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MR. GONZALEZ: Hi, folks. We'd like to get started now. So my name is Rafael Gonzales, and that's Chris Black, and we're both with the EPA out of the Land and Chemicals Division. He's the project manager. I'm out of the office of public affairs. And so we're here today, without being redundant, for the cleanup and the plan. We sort of broke this down into two sections really.

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Normally when we have a comment period such as what this normally would be, we would just take comments on what we're proposing. We thought we'd do something a little different because we haven't been out here in quite awhile, so Chris is going to do a presentation, a quick presentation, 20 minutes on the site itself. Okay. And then after that we'll take some Q and A for about 10 to 15 minutes. All right. Because that's not really the purpose of this meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to take comments on what we're proposing to do about the cleanup at the site. But you will have an opportunity to ask some -- ask questions after Chris does his presentation and just before we go into the comment period.

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Just a couple of little things. This whole

1 session will be recorded so we ask you to please  
2 speak so our recorder can hear you. If your name is  
3 not as simple as Smith, spell the name, you know,  
4 for us. We would appreciate that. If -- there's a  
5 sign-in sheet. If you haven't signed that, please  
6 sign that so let us know how you want us to contact  
7 you. A lot of people like to use their e-mails.  
8 That's real easy to do. Some people still like a  
9 phone call and what have you. So if you sign in, we  
10 would appreciate that.

11 You know, we handed out -- there are some fact  
12 sheets here, and there is one little issue with the  
13 fact sheet that makes it inaccurate. We just found  
14 out about this; Chris just found out yesterday. I  
15 just found out maybe 20 minutes ago when Chris  
16 informed me of it. But the fact sheet alludes to  
17 the fact that everyone is on city water when, in  
18 fact, everyone is not on city water. I believe  
19 there are four or five people out there.

20 And quite frankly, we have absolutely no idea  
21 who these people are. We don't know what's behind  
22 it, how long they have been, what the issues are,  
23 and until we find out and speak to these people and  
24 speak to other partners such as Department of Health  
25 and things of that nature, we're not going to be

1 prepared to speak to that. Okay. So going up front  
2 the fact sheet is incorrect. And we'll -- after we  
3 get the facts, we'll correct the fact sheet and you  
4 all will at least get some because we'll have some  
5 way of contacting you hopefully.

6 So what else?

7 MR. BLACK: Well, that the formal comment  
8 period's -- we're not responding, we're just sort of  
9 putting it in the record.

10 MR. GONZALEZ: Right. Right. The comment  
11 period we don't respond to your comments. You know,  
12 some people end up asking questions, and we'll hear  
13 you out out of politeness, but maybe sometimes we  
14 could turn that question into a comment by some  
15 change of the language. But we're just taking  
16 comments, and we won't -- during the comment period,  
17 we will not respond to your comment. But we will  
18 respond to the comments at the end of the comment  
19 period, and we'll respond in writing to your  
20 comments. We respond to every comment, whether we  
21 get 10 or 50 or 500. So it's the law anyway.

22 Okay. So let's see, did I -- well, you know,  
23 if we forget something, we'll just -- we'll just  
24 throw it in there. So with that, Chris, you're up,  
25 and I need to do something for you, right?

1 MR. BLACK: Yeah. Let's leave it on this one  
2 for a second.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: Okay.

4 MR. BLACK: I'm Chris Black. I'm the project  
5 manager here. So this is the Dana facility up on  
6 McCurry Road, used to be called Warner Electric, and  
7 the cleanup's done under RCRA, R-C-R-A. Part of  
8 RCRA is called corrective action. So I know there's  
9 a couple published reports that labeled it  
10 Superfund, so I contacted the newspaper back and  
11 asked them to do a correction.

12 So just to put it out there, this is a RCRA  
13 site. It's cleaned up under RCRA authority. So I  
14 wanted to emphasize that.

15 So I just put a little bit of a site history  
16 here. Hopefully everyone can see this. Just to run  
17 through briefly, early on the problem in the wells  
18 was discovered by the state water survey, and the  
19 Illinois EPA was looking at -- they're looking for  
20 nitrates from fertilizers in people's wells and it  
21 turned out they found chlorinated solids.

22 They said okay, that's a problem. Let's try to  
23 address it. It was first address in '84 through the  
24 Illinois EPA. The basic things that they had put  
25 into that order to be done is to get people a new

1 water supply, close the ponds or lagoons up at the  
2 plant, which were considered the source, and to do  
3 sampling.

4 Later on in 1989 the federal government got  
5 involved and we signed an order under RCRA, and  
6 that's the order that's currently in place.

7 Hi. Welcome. There's a few --

8 MR. WALLING: Didn't mean to interrupt your  
9 meeting.

10 MR. BLACK: We just got started. We've got a  
11 few fact sheets there if you want to check them out.  
12 There's a --

13 MR. GONZALEZ: Sign-in sheet.

14 MR. BLACK: -- sign-in sheet going around to  
15 take a look at. So again in '89 we got involved,  
16 kind of reupped having the water supply. The  
17 significant point there is the pump-and-treat system  
18 got put in place from that order. And there was  
19 wells and sampling required, what was termed plane  
20 of performance wells along Hononegah Road just north  
21 of Hononegah Country Estates.

22 The pump-and-treat system was developed,  
23 designed, and put into place around 1991. Okay.  
24 And that's been the ongoing remedy. Take  
25 groundwater out of the ground; treat it.

1           In 2003 there's a soil vapor study in some  
2 homes. We came out here, had similar sort of public  
3 comment session, and there's -- the results of the  
4 study was there's no health concerns. I think six  
5 or seven homes over the most concentrated areas of  
6 the plume were sampled.

7           MR. WALLING: Can we ask questions during this  
8 period?

9           MR. BLACK: No, we're going to reserve the  
10 questions towards the end.

11          MR. WALLING: Okay.

12          MR. BLACK: So that's kind of the Q and A  
13 session. Rafael is going to monitor that. And just  
14 as kind of a group here, we've got about 2005 to  
15 2008 there's been various groundwater soil and vapor  
16 studies being conducted at the site and downgradient  
17 from the site.

18          So what is it? We know the plant here. The  
19 plant has been closed since 2004. Dana is the owner  
20 currently, and this 1989 order is what's -- what  
21 they're under from U.S. EPA to clean up the  
22 contamination. So what is this stuff? What's the  
23 contamination? Basically solvents from metal  
24 fabrication. Where were they located? Either  
25 stored in tanks, lagoons we talked about that were

1 closed, or possibly some trenches.

2 Could you flip back a second?

3 MR. GONZALEZ: Sure.

4 MR. BLACK: And just to emphasize one of the  
5 main contaminants concerned is trichloroethylene,  
6 some of the degradation components, transient cis  
7 dichloroethene, too, but that's the main one we're  
8 looking at.

9 So here is just sort of a bigger map, comes  
10 from the first figure in the Statement of Basis just  
11 to give you kind of a little bit of an idea. Here's  
12 251 here north and south. Here's Hononegah Road. I  
13 guess Elevator Road over here. Here's the plant.  
14 Here's McCurry Road right here. Here's the Rock  
15 River.

16 So the contamination plume sourced here and  
17 extends, flows in the ground -- in the groundwater  
18 towards the Rock River. The pump-and-treat system  
19 is the existing cleanup or remediation system. The  
20 plane of performance wells I think are a little  
21 closer to there, I'm not sure that figure is quite  
22 correct, on Hononegah Road. That's the ones we were  
23 looking at currently, but we want to make a change  
24 to that.

25 Pump-and-treat system right now is housed in a

1 house on Edgemere Terrace down by the Rock River.  
2 So it's been taking the groundwater out of the  
3 ground since '91, doing its job. So you can advance  
4 on there, Rafael.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Yes.

6 MR. BLACK: So if you look inside the home, we  
7 have air stripping towers and treatment system here.  
8 So it's been operating since '91. In '91 the  
9 in-flow -- when you look at the permit for  
10 discharge, in-flow at that time was 284 micrograms  
11 per liter of TCE so that was the level when it  
12 began.

13 So it's been greatly reduced. The last monthly  
14 report from August shows the in-flow down to one  
15 micrograms per liter of TCE. So '91 to now we've  
16 had a great big reduction in the influent to the  
17 pump-and-treat system. So that level is below safe  
18 drinking water standards. The standard is five and  
19 we're at one here.

20 So this is an image taken from some slides that  
21 were presented to EPA, and just wanted to show you  
22 the changes. Here's approximately 1989, sometime  
23 before the pumping, showing the distribution or  
24 footprint of the plume. The outside color is not  
25 necessarily contamination, but anyplace where there

1 was a detect. The red here in the middle is the  
2 most concentrated, so blue is kind of in between.

3 Now, this is total volatile organic carbons,  
4 kind of a sum of all the contaminants. Again here's  
5 the Rock River. There's an aerial photo here in the  
6 background, Hononegah. Go back.

7 MR. GONZALEZ: Sorry.

8 MR. BLACK: All right.

9 MR. GONZALEZ: I've been fired from better  
10 jobs.

11 MR. BLACK: There's a -- here's the plant, 251,  
12 just to orient everybody. So before -- and here's  
13 approximately 2009 after. So this highest  
14 concentration has just been reduced to a little area  
15 by the plant. The blue area has shrunk greatly, and  
16 this is just sort of an artifact of all the  
17 contamination that's detected, kind of shrinking  
18 down. So before the pump-and-treat and after.  
19 We've had a big reduction in the plume in general.  
20 So it's been working.

21 So right now the idea is to change the focus  
22 from the pump-and-treat system down by the Rock  
23 River and focus the cleanup at the plant. So the  
24 focus is on higher concentrations of the  
25 contaminants at the plant, more like the source of

1 the material.

2 So solvents used at the plant are present in  
3 the soils and groundwater, and here is a part of the  
4 figure that shows us some of the groundwater  
5 results, or at least the highest area of  
6 concentration in part by the plant.

7 So right here in terms of the groundwater, one  
8 big aspect of it is the enhanced bioremediation. So  
9 this involves injection of sugar, iron, yeast and  
10 other amendments to help the microbes break down the  
11 chlorinated solids in the ground.

12 So these areas here are injection areas, these  
13 kind of hatched areas, so they start at the  
14 beginning of the contamination, and the groundwater  
15 is going to flow and combine this material with the  
16 existing microbial action and help break down the  
17 contaminants. So a pilot test here I believe in  
18 this area were successful, and it looked like that  
19 choice works.

20 So here's a shot of some of the injections that  
21 have been conducted at the plant, and basically it's  
22 just the hole filled in with concrete where the  
23 injection was completed.

24 The other thing at the plant is a soil vapor  
25 extraction system. So soil vapor from under the

1 floor is going to be withdrawn and cleaned, sucked  
2 out. There's going to be a blower in place that  
3 removes or creates a vacuum on the pipes, and the  
4 pipes go below the slab and take the vapor out. So  
5 the pilot test was successful, and this has operated  
6 full scale from May through August. Right now the  
7 blower's being refurbished.

8 So this is a figure. Without going into too  
9 much detail, you can see the circles indicate the  
10 areas where a hole through the floor is drilled and  
11 a pipe is attached, and that's how much zone of  
12 influence is drawn from the vacuum. So this whole  
13 area has taken the vapor from out from under the  
14 slab, putting it through a filter, cleaned up, back  
15 into the air.

16 So here's a shot of the SV system at the plant.  
17 You can see here the hole in the ground with the  
18 pipe in there. It's drawn back through these  
19 manifolds. You can't see it as much, but there's a  
20 blower here, kind of a tank that you get  
21 condensation and a carbon filter that goes back out.  
22 So this is in the plant itself. And I think there's  
23 three zones, areas that they concentrate on, and  
24 they sort of alternate between them.

25 So we had the planes of performance before that

1 was the wells on Hononegah Road for the  
2 pump-and-treat system. So the change in the remedy  
3 is to look at new planes of performance. The first  
4 one here is the building floor, and that's going to  
5 look at the soil vapor results up here till we reach  
6 success.

7 And the property boundary is the second point  
8 of compliance for the property boundary at the Dana  
9 facility here. And we look at the groundwater.  
10 That is non-potable groundwater numbers.

11 Down here are the wells south of the old  
12 pump-and-treat system. They're going to be compared  
13 to relevant numbers once this is shut off to make  
14 sure we've got a safe situation down there. So  
15 those are the main things. I mean phasing out the  
16 pump-and-treat system, going up towards the source  
17 of the contamination, doing the SVE vapor extraction  
18 and the bioremediation.

19 So there's other things that are relevant to  
20 this also. One is the long-term plan for  
21 groundwater is monitor natural attenuation. That is  
22 microbes in the ground and other attenuation  
23 processes to break this down. And the thought for  
24 there on the outside is about 20 years, could be  
25 less. Seep sampling along the Rock River. And

1 we've done one sampling already, and it's below  
2 surface, groundwater surface water interface  
3 numbers. And the thought is to do two more years  
4 with sampling when the river stays low enough to  
5 where it's actually seeping from the ground into the  
6 river.

7 Deed restrictions on the facility itself for  
8 groundwater use, land use, I think it's proposed  
9 commercial industrial; I think non-potable  
10 groundwater use and protection for construction  
11 workers if anybody goes there, digs a trench, have  
12 appropriate personal protection or measures,  
13 engineering measures in place to protect those  
14 folks.

15 Financial assurance. Currently the cost is  
16 estimated at \$992,000. And so you have a mechanism  
17 for that with the facility to ensure, you know, the  
18 money's in place.

19 So the next steps here is to collect all your  
20 comments, whether they're written, or we've got a  
21 stenographer here who's taking down all --  
22 everything we say. And that's your chance to  
23 participate in the process. So we'll reply to all  
24 relevant comments with a written response like  
25 Rafael was saying before. You have the next one?

1           So the next document we put out -- we put out  
2 the Statement of Basis, the proposed remedy. After  
3 the comment period we're going to do a final  
4 decision, response to comments. So we will have the  
5 final decision in it and the response to everyone's  
6 comments.

7           Once that's done, we'll negotiate an amended  
8 order or legal agreement with Dana in incorporating  
9 the changes. Dana's going to go ahead and implement  
10 the changes.

11           One thing that we had up just recently, and I  
12 put a little piece of paper with the web address out  
13 there, is some relevant documents online at EPA at  
14 this address. And there's a piece of paper over  
15 there that has that address. So it's not linked up  
16 here. I don't have the wifi.

17           So at this point the Q and A followed by the  
18 public comment.

19           MR. GONZALEZ: Yeah, right. So let's just --  
20 does anybody have any questions? Yes, sir.

21           MR. WALLING: Yeah, I live right behind the  
22 pumping house. Robert W-A-L-L-I-N-G. And I'd like  
23 to know if Dana's going to keep that pumping house  
24 up and what are we going to do with that pumping  
25 house?

1 MR. BLACK: I don't know what --

2 MR. WALLING: The maintenance on the outside of  
3 the pumping house is what I'm worried about.

4 MR. BLACK: That it will go derelict or  
5 something?

6 MR. WALLING: Well, it's got a broken window.  
7 Nobody's done anything about that. I haven't seen  
8 anybody over there for a while. I've been living  
9 there 30 years, and, you know, I've been in this  
10 thing since day one. We all have.

11 MR. BLACK: Well, I'm not sure about that  
12 exactly. I am assuming Dana will take the  
13 responsibility for the maintenance of that property.  
14 Right now it's used as a pump-and-treat system, and  
15 it's also sort of a backup plan if some of the wells  
16 don't meet the standards so it needs to be there for  
17 a little while. The long-term use of it, I'm not  
18 really sure.

19 MR. WALLING: We was assured at the time that  
20 they was going to keep up the maintenance on the  
21 outside of the building.

22 MR. BLACK: Okay.

23 MR. WALLING: And this is what we're worried  
24 about is if they don't keep up the maintenance, and  
25 it goes down, you know, the maintenance on the

1 outside of the building goes down, that's going to  
2 tear everything else down.

3 MR. BLACK: I see. So you're worried about  
4 that?

5 MR. WALLING: Right. Then also, the other  
6 question is is this going to have -- with you moving  
7 this over there, is this going to have anything to  
8 do with changing any agreement that we have with  
9 Dana prior to this such as they're paying for our  
10 water? In other words, our water bills, things like  
11 this? Because when you people get out, we have  
12 nobody to contact, nobody to go thump on the head or  
13 anything like that to put any pressure on. Now, I  
14 don't know how many people in this room was in the  
15 lawsuit from the beginning, but I know there's  
16 three, four for sure. But through this lawsuit and  
17 everything, Dana has been paying for our water.

18 MR. BLACK: Right.

19 MR. WALLING: And I -- and of course as soon as  
20 we move, this gets terminated, we understand that,  
21 if we no longer live there. But I want to make sure  
22 that when you people leave, all of a sudden they  
23 throw their hands up in the air and say, well, we're  
24 done with everything there now, any type of  
25 agreements that we had personally, you know, with

1           you people. Is anybody from Dana here?

2           MR. GONZALEZ: Anybody from Dana here? There  
3           he is.

4           MR. RENBERG: Yes. Paul Renberg. I'm with  
5           Dana. I'm legal counsel with Dana as well as the  
6           director of their environmental program. And as you  
7           know, Dana went through the bankruptcy process in  
8           2006, and we elected -- we could have waived the  
9           agreement at that time. We elected to continue the  
10          payments as part of this process, and we recognize  
11          it as a responsibility to go forward. We have  
12          never -- have we ever changed the payment process on  
13          you?

14          MR. WALLING: Every now and then we have to  
15          call and make sure they're still paying.

16          MR. RENBERG: Some of that's administrative  
17          when we change process or change people. We had a  
18          person who got involved in the process who didn't  
19          know what he was doing and stopped the process.  
20          That happens occasionally. And as soon as we  
21          discovered what happened, we rectified the  
22          situation. So Dana has no intention of stopping the  
23          water payments.

24          We have a company that maintains that house.  
25          It does get vandalized from time to time. People

1 know it's a vacant building. A BB gun is a favorite  
2 target I think of that building.

3 MR. WALLING: This one looked like a rock.

4 MR. RENBERG: Yeah, again we have a person in  
5 there periodically who maintains that system. So we  
6 do have someone in that building fairly regularly.  
7 So if it's something that's known, you know, we have  
8 a contact locally who can be called, and as soon as  
9 there is an issue with that building, let us know.

10 MR. WALLING: Can we get a contact number?

11 MR. RENBERG: Sure. Yeah.

12 MR. LOOMIS: Also I would like to ask the guy  
13 something. My name is Don Loomis. I live in  
14 Edgemere Terrace. And, you know, I'll keep this  
15 here place. It's got weeds growing up. The bottom  
16 -- I mow my bottom. I'm right next to the house. I  
17 mow mine. You're in a subdivision. You should be  
18 mowing the bottom and everything else, not just the  
19 place up around the building.

20 MR. RENBERG: I'd have -- I don't know what  
21 you're talking about. I'm not sure --

22 MR. LOOMIS: But this here is a lot of -- I get  
23 hay fever and that there, and it should be mowed.

24 MR. RENBERG: Is that the area down to the  
25 east?

1 MR. LOOMIS: Right down to the bottom where  
2 they've got the well through, yes.

3 MR. RENBERG: Okay. Okay.

4 MR. LOOMIS: And that should be cleaned up.

5 MR. RENBERG: Sure.

6 MR. LOOMIS: And I keep mine clean, and they've  
7 got weeds growing on the top in their yards and the  
8 flower beds they've got; weeds about six feet tall.

9 MR. RENBERG: Okay.

10 MR. LOOMIS: And we need to clean this here up,  
11 like Bob was saying. The outside of the building  
12 looks tacky. They need the sheriff out there, get a  
13 camera up and get some pictures taken of who's doing  
14 this. You know --

15 MR. RENBERG: Okay.

16 MR. LOOMIS: -- it don't cost that much for a  
17 camera.

18 MR. RENBERG: Well, again it's a situation  
19 where unfortunately no one is there when that  
20 happens.

21 MR. LOOMIS: Yeah, but we was guaranteed they  
22 was going to keep it up. We was guaranteed.

23 MR. RENBERG: Okay.

24 MR. BLACK: Did that answer your question?

25 MR. WALLING: As soon as I get the contact

1 number, then I'll be happy.

2 MR. BLACK: Okay.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: Okay. So when are you going to  
4 provide the contact number?

5 MR. RENBERG: I can provide it as soon as this  
6 meeting is over.

7 MR. GONZALEZ: All right. Thank you.

8 MR. RENBERG: Sure.

9 MR. GONZALEZ: After the meeting we'll give you  
10 the contact number. Yes, ma'am.

11 MS. ATKINS: My name is Sharon Atkins. I used  
12 to live in the home that was connecting in the back  
13 just by about ten feet. When this first came up and  
14 the book we went through at the library was about  
15 this thick, there was one question that no one ever  
16 seemed to answer for us, and that was when the  
17 pumping station took place, and when they were going  
18 to pump it out of the groundwater, they had to get a  
19 special air permit. And my concern when I had small  
20 children was that, all right, are we pumping it out  
21 of the water so it's, you know -- that's an easy way  
22 to detect something, and we're putting it in the air  
23 and that's a more difficult way to detect it?

24 It's always been a concern. It's never been  
25 addressed. And my concern, and I'll till my dying

1 day keep asking the question, has anything been  
2 monitoring the air? And what assurances do we have  
3 that the people who live there at the time, we no  
4 longer do, but the people who live there and the  
5 people who still continue to, what was going on with  
6 the air quality?

7 MR. BLACK: Well, the -- there's an air  
8 stripper within the tower which bubbles up and  
9 basically takes the compounds out of the water  
10 solution into the air, and that's put through a  
11 carbon scrubber. As I understand it the Illinois  
12 EPA permits what's released from there, and the  
13 Illinois EPA permits the discharge into the creek  
14 that goes to the Rock River. So both those undergo  
15 a treatment process before they're released, and  
16 they're regulated by the state.

17 So if you need more information about that or a  
18 state contact number, I can provide that.

19 MR. GONZALEZ: Is there anyone here from the  
20 IEPA? No? So --

21 MR. BLACK: From the Rockford office?

22 MS. ATKINS: How often would that have been  
23 monitored? I've never heard.

24 MR. BLACK: I'm not sure. I can get back to  
25 you about that.

1 MS. ATKINS: Okay. Yes.

2 MR. MIGLIORE: Nick Migliore, M-I-G-L-I-O-R-E.

3 Since we have a problem with the -- The vapor is  
4 what I'm concerned with. My house is between the  
5 well and the Rock River, and I tested out at 5,000  
6 parts per million at the worst contamination back  
7 ten years ago when they were taking the tests.

8 MR. BLACK: Okay.

9 MR. MIGLIORE: Now, you know, vapors come up  
10 from contaminated sites. My house is right in the  
11 middle of the worst of the plume in our subdivision.  
12 I'm right next to them. I'm on the river. I have a  
13 well on my property, one a hand pump well. That  
14 hand pump well is for emergencies, things of that  
15 nature, which I haven't been able to use. I would  
16 only be satisfied when they test that well to see if  
17 there's any contaminants on my property.

18 Although you're up there right now  
19 concentrating on the factory site, I need to know  
20 about my site. And also since I was the worst  
21 contaminated, if there's any fumes coming up,  
22 certainly going to come up in my house, and I need  
23 to know that. I need someone to check it out  
24 because that would then relieve my conscience of the  
25 situation.

1 MR. BLACK: Well, in the 2003 study the focus  
2 was trying to get in and sample over the worst part  
3 of the plume. And there was cross-sectional  
4 groundwater samples taken to try to go at a  
5 perpendicular to the plume and see where that is.  
6 Then people were asked over the plume if they wanted  
7 us to come in to take vapor sampling. So at that  
8 time there was I think six homes chosen, and then  
9 those were sampled and those came up clean with  
10 acceptable levels.

11 MR. MIGLIORE: Were they in the plume?

12 MR. BLACK: They were over the plume.

13 MR. MIGLIORE: Over the plume. We were -- Our  
14 problem is that we were 5,000 parts per million and  
15 no one around -- I was then on the river, and nobody  
16 is near my -- my -- those parts per million. About  
17 300 or 400 parts per million, in that range, but  
18 ours was really bad. And, you know, after all these  
19 years and we're trying to rectify this, I'd like to  
20 see a test on the water under my property, and to  
21 find out if there's any gases coming in my house.  
22 Otherwise I would have no objection to what you're  
23 doing at all. I think it's fine.

24 MR. BLACK: I think with the study we try to  
25 get a representative sample of the worst case

1 scenario.

2 MR. MIGLIORE: But you never were at my house.

3 MR. BLACK: We were not at your house.

4 MR. MIGLIORE: And I offered to Dana  
5 Corporation when he called me and asked permission  
6 to come on my property to test my well; never did,  
7 didn't even mention it to the health department. He  
8 sent them down the river someplace. Well, you know  
9 what, that plume is very small, and if you check the  
10 river down five houses from me, it never was  
11 contaminated down there. The springs are coming out  
12 in the water but there never was any contamination  
13 down there. The old Atwood house only had one part  
14 per million when I was 5,000 parts per million and  
15 that was four houses away. So that's why I'm  
16 concerned.

17 MR. BLACK: Well, you can contact me and I can  
18 see what I can do.

19 MR. MIGLIORE: Okay.

20 MR. WALLING: When did they contact these  
21 people to find out if they could come into their  
22 house and take the survey?

23 MR. BLACK: Well, the process happened in  
24 2000 -- late 2002, early 2003. We were out here I  
25 think after the groundwater samples were taken, and

1 I think we were in the library for a session, and we  
2 were at the middle school to talk about that, and  
3 there was a few folks there. So it was in that time  
4 frame when that was done. Was that the question?  
5 Like when --

6 MR. WALLING: Yeah, I was not contacted.

7 MR. GONZALEZ: Was it a random selection of  
8 houses?

9 MR. WALLING: I live just in front of Nick on  
10 the next -- on the next street over.

11 MR. BLACK: Well, it could be that it -- when  
12 the groundwater sampling was conducted that it  
13 wasn't over the highest concentration and perhaps  
14 that's why you weren't contacted. I don't know.

15 MR. LOOMIS: I live right next -- on the other  
16 side of the street from Nick there, and I'm in that  
17 plume, too, and nobody came and asked me to put a  
18 tester or check my levels of argon gas coming out.

19 MR. BLACK: The vapor.

20 MR. LOOMIS: The vapor. Nobody contacted me on  
21 it. I don't know -- and what houses are doing this  
22 now?

23 MR. BLACK: Well, I think there is a map  
24 within -- I don't know if it's in the Statement of  
25 Basis, but probably within the reports that indicate

1 the home locations.

2 MR. LOOMIS: That's in this report?

3 MR. BLACK: I think I've got one on the slides.

4 Rafael, if you go --

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Go back?

6 MR. BLACK: I've got extra slides at the end.

7 MR. GONZALEZ: Oh, at the end beyond this?

8 MR. BLACK: Yeah, beyond this is a series of  
9 slides.

10 MR. GONZALEZ: Okay.

11 MR. BLACK: You know, without giving people's  
12 addresses, we can just see like the general  
13 location.

14 MR. LOOMIS: Yeah. Yeah.

15 MR. BLACK: Because it's part of the  
16 administrative record.

17 MR. GONZALEZ: Is it this one?

18 MR. BLACK: Keep on clicking. Keep on  
19 clicking. Right there. So this is a slide, and the  
20 white numbers with circles is indoor air sample  
21 location. So the way the process went was that  
22 these are the cross-sectional wells that try to  
23 figure out where the highest concentration was, and  
24 these are some of the places that got sampled.

25 MR. LOOMIS: Well, we're right in that area.

1 MR. BLACK: In this part here?

2 MR. LOOMIS: Yep. I'm right next to the well  
3 and Nick is right across from it, and he's right --  
4 his house is right in front.

5 MR. BLACK: You're down here Don, right?

6 MR. LOOMIS: Yeah.

7 MR. BLACK: Yeah.

8 MR. WALLING: Number six.

9 MR. GONZALEZ: Chris, what was the selection  
10 process for who gets tested and what doesn't?

11 MR. BLACK: I have to go back and look at the  
12 2003 report. I mean I know there was a series of  
13 steps taken. First was the groundwater sample, then  
14 finding out where the worst --

15 MR. GONZALEZ: I can understand their question  
16 if they were testing these guys right over it, how  
17 come they got missed.

18 MS. ATKINS: Mr. Black.

19 MR. BLACK: Yes.

20 MS. ATKINS: I think one of the reasons many of  
21 us are very skeptical is because when this initially  
22 happened and we went to the health department to  
23 talk about our concerns about the home being built,  
24 we were told that 200 people in this subdivision had  
25 gotten notified of what was going to take place, and

1 actually only people whose property had touched  
2 where this proposed pumping station was going to be  
3 had actually been notified. So when you're told  
4 that everyone -- and we were basically considered  
5 the few radicals who were there complaining, when it  
6 was only us and through word of mouth that other  
7 people were notified. So that's where the -- the  
8 concerns about how are things done, and it starts to  
9 make you a little bit, you know, cynical maybe and  
10 skeptical of what's being presented.

11 MR. BLACK: Right. Okay. Thank you. So any  
12 other questions?

13 MR. LOOMIS: Yeah, I have one more.

14 MR. BLACK: Sure.

15 MR. LOOMIS: Why -- why didn't they have one  
16 down closer to the river like where Nick's at? Or  
17 really where it's really polluted there, you know.

18 MR. BLACK: Well, there's a series of wells  
19 that are proposed to be installed or --

20 MR. LOOMIS: Well, yeah, I've got two on my  
21 property. I just wondered why it wasn't a check in  
22 one of the -- somebody else's house closer to the --

23 MR. BLACK: Well, this is a public right-of-way  
24 where access to wells is straight forward. Between  
25 here and I guess this is considered Moorehaven,

1 maybe not anymore.

2 MR. LOOMIS: Yeah.

3 MR. BLACK: But on this side of the river is  
4 this folks' property, and getting access to that and  
5 drilling on that slope, it's not an easy task. So  
6 what -- what we decided to do is to put wells here  
7 and sample the seeps coming out of the groundwater  
8 there.

9 MR. LOOMIS: Now, why can't you get wells  
10 across the street from me in on that side?

11 MR. BLACK: On the other side of the street?

12 MR. LOOMIS: Yeah.

13 MR. BLACK: We feel it's a representative  
14 sample.

15 MR. LOOMIS: Because -- Because the posts, the  
16 line property where the county and the property  
17 goes, the telephone posts, you've got enough flat  
18 place to get in there.

19 MR. BLACK: We feel we have adequate coverage  
20 in that area.

21 MR. WALLING: One last question I have. How  
22 come some people were notified by mail and other  
23 people wasn't notified of this meeting at all?

24 MR. BLACK: The way I developed the mailing  
25 list was anybody who ever contacted me in my file,

1 that's who I notified. That's people who had  
2 sampling done for the seeps, people who had indoor  
3 air sampling, people who just called like Don, Ed  
4 was, everyone --

5 MR. LOOMIS: I got a letter.

6 MR. BLACK: What's that?

7 MR. LOOMIS: I got a letter.

8 MR. BLACK: You got a letter, right, because  
9 I'm familiar with him and I notified him. So it was  
10 a process of me going through my file and who's ever  
11 shown interest, then I put it out there. On top of  
12 that, we had the ad in the paper, and Register Star,  
13 then we had two different radio stations with  
14 multiple announcements. So we tried to -- that was  
15 our way to get the message out. So that was it.

16 MS. ATKINS: Your indoor air samples in 2003,  
17 I'm assuming that the yellow graphs here are telling  
18 us what the results are? And you said you did  
19 testing at the plant? Were those also of air  
20 samples and what were the results of those?

21 MR. BLACK: Well, what was your first question?  
22 The yellow --

23 MS. ATKINS: Well, you're saying you did -- in  
24 2003 was the last data that you gave us as far as  
25 indoor air samples. I'm not sure if I understood

1           what the results of those indoor air samples were,  
2           if you've got anything that's more recent; and if  
3           you have indoor air samples at the site of the  
4           Warner plant and as opposed to maybe more current  
5           data now so we can know what the air samples -- my  
6           concern is the air quality.

7           MR. BLACK: The residential sampling was in  
8           2003. Since that time, like I was showing before,  
9           the pump-and-treat system, what's coming into it has  
10          been going down. So there wasn't a health risk seen  
11          in the 2003, and the groundwater level has been  
12          going down. So we do not have any residential soil  
13          vapor results. But we anticipate if you did sample,  
14          it would probably be less because the source is  
15          going down.

16          At the plant itself, there's been soil vapor  
17          samples taken before the pilot study, and that is  
18          sub slab, below the slab, and in the indoor air.

19          MR. GONZALEZ: Chris, share -- share with us --  
20          you have a web page over there. Share with us what  
21          they could find on the web page.

22          MR. BLACK: Yeah. They're putting -- there's a  
23          report here in the library that was a submittal from  
24          Dana from their consultants that has a nice  
25          appendices which has a series of documents about the

1 site. One of them is the 2003 soil vapor results.  
2 That's being .pdf'd and it will be put up on our EPA  
3 website. So if you look -- scroll through the end  
4 of the report, you'll see that information.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Any other questions?

6 MS. PETTY: Susan Petty. Did the IEPA know  
7 about tonight's meeting?

8 MR. BLACK: Yes, they were mailed and  
9 contacted, yes.

10 MR. GONZALEZ: I thought they mentioned they  
11 were going to send someone.

12 MR. BLACK: They did. They sent an e-mail.

13 MR. GONZALEZ: Okay.

14 MR. BLACK: Ted McCann.

15 MR. GONZALEZ: I was talking about a person, a  
16 human being at the meeting.

17 MR. BLACK: Yeah. So North Park Water  
18 District, Illinois Department of Public Health,  
19 IEPA, you know, the village, township.

20 MS. PETTY: Well, the chairman of the IEPA  
21 lives in South Beloit, doesn't he? Well, he does.  
22 Subdivisions. Doug Scott.

23 MR. GONZALEZ: You know a lot more than we do.

24 MS. PETTY: Yeah, he doesn't live far from  
25 here.

1 MR. GONZALEZ: Well, if you have any more  
2 questions? If we don't have any more questions,  
3 we're going to conclude this section and go on to  
4 the comment period. So does anyone have any  
5 questions? Okay. So let's move on then. Does  
6 anyone have any questions on what the remedy is? On  
7 the remedy? Any comments, rather, not questions?  
8 Comments. Comment, right?

9 MS. ATKINS: Comment. Yes, I'm hoping that  
10 this system --

11 MR. GONZALEZ: Give us your name.

12 MS. ATKINS: I'm sorry, Sharon Atkins. I'm  
13 hoping that this system has been previously tested  
14 and that you have proven results from this -- from  
15 this system so that it's not an experimental system.

16 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

17 MR. BLACK: I can follow up on that.

18 MR. GONZALEZ: No. Not -- it's too late now.

19 MR. BLACK: All right.

20 MR. GONZALEZ: Anybody else? Comment. Yes,  
21 sir. Right here.

22 MR. DONAHUE: My name is John Donahue. I'm the  
23 general manager for the North Park Public Water  
24 District located in Machesney Park, Illinois. And  
25 the district is the supplier of potable public water

1 for most of the residents affected by the VOC  
2 contamination resulting from the Dana Corporation  
3 manufacturing process.

4 And the district applauds the efforts of the  
5 agency to mitigate this contamination and generally  
6 doesn't -- does not oppose the proposed action plan,  
7 with one exception.

8 Within the body of the notice of the proposed  
9 changes to the cleanup plan under the health risks  
10 from the site section, they state that groundwater  
11 that starts in the site and flows underneath  
12 residential areas on its way to the Rock River  
13 remains contaminated with volatile organic  
14 chemicals. But residents of Hononegah and  
15 Moorehaven subdivisions and businesses in the area  
16 get their drinking water from the North Park Public  
17 Water District, which is not affected by the Dana  
18 pollutants, so people are not exposed to health  
19 risks.

20 The district takes no position regarding the  
21 statement other than to advise the agency that all  
22 the residents in the affected area have not been  
23 connected to the public water supply. According to  
24 district records, between five and ten residential  
25 private wells are still being used for potable

1 purposes depending on where the plume line is drawn.

2 Should the agency continue with its proposed  
3 plan to discontinue operation of the water treatment  
4 system that has been effectively mitigating the VOC  
5 contamination, it's possible elevated levels of VOCs  
6 could return to these remaining residential wells  
7 and potentially increase the health risk to those  
8 users.

9 In order to continue with the proposed changes  
10 to the cleanup plan, the district suggests the  
11 agency consider working with these remaining  
12 residents to require them to connect to the public  
13 water supply which is currently adjacent to their  
14 home and properly seal and abandon their private  
15 wells.

16 This action will guarantee none of the  
17 residents in the affected area are using water that  
18 could be impacted by the agency's decision to modify  
19 its cleanup plan. Thank you.

20 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you. Your comments will  
21 be responded to in writing so you'll have this.  
22 Anybody else? Any other comments on the remedy?  
23 None? You can also write them in, and you can  
24 e-mail them in also. The last day is midnight, the  
25 30th of September, so if you have a comment, we'd

1 love to hear it really.

2 We've heard some excellent comments tonight,  
3 and questions, and we can see we still have some  
4 homework to do.

5 So with that, if there aren't any other  
6 comments, this meeting is officially closed. Thank  
7 you so much for coming.

8 (Proceedings ended at 6:17 p.m.)

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