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Kate Kornak, Regional Permit Administrator  
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Division of Environmental Permits, Region 4  
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Re: S.A. Dunn Mine and C&D Facility: DEC #4-3899-00006  
Part 360 Permit Renewal and Modification  
MLR Permit Renewal and Modification  
Transcript of June 14, 2022 Public Participation Meeting

Dear Kate:

As requested, attached is the transcript for the public participation meeting held on June 14, 2022, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Rensselaer City School. Prior to transcript preparation, S.A. Dunn & Company, LLC (S.A. Dunn) sent the meeting recording to an outside vendor to enhance the audio quality. S.A. Dunn also prepared detailed responses to comments, which are available in the repositories and at the following link: <https://cdn.wasteconnections.com/cms/sa-dunn-landfill/2022-08-26%20Public%20Participation%20Plan%20-%20Responses%20to%20Public%20Comments.pdf>

If you have any questions, please call me at (518) 470-3830.

Sincerely,

Curt Taylor  
Region Engineer

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cc: A. Keddell-Tuckey  
J. Burrier  
C. Judd

TRANSCRIPT OF AUDIO-RECORDED  
MEETING REGARDING DUNN MINE AND C&D FACILITY  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
JUNE 14, 2022

1 MALE 1: [inaudible]

2 FEMALE 1: Yes.

3 MALE 1: Okay. Okay, we're going to start in  
4 10 minutes, everyone, but I am going to turn on  
5 the Zoom function and it will be recording, just  
6 so everyone is aware. Thank you.

7 MR. PERKEY: Okay. Good evening. Um, welcome  
8 to the first public information meeting for the  
9 Dunn facility permit renewal and the modification  
10 application.

11 We will be hosting a second public meeting,  
12 um, information meeting, excuse me, in late  
13 summer, early fall, and a separate notice will go  
14 out for that meeting as the first notice went out  
15 that you received.

16 It'll be on our website and you'll receive  
17 the flyer in the same way that, hopefully, you  
18 received the flyer for this meeting.

19 First and foremost, some introductions are  
20 likely in order. My name is John Perkey. I am part  
21 of Waste Connections. I come from our corporate  
22 office and I manage our compliance and our  
23 government affairs team.

24 With me tonight is Kurt Taylor, our region  
25 engineer who oversees the facility. We also have

1 Corey Judd, who is our district manager and Amy  
2 Knight. She's a principal with CEC who is our  
3 consulting engineer for this facility.

4 And they will serve as our panel this  
5 evening. So I'm going to step through some really  
6 quick, hopefully opening remarks and then turn it  
7 over to our panel.

8 Just to walk through some of the process  
9 here, why the meeting is happening tonight, the  
10 next meeting and then as well as some basic  
11 outline of the structure of tonight's event.

12 The New York -- the New York State Department  
13 of Environmental Conservation, the DEC, has  
14 recently designated a portion of the partition  
15 street leading to the Dunn facility as a potential  
16 environmental justice area.

17 DEC commissioner policy 29 provides guidance  
18 for incorporating environmental justice concerns  
19 into the DEC environmental permit review process.

20 It provides that for public participation in  
21 conjunction with the permit renewal review and  
22 that's what this meeting is intended to provide,  
23 is residents with an opportunity to learn about  
24 and provide comments on the Dunn facility's  
25 pending application.

1           This, and the second public meetings, are  
2 separate and apart from any DEC permitted, uh,  
3 permit renewal and review process, just to make it  
4 clear. They will conduct their own separate, um,  
5 functionality through this process.

6           This is solely related to addressing  
7 environmental justice under our public  
8 participation plan. A little details on how  
9 tonight is going to work.

10           We're going to start first with a  
11 presentation. It'll be an overview of the Dunn  
12 facility, including its operations and  
13 environmental controls, and we'll also share  
14 information on the Dunn facility's permit  
15 application, which will renew the solid waste and  
16 mining permits as well as modify the permit by  
17 incorporating construction of a mechanically  
18 stabilized earthen berm.

19           Um, the second part of the evening will then  
20 be public participation. Um, we encourage you to  
21 ask questions and -- about and provide comments on  
22 the Dunn facility and the permit application.

23           We ask that everyone please listen while  
24 others are speaking and remain polite and  
25 courteous.

1           You may hear comments that you agree with  
2 strongly. You may hear comments that you oppose  
3 just as strongly, and we ask that everyone show  
4 appropriate decorum, um, while others are  
5 speaking.

6           The goal here is to ensure that everyone,  
7 both in this room and participating via Zoom has  
8 an opportunity to speak on the permit process  
9 without disruption.

10          In order to hear as many people as possible  
11 tonight, we are currently limiting public comment  
12 to two minutes per speaker. If time provides at  
13 the end, we will obviously provide additional  
14 opportunity to speak.

15          We will start with community members who are  
16 in the audience tonight at the school. If you are  
17 here in person, please make sure that you have  
18 signed in and indicated that you would like to  
19 comment or ask a question.

20          If you have not yet done so, the signup sheet  
21 is in the back of the room. We will take the  
22 speakers in the order in which they signed up.

23          We have two microphones in the auditorium  
24 this evening. I will call out the speakers one by  
25 one and ask them to approach the microphone

1 closest to you and we'll get started.

2 Please make sure that you start every  
3 comment, um, or question by clearly stating your  
4 full name. We need this, again, for recordkeeping  
5 purposes, because we will be creating a public  
6 record with a more fulsome discussion and response  
7 to all questions and comments this evening.

8 Again, we are capping this at two minutes per  
9 speaker. Please understand that this meeting is  
10 designed for SA Dunn to collect all comments and  
11 questions from members of the community related to  
12 its operations as well as the permit renewal.

13 As such, immediate responses tonight by this  
14 panel will likely be very limited. The panel will  
15 not be able to immediately answer and/or otherwise  
16 respond to all questions and comments tonight.

17 However, the panel will be providing complete  
18 responses to all questions and comments raised at  
19 this meeting and posting these responses as part  
20 of the public record on the Dunn facility website  
21 as well as the repository for the permit renewal  
22 application materials, which is the Rensselaer  
23 Public Library.

24 The complete responses will be available by  
25 mid-July. In addition, we are recording tonight's

1 event via Zoom and will make the recording  
2 publicly available on the Dunn facility website  
3 within the coming days.

4 At 8:15, we will move to community members  
5 that are participating via Zoom, even if we have  
6 remaining individuals in this area that have  
7 signed up, but we have yet to get to. Again, in an  
8 effort to try to get through as many comments as  
9 we possibly can.

10 If you -- if you wish to speak and you're  
11 participating via Zoom, please use the raise hand  
12 function. At the bottom of your Zoom screen, you  
13 will see a raised hand option. Please click raise  
14 hand and I'll call and then I'll unmute you once  
15 it is your turn.

16 If you are participating via phone only,  
17 please press \*9 to raise your hand, and then when  
18 called on, please press \*6 to unmute. Please then  
19 state your full name and begin speaking.

20 If you wish to [inaudible] comment or  
21 question, please use the Q&A function. Again, the  
22 Q&A function is at the bottom of the screen and  
23 you can type in your comment or question. A box  
24 will open. Type it in and then hit submit.

25 Please note that we will not be able to



1 respond to comments and questions that are raised  
2 in the Q&A function. Uh, we will provide complete  
3 responses to those comments and questions as part  
4 of our written response, uh, which will be  
5 completed in mid-June -- mid-July, excuse me.

6 Final comment, if you don't get an  
7 opportunity to make a comment tonight, please  
8 remember we are hosting a second meeting in late  
9 summer, early fall, and you may also provide  
10 comments and questions until 10 days at the end of  
11 the second meeting by emailing  
12 dunn.public@wasteconnections.com or by calling  
13 518-243-8015.

14 All comments and questions submitted at this  
15 meeting via email or via phone will be answered  
16 the same and available as part of the public  
17 record. Okay. So now I'm going to turn it over to  
18 our team.

19 MR. JUDD: [inaudible]

20 MR. PERKEY: Corey, really quick, I'm sorry,  
21 just make sure you speak into the mic and speak  
22 clearly so that the people on Zoom can hear. I  
23 just want to make sure everyone has an opportunity  
24 to hear what's being said.

25 MR. JUDD: Is this better?

1 MR. PERKEY: Yep. Perfect. Thank you.

2 MR. JUDD: [inaudible] operations,  
3 [inaudible] landfill operations [inaudible] we're  
4 currently doing that, uh, [inaudible] export  
5 [inaudible] um, [inaudible] and asphalt production  
6 [inaudible].

7 Uh, [inaudible] landfill, which you can see.  
8 Um, our [inaudible] and [inaudible] city  
9 explaining on, uh, replacing the culvert at the  
10 bottom [inaudible]. Uh, there's several options  
11 [inaudible] see how that works out and we're open  
12 Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30.  
13 [inaudible]

14 MR. PERKEY: Okay. So it might be best then  
15 if you guys want to come over here and speak from  
16 this mic.

17 MR. TAYLOR: Can, uh, everybody in the room  
18 at least hear me? Yes? Okay. Um, so, uh, right now  
19 we're going to move on to, um, what are the  
20 environmental controls of the facility, uh, that  
21 are protective of water.

22 We'll go through some of the other  
23 environmental medias as we go through the next  
24 couple of slides. Um, the first thing I wanted to  
25 talk about is the, uh, is the baseliner system

1 that's -- that's built in the landfill.

2 Um, in the landfill areas, before we bring in  
3 the C&D fill, um, it's a composite liner system.

4 In many areas of the country, it's the same  
5 baseliner system that's used in MSW landfills.

6 It consists of a two-foot clay layer, um, and  
7 a -- a polyethylene -- a polyethylene membrane  
8 liner on top of that and a very high permeability  
9 drainage layer. And, um, when the water comes down  
10 through the waste mass that we put on top of that  
11 with the baseliner layer, it goes down to the  
12 baseliner, hits the -- the drainage stone; flows,  
13 by gravity, to a low point in the -- in the  
14 baseliner system where we pump it out from there  
15 and -- and send it off for treatment. Um, there's  
16 also, um, a very, uh, you know, significant water  
17 -- uh, water quality monitoring program in place  
18 at the facility.

19 Um, we have a -- a series of, uh, five  
20 downgradient monitoring wells and two upgradient  
21 monitoring wells in the groundwater system that --  
22 that allow us to collect and -- and analyze, um,  
23 the groundwater for -- uh, to make sure that  
24 nothing is coming out of our liner and entering  
25 the groundwater.

1           So we compare the upgradient quality with the  
2 downgradient quality and assure that, uh, that the  
3 baseliners are working effectively. Um, we also do  
4 stream sampling.

5           Uh, we do upstream sampling and downstream  
6 sampling, and again, we're comparing the water  
7 quality in the upstream areas and the downstream  
8 areas to make sure that there's nothing coming out  
9 of our facility that negatively impacts the, uh,  
10 stream water quality.

11           Um, there's also stormwater outfall sampling  
12 that we do, um, and it's done twice a year. Uh, we  
13 have two outfalls at this time. Eventually, in the  
14 facility, as we reach our -- our northern extent,  
15 we'll have a third outfall.

16           Um, and -- and like I said, we do that, uh,  
17 we do that testing semi-annually and, uh, you  
18 know, our results, uh, meet D.C., uh, standards.

19           Um, we also, in the last couple of years have  
20 started doing some PFAS [ph] sampling, um, and  
21 testing.

22           That's included in our groundwater and  
23 surface water samples and, uh, you know, although,  
24 uh, PFAS compounds are found across the  
25 environment, um, there's no -- you know, no

1 indication based on the sampling that we've done  
2 and that D.C. has done that indicate that, uh, uh,  
3 Dunn facility is a source of contamination in the  
4 area.

5 The next, uh, next slide talks about, uh,  
6 environmental controls for air. Um, we have  
7 installed, uh, over the last few years, a pretty  
8 robust landfill gas extraction system.

9 Um, we have a series of -- of extraction  
10 wells, um, installed around the landfill and, uh,  
11 we -- we -- we, uh, put a system of piping around  
12 the landfill that takes, uh, that distributes  
13 vacuum to each one of those extraction wells and  
14 basically sucks out any gases that are in there.

15 Um, we do that for odor controls, um, and we,  
16 uh, we run that through a flare. That picture that  
17 you see in the slide, that's our landfill gas  
18 flare.

19 It's got a capacity of 750 standard cubic  
20 feet a minute and we're, uh, between 250 and 300  
21 standard cubic feet a minute that we typically run  
22 through that.

23 Um, it destroys, uh, odors, odor causing  
24 compounds. It also, uh, destroys methane, H<sub>2</sub>S, um,  
25 any of the greenhouse gas compounds. Air quality

1 monitoring. The facility has, um, has a  
2 requirement that we -- we, um, we test the air  
3 around the facility on a quarterly basis.

4 Um, in addition to that, uh, the DEC has  
5 installed a number of monitors around the  
6 facility. Um, they're basically continuous  
7 monitors and -- and they've posted the results of  
8 their monitoring on the website, um, and they  
9 have, uh, they've determined that, um, that, you  
10 know, none of the -- none of the -- none of the,  
11 uh, monitoring to date indicates any health  
12 issues.

13 Um, next one is dust and litter. Um, the  
14 facility has, um, uh, a requirement to cover the  
15 wastes every day. Uh, so at the end of every day,  
16 we cover with soil or a tarp, um, any of the waste  
17 placement from that day.

18 Uh, keeps it from being available for, um,  
19 you know, for, uh, for blowing litter.

20 The, um, inactive areas of the mine are  
21 covered with, um, generally on a weekly basis we  
22 either, uh, spray mulch on those, you know, open  
23 sand faces to prevent dust generation or if an  
24 area is going to not be used for awhile and not  
25 be, um, excavated from for awhile, we'll install

1 matting and seeding, um, with the intent -- and --  
2 and you can see in the background, uh, you can see  
3 over on the right hand side of the photo, you can  
4 see some of those areas of matting and seeding  
5 that are -- that are, uh, been applied at the  
6 landfill and you can see them turning green.

7 Um, you know, if -- if it's going to be a few  
8 months, we'll go ahead and mat those. Um, in the  
9 March through May period, we have agreed, as part  
10 of a dust control plan we've agreed to limit some  
11 of the -- uh, some of the -- the areas of our  
12 mining so that we have a smaller active area, open  
13 area of the mine that would be susceptible to  
14 generating dust.

15 Uh, we apply water and calcium. Uh, water  
16 most of the year, calcium sometimes in the winter.  
17 When we can't spray water on the roads, we'll  
18 apply some calcium. Um, but water is our kind of  
19 number one, uh, mechanism for keeping dust down on  
20 the roadways.

21 Um, actually number two. The first one is the  
22 prior bullet there, stone surfacing on the roads.  
23 If we keep a nice, fresh layer of stone on top of  
24 the roads, uh, there's much less generation of  
25 dust potential.

1           And then the last bullet there is, uh, very,  
2           um, very routinely if we have a -- a forecast for  
3           a high wind event, um, we'll -- we'll proactively  
4           shut down the facility and make sure that we're  
5           not actively taking in and discharging waste loads  
6           that would be subject to generating, um, both  
7           litter and dust.

8           Gotcha. Um, in recent permit versions, we  
9           have agreed to add a fulltime environmental  
10          monitor. The environmental monitor works for DEC,  
11          um, as a consultant that works for DEC.

12          Um, that -- the cost for that DEC monitor,  
13          um, is borne by the facility and he's there 40  
14          hours a week. Um, he's there until we close, um,  
15          pretty much every day.

16          He -- he rotates between early days and late  
17          days to make sure that, um, you know, he's -- he's  
18          covering pretty much all the time we're open and  
19          operating.

20          Um, we have requirements for no truck, uh,  
21          Jake brakes, air brakes, um, through the city. Uh,  
22          the signs are posted on the road, Partition Street  
23          Extension, and if we -- you know, if we are aware  
24          of anybody using Jake brakes, we will -- we will,  
25          um, we will stop them -- stop that truck driver



1 and talk to them about it. If it's a continuing  
2 issue, um, they will be not allowed back at the  
3 facility.

4 Um, in addition, there's, uh, noise standards  
5 from New York State DOT that apply to these  
6 facilities and trucks, um, sorry, to the trucks  
7 and the trucks are subject to enforcement by both  
8 the state police and local law enforcement.

9 There is also a 24-hour contact line. Some of  
10 you have used that to call in an order call. If  
11 you have, um, an observation of landfill odor or  
12 odor that you believe is -- is related to the  
13 landfill, please call it.

14 Um, that phone number rings to at least some  
15 of us in this room 24 hours a day. Um, we get  
16 notified. We -- we come out within an hour, um, to  
17 see what's going on. Is it something that we can  
18 confirm that is an odor?

19 Is it something that -- that we can follow  
20 back to the facility and find an issue that we can  
21 fix? If we do find an -- an issue we can fix, it's  
22 -- it's fixed as soon as we possibly can. Um, it's  
23 a good way to, you know, proactively get ahead of,  
24 um, any of those kinds of issues.

25 The first time you smell it, if you tell us

1 about it, we can go out and deal with it.

2 Um, the other thing on that 24-hour phone  
3 number is DEC is also notified. They get the same  
4 notifications that we do. Um, they may not -- they  
5 won't respond 24 hours a day, generally, but, uh,  
6 but they do get the notifications and have that  
7 record to, uh, uh, to react to.

8 Corey?

9 MR. JUDD: So we used a consultant company to  
10 do an economic and fiscal benefit, uh, for the  
11 landfill. Uh, annually -- annual operations  
12 supports 73 jobs. Um, total annual economic output  
13 generated by the facility operations is estimated  
14 to be nearly \$18.7 million.

15 Um, the employment supported by the  
16 facility's operations generate nearly \$4.9 million  
17 annually in labor income. In addition, uh, to host  
18 fees, economic activities associated with the  
19 facility operations generate an estimated, uh,  
20 \$937,000 in tax revenue annually, uh, to  
21 jurisdictions within New York State.

22 Uh, this -- this report is a lot longer and  
23 the -- the full version can be seen on the  
24 website.

25 MS. KNIGHT: Good evening. The pending

1 application that's the subject of tonight's  
2 meeting encompasses two different submittals, one  
3 being the permit renewal, the other the permit  
4 modification.

5 Both were prepared in accordance with the New  
6 York State Department of Environmental  
7 Conservation Solid Waste Management Regulations.  
8 And, as mentioned, there's an electronic version  
9 available on the Dunn website and a hard copy is  
10 available at the public library in Rensselaer.

11 The permit renewal, uh, has an expiration  
12 date of July 19, 2022, and it was submitted in --  
13 uh, the renewal application was submitted in  
14 January 2022, 180 days ahead of that expiration  
15 date in accordance with the regulations.

16 The permit includes both mining operations  
17 and C&D disposal. The mining permit renewal was  
18 actually originally submitted in August 2021 and  
19 was modified for this permit renewal application  
20 to address changes associated with the permit  
21 modification that I'll speak about in a minute.

22 Uh, the permit renewal does not include any  
23 changes to the current operation that the  
24 facility, either of the mining or of the disposal  
25 of C&D at the facility.

1           The permit modification was prepared to  
2   incorporate construction of a mechanically  
3   stabilized earthen berm, or MSE berm, as it's  
4   abbreviated. The berm is going to be located along  
5   the northern side of the facility adjacent to the  
6   school property as well as a portion of the east  
7   side.

8           It's going to vary in height with a maximum  
9   of about 60 feet in one area. It provides, uh,  
10   enhanced visual screening from viewpoints to the  
11   north of the facility as compared the currently  
12   permitted conditions.

13           In -- in -- it also reduces the waste  
14   footprint by about 1.2 acres. Uh, it reduces the  
15   life of mine limit by about two acres, uh, and  
16   reduces the overall volume that can, uh, capacity  
17   of the waste disposal area by about 220,000 cubic  
18   yards.

19           This figure, uh, shows some of those limits I  
20   was just talking about. And to orient you, um, the  
21   right of the screen, that's north. Um, that is  
22   where the school is located. And on the left is  
23   the facility entrance, uh, Partition Street  
24   Extension runs along there.

25           The -- I know it may be a little bit hard to

1 see, uh, but that light blue limit represents the  
2 life of mine limit. Um, and on the northern side  
3 of the facility, there's a green line that  
4 represents the revised, um, life of mine limit,  
5 which shows that two-acre reduction.

6 The brown dash line shows the current  
7 permitted C&D disposal limit. The highlighted  
8 yellow line that kind of runs along the middle  
9 and, you know, through the center, that --  
10 everything to the left of that represents cells  
11 and phases, as we call them, that have already  
12 been constructed.

13 So anything to the right of that yellow line  
14 still needs to be constructed. Uh, so essentially  
15 phases one through 7A and phase 10A have already  
16 been built and that's about 38 acres currently  
17 built.

18 The entire permitted footprint will be  
19 reduced by 1.2 acres, as I mentioned, and that  
20 dashed blue line shows the new limit of the  
21 landfill, which, as you can see, moves farther  
22 from that property line and away from that  
23 northern boundary.

24 So MSE berms are constructed of engineered  
25 materials that are used to reenforce the soil

1 structure of a berm to allow for steeper slopes  
2 and higher elevations in a smaller amount of space  
3 than would be associated with a traditional soil  
4 berm.

5 MSE berms have been successfully constructed  
6 at maintaining landfills for over 20 years. To my  
7 knowledge, there's at least 65 MSE berms at  
8 landfills throughout the country and all regions  
9 of the United States.

10 Um, and as I noted, it provided enhanced  
11 visual screening, um, for properties or viewpoints  
12 to the north.

13 These pictures, uh, represent, uh, two stages  
14 of berm construction. So on the left side, those  
15 two pictures represent ongoing construction of a  
16 berm in Albany County. Uh, you can see they start  
17 building from the base upwards.

18 Um, as they build, they're seeding the berm,  
19 so you can see the vegetation is getting  
20 established on the base along those pictures as  
21 they're building up.

22 On the right side is, a berm and from -- in  
23 northeast Pennsylvania, it's been, um, in place  
24 for four years. You can see that excellent stand  
25 of vegetation that's been established over that

1     timeframe.

2             This slide represents a pictorial image of  
3     how the berm will screen, uh, the operations of  
4     the site. Uh, the first line of sight is from the  
5     ballfield and the school property. To the right  
6     is, um, represents the landfill final grades.

7             So the tan represents, uh, the fill  
8     associated with the permitted grading for the  
9     landfill. So you can see -- it is a little bit  
10    difficult to see, but in that, you can see that  
11    that, um, area starts from grade and goes up.

12            So if you're standing in the ballfield area  
13    and you only have the trees as screening, so if  
14    there's not a full vegetations and the leaves are  
15    down, you would be able to see the landfill from,  
16    um, that side.

17            However, with the berm, which is shown in  
18    red, you can -- um, there's visual screening.

19            So this represents a person standing both  
20    closer to the trees at home plate as well as  
21    farther to the left in outfield and that red  
22    dashed line represents what the line -- what your  
23    eyes would see from either of those perspectives.

24            And you can see from the outfield, um, the  
25    entire, uh, grade of the landfill is screened. If

1 you're at home plate, you'll see a small amount  
2 above that red, um, elevation.

3 Line of sight B shows from the third floor of  
4 the school building and similarly you can see, um,  
5 that the landfill is screened from that vantage  
6 point as well.

7 And finally, the last one, uh, shows the  
8 profile from, um, the other -- the soccer field  
9 and similarly both in the bleachers, which is the  
10 far line of sight, as well as from a standing  
11 observer, um, on the field, it's screened from  
12 that perspective as well.

13 SPEAKER: [inaudible]

14 MS. KNIGHT: Yeah. They are difficult with  
15 this -- um, this is going to be available in the  
16 recording and you will be able to view that as  
17 well. Are we going to put the slideshow up as  
18 well?

19 MR. PERKEY: Yeah. The slideshow will be --

20 MS. KNIGHT: Yeah.

21 MR. PERKEY: -- on our website as well as  
22 this recording and so you'll be able to see in  
23 detail the -- the levels of eyesight that Amy just  
24 walked through. We're now going to turn over to  
25 the public comment period, if you'll give me one



1 minute to make a slight change here.

2           Okay. As in indicated earlier, we are going  
3 to start with individuals participating who signed  
4 up, uh, to speak. I'm going to go in the order of  
5 which they were received.

6           At roughly 8:15, we are going to move over to  
7 the Zoom participants to allow them to have an  
8 opportunity to speak as well, and then if there's  
9 more time remaining, we'll move back to the  
10 individuals in this room.

11           Um, and I do apologize if I mispronounce your  
12 name, but I will do my absolute best. Uh, first we  
13 have Joseph Kardash. And again, remember, please  
14 state your name for the recording and we'll go  
15 from there.

16           MR. KARDASH: Hi guys, Joe Kardash. I'm the  
17 superintendent here at the school. I've been here  
18 for 40 years now. Um, I'd like to say [inaudible].  
19 I think everyone in the room appreciates an  
20 opportunity to be able to have their voice heard.

21           This process has a usefulness. I realize it's  
22 not volunteer, but I believe it's all of our  
23 responsibility to use our voice in the  
24 environmental process.

25           [inaudible] the Board of Education, myself,

1 and representatives from the school signed and  
2 sent a letter to [inaudible], um, expressing our  
3 concerns for the landfill next to the school.

4 I believe tonight you're going to hear a lot  
5 of questions, concerns, and voices with different  
6 reasons, but they're have a commonality in that  
7 there's a lot of things that just don't make sense  
8 about a landfill next to the school.

9 We can argue minutiae, but I don't think  
10 anyone can stand back and say that it makes sense.  
11 So with all the different voices and all the  
12 different ideas and all the different levels of  
13 passion here tonight, I believe that we do speak  
14 with one voice in one way, shape, or form.

15 So I'd like to submit this letter that I  
16 already sent to the commissioner, um, on behalf of  
17 the school as the voice of the school and, uh,  
18 wish everyone luck today in voicing their  
19 opinions.

20 MR. PERKEY: Thank you, Mr. Kardash. Okay,  
21 next we will have Eugene Fiacco.

22 MR. FIACCO: [inaudible]

23 MR. PERKEY: Thank you, Mr. Fiacco. Next we  
24 have David Ellis.

25 MR. ELLIS: [inaudible] David Ellis. Oh,

1 that's really loud. So I just wanted to talk about  
2 the -- the polyethelene liner HCPE. [Inaudible]  
3 HCPE liners, and I found that a 1998 examination  
4 of the best available landfill liners [inaudible]  
5 liners of HDPE can be expected to be degraded  
6 about 20 gallons per acre per day, even if they're  
7 installed with the very best and most expensive  
8 quality control procedures.

9 And this is often caused by chemicals that  
10 [inaudible] by holes created when the seams are  
11 welded together. Um, and then again with a 1991  
12 report from the University of Wisconsin shows that  
13 Duluth [inaudible] penetrate HDPE in [inaudible]  
14 in the most expensive landfills was penetrated by  
15 solvents in less than two weeks.

16 So this is an impact that potentially  
17 [inaudible]. [Inaudible] 1990 paper published by  
18 the American Society for Testing Materials  
19 revealed that HDPE liners have failed in stress  
20 cracks [inaudible] in only two years of use.

21 Polyethylene pipe [inaudible] failed in just  
22 two years. On February 26, 2019, the agency sent  
23 an order of consent [inaudible] inspection that  
24 found a faulty lining system that could allow  
25 toxins to leach into the ground. 56-B [ph]

1 contained rocks large enough to penetrate and cut  
2 through the plastic membrane as pressure builds.

3 And this is [inaudible]. So based on size,  
4 landfill liners do not prevent leakage into the  
5 ground and the surrounding environment. My  
6 question for the Dunn folks is what will happen  
7 after 30 years, which is the general lifespan of  
8 these liners?

9 We know that testing [inaudible]  
10 environmental responsibility and the DEC,  
11 [inaudible] PFAS contamination [inaudible] as well  
12 as [inaudible].

13 MR. PERKEY: Thank you, Mr. Ellis. [applause,  
14 muted]

15 I -- again, given the nature of how many  
16 people we do have available to comment, I want to  
17 make sure that we get to all of them. Um, I don't  
18 know if we have a quick response or a more  
19 thorough response will certainly be provided as  
20 part of the written record.

21 Okay. Next, I have Bob Welton.

22 MR. WELTON: [inaudible] my two minutes, if  
23 you could pause that for a second, [inaudible]  
24 everybody.

25 MR. PERKEY: Okay.

1 MR. WELTON: [inaudible] high school drowned  
2 yesterday [inaudible] just wanted you to know  
3 that.

4 MR. PERKEY: Okay.

5 MR. WELTON: And I also had a question about  
6 -- I didn't see anything about people providing  
7 hard copy questions [inaudible] presentation, so I  
8 presume that's possible also?

9 MR. PERKEY: That is possible, correct, via  
10 the -- the email that was provided and will be up  
11 again at the end. You have an opportunity at any  
12 time to --

13 MR. WELTON: Not email. I'm talking about  
14 hard copy, like --

15 MR. PERKEY: Of course. Of course.

16 MR. WELTON: [inaudible].

17 MR. PERKEY: If -- if you mail the facility,  
18 it'll be the same as the email.

19 MR. WELTON: Okay. So okay, my question, how  
20 can you justify the majority of your renewal  
21 application on a 2012 permit approval, when that  
22 application downplayed the location [inaudible];  
23 used a 1992 traffic study [inaudible] trucks  
24 instead of C&D [ph] trucks; ignored the noise  
25 impact; does not address recently discovered PFAS

1 [inaudible]; fails to address environmental  
2 justice principles for all issues, disputes every  
3 -- [inaudible], has no significant analysis of  
4 toxic small particulate matter being [inaudible]  
5 children at the school and nearby community  
6 residents; and [inaudible] what you will do to  
7 comply with the state's new constitutional  
8 amendment that states each person has a right to  
9 clean air and water and a healthy environment?  
10 Thank you. [applause, muted]

11 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. Uh, Victor Batorsky?

12 MR. BATORSKY: My name's Victor Batorsky. I'm  
13 the, uh, city historian for Rensselaer City.  
14 [inaudible] just a brief opinion and ask a  
15 question. Um, since this meeting is run by Dunn  
16 and Dunn submitted its paperwork at [inaudible],  
17 what this meeting is is only doing one thing,  
18 [inaudible].

19 Um, on the other hand, [inaudible]. It's not  
20 their meeting. As we were promised there would be  
21 public hearings and so [inaudible] and they're  
22 just using this as a stopgap.

23 So given the constricted nature of this  
24 meeting, [inaudible] I'll just submit what I was  
25 thinking of saying and [inaudible] that, um,

1 [inaudible] the city has designated as an economic  
2 justice zone [ph].

3 Now, um, correct me if I'm wrong, I -- I  
4 understand [inaudible] fees have gone up, and  
5 maybe perhaps [inaudible]. So what I need to know  
6 and I suspect since you've half a year ago  
7 submitted paperwork, you want to be able to  
8 [inaudible] share of [inaudible] fees [inaudible]  
9 increase proportional to the increase you charge.  
10 And if it -- if all that money is going to go to  
11 the benefit of the people subject to the, um,  
12 economic justice zone, [inaudible] need it.

13 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. I think we can  
14 provide just a quick note to your original  
15 comment, I'm happy to take that. Thank you. Okay.  
16 Again, the DEC has their own process that we'll go  
17 through and -- give me one second.

18 Okay, here. Why don't you take it?

19 MR. TAYLOR: Sure. So, yes, the DEC has their  
20 own process, um, that we'll, um, that we'll play  
21 through and play out as -- as they take permitting  
22 action.

23 Um, there is a -- going to be a separate  
24 public comment period, um, associated with that,  
25 that they will administer. Um, so that's -- I

1 mean, one -- one piece of the answer.

2 The other piece of it is that the -- the, um,  
3 the payments are -- are set in a franchise  
4 agreement that -- that we have with the City of  
5 Rensselaer and, you know, we can take your comment  
6 and -- and provide a -- a more fulsome response.

7 MR. BATORSKY: [inaudible]. It was brought to  
8 our attention that the corporation in [inaudible]  
9 zone that's designated in the course of the  
10 activation and organization of that contract that  
11 [inaudible] designation. So I would not think that  
12 that would compact the contracts. So simply  
13 writing us off by saying, well, we have this  
14 agreement, is insufficient to [inaudible].

15 MR. TAYLOR: Okay. I'll -- I'll look at your  
16 question and -- and come up with a more fulsome  
17 response.

18 MR. BATORSKY: Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. PERKEY: Next, Jonathon Pollach.

20 MR. POLLACH: [inaudible]. My question really  
21 is [inaudible], what do you think it means to be a  
22 good neighbor? Um, we've gotten [inaudible] claims  
23 that they're good neighbors. That Dunn is good  
24 neighbors.

25 But my take is that good neighbors don't



1 create [inaudible] rotten egg smells. [Inaudible],  
2 spoiling the quality of life in the surrounding  
3 [inaudible], impacting residents who were here  
4 long before [inaudible], and have never received a  
5 [inaudible]. Thank you.

6 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. [applause, muted]  
7 Mary Dugan?

8 MS. DUGAN: [inaudible]

9 MR. PERKEY: Perfect. Good evening.

10 MS. DUGAN: Hi, good evening. Um, to begin, I  
11 just want you to know that yesterday was not a  
12 beautiful day in my neighborhood. The stomach-  
13 churning odor that permeates my [inaudible] on the  
14 other side of the cemetery continues, even after  
15 the DEC attempts to regulate [inaudible].

16 It stays [inaudible] and on windy days, it  
17 stinks [inaudible] before [inaudible] the  
18 landfill. And so the DEC, um, requirements can't  
19 work, because while we're waiting [inaudible] the  
20 damage is being done. I can't imagine [inaudible].

21 So my questions tonight have to do with your  
22 economic activities as your website claims. I  
23 might be piggybacking, but I want to know what is  
24 supposed to be -- and what is the exact amount I'm  
25 paying? Who is the specific receiver and what is

1 the reason [inaudible]?

2 I know that Rensselaer City receives \$245,000  
3 and maybe there was a change with that amount. I  
4 haven't heard any [inaudible] and I was wondering  
5 [inaudible]. What specific counties, as I read on  
6 your website, receive the \$242,000? One county,  
7 and only one county?

8 It isn't Rensselaer County, so I assume  
9 Rensselaer is one of them. If more than one, how  
10 is that divvied up?

11 Question four, in order for you to obtain a  
12 new permit, has the state, the county or the  
13 locals required you to increase the revenues?  
14 Thank you.

15 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. Uh, Richard Hotaling  
16 was a maybe?

17 MR. HOTALING: My name is Rich Hotaling. Uh,  
18 I just have a very simply request. On the western  
19 side of the property over by the chain link fence,  
20 the [inaudible] fence that's been installed there  
21 has not been maintained in months. So I'd just  
22 like to see [inaudible] that's a very simple thing  
23 that could be redone. If that's [inaudible]?  
24 [applause, muted]

25 MR. PERKEY: Tom Ellis?

1 MR. ELLIS: Yeah. My name is Tom Ellis. I  
2 live [inaudible]. I've been working for 40 years  
3 on environmental justice issues, especially  
4 concerning dumps and incinerators and I noticed  
5 that during the presentation, none of you provided  
6 any information about what your qualifications are  
7 in the field of environmental justice.

8 Can you tell us what they are?

9 MR. PERKEY: What the qualifications of this  
10 panel are for environmental justice?

11 MR. ELLIS: Yeah. Your background in the  
12 field of environmental justice.

13 MR. PERKEY: We're happy to answer that  
14 question as part of our responses.

15 MR. ELLIS: But not now?

16 MR. PERKEY: Not now. Again, we're trying to  
17 move as quickly as possible, Mr. Ellis.

18 MR. ELLIS: Okay. And you say that you're  
19 from the main office, you're from Texas?

20 MR. PERKEY: That is correct, sir.

21 MR. ELLIS: And how often are you here  
22 locally?

23 MR. PERKEY: I come occasionally. It would be  
24 every few years.

25 MR. ELLIS: Every few years?

1 MR. PERKEY: Yes, sir. But I'm in constant  
2 contact with our team members here locally. This  
3 facility is managed locally. I'm a support  
4 resource for them.

5 MR. ELLIS: Okay. You're heard some of the  
6 speakers here talk about how horrible the odors  
7 are, and you're going to hear [inaudible] talk  
8 about how bad the truck traffic is on Partition  
9 Street and the noise, et cetera.

10 My question is, where did your company get  
11 the moral right to poison the people of Rensselaer  
12 [inaudible] and to wreck their quality of life for  
13 seven years and now you want to do it for who  
14 knows how many more?

15 Where do you get that moral right? And don't  
16 tell me that you get it from DEC. Where do you get  
17 the moral right? Any of you? These people are  
18 being poisoned. Their quality of life is being  
19 ruined by your business and you say [inaudible].  
20 Where do you get the moral right to do this?

21 That's the question I want answered.  
22 [inaudible] the company. Where does the company  
23 get this right? Thank you.

24 MR. PERKEY: You're welcome. Judy Stasaek?  
25 Stasaek? Stasaek, thank you.

1 MS. STASAEK: Hi. [inaudible]

2 MR. PERKEY: Yes.

3 MS. STASAEK: My name is Judy Stasaek. I am  
4 with the Board of Education here [inaudible] board  
5 members here [inaudible] appreciate that  
6 [inaudible] city of Rensselaer. We know that even  
7 with the best [inaudible] health, quality of life,  
8 and property value [inaudible].

9 We have had dust storms, [inaudible], causing  
10 difficulty breathing and exacerbating asthma  
11 symptoms. We have [inaudible] exposure [inaudible]  
12 truck traffic, and we also have noise that  
13 completely disrupts quality of life on the truck  
14 route. In the night [inaudible] but we also know  
15 that [inaudible] and can never be dislodged.

16 So we find out about those impacts after the  
17 fact, how many people will we find out [inaudible]  
18 impacts, probably from the dump -- and you'll  
19 probably never admit that, but from the dump,  
20 later down the road, my concerns [inaudible].

21 And the DEC has shown that they have not done  
22 their due diligence with permitting this facility  
23 and other facilities in the past to protect -- to  
24 protect the public's health and I strongly oppose  
25 [inaudible].

1           In addition, there is no amount of money that  
2 you can pay to the city or the school [inaudible]  
3 city that can [inaudible]. Your facility must be  
4 shut down. [applause, muted]

5           MR. PERKEY: Next is Chris Kueb. Thank you.

6           MS. KUEB: Hi. My name is Chris Kueb, um,  
7 and, um, I'm an environmental epidemiologist and,  
8 um, [inaudible] and, um, I just wanted to say what  
9 everybody probably already [inaudible], that  
10 [inaudible].

11           Other landfill truck traffic is permitted to  
12 run through the neighborhoods of Rensselaer,  
13 including residential neighborhoods. The smell of  
14 diesel exhaust hangs in the air in those  
15 neighborhoods.

16           It's a well-established fact that fine diesel  
17 particulate matter is harmful to cardiac and  
18 pulmonary health and it is associated with lung  
19 cancer and other respiratory disease.

20           There are many other constituents of diesel  
21 exhaust that are also considered a public health  
22 threat. So my question to you is why is there no  
23 mention of diesel exhaust pollution either in the  
24 2012 [inaudible] environmental impact statement or  
25 in the current [inaudible] application? Thank you.

1 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. [applause, muted]  
2 Marylyn Raleigh?

3 MS. RALEIGH: [inaudible]

4 MR. PERKEY: Here --

5 MS. RALEIGH: [inaudible]

6 MR. PERKEY: Give me one second.

7 MS. RALEIGH: [inaudible] are the greatest  
8 thing that could happen to us, [inaudible].  
9 [inaudible] there are 55 landfills [inaudible]  
10 another school. I [inaudible]. We the people of  
11 the city of Rensselaer declare our right to  
12 liberty, justice, pursuit of happiness and free  
13 [inaudible] -- free from big companies that  
14 [inaudible] right as tax-paying citizens.

15 Companies who have [inaudible] that can  
16 pollute our air, destroy [inaudible] and our  
17 homes, and [inaudible]. [inaudible] damage the air  
18 we breathe and the vegetables we plant and  
19 harvest. Finally, the children in our city  
20 [inaudible] U.S. Constitution [inaudible].

21 Is it much different than what the pollution  
22 is doing to [inaudible]? Although [inaudible]  
23 smaller case, [inaudible]. The city even chose to  
24 allow the [inaudible] to operate so close to our  
25 school have taken away our rights.

1 [inaudible] no infringement of the school is  
2 surrounded [ph]. [inaudible] other problem is that  
3 [inaudible] children from other schools who visit  
4 the [inaudible] campus to play sports.

5 One official was quoted as saying the dump  
6 [inaudible]. What kind of neighbor jeopardizes the  
7 city children and residents? [inaudible] tours of  
8 your operation. No thanks.

9 [inaudible] smell the odors and see the  
10 flyaway debris that lands in my yard. You brag of  
11 your contributions to the county and I'm sure some  
12 politicians think it's great, but I'll re-ask the  
13 question. Is the 4.2 million you gave worth the  
14 cost of a child's life?

15 I also understand that you donates to the  
16 fire department. However, in the event of a fire,  
17 the firemen are not trained to deal with  
18 [inaudible] of this event. Remember, these are our  
19 children and our homes. We are permanent and we  
20 don't get to leave when our shift is done.

21 Since [inaudible] plagued with pneumonia,  
22 respiratory problems and bloody noses. I would  
23 like to know [inaudible] city of Rensselaer or and  
24 city [inaudible] agency [inaudible] better  
25 understanding [inaudible] ongoing issues, possibly



1 [inaudible]. I [inaudible] consider that this dump  
2 should be renewed or closed.

3 The health of residents should be priority  
4 one. I think [inaudible] agree. I strongly suggest  
5 that you leave our area so we can pick up the  
6 pieces of our once quiet, tranquil lives, plant  
7 your seeds [inaudible] away from the residents of  
8 the city and the children who must endure exposure  
9 to [inaudible]. [applause, muted]

10 MR. PERKEY: Next is Diane Perez.

11 MS. PEREZ: Yes, my name is Diane Perez.  
12 [inaudible] out of curiosity, I would like to  
13 know, would you say that you have [inaudible] how  
14 the city of Rensselaer is being paid [inaudible].  
15 [inaudible] per truck per day and per [inaudible]?

16 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. David Mink?

17 MR. MINK: Good evening.

18 MR. PERKEY: Good evening.

19 MR. MINK: So my name is David Mink. I am a  
20 third generation resident here in the city of  
21 Rensselaer and I live about 800 meters from  
22 [inaudible] facility and my daughter [inaudible]  
23 her kindergarten [inaudible].

24 [inaudible] my question, [inaudible]. Um, if  
25 your permit is renewed, again, this is up to the

1 DEC, and if you continue to bring stuff in, stuff  
2 out, at the current pace that you've been doing  
3 over the past seven years, what is your estimated  
4 timeline to be complete and out of the area?

5 After that, what is your plan for the area in  
6 which we currently reside in? What is the plan for  
7 that [inaudible] afterwards? Thank you.

8 MR. PERKEY: Okay. [inaudible]

9 MR. TAYLOR: Um, the, uh, the -- the life  
10 expectancy of the facility is about 10 years. Um,  
11 as we stand here today, assuming, you know,  
12 standard -- you know, assuming that we keep on  
13 bringing materials in and bringing materials out,  
14 similar to what we're doing today.

15 Um, as far as -- what was the other part of  
16 the question?

17 MR. MINK: What to do with the facility.

18 MR. TAYLOR: Oh, okay. So -- so after --  
19 after those 10 years are over, um, we have an  
20 obligation to close the facility and to maintain  
21 the facility, um, for a minimum of 30 years and  
22 likely, uh, as long as there's, you know,  
23 [inaudible] produced, gases being produced, any of  
24 those kinds of things.

25 We have to post a bond to make sure that, uh,

1 that -- that we're here and -- and financially  
2 responsible to do that.

3 MR. PERKEY: Fred Weakley?

4 MR. WEAKLEY: Hi, my name is Fred Weakley.  
5 Um, I've been a resident of the city for about  
6 five years now. It absolutely baffles me that this  
7 was allowed to happen in the first place.

8 I mean, uh, I don't know if there wasn't  
9 public opposition to this dump, uh, but I believe  
10 anybody in the city would be supportive of it. Um,  
11 it's -- I had to laugh, you were up here talking  
12 about the view from the ballfields will be better  
13 once you install this 60-foot berm around the  
14 edge.

15 I mean, it just doesn't make sense to me that  
16 this is the solution. I mean, nobody wants you  
17 here. Nobody wants this dump here. [applause] It  
18 doesn't matter [inaudible] than to have this dump  
19 in the city.

20 So I mean, I don't know if everybody supports  
21 that, but personally, I -- I would rather see my  
22 taxes higher than to see this continue this  
23 pollution continue in our community. Thank you.  
24 [applause, muted]

25 MR. PERKEY: Bridget Fritz? Would you like to

1 speak? Okay. Uh, Wendy Dwyer.

2 MS. DWYER: First of all, I have three  
3 pictures that I need held up. I wonder if you  
4 could take a look at them and hold them up  
5 [inaudible] please?

6 MR. PERKEY: Ma'am, if you would like to hold  
7 the pictures up, you may, but we're not going to  
8 have the panelists participate in this.

9 MS. DWYER: I guess you've seen it before. So  
10 these are pictures that I took [inaudible]. These  
11 are pictures that I took on March 14.

12 It was a Monday morning, at 10:00 in the  
13 morning, and you can see the filth on the brand-  
14 new snow from -- that came over the weekend and at  
15 10:00 in the morning, look at that filth.

16 And it also included plastic mesh, which was  
17 very [inaudible]. Okay. So people will continue to  
18 breathe this stuff, whether you have a berm or  
19 not, and plastic, microplastics are very dangerous  
20 to be inhaled.

21 I'm a nurse and PFAS is a [inaudible]  
22 chemical that [inaudible] whether you have a berm  
23 or not. Also, with your berm, it will be  
24 [inaudible] be able to see what you're dumping,  
25 like carpets and other things that contain PFAS.

1           Now, I'd also like to know about the sign  
2   that says [inaudible] asbestos but the DEC site  
3   says that [inaudible] asbestos can be brought in,  
4   but the supervisor [inaudible] things that are not  
5   supposed to be brought in. So I [inaudible] and I  
6   can't get the forms, because the DEC doesn't have  
7   them.

8           Dunn [inaudible] have them, and I call that  
9   the fox guarding your chicken house, because  
10  [inaudible] have forms [inaudible] what decisions  
11  were made by the supervisors so nobody really  
12  knows what's being dumped?

13          Okay, quickly, I know I'm almost out of time.  
14  Who is going to speak for the non-English speakers  
15  in this community? [inaudible] happening? Who may  
16  be afraid to speak out? Who may have no idea what  
17  their children are being exposed to?

18          Who is going to speak out for the non-English  
19  speakers [inaudible]? [applause, muted]  
20  [inaudible] treated in a waste treatment plant.  
21  It's a forever chemical that's being dumped into  
22  the Hudson. The [inaudible] leak. All liners leak.  
23  [applause, muted, inaudible]

24          MR. PERKEY: Brian Stall?

25          MR. STALL: My name's Brian Stall. Um,

1 [inaudible]. I was elected to represent district  
2 six in the city -- as the city of Rensselaer is  
3 district six, and the Rensselaer County  
4 legislature.

5 I'll start with just first that Rensselaer  
6 City has almost [inaudible]. The county has done  
7 several [inaudible]. No town around here has, uh,  
8 come out in favor and said that dump is anything  
9 but a terrible idea.

10 I have a bunch of questions just so  
11 [inaudible]. Um, after eight years, is the berm  
12 really the only thing that's [inaudible] -- that  
13 you've come up with that have to be done?

14 And then also as far as that, to lead along  
15 with that, has there been anything that you've  
16 done that has not been dictated or recommended by  
17 DEC? So have you done anything, improvements, all  
18 on your own?

19 What, um -- so another question. Have you  
20 looked into any cancer [inaudible] changes? And I  
21 know that they are [inaudible] the state and  
22 similar to what was done [inaudible] they did find  
23 that there has been changes in cancer rates since  
24 prior to the dump being opened and now.

25 And to follow up with that, there is also

1    been two studies that have been done and conducted  
2    on pets and pets being much smaller than humans,  
3    they tend to be a precursor of what is coming and  
4    I can personally speak for myself, we've had a  
5    number of pets that have had cancer and have died.

6           I have a dog with lung cancer right now  
7    [inaudible] I have a cat with a very rare brain  
8    cancer. So if this is happening to our pets, this  
9    is right next to our school children who are also  
10   small, developing and everything like that.

11           What is going to happen to them down the  
12   road? Thank you. [applause, muted]

13           MR. PERKEY:   Mike Stammel?

14           MR. STAMMEL:   [inaudible]

15           MR. PERKEY:   Oh, I --

16           MR. STAMMEL:   Good evening. My name is Mike  
17   Stammel. [inaudible] city of Rensselaer. The city  
18   appreciates this opportunity to speak in public  
19   meetings, held in accordance with the Department  
20   of [inaudible] Conservation, Environmental Justice  
21   policies.

22           With respect to the [inaudible] Dunn Landfill  
23   and [inaudible]. The city residents and its  
24   children have suffered severely from the impacts  
25   of the Dunn dump and landfill, including

1 intolerable dust permeating, uh, their  
2 neighborhood schools, truck exhaust fumes, noise  
3 and traffic, as you've heard from the residents  
4 already.

5 Add to the long-term effects [inaudible]  
6 impacts are currently unknown. We have discussed  
7 these impacts at length in a written form, which  
8 comments are submitted orally as part of the  
9 record. In addition to the impacts themselves,  
10 there is also a need to establish a proper scope  
11 of review of the Dunn's permit [inaudible] and  
12 notification application -- modification  
13 application.

14 Dunn has, uh, characterized the, um, the berm  
15 [inaudible] that the berm [inaudible] permit and  
16 the modification of the construction of a berm. We  
17 are [inaudible] more broadly.

18 Many of the assumptions made when the C&D  
19 Disposal was first permitted at the site has been  
20 found to be demonstrably wrong and actually in --  
21 in practice. For instance, the many trucks hauling  
22 the C&D material to the site being most of the  
23 problems that much smaller trucks [inaudible]  
24 proposed.

25 [inaudible] does not change the impacts



1 [inaudible] the impact is much greater with the  
2 C&D truck traffic. Similar concerns [inaudible]  
3 with the respect to other impacts. [inaudible] DEC  
4 to take an expensive [sic] -- an expansive review  
5 when considering the application and not only  
6 limit it to the view of the narrow issue of the  
7 berm as the only change.

8 Circumstances including those [inaudible] by  
9 the dump require a broad review, such as  
10 [inaudible] supplemental environmental impact  
11 statement process.

12 MR. PERKEY: Mr. Stammel, we're out of -- we  
13 have to continue to move forward in time, if  
14 that's okay.

15 MR. STAMMEL: I considered it, thank you. Um,  
16 I just want to just end by saying recently the New  
17 York State Senate recently passed a bill requiring  
18 that landfills meet a certain distance away from a  
19 school district. I would hope that [inaudible]  
20 signs that bill and makes it retroactive when it  
21 comes to considering [inaudible] the City of  
22 Rensselaer. Thank you.

23 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. [inaudible] Dave  
24 Janice? I -- M is the middle initial, maybe? Alan?  
25 Okay. Richard Marnoff? Or Markoff? Oh. Do any --

1 MR. MARIOC: I'm Richard Marioc, the  
2 president of, uh --

3 MR. PERKEY: Thank you.

4 MR. MARIOC: -- City of Rensselaer for the  
5 past 28 years and [inaudible] engineering firm  
6 [inaudible]. And how much did you mine last year  
7 [inaudible] primary customers are [inaudible]. And  
8 also when you say that, um, [inaudible].

9 [inaudible] presentation. [inaudible] city  
10 and having come from [inaudible] they're not  
11 inclined to, uh, speak up against, uh, the powers  
12 that be. It's, uh, something scary for them and I  
13 also wanted to, um, mention the tanker trucks that  
14 [inaudible] in and out to, uh, [inaudible].

15 That's, uh, concerning [inaudible] but I'd  
16 also like to [inaudible] not approved [inaudible]  
17 responsibility be and for how long? Also in the  
18 letter that came out [inaudible] that, uh,  
19 [inaudible]. So those are my questions.

20 MR. PERKEY: Okay, thank you. [applause,  
21 muted] And I do have one more here and I  
22 apologize, I can't read it. Was there someone that  
23 signed in and indicated they wanted to speak; they  
24 changed their answer? Yes, sir.

25 MALE 2: I signed up.

1 MR. PERKEY: Okay, then please come down. I -  
2 - thank you.

3 MALE 2: [inaudible] short. I'm [inaudible]  
4 mid to lower Hudson Valley. I live, um, in the  
5 heart of the [inaudible]. Um, I believe  
6 [inaudible] New York State [inaudible] Protection  
7 Act [inaudible].

8 [inaudible] residential [inaudible]  
9 residential neighborhoods, [inaudible]  
10 congregation [inaudible], um, spewing diesel. The  
11 [inaudible] failed their permit twice, um,  
12 [inaudible] excessive truck noises.

13 [inaudible] chief scientist [inaudible]  
14 responsibility [inaudible] PFAS [inaudible]  
15 chemicals coming out of this landfill that's  
16 contaminating [inaudible] and air and its a  
17 concerning [inaudible] also mentioned half a  
18 million people [inaudible] Hudson River,  
19 [inaudible] chemicals [inaudible].

20 [inaudible] or the water treatment plant.  
21 It's also [inaudible] gardens for [inaudible]  
22 concerned about garden [inaudible].

23 I was wondering [inaudible] impacts we face  
24 [inaudible] environmental justice [inaudible]  
25 diesel -- diesel dust coming [inaudible] you know,

1 [inaudible] engines, [inaudible] engines  
2 [inaudible].

3 MR. PERKEY: And I'm sorry, sir, we have to  
4 continue to -- to move forward with questions. I  
5 have to get to all the questions that are being  
6 asked as part of the Zoom meeting.

7 MALE 2: [inaudible] noise levels up to like  
8 107 decibels [inaudible] there's -- there's health  
9 impacts --

10 MR. PERKEY: [inaudible] if you'd like to  
11 submit written comments, there will be a -- there  
12 is availability for that as well.

13 MALE 2: [inaudible]

14 MR. PERKEY: Right now, at this moment, we  
15 have to continue to take questions [inaudible].

16 MALE 2: [inaudible] submit these things.

17 MR. PERKEY: Okay.

18 MALE 2: [inaudible]

19 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. Thank you. Sure, if  
20 you could please identify. And then for the people  
21 that are on Zoom, we are going to transition to  
22 Zoom after this speaker, uh, as I indicated, I  
23 apologize for the delay. Yes, sir?

24 MALE 3: So my name is John [inaudible] I am  
25 the [inaudible] since 2013 after [inaudible].

1 [inaudible] um, [inaudible] I know how difficult  
2 it is [inaudible] having pulled back and that's  
3 why it's important that the public is here tonight  
4 sharing their concerns.

5 I [inaudible] direct questions that I'm just  
6 going to leave with you and expect to get some  
7 answers on. Um, you mentioned earlier on  
8 [inaudible] air monitoring [inaudible] as well as  
9 [inaudible] and that there was no adverse health  
10 impact.

11 However, that doesn't speak to the fact that  
12 -- I just want it to be clear on the record, it  
13 doesn't speak for long-term health [inaudible]  
14 something that needs to be factored into this  
15 decision.

16 Overall, uh, [inaudible] to a degree since  
17 the [inaudible] system was put in. [inaudible] so  
18 my question [inaudible] is there a public record  
19 of those complaints and what the outcomes are?

20 Because as mentioned by one individual, he  
21 alleges he's called 50 times and has never gotten  
22 a response. In my years of experience, closure  
23 becomes [inaudible] truly if things are being  
24 taken seriously or not.

25 So I'd like to know how many complaints have

1 been made, are they [inaudible] or DEC, my  
2 preference that DEC. Uh, in regards to trucks,  
3 [inaudible], is there ever been consideration of  
4 an [inaudible] access route that would be minimal  
5 impact to any community member in the city?

6 And I don't care what the cost is. What is  
7 the wind speed that causes to shut down the  
8 landfill? In regards to the full time monitor, who  
9 chooses the monitor? And if there is a choice, my  
10 preference would be that DEC choose the monitor,  
11 not the [inaudible].

12 And in regards to the berm, the only question  
13 I have on the berm is are there any local  
14 approvals, either at the school district or at the  
15 [inaudible]. Thank you.

16 MR. PERKEY: Okay. Um, again, if you're a  
17 Zoom participant, uh, please raise your hand. I  
18 see one hand is raised currently. I'll take that.  
19 If there are any additional questions then, for  
20 individuals on Zoom that would like to speak,  
21 please raise your hand and we will move forward.

22 The first one that we have is Bob Blackman.  
23 Bob, I'm going to allow you to speak and then if  
24 you unmute your Zoom at the bottom, you should be  
25 able to talk.

1           MR. BLACKMAN: Yes. My name is Bob Blackman  
2 and I happen to be president of the Justice Center  
3 of Rensselaer County.

4           First of all, I'd like to say that, um, I've  
5 been -- I've been listening, trying to listen, for  
6 an hour or so and I'm sure the comments that were  
7 made were wonderful, but I did not understand one  
8 word of the comments that were made by the -- the  
9 public at the meeting.

10           I think that you have a problem with the  
11 technology. I have no idea how many people  
12 supports permit renewal. I have no idea how many,  
13 uh, oppose it. So could -- could you give me some  
14 sense of what -- what was said?

15           Are there -- are there two people who -- who  
16 favor permit renewal or a dozen?

17           MR. PERKEY: I -- sir, so we had so far --  
18 excuse me. Remember we're going to try to give  
19 everyone an opportunity to speak here. We probably  
20 had I'll say 25 speakers in total and one  
21 individual spoke on behalf of supporting the  
22 landfill.

23           The remainder asked questions and commented  
24 and expressed their concerns about the operations  
25 at the facility.

1 MR. BLACKMAN: Well, it's unfortunate that  
2 we, on Zoom, at least I could not understand  
3 anything at all. But as president --

4 MR. PERKEY: Again, I apologize, sir, and all  
5 this will be posted, just again, to be clear, as  
6 part of our public record.

7 All questions asked as well as the video of  
8 this, which will hopefully make some of it more  
9 audible, um, but all questions, comments that were  
10 posed will be reproduced as well as all responses  
11 to that.

12 MR. BLACKMAN: Well, the Justice Center is  
13 opposed to permit renewal and we are on record  
14 with DEC as being opposed. So thank you.

15 MR. PERKEY: Okay, thank you. Is anyone else  
16 on Zoom that would like to -- okay, Nancy Tudaro.  
17 You should be able -- okay. Give me one moment  
18 here, Nancy. We're going to find a way to -- if  
19 you unmute, we should be able to hear you.

20 And we can see you, Nancy, so one step in the  
21 right direction.

22 MS. TUDARO: Okay.

23 MR. PERKEY: There you go.

24 MS. TUDARO: Well, first of all, I agree with  
25 Bob. I couldn't understand what everybody was



1 saying. There was a lot of echo. The sound quality  
2 was terrible. And I agree with him, I -- I do not  
3 want the permit to be renewed.

4 I mean, think about it, would you want your  
5 child to attend a school like that? Next to a  
6 landfill? Would you want to live in a neighborhood  
7 that has a landfill in it? I mean, money makes  
8 this world go round today. That's too bad.

9 But I wish you had a conscience here. Nobody  
10 wants you here. Get out of town.

11 MR. PERKEY: Did you have -- oh, you muted.  
12 Thank you, Ms. Tudaro. Were there any other Zoom  
13 participants that would like the opportunity to  
14 speak? Okay, seeing none, we will turn back over.

15 If there are any individuals that have not  
16 had a chance to speak, we'll -- we'll start there.  
17 So yes, ma'am. And again, if you could please  
18 state your name so that we ensure that we include  
19 that as part of the record. Thank you.

20 FEMALE 1: Hi, my name is [inaudible]. I just  
21 have a quick question with regard to what they  
22 said on Zoom. If this is going to be, um, maybe  
23 public, are -- is it just going to be a Zoom  
24 recording on public or will they actually be able  
25 to hear the comments that were made tonight?

1 MR. PERKEY: So the hope is it will be  
2 everything.

3 FEMALE 1: Okay.

4 MR. PERKEY: [inaudible] yes, all of the  
5 questions will be in writing. I appreciate your  
6 [inaudible]. Thank you. Yes, sir. Oh, if you could  
7 speak up sir, that --

8 MALE 3: Yeah, good evening. [inaudible]

9 MR. PERKEY: Is there anyone else here that  
10 has not yet had a chance to speak tonight that  
11 would like to speak? Okay, seeing none, if there  
12 is another individual that has already spoken and  
13 would like an opportunity for two more minutes, we  
14 can do that as well.

15 We'll try to take them in turn here and as  
16 quickly as I can and -- and --

17 MS. DWYER: I just want to say in regards to  
18 these pictures that I took [inaudible], and I did  
19 take samples of this and I still have [inaudible]  
20 and I also [inaudible] say that these pictures  
21 were taken on March 13th and I heard him say  
22 [inaudible].

23 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. Um, yes, sir.

24 MR. ELLIS: Again, David Ellis. Um, so  
25 another one of the questions I had [inaudible] was

1 [inaudible] be paying for all the damage C&D  
2 trucks are doing to the city infrastructure?  
3 [inaudible] overhauled, opened just in time for  
4 operations to begin -- being at the dump.

5         What a coincidence, right? I mean, remember  
6 when Amtrak was to blame of the crumbling concrete  
7 under the bridge when trains used to idle beneath?  
8 Will the dump be to blame now when the bridge is  
9 heavily damaged?

10         Inspection by state police as well as  
11 [inaudible] have found many of these trucks to be  
12 overweight [inaudible] or unsafe to be on the  
13 roads. There have been numerous rollovers on the  
14 [inaudible] Memorial Bridge.

15         There have also been accidents when the  
16 trucks make a sharp turn [inaudible] traffic as  
17 they make a turn from the Broadway crossing bridge  
18 [inaudible]. The city had to move back [inaudible]  
19 and Broadway and lengthen how long the traffic  
20 light stays red all for these trucks.

21         Is that fair to this community? Why should an  
22 economically disadvantaged community have to make  
23 changes to its infrastructure all to suit a dump  
24 that apparently is supposed to be good neighbors?

25         And now the dump is complaining, because this

1 summer the bridge crossing at [inaudible] needs to  
2 be replaced. The dump is so worried about their  
3 dollar they said that the city [inaudible].

4 All the dump cares about is revenue, not the  
5 damage that it's doing to our community, our  
6 health, our city infrastructure, and that is not  
7 environmental justice.

8 MR. PERKEY: Yes, sir.

9 MR. BATORSKY: You need my name?

10 MR. PERKEY: Uh, yes, please, if you --

11 MR. BATORSKY: Victor Batorsky, city  
12 historian for the City of Rensselaer. The reason  
13 for having public meetings is to find mutual  
14 agreement between diverse interests.

15 The mutuality needed to accomplish a  
16 [inaudible] can only be achieved by [inaudible] of  
17 the people, by the people and for the people.

18 Where a public meeting does not result in  
19 action towards an accountability to the public  
20 will, it is a betrayal of representative  
21 responsibility and a corruption of authority.

22 MR. PERKEY: Yes, sir. Sorry. I see a few  
23 other hands. I will get to them, I promise.

24 MALE 2: [inaudible] I did mention the noise  
25 studies I had been conducting. [inaudible] truck

1 noise [inaudible] on one particular morning, just  
2 recently, I found 93 percent, 14 out of 15 early  
3 morning [inaudible] trucks louder than a City of  
4 Rensselaer fire engine [inaudible] sirens wailing  
5 en route to an emergency -- 93 percent louder than  
6 that fire engine.

7 I found that [inaudible] decibels. Um, almost  
8 107 decibels. Um, [inaudible] health consequences.  
9 [inaudible] 10 hours a day, from 6:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
10 it's, uh, [inaudible] decibel levels under 74 over  
11 24 hours and under 75 over eight hours can damage  
12 your hearing.

13 Um, [inaudible] 85 decibels can cause hearing  
14 loss. NIH [inaudible] cardiovascular metabolic  
15 disease, arterial hypertension, [inaudible]  
16 coronary artery disease, diabetes type 2,  
17 [inaudible] increased blood clotting, increased  
18 [inaudible] glucose like an adverse lipid balance.

19 I've had all those. I -- I eat healthy. I --  
20 I exercise. I'm not overweight. I don't  
21 excessively drink and [inaudible] excessive  
22 glucose and [inaudible]. This is affecting me  
23 personally. This is [inaudible] quality of sleep,  
24 [inaudible] relentless [inaudible].

25 [inaudible] to just keep the trucks under the

1 [inaudible] a day? This is -- [inaudible] how does  
2 this not -- [inaudible] quality of life is being  
3 destroyed [inaudible] our cats are sick. Both cats  
4 we have are sick and the -- and the [inaudible].

5 So I mean, what is our quality of life? What  
6 is our health? What is our [inaudible] you know?  
7 And we should not have to be -- every time we go  
8 outside our house, we shouldn't have to be wearing  
9 a dust mask and ear protection just -- just to  
10 walk outside our house and take a recreational  
11 walk.

12 [inaudible] terrorized by these trucks. Our  
13 quality of life is being [inaudible] and our life  
14 itself is being shortened.

15 MR. PERKEY: Thank you.

16 MR. WELTON: I'll go fast, because I've got a  
17 bunch of questions. So Bob Welton. Um, why have  
18 you never done anything to correct the [inaudible]  
19 community, spraying dust which is likely to be  
20 spreading dangerous toxins throughout the  
21 environmental justice community as this is a  
22 direct result of your operation?

23 You say [inaudible] Partition Street. Why  
24 aren't you doing anything about -- um, you say  
25 that the trucks are covered and they're expected

1 [inaudible]. I can tell you from personal  
2 observations, they are not all covered and nothing  
3 is being done there.

4 Um, if you are such good neighbors, why are  
5 you not releasing the weight of each individual  
6 truck [inaudible] to ensure the public that the  
7 trucks are safe and not overweight and why don't  
8 you do something to inspect all the certifications  
9 of the incoming trucks to make sure [inaudible]  
10 and why won't you make sure that the weight -- the  
11 weight is distributed properly?

12 Why don't you do what you could do if you  
13 were really [inaudible]? Thank you.

14 MR. PERKEY: I'm going to take this gentleman  
15 over here. Thank you, and then --

16 MALE 4: My name is [inaudible]. I live  
17 [inaudible] a couple years ago [inaudible] quality  
18 of life not doing so well, especially when they're  
19 going outside during the day [inaudible].

20 Um, [inaudible] facility [inaudible].  
21 [inaudible] expires, what happens? Do you gets get  
22 an extension [inaudible] expire? You said that the  
23 DEC [inaudible] late summer, early fall,  
24 [inaudible] seems a bit odd if you continue to  
25 operate [inaudible]. Thank you.

1 MR. PERKEY: And just to clarify really  
2 quickly, uh, it'll be our additional public  
3 hearing meeting that'll be in late summer, early  
4 fall. Just to -- as a point of clarification. So  
5 you sir, I think were next, and then I'll get you  
6 and then you, ma'am.

7 I'm sorry, sir?

8 MALE 5: Can you answer his question?

9 MR. PERKEY: We're going to --

10 MALE 5: [inaudible]

11 MR. PERKEY: We are going to continue to move  
12 forward with the questions, that way we give  
13 everyone the opportunity to speak.

14 MALE 5: [inaudible]

15 MR. PERKEY: Kurt, would you like to get up  
16 and --

17 MR. TAYLOR: [inaudible] So our, um, our  
18 renewal application and modification application  
19 was, uh, was submitted in January.

20 Um, it was deemed timely and sufficient and  
21 according to the regulations, permittee that files  
22 that way is, uh, allowed to operate under their  
23 existing permit until permit action is completed.

24 MALE 5: [inaudible]

25 MR. PERKEY: Thanks, Kurt.



1 MR. TAYLOR: I appreciate it.

2 MR. PERKEY: Okay, we're going to move to the  
3 next speaker. Sir, please. Thank you. In one  
4 moment, ma'am. We're going to allow him an  
5 opportunity to speak then we'll get to you. Thank  
6 you.

7 MR. COPPER: Uh, Frank Copper, [inaudible].  
8 So the noises, uh, from the Rensselaer side --  
9 side of things are, you know, [inaudible]  
10 Partition Street. [inaudible] um, different set of  
11 noises.

12 It's a -- a grinding noise. Uh, the smells  
13 are the same. They're variable. Sometimes there's  
14 no smell. Sometimes the smell is very strong of  
15 actually hydrogen sulfide. The noise, depending --  
16 it has to be dependent upon where the trucks are.

17 That grinding noise sometimes especially loud  
18 in the morning and other times it isn't, but I  
19 don't believe the monitoring you have is able to  
20 get the cumulative amount of noise in and  
21 [inaudible].

22 But you look at that -- in terms of that  
23 variability, you look at the size, the footprint  
24 of that dump [inaudible] sections of Rensselaer  
25 [inaudible] clearly inappropriate for that area.

1 Why this permit was ever granted?

2 I don't believe that in the Rensselaer  
3 leadership at the time probably a very limited  
4 amount of people [inaudible] really knew the size  
5 of what was going to go there as compared to  
6 previous uses for that land.

7 But, you know, the overall impact on the  
8 neighborhoods is -- is phenomenal. Terrible.  
9 [applause, muted]

10 MR. PERKEY: [inaudible]

11 MR. GRANT: I'm Tom Grant. I live in East  
12 Greenbush. I'm also a member of the county  
13 legislature representing the adjoining district. I  
14 just want to comment a little bit about the  
15 technical difficulties you had here today.

16 This is an important issue and people took a  
17 lot of time out of their schedules to come here.  
18 You had map renderings that were almost impossible  
19 to read, the different colors were almost  
20 impossible to discern.

21 You had people dialing in on Zoom who  
22 indicate to us that they couldn't hear. There was  
23 an echo [inaudible]. That's unacceptable. This is  
24 an important issue.

25 It's the livelihood of people who live in

1 this area and you couldn't [inaudible] you  
2 couldn't do any kind of testing to see if the --  
3 if people could hear and see clearly what you were  
4 offering?

5 If that's the way you're going to treat us  
6 here today and treat the seriousness of this, I am  
7 very, very concerned with the future of this dump,  
8 as everybody else is. Again, this isn't rocket  
9 science.

10 This is a rendering on a map that was almost  
11 impossible to discern the areas and people  
12 [inaudible] our here, taking their time  
13 [inaudible] Zoom claim they couldn't hear.

14 It's unacceptable. It's not a good way to do  
15 business. All right.

16 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. Yes, ma'am?

17 MS. HANSON: My name is Robin Gay Hanson. I  
18 lived at 1033 Fort Street. I removed my daughter  
19 from the school four years ago and I moved out of  
20 Rensselaer. My family at the very bottom of  
21 Partition purchased their home and also just sold  
22 it a few months ago due to this issue.

23 Also, my other niece, who still lives in the  
24 [inaudible], I'm concerned [inaudible] because  
25 they're purchasing their home. Anything happens

1 with this berm, my family is going to continue to  
2 be poisoned out there.

3 What are you guys going to do to prevent  
4 their future cancer, their pets are actually  
5 getting really sick now. Um, like who's going to  
6 help with the vet bills when they say, oh, well  
7 your pet was exposed to [inaudible]?

8 I had to move. My family has literally been  
9 here for years. I'm upset, I'm sorry. [inaudible]  
10 very first female [inaudible] of the city. That's  
11 part of my family. She may be gone, but we are  
12 still here.

13 We still live [inaudible]. We are in the  
14 [inaudible]. My old house was 1033, the old  
15 [inaudible]. I lived there for quite a long while.  
16 Never had this issue. I lived there for  
17 [inaudible] Rensselaer Park or whatever it is now.

18 Again, anything happens. And I know my pet, I  
19 had my dog here in that little [inaudible]. My vet  
20 told me my dog's paws are all gross and whatever  
21 [inaudible] because she was just lying in that  
22 water.

23 It's not just my dog. My niece's pets, they  
24 still are down there. [inaudible] in that little  
25 creek right there and our pets play in that. Our

1 kids. I played in that with my kids. It's poison  
2 now.

3 What can you do to help us? Our [inaudible]  
4 really suffering from this. Seriously. Shut this  
5 down, it's not cool for anybody that has to go  
6 through this. I had to -- I couldn't even live in  
7 my own house.

8 [inaudible] for four days and this was three  
9 years ago. I did call. Nobody came. I did have one  
10 gentleman, super nice, who did end up showing up  
11 [inaudible].

12 I have to say [inaudible] calls. Thousands of  
13 calls. It's crazy that [inaudible] next to a dump.  
14 [inaudible] thank you.

15 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. I do see another  
16 participant on Zoom. Andrew and Sarah Plummer. I'm  
17 going to allow you to talk. Uh, hopefully you're  
18 unmuted. Can you hear us? Andrew and Sarah  
19 Plummer?

20 MR. PLUMMER: There you go. Go.

21 MS. PLUMMER: Hi, can you hear me?

22 MR. PERKEY: Yes, ma'am.

23 MS. PLUMMER: Okay. So [inaudible]. So my  
24 husband and I moved in, in 2009 when this site was  
25 a mining site. Um, my husband biked along the

1 property near the cemetery, um, as did so many  
2 other local families in the area.

3 And, um, over the years, the mining site,  
4 which was a rather large hole in the ground,  
5 turned into a mountain of debris, including what  
6 neighbors, um, have reported, um, had x-ray films  
7 resting along the fencing bordering their  
8 property.

9 And I live in East Greenbush here along, um,  
10 I live on Rockefeller Boulevard. So my question  
11 is, is this possible? How is it possible and why  
12 would my neighbors not be telling the truth about  
13 such a thing?

14 Um, the cemetery that once overlooked the  
15 beautiful Hudson River is now no longer possible  
16 due to the height of the mountain of debris, um,  
17 that is there now.

18 Uh, so I have to add a comment here. Uh, it's  
19 very sad for the families. A lot of families in  
20 East Greenbush that have lived here for all of --  
21 so many years, it's very sad that the families  
22 that buried their loved ones in a beautiful,  
23 beautiful place, is now -- the view is your  
24 landfill.

25 So I leave you with that comment.

1 MR. PERKEY: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Plummer.  
2 Did you have anything else or was --

3 MS. PLUMMER: No, that's -- that's it for  
4 now. Thank you.

5 MR. PERKEY: Okay. Thank you. Any other  
6 comments? Yes, ma'am, and then --

7 FEMALE 2: I have a question about the  
8 [inaudible] application. Um, I understand, um,  
9 Dunn submitted an application [inaudible] in  
10 January, [inaudible]. So I just wanted to clarify  
11 [inaudible].

12 MR. PERKEY: Kurt, do you want to respond  
13 really quick?

14 MR. TAYLOR: Sure. Um, so two different --  
15 there are two different pieces of this. One is,  
16 um, application completeness. The other is, uh --

17 FEMALE 2: [inaudible]

18 MR. TAYLOR: -- one is, uh, time -- is timely  
19 and sufficiency of the application. The other is,  
20 uh, completeness of the application. They're --  
21 they're separate issues, um, and -- and under  
22 SAPA, the timely and sufficient, um, qualification  
23 is -- is what stands.

24 We can -- we can, um, we can answer that  
25 question kind of more fully in the -- in the

1 response.

2 MR. PERKEY: Yes, sir.

3 MALE 6: Before I start, are our questions  
4 being transcribed [inaudible]?

5 MR. PERKEY: Yes.

6 MALE 6: [inaudible], president of  
7 Rensselaer. So you clarified that we're looking at  
8 about a 10-year timeframe to when the dump may be  
9 [inaudible] 30 years of abatements afterwards to  
10 make sure [inaudible] everything's good.

11 Is there anything that can be done with that  
12 -- with the facility during those [inaudible]?  
13 [inaudible] lots of people [inaudible] being a  
14 good neighbor, do well for the community, but we  
15 know you've done some things, there's maybe some  
16 [inaudible].

17 But is there more that you could do with the  
18 facility after [inaudible]? Could, say, the  
19 facility become a solar farm after everything is  
20 said and done and it's capped up? Can it become a  
21 solar farm in that electricity is given back to  
22 the city in a way of helping out this community?

23 Um, that's just [inaudible]. Um, next is, uh,  
24 we know that some areas that [inaudible] upwards  
25 of 60 feet tall. Is that berm going to be a way



1 for the amount of debris being brought in to be  
2 higher or [inaudible] all the debris still be the  
3 same height as it's going to be now?

4 Um, I think that's all I have. I just wanted  
5 to [inaudible] questions out so that they'd be on  
6 the record. So thank you. [inaudible]

7 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. We still have a few  
8 other hands. Uh, this gentleman right here and  
9 then -- well, you next sir. I'm sorry. Yep. Thank  
10 you.

11 MALE 7: Um, just a quick [inaudible] to  
12 think that you have all this area, rural area,  
13 [inaudible] dump in the middle of the city.  
14 Rensselaer School, next to houses next to -- in a  
15 city. Unbelievable.

16 Uh, I just can't understand what the thinking  
17 would be to do that. Thank you.

18 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. Sir.

19 MALE 8: Thank you. [inaudible] um,  
20 [inaudible] crack in the foundation from the  
21 vibration [inaudible]. [inaudible] pressure wash  
22 [inaudible]. And also, [inaudible] cemetery.

23 I've been to several graveside services at  
24 the cemetery [inaudible] and it's very disturbing  
25 to hear [inaudible], the dust, the noise from the

1 trucks, [inaudible] funeral services going on and  
2 that's not acceptable. [inaudible]

3 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. Yes, ma'am.

4 FEMALE 3: [inaudible] over 45 years and  
5 [inaudible] something that I remember hearing one  
6 time. [inaudible] is society judged by how it  
7 treats [inaudible]?

8 This has been stated in several ways for over  
9 100 years by various individuals including, but  
10 not limited to Churchill, [inaudible] etcetera.  
11 [inaudible] any society, any nation is judged on  
12 the basis of how it treats its weakest members.

13 [inaudible] children, the pets, the elders,  
14 [inaudible] refugees. And so we know [inaudible]  
15 members and people [inaudible] construction and  
16 demolition [inaudible]. That's how we judge  
17 people. [inaudible]

18 MR. PERKEY: Are there any remaining  
19 comments? Yes, sir.

20 MALE 8: Yes, [inaudible] like to know more  
21 about the, uh, the [inaudible] berm, um, I don't  
22 quite understand [inaudible]. [inaudible] good,  
23 eventually there's going to be trees growing in it  
24 and, uh, [inaudible] stabilizers [inaudible]  
25 support a tree very well, [inaudible].

1 [inaudible] damage that part of the  
2 [inaudible]? [inaudible] what are the consequences  
3 of that? Because I know, uh, um, maintenance  
4 [inaudible].

5 [inaudible] and so it's just inevitable that  
6 maintenance will be neglected, so I want to know  
7 what will be happening to [inaudible] uh, the dump  
8 is closed [inaudible].

9 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. Um.

10 MALE 9: I'll make this quick. My early  
11 morning [inaudible] barrage of trucks. I've  
12 witnessed [inaudible] toward the landfill  
13 [inaudible] clogging Partition Street [inaudible].

14 I've got pictures of it, photographs of this,  
15 videos of it. The dust machine just blasting dust.  
16 Putting more dust into the air [inaudible] ground.  
17 [inaudible] not using enough water [inaudible].

18 [inaudible] dust getting into our lungs. It's  
19 like really devastating. Also, um, what if we had  
20 a heavy [inaudible] worse and worse and worse?  
21 What if we had a hurricane some time and  
22 [inaudible] and it rains and it rains and it  
23 rains?

24 They had almost 50 inches of rain in Dallas  
25 [inaudible] near Houston. What if we have

1 something like that? Is it going to just fill this  
2 landfill up? Is it going to be just blasting this  
3 whole thing and it's going to blow out the berms?  
4 All that -- it's going to blow out the liner  
5 underneath the landfill?

6 I mean, what's going to have this down the  
7 line when we have this really heavy rain  
8 [inaudible]? I'm not talking about one to two  
9 inches. I'm talking about heavy.

10 MR. PERKEY: Thank you. And then for our last  
11 comment or question.

12 MALE 10: [inaudible] question you can answer  
13 tonight. Um, the berm, the construction. I saw  
14 [inaudible] application that the construction that  
15 was supposed to take place on Saturdays and then  
16 Monday through Friday starting at 6:30 in the  
17 morning. Is that correct?

18 MR. PERKEY: I don't have all the details in  
19 front of me, but we can certainly answer that  
20 question as part of the --

21 MALE 10: The question is, is that correct?  
22 It's in your application. I read it.

23 MR. PERKEY: I -- I understand sir. We can  
24 certainly provide a detailed response to that.

25 MALE 10: [inaudible]

1 MR. PERKEY: Okay. Yes, sir.

2 MALE 11: I just wanted to say, um, the  
3 public feels like we're not being treated properly  
4 by the landfill, by the landfill staff, operators.  
5 I mean, there have been some disgusting comments  
6 made to the community that members like me were  
7 fear mongering, um, when they [inaudible]  
8 laboratory, [inaudible] responsibility.

9 You know, these are scientific experts. They  
10 found PFAS contamination, DEC confirmed and the  
11 Dunn landfill lied and said there's no PFAS here,  
12 nothing to worry about. [inaudible] community fear  
13 mongering and then we're expected that the dump is  
14 supposed to be -- we're being told the dump is  
15 good neighbors.

16 You guys are [inaudible] financial. Every  
17 time something negative that comes out about the  
18 dump, the dump spends thousands of dollars  
19 printing up these beautiful two-page flyers and  
20 mails them to every household in the community.

21 That's disgusting. We don't need to know, oh,  
22 the dump's giving all this money, this money, this  
23 money. So you're basically trying to buy people's  
24 [inaudible]. People who are misinformed by telling  
25 me the dump is such good neighbors.

1           That's not environmental responsibility or  
2 responsibility for the people in the community.

3           MR. PERKEY: Thank you. Um, again, the  
4 additional opportunities to comment, uh, we will  
5 have a summer -- late summer, early fall meeting.  
6 The date and time will be provided and determined  
7 and sent out as we sent notices out to this  
8 meeting.

9           In addition, you can provide written or  
10 verbal comments, questions and submit them either  
11 to [dunn.public@wasteconnections.com](mailto:dunn.public@wasteconnections.com) or you can  
12 call 518-243-8015.

13           We do appreciate everyone coming out tonight  
14 and participating in this process and letting us  
15 know about your concerns and your comments. Thank  
16 you.

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