

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN RE: INLINE FOREST PRODUCTS
620 HOOD ROAD
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

* ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT
AIR EMISSIONS EQUIPMENT
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1 (ATTACHMENT 1 MARKED)

2 MR. HARRY WILSON: All right. I've
3 got a little after 7:00 p.m., so, ladies and
4 gentlemen, I'm going to go ahead and begin
5 this public hearing. My name is Harry Wilson,
6 and I'm chief of the Environmental Permits
7 Division within the Mississippi Department of
8 Environmental Quality.

9 This hearing by the Department of
10 Environmental Quality regards the proposed
11 issuance of a permit for construction of air
12 emissions equipment at Inline Forest Products
13 at a proposed site at 620 Hood Road in
14 Hattiesburg. This hearing is to receive your
15 comments on the facility and related
16 permitting issues.

17 This hearing follows a comprehensive
18 review by staff engineers, and at the table
19 with me tonight is Mr. Scott Hodges, chief of
20 the Timber and Wood Permitting Branch, and his
21 staff, Ms. Krista Caron. Mr. Hodges and his
22 staff have reviewed the permit application and
23 have participated in the review of the
24 environmental matters related to that
25 application.

1 The decisions in these matters,
2 however, will be made by the Environmental
3 Quality Permit Board. The Environmental
4 Quality Permit Board is created by Mississippi
5 law for the purposes of issuing or denying,
6 under such conditions and limitations as it
7 may prescribe, environmental protection
8 permits and coverages to control or prevent
9 the release of contaminants into the air and
10 the waters of the state. The composition of
11 the Permit Board is established by statute,
12 and that statute identifies the heads of a
13 number of state agencies which have interest
14 in environmental matters of the state. I will
15 not take the time to identify them now.
16 However, at the end of the hearing, if you
17 wish, I will do so then.

18 As this hearing begins tonight,
19 Mr. Hodges will briefly describe the proposed
20 permit application. And after his
21 presentation, we will begin receiving your
22 comments.

23 Scott.

24 MR. SCOTT HODGES: Good evening.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

1 MR. SCOTT HODGES: Inline Forest
2 Products, Incorporated, has submitted an
3 application for a permit to construct air
4 emissions equipment to the Department of
5 Environmental Quality. The application is for
6 construction of equipment at the Inline Forest
7 Products site located at 620 Hood Road in
8 Hattiesburg, Mississippi. As designed, the
9 facility will have the potential to emit air
10 pollutants which would be considered a major
11 source of air emissions as defined by the
12 Mississippi Air Emission Air Permit
13 Regulations APC-S-6.

14 The Department staff has reviewed the
15 application for technical acceptability and
16 now presents the application and the draft
17 permit publicly to receive and review your
18 comments prior to establishing a final
19 recommendation regarding issuance of the
20 permit.

21 The applicant has proposed to
22 construct log debarking and log fumigation
23 operations which would allow them to debark
24 and treat whole pine logs to standards
25 required by the United States Department of

1 Agriculture necessary for export. Whole
2 pine logs will be brought on-site where they
3 will be debarked, then placed into an
4 enclosure and fumigated using methyl bromide.
5 The fumigation process is performed by the
6 applicant under supervision and in accordance
7 with United States Department of Agriculture
8 chemical treatment guidelines. Once the logs
9 have been fumigated as required by the USDA,
10 the fumigation chamber will be vented to the
11 atmosphere through an air emissions stack.

12 As part of the application review
13 process, the applicant was required to
14 demonstrate through air dispersion modeling
15 that the fumigation operation would be
16 designed, constructed, and operated such that
17 the emissions of air toxics will not result in
18 local air pollutant concentrations which would
19 adversely affect human health and well-being
20 or unreasonably and adversely affect plant or
21 animal life beyond the boundary -- facility
22 boundaries. The Department staff has placed
23 restrictions on the design and the operation
24 of the facility in the draft permit to ensure
25 that the permittee will meet the requirements

1 of the regulations.

2 In conclusion, the Department staff
3 has reviewed the application and, after
4 consideration of the information presented,
5 has concluded that, with proper constraints
6 and limitations which are included in the
7 draft permit, the facility can operate within
8 all state and federal environmental laws and
9 regulations. However, all concerns and issues
10 presented tonight or during the comment period
11 which will -- will be considered to ensure
12 that all relevant issues have been properly
13 and adequately examined. At such time as the
14 Department staff has evaluated the issues
15 presented, the staff will form a final
16 recommendation concerning the issuance of the
17 permit and present such recommendation to the
18 Permit Board for their consideration. Thank
19 you.

20 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, Scott.

21 We're now ready to receive your
22 comments. And because many people may wish to
23 comment, we ask that you keep your comments
24 focused on environmental issues, since that's
25 the subject of this hearing. We will take

1 comments in the order that you registered, and
2 we'll first take comments from those -- from
3 those individuals that indicated they'd like
4 to make a comment tonight on their
5 registration forms. After that, we'll receive
6 comments from anyone who wishes to comment
7 that has not already done so. And finally,
8 we'll open the floor up to anyone that might
9 like to make additional comments.

10 We want to make it again clear that
11 all comments, concerns, and questions will be
12 thoroughly evaluated by the staff prior to the
13 staff making its final recommendation to the
14 Environmental Quality Permit Board.

15 It is very important to remember that
16 we're establishing a hearing record tonight,
17 and that record will be presented to the State
18 Environmental Permit Board. For your views
19 and comments to be considered by the Board,
20 it's necessary that you make your comment at a
21 microphone, so that it can be properly
22 recorded by our court reporter and presented
23 to the Board.

24 With that, we'll begin taking
25 comments. The first card that I have is

1 Frankie Benton, Sr.

2 MR. FRANKIE BENTON, SR.: Am I
3 supposed to stand here?

4 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, sir. Just --
5 into the microphone, so that the court
6 reporter can hear you.

7 MR. FRANKIE BENTON, SR.: My
8 question --

9 COURT REPORTER: We need to turn on
10 the microphone.

11 MR. FRANKIE BENTON, SR.: Y'all
12 can --

13 MR. HARRY WILSON: Okay.

14 COURT REPORTER: But I can't get you,
15 sir. Hang on one second.

16 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, sir. Let me
17 turn that microphone on for you. One second.

18 (MR. SCOTT HODGES TURNS ON
19 MICROPHONE)

20 MR. SCOTT HODGES: There you go.

21 MR. FRANKIE BENTON, SR.: All right.
22 Thank you.

23 MR. SCOTT HODGES: Um-hum.

24 (Affirmative)

25 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thanks, Scott.

1 MR. FRANKIE BENTON, SR.: I was
2 going to ask the question, since they say
3 "aerated," that means it's put up in the air,
4 it goes away, so I understand that, and if I'm
5 wrong, I want them to tell me. I worked at
6 Dixie Pine in 1952. They said the same thing
7 about Dixie Pine. I'm one of the few that got
8 out of it. Stayed in the infirmary five
9 weeks, and my body looked like water was under
10 my skin. The other fellows died. I stayed
11 there and I lived. That's the reason I never
12 worked at Hercules, and I was offered jobs
13 there.

14 But this thing of saying it won't do
15 nothing, forget that. They know it will do
16 something. They said the same thing at Dixie
17 Pine, "The air, it get in the air. It get in
18 the air." But that morning when it got in the
19 air, it liked to have killed us. So it got
20 loose someway. They had it confined for a
21 while, but it got loose. When it got loose
22 that morning, everybody was falling out like
23 flies.

24 So what are -- what are you going to
25 do that's going to make us secure and say that

1 this won't ever happen? I don't think you can
2 do that. If this poison to spray for
3 mosquitoes -- and Mr. Jimmy just made a good
4 point -- and that -- and they quit letting
5 them spray for mosquitoes, what you think this
6 will do? It's more potent than mosquito
7 spray. See?

8 So I don't want to be the one to fall
9 for the okey-dokey here. I want -- I want
10 them to show me something. And I think
11 everybody in here ought to have the same
12 understanding. Don't fall for the okey-dokey,
13 because they say one thing, and once you get
14 it and they okay it, that's it. So let's
15 don't fall for that. Thank you.

16 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

17 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, sir.

18 Ms. Laia Harper, Loria Harper? Is
19 there a Loria Harper?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 MR. HARRY WILSON: I'll put her card
22 toward the end. Okay.

23 Mr. John Brown, Jr.

24 MR. JOHN BROWN, JR.: Good evening.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

1 MR. JOHN BROWN, JR.: On behalf of
2 the mayor, we had several questions and -- and
3 we had a letter officially submitted to
4 Mr. Scott Hodges, and I wanted to read that on
5 behalf of the mayor and submit that as part of
6 the items that we'll go for.

7 Personally, like I said outside, I'm
8 against it. I don't want to bring nothing
9 else. If we can -- if we can help it, let's
10 help it. That's -- let's do -- let's do what
11 we -- that's as a citizen John Brown, so I'm
12 going to officially read the letter now on
13 behalf of the mayor.

14 "The City of Hattiesburg is
15 necessarily concerned with the health and
16 safety of its citizens. The permitting of
17 Inline Forest Products is certainly an issue
18 that raises some concerns regarding the
19 potential effects on both our citizens and
20 environment. Having reviewed the information
21 regarding this permit, the City has several
22 concerns or questions.

23 "Is the debarking or the fumigation
24 process employed in this instance standard
25 industry practice?

1 "Who and how often will Inline be
2 monitored for compliance with emission levels
3 approved in the permit?

4 "What kind of odor will be associated
5 with this process?

6 "What standard emission levels are
7 established by methyl bromide?

8 "What is the potential of leakage
9 onto and into the soil during the process?

10 "Will there be any discharge
11 associated with this process, and, if so, is
12 there any pretreatment for such waste?

13 "Can process" -- "can process exhaust
14 fan rate data be captured and saved in order
15 to monitor the extent to which the permitted
16 exhaust amounts are not exceeded?

17 "Resulting from our initial review,
18 listed above are just some questions that
19 concern us.

20 "Further, the City strongly
21 recommends an alternative method for storing
22 and applying methyl bromide in which the
23 products are completely enclosed in either a
24 container or structure. The use of a tarp or
25 sandbags does not provide the assurance that

1 leakage, seepage, and other otherwise breach
2 of containment will not occur. Finally, the
3 City would request drawings and site plans
4 that give a clear indication of the actual
5 spatial location of and dimensions of the
6 treatment sites.

7 "As this process proceeds, there are
8 likely to be additional questions. Other
9 matters related" -- "related to zoning and
10 location are under the City's purview and
11 outside the scope of MDEQ's permitting
12 process. Notwithstanding, the effects of the
13 quality of life and the integrity of the
14 surrounding community and residents are our
15 primary concern.

16 "Please apprise the City of the next
17 steps in the permitting process. We cur-" --
18 "we certainly welcome the opportunity to
19 submit additional questions and concerns as we
20 learn more details about this industry. We
21 look forward to your response and should
22 have" -- "we look forward to your response,
23 and should have" -- "you have any questions,
24 please give me a call at" the City Hall
25 number. Signed, Mayor Johnny L. DuPree, Mayor

1 of the City of Hattiesburg.

2 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you. Thank
3 you, Mr. Brown. Thank you.

4 (ATTACHMENT 2 MARKED)

5 MR. HARRY WILSON: Lillie Easton.

6 MS. LILLIE EASTON: I don't know if I
7 should be talking to you guys or you-all.

8 I am Lillie Easton. I'm a resident
9 of Palmers. I was born and raised here. I'm
10 also the president of the Concerned Citizens,
11 and when we heard about what was going on, we
12 were told that we had until March the 8th to
13 present any comments that we had in writing.
14 So I talked to Mr. Scott, and we mailed in a
15 petition with over 200 names on it.

16 I've heard what Mr. Brown said about
17 what the mayor wants to know about the
18 different things as far as the facility goes,
19 but the way the Concerned Citizens feels about
20 it is that we have been -- we are in an area
21 that has always had things put on us. Like
22 they say, as long as I can remember, this wood
23 place has been down here. As a result of it,
24 not only what -- the people have problems
25 physically from it, but we've had the smell.

1 We've had the smell of Marshall Durbin, now we
2 have USA Yeast down here, and all these smells
3 get together.

4 We have our school where our children
5 are which is less than a mile from it. And I
6 know that there are precautions that you can
7 take to keep things from happening. But if a
8 nuclear plant can have accidents, accidents
9 can happen anywhere. And we don't want an
10 accident happening in our community and
11 affecting our citizens, whether they are
12 young, middle-aged, or old. So on behalf of
13 the Concerned Citizens, we say we don't want
14 it here. Thank you.

15 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

16 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you,
17 Ms. Easton.

18 Sharon Dumas.

19 MS. SHARON DUMAS: Hi.

20 MR. HARRY WILSON: Hey. How are you?

21 MS. SHARON DUMAS: I'm going to stand
22 so you can see me and everybody else can see
23 me --

24 MR. HARRY WILSON: Okay.

25 MS. SHARON DUMAS: -- because I want

1 this to be heard.

2 I'm Sharon Dumas, and I stay at 211
3 Taylor Avenue, right around the corner,
4 probably not half a mile from this plant.

5 My concern -- everybody is talking
6 about making a penny, chemicals in the air.
7 My concern is -- yeah, it's chemicals in the
8 air. My concern is at Earl Travillion as
9 well -- my children, our children, my mother,
10 my brother, and my sisters, and myself. My
11 son right now have too much health problem now
12 for this to come down here.

13 And like I said outside, I said over
14 there, I say it to them, I don't want it here.
15 And if I have to walk to stop this, I have
16 rode \$90 out of my van from house to house.
17 I'll run 200 out if I have to do it. I don't
18 have no problem with it.

19 But I ask again, if they want it so
20 bad, put it in their neighborhood and see
21 what'll happen. They'll say, "No, we don't
22 want it," because they want their children
23 safe, their family safe. What makes their
24 family better than my family? And I'm not
25 talking about just my mom. I'm saying my

1 community is my family. Everybody.

2 I have a neighbor. Her -- his wife
3 just got out of the hospital. My best friend,
4 she's sick now. Wanted to come. Can't come.
5 She don't need any more problems. She really
6 don't need any more problems.

7 I'm sick of people bringing mess in
8 here. Every time you turn around -- I've been
9 here all my life. Every time you turn around,
10 we have this, we have that, we have this. I'm
11 sick of it. Take it somewhere else. We don't
12 want it here. We do not want it here. We do
13 not want it here!

14 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

15 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you,
16 Ms. Dumas.

17 Willie and Melisa Sims. Is it Willie
18 Sims?

19 MR. WILLIE SIMS: Yes. And I'm
20 speaking on behalf of me and my wife.

21 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, sir.

22 MR. WILLIE SIMS: Good evening,
23 everybody.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

25 MR. WILLIE SIMS: Mr. Brown is a fine

1 and dandy man, have love for you and the mayor
2 with the health thing and the safety thing.
3 That's fine and dandy. This is my
4 neighborhood. I've been here all my life. I
5 have lived here. My answer is no.

6 But my question is, is that, why
7 y'all didn't go to GP or Hood or Hudson Lumber
8 and Truss? They do the same things in those
9 other neighborhoods. Should have tried it
10 there because we don't want it here. That's
11 about as deep as I'm going because that's a
12 thought and a half just all by itself.

13 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

14 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, sir.

15 Mr. Jimmie Harrell, Sr.

16 MR. JIMMIE HARRELL, SR.: Did I put
17 my name on there?

18 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, sir.

19 MR. JIMMIE HARRELL, SR.: Jimmie
20 Harrell. I went to school down here for 12
21 years in Palmers Crossing. Now I have a
22 preschool on the hill up there with 35
23 children. I have a great concern about this
24 stuff coming down here. Little bitty kids,
25 they harmless. They don't know what'll hurt

1 them. But I know, so I have a concern. And
2 my answer is no.

3 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

4 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you,
5 Mr. Harrell.

6 Mr. Frank Hall, Jr.

7 MR. FRANK HALL, JR.: First of all,
8 I'd like to say good evening to everybody.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

10 MR. HARRY WILSON: Good evening.

11 MR. FRANK HALL, JR.: Second of all,
12 I'd like to say, no, I'm not with it being
13 here. I'm against it. But these are a few
14 questions that I wanted to ask and see if they
15 could send us these questions back e-mail or
16 whatever.

17 But first is, how many of these
18 treatment plants actively exist in this
19 country? We'd like to know what areas they
20 exist in and what surrounds those companies.
21 And are there any communities adjacent to
22 those companies that's doing these emissions?
23 And we'd like to know how the methyl bromide
24 emissions affect those citizens.

25 And when you have those -- that

1 media, put that in writing and send that back
2 to us, so we'll know those results, and you'll
3 see if we want that to happen to our people.

4 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

5 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, sir.
6 Vonceile Norman.

7 MS. VONCEILE NORMAN: Good evening,
8 everybody.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

10 MR. HARRY WILSON: Good evening.

11 MS. VONCEILE NORMAN: My name is
12 Vonceile Norman, for those who don't know me.
13 But the question I -- the only thing I have
14 to -- want to know is, I just want to ask one
15 question: Would you let it be in your
16 neighborhood?

17 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS MAKE SIMULTANEOUS,
18 UNINTELLIGIBLE COMMENTS)

19 MS. VONCEILE NORMAN: Hello? I just
20 want to ask one question: Would you let it be
21 in your neighborhood?

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
23 (Not at microphone): No.

24 MR. HARRY WILSON: Let me answer it
25 this way: We don't -- we don't get to choose

1 who and where people --

2 MS. VONCEILE NORMAN: Okay. You got
3 a --

4 MR. HARRY WILSON: -- apply for --

5 MS. VONCEILE NORMAN: -- you got a
6 pole yard in your neighborhood. Okay. Would
7 you let the chemical come to your
8 neighborhood?

9 MR. HARRY WILSON: I'll take the
10 question. We've got a lot of people that want
11 to comment tonight.

12 MS. VONCEILE NORMAN: Okay. That's
13 all I wanted to know. That's all I wanted to
14 know.

15 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you,
16 Ms. Norman.

17 I anticipated that question coming.

18 (LAUGHTER FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS)

19 MR. HARRY WILSON: Mr. Jimmy Bell.

20 MR. JIMMY BELL: Good evening.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

22 MR. JIMMY BELL: My name is Jimmy
23 Bell.

24 MR. HARRY WILSON: I'm sorry, sir.
25 Is that mike on? This one -- this one is

1 working better over here. I'm sorry.

2 MR. JIMMY BELL: Good evening. My
3 name is Jimmy Bell. I work with the City of
4 Hattiesburg, and I'm strictly against it 100
5 percent because we have enough toxics and
6 stuff in the environment now. And I just
7 recently contracted asthma. And for the
8 children and stuff, we don't really need it,
9 and I wish that they wouldn't get it. Thank
10 you.

11 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

12 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, sir.
13 Thank you, Mr. Bell.

14 Pearl Boyd.

15 MS. PEARL BOYD: Yes.

16 MR. HARRY WILSON: I'm sorry.

17 MS. PEARL BOYD: I hope you can hear
18 me. Oh, my God, I'm not that short.

19 (MICROPHONE IS ADJUSTED)

20 MR. HARRY WILSON: I didn't see that
21 coming. Sorry about that.

22 MS. PEARL BOYD: Yes. First of all,
23 I'd like to know -- I don't know too much
24 about chemistry, but I do have a daughter, and
25 she lives in Detroit, Michigan, and she's been

1 a chemist with the Detroit Sewage Plant for
2 over 25 years, so -- Cynthia Franklin. And I
3 immediately called her when I -- after the
4 meeting, and they had these flyers out and
5 talking just how detrimental this is to your
6 body. This is toxic.

7 And she said, "No, Mother. You" --
8 "you-all fight that because that is a
9 pollution that you don't need in the
10 neighborhood."

11 And I'm a Smith that -- this is the
12 only neighborhood that we know my lineage
13 dates back to almost 100 years right here in
14 Palmers Crossing, so we are out to fight. And
15 also as past president of the Concerned
16 Citizens of here, right here in Palmers
17 Crossing, I know that in order to accumulate,
18 in order to do anything that is worthy, it is
19 a fight, and this is a fight.

20 And I want to leave one message with
21 you, and it's from the Bible: What does it
22 profit a man to lo- -- to gain the whole world
23 and lose his soul? I'll paraphrase that:
24 What does it profit a man to gain the whole
25 world and lose his life?

1 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

2 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you,

3 Ms. Boyd.

4 Wanda Naylor.

5 MS. WANDA NAYLOR: Good evening.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

7 MR. HARRY WILSON: Good evening.

8 MS. WANDA NAYLOR: I'm Wanda Naylor.

9 And I just wanted to come before you and just
10 ask a simple but life-threatening question.
11 And that question is -- and maybe that
12 statement better is -- do not allow Inland
13 Forest Products to put these toxic chemicals
14 in our neighborhood. They did come before us
15 at a meeting last month, and, to tell you the
16 truth, it did not seem like they were prepared
17 for what they were discussing, which leads me
18 to believe --

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER

20 (Not at microphone): Done deal.

21 MS. WANDA NAYLOR: -- perhaps --
22 maybe a done deal -- but also maybe it's
23 somebody else that's making this occur.

24 Now, they told us they wanted to be
25 friendly neighbors with us. They said they

1 wanted to be friendly neighbors. But I will
2 tell you, and I would like you to think, would
3 a friendly neighbor asking for these toxic
4 chemicals ask for toxic chemicals? If that is
5 the case, these are neighbors I can do
6 without.

7 But furthermore, they have a business
8 here in the city of Hattiesburg, and they are
9 not abiding by the ordinance and the
10 guidelines that's already there. Let me go to
11 my cell phone. Now, on March the 24th, just
12 to let you know, I was out in my yard working
13 in my yard, and one of their trucks came
14 through -- make sure I get this right, now.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
16 (Not at microphone): Take your time, darling.

17 MS. WANDA NAYLOR: Okay. (Reviews
18 content on cell phone) Come on notes. Their
19 truck came through and -- at 7:57 a.m. I made
20 sure I put it in my phone. Their truck came
21 through in a nondesignated area. In essence,
22 they were at the intersection of Hood and
23 James. They went westbound on Barkley. There
24 was a clear sign that said "No Trucks
25 Allowed."

1 And then I'm still working. At 11:49
2 a.m., coming east, coming towards James
3 Street -- we say eastbound -- so they came
4 eastbound, then took a right onto Hood Road.
5 So if they cannot honor this very simple
6 request and ordinance that we have, how can we
7 even trust what they are saying to do further?

8 But furthermore, just to make it
9 clear, because I've said a lot, we do not want
10 it. I am a resident of this community, I'm a
11 citizen of this community, and I am in Ward 5,
12 and we do not want it. Thank you.

13 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

14 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you,
15 Ms. Naylor.

16 Councilman Naylor, Henry Naylor.

17 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

18 COUNCILMAN HENRY NAYLOR: Thank you.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
20 (Not at microphone): Councilman Dave Ware.

21 COUNCILMAN HENRY NAYLOR: I
22 appreciate you coming up.

23 Kind of a tough act to follow, Doc,
24 but I'm going to do my best.

25 Thank you, Councilman.

1 Before I read a resolution that the
2 city council and the mayor agreed to have here
3 on tonight, I do want to take just a couple of
4 seconds and share with you how some of this
5 occurred, as some of you already know from a
6 previous meeting that we were at right here.

7 When I first heard that Inline Forest
8 Product wanted to spray the chemicals in the
9 area, the first thing we did -- and I say "we"
10 because I asked my fellow council members and
11 the mayor and all to participate in this --
12 was -- the first thing I did was to submit a
13 letter to you-all requesting that citizens
14 have more time for questions and answers -- or
15 questions and comments about what was being
16 asked to do from MDEQ. I also asked that in
17 addition to giving the citizens more time, 30
18 to 45 days is what I actually asked for. In
19 addition to asking for extended time so that
20 more of you would be informed, because some of
21 you didn't even know, and the least you can do
22 is inform a concerned body of what's going on
23 in their neighborhood. And you told me you
24 didn't know, along with the fact that you
25 didn't want it after you looked into it.

1 In addition to that, we also asked,
2 the council and us, we asked that you also
3 hold a public hearing giving you, the people,
4 an opportunity to hear more as well as ask
5 more questions and make more comments. Now,
6 that was the request that I submitted to MDEQ,
7 these people right here. (Indicating) And I
8 appreciate all that they have done, and they
9 have been great in addressing that.

10 However, what would have happened if
11 that had never been requested? That concerns
12 me, just as I'm sure it concerns you. What if
13 we had not requested that? But we did, and as
14 a result of that, now we are here for this
15 public hearing hosted by MDEQ. So I just
16 wanted to kind of brief you just a little as
17 to what this process was.

18 And I want to thank you-all so much,
19 so much for making your concerns and your
20 feelings known, because, as we've already
21 stated, that's where it starts. I want to
22 thank the mayor. I want to thank my council
23 members for not just looking into it, but
24 giving me thoughts and ideas on how we can
25 more effectively address the concerns that's

1 been expressed. So many thanks to the
2 neighborhood association, community action
3 team, president Mr. Johnson, vice Reverend
4 Jordan, and all the members, Concerned
5 Citizens, Ms. Easton and your input and your
6 keeping your nose to the grindstone as to
7 what's going on in your neighborhood. There
8 are so many more that we want to appreciate
9 and thank as well who perhaps are not here,
10 but thank you so much for that.

11 Now, what we have done -- and,
12 Councilman, thank you so much for just working
13 with me to try to make sure we get the most
14 out of what we are doing here and getting the
15 attention of MDEQ.

16 We have a resolution here, and it's
17 signed by the mayor and every council member.
18 And I just want to take just about three
19 minutes and run through this resolution and
20 read it to you because this resolution is a
21 result of what you have said to us. These are
22 the specifics, and we want this to be a part
23 of the record. And I might also add that in
24 addition to that, we want to know the exact
25 time, place, and date of that meeting that's

1 going to be had -- or held by the Permit
2 Review Board. We want to know that, as well
3 as the names of those people. So whatever we
4 need to do, I want that to be a part of the
5 record that we are requesting that.

6 MR. HARRY WILSON: We will do that.

7 COUNCILMAN HENRY NAYLOR: And to make
8 it easy on you, you don't have to worry about
9 getting it to everybody. If you just get it
10 to us, we'll make sure that they have access
11 to everything that we have.

12 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, sir, we'll do
13 that.

14 COUNCILMAN HENRY NAYLOR: Okay. All
15 right. And we appreciate that.

16 Now, very quickly, the resolution
17 simply says, "Whereas, Inline Forest Product
18 has requested a permit to spray wood products
19 from the Mississippi Department of
20 Environmental Quality, MDEQ.

21 "Whereas, none of the
22 constituents" -- the 50 or so constituents
23 who were here at that last meeting we had --
24 who attended this Ward 5 public meeting on
25 March 12th, 2012, spoke in favor -- not one

1 person spoke in favor of wanting this to
2 happen in this area. And so it says that "of
3 the permit being issued, despite having had
4 the benefit of this PowerPoint
5 presentation" -- that Mr. Hodges did such a
6 wonderful job at -- "permitting process and
7 presentation from Inline Forest Product."

8 Also, "Whereas, the residents of
9 Palmers Crossing Community of Hattiesburg,
10 where the company is located, are united in
11 the opposition to the operation of the
12 proposed fumigation facility, to the toxic
13 material that Inline Forest Product proposes
14 to use, and to the hazardous air pollutants
15 that said facility would emit.

16 And, "Whereas, Inline Forest Product
17 is located in the heart of Palmers Crossing
18 and in close proximity to residential areas
19 and to the neighborhood school and community
20 center." This is what these people have said.

21 "Whereas, Inline Forest Product is
22 located" -- and this is important -- "on
23 property that is zoned I-1," and, according
24 to our own article, Councilman, "Section
25 65.02(42) of the City of Hattiesburg's Land

1 Development Code, would require a zoning
2 change to I-2 in order to allow wood
3 preserving by creosote or other impregnating
4 treatment." It's not even zoned for what
5 they are requesting.

6 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

7 COUNCILMAN HENRY NAYLOR: It's not
8 zoned for what they are requesting.

9 "Whereas, representatives of Inline
10 Forest Product have been asked to meet with
11 the City Director of Urban Development to
12 ensure that proper procedures are followed,
13 but to date have failed to do so." They've
14 been notified of this and have failed to
15 dignify what we have brought to their
16 attention.

17 "Whereas, the stated mission of
18 Mississippi Department of Environmental
19 Quality is to protect the health, safety, and
20 welfare of Mississippians, now and in the
21 future, by using research and responsible
22 regulations as a means of conserving and
23 improving the environment and encouraging wise
24 economic growth." People, we want economic
25 growth. We talk about it all the time. We

1 need jobs, but not at the expense -- not at
2 the expense of the health and safety of our
3 loved ones, of the people who live in the
4 area, not at the expense of people losing
5 their lives or not even sure what they're
6 having problems with.

7 Am I right, Councilman?

8 COUNCILMAN DAVE WARE: Absolutely.

9 COUNCILMAN HENRY NAYLOR: "Whereas,
10 the City of Hattiesburg likewise seeks to
11 encourage wise economic growth, but never at a
12 cost to the health and safety of its citizens.

13 "Now, therefore, let it be known that
14 the mayor and the city council of the City of
15 Hattiesburg, Mississippi, do hereby declare
16 that the City of Hattiesburg will take
17 whatever steps are necessary to protect the
18 welfare of its citizens, and thus do urge that
19 the Mississippi Department of Environmental
20 Quality heed the voice of the citizens of
21 Hattiesburg and decline any grant" -- "any
22 permits to Inline Forest Product for its
23 proposed fumigation facility, on this day,
24 the 9th day of April 2012." Thank you.

25 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

1 COUNCILMAN HENRY NAYLOR: Here is one
2 copy right there.

3 MR. HARRY WILSON: Okay.

4 COUNCILMAN HENRY NAYLOR: And I do
5 have additional copies if you need some.

6 MR. HARRY WILSON: We'll make that an
7 exhibit. Thank you, Councilman.

8 (ATTACHMENT 3 MARKED)

9 MR. HARRY WILSON: Sandra Jordan.

10 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: Good evening,
11 everyone. My name is --

12 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

13 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: Good evening. My
14 name is Sandra Jordan, and I have been sitting
15 there. I have a -- I had a bunch of questions
16 to ask you about cumulative impact studies,
17 which I understand have not been done. I have
18 questions about how much methyl bromide is
19 going to be stored there, how it's going to be
20 stored, what happens if another Katrina
21 wanders up here and all of those chemicals
22 stored are released because they weren't --
23 but then I was sitting there, and God put
24 something on my heart just now, which is, this
25 is kind of a shame. We're begging you. We're

1 begging the government who's supposed to take
2 care of us. We're begging you not to put a
3 facility that nobody wants here. One company,
4 for profit, has asked you for air permits.
5 All of us, the councilmen, the mayor, the
6 citizens, nobody wants this.

7 And yet you have the authority,
8 you -- you're going to make a decision which
9 is going to impact -- I already have West
10 Nile. I already have myasthenia gravis. It's
11 because this ci- -- this Palmers Crossing
12 isn't well taken care of. And now you're
13 going to decide, the Permit Board will decide
14 whether or not we -- whether or not we're
15 going to continue to have our health further
16 degraded. And that's kind of a shame because
17 government is supposed to protect us. It's
18 not supposed to do us more damage, and it's
19 not supposed to stand on high.

20 I have been to public hearings
21 before. I have worked on environmental issues
22 in the south Bronx in Newark, and I know that
23 sometimes public hearings -- public comments
24 are all written down, nicely typed, and no one
25 pays any attention to them. And my greatest

1 fear tonight, we don't want -- all respect to
2 the mayor -- we don't want a safer facility;
3 we don't want a facility. We don't need it to
4 be safer; we don't want it.

5 And I don't even know how to beg you,
6 how to plead with you, not just to let these
7 comments be nicely typed, put on the Internet
8 in an Adobe fashion. I've read all of the
9 reports. This terrifies me, and it terrifies
10 all of the people in this room. So please, we
11 beg you, don't sit on high, just take these
12 comments as, "Well, you know, they'll put up
13 with it. They'll get used to it." We will
14 not. We will not allow it here whatever we
15 have to do, as the councilman said, we will do
16 to keep it out of here. One company's profit
17 shouldn't cost the rest of us our health.
18 Thank you.

19 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

20 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, ma'am.
21 Reverend Jordan, Reverend Nathan
22 Jordan.

23 REVEREND NATHAN JORDAN: Good
24 evening.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

1 REVEREND NATHAN JORDAN: My name is
2 Reverend Nathan Jordan. I'm a resident,
3 taxpayer, citizen of this community.

4 A few days ago -- in fact, it was
5 three years and two days ago that
6 Ms. Robertson, Mr. Robertson -- who served in
7 the Navy, retired as a major -- was ordered by
8 their doctor to move from next-door to this
9 plant existing here now. She's on dialysis
10 twice a week, had to relocate or she had to
11 die. It's sad.

12 Many people have had miscarriage,
13 women, that is, have had miscarriage. And
14 when you get the doctor by themselves and
15 alone to themselves, they'll say it has to be
16 something where the people are living. We
17 only see these cases from Palmers Crossing
18 area. These are no lies. These are no
19 makeup. I'm a Vietnam veteran. I know about
20 Agent Orange. I'm disabled from the same
21 stuff. I suffer bad with sinuses. It
22 aggravates.

23 But most of all, I'm concerned about
24 these lovely people. We have our children in
25 school. We have our church across the street.

1 We have this community here, and we have
2 people that live within the community. We do
3 not need, we do not want -- and we take it
4 further and stronger than the letter that was
5 submitted by the mayor, because the mayor
6 didn't have an opportunity at the time that
7 the letter was written to hear the views and
8 opinions of these people. We love our mayor,
9 but he didn't have an opportunity before he
10 wrote that letter because of you-all's
11 deadline. But we're here to tell you there's
12 a stronger language that goes along with that
13 letter, and we ask that you would hear us
14 tonight and let it be known.

15 I don't know where the company people
16 are tonight. I don't see any of the members
17 here. They were invited, I'm quite sure. But
18 we do not want them in our community doing any
19 type of chemical spraying.

20 The last meeting that we had, some of
21 you was here, we asked them to stop their
22 trucks from running up and down -- and you
23 heard it again from Ms. Naylor -- and they're
24 still 4:00 and 5:00 o'clock in the morning,
25 and the children at the bus station at 6:30 in

1 the morning trying to get on the bus, and the
2 trucks running even the stop signs.

3 And since you're here from the City
4 of Hattiesburg, you're representing the mayor
5 and we love you too, we want something done
6 about these trucks. We will publicly do
7 something if the police can't do it. We don't
8 want to break no laws, but we care about our
9 children standing on the corner waiting on the
10 bus and these trucks running the stop sign up
11 there.

12 Many of the drivers are new in the
13 community. Many of them don't know where the
14 stop signs are. So, you know, it's not a
15 truck route, in other words. They have
16 certain routes that they're supposed to
17 travel. And the last time we was in a meeting
18 here, the owner of Inline was here, and he
19 said that he was going to see about that. He
20 must have didn't see about it. So he's not a
21 good neighbor. He come in here showing a
22 bad -- bad attitude and bad faith.

23 But we're here tonight to tell you
24 that we do not want it here. We would
25 appreciate it. It is not even zoned for such,

1 and when they -- if they petition for it to
2 be zoned, we would still say no. Please,
3 ma'am, please, sir, hear our cry. Please
4 hear our cry. We've been praying, but we do
5 more than pray. By any means necessary, we
6 ask you not to allow this company to come
7 into our community. Again, we will speak
8 more to the mayor when -- about his letter.
9 Thank you.

10 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

11 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you,
12 Reverend Jordan.

13 Beverly Young.

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 MR. HARRY WILSON: Beverly Young?

16 (NO RESPONSE)

17 MR. HARRY WILSON: Kelvin Scott.

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 MR. HARRY WILSON: Is there a
20 Mr. Scott?

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
22 (Not at microphone): (Inaudible) working
23 shifts.

24 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yeah, sorry about
25 that.

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
2 (Not at microphone): Can't afford to take
3 off.

4 MR. HARRY WILSON: Lawyer Reed. Is
5 there a Lawyer Reed? Okay. All right.

6 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

7 MR. LAWYER REED: Good evening,
8 everyone.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

10 MR. LAWYER REED: First of all, I
11 want to say I love all of y'all, and this
12 should not be down here, like, killing
13 everyone, because we need help. And we're
14 asking for everyone help to come down here and
15 do their best to protect us and everyone else.
16 Thank you.

17 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

18 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you,
19 Mr. Reed.

20 Mr. Charles Clark.

21 MR. CHARLES CLARK: Good evening.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

23 MR. HARRY WILSON: Good evening.

24 MR. CHARLES CLARK: We know of the
25 companies that have been here in Hattiesburg

1 and down here in Palmers. You had Hood, you
2 had Georgia Pacific, which is the same site
3 they're talking about now. You've got the
4 treatment plant across the road from there.
5 But these companies did the same thing back
6 then, and the public wasn't aware. And when
7 you're trying to do the same thing at this
8 one, yes, I'm one of the concerned citizens.
9 I've been here since '67 in this community.
10 And what those companies did, like Hercules,
11 the creosote over there by the school
12 building, all of that, most of those people
13 are dead and gone, and nobody said anything or
14 know why. And the companies are gone. And
15 they're talking about --

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
17 (Not at microphone): They got the money.

18 MR. CHARLES CLARK: -- yeah, they
19 got the money -- and talking about jobs.
20 Well, they killed a lot of the people that
21 worked for them. Nobody never asked why.
22 Didn't have a clue. Same way with that
23 treatment plant on the right where they're
24 talking about spraying the insecticide. They
25 let their pe- -- let the people there have --

1 get that wood that was treated and use it for
2 firewood.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
4 (Not at microphone): Killing themselves.

5 MR. CHARLES CLARK: And you're going
6 to do the same thing now? Well, I won't.
7 I've got kids, grandkids down here that go to
8 school over there. Where they're talking
9 about putting that insecticide on these logs
10 down here, it's within 500 yards of a school
11 right there, within 500 yards. You want your
12 kids to go through that? I don't think so.
13 Thank y'all.

14 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

15 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you,
16 Mr. Clark.

17 Mr. David Rankin.

18 MR. DAVID RANKIN: Good evening.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

20 MR. DAVID RANKIN: I didn't make the
21 first meeting, so I'm not privy to a lot of
22 what was discussed, but I am concerned about
23 this treatment plant they're talking about
24 putting over here.

25 Somebody was talking about these

1 trucks. Mr. John Brown is quite familiar with
2 the situation we have in Irene Chapel with
3 trucks. MDEQ is quite familiar with it
4 because I called them about it. I went as far
5 as EPA.

6 Resinall down here, y'all are
7 forgetting about Resinall over here. We have
8 some of the worst air quality in this area
9 right here. It was written up in a major
10 magazine about the air quality down here.
11 Some of y'all probably read that article.
12 You've got a school over here where these kids
13 are breathing this same air. And now we're --
14 now we're talking about putting some
15 treatment -- wood treatment facility down
16 here. It look like they already getting it
17 cranked up because they're already bulldozing.
18 I've seen them cutting a road in and all this
19 and that.

20 I think we have an ordinance for
21 these designated truck routes that some
22 trucking companies -- or companies are not
23 following. And they're carrying all kind of
24 hazardous material through the neighborhood.
25 I'm not talking about just some log trucks.

1 I'm talking about tanker trucks.

2 I'm very, very concerned about how it
3 is people come into certain communities, set
4 up shop, and do what they want to do. And we
5 turn around, the people that live in these
6 certain communities turn around and wonder,
7 "How did this happen? What happened to this?"
8 I'm almost to the feeling that this is just a
9 formality to appease us, and, in the end, big
10 government is going to come down here and play
11 along and do what they want to do with this
12 company.

13 I'm -- you know, I've got a son
14 over here. We had a ball game tonight, and
15 we won, 4/3.

16 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

17 MR. DAVID RANKIN: He is -- he's
18 pretty healthy. He was out there running
19 around, catching the ball, hitting, throwing,
20 and I enjoy seeing him doing that. I don't
21 want to see some company come down here and
22 jeopardize his health. And I think that's a
23 concern for a lot of citizens that are here,
24 some who aren't here, some who came and left.
25 We don't want this down here. We have to put

1 up with enough.

2 We have to beg for certain things,
3 basic necessities, you know. And here it is,
4 we're sitting up here, it seems like most of
5 us is begging now: "Please don't put this
6 down here on us." You know, I'm a taxpaying
7 citizen. I pay state taxes. I pay city
8 taxes. I pay -- I pay federal taxes, county
9 taxes. When are my tax dollars going to work
10 for me? Okay? So, you know, I'm a property
11 owner. I -- you know, I want some relief too.
12 I want somebody to look out for me too. And
13 so I'm asking, if you have it on your heart to
14 reject this permit that -- who is it?
15 Forest? -- Inline Forest --

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
17 (Not at microphone): Inline Forest Products.

18 MR. DAVID RANKIN: -- is --

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
20 (Not at microphone): From Alabama.

21 MR. DAVID RANKIN: -- yeah. We don't
22 need this down here. We're dealing with
23 enough. The environmental issues in
24 Hattiesburg alone is quite overwhelming.
25 You've got Hercules. You've got over there

1 where the creosote used to be. You've got
2 Resinall down here. You've got this place
3 over here. And now you're talking about
4 putting this place on the -- across the
5 street. It's just too much, and we need some
6 relief. Thank you.

7 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

8 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, sir.

9 And I promise you this is not a
10 formality. I'm missing one of my son's
11 baseball games as well tonight.

12 I'm back to Loria Harper. Did she
13 make it back?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 MR. HARRY WILSON: Mr. Harrick
16 Wilborn.

17 MR. HARRICK WILBORN (Not at
18 microphone): Come up there. Right?

19 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, sir, it's
20 your turn. And, yes, sir, we're capturing a
21 record.

22 MR. HARRICK WILBORN: We don't need
23 it, sir. We've got enough problems as it is.
24 It ain't helping nobody around here. It's
25 killing everybody. Creosote we don't want.

1 We just don't want it. We don't need it.
2 Y'all got all these jobs down here, but ain't
3 nobody from around here got a job down there,
4 ain't nobody. Ain't nobody from around here
5 got a job down there.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
7 (Not at microphone): Nobody.

8 MR. HARRICK WILBORN: And then you
9 want to bring this poison in here, and we're
10 supposed to accept it. We don't want it.
11 That's all I've got to say. We don't want it.

12 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you. And,
13 understand, we're not the company.

14 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

15 MR. HARRY WILSON: But thank you,
16 sir.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
18 (Not at microphone): But you've got the
19 power.

20 MR. HARRY WILSON: All right. I've
21 gone through all of the cards that -- where
22 people indicated they would like to make a
23 comment, so now we're going to open the floor
24 up to anybody that would like to make a
25 comment that has not s- --

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
2 (Not at microphone): (Unintelligible)

3 MR. HARRY WILSON: -- that hasn't
4 already spoke.

5 And if you don't mind, would you
6 state your name, so we can capture it in the
7 record tonight.

8 MR. ELIJAH JACKSON: Will do.
9 Good evening, everyone.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

11 MR. ELIJAH JACKSON: My name is
12 Elijah Jackson, and I'm a resident of this
13 community. And I want you to know that
14 everybody seem to be concerned about this and
15 nobody want this here in this audience. But
16 it doesn't stop there. You see, according to
17 my hearing, this guy here have authority to
18 grant it or not. I don't want y'all to be
19 deceived.

20 You see, I'm a -- I'm a marine. I
21 was with RECON. I've been all on tough tours,
22 and I'm going to share something with you.
23 You see, the economy won't support a war, but
24 we put drugs in our neighborhood to sponsor
25 the war. See, it's not what you want. We

1 need somebody to monitor them and see who's
2 issuing out all the authority. You see, other
3 than that there, you're wasting time. Y'all
4 have a good day.

5 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

6 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, sir.

7 I would like to open the floor to
8 anybody else that has not already spoken.

9 And, yes, ma'am, would you please
10 state your name for the record.

11 MS. PENNY BLANKS: Yes. I'm Penny
12 Blanks, and I'm a resident of this area, and I
13 found out about this meeting today. And if
14 everybody that lived in Palmers knew what was
15 going on, they would be here.

16 And to Inland Forest Products, if
17 they have another option, I suggest they take
18 it, because they're in for a fight.

19 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, ma'am.

20 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

21 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, sir. Would
22 you please state your name for the record.

23 MR. RODERICK WOULLARD: My name is
24 Roderick Woullard, supervisor for
25 District 4 --

1 MR. HARRY WILSON: Welcome.

2 MR. RODERICK WOULLARD: -- which this
3 would be in, if, in fact, it was allowed.

4 First of all, I think it's been
5 stated from every angle that the support for
6 this is not here. Now, I could stay there,
7 but I'm not, because I want to talk to you
8 guys. Is there anything else that we need to
9 do before we leave here tonight? I heard
10 somebody say something about being at the
11 meeting that you have up there. Do we need to
12 contact the rest of the people on the Board
13 that will sit to make this decision? I know
14 you're going to take this information back,
15 but are there any other avenues that we're not
16 covering? Because when this is done, I don't
17 want it said, "Well, you didn't do A, B, or
18 C." I want it understood that we had every
19 avenue covered, so that everybody involved in
20 this decision-making process will understand
21 the heartbeat of this community.

22 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, sir.

23 MR. RODERICK WOULLARD: And to
24 amaze (phonetic) everybody who's come up here
25 saying that they don't want it in this

1 community, and I think that should be enough.
2 But I don't want us to miss -- I don't want us
3 to not turn over any rock that needs to be
4 turned over in this process, so that you can
5 say or anybody can say, "Well, if you had done
6 A, B, or C, then we could have done this."
7 So, please, I ask right now, if there is
8 anything else that we could do, let us know,
9 coming to Jackson, coming to any other
10 meetings, anything else.

11 Now, did I hear that Inwood [sic] did
12 not represent here tonight? They did not
13 bring anybody here tonight?

14 MR. HARRY WILSON: I believe that
15 they were here, at least --

16 MR. RODERICK WOULLARD: Did they --
17 my next question is, did they not do a
18 presentation here tonight?

19 MR. HARRY WILSON: But they have --
20 they have not done a presentation.

21 MR. RODERICK WOULLARD: Well, I think
22 that in and of itself should speak volumes,
23 because if I had a business that I wanted to
24 put here and I felt good about that business,
25 I would stay here and at least try to explain

1 it to my neighbors. Whether they accepted it
2 or not, I would at least stand here and say,
3 "This is why I want to do this." So their
4 absence from here tonight, I think, speaks
5 volumes against them, because they should be
6 here tonight. If the community is out here,
7 they should be here. So I think them being
8 here should tell you.

9 Now, I think, just like this brother
10 said, just like Brother Rankin said, I really
11 think that the reason they aren't here is they
12 think this is a foregone conclusion. I don't
13 think -- I'm not saying you think that, but I
14 think they think that, because if my -- if my
15 money depended on me convincing these people,
16 or any people, of my business, I would be here
17 to do that. And the fact that they are not
18 here lets me know that something is not clean
19 in the milk. So they should be here. They
20 should be here. So I don't know what makes
21 them feel that comfortable, that this is a
22 done deal, but, please, anything that we can
23 do to help the committee, because I'm through
24 with them because it's now going to rest in
25 the hands of a committee after this hearing,

1 Permit Board.

2 MR. HARRY WILSON: I think we maybe
3 got a question, could we get the names of
4 the --

5 MR. RODERICK WOULLARD: We did. That
6 was one of the questions.

7 MR. HARRY WILSON: Okay. So I think
8 we can -- we'll -- you know, as I said, we're
9 capturing every line of this meeting tonight,
10 and so that's one of those action items for
11 us, is to get the community the names of the
12 Permit Board members.

13 MR. RODERICK WOULLARD: Okay. So,
14 again, if there is anything else that we have
15 not done, please make -- if there's a question
16 we didn't ask that you know about, add that to
17 it too, because I don't want to leave here
18 tonight with anything not turned. Thank you.

19 MR. HARRY WILSON: All right. Thank
20 you, sir.

21 Others that have not commented
22 tonight that would like to make a comment for
23 the record.

24 MS. MILDRED LOVE: Good evening.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening.

1 MS. MILDRED LOVE: My name is Mildred
2 Love. I'm a concerned citizen, and I'm a
3 resident of Palmers Crossing.

4 You're concerned about all of these
5 chemicals; we should be concerned about the
6 water because we got black water and peoples
7 are dying on dialysis. I got a sister, I got
8 a niece, I got a brother that just passed, and
9 I got one that's going on dialysis. I've got
10 a nephew that's going on dialysis. So it's
11 something wrong, you know, and it look like
12 Palmers Crossing is the breeding ground for
13 poison. So somebody should check it out. It
14 really need to be checked out. That's all I
15 have to say.

16 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

17 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, ma'am.
18 And if there -- if we need to talk about the
19 water as a separate matter, I can give you my
20 information.

21 Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. DEBORAH DENARD DELGATO: Hi. I'm
23 Deborah Denard Delgado. I wanted to just add
24 my voice to the opposition to this Inline
25 container project down here. There are too

1 many risks, you know, to the health and safety
2 of the community. And the strong message I'm
3 sure that you will deliver is that it should
4 not be here. These folks would not operate
5 this kind of a project in their front yard,
6 you know, so if they wouldn't do it, then they
7 need to, you know, consider the feelings of
8 this community about this project.

9 I'm concerned that when there are
10 these kind of industrial operations considered
11 for communities, it's always near a depressed
12 community, and that should not be. You know,
13 I think it's discriminatory and really should
14 not -- it should be off the table completely.
15 And in your capacity as an entity that's
16 supposed to assure the health and safety of
17 the community, you don't have an option but to
18 deny this application.

19 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, ma'am.

20 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

21 MR. HARRY WILSON: And thanks to our
22 Community of Office -- the Office of Community
23 Engagement for their help in bringing more
24 people into the process.

25 Yes, sir. What is -- and state your

1 name for the record.

2 MR. ONNIE ADAMS, SR.: My name is
3 Onnie Adams, Sr., and I have a question: What
4 guarantees do we have that y'all can give us
5 that this pollutant won't be in the air? I
6 have a child that go to Earl Travillion.
7 Y'all cannot give us no guarantees or anything
8 that could give us any confidence in our kids'
9 health with this pollution in the air.
10 Correct? But y'all still want to put it
11 there. There's no guarantee for no citizen
12 down here in Palmers that it would not affect
13 our health too. No guarantee. So my answer
14 to what y'all are trying to do is no. Thank
15 you.

16 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

17 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you. Thank
18 you very much, sir.

19 Other commenters that have not
20 already spoken tonight.

21 Yes, sir?

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE COMMENTER: How is
23 everybody doing tonight?

24 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: All right.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE COMMENTER: I've

1 been sitting and listening at the comments of
2 each one that has been here. This place up
3 here, this lumber mill, I have worked there
4 back when it was Sallis Lumber Company. I
5 used to -- I remember when it was Chancellor
6 Lumber Company. And they had a vat there that
7 they dipped the wood in, and it come out on a
8 chain. But they had the vat, and they had the
9 chemicals in the vat. But I don't believe
10 anyone at Palmer knew what was in those
11 chemicals, just like we are not going to know
12 all that are going to be in these. They say
13 one thing, but, you know, chemicals sometimes
14 have different mixtures to do the job that
15 they want to be done.

16 But, anyway, I left that company,
17 Sallis Lumber Company, up there and went into
18 the service, and I was in the Korean Conflict.
19 But I'm back here in Palmer now, been back
20 here ever since I've been back from Korea.
21 I've raised up five wonderful children, and
22 they all fortunately are still living, but I
23 don't know what ailments all -- they all got
24 or whether they have some chemicals in their
25 blood.

1 But I also worked for Hercules for 38
2 years, and I have asbestosis. I think I'm
3 pronouncing it right. Asbestosis. That's
4 what they said I have. I have been to several
5 places, even to Laurel, to over there in
6 Purvis and different places to be examined,
7 and also to Jackson. And that's what they
8 said I had. But they want to give me just a
9 little handout every now and then. Sometimes
10 \$12.50 from the lawyer. I don't know whether
11 you know these lawyers in Jackson. They got a
12 whole team of them, Tom Rhodes, Tom Rhodes,
13 old Tom. But, anyway, sometimes he'll send me
14 \$250 and said they're supposed to take 30
15 percent out of that, and what I have left, I
16 can use it for whatever I desire. But,
17 anyway, I also went to this air base up there
18 in Laurel where they reexamined us for
19 asbestosis. I think I'm pronouncing it right.

20 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
21 (Not at microphone): Asbestos.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE COMMENTER: But,
23 anyway -- well, they call it "asbestosis."
24 That's when you've got it. So, anyway, they
25 put you on the breathing thing, they let you

1 breathe, and then they check your lungs and
2 everything.

3 But, anyway, when I came back from
4 overseas in '55, I went to Hercules. I worked
5 out there for 38 years. And they also have a
6 lot of chemicals out there, and they also had
7 these tanks and all those different things
8 lined with this -- what did they call that
9 stuff.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
11 (Not at microphone): Asbestos.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE COMMENTER: That's
13 that asbestos. Asbestos. Most everything,
14 all of the pipes and everything else was
15 covered with asbestos because that's what they
16 were using back then in the '50s, nothing but
17 asbestos. They even had it in the schools
18 till they made them take it out.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
20 (Not at microphone): (Unintelligible) in
21 the '40s.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE COMMENTER: But --
23 how's that?

24 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
25 (Not at microphone): They knew about asbestos

1 in the '40s.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE COMMENTER: They
3 knew about it way before then, way back.
4 Asbestos has been used for years and years,
5 way before the '40s.

6 But, anyway, we here in Palmer, we
7 have been through a lot, and a lot of it has
8 been forced on us by people that was in
9 authority. And they also, within their
10 thinking, seemed to think they were better
11 than us. But the same God that made them made
12 me. And one of these days, if they come to
13 themselves like David did, they'll want to
14 reconcile theirselves to God before they get out
15 of here. And I ain't never seen a living
16 person get out of here. Not as yet. And we
17 can't live two days at once; we can only live
18 one day at a time. So I want to say I am
19 firmly against the things that -- not only
20 that they're trying to do in Palmer now, but
21 I've been firmly against a lot of things
22 that's been done in Palmer.

23 But a lot of times we don't come
24 together enough or don't carry things very
25 far. Even on the voting, we'll say, "My vote

1 don't count. I ain't going." But there are
2 people that have died just to give us that
3 opportunity and that right. But we look over
4 it. "It ain't going to do me no good to go
5 vote. They're going to do what they want
6 anyway." But that's the wrong attitude to
7 take.

8 We should all come together and do
9 the best we can as long as we can while we
10 can, because I'm telling you, once Boss Hog
11 get ahold to you, ain't too much more you can
12 do. And I want to tell you who Boss Hog is;
13 he's an undertaker. And this fellow that come
14 and pronounce you dead, Benedict or whatever
15 his name, he don't play. When he says you're
16 dead, you're dead, and then here come Boss
17 Hog.

18 But, anyway, y'all take care, and I'm
19 hoping and praying that we will solve this
20 problem without any further to-do concerning
21 the chemicals and things, so we can protect
22 our children and protect our health, and we
23 can live maybe a day or two longer than we
24 would have if they didn't bring it here.
25 Thank you.

1 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

2 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, sir.

3 Other comments from people that
4 haven't made a comment yet, for folks that
5 would like to make a comment for the first
6 time tonight.

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 MR. HARRY WILSON: Otherwise, we can
9 go to people that have already commented and
10 would like to make an additional comment.

11 Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

12 MR. FRANKIE BENTON, SR.: I want to
13 ask -- I want to ask everybody do they know
14 we're drinking water from asbestos pipe?

15 MR. HARRY WILSON: And, sir, can you
16 state your name, please, sir? I'm sorry.

17 MR. FRANKIE BENTON, SR.: Oh, I'm
18 Frankie Benton of Palmers Crossing, if that's
19 good enough.

20 I don't think you know. We had a
21 broke pipe at my house, water pipe. And the
22 City came and fixed it. The water was so
23 black in that pipe, that I thought it was
24 sewer pipe.

25 I said, "I thought we asked you to

1 fix the water pipe."

2 They said, "We're fixing the water
3 pipe."

4 I said, "Man, I know I'm not drinking
5 that kind of water."

6 He said, "Yeah, you're drinking this
7 kind of water."

8 Now, most of the people in here know,
9 and from the City and everywhere else in
10 authority, know we're drinking that water.

11 Now, my wife had her hot water tank
12 down in her kindergarten changed out. What
13 kind of water do you think was up in there?
14 Black water. That ain't the only person that
15 had black water. We are not getting in
16 Palmers what we need to get. We need more
17 consideration. And we're not getting it from
18 our elected officials. I said out here,
19 everybody here, so I'm going to put it out
20 here in the open, we're not getting -- the
21 EPA, nobody cares about Palmers Crossing, so
22 what they say, south Hattiesburg, but they
23 really say Palmers Crossing. And they know
24 who live in Palmers Crossing.

25 Now, we're going to have to start

1 doing just like what we're doing now. We're
2 going to have to be pulling the plug, because
3 if we don't, all of us is going to be dead.
4 If we let this pass -- we've already got
5 everything you can think of in Palmers
6 Crossing. Every time they want to dump
7 something, they dump it in Palmers Crossing.
8 I remember when they used to dump the dead
9 dogs in the street and keep on driving. So I
10 can remember -- you know, I can go back and
11 bring up, which don't mean nothing, but we're
12 going to have to start looking out for
13 ourselves. And y'all can sit around here and
14 wait for something to happen if you want to.
15 It ain't going to do you no good. You know
16 it's coming. Jump on it, just like you did
17 this.

18 You know your water is black. I
19 don't know -- I don't know how you don't know
20 it. I know it. I sent the specimen to
21 Jackson to see was it. Now, we've been -- and
22 this is the point, and I'm going to sit down.
23 I said, "Who else got this pipe here in the
24 community?"

25 Nobody.

1 Would you think it would be killing
2 us down here and the city nowhere else has got
3 this asbestos pipe and drinking the water?
4 We're the only ones drinking the water.

5 I asked them, "Do you have it in the
6 city?"

7 No, you don't have it in the city.
8 We're the only persons that's drinking the
9 water out of the asbestos pipes.

10 Now, that's something to think about.
11 We're discriminated so bad until we're the
12 only little group here, pushed down here in
13 old Palmers Crossing, drinking that kind of
14 water, and we don't even know we're drinking
15 that water. But you take -- take your water
16 pipe, pull it out, and see what you get.
17 Thank you.

18 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, sir.

19 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

20 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, sir, and
21 please state your name, so we can capture it.

22 MR. RALPH LINDSEY: Ralph Lindsey.
23 I'm in the city of Hattiesburg, but I'm not in
24 Palmers, though, but I feel like what's bad
25 for Palmers should be bad for the whole city.

1 And that's my feeling about it. They need to
2 carry it somewhere else.

3 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, sir.

4 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

5 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes. And please
6 restate your name.

7 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: Again, I'm Sandra
8 Jordan. Good evening, everyone, again. I
9 have a process question. I don't know if
10 you're allowed to answer questions or not at a
11 public hearing.

12 MR. HARRY WILSON: If they're very,
13 very short and simple.

14 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: Very short. Did
15 you say you were the chief of the Permit
16 Board?

17 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, ma'am, I am.

18 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: I'd like to know
19 what happens.

20 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes.

21 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: What happens
22 next? Do you take a recommendation to them?
23 What is the next step?

24 MR. HARRY WILSON: The very next step
25 would be -- is getting the transcript back of

1 everything that was captured here tonight
2 verbatim. And then, as I indicated earlier,
3 Scott and his staff and myself will review
4 line by line and examine everything we heard
5 to see if there's any improvements or
6 revisions to the draft permit, and just to
7 take it all in. I mean, we got zoning
8 comments tonight. We've got to -- you know,
9 we've got to research that issue. We'll
10 research all the issues that we heard tonight.

11 If -- if we think our recommen- -- at
12 some point in time -- we also, I think,
13 committed to tell the community
14 representatives before we would take it before
15 the Environmental Permit Board for their
16 consideration. So we've indicated that we're
17 going to let y'all know that. The first
18 possible meeting would be May 8, 2012. I'm
19 not sure if it's going to go to that one or
20 not. We may have more work to do than to get
21 it to that meeting. But, yes, ultimately
22 staff will be in a position to make a
23 recommendation to that Permit Board on what --
24 on how to consider that issuance.

25 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: That's what I was

1 after: You're going to make a recommendation.
2 So everything we have said here tonight merely
3 goes into a recommendation; you either think
4 this should move forward or you think it
5 should not?

6 MR. HARRY WILSON: We don't have to
7 have a recommendation, and we're not there.
8 We haven't -- you know, we're not going to
9 make that decision tonight.

10 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: We haven't told
11 you enough to make a decision yet?

12 MR. HARRY WILSON: Well, I don't -- I
13 mean, we've -- I've heard a lot of -- a lot of
14 things tonight, so what we're going to do is
15 go back and look at this thick transcript and
16 then determine is our -- is our initial
17 recommendation to issue the permit still
18 correct, or do we have no recommendation and
19 let the Permit Board decide, or do we
20 recommend that we proceed forward with issuing
21 it.

22 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: So one way or
23 another, you're going to proceed forward with
24 a recommendation or not with a recommendation.
25 Everything that's happened tonight does not

1 stop anything.

2 MR. HARRY WILSON: At some point in
3 time, it's got to go before the Permit Board
4 for their -- for them to make a decision.

5 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: And you make a
6 recommendation -- you may make a
7 recommendation.

8 MR. HARRY WILSON: May make a
9 recommendation, and they can issue it, deny
10 it, or table it for consideration in the
11 future.

12 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: And is there
13 anything else -- as the superintendent said,
14 is there anything else we need to do tonight
15 to make certain that that recommendation is
16 not to move forward?

17 MR. HARRY WILSON: We need to get you
18 the names of the Permit Board members, as we
19 promised.

20 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: Oh, I've already
21 written to them.

22 MR. HARRY WILSON: Okay. Okay, good.
23 We just need to stay in coordination with each
24 other. The community needs to be talking with
25 the Department --

1 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: Okay.

2 MR. HARRY WILSON: -- as we move
3 forward.

4 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: We can do that.
5 We will do that.

6 MR. HARRY WILSON: We need to kno- --
7 you need to know where we're kind of at in the
8 review process and in determining if we're
9 going to have a recommendation or not. And
10 then, of course, we promised to let you know
11 well in advance of when it would be considered
12 by our Permit Board members.

13 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: Okay.

14 MR. HARRY WILSON: Okay.

15 MS. SANDRA JORDAN: All right. Well,
16 again, we're kind of in the position of
17 begging you, which is a shame. But, again, we
18 are begging you to make a recommendation not
19 to move forward.

20 MR. HARRY WILSON: Okay. Yes, ma'am.

21 MS. PEARL BOYD: Yes, I would just
22 like to say to those that are here tonight
23 that, you know, just like a train, this is not
24 the end of the line.

25 MR. HARRY WILSON: Can I get your

1 name, please?

2 MS. PEARL BOYD: Oh, Pearl Boyd. I
3 think everybody knows me. Unfortunately,
4 Mr. John Brown and, I think, the mayor and
5 everybody knows me.

6 Anyway, what I'm trying to say, this
7 is not the end of the line. I can assure you,
8 if you write to President -- Mr. Obama -- I'm
9 a living witness. He did a miracle in my
10 life. And if he -- nobody remembers how it
11 was, but when I was past president, there was
12 sewage that was running up and down the
13 streets. We got the sewage. And the roads
14 had potholes in it. There were burst pipes.
15 We got the roads. We had bad lighting. We
16 got lights all through Palmers Crossing. I
17 don't like to brag about it because I normally
18 don't even like to talk about it, but there
19 comes a time that now we are facing some other
20 obstacles.

21 And by the way, I wrote -- they said
22 they got a grant, I can't think of the name,
23 to do all of that because I wrote and entered
24 a, you know, great -- I guess it was -- I want
25 to say an essay, whatever, anyway, and it was

1 used because of the way that our sewage just
2 going everywhere, you know, contaminating,
3 polluting the whole area, you know.

4 And I don't like to get up to talk
5 without preaching. I'm a missionary
6 evangelist, and Mr. John Brown over there can
7 attest. We were classmates -- no, we wasn't
8 classmates. We -- I knew you from USM.

9 Anyway, I just want everybody to
10 know, and I'm serious, contact me. We're
11 going to fight this together. And if we get
12 together and we fight it, with God's help,
13 we're going to fight this, and we're going to
14 be victorious. We're going to be the victor.
15 We're going to be victorious, and we're not
16 going to let this go un- -- we're not going to
17 be defeated. We are going to be undefeated.
18 And I want everybody to get together as we are
19 now, and, as the Bible say, get on one accord.

20 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS APPLAUD)

21 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, ma'am.

22 Yes, sir. Please state your name for
23 the record.

24 MR. WILLIE SIMS: Got you there. My
25 name is Willie Sims, 326 Gasaway Loop. You

1 made a comment a while ago that you was not of
2 the plant. Y'all have the controlling
3 decision. True that?

4 MR. HARRY WILSON: Our
5 Environmental --

6 MR. WILLIE SIMS: You're part of it.

7 MR. HARRY WILSON: Our Environmental
8 Quality Permit Board will make the ultimate
9 decision. .

10 MR. WILLIE SIMS: But you're a part
11 of it. Right?

12 MR. HARRY WILSON: Part of the --
13 part of the process.

14 MR. WILLIE SIMS: All right. That
15 young man that was speaking just a minute ago,
16 he brought tears to my eyes, and he also put a
17 situation in my mind. You have kids. You
18 made a comment about your kid and you're
19 missing his game. You have a wife?

20 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes.

21 MR. WILLIE SIMS: Your mother still
22 living?

23 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes.

24 MR. WILLIE SIMS: You?

25 MR. SCOTT HODGES: Yes.

1 MR. WILLIE SIMS: You, ma'am?

2 MS. KRISTA CARON: Yes.

3 MR. WILLIE SIMS: Visualize this
4 here, because this is the reason that y'all
5 are giving us: You wake up tomorrow morning,
6 and none of them are living.

7 MR. HARRY WILSON: Thank you, sir.

8 Yes, ma'am, and please state your
9 name for the record.

10 MS. SHARON DUMAS: Sharon Dumas, 211
11 Taylor Avenue. I've been sitting in that
12 chair listening, watching you and watching
13 them, watching your expression. I deal with
14 people every day, and I want you to look at me
15 when I say this because I really don't care
16 what you think, what you -- how you feel about
17 what I'm fixing to say. I'm looking at your
18 face like you're so concerned.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE AUDIENCE MEMBER
20 (Not at microphone): You know he's not.

21 MS. SHARON DUMAS: You're not
22 concerned. You can fool -- you can say you
23 fool anybody, but I know when a person is
24 genuinely concerned about something. You say
25 you the chief?

1 MR. HARRY WILSON: The chief of the
2 Environmental Permits Division.

3 MS. SHARON DUMAS: No, you're not.
4 You the little chief. He's the big chief, and
5 when I get to him about the little chief, he's
6 going to put his foot on your neck, and we're
7 going to get rid of this.

8 MR. HARRY WILSON: And thank -- thank
9 you, ma'am.

10 Other --

11 MS. LILLIE EASTON (Not at
12 microphone): I have one last question.

13 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, ma'am?
14 Please come to the microphone, though.

15 MS. LILLIE EASTON: (Inaudible) How
16 often does it come up --

17 MR. HARRY WILSON: I'm sorry. I
18 didn't get your name. Sorry.

19 MS. LILLIE EASTON: Lillie Easton.

20 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, ma'am.

21 MS. LILLIE EASTON: How often does
22 it come up that you have a situation like
23 this where there is a community that
24 disagrees -- and I thought I heard you say
25 earlier that you-all had basically

1 recommended that that permit be issued. So
2 in a case like this, how often in the past
3 has something come up and you changed your
4 recommendation as a result of what the people
5 in the community wanted?

6 MR. HARRY WILSON: Well, this is --
7 I would say that it often changes because --

8 MS. LILLIE EASTON: Does it ever
9 change?

10 MR. HARRY WILSON: I think it's
11 changed a few times in my career. But many
12 times we'll hear comments that allow us to
13 make the permit more stringent or put
14 additional requirements that address the
15 concerns of, you know, things like, well,
16 are y'all testing the airflow going into the
17 stack. You know, we're able to build more
18 securities into the permit, so at the end of
19 the day, more commonly we would end up
20 sticking with our original recommendation to
21 the Permit Board, so --

22 (AUDIENCE MEMBERS MAKE SIMULTANEOUS,
23 UNINTELLIGIBLE COMMENTS)

24 MR. HARRY WILSON: It's just the
25 truth.

1 MS. LILLIE EASTON: I know. That's
2 what I thought. That's why I asked that
3 question.

4 MR. HARRY WILSON: Okay.

5 MS. LILLIE EASTON: Because after --
6 after everything from both meetings -- like I
7 said, we sent in over 200 names on the
8 petition, I know that Ms. Jordan has another
9 one here, all the comments that we've made,
10 it seems like it's just a formality. You-all
11 come out and you get our opinion on it, and
12 when you look at -- look at the stats of
13 things in the past -- it's good to hear that
14 some of them are changed, but I believe that
15 nine times out of ten, they're going to go
16 ahead with it just like they had made the --
17 like they --

18 MR. HARRY WILSON: Well, we're not
19 making any decision tonight, and I don't
20 make the final decision, the Permit Board
21 does.

22 MS. LILLIE EASTON: I understand
23 what you're saying, but what we're saying
24 also, we live here. We see what's going on
25 in this company down here, and they are

1 making provisions for something to happen.
2 That's for sure.

3 MR. HARRY WILSON: All right.
4 Additional comments?

5 Yes, ma'am. Please -- please state
6 your name again.

7 MS. VONCEILE NORMAN: My name is
8 Vonceile Norman. When you guys have your
9 meeting, are we able to -- would be -- would
10 we be able to come to your meetings too?

11 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, ma'am.

12 MS. VONCEILE NORMAN: Well --

13 MR. HARRY WILSON: We said we were
14 going to invite -- we were going to let the
15 community know and the community
16 representatives know before that meeting
17 takes place.

18 MS. VONCEILE NORMAN: Okay. You
19 said it would be March the 8th?

20 MR. HARRY WILSON: No, ma'am.

21 MS. VONCEILE NORMAN: I mean May
22 the 8th?

23 MR. HARRY WILSON: That would be
24 the first opportunity for it to even be
25 considered.

1 MS. VONCEILE NORMAN: Okay. Well,
2 when you're there considering it, could we be
3 there?

4 MR. HARRY WILSON: Yes, ma'am. We --
5 we will invite you, and the Permit Board
6 generally allows community representatives to
7 make some statements to the Board.

8 MS. VONCEILE NORMAN: Oh, okay.

9 MR. HARRY WILSON: Okay. Yes, ma'am.
10 Additional comments from -- for the
11 record tonight? This is obviously the
12 community's record, and we want it to be as --

13 REVEREND NATHAN JORDAN: I'm fixing
14 to go, but on my way out of here, legally it
15 is not zoned for it. Good night.

16 MR. HARRY WILSON: We got that
17 comment earlier. Thank you.

18 Anybody else want to make a comment
19 for the record?

20 MS. SANDRA JORDAN (Not at
21 microphone): How do we stay in touch with you
22 (inaudible)?

23 MR. HARRY WILSON: Okay. I'll give
24 you my contact information. Okay.

25 All right. With that, I'm going to

1 go ahead and close this hearing. Thank you,
2 everyone. Thank y'all.

3 (HEARING CONCLUDED AT 8:30 P.M.)
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