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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the Public Meeting in the City of East Chicago, reported by Ms. Stokes, CSR and Notary Public in and for the County of Lake, State of Indiana, to be held at Old Carrie Gosch School Auditorium, 455 East 148th Street, East Chicago, Indiana 46312, on May 10, 2023, scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. in the evening.

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APPEARANCES (IN PERSON):

CHARLES RODRIGUEZ - EPA Community

Involvement Coordinator

THOMAS ALCAMO - EPA Region 5

Project Manager

STEVE RADEL - IDA Rep

and

Members of the Public

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hi, good afternoon,
2 everyone. Welcome to the meeting to talk
3 about Lead Zone 1. My name is Charles
4 Rodriguez. I'm the community involvement
5 coordinator with the U.S. Environmental
6 Protection Agency. So thank you, everybody,
7 for being here today.

8 If you can move to the next slide. Thank
9 you.

10 So today we'll be talking about the
11 upcoming cleanup at Zone 1, modified Zone 1,
12 which includes the former West Calumet
13 Housing Complex, so there will be a couple of
14 presentations. The first one will be from
15 EPA, and the second one will be from IDA, the
16 developer. And after both presentations, we
17 will have a Q and A. So presentation. Then
18 a presentation. And then the question and
19 answer period.

20 If you have any questions, please hold
21 them until the Q and A session. And when
22 that session starts, just raise your hand and
23 we'll bring a microphone to you.

24 We have our court reporter here that's
25 going to be transcribing this meeting. The

1 meeting will be available at the USS Lead
2 website from EPA. The website address is
3 right here. And the website address is also
4 available on the fact sheet at the front
5 desk, and we will have a slide at the end
6 with our URL website.

7 I'm going to turn it over to Thomas
8 Alcamo, who is the project manager for U.S.
9 EPA Region 5.

10 MR. ALCAMO: Let's see if I can get this
11 technology to work. Hello, everybody. How
12 ya doing?

13 So we're here tonight to talk about the
14 Zone 1 cleanup. It should be starting later
15 this summer. Just to give you an overview of
16 Zone 1 -- let's see if I can get this laser
17 pointer to work. There's Zone 1 right there.
18 There's Zone 2, Zone 3. Zones 2 and 3 have
19 been cleaned up already.

20 Zone 1 is where the former West Calumet
21 Housing Complex was. We split that site into
22 three different zones. We call it operable
23 units, so you can think of it as a phase of
24 the project. We also have a second phase of
25 this project called Operable Unit 2 or

1 Phase 2, which is a groundwater investigation
2 for the entire area. This is the former USS
3 Lead Site and here's the DuPont site.

4 The OU2 or groundwater investigation is
5 ongoing, and that -- once those results are
6 available for that, there be will be a public
7 meeting associated with that. And if you
8 have any questions on the groundwater, the
9 actual RPM is here, Kevin McCarthy. Raise
10 your hand, Kevin. So we can get some
11 questions answered if you have questions on
12 the groundwater.

13 So again, here's Zone 1. It includes the
14 former West Calumet Housing Complex. It
15 includes Goodman Park, and it includes this
16 utility corridor. It's a little over
17 50 acres.

18 So just to give you guys a little
19 background on the timeline, if some of you
20 are not aware. Back in 2016 the City of East
21 Chicago closed the housing complex due to
22 lead contamination. Funding was received
23 from both Housing Urban Development and the
24 State of Indiana in 2018 to essentially
25 demolish the housing complex. And that

1 occurred in 2018 and was completed in the
2 fall of '18.

3 Due to the closure of the housing
4 complex, EPA was required and -- subsequent
5 demolition, EPA was required to re-evaluate
6 the remedy. We had an initial remedy in
7 2012, but because this was demolished, we had
8 to look at the site remedy.

9 So in the meantime, we started hearing or
10 getting information from the City of East
11 Chicago that they were in discussions with
12 developers for the redevelopment of Zone 1.
13 And that redevelopment will be associated
14 with commercial redevelopment. And that's
15 one thing I wanted to just mention to you in
16 regard to land use. EPA really -- the owner
17 of the actual property determines the land
18 use. EPA does not determine the land use.
19 We basically do a cleanup based upon what
20 that land use is.

21 So again, going over some timeline, we
22 ended up doing a new remedy decision. We
23 call that a record of decision, and we did
24 that in March of '20. And basically, it was
25 a residential cleanup, but we also had a

1 contingency in there. Because we were
2 getting all these signals from the City that
3 they were looking to redevelop this Zone 1
4 property as light industrial, really, light
5 commercial, we essentially put a contingency
6 in our decision document. And if two things
7 happen, we would then implement that
8 contingency which would then put it as a
9 commercial remedy.

10 Number one is the City would have to
11 change the zoning of Zone 1 to commercial.
12 And number two is a developer would have to
13 buy the property. Okay.

14 And so back in May of 2020 the City and
15 the City Council approved the change in
16 zoning. And then, basically in August of '22
17 HUD basically transferred the property and
18 allowed the developer, Industrial
19 Development -- Industrial Development
20 Advantage to buy the property. So in any
21 case the property was transferred to -- I'm
22 just going to use IDA as a shortcut.

23 So what happened is IDA bought the
24 property, and the zoning changed. Therefore,
25 we were going to implement this commercial

1 remedy, which is different than a residential
2 remedy. Okay.

3 So in a commercial remedy we look at
4 800 parts per million of lead, 26 parts per
5 million arsenic, and that's excavated at the
6 top one foot. Okay. In this case there was
7 also an agreement -- and I'll talk to you in
8 a little more detail about it -- something
9 called a Prospective Purchaser Agreement,
10 which is really an agreement between EPA and
11 the developer to do the cleanup but also then
12 subsequently build a logistics center
13 warehouse over the Zone 1 property.

14 And basically, we -- I think we came out
15 here in May of last year and did a public
16 meeting and took public comments for the
17 Prospective Purchaser Agreement, also for
18 our -- something we call the Explanation of
19 Significant Differences, which just finalizes
20 the remedy. And we took public comments on
21 that, answered those public comments. And
22 then IDA basically purchased the property or
23 finally purchased it in September of '22, and
24 then we signed our Explanation of Significant
25 Differences in September of '22. So that

1 really started the actual design work for the
2 site.

3 So again, just to kind of reiterate, the
4 Prospective Purchaser Agreement is a legal
5 agreement between EPA and IDA, the developer.
6 What it calls for is IDA is going to actually
7 be doing the cleanup. All right. And
8 subsequent to that, there's going to be a
9 logistics center built on that or a warehouse
10 built over the property. Okay.

11 As part of that agreement, they're
12 required to meet all EPA requirements for the
13 cleanup. In addition to that, we ended up
14 doing another agreement at the same time. So
15 that's why there's a little bit of a delay
16 getting going on this project because we had
17 a large amount of negotiation to do. And we
18 did something called Administrative
19 Settlement Agreement and Order of Consent,
20 and that's another fancy name for a legal
21 agreement. That's between us, EPA, and the
22 responsible parties.

23 One of the main things associated with
24 that is, in that, the responsible parties
25 have to provide us a bond for 13-and-a-half

1 million dollars. So for example, if IDA ends
2 up going bankrupt and does not finish the
3 cleanup, we will get that money to finish the
4 cleanup. And we do that in a large number of
5 our settlements to make sure that we
6 basically can get the cleanup done. And
7 again, the responsible parties are doing
8 that, not the developer.

9 We also are getting paid our oversight
10 costs. One of the things that is going to be
11 happening, we'll talk a little bit more about
12 that, is EPA is going to be on this site full
13 time during the cleanup, just like we did in
14 the demolition. So we're going to get
15 compensated for our costs associated with
16 that. So we know how important it is that we
17 need to get this cleanup done appropriately
18 and get it done right. And so, again, EPA
19 will be on site full time during the actual
20 cleanup activities.

21 IDA has hired an engineering firm called
22 Verdantas. And maybe, Dave, if you want to
23 kind of raise your hand. Dave is their
24 project manager who I work closely with. And
25 basically, they've been hired to do the

1 design, to do -- obtain the cleanup
2 construction contractor and, also, basically
3 do construction oversight for IDA. So
4 Verdantas will be on there looking at the
5 work that's being done to make sure it's
6 being done appropriately, but also EPA will
7 be on there overseeing all that work.

8 So back in March of 2020 we decided to go
9 out and do some additional sampling in Zone 1
10 to really look and see what's on the top foot
11 of that site. So we did a pretty detailed
12 sampling event. You can see -- oops, sorry.
13 You can see these grid areas. They're about
14 an acre in size. We broke the site up into a
15 number of these grids and basically sampled
16 that in a specific way and looked at the
17 statistics.

18 And I don't want to get too technical
19 here, but what we tried to do is look at how
20 the soil samples and how they were different
21 or variable. Okay. And what we do with that
22 is we do statistics on that. And so we
23 basically took sampling that -- we had three
24 sample points very close to each other.
25 Looked at how different they were and then

1 did statistics on it. And we use that to be
2 95 percent confident we would meet the
3 800 parts per million cleanup number and the
4 26 parts per million cleanup number. So what
5 we determined based on this variability is
6 that we're going to be excavating at
7 787 parts per million lead. So we're
8 lowering it. And 19 parts per million
9 arsenic, to make sure we're 95 percent
10 confident that we're going to meet these
11 cleanup numbers. So we did the sophisticated
12 sampling in 2020.

13 One of the things they also did on this
14 project is they did additional sampling on
15 these grids to look at the disposal of these
16 soils. And if -- there's a specific test
17 that is done that evaluates the leaching of
18 the soil, if it went into the landfill. And
19 they did that on all the grids and
20 essentially came up with, in the next slide,
21 that we're going to have to actually
22 stabilize some of this soil material before
23 it can get put into a landfill. And we'll
24 talk a little bit more about that.

25 So this kind of gives you a general idea

1 of what we discovered and what we're going to
2 be doing with the excavation in a kind of a
3 picture.

4 The green here, these are grids that are
5 less than 787 and 19 arsenic, and they don't
6 need to be excavated.

7 The light brown ones basically just have
8 to be excavated. That soil does not need to
9 be stabilized.

10 The red are grids that have to be
11 stabilized. Okay. And we have to stabilize
12 this material before it can be sent off to a
13 landfill. We call it a non-hazardous
14 landfill.

15 And we have a couple of grids where we
16 have to stabilize but not excavate.

17 So then this was -- based on our detailed
18 sampling event, this is what we're --
19 basically what we're going to be doing on the
20 site.

21 So what is stabilization? You kind of
22 can almost think of it as taking the soil and
23 mixing it with concrete. This isn't
24 concrete, but that's an easy way to think
25 about it. This is done, we call it, in situ

1 or in place. You can see this piece of
2 equipment here is like a massive rototiller.
3 And they put the stabilizing agent in there
4 and they rototill that into the soil to make
5 sure that when this goes to a landfill, it
6 won't leech.

7 And so this will happen. We don't know
8 the means and methods yet, but it will be
9 done in place. But this is just an example
10 of the type of equipment we use to basically
11 till -- as I said, it's kind of a big garden
12 tiller -- till the stabilizing agent into the
13 soil. And, again, we have to do that,
14 because if we don't do that, this material
15 has to go to a hazardous waste landfill.

16 And we're taking the material -- the
17 non-hazardous material is all going to
18 Republic Newton County Landfill in Brook,
19 Indiana. The landfill is also going to
20 require, I think, every 1600 cubic yards of
21 material to resample to make sure that it can
22 be disposed of there. So there are these
23 whole procedures in place just to make sure
24 that we can take this material from Zone 1 to
25 this landfill.

1 PUBLIC MEMBER: Tom?

2 MR. ALCAMO: Yes.

3 PUBLIC MEMBER: You're talking about
4 (inaudible) into the soil?

5 MR. ALCAMO: Correct.

6 PUBLIC MEMBER: And taking it out?

7 MR. ALCAMO: Yes. Then it gets dug out.
8 Now, sometimes you can do this, they call it,
9 ex situ or out of place. What they do is
10 they dig it out and put it in this big mixer
11 and add the stabilizing agent in this mixer
12 and then take it off site. In this case we
13 think it's better to do in place because
14 there's less chance for dust generation.

15 So cleanup. Let's talk a little bit
16 about numbers. So we're looking at Zone 1
17 and a little over 100,000 tons of
18 contaminated soil is going to be taken off
19 the site and disposed of in that Newton
20 County landfill. About 40,000 cubic yards of
21 that is going to need to be stabilized versus
22 a total of 71,000 cubic yards. I just
23 converted it to tons to make it easy.

24 One of the phases, we're going to be
25 excavating that one foot. Then they're going

1 to need to put a visible barrier down. That
2 will be an orange barrier. And then they
3 will bring in residential standard soil and
4 put that over and replace the stuff we
5 removed with this residential standard soil.

6 And so there's a whole series of sampling
7 procedures. They've not been identified
8 quite yet. They're off-site fill, but there
9 are sampling procedures that have to be met
10 for this to insure that they bring
11 appropriate soil and we're not bringing
12 contaminated soil back onto the site.

13 Couple things. We know how important it
14 is to make sure that we don't spread material
15 from the site, so there's going to be a truck
16 washing station. This was one that was used
17 during the demolition. There's also going to
18 be a street sweeper and also will be -- being
19 very careful in terms of all the traffic will
20 be going out on 151st Street. So our truck
21 route is going to essentially be going 151st
22 Street to Railroad to Chicago Avenue. So
23 we're trying to avoid as much as possible any
24 type of residential area. And the gate only
25 on 151st Street is going to be used. So

1 again, they'll be turning right out of the
2 site.

3 Also what we're going to be doing on site
4 is air monitoring. We're going to have four
5 air monitors on site. We're going to do both
6 for dust and we'll be sending off samples to
7 the laboratory. These air monitors, there's
8 going to be one upwind, one downwind and then
9 two near the excavation. And what they do is
10 there's a device in there that measures dust
11 in realtime, and we set that at a
12 conservative level, and that alarms if the
13 dust gets greater than a number.

14 We set this at a very conservative number
15 of 68 parts per million. I don't want to go
16 into that with you, but in any case, there's
17 a number that's been set that's very
18 conservative. So when that alarm goes off,
19 we know that they need to add additional
20 engineering controls, like additional
21 wetting, additional dust suppressants or
22 whatever they have to do to make sure this
23 isn't getting spread to the neighborhood.

24 But in addition, there's samples that are
25 going to be going off to the laboratory for

1 arsenic and lead sampling, and we've got
2 action levels set up for that to be able to
3 evaluate that over time to make sure that
4 we're not influencing -- or affecting not
5 only workers but also the nearby community.

6 Again, EPA will be there full time.

7 Rachel, could you stand up. This is Rachel
8 Huel (phonetic), and Rachel is with a company
9 called Tetra Tech. Her team will be on the
10 site full time. She was actually involved in
11 the demolition, during the demolition phase,
12 but she'll be actually on site being EPA's
13 eyes and ears and making sure that dust is
14 controlled, that they excavate it properly
15 and document all the cleanup. So again, full
16 time during all cleanup activity.

17 So again, as Charles mentioned, there's a
18 lot of plans. I think there's 13 or 14 plans
19 on the EPA website. You don't need to copy.
20 You can just search USS Lead EPA website and
21 go to the section called technical documents.
22 And there's a bunch of technical documents
23 there that we've essentially approved that
24 will give much, much more detail in terms of
25 the cleanup. You can see all of them.

1 There's a couple more we have to get approved
2 yet, mainly associated with laboratory
3 analysis, but we're getting very near on
4 those.

5 Right now the schedule is looking to
6 begin sometime in July of this year. The
7 thing is is there's still a lot -- a lot of
8 things have to come together before we meet
9 that schedule. They need to get a
10 construction firm. There's a number of
11 evaluations for fill material. All those
12 kind of things still need to be done before
13 they can actually begin work.

14 We expect this work -- if it starts in
15 July, we expect this work to go through the
16 year. And by the end of sometime in December
17 we expect to be done. And then they're going
18 to essentially have to do erosion control
19 after that. Usually -- it may get extended
20 into next year seeding, to make sure that
21 there's -- basically, dust isn't blowing off,
22 things like that. So there's some things we
23 may have to do if this gets completed outside
24 of, you know, the growing season.

25 But after that is done, then the actual

1 logistics center warehouse starts. Okay.
2 What we've been told, and Steve can talk --
3 Steve Radel from IDA is here to talk a little
4 bit about his project. Essentially, they're
5 going to be bringing in -- in addition to our
6 one foot of soil that meets residential
7 standards, they're going to be bringing in
8 fill material that's going to raise the
9 elevation even four feet higher, so the
10 building will be put on top of that. So the
11 good thing with that is they will not need to
12 dig into any contaminated material during the
13 construction of the building. Okay.

14 And so, again, I don't know if you
15 remember, a couple of years ago we did
16 something called a five-year review. Every
17 five years EPA needs to re-evaluate these
18 sites. So this isn't a walk-away for EPA.
19 We'll be back every five years looking at the
20 site to make sure that this remedy that's
21 been implemented not only in Zone 1 but in
22 Zones 2 and 3 remains protected. I think
23 that's it. So Steve.

24 MR. RADEL: Hi, everybody. It's great to
25 be back. I've been back a lot this year.

1 I'm excited to get moving with this project.
2 It's been a while to get to where we are
3 today. That's for sure. I guess I'll pick
4 up where Tom left off.

5 Well, I'm Steve Radel with Industrial
6 Development Advantage. I guess I'm waiting
7 for somebody to click, and I'm the guy that's
8 doing it. Right.

9 So a quick overview of our company. What
10 our focus has always been is repositioning
11 and redeveloping impacted properties,
12 properties that are contaminated. My partner
13 and I have a skill set in doing that for
14 25 years, and we brought that to IDA when we
15 started the company and built our team around
16 it. A lot of our team are folks that we've
17 worked with in other capacities, other
18 businesses before IDA. But you know, we love
19 finding properties that have issues, figuring
20 out solutions. Sometimes you've got to think
21 outside the box, be creative and then
22 repositioning them for development. So
23 that's our skill set.

24 We also get involved in projects where we
25 take over the cleanup and closure of those

1 projects. Sometimes those can be
2 redeveloped. Sometimes they cannot. So just
3 to kind of give you a background of who we
4 are.

5 You know the story, or some of you do
6 or -- you know, we got involved in this
7 process with the City years ago and through
8 an RFP process with other entities. We were
9 fortunately selected to be the developer, and
10 then -- you know, then we had that slog of a
11 couple years working with the PRPs to hammer
12 out a deal to take the site over. So as Tom
13 mentioned, we were able to acquire the site
14 last September. And so September 2022 is
15 when we finally owned the property.

16 And once that day -- you know, once we
17 closed on the property, our focus was first
18 and foremost getting the remediation kicked
19 off. And that's where Dave and his team, we
20 worked closely with them for many months
21 before that. But once, you know, we owned
22 the property -- in fact, we did a number of
23 things in advance of closure because we
24 anticipated closing and we wanted to get a
25 leg up on a lot of the reports that we have

1 to do. As Tom mentioned, there's a lot of
2 reports he went through. There's a lot of
3 work plans associated with everything that we
4 do out here that have to be approved. So
5 2022, September through the end of last year
6 and into this year, that's been our sole
7 focus.

8 What we've also done -- I'm getting ahead
9 of myself, I guess. What we also did around
10 January of this year is we hired a design
11 engineer, a civil engineering company, to
12 start working on our development designs
13 because we want to be able to go to
14 development once we get through remediation
15 at the end of this year.

16 To do that, we have to have a well
17 thought out, understood, you know, engineered
18 understanding of the site, utilities,
19 anything and everything associated with
20 putting a building up. You know, that's
21 storm water, water, sewer, gas, electric. So
22 there's a lot of detail that goes hand in
23 hand with that. Our team is going to be
24 working closely with the City through the
25 summer and into the fall to get City

1 approvals and necessary buy-ins on our
2 utility plans and all of our site development
3 plans. So that work is ongoing right now.

4 The focus of our development is, at the
5 end of the day, a logistics hub. And we're
6 targeting -- I'm looking backwards and I
7 can't see it anyways. We're targeting about
8 an 850,000 square foot logistics center on
9 this site. As Tom mentioned, we're raising
10 the grade of the site to minimize any future
11 utility excavations and the contaminated
12 material from the prior slag operations.
13 We've been able to balance that pretty good.
14 There might be a little bit that has to be,
15 you know, managed. But we really try to get
16 as much of the utilities out of that
17 contaminated material as possible. And I
18 think our engineers have come up with a
19 design to do that. So that's our focus from
20 a design standpoint.

21 From a building standpoint, that design
22 will culminate in about an 850,000 square
23 foot logistics campus. Depending on the
24 ultimate end user, we think that will
25 generate 400 to 900 full-time jobs. And you

1 know, there's a variety of those jobs, what
2 they will be. It's really -- the end user
3 drives everything, but it's anything from
4 forklift operators to truck drivers to
5 computer engineers to logistics engineers,
6 managers, etc. So pretty exciting the whole
7 gamut of employment opportunities and we're
8 excited to be pushing that forward.

9 Plus, you know, these projects always
10 bring a catalyst to the area, too, so that's
11 where the multiplier effect comes in. So our
12 design is based on a -- you know, this is a
13 conceptual design. Better renderings will
14 follow. You can see this 850,000 -- we'll
15 put the biggest building that would fit on
16 this site and allow for adequate parking and
17 movement of trucks around the campus. So --
18 and what you're looking at ultimately is, you
19 know, a concrete and asphalt covering the
20 old, you know, waste that was placed here
21 from the prior days but in the form of a
22 productive building that's a job generator.

23 This is a peek inside what some of these
24 warehouses look like. They're never that
25 quiet. They're always active on the inside,

1 moving packages around. That's a typical
2 rendering of an outside of one of these
3 facilities. End user drives a lot of these
4 things, and obviously everything is going to
5 be built in conformance with City codes and
6 City requirements.

7 You know, one of the things we really
8 want to do and it's real important with any
9 development in our view, especially these
10 kind of campuses, is making sure we're
11 networked with the local community training
12 centers. And to us, this is one of the main
13 focal points of our development. You know,
14 it's one thing to reposition the site and get
15 it ready and go vertical. It's another thing
16 to have a workforce in the area that can work
17 there, and that's a big focus of ours.

18 We're going to be working closely with
19 the City and regional resources to make sure
20 that, you know, there's opportunities for
21 people here. And it benefits us and it
22 benefits the community. It makes the
23 community stronger. It makes our development
24 stronger. It's a no-brainer to us. And
25 that's one of the exciting things about this

1 development to our team. We keep an
2 alliance -- you know, in touch with the
3 ministry alliance and others, and we're going
4 to continue.

5 Now, we're not in the -- you know, we
6 were in the paddling water stage until
7 September of 2022. Now we're swimming. And
8 so as we're swimming, we're going to continue
9 to network and outreach with as many
10 institutions and networks in the region to --
11 you know, to build our network, to get the
12 training aspects moving and any other
13 networking that makes sense from a regional
14 standpoint.

15 I could talk forever here, but I guess
16 that's the end of my presentation. I guess
17 we can get into questions now, Tom.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: So we're going to now
19 move into our questions and answers. That
20 was a lot of information, so I imagine
21 there's some questions out there. If you
22 have a question, you can raise your hand.
23 We'll bring you a microphone. Cisco and
24 Kaley here will bring you a microphone. Tom
25 and Steve will be hear to answer questions.

1 So any questions, raise your hand.

2 COUNCILMAN HILL: First of all, mine is
3 not a question. I'm the councilman of this
4 district -- re-elected councilman of this
5 district, and I've been working with these
6 guys for the last three years, and I'd like
7 to thank the president, Monica, for helping
8 me to get the zoning changed so that we have
9 industrial and taken away from residential.
10 And I'm excited.

11 Like I say, it's three years I've been
12 waiting on this to happen, you know. And I
13 wish the best for this community. However, I
14 got some information from one of my
15 residents. However, she wasn't able to be
16 here. Some of the things that she asked --
17 is Charles here?

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm here.

19 COUNCILMAN HILL: All right. You got
20 some information from a Ms. Marissa Lopez;
21 correct?

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, she emailed me a
23 couple of questions, so we'll be responding
24 to those.

25 COUNCILMAN HILL: Okay.

1 MR. ALCAMO: I can address that if you
2 want me to.

3 COUNCILMAN HILL: Oh, no, I heard some of
4 it already. One thing I did hear is how they
5 going -- when you fence it around, you're
6 going to have that protective area around
7 that fence so some of the stuff won't leak
8 into my community.

9 MR. ALCAMO: Exactly. I think that's
10 obviously a top priority for us, just like we
11 did the demolition, trying to control the
12 dust.

13 COUNCILMAN HILL: Correct.

14 MR. ALCAMO: If this is done
15 appropriately, there's going to be no issues.
16 And we're going to make sure it's done
17 appropriately.

18 COUNCILMAN HILL: And I live here in the
19 community and I'm always watching so --

20 MR. ALCAMO: Oh, we'd love you to come to
21 the site.

22 COUNCILMAN HILL: Oh, I will.

23 MR. ALCAMO: Okay.

24 COUNCILMAN HILL: I'm just glad we're now
25 moving forward with this, and it's going to

1 make our district a whole lot better than it
2 has been in the past. And under my
3 leadership, that's what I want. Just like
4 Monica is doing a great job in her area, she
5 has one of those over there as well, and
6 we're going to move forward and work together
7 for the next four years and doing what we
8 need to do. She supports me, and I'm going
9 to support her. So thank you for that, and
10 I'm looking forward to the first truck to
11 come up out of there. Thank you.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Councilman,
13 for your kind words.

14 COUNCILMAN HILL: I have to leave because
15 we have a council meeting.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for attending
17 and thank you for your comment.

18 Next question.

19 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We have a question over
20 here.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

22 PUBLIC MEMBER: I'm Steve Saguro
23 (phonetic). I work for the City of East
24 Chicago. This truck washing station, what
25 happens to the water that runs off into the

1 water table?

2 MR. ALCAMO: Well, it will be controlled.
3 The water will be controlled. And so it
4 hasn't been defined. I mean, there's many
5 different kinds, and we haven't seen exactly
6 what it is. But we certainly have a storm
7 water pollution prevention plan that was
8 reviewed by the City to make sure that the
9 runoff doesn't go outside or into the sewers.

10 And that's been approved; correct?
11 Dave, that's been approved?

12 MR. DAVE: Yes.

13 MR. ALCAMO: Yeah, it's been approved.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for your
15 question. Next question.

16 PUBLIC MEMBER: What I've seen on Kennedy
17 Avenue with this project on DuPont and
18 talking about the dust out in the roadway on
19 Kennedy Avenue, it's not very ideal what we
20 see out there right now. I don't know if
21 they have a wash station or not, but it --
22 are you going to duplicate that, or are you
23 going to improve on what they're doing on
24 Kennedy Avenue right now?

25 MR. ALCAMO: Well, we're going to have a

1 street sweeper. Okay. I mean, we basically
2 are going to have -- as I said, EPA is going
3 to have full-time oversight. We know the
4 problems that truck traffic can have, and
5 we're going to keep it down, the dust down.

6 I can't talk what's going on on Kennedy,
7 but certainly we're going to have a street
8 sweeper, a truck washing station, and we're
9 going to have inspections every day insuring
10 that those trucks, not only that, leaving the
11 sight aren't carrying the stuff out either.
12 So you know, that's kind of what we tried to
13 do with the demolition.

14 PUBLIC MEMBER: I see that you're going
15 out on 151st?

16 MR. ALCAMO: Correct.

17 PUBLIC MEMBER: And what is the preferred
18 route of the trucks actually going out of the
19 City? Do you have one yet?

20 MR. ALCAMO: Yeah, I think -- you want
21 to --

22 MR. RADEL: Yeah. Thanks for the
23 question. We're going to go right on --
24 trucks will go right on 151st Avenue out of
25 the site, right on Railroad and right on

1 Chicago out.

2 PUBLIC MEMBER: So it will be Chicago
3 Avenue to the exit?

4 MR. RADEL: Yes.

5 PUBLIC MEMBER: It's going to be pretty
6 obvious to the residents if the monitoring
7 and the dust suppressing is not being done
8 properly.

9 MR. RADEL: It will be obvious to us.
10 We'll be the first one to notice it and
11 rectify it if there's an issue. So dust
12 control and street cleaning and sweeping and
13 really keeping the, you know, dust on site,
14 that's our number one focus and priority
15 so --

16 PUBLIC MEMBER: Yeah, because we're
17 already seeing some -- not a good approach,
18 you know, on Kennedy Avenue. I mean --

19 MR. RADEL: I don't know what they're
20 doing there but --

21 PUBLIC MEMBER: I understand.

22 MR. RADEL: What we're going to do, as
23 Tom mentioned, you know, is truck wash, dust
24 control and, as necessary, street sweep. It
25 will be on call and up and ready to go. And

1 I will be working with my team and impressing
2 that upon them. And Tom will be impressing
3 that upon me. So I think we have the checks
4 in place to make sure that what I'm telling
5 you is carried out, and certainly that's our
6 focus.

7 MR. ALCAMO: I think one of the things
8 with the truck route is we certainly want to
9 avoid residential and want to stay away from
10 all the truck traffic on Kennedy too. So
11 that's why we have this route to basically
12 alleviate some of the -- obviously a lot of
13 truck traffic that's going to happen here.

14 PUBLIC MEMBER: From our experience on
15 Kennedy Avenue, I'm pretty sure you'll be
16 monitored pretty closely.

17 MR. ALCAMO: Yep. That's okay. That's
18 okay.

19 PUBLIC MEMBER: So I have some questions
20 on the development and job training. That
21 will come later probably. Thank you.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for your
23 question. And we've got a question in the
24 back.

25 PUBLIC MEMBER: Okay. I'd like to ask

1 IDA, I think -- were you aware that you
2 could've had better cleanup if you would have
3 stuck with residential and then had it
4 cleaned out and then went commercial? Was
5 that even possible?

6 MR. RADEL: That's --

7 PUBLIC MEMBER: You could have had more
8 stuff moved out. It would have went deeper
9 and then you could've had it redeveloped --
10 rezoned to commercial. I think that would
11 have worked. I'm not sure, but I think that
12 would have. Yes or no?

13 MR. RADEL: I'm not sure. That's
14 after -- we got involved when it was, you
15 know, the remedial --

16 PUBLIC MEMBER: Well, were you aware of
17 that, that you could have got a better
18 cleanup out of that spot if you would have
19 kept residential and rezoned later?

20 MR. RADEL: I was aware of all the
21 different --

22 PUBLIC MEMBER: Okay. I could be wrong,
23 but I think that's how it works.

24 MR. RADEL: Okay.

25 PUBLIC MEMBER: And Mr. Alcamo, can I

1 have a few minutes of your time?

2 MR. ALCAMO: Sure. Please.

3 PUBLIC MEMBER: All right. I don't know
4 if you went over this or not, but I would
5 like to ask some questions about the air
6 monitor because I couldn't hear real good
7 back here.

8 MR. ALCAMO: Okay. Go ahead.

9 PUBLIC MEMBER: Could you repeat.

10 MR. ALCAMO: Okay. There's going to be
11 four air monitors --

12 PUBLIC MEMBER: I'll ask the questions
13 and I don't have to bother you anymore.

14 MR. ALCAMO: Okay.

15 PUBLIC MEMBER: You're going to air
16 monitor for arsenic and lead; right?

17 MR. ALCAMO: Yes.

18 PUBLIC MEMBER: Okay. And is it going to
19 be 24 hours a day, 7 days a week there?

20 MR. ALCAMO: No. It won't be monitored
21 24. It will be operating during the actual
22 excavation activities. And then the site
23 will be -- then the site will be shut down
24 for the night, and then air monitoring starts
25 the next morning. So there will be dust

1 suppressants and things like that added at
2 night to ensure that excavations aren't
3 blowing material and stuff like that.

4 PUBLIC MEMBER: Okay. Now, how high
5 above the ground will these monitors -- you
6 know, how high up in the air?

7 MR. ALCAMO: (Indicating).

8 PUBLIC MEMBER: I can't see that.

9 MR. ALCAMO: Well, I'm going to back up.

10 PUBLIC MEMBER: Okay. Sure.

11 MR. ALCAMO: Right there. There's a
12 picture of the air monitor. Can you see it?

13 PUBLIC MEMBER: Yeah, I can see it.

14 MR. ALCAMO: That's -- there's going to
15 be four of those. There's going to be one
16 upwind. We want to see what's coming from
17 off site. There will be one downwind and
18 then two by the excavations. Okay. And if
19 there's additional activities that are
20 happening in multiple locations on the site,
21 then there's going to be additional air
22 monitors placed.

23 So right now we're assuming that there's
24 just going to be one excavation. But if
25 something goes where they're doing something

1 else. Maybe they're stabilizing soils over
2 here and excavating over there, we will bring
3 in additional air monitors.

4 And those air monitors are realtime, and
5 they have an alarm on them. And we set that
6 alarm to a very low level for dust, total
7 dust. And if we get greater than that number
8 the monitor reads, then an alarm goes off,
9 and we know -- not from a health standpoint
10 it isn't causing an unacceptable risk. What
11 it's doing is telling us we need to basically
12 improve the dust control. And there are many
13 things, engineering controls we can implement
14 to do that.

15 And maybe it's going to be too windy of a
16 day that they can't excavate that day. So
17 there's a number of things that we normally
18 do in these type of cleanups, similar to what
19 we did with the air monitoring in the cleanup
20 of Zones 2 and 3 at the homes.

21 PUBLIC MEMBER: You have fencing around
22 the property already; right?

23 MR. ALCAMO: Yes, there's fencing. The
24 fencing is enclosed with one gate onto 151st
25 Street.

1 PUBLIC MEMBER: Now, that fencing, would
2 you need any kind of additional signs put up
3 as soon as you start excavating on there like
4 you did at DuPont?

5 MR. ALCAMO: We can do that. We haven't
6 talked about that. But if that's necessary,
7 we'll do it. Certainly I think we need to
8 put some signs out on 151st Street about
9 truck traffic. I think that probably is a
10 good idea. I've done that at other sites,
11 and so we can put signs up. We just haven't
12 got that far into the -- the construction
13 firm hasn't been hired yet, but it's
14 something that we can do.

15 PUBLIC MEMBER: Just one more.

16 MR. ALCAMO: Sure.

17 PUBLIC MEMBER: Okay. Now, as far as
18 security around the fence, how are you going
19 to secure it 24/7 so nobody goes in there?

20 MR. ALCAMO: There's a locked gate.
21 There's only one entrance with a locked gate.
22 And if we need to have -- if we start seeing
23 trespassing or something like that, I think
24 we're going to go to IDA and say we're going
25 to need to have some nighttime security. But

1 right now that's not planned.

2 PUBLIC MEMBER: I think at DuPont they
3 got video cameras in the fence. I think so.

4 MR. ALCAMO: Yeah, that's a good idea.
5 We might do that.

6 PUBLIC MEMBER: Yeah, it's very
7 important. You don't want no kids going in
8 there.

9 MR. ALCAMO: Exactly. Particularly when
10 we're excavating. Although these aren't deep
11 excavations, it certainly brings inquisitive
12 kids to see what's going on.

13 PUBLIC MEMBER: Yeah, because I'd go
14 there myself if I was a kid.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for your
16 question. Next question. Please raise your
17 hand.

18 Okay. We got a couple questions.
19 Gentleman, first, and then in the back.
20 Thank you.

21 MR. DAVIS: My name is Thomas Davis, and
22 I don't live in the area, but I have
23 relatives that do. Now, during the oversight
24 and during the monitoring and all of that and
25 I know they like to cook outside when it's

1 warm now and -- but if it's windy, will it be
2 good to suggest to them to don't do any
3 outside activities?

4 MR. ALCAMO: No. They can cook all they
5 want. We're looking for dust. Okay.
6 Initially, the stuff -- you know, when you're
7 cooking, that's a different type of odor and
8 different. It's not really a dust that's
9 ever going to affect us. Okay. So there is
10 no limitations for barbecuing. Hopefully,
11 they barbecue all summer.

12 MR. DAVIS: Okay. One more question.
13 The area from McCook over to Kennedy Avenue
14 for the resident, at any given day, is it
15 down to the level that everything is okay in
16 those areas now?

17 MR. ALCAMO: Yeah, there's no issues now.
18 I mean, I think when we start excavating,
19 that's when we really have to start
20 monitoring because obviously we're picking up
21 the soil with backhoes and putting it in
22 trucks. So that's where we basically are
23 concerned. But otherwise, there's no issues
24 right now. The site is -- there's grass on
25 it or basically gravel over the site. So

1 it's really controlled right now. But once
2 we get going into this excavation, there's
3 going to be open areas that we have to
4 monitor.

5 MR. DAVIS: Okay. That's what I need to
6 know. Okay. Thank you.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Sir.

8 PUBLIC MEMBER: Yes. The question I want
9 to ask is this. I'm a lifetime resident of
10 this area. As a matter of fact, I live on
11 the front end of McCook. And from my
12 backyard, I can see the former entrance to
13 the former West Calumet Complex.

14 Now, this is my question. There's a
15 field separation between my house and West
16 Calumet. Now, this dust that we're talking
17 about, is it possible that somebody could
18 leak up -- now, I know you have dust
19 monitoring devices which will monitor the
20 level how high the dust is. But is there any
21 guarantee that none of it will leak out into
22 the neighboring residence?

23 MR. ALCAMO: Well, I think from the
24 standpoint of the dust, what we've done is
25 set extremely low alarm levels that are safe

1 levels and very low numbers. Okay. And that
2 machine reads it -- takes in the air and it
3 reads it and it tells us, oh, that's higher
4 than our alarm level. Therefore, it's going
5 to be an alarm that's done that's going to
6 tell the construction firm, okay, we got a
7 problem. We need to basically -- we need to
8 basically improve our dust control.

9 But we'll also be taking samples and
10 sending them off to the laboratory, but we
11 can't do that like realtime, like these dust
12 monitors, but in a few days later we get the
13 results, and then we can start looking at
14 those results over time and look at risk
15 levels and things like that to make sure
16 that you on McCook are safe.

17 PUBLIC MEMBER: Well, there's another
18 question that concerns me. What about a
19 shift in wind?

20 MR. ALCAMO: Well, there's a
21 meteorological station there. Okay. So it's
22 going to measure wind direction. So we're
23 going to have one -- like if this is the
24 excavation where I'm at, there's going to be
25 one upwind. Okay. So we get the background

1 of what's coming from elsewhere so we know.
2 And then there's going to be one downwind and
3 then two on the other sides of the
4 excavation. Okay.

5 So we think we have it covered. Now,
6 obviously, if we have to modify that, we
7 will. And as I said previously, if there's
8 two things happening on the site, like on one
9 side of the site they're doing something that
10 may be creating dust versus another side,
11 then we're going to have to bring more
12 monitors on. And that's all part of the plan
13 we have to make sure we've got this covered.

14 Do not forget, though, that I have
15 full-time oversight on this project. There's
16 going to be an EPA representative every day
17 on that project, okay, that will insure --
18 they're going to be looking at the street.
19 Okay. They're going to be looking at the air
20 monitor. They're going to be there. Rachel
21 was there during the actual demolition of the
22 housing complex. There will be other staff
23 members there, too, from her team but --

24 So that, we think, helps in terms of
25 making sure that we're not influencing and

1 putting any negative risk on not only the
2 workers because the workers are going to be
3 in it. They'll be wearing certain air
4 monitoring devices to look at health and
5 safety standards, but also the community. We
6 don't -- the last thing we want, we don't
7 want to spread dust on the roads, and we do
8 not want to basically influence the
9 surrounding community and put them at risk.
10 We can do this cleanup safely, you know, if
11 the right dust control is used, and we plan
12 to do that.

13 PUBLIC MEMBER: Thank you very much.
14 That's all I have for now.

15 MR. ALCAMO: Yep. Thank you.

16 MR. ISRAEL: Good afternoon. All right.
17 So my name is (inaudible) Israel, and I have
18 deep roots with East Chicago, especially
19 Calumet. I got my first haircut here. My
20 wife attended this very school. I met my
21 wife two blocks away from here. Most of my
22 family is from East Chicago. Most were
23 Calumet residents. My mother was a city
24 clerk. My uncle was a teacher. My family is
25 genuinely part of this community. I

1 currently work as a lead field scientist on
2 the former DuPont property cleanup in East
3 Chicago working as an environmental
4 technician for Impact Environmental. I never
5 thought that I would be able to make a
6 difference in my community.

7 I am putting on public record that I am
8 not -- that I was not aware, nor was my
9 employer, of this remediation project having
10 been nearly finalized in scope until last
11 week. How is this possible? My employer
12 Impact Environmental has always volunteered
13 to help where they can to clean the USS Lead
14 Site by participating in efforts to reduce
15 the cumulative impacts of the two remediation
16 projects through agency coordination. How
17 can it be that your efforts failed to notify
18 me and my employer?

19 My immediate concern as a community
20 member and as an environmental professional
21 is that the environmental impacts of this
22 next phase of the USS Lead remediation has
23 not considered the cumulative impacts of two
24 remediation projects occurring simultaneously
25 in the community absent coordination.

1 Cumulative impact analysis is required
2 under the public participation, particularly
3 within environmental justice communities.
4 President Biden's executive order on
5 environmental justice specifically demands
6 promotion of the latest science data and
7 research on cumulative impacts and a
8 deepening of the government's role and
9 commitment to environmental justice. Where
10 is this cumulative impact analysis here?

11 Further, there are concerns regarding the
12 quantity and quality of backfill materials to
13 be used at the USS Lead Site. Terms such as
14 "clean fill," quote, unquote, and "industrial
15 fill," quote, unquote, are inconsistent with
16 the residential quality soil that was
17 previously understood for use at the project.
18 I will be submitting, along with my employer,
19 further comments in writing to the parties in
20 the coming weeks.

21 I expect that all of these considerations
22 will be heard as legally required under
23 Public Comment Policy in addition to the
24 environmental justice that was provided by
25 the President.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Well, thank you for your
2 statement. And so we're ready for our next
3 question and/or statement. Please raise your
4 hand, and we'll bring you a microphone. We
5 have one more question from the back.

6 MR. JOE: I want to ask something from
7 Mr. Rodriguez. After this is done, will I
8 have a time period we could comment on these
9 comments? Is that possible? Because I think
10 last time I asked you you said you couldn't
11 do it for me. Could you do it this time or
12 no?

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, Joe, so --

14 PUBLIC MEMBER: Because you're putting
15 out a lot of information, and you can't take
16 it in sitting here, in my opinion.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, so this is not a --
18 there's no public comment period. There's no
19 formal public comment period like other parts
20 of the cleanup. You can always submit
21 questions at any time. I know you would like
22 to wait until you have the transcript of this
23 meeting so --

24 PUBLIC MEMBER: Yeah.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, absolutely, when

1 you have it, you can submit any questions,
2 any concerns, and we'll respond to them.

3 MR. JOE: And one more thing and I'll let
4 you go.

5 MR. ALCAMO: Before you --

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

7 MR. ALCAMO: We'll get you a copy of the
8 transcript when it's done.

9 MR. JOE: Yeah, I wanted to be able to
10 comment on it. That's all.

11 MR. ALCAMO: Yeah, and we'll respond to
12 your -- yeah, yeah.

13 MR. JOE: One more thing I want to ask
14 and that will be it. I talked to Mr. Alcamo
15 earlier about that timeline site on the NWI
16 Times. There's a lot of information there
17 about what happened before you got to this
18 point of the cleanup, and I know I can't read
19 it all. I think you need a meeting to go
20 through it. And these people have a right to
21 know exactly what happened before we got to
22 this point in the cleanup.

23 The information is on the internet.

24 All you have to do is read it, and you guys
25 could tell us this is right, this is wrong.

1 I think they need to know how we got to
2 this point. There's a lot of -- it's by a
3 reporter. There's a lot of information on
4 there. You're not -- I can sit here for
5 hours and I wouldn't be able to go through
6 it. We ain't got that kind of time, but if
7 you had another meeting and you tell people
8 to read it and they could comment on it, I
9 think that's a good idea, my opinion.

10 MR. ALCAMO: Okay. I think you gave me
11 that information, Joe, and I'll certainly
12 take a look at that article back from 2016.
13 I know you mentioned --

14 MR. JOE: There's a lot on there.

15 MR. ALCAMO: Yeah, I'll take a look at
16 it, and you can submit it. I need to look
17 at it.

18 MR. JOE: Yeah, right, right. I
19 understand.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

21 Okay. Any other questions? Please raise
22 your hand. Okay. If there are no -- oh, one
23 question, the gentleman in the middle.

24 PUBLIC MEMBER: Okay. My question is
25 this: Like, you know, as I expressed before,

1 I live on McCook now. You're going to have
2 fences and things like that that's going to
3 block off that construction site; right?

4 MR. ALCAMO: Yeah, we can talk -- you're
5 talking about like a fabric over the fence?

6 PUBLIC MEMBER: Uh-huh, yep.

7 MR. ALCAMO: We can talk about that. We
8 already talked about that with the -- but if
9 you think that would be a good idea, we
10 certainly can bring it up with IDA.

11 PUBLIC MEMBER: Yeah, and also --

12 MR. ALCAMO: Do you think that's a good
13 idea? I mean, would you like that?

14 PUBLIC MEMBER: I think so. I think it
15 would be a good idea.

16 MR. ALCAMO: Okay.

17 PUBLIC MEMBER: And I have a follow-up
18 question. When all this is set up, would it
19 obstruct or impede any of the traffic flow
20 going into the residential area? I think you
21 plan to use 151st. So there's going to be a
22 lot of traffic going this way and that way
23 and so forth.

24 MR. ALCAMO: As Steve mentioned, there's
25 one gate we'll be using off 151st Street.

1 Trucks will go out, make a right, go to
2 Railroad and then go to Chicago Avenue.

3 PUBLIC MEMBER: But nothing has to be
4 rerouted?

5 MR. ALCAMO: No. Well, something like if
6 there's a huge accident or something, we'll
7 have to figure that out. But that's the main
8 truck route. Now, they could go an alternate
9 route to Indianapolis, down to Michigan, down
10 to 12, down 94. So that's another route that
11 is possible. But in any case, our preferred
12 route is going -- at least I've been told, is
13 Chicago Avenue.

14 PUBLIC MEMBER: Okay. That clears it up.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. ALCAMO: We really want to try to
17 avoid the residential area. We certainly got
18 a lot of trucks in the residential area
19 during the cleanup. And I mean, that's one
20 of the things that I think Steve is really
21 taking seriously regarding the truck traffic
22 and making sure that we minimize -- because
23 there's going to be a lot of trucks, and
24 minimizing that to the residents as much as
25 possible.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Any other
2 questions? Okay. I see no hands up. If
3 there are no further questions or comments or
4 concerns, I think we can --

5 Oh, Joe, one more.

6 MR. JOE: (Inaudible).

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We'll bring you a
8 microphone so the court reporter can hear the
9 question. It will just take a couple
10 seconds.

11 MR. JOE: I want to know if the removal
12 of the ground -- the soil will have any
13 effect on the groundwater study.

14 MR. ALCAMO: We think that removing
15 100,000 tons of contaminated soil from that
16 50-acre site, along with building a building
17 over pretty much that entire site will
18 prevent infiltration into the Zone 1
19 groundwater and make an improvement.

20 MR. JOE: But don't you guys have to keep
21 the groundwater cleaned out, too, right?

22 MR. ALCAMO: Right. That's -- Kevin
23 is -- Kevin McCarthy is the project manager
24 for the groundwater portion. He's
25 investigating that and if there's areas on

1 the site that are greater than the drinking
2 water standards. It's not just the USS Lead
3 Site. It's -- let me back up here. It's --

4 MR. JOE: What I'm trying to drive at is
5 I got a chart here from the EPA --

6 MR. ALCAMO: Right. So we're basically
7 investigating all this groundwater here right
8 now. Okay. That's what Kevin is, and that's
9 the second phase of the cleanup.

10 MR. JOE: So this chart here, it says
11 that -- for the EPA, it says that exactly it
12 goes pretty deep, that contamination, into
13 the soil, and you're taking about a foot off.

14 MR. ALCAMO: A foot. There will be some
15 contamination that remains on the site under
16 a foot.

17 MR. JOE: Would it be better for the
18 groundwater to remove more of that soil or
19 does it matter?

20 MR. ALCAMO: That's to be -- I can't
21 answer that. I think the mission is going to
22 be removing 100,000 tons from this, and then
23 there's going to be a building over this
24 entire piece of property that's going to
25 prevent water from infiltrating into the

1 property.

2 MR. JOE: But I'm saying you'll be
3 leaving --

4 MR. ALCAMO: Based on the risk eval, we
5 don't think we need to dig any additional.

6 MR. JOE: Right. It's okay. It's not
7 going to affect the groundwater, how much
8 soil you take out?

9 MR. ALCAMO: Oh, I think it's going to.
10 I think when we remove that, I think it's
11 going to make it better.

12 MR. JOE: Better; right?

13 MR. ALCAMO: Yeah.

14 MR. JOE: So you're better off putting a
15 hard surface on the top and leaving what's
16 underneath has more to do with keeping the
17 groundwater clean than going deeper into the
18 soil?

19 MR. ALCAMO: Yes, we think it's going to
20 prevent infiltration. Correct.

21 MR. JOE: Okay. Is Mr. McCarthy going to
22 talk later?

23 MR. ALCAMO: No. I mean, if you want to
24 ask him any questions now, I mean --

25 MR. JOE: Yeah, I'll talk to him

1 personally.

2 MR. ALCAMO: Yeah.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Thank you for your
4 question. If there are no more questions,
5 then I guess we can adjourn this meeting.
6 Thank you, everyone, for attending. Our
7 contact information is on the last slide if
8 you have any questions or concerns. You can
9 always email Tom and/or myself.

10 MR. ALCAMO: An easy way is you just
11 search Google USS Lead Superfund Site. That
12 site will come up. Okay. The USS Lead Site
13 will come up. And if you want to look at the
14 technical documents, there's a technical and
15 legal documents. You just hit that link, and
16 there's a bunch of them in there. Okay.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And tomorrow we'll upload
18 a copy of the presentation, and we should
19 have the transcript of the meeting probably
20 in a couple weeks, roughly. It will be added
21 to the document collection that we have on
22 the website.

23 Thank you, everyone, and good night.

24 (MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 5:58 PM.)

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