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1 (Time: 6:00 p.m.)

2 MS. O'NEIL: Hello, and thank you for
3 coming tonight.

4 This is the public comment meeting for
5 the FUSRAP Proposed Plan for the Iowa Army
6 Ammunition Plant.

7 I'm Charlotte O'Neil. I'm your
8 facilitator for the evening. I've done this
9 quite a bit; and I'm looking forward to a nice,
10 fast-moving, productive, informative and pleasant
11 evening with all of you.

12 If you haven't already signed in, we
13 are anxious to document that you came, and we
14 have a sign-in sheet at the table, so please
15 don't forget to sign in before you leave, if you
16 haven't done that yet.

17 Also, when you're there, feel free to
18 pick up any of the information or materials that
19 are there. They're there for your information,
20 and if you have friends who can benefit, take
21 extras. We're happy to help you with that.

22 Also, if we run out, let us know.

23 Most of you, I think, noticed that we
24 have sign-in sheets for taking advantage of the
25 comment period, and some of you did sign up to

1 speak. I will call you up one at a time, later,
2 during our comment period.

3 But if, during the comment period, you
4 have ideas and you want to speak and you didn't
5 sign up, you will be given an opportunity. Don't
6 worry, we'll squeeze you in at the end; but do
7 let us know that you're interested in speaking as
8 soon as possible.

9 Just a couple of housekeeping things.

10 Our emergency exits -- that is one
11 (Indicating), and the first one out tears the
12 curtain down -- just keep going.

13 Then we have exits just straight out,
14 and there are external exits you can see as soon
15 as you get through those doors.

16 Restrooms are also outside that door,
17 off to your left. And there are, there's ice
18 water back here on the table by the back door
19 over there. And if you need a soft drink,
20 they're available in machines outside the
21 restrooms. Please be comfortable. If you need
22 to come and go, do what you need to do to be
23 comfortable and feel a part of the meeting.

24 If you feel a need, after you've made
25 your comment, we'll have -- basically, research

1 indicates that three minutes is a good amount of
2 time for effective verbal comment on something
3 like this -- so we're going to limit the speakers
4 to three minutes each.

5 If you have more you want to say, we
6 have written comment forms available for you out
7 on the table, and you can take them with you and
8 mail them back to us, or just fill them out while
9 you're here and leave them in the tray that's on
10 the table back here.

11 Also, it's important to understand
12 that the comment period is not a question and
13 answer period. The question and answer periods
14 are poster sessions, like the one we had just now
15 before we started this gathering.

16 When we're done with the comment
17 period, you'll have an opportunity to do another
18 poster session. If you have more questions,
19 there will be the same folks available to talk
20 with you about your questions and answer what
21 they can.

22 Please, just do understand that the
23 comment period is just that -- we'll take your
24 comment. It becomes part of the public record,
25 it will be published in the Responsiveness

1 Summary, the Record of Decision, which is the
2 final decision on this particular issue tonight.
3 All the pertinent questions are analyzed and
4 considered.

5 The question is listed and then, you
6 know, the Agency response is provided, so nothing
7 is ignored; but your comment is not considered a
8 question tonight, it's providing us with input to
9 help make a better decision.

10 First, after we've done all these
11 rules of the road and everybody understands how
12 to behave, we'll give a program overview from
13 Sharon Cotner, representing the Corps of
14 Engineers.

15 Then after that, we'll start calling
16 the folks who did sign up to speak. And when
17 we're done with that, we'll have the summation,
18 and then we'll open it up for poster session
19 again.

20 Also, it's important for you folks who
21 are making comments to understand that we do have
22 a court reporter here, so there will be verbatim
23 minutes taken of this gathering, and I think, you
24 know, that's important for you to know, that we
25 value your comments and want to make sure we

1 don't miss a word.

2 When you do come up to speak, please
3 say your name really clearly, number one, so we
4 know who you are for sure, but also for the
5 record.

6 We have the sign-in sheet that's not
7 all that easy to read all the time, so please do
8 introduce yourself to the crowd as clearly as you
9 can. We'll appreciate that.

10 Does anybody have any questions?

11 VAUGHN MOORE: Ma'am, some of us ain't
12 got very good hearing. Could you kind of turn
13 that up just a hair?

14 MS. O'NEIL: And if that becomes a
15 problem again, wave, do something -- don't not
16 hear.

17 Is that better? That's as high as it
18 goes. Is that okay?

19 VAUGHN MOORE: It helps a little.

20 MS. COTNER: Charlotte, if I can't use
21 that, I'll use the one on that stand. I can get
22 close to that. That thing is at an odd angle.
23 It's for tall people.

24 MS. O'NEIL: And I'm not that; and
25 you're not, either. Well, If you feel okay --

1 MS. COTNER: I'll move that over.

2 MS. O'NEIL: When you're called up,
3 that is the speaker that you'll stand at to give
4 your comments; and if we have problems with that,
5 we'll just complain to the hotel.

6 Okay, I'd like to introduce, now,
7 Sharon Cotner, who is representing the United
8 States Army Corps of Engineers, Saint Louis
9 District, and she is going to give you a program
10 overview that will hopefully help with your
11 understanding of what we're about here.

12 MS. COTNER: Okay. I'm going to
13 cheat, and I'm going to move this guy because I
14 know I can get to him.

15 MS. O'NEIL: I'm not going to stop
16 you.

17 MS. COTNER: You're not going to stop
18 me? That would be so disappointing.

19 Can you hear me now? It's working?
20 It is now -- okay, there we go.

21 Okay, here we go -- and if you can't
22 hear me, just raise your hand; okay?

23 As Charlotte said, my name is
24 Sharon Cotner. I'm with the Saint Louis District
25 Corps of Engineers, and I am the Program Manager

1 for Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action
2 Program, which is a long title, and so we shorten
3 it to FUSRAP; okay? -- much easier to say, takes
4 a lot less time.

5 I'm very glad to be here today to talk
6 to you a little bit about what our plans are for
7 Iowa, and I'm glad to see several folks are
8 interested in what we're doing here.

9 What I'm going to do is give you a
10 short briefing on where we are in this process
11 and our purpose in being here today.

12 The purpose of our meeting here is to
13 share some information and, essentially, to get
14 public input into which of the preferred
15 alternatives -- or which of the alternatives you
16 would prefer to see selected for the Iowa Army
17 Ammunition Plant as far as the FUSRUP work goes.
18 All of our alternatives address former Atomic
19 Energy Commission contamination, and it's all
20 focused on areas formerly used by AEC.

21 If I use a lot of acronyms and I get
22 heavy on that, raise your hand on that, too;
23 okay? I'll either talk louder and/or stop
24 talking in acronyms.

25 Before I get started, I know there's a

1 lot of folks out there that have concerns
2 regarding former employment at the plant by the
3 Atomic Energy Commission, and health issues
4 stemming from that employment. Your concerns are
5 very important, and I think they deserve accurate
6 information.

7 Unfortunately, the Corps folks that
8 are here tonight aren't involved in that program,
9 so we're not the best source for that accurate
10 information. What we do have -- because I know
11 that's an issue that's important to a lot of
12 folks -- is, Charlotte has some information that
13 we pulled out there, and there's a pamphlet
14 (Indicating), and there's a little map that talks
15 about what district you're in.

16 And Charlotte is from Oak Ridge, and
17 as you might guess, there are a lot of former
18 energy employees down there, and one of the
19 complaints they frequently have is that they've
20 filed paperwork with the wrong office, and it
21 gets bounced around, so she's pulled together
22 some information. If you're interested in that,
23 just see her, and she'll be glad to give it to
24 you. It's out at that table where you registered
25 to come in.

1 What the folks that are here tonight
2 can talk about is the work that the FUSRAP
3 program has been doing at the site.

4 FUSRAP is a national program. It was
5 created by Congress to address, primarily,
6 radiological contamination left behind by the
7 nation's early atomic weapons program here in the
8 United States.

9 The program was originally managed by
10 the Department of Energy, and some aspects of it
11 still are. But in October of 1997, Congress
12 transferred the planning and the construction
13 part of that program to the Corps of Engineers.
14 So we do the planning and we do the construction
15 part, and when we're done with the construction
16 part, it transfers back to the Department of
17 Energy, and they do any kind of long-term
18 maintenance that's required.

19 It follows the standard CERCLA
20 process, which some of you may or may not know
21 about; but, essentially, you're talking about a
22 remedial investigation that investigates whether
23 contamination exists, and if it poses an
24 unacceptable risk, followed by a feasibility
25 study that identifies alternatives to address

1 those risks; then a Proposed Plan, which
2 identifies the Government's initial preferred
3 alternative for the public to look at.

4 And then, after public input, you have
5 a Record of Decision that's being developed, and
6 that Record of Decision specifies the final
7 remedy selected for that particular site.

8 The general responsibilities of FUSRAP
9 are to ensure that the impact associated with
10 Atomic Energy Commission activities are
11 thoroughly investigated, and that any impact to
12 the public health, welfare and the environment
13 are addressed.

14 So you might -- some folks might be
15 wondering, why is FUSRAP interested in the Army
16 Ammunition Plant?

17 Well, a little bit of history on the
18 Army Ammunition Plant. It's an active, secure,
19 government-owned and contractor-operated
20 facility, and it occupies, in total, about 19,000
21 acres. It was added to the National Priorities
22 List in August of 1990, primarily due to
23 contamination resulting from Defense Department
24 operations on the site.

25 Those activities and the contamination

1 resulting from them are being addressed under the
2 Installation Restoration Program by the
3 Department of the Army.

4 It's important to remember, too, and
5 to understand, that even though it's the Army
6 Corps of Engineers, the Formerly Utilized Sites
7 Remedial Action Program, FUSRAP, is separate from
8 the Installation Restoration Program. They are
9 two separate authorities, and two separate
10 programs, two separate streams of funding.

11 The primary use of the plant continues
12 to be and is expected to be an
13 industrial/military type function, what you see
14 out there now.

15 There are operational ranges that
16 exist on the plant, and some of those areas are
17 the areas that are impacted by former Atomic
18 Energy Commission activities.

19 AEC, Atomic Energy Commission,
20 operated on about 1,600 -- actually, 1,630 acres
21 of that 19,000, so they weren't on a whole lot of
22 ground. They were there from 1947 to 1975, and
23 they were referred to as the Burlington Atomic
24 Energy Commission Plant. So if you want to
25 Google on something, that's something to Google

1 on.

2 Former -- the activities at BAACP
3 continued until '75, when the Atomic Energy
4 Commission closed down the plant and transferred
5 the operations to another plant in Texas.

6 AEC-type activities included things
7 like administrative function. They had X ray
8 photography going on. They stored materials
9 there. They assembled some of the self-contained
10 components, and there was some munitions testing
11 that also happened on the facility.

12 In 2000, the Department of Energy
13 determined that some of the areas of the Atomic
14 Energy Commission portions of the plant could
15 possibly contain contamination, and, therefore,
16 warranted additional examination.

17 After doing some additional records
18 search and some sampling, the Corps concluded
19 that the site should be included in the FUSRAP
20 program and funded for additional investigation.
21 That happened in 2001.

22 We did a historical analysis and
23 conducted interviews. We've talked to several
24 folks that are here tonight. We performed
25 additional sampling, and we did a Remedial

1 Investigation/Feasibility Study, also, for
2 several of the areas; and these were the areas
3 that actually kind of came through the process as
4 those that should have been at least examined and
5 addressed in the Proposed Plan.

6 You can see the areas up here for
7 yourself (Indicating).

8 It's Line 1.

9 Firing Sites areas.

10 Yard C.

11 Yard G.

12 Yard L.

13 The areas surrounding those particular
14 warehouses; and Warehouse 3-01.

15 So where are we in this whole process
16 right now?

17 Well, the Remedial Investigation
18 Report was done in October of '08. The
19 Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan came out in
20 April this year, April 2011.

21 The public comment period is what
22 we're in the middle of right now, and that goes
23 from April 22nd to May 22nd -- so that's an
24 important date to remember if you wish to make
25 comments.

1 And what will happen is that over the
2 next month or so, after we get all the public
3 comment and that public comment period closes,
4 we'll take that input, we'll review it, we'll
5 consider it.

6 We'll view our initial preferred
7 selected remedy and decide whether that still
8 should be the remedy, or should it be modified,
9 or should it be something else, and that will
10 actually be evaluated and a final remedy will be
11 selected.

12 That will be prepared and documented
13 in the Record of Decision.

14 Our plan right now is to have that
15 done by September of this year.

16 So what are these alternatives we were
17 talking about?

18 Well, they address depleted uranium in
19 the soil and on the structures. In the soil,
20 that exists in two configurations, if you will.
21 It exists as fragments and chunks, but in a
22 couple of locations, it's disbursed as particles
23 in the soil. So you have two kinds of situations
24 that you're dealing with when you look at the
25 alternatives.

1 There were four alternatives for the
2 soil that were identified.

3 With respect to the structures -- and
4 it's kind of a bad terminology -- but what we
5 found was the depleted uranium contamination
6 exceeded the goals in a grate, a metal grate over
7 a sump in Building 1-11; and the air filters in
8 Building 1-63-6 at Line 1. Those are the
9 structures that are impacted that we have found
10 the impact on.

11 These are both inactive areas at this
12 point, and there are three alternatives for
13 structures that were identified.

14 For soil, the four alternatives are
15 presented here, and I'll run through them fairly
16 quickly.

17 Alternative 1, the no action for soil,
18 is what I call the do-nothing plan, and that's
19 what you do, you do nothing. There's no cost
20 associated with it.

21 Alternative 2 is a land use controls.
22 The estimated cost for that is 2.3 Million. That
23 plan consists of putting up things like fences
24 around areas, making sure that no one can disturb
25 the area or uses the area, and it requires

1 considerable monitoring for an extended period of
2 time.

3 So that's where part of your 2.3
4 Million cost comes from.

5 You also have to do five-year reviews
6 and additional environmental documentation
7 associated with leaving that material on the
8 site.

9 Alternative 3 is digging up the
10 depleted uranium-contaminated soil and shipping
11 all of it off-site to an appropriately permitted
12 disposal facility. Much of the cost of this
13 alternative lies in the cost for placing the
14 material in a disposal facility. There aren't
15 many places that take this type of material, and
16 those that do can be quite expensive. So the
17 cost for that is \$50.4 Million.

18 Alternative 4 is a variation of
19 Alternative 3 in that the material is dug up, but
20 prior to being shipped, the material is subjected
21 to a physical treatment, such as a soil-sorting
22 process in which things like the chunks are
23 removed, and you have, essentially, clean soil or
24 soil that meets the cleanup goals allowed to
25 remain on site, and it is not shipped off. So

1 what you're doing is reducing the volume of soil
2 to be shipped.

3 That has a resulting decrease in the
4 cost of the proposal; so the cost for that
5 alternative is 45.2 Million. And that, by the
6 way, is the Government's preferred alternative.

7 With respect to the structures,
8 there's three alternatives.

9 Again, Alternative 1 is a no action --
10 it's, essentially, do nothing -- leave it there
11 and do nothing about it.

12 Alternative 2 is the land use controls
13 for structures, which is, essentially, leaving
14 the grate in place, leaving the filters in place,
15 and just making sure that nobody ever goes in and
16 changes the filters or uses those buildings.

17 Alternative 3 is the, consists of the
18 removal and replacement of the filters and the
19 grates. It's an attempt to decontaminate
20 material that -- the components of the structures
21 and/or replacing -- whatever is the least
22 expensive. That cost is about 103,000,
23 predominantly due to the requirements for
24 coordination and documentation to show that when
25 you're done, everything is cleaned up and meets

1 standards.

2 The Corps and the Government are
3 required to consider the CERCLA evaluation
4 criteria when they make their selection of a
5 preferred alternative, and I say there are nine
6 criteria; and I kind of unofficially say I
7 consider that we've taken 8 and-a-half of those
8 into consideration in selecting our preferred
9 alternative because one of those criteria is
10 community acceptance, and this public review
11 period, to me, is the other half of that
12 criteria, and that is getting the public's input
13 on what you guys think about these alternatives.

14 The Corp's alternatives achieve an
15 industrial cleanup level for depleted uranium
16 that is consistent with the future use of these
17 particular areas of the plant.

18 For the soils, we prefer the
19 Alternative 3, which is the excavation of the
20 DU-contaminated soil with the physical treatment
21 to reduce the volume.

22 And Alternative S3 for the structures
23 is decontaminating, and replacing those
24 components.

25 So, what does this mean to you?

1 Well, what it means to you is that
2 these are the alternatives that we have under
3 consideration. We ask you for your input and
4 your thoughts and your preferences with respect
5 to these alternatives.

6 If you want to learn more about this
7 -- my briefing has been fairly concise -- but
8 there is a lot more information on the websites
9 that are listed here (Indicating).

10 The first one is the Saint Louis
11 District's website. And if you get to that
12 FUSRAP page and click on Iowa, which is the
13 heading on the left side of the page, you can
14 pull up a page on Iowa; and at the bottom, if you
15 scroll down, there will be documents there that
16 you can look at. Okay?

17 There's also an administrative record
18 there with a whole ton of other documents out
19 there. So if you want to look at those in
20 greater detail, that's all there for you to look
21 at.

22 In addition, the documents are
23 available for public reading at the Burlington
24 Public Library, which I think is located on
25 Court Street.

1 What we really want to do is to make
2 this as easy as possible for you to review these
3 documents and give us your thoughts.

4 Written comments can be submitted to
5 the Corps any time during the 30-day period,
6 including tonight. So, if you don't want to
7 write a formal letter, there are cards out there.
8 You can fill out whatever your thoughts are that
9 you would like in the record. They will go into
10 the Responsiveness Summary that is part of the
11 Record of Decision.

12 Oral comments will be recorded
13 tonight. That transcript will also be kept in
14 the files. We will respond to all of the
15 comments, and will carefully consider them and
16 investigate any questions or issues raised before
17 we prepare that final Record of Decision.

18 Again, that final Record of Decision
19 will outline the final remedy for the site.

20 That's pretty much all I have to say.

21 The written comments -- again, here is
22 our address (Indicating). I think we're going to
23 leave this slide up so that folks -- if you want
24 to write this down, you may.

25 We have a fax number there, too, if

1 you would rather fax things, we take faxes. If
2 you fax it -- I'd like to give you a phone
3 number, too, to call, to make sure the fax is
4 received. The fax -- if you would call
5 314-260-3905, and make sure that your fax has
6 been received. Our fax machines usually work,
7 but, you never know.

8 And finally, if you would like to make
9 an oral comment tonight, we'd be more than happy
10 to have that comment, too.

11 One of the things I like to emphasize
12 in the oral comments is it's not a question and
13 answer -- we're not going to rebut what you say
14 if you make a statement. Your statements go into
15 the record, okay? It should be nonthreatening.
16 Our main reason to be here tonight is to get as
17 much information from you and to get your
18 thoughts on this.

19 So with that, that's the end of my
20 briefing, and I'll turn it back to Charlotte.

21 MS. O'NEIL: Okay. We're ready to get
22 going. Our first speaker is Vaughn Moore.

23 VAUGHN MOORE: My name is Vaughn
24 Moore. I was a security officer at the IAAP. We
25 have talked with the people out there before on

1 this, and we would prefer that any of this
2 material be actually dug up and removed from the
3 premises. It should not be left lay; it should
4 not be allowed to stay on the facility. It
5 should be removed from the area.

6 Almost everybody that we have contact
7 with or have talked with over the period of time
8 that we've been involved in this, most of them
9 didn't even want the IDA out there.

10 But we would prefer that anything that
11 you find on this cleanup, that it actually be
12 removed from the premises.

13 Thank you.

14 MS. O'NEIL: Thank you, Mr. Moore.

15 I'm going to say this name all wrong,
16 I know -- Mark Hagerla.

17 Did I really butcher that?

18 MARK HAGERLA: No, you did good.

19 I'm Mark Hagerla. I'm a lifelong
20 resident of Des Moines County, and a former State
21 Senator, and a business person in the area.

22 I've been on the RAB Board since we
23 began it; and I appreciate Sharon being here
24 again, and her people that are under her that
25 have supplied the information for us tonight.

1 This has been a long cleanup process,
2 and I'm glad to see that FUSRAP is here and that
3 the Atomic Energy Commission end of things is
4 getting taken care of.

5 I think in your Record of Decision,
6 that you have to include, some way, things that
7 you're going to find out there that you don't
8 know is there -- because every time we dig, you
9 dig out there, we find things that -- unknown
10 things.

11 And I'd like to say Vaughn Moore and
12 Thurman Huffman have been a great asset in
13 providing information to the cleanup out there.

14 And I don't want to say numbers, but
15 there are many, many, many things that are not
16 documented in any documents that you're going to
17 look at, and when you're out in the field, you're
18 going to find things that nobody knows that are
19 there. Well, some people know they're there, but
20 a lot of people won't talk about them.

21 But I think it's very important that
22 you include, in your documentation, and expect to
23 find things that you don't have documented, and
24 those things get taken care of.

25 Another concern of mine is, there's

1 many facilities out there that have been begun to
2 be cleaned up, and have been stopped because of
3 lack of funding or the weather constraints.

4 And Ron has sent me a letter and
5 assured me, in the letter, that these things are
6 documented, they will be, they will be continued
7 to be cleaned up.

8 But there's a lot of those out there
9 that concern me that are in the areas where
10 people are continuing to work -- and that may not
11 be the AEC's portion of things -- but in the
12 ongoing operations out there, that we don't have
13 people going into these present buildings that
14 have not been cleaned up because they've been in
15 a continuing operation -- that concerns are shown
16 that these people are in safe environments, and
17 we don't have the problems that we have had in
18 the past.

19 And it's unknown to most of us of what
20 kind of controls are on the processes that are
21 ongoing at the present time, that we don't
22 contaminate any more than what we already have at
23 the present time.

24 So those are my concerns. I think the
25 choice that you have there, you've probably chose

1 the best efforts to clean the property up, and
2 since we've closed the dump sites that we have
3 had -- we don't have any burial places out
4 there -- I think there's got to be a measure to
5 remove the stuff and take them to a place that is
6 a controlled environment, rather than 50 years
7 from now, when somebody comes in here and doesn't
8 know or think about what's been going on, that we
9 don't put people in danger when they go back on
10 the property to do things.

11 So thank you for being here. Thank
12 you for the effort that you put forward. I am
13 embarrassed that not more people show up for
14 these kinds of things, and I don't want you to
15 think this isn't a big deal for us in this area
16 because this is a big deal for us.

17 And thank you for being here.

18 MS. O'NEIL: Thank you very much.

19 Next we have Dean Vickstrom.

20 DEAN VICKSTROM: I'm like Mark, I
21 started on the RAB Board when it was implemented.

22 This will start to get more personal.

23 We buried a good friend of mine last
24 Friday. He worked in the AEA; he was also a
25 guard out there. He went through three bouts of

1 cancer. His father worked for the AEA; he died
2 of stomach cancer; and John's mother ended up
3 with cancer twice, so his father took it home.

4 I don't want anybody else to go
5 through this; and the only way you're going to do
6 that is you're going to get this stuff out of
7 there, and with some degree of confidence that it
8 won't happen -- you know, you never say never --
9 but I think you owe it to anybody that comes out
10 there from now on, not to put them through the
11 same thing that these people, Vaughn and his
12 people, have gone through. You know, these
13 people are casualties just like anybody else, and
14 I think we forget about that at times.

15 So it's nice to have -- "nice" is a
16 bad word -- it's good to have a group like this
17 that's getting into these things, but I'd like to
18 see some teeth, at some point. I think we're
19 getting smoke blown at us at times -- not by you
20 people, but by some other people.

21 So, keep doing what you're doing, and
22 don't forget about these people that have gone
23 on. Thank you.

24 MS. O'NEIL: Thank you very much.

25 Has anybody changed their mind and

1 decided that they would like to say something
2 after all? Please.

3 MARGE FOSTER: Thank you. My name is
4 Marge Foster, and the plant has been a great part
5 of my life.

6 I had two brothers that worked as
7 millwrights; and I, myself, worked there for 15
8 years; and I had a sister who worked there and
9 died of a malignant brain tumor.

10 I started working there in '65 -- '63,
11 excuse me, and I worked on the component lines.
12 But I also became a steward and business
13 representative, and I spent a great deal of time
14 with people from Line 1, the AEC; and I can't
15 tell you how many funerals I've attended and how
16 many people that I've tried to help get
17 compensation for.

18 And I saw the memorial -- I don't know
19 how many of you have seen it, but it's
20 extraordinary, it's absolutely beautiful; and up
21 on the right-hand side, there's a list of people
22 that died out there and didn't work on AEC, and I
23 personally worked with all of them.

24 And I get a little emotional when I
25 think about it. I'm 79 years old, and I've been

1 communicating with these same people since 1963.

2 I, myself, was injured in an accident
3 out there, and I still have my four wounds, so
4 it's very, very important to me that we do a
5 thorough cleanup, please. We have had way too
6 many people that we've lost.

7 And Iowa is a beautiful state. I was
8 born and raised here, and it makes me very sad to
9 think that we've -- you can't have the best of
10 both worlds, but we have had a lot of people who
11 made a decent living there, and it's too bad that
12 we've lost so many because of contamination.

13 So let's clean it up, please, and do
14 it right, and leave it to the next generation in
15 a safe way.

16 Thank you.

17 MS. O'NEIL: Thank you very much.

18 Do we have anyone else?

19 Well, then, if anyone is interested,
20 we have folks who are willing to stay and
21 continue with the poster session and then do some
22 additional question and answering for you, if
23 you're interested.

24 So we'll just adjourn our meeting now,
25 and we thank you for coming. It's very important

1 to us to have the benefit of your input, and we
2 promise to make good use of it.

3 Thank you.

4 (End of public meeting, 6:40 p.m.)

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I, M. Jane Weingart, a Certified Shorthand Reporter of the State of Iowa, hereby certify that I acted as the reporter for the reporting of the proceedings of the public meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2011, and that I reported the proceedings in machine shorthand correctly and have had the same transcribed under my direction into typewriting; that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my shorthand notes so taken of all proceedings had.

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