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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

Enc.

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, H₂S, 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 like 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 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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