be considered as a  
16                  measure of last resort". Why would  
17                  this be the case?

18                  Well-head treatment is a partial  
19                  solution that may not bear the  
20                  assurance of the complete protection  
21                  from contamination and may create  
22                  secondary and tertiary problems; for  
23                  instance, increased "system  
24                  vulnerability" and increased energy  
25                  consumption. These are the

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2                   consequences brought to light in the  
3                   U.S. Schumer Committee Overview.

4                   By way of example, not very long  
5                   ago the Bethpage Water District had to  
6                   perform expedited upgrades to breached  
7                   wells to avoid the breakthrough of  
8                   VOCs and other volatile organic  
9                   compounds for our residents'  
10                  protection from the VOCs and other  
11                  contaminants.

12                 Perhaps, most problematically,  
13                 it is irresponsible and myopic to  
14                 commit to a solution before every  
15                 possible method has been tested. Your  
16                 solution has been declared only viable  
17                 as a last resort.

18                 Good science tells us that  
19                 freshwater from the aquifer works its  
20                 way into the Great South Bay. Proof  
21                 of this is the fact that, due to  
22                 underflow from the aquifer, salinity  
23                 levels in the bay are far lower than  
24                 that in the ocean. The day will come  
25                 when this plume reaches the marine



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2           waters south of Massapequa and could  
3           threaten the sea life and the  
4           resources of the bay life.

5                   I have confidence that the DEC,  
6           with its dedicated stewardship of our  
7           wetlands and saltwater estuaries, will  
8           spare nothing to ensure the protection  
9           of this resource. Understanding this  
10          and the fact that the DEC has  
11          repeatedly taken strong positions and  
12          have denied many permits, all in an  
13          effort to protect the bay. There is  
14          no question in my mind that these  
15          environmentally responsible  
16          individuals will fully act one day  
17          down the road.

18                   Why not implement hydraulic  
19          containment now before the plume  
20          reaches Massapequa's drinking water  
21          wells? Let's protect our residents  
22          and our future generations.

23                   I am deeply concerned that if we  
24          do not act immediately and  
25          aggressively, sooner than we might

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2           expect, five, 15 or 20 years from now,  
3           we will look back to a time when we  
4           had the ability, resources and the  
5           singular purpose to remedy this  
6           challenge, not in a way that is merely  
7           a compromise -- but one that is far  
8           more successful and complete. We will  
9           have spared our communities and our  
10          citizens from the potential of long  
11          term harm. Until we commit ourselves  
12          to total remediation of this threat,  
13          at the expense of the U.S. Navy, our  
14          health and peace of mind are at risk.

15                 I'm a third generation resident  
16          of this community. These are good  
17          people that you see before you  
18          tonight.

19                 On their behalf, I tell you that  
20          I believe in your commitment, your  
21          strength and your character to see  
22          that the job gets done quickly with  
23          hydraulic containment and remediation.

24                 It was the dedicated and  
25          talented citizens of our community

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2           that came to the aid of our nation and  
3           the United States Navy to build the  
4           planes and equipment needed to protect  
5           our national interest and our freedom  
6           when the call to war and defense was  
7           paramount.   These good people of  
8           Bethpage, Farmingdale, Massapequa,  
9           Levittown and the like, flocked to  
10          these hangars and labored to fully  
11          protect America.

12                    Isn't it only right that America  
13           and the United States Navy now step up  
14           and repay that patriotism by fully  
15           protecting those who answered the call  
16           of duty as well as their children and  
17           their grandchildren?

18                    (Applause.)

19                    I give you my pledge that I will  
20           work with you to see you through this.

21                    Sincerely, New York State  
22           Assemblyman, Joseph Saladino.

23                    Thank you very much.

24                    MR. BUDNICK:   Good evening.   My  
25           name is John Budnick.

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2                   I've been on Long Island since I  
3 was born. I was at Mitchell Air Force  
4 Base in 1949. I have worked for  
5 Nassau County, the Supervisor staff  
6 and I became responsible internally  
7 for the work we were doing to  
8 alleviate problems over at the Fireman  
9 Training Center and at the MSBA Bus.  
10 We worked for Mr. Caruso and a large  
11 number of other people. I was with  
12 the Town for a bit.

13                  One of the things I was deeply  
14 involved with was what was going on at  
15 the Liberty Site. The Liberty Site  
16 for dozens and dozens and dozens years  
17 was ignored and practically destroyed  
18 the Massapequa Preserve.

19                  If we don't stop the southward  
20 spread of these plumes, that's going  
21 to start happening again not only in  
22 the Massapequa Preserve but a whole  
23 plethora of parks down on the South  
24 Shore, the Tackapausha Preserve.

25                  I served for the Friends of

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1  
2 Tackapausha. There are animals there.  
3 When the plume from the Liberty Site  
4 was destroying the environment in the  
5 Massapequa Preserve, you couldn't eat  
6 one fish there without danger to  
7 yourself. There were three-headed  
8 fish being found there. There were  
9 gross and horrible things and these  
10 were the result of very similar types  
11 of chromium and other compounds that  
12 were put into the ground.

13 Now, some people are talking bad  
14 about Grumman. You have to realize in  
15 1942 when the United States was losing  
16 almost one Wild Cat per one Japanese  
17 Mitsubishi, they had to do something.

18 A complete emergency was  
19 declared by President Roosevelt. They  
20 stopped Grumman from doing anything  
21 else except putting together F6-F.  
22 They threw all caution to the wind.  
23 They took every program that Grumman  
24 was working on and gave it to other  
25 places all over the country.

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2                   They had Grumman making those  
3                   F6-Fs because once the plans were off  
4                   the drawing board, they were going to  
5                   the guys on the U.S. carriers. In one  
6                   year, it destroyed the Japanese Air  
7                   Force and the Naval Air Force was  
8                   shooting down almost 20 to one the  
9                   Japanese planes. It made it  
10                  impossible for the Japanese fleet  
11                  after the battle of the Philippines  
12                  and later midway, which was only the  
13                  first step. They didn't have F6-F or  
14                  F4-F, which did a damn good job.

15                  The thing is this. We have  
16                  seen, as Mr. Caruso said tonight,  
17                  about 100 feet down in the vicinity of  
18                  Route 107 and Southern State Parkway,  
19                  there is a plume there. That plume is  
20                  coming south. That plume is going  
21                  south. If we don't stop it now, it's  
22                  going to spoil everything south of  
23                  there.

24                  What needs to be done is similar  
25                  to what was done with the fireman

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2           training center. For example, over at  
3           the MSBA facility, they set up a line  
4           of intercepting wells to, pardon my  
5           language, suck the shit up, get it  
6           cleaned out and then send it back and  
7           clean water.

8                   (Applause.)

9           You gentlemen are professionals.  
10          I know you think you're trying to do  
11          the right thing. But it's important  
12          that you realize here on Long Island,  
13          we have a sole source Aquifer. We  
14          have things like the Massapequa  
15          Preserve, Tackapausha Preserve. Parts  
16          all over the South Shore are  
17          environmental gems. These are all in  
18          clear and present danger of being  
19          spoiled.

20                  One of the things we don't  
21          realize is a model that was worked by  
22          the County Department of Public Works,  
23          a friend, Steve Famay (phonetic). It  
24          shows the various levels,  
25          particularly, as in the Magothy and

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2           the Glacial Aquifer, things go up,  
3           things go down. Something that is  
4           down today may get a clay lens that we  
5           don't know about and end up being  
6           pushed back up further and continuing  
7           on south and continuing south.

8                   We must put wells down to  
9           delineate where the problem is  
10          exactly. It may take a couple of  
11          dozens. I don't know. Also, we have  
12          to put down wells to remove the  
13          contaminant completely and eliminate  
14          this as a clear and present danger,  
15          not only to all the people in the  
16          southeastern part of Nassau County,  
17          but also to all the animals and floral  
18          that exist here.

19                   Thank you all very much for your  
20          time and trouble.

21                   My compliments for the work you  
22          are trying to do. You have to realize  
23          we have to remember it has to stop  
24          here. Thank you.

25                   MR. FONDA: The next speaker Rob



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2           Walker from the Nassau County  
3           Executive's office will be the third  
4           speaker.

5                   MR. SCHARY:   It's kind of hard  
6           to follow John's act.   I don't want  
7           three-headed fish.   I never seen one  
8           in Massapequa Preserve.

9                   I am Rich Schary.   I am going to  
10          address the audience and not the  
11          people behind me.

12                   As president of the Massapequa  
13          Preserve, I've been around 11 years.  
14          I want to say I have never seen a  
15          three-headed fish but there are  
16          problems.

17                   We had a very nice discussion  
18          this afternoon with these gentlemen up  
19          front.   They were at another public  
20          information session.   I suggest that  
21          you go to a public information  
22          session.

23                   However, based on what I am  
24          hearing today, we have a community  
25          that is pretty annoyed and aroused.   I

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2           did not realize the depth of this.  
3           This is a ground problem that goes  
4           back to Liberty.

5                   As President of the Friends of  
6           Massapequa Preserve, I testified at  
7           Liberty. We stuck it to the Federal  
8           Government, forcing them to spend more  
9           than they wanted to spend to clean it  
10          up. Liberty took 20, 30 years to get  
11          going. They were a contaminated site  
12          in Farmingdale and it flowed into the  
13          Massapequa Preserve.

14                   We have some experience with  
15          these plumes. We just finished with  
16          the Nassau County Department of Public  
17          Works in a 6,000 pond restoration.  
18          Those ponds have been restored. The  
19          water is at the right degree. There  
20          is more trout, more birds, more fish  
21          in there and the water is maintained.  
22          It was the largest plume undertaking.  
23          The reason I am mentioning it, it took  
24          30 years to get it going. We were  
25          involved in seven years of planning.

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2           These things take a long time.

3                   But this has been percolating.

4           You have to get going. You can't  
5           afford to waste any more time.

6                   Fortunately, for Massapequa  
7           Reserve, I don't see immediate danger.  
8           But the plume is going down, not up.  
9           And Massapequa is south. It's further  
10          down at this point. I'm not too  
11          worried about the Preserve.

12                   I have to tell you I have spoken  
13          to many governmental official science  
14          staff up front to get opinions. The  
15          Friends of Massapequa Preserve are  
16          going to follow this. We are very,  
17          very concerned with the health of the  
18          Preserve. We keep an eye on it. You  
19          get daily reports.

20                   Keep calling us and e-mailing us  
21          comments. Anything we hear, we report  
22          it to the County and take action.

23                   Do not sit back. You people  
24          have something to take care of. Keep  
25          the pressure on the DEC, especially

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2           the Governor. You have the way to do  
3           it. We did it at Liberty and  
4           Massapequa Preserve.

5                   One thing that John said, I do  
6           not need to read the signs, you cannot  
7           eat the fish. The DEC put the signs,  
8           you can eat the fish, but don't you  
9           dare eat them.

10                   Thank you.

11                   MS. GREEN: Hello, my name is  
12           Ivy Green. I don't have a fancy  
13           title. I'm a consumer. I now live in  
14           the tail end of the plume.

15                   I keep an organic garden. I am  
16           a health freak. Now I see my house  
17           has a plume under it.

18                   What you gentlemen said before,  
19           you made a great presentation, I  
20           appreciate it with all the things you  
21           explained. I have a little more  
22           clarity.

23                   However, you said the stuff is  
24           there, you don't want it there, you  
25           want to get it out of the ground. If

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2           you want to get it out of the ground,  
3           I'm sure we want to get it out of the  
4           ground. We don't know how toxic the  
5           carcinogens in the ground are.

6                    You state you are doing what is  
7           practical. Is it practical to spend a  
8           minimum amount of money and to allow  
9           children, like these little angels  
10          sitting here, to continue drinking  
11          water, bathing in water, eating food  
12          grown in the water with carcinogens  
13          because it's not practical for you to  
14          clean it up?

15                    (Applause.)

16                    You guys live out of town. You  
17          live Upstate. The only thing you have  
18          to worry about is iron and sulfur in  
19          your water. You can put a filter on  
20          your water.

21                    It's very distressful to see the  
22          lack of consideration of human life by  
23          the Government that is here. They  
24          have done things for us, but this is  
25          just unacceptable.

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2                   There was a lot of talk about  
3 what Grumman created. They made all  
4 these war machines. We knocked the  
5 juice out of the people who were  
6 enemies at the time, but they are  
7 getting back at us now. Guess what?  
8 We poisoned ourselves.

9                   You said there was protection of  
10 human health in compliance with  
11 standards, criteria and guidance. I  
12 want to know what those standards are  
13 and who created those. To my  
14 understanding, those standards were  
15 created 50 years ago with a list of  
16 100 contaminants going into the water.  
17 50 years later, there are over 7,000  
18 contaminants here on Long Island that  
19 the water is laced with.

20                   Because the State only  
21 recognizes the 100 that the Government  
22 recognizes, we are not being told  
23 about the rest of the chemicals in the  
24 water and they are not forced to clean  
25 them up or report them to us because

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1  
2 they are not on that list. And they  
3 are all the things that we put on the  
4 lawns, things that are sprayed in the  
5 air, things that run off from the road  
6 from the chemicals. We don't know  
7 they exist and they are there.

8 If you can't clean up the area  
9 because there are pipes there, well,  
10 I'm sorry maybe your children and  
11 grandchildren would like to play in  
12 that particular area because our kids  
13 don't want to. If you are going to  
14 clean up, you need to clean up  
15 everything, even just the little areas  
16 that are tough to get around the pipe.  
17 Sorry, it doesn't work for me.

18 My home is in the area. I am  
19 going to dig up my organic garden,  
20 which has been there for many years,  
21 and put down organic grass.

22 What I'm concerned with is the  
23 food that has gone into my body that  
24 I've been eating for those couple of  
25 years. You know what? Maybe what you

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1  
2 guys want to do -- I want would like  
3 to invite you to my home so I can cook  
4 you dinner with the organic spices  
5 that I got from my garden, I'll make  
6 pasta with the water from the tap. If  
7 it's a sunny day, I'll invite you to,  
8 please, sun bathe on the grass in my  
9 backyard.

10 I'm afraid to drink my water.  
11 I'm afraid to bathe in my water. I'm  
12 afraid of what I am getting when I  
13 shower, what is being absorbed into my  
14 skin.

15 These vapors that you are  
16 supposedly containing or we'll cap it,  
17 high school chemistry teaches you gas  
18 rises. So the vapors that are there  
19 now are coming up. They are not going  
20 to stop because there is grass. Umm.  
21 Science.

22 So while you are cleaning all of  
23 this up, you might think about what  
24 you are going to do for our consumers  
25 down here living in it. Are you going



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2           to buy us all super duper filters to  
3           put on our house water to survive? If  
4           you are telling me it will be cleaned  
5           up in 15 years after we have been  
6           filled with chemicals and people are  
7           sick in their twenties, what are we  
8           going to do with that?

9                   Thank you for listening.

10                   (Applause.)

11                   MR. WALKER: Rob Walker from the  
12           Nassau County Executive's Office on  
13           behalf of Ed Mangano.

14                   This is not an issue that  
15           started yesterday. It's been going  
16           on. I think everyone has had enough  
17           with this issue. Is that fair to say?

18                   We heard from a lot of people.  
19           We heard from Kyle Strober, a Director  
20           from Senator Schumer's Office, a  
21           speaker for Joe Saladino, an  
22           Assemblyman, Dave Denenberg, a County  
23           Legislator and me from the County  
24           Executive's office. Everybody is here  
25           from all levels of the Government,

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2           including the local water districts,  
3           who have put so much time and so much  
4           effort and so much enthusiasm in  
5           getting this issue resolved.

6                   Put your money into fixing this.  
7           Everybody is here, environmentalists,  
8           neighbors, young children. When do  
9           you see that? It does not happen  
10          enough.

11                   I can tell you we worked with  
12          the DEC. The County Executive met  
13          with the Water District. He doesn't  
14          just represent everyone in Nassau. He  
15          lives in Bethpage.

16                   One of the reasons he ran for  
17          office was because of the situation  
18          involving Grumman and the unfortunate  
19          loss of jobs and the unfortunate  
20          contamination of the environment.

21                   We have an opportunity to forget  
22          the petty politics. There is plenty  
23          of time for politic. Forget the  
24          money. We live in an opportunistic  
25          time.

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2 All of the Town of Oyster Bay,  
3 Nassau County, New York State, the  
4 Federal Government, they are all here  
5 today, our Water Districts, our  
6 residents, people from all ages,  
7 environmentalists. We have people who  
8 don't even live near the contamination  
9 or the area where the plume will go.  
10 They're are all here. It's our life,  
11 our future.

12 If I can take everyone -- I  
13 think everyone is taking their notes.  
14 I can pretty much speak on behalf of  
15 everyone here. Go back to the drawing  
16 board, work together, all levels of  
17 government, let's figure out how we  
18 can do for the first time the very  
19 right thing that needs to be done.

20 On behalf of the Nassau County  
21 Executive, we have stay involved with  
22 this issue. Stay involved with the  
23 issue. Come up on the 21st. Contact  
24 your local State officials. It's very  
25 important. The State Assembly works

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2           with the Federal Government officials.  
3           Contact our congress. Contact our  
4           enforced local counsel, our  
5           legislator. Let's get the thing done  
6           the first time correctly.

7                   Thanks so much for being here.

8                   MR. FONDA: The next three  
9           speakers are Andrew Valenski,  
10          Christopher Voit and Scott Greco.

11                  MR. VALENSKI: You couldn't tell  
12          I work for the Government  
13          (indicating). I wrote a little  
14          speech. I live in Richmond, Virginia  
15          now. I lived in Massapequa. I'm  
16          doing work down there. I heard about  
17          this issue. I drove eight and a half  
18          hours to talk here because I have a  
19          background in water quality. I wrote  
20          a little speech.

21                  Every corporation, special  
22          interest group, agency, and  
23          organization has a purpose; and with  
24          that purpose comes a distinct set of  
25          goals. These goals are best reflected

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2           in "mission statements."

3                   The Department of Environmental  
4           Conservation is no exception. The  
5           DEC's mission statement, as per the  
6           New York State DEC homepage, the  
7           website of DEC, is "To conserve,  
8           improve and protect New York's natural  
9           resources and environment and to  
10          prevent, abate and control water, land  
11          and air pollution, in order to enhance  
12          the health, safety and welfare of the  
13          people of the state and their overall  
14          economic and social well-being."

15                   I think the best way to  
16          understand why action must be taken is  
17          to directly associate the issue to the  
18          responsibilities of the DEC to what is  
19          going on is directly related to this  
20          mission statement.

21                   But, first off, my name is  
22          Andrew Valenski. I lived in  
23          Massapequa Park all my life. I went  
24          to all schools here. To say I am a  
25          product of Massapequa would be a gross

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1  
2 understatement.

3 Now I attend the University of  
4 Richmond, double-majoring in Biology  
5 and Environmental Studies. I have  
6 worked for nonprofit environmental  
7 organizations, most recently "Keep  
8 Virginia Beautiful." I have worked  
9 for the Federal Government, currently  
10 working under National Park Service  
11 grants, to conduct national resource  
12 assessments of water, air, landscape  
13 and biotic quality of national parks.  
14 I am also working with a professor to  
15 publish a paper on American water  
16 practices, concerning consumption and  
17 pollution.

18 In addition, I am establishing a  
19 "Friends of the James" chapter at the  
20 University of Richmond. "Friends of  
21 the James" is an environmental  
22 organization dedicated to preserving  
23 Richmond's main waterway, the James  
24 River in Virginia.

25 So now to dissect the mission

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statement.

"To conserve, improve and protect New York's natural resources and environment" is the former clause of this mission statement. This portion of the statement deals strictly with the environment. So how does this plume affect our natural landscapes?

We heard a lot of chemicals here. Do we know what they do to animals? Well, the compounds in the plume have been found to cause cancer amongst animals. The International Agency for Research on Cancer, a branch of the World Health Organization, has classified the TCE and PCE as definite carcinogens to animals. And with untreated cancer comes death. No one is going to treat cancer in animals. We will have a lot of deaths. We have taken courses in ecology on the interaction of nature and a lot of animals dying off.

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2           That's not good. There are dozens, if  
3           not hundreds, of papers on the  
4           chemicals PCE and TCE. And almost all  
5           the studies show they are carcinogens.

6                   The plume is gigantic and has  
7           the potential to result in massive  
8           die-offs. A plume has happened before  
9           in Endicott, New York, where IBM is  
10          located. They had the same exact  
11          problem in Endicott and it has been a  
12          study area for major toxicologists for  
13          the last 30, 40 years. It's not good  
14          what we are finding.

15                   To this day, they have a  
16          remediation process. According to the  
17          website of the DEC, they have 30 years  
18          to fix the problem from when it  
19          happened. I don't think our case will  
20          be as difficult or take as long to  
21          fix.

22                   However, we are here mostly  
23          because we are concerned with the  
24          protection of human life.

25                   The latter portion of the DEC's



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2           mission statement is "to prevent,  
3           abate and control water, land and air  
4           pollution, in order to enhance the  
5           health, safety and welfare of the  
6           people of the state and their overall  
7           economic and social well-being."

8                   The plume, which has been  
9           described as spreading for 50 years,  
10          is not only a form of water and land  
11          pollution but also threatens "the  
12          health, safety and welfare of the  
13          state and their overall economic and  
14          social well-being."

15                   A lot of people don't know the  
16          ailments that can be caused by PCE and  
17          TCE. There are a bunch of ailments.  
18          I know people may be skeptical but I  
19          have read literature from many  
20          journals and federal publications.  
21          So, PCE has been linked to the  
22          following ailments: Bipolar disorder,  
23          aplastic anemia, post-traumatic stress  
24          disorder, liver cirrhosis,  
25          schizophrenia, scleroderma, low birth

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1 weight, cardiac defects, breast  
2 cancer, visual perception defect, DNA  
3 mutations in liver cells, increased  
4 intensity of allergic reactions,  
5 ovarian cancer, increased affinity for  
6 drug use, lung cancer, liver cancer,  
7 impaired sexual conception, delayed  
8 sexual conception, soft tissue  
9 sarcoma, rectal cancer, fetal death,  
10 miscarriages, fetal growth  
11 retardation, neural tube defects,  
12 short-term memory loss, attention  
13 disorders, cleft lips, esophageal  
14 cancer, prostate cancer, cervical  
15 cancer, non-Hodgkin Lymphoma,  
16 end-stage renal disease, urinary  
17 bladder cancer, choanal atresia,  
18 autoimmune hepatitis, inflammatory  
19 responses, brain cancer, alopecia,  
20 kidney failure and leukemia.

22 These have all been reported in  
23 peer review journals about the effects  
24 of these chemicals. It's clear these  
25 chemicals affect human life.

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2                   I feel therefore this appeals to  
3 all aspects of the DEC's mission  
4 statement.

5                   So it is the DEC's  
6 responsibility to handle this matter  
7 with pressing urgency for the value of  
8 human happiness, healthiness and  
9 vitality is a matter which is not only  
10 important, but uncompriseable.

11                   The DEC has already seen the  
12 negative impacts of these chemicals in  
13 New York. In Endicott, New York, the  
14 plume is classified as a class 2  
15 Superfund site. Their remediation  
16 process is going to take 30 years.

17                   The remediation for our case on  
18 Long Island will take a fraction of  
19 that time. Rather than facing a  
20 larger more costly crisis situation in  
21 which human lives, animal lives and  
22 total biotic capacities are  
23 threatened, why not address the  
24 problem directly with certainty and  
25 execute it promptly?

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2 The main issue, I believe, is  
3 monetarily driven. The proposed plans  
4 to remediate our plume are costly and  
5 thus unrealistic. However, I doubt  
6 anyone in this room would argue that  
7 there should be a price cap on keeping  
8 citizens safe from toxic sites that  
9 threaten their water supply. The loss  
10 of a single life at the hands of this  
11 plume far outweighs any preventive sum  
12 of capital. It simply does not matter  
13 how much it costs, or to what extent  
14 the DEC must stretch to fix this  
15 issue; it must be addressed.

16 I am going leave you with a  
17 quote from Thomas Jefferson. Thomas  
18 Jefferson said the purpose of  
19 government is to "enable the people of  
20 a nation to live in safety and  
21 happiness." And this is all we ask  
22 from the DEC, to let us live in  
23 safety, security, good health and  
24 happiness. Thank you.

25 MR. FONDA: Four more cards,

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2           Scott Greco and Eric Hartman and Ed  
3           Rosenfeld and Al -- I'm sorry, I can't  
4           make out Al's last name.

5                   Is Scott Greco here?

6                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:   Pass.

7                   MR. FONDA:   Mr. Hartman, Eric  
8           Hartman?

9                   MR. HARTMAN:   The reason I came  
10          tonight -- I am going to address the  
11          crowd this way, not in any disrespect.  
12          But I came down to talk.  Basically, I  
13          grew up in Bethpage and so did my  
14          wife.  And I don't know if these guys  
15          are better or not, but I am going to  
16          tell you the cancer rate in Bethpage  
17          is off the charts.  Okay?

18                   So brain tumors -- my wife grew  
19          up in Bethpage.  My wife had a brain  
20          tumor.  My good friend had a brain  
21          tumor.  My other good friend had liver  
22          cancer.  Another good friend of mine  
23          had a brain tumor.  This is all within  
24          a two-mile radius of where the plume  
25          was.

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2 I don't think it's acceptable to  
3 you guys -- I don't live in Bethpage  
4 anymore. -- but it's not acceptable  
5 to me to hear that they're not going  
6 to remove it 100 percent. Okay?

7 So me -- you know, I am not  
8 going to get up here and speak about  
9 the different chemicals that are in  
10 the ground because it's affecting all  
11 of us. And I lived in Bethpage from  
12 1962 to 1989 so I'm affected although  
13 I'm not living here anymore. I drank  
14 the water from the schools, in parks,  
15 dove in the playgrounds, ate the dirt  
16 playing softball and I appeal to all  
17 of you, don't take no for an answer.

18 A lot of the people are. I  
19 don't know. Are there a lot of Miami  
20 basketball fans in Bethpage? At about  
21 ten to 9:00, a bus pulled up and they  
22 are all going to see Miami.

23 Again, to me, I don't live in  
24 Bethpage, I'm concerned and I'm  
25 concerned because I might be passing

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2           genes to my children that are  
3           contaminated. So, please, this is  
4           really gets me to the heart.

5                   I am very attached to Bethpage.  
6           I worked in the community for years.  
7           I worked in Hicksville and to me -- I  
8           drank the water.

9                   Everybody in this room -- don't  
10          you remember a couple of years ago won  
11          Bethpage won that they had the best  
12          drinking water in New York State? Let  
13          me ask you this question. Was it due  
14          to chemicals? I don't know.

15                   But all I got to say is I'm not  
16          trying to turn this into a standup  
17          routine, I am trying to say to these  
18          people wake up before it's too late,  
19          like what happened in New York State  
20          25, 35 years ago.

21                   I don't know if you guys saw All  
22          the Water in the World. I think of it  
23          every day. So this reminds me a lot  
24          of that movie.

25                   I live in Deer Park now near

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2                   another plume site. Again I'm not  
3                   trying to turn this into comedy in any  
4                   way other than to tell you, guys, I'm  
5                   concerned. I do not live in Bethpage  
6                   anymore but I'm concerned for all of  
7                   my friends that do. Thank you.

8                   (Applause.)

9                   MR. FONDA: The next speaker is  
10                  Ed Rosenfeld.

11                  MR. PARISEI: Good evening,  
12                  everyone. I'm Al Parisei. I lived in  
13                  Massapequa for 50 years. I retired as  
14                  a Lieutenant Colonel. I flew as a  
15                  young pilot.

16                  I want to tell you something.  
17                  I'm tired of this country putting  
18                  Band-Aids on big problems.

19                  It's about time the rest of you  
20                  here understand something. You did a  
21                  great job presenting all the maps and  
22                  the data. As someone earlier said,  
23                  it's time to stop the constant  
24                  presentation of the data and take some  
25                  action. We've waited ten years. I



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2 knew about this and everyone else did.  
3 Mr. Sabino mentioned he's been writing  
4 letters for over ten years, a decade.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 20 years.

6 MR. PARISEI: 20 years.

7 And I know you weren't with them  
8 at the time. You, probably, are the  
9 most responsive as they said before of  
10 the group. I think you have gotten a  
11 message tonight of what your homework  
12 is going to be up in Albany. The  
13 people here are tired and everything  
14 has been said that it's unacceptable  
15 to put a Band-Aid on a major item.  
16 That's unbelievable and will hurt the  
17 entire Long Island South Shore.

18 Number one, when this plume hits  
19 Massapequa wells, all those wells will  
20 become contaminated. You have to stop  
21 it now, not five years from now.

22 I remember coming to a meeting  
23 maybe five years ago and you said --  
24 not you personally, but the DEC said  
25 it will take 10 to 20 years before the

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1  
2 plume crosses Hempstead Turnpike.  
3 It's already down there. It's at the  
4 Southern State Parkway and it's only  
5 two years. And once it hits there,  
6 gentlemen, there you have a job to do.

7 The young man from raised in  
8 Massapequa, a very bright young man,  
9 he said basically you're responsible  
10 for our health and welfare. It's time  
11 for you to take the action. That's  
12 all I wanted to say.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. FONDA: My final two cards  
15 Fran Trotter and Warren Simon.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm not  
17 in your schedule. One second. This  
18 is important. I'm a resident. I pay  
19 a lot of taxes here.

20 A lot of you are still here. If  
21 you notice, we are here to address  
22 them, there were four of them when we  
23 began. Now there are two. One of  
24 them is just sitting there. What  
25 happened to the other guy? He went to

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2           do a TV report?

3                   We have to take the bull by the  
4           horns. These people are not doing the  
5           job. They presented stuff tonight. I  
6           sat in the back. We don't have the  
7           technology to be able to hear from  
8           there with the tax money we pay? They  
9           have signs that are this big that you  
10          can't see from over here.

11                   How far is the plume? It's  
12          about four miles and that is different  
13          than being that far on a picture. We  
14          need to stop goofing around. These  
15          guys are not doing their job.

16                   We're the ones that got to go  
17          home to our kids when our kids get  
18          sick. Like the gentleman said,  
19          Bethpage is riddled with cancer.

20                   Grumman says it has nothing to  
21          do with it. The Navy says it has  
22          nothing to do with it.

23                   The Town of Oyster Bay, they say  
24          they have nothing to do with it, but  
25          they did their part. They cleaned up

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2 their part.

3 Right away the Government sucks  
4 our money. Are they doing their part?  
5 Forgive me, you guys are bored to  
6 death. If we got this job done as  
7 quick as you race to put up that five  
8 minute card -- you have been watching  
9 that clock. This guy got a minute and  
10 a half. He got 30 seconds. The sign  
11 goes right up.

12 But you, guys, don't do your job  
13 here. Do you care about us here? Do  
14 you know what kind of money we pay to  
15 live in this place? Nobody wants to  
16 do anything.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We pay  
18 state taxes too.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Long  
20 Island is an apocalypse of New York.  
21 We inherit everything. We have to  
22 stop you guys. You got to do  
23 something.

24 The guy said before there was  
25 another political thing. He contacted

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2           everyone. You have to. Otherwise  
3           these guys are not doing it. These  
4           are four more guys they sent after the  
5           last four guys after the last four  
6           guys and the four guys after that.

7                   I don't know how closely you  
8           listened. There was a lot of double  
9           talk that we didn't know about. It  
10          affects us. We didn't know about this  
11          -- we found out about this in 2004.

12                   I have a friend. They've known  
13          about this for 30, 40, 50 years. We  
14          only found out in 2004. Give me a  
15          break, guys. We're not stupid. We  
16          let a lot of things slide. We're not  
17          stupid.

18                   Maybe you can do something. I  
19          doubt it. You're one person in the  
20          political world that they sent out  
21          here.

22                   We have to do it ourselves.  
23          Someone has to rise up and just keep  
24          pushing the envelope.

25                   (Applause.)

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MR. FONDA: Fran Trotter and Warren Simon are the two cards I have. Again, we'll still take more comments.

MS. TROTTER: Hi. My name is Fran Trotter. I am a resident of Bethpage for 28 years. I'm very sorry to say I want you to remember my face. I have been recently diagnosed with a rare form of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma that's attacking my skin. My doctors at Sloan Kettering have told me this is very rare. When they did my biopsy that I am still recovering from the end of April, they asked me to donate my cells to research because it's that rare.

In addition, the street I live on is approximately three blocks, okay, from the community park. We live on a corner. I'm on Thomas Avenue on the corner of North Third Street.

In addition to me having this

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2           rare form of this skin cell lymphoma,  
3           I can count three, four, five, now six  
4           people, four on Thomas Avenue and two  
5           on Third Street who have or have had  
6           cancer. Some of them have succumbed  
7           to their brain cancers and breast  
8           cancers.

9                   Please, remember me. And don't  
10           only do this for me. Do it for my  
11           children. They were born and raised  
12           here. My son is a volunteer fireman  
13           with the Bethpage Fire Department. He  
14           does training, you know, over at the  
15           fire service academy. I just want you  
16           to put a face with a name. I thank  
17           you for your time.

18                   (Applause.)

19                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I live  
20           around the corner from her. It's  
21           funny, I came from a family of seven  
22           people. I'm the only one of five  
23           girls that end up with a brain tumor.

24                   I had just delivered my son and  
25           I was diagnosed with brain cancer. I

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2 was told I would not live long. I was  
3 a full-time working mother. I lived  
4 in Bethpage all of my life. I spent  
5 every single day of the summer at the  
6 community pool, at the summer camp, at  
7 the ice skating rink in the winter, in  
8 the softball field, in that giant sump  
9 playing shooting with arrows from camp  
10 and going forwards from there.

11 I questioned it at the time that  
12 I was diagnosed and I said to myself,  
13 wait a second, on Fifth and Mead,  
14 there was breast cancer. The police  
15 commissioner's wife died of breast  
16 cancer. Mrs. Dawson had breast  
17 cancer. She was on Mead and Third.  
18 Then there was Mrs. Lang on Third with  
19 breast cancer. And Cathy Rooney had a  
20 brain tumor in the vapor zone. And a  
21 fireman JC just had cancer, he had a  
22 brain tumor and he died when I got to  
23 my tenth year.

24 My parents say I have lived  
25 because of my children. I had to live



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2           for my children.   And I said to my  
3           mother, I was a good person, I never  
4           drank, I never did anything.

5                   I hung out with the biggest  
6           sports people in Bethpage.   As time  
7           went forward, the head of the football  
8           team, he had a tumor in his ear and  
9           then diagnosed with liver cancer.   And  
10          the top lacrosse player, top in  
11          sports, he wound up with colon cancer.  
12          He lived in the area near the air  
13          track around the top basket.   He got  
14          colon cancer.   Next door to him, she  
15          got breast cancer.   Across the street,  
16          a brain tumor.   People are dying  
17          before they turn 40.   Nobody is  
18          acknowledging it.   It's just a normal  
19          thing.

20                   The problem -- now I am talking  
21          too much.   My fear is when I go to  
22          take my children, what are they going  
23          to be scanned with.   What doesn't  
24          happen to you in this generation, then  
25          you have the babies.

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2 I went to my reunion and there  
3 was a person at the reunion in a  
4 wheelchair with a disability.

5 When does it stop? When people  
6 are born with two thumbs or weird  
7 forming issue that are diagnosed like  
8 women with two uteruses?

9 When I finally reached the tenth  
10 year, then I get diagnosed with uterus  
11 cancer. I say to my son, why just me.

12 The mother on Fourth and Thomas  
13 got melanoma. The woman on Fifth  
14 Street and Thomas, she had cancer  
15 throughout her body, unidentifiable.  
16 Her daughter who works for the  
17 Government got breast cancer and then  
18 cancer throughout her body.

19 The sooner you move on this, the  
20 more we can live. I am still alive  
21 and walking and have my children. You  
22 can still go forward. You have to  
23 come to the truth of it and let people  
24 get scanned and get services that are  
25 needed.

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2                   Dr. Patrick Kelly at NYU did my  
3 brain surgery. He got the van that  
4 comes around the neighborhood and  
5 scans for brain tumors. I would be  
6 dead already if nobody came to my  
7 house. It would still be there.

8                   Bethpage is the greatest place  
9 to live, the houses, the  
10 neighborhoods. I wish I could still  
11 live there. I live there still and do  
12 not drink the water and take short  
13 showers. I don't want to put people's  
14 houses down. I just want to say let's  
15 get with it.

16                   It's ridiculous to me that  
17 Grumman, the big Air Force people,  
18 can't come back and take care of  
19 people. Every day we were at that  
20 pool and thankful as we would sit  
21 there. They, probably, knew we were  
22 swimming in poison. But I can't talk  
23 anymore. Thank you.

24                   I used to go to Thomas and Third  
25 because it was Mrs. Trotter. She used

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2           to give me candy.

3                   MRS. TROTTER:   Remember us and,  
4           please, do what's right.  It's not  
5           about money.  Let's fix it.  It's  
6           shocking we had to come to this  
7           meeting.

8                   These are faces that we want you  
9           to remember.

10                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  I live  
11           here.  I am 43 years old.  My parents  
12           who lived here have since passed away  
13           from cancers.  Do something now  
14           because we need it desperately.

15                   (Applause.)

16                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  I live on  
17           North Third Street.  Every house on my  
18           block has had some sort of cancer, not  
19           every other house, every house and  
20           even my dog got it recently.  
21           Something has to be done.  Thank you.

22                   MR. FONDA:  Thank you.

23                   Warren Simon is next.

24                   We will take more comments.

25                   MR. SIMON:  Good evening.  I am

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2           Warren Simon. At this point, I don't  
3           know whether to face this way or that  
4           way, but just keep turning around.

5                   In deference to the ladies with  
6           cancer and the fellow neighbor, I too  
7           have cancer, but I didn't come to talk  
8           about that. I'm a resident of  
9           Bethpage. I'm not an engineer. But I  
10          have a share of commonality of every  
11          person in this room. I drink water.  
12          I'm reminded of the tag line of the  
13          movie Jaws, Just when you thought it  
14          was safe to go back in the water.

15                   About a year ago, the Department  
16          of Health has forced the Bethpage  
17          water supply to become chlorinated.  
18          Aren't you glad we're chlorinated?  
19          That's going to keep all this other  
20          stuff from harming us somehow.

21                   I would like to thank the water  
22          company representatives. I believe we  
23          heard from three or four of them. I  
24          feel they are champions.

25                   (Applause.)

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2                   I am not going to personally  
3                   attack anyone from DEC or the New York  
4                   Health Department or Nassau County  
5                   Health Department.

6                   I appreciate everyone coming  
7                   here trying to help. I think one of  
8                   the reasons we have such a great turn  
9                   out is because of the phone calls. I  
10                  got mine yesterday. I'm sorry there  
11                  was such short notice.

12                 I have attended prior meetings  
13                 in the Bethpage Community Center. I  
14                 believe that was for Operational Unit  
15                 2 when I met Mr. Scharf from the DEC.

16                 I thought everything was taken  
17                 care of. I live down North Herman by  
18                 Plant 4. They built this huge plant  
19                 south of it to suck water out of the  
20                 earth and inject it back. They bought  
21                 a new tower to match the other one.  
22                 Now I have two. I thought everything  
23                 was taken care of not because I do not  
24                 read anything in notices sent to my  
25                 house referencing this problem.

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2                   What happened to the word  
3 information? Why am I not getting the  
4 letters I got when Operational Plan 2  
5 was of concern? My both neighbors  
6 attended those meetings, but I am not  
7 part of Operational Unit 3.

8                   I think mistakenly by dividing  
9 us into Units 1, 2 and 3 we've been  
10 weakened. Our collective voices have  
11 been divided and there are few people  
12 that attended those meetings that I  
13 was at at the Bethpage Community  
14 Center.

15                  This is first time I have ever  
16 seen so many people coming out. I  
17 thank all of you for becoming  
18 concerned.

19                  UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're all  
20 here now.

21                  MR. SIMON: I think one of the  
22 problems with the contamination is  
23 that it is not visible. We have  
24 visual recollection. Let's take the  
25 spill in the Gulf of Mexico by BP.

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2           Show of hands. How many people were  
3           watching that on almost a daily basis  
4           on TV, on the Internet? They had a  
5           robot down in there in the Gulf trying  
6           to repair the oil leaking like crazy.

7                   We were all concerned then.

8           Weren't we? We had something to look  
9           at. It wasn't a piece of map of  
10          circles and ovals drawn. It was an  
11          image, a moving image, of oil spilling  
12          out.

13                  BP is being held accountable for  
14          that. I've heard defenses of  
15          Grumman -- Northrop Grumman Corp. I  
16          did not come here to blame them  
17          either. What they did in that period  
18          of time was common. Did they lack the  
19          foresight? Yes, they did. Was it  
20          their fault? Not necessarily.

21                  There are things that we still  
22          don't know about our future. And in  
23          70 years, we may be judged as being  
24          shortsighted too.

25                  However, we need not be



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2 shortsighted about that which is  
3 affecting us today. To say we don't  
4 have the technology to fix this  
5 problem in the year 2012 is just  
6 beyond my grasp.

7 (Applause.)

8 A common example is how far we  
9 have come with the technology often  
10 referred as to the size of the  
11 computer from the time the computers  
12 were invented by UNIVAC or the other  
13 funny sounding name Sperry Corp. If we  
14 can make a computer the size of a  
15 thumbnail and smaller to do what they  
16 do today, I think we can clean this up  
17 too.

18 Thank you very much.

19 MR. FONDA: Michael Sayers and  
20 another gentleman wants to go after  
21 Michael.

22 MR. SAYERS: My name is Michael  
23 Sayers. I'm a resident of Bethpage.  
24 I was not planning on speaking or  
25 asking a question or commenting this

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2 evening, but after hearing many of my  
3 fellow residents mentioning all of  
4 these problems, most notorious being  
5 cancer, I'm wondering if maybe the  
6 gentleman from the DOH could reach out  
7 to maybe folks over at the DEC and  
8 tell us whether or not this  
9 information is anecdotal or any sort  
10 of an epidemic. That's a study that  
11 hasn't been done. It should be done.

12 I don't expect an answer, but I  
13 would just like to put that on the  
14 record.

15 I assume many of our questions  
16 are going to be unanswered. If there  
17 have not been studies as such, perhaps  
18 it's time to initiate some. It seems  
19 to be more than one or two people.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. VOIT: Good evening. I am  
22 Christopher Voit. I'm not from this  
23 area. I am from East Meadow. I  
24 became involved with this problem  
25 after reading the article on Friday

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2           about the plume in the water.

3                   I was aware of a plume. I lived  
4           in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. They had all  
5           the gasoline in the earth since 1900.

6                   I did homework. Since Friday, I  
7           did research. There is a gentleman  
8           from a university in Philadelphia that  
9           I talked to today that actually has  
10          organisms -- it's a new technology  
11          using organisms that they put in the  
12          ground to eat all these different  
13          carbohydrents (phonetic).

14                   I talked to him today about this  
15          article, what was in this little  
16          article. He gave me a proposal on  
17          this cleanup. Now I see it's larger.  
18          It's only around 4 million dollars to  
19          get it out of the ground and the  
20          water.

21                   I'm here with a solution, what  
22          they can look at. Like he says, why  
23          is 60 million dollars needed, all that  
24          money? Like he says, from all the  
25          engineers, why? I was wondering why

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2           over 60 million dollars.  It's going  
3           in someone's pocket.

4                   He could come over here and,  
5           probably, do it in three to five  
6           years.  And he would go over anything  
7           you like.  He said if his bugs can't  
8           eat your stuff, it is free.

9                   This gentleman I contacted.  
10          Here it is with all your background.  
11          All I'm seeing is the hundreds of  
12          million dollars.  I became involved on  
13          Friday and for five to ten to 20  
14          million bucks, we can get it done.

15                   Thank you very much.  I can go  
16          show it to them.

17                   MR. FONDA:  That's my last card.  
18          We will stay in the lobby if you have  
19          some individual questions.

20                   I thank you for all your  
21          patience and for coming here.

22                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  I've been  
23          a resident since 1951.  My parents  
24          lived in the middle of the plume zone.  
25          They're both dead now from cancer.  My

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2           dad had prostate cancer. I now have  
3           prostate cancer.

4                   What are you guys going to do?

5                   MR. GROSS: My name is Tom  
6           Gross. I'm a life long resident of  
7           Bethpage. I worked in Grumman as a  
8           summer job. My father was a  
9           Grumman-ite. During college, I worked  
10          at Grumman in the pits.

11                   And, you know, I look at this,  
12          we keep on saying Grumman, Grumman  
13          Northrop. Right now it's a California  
14          company that we don't hear anything  
15          about, a California company that's  
16          worth well over a hundred billion  
17          dollars. 100 million dollars is not a  
18          lot of money to a company that has  
19          over 100 billion dollars.

20                   Like we have a Federal  
21          Government who is wasting stimulus tax  
22          money taking off tattoos, spending  
23          several millions. They keep printing  
24          more and more money. Let them print  
25          some money to clean this up.

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Thank you.

MR. FONDA: Thank you all for  
coming tonight.

MR. SCHARF: Thank you.

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CERTIFICATION

I, Susan C. Bartlett, a Notary Public for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

That the witness whose testimony as herein set forth, was duly sworn by me; and that the within transcript is a true record of the testimony given by said witness.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of June, 2012.

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Susan C. Bartlett

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