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STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

21-01188 - In the Matter of the Indian Point Closure
Task Force and Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight
Board.

PUBLIC STATEMENT MEETING

DATE: October 27, 2021

TIME: 4:05 p.m. to 7:18 p.m.

VENUE: WebEx

BEFORE: TOM CONGDON

Task Force and Oversight Board Chair

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2 APPEARANCES:

3 JOSEPH WHITE

4 TOM KACZMAREK

5 ALYSE PETERSON

6 ARPIT MEHTA

7 BILL QUINN

8 BRIDGET FRYMIRE

9 CATHERINE BORGIA

10 DAN FULLER

11 DAVID LOCHBAUM

12 ESMIN BROWN-ANDERSON

13 JASON DAY

14 JENNIFER WACHA

15 JOE DELMAR

16 JOHN SHERIDAN

17 JOHN SIPOS

18 JOSEPH HOCHREITER

19 KELLY TURTURRO

20 KEVIN SPEICHER

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23 MARK PATTISON

24 MAUREEN JUKES

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 SUSAN SPEAR

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 THOMAS CAREY

 GEORGE LATIMER

 THOMAS SCAGLIONE

 VICTORIA LEUNG

 VINCENT RAVASCHIERE

 WILLIAM SMITH

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2 APPEARANCES: (Cont'g.)

3 SPEAKERS:

4 DAN GALINKO

5 COURTNEY WILLIAMS

6 RAMSEY SALCEDO

7 MARIE INSERRA

8 ELLEN WEININGER

9 JOHN SULLIVAN

10 SUZANNAH GLIDDEN

11 MANNA JO GREENE

12 AMY ROSMARIN

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2 (On the record, 04:05 p.m.)

3 CHAIR CONGDON: I'd like to call to
4 order tonight's joint meeting of the New York State
5 Indian Point Closure Task Force and the Indian Point
6 Decommissioning Oversight Board. I'm Tom Congdon,
7 Executive Deputy of the New York State Department of
8 Public Service. And I'm honored to be the chair of
9 both the Task Force and the Decommissioning Oversight
10 Board. Change slides, Tom.

11 So just let me note the arrangement
12 for today's virtual meeting. All attendee lines are
13 muted upon entry. Public statements will be accepted
14 at the end of the meeting. Participants who pre-
15 registered to speak will be given first priority and
16 other statements will be accepted as time allows.

17 The chat will be reviewed following
18 the meeting. For technical difficulties, please do
19 call 1-800-342-3330. Panelists in particular should
20 take note of this number in case you run into any
21 issues getting on the line. We do have a court
22 reporter present. We will be recording today's
23 meeting.

24 We'll make the video and transcript
25 available to the public of this meeting on the

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2 Department of Public Service's website. Next slide,
3 please? Before I take the roll call of the members,
4 I'd like to recognize a few folks. First, I would
5 like to thank Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand,
6 and Congressman Jones and their staff for their
7 continued engagement in support of our work.

8 You know, while they're not officially
9 members of our task force, they are definitely our
10 partners, and they deliver for the community as
11 evidenced by their recent announcement of the new
12 federal assessment of the Enbridge Gas Pipeline in
13 the vicinity -- vicinity of Indian Point.

14 The pipeline issue was a continued
15 source of concern in the community and bringing
16 additional federal resources and attention to the
17 matter is welcome. We're looking forward to learning
18 more about the assessment as the work gets underway,
19 and I'm sure this will be a topic for a future
20 meeting.

21 Next, I would like to introduce Rory
22 Christian. He was named Chair of the Public Service
23 Commission on September 30th by Governor Kathy
24 Hochul, and I want to welcome Chair Christian. We're
25 also joined by one of our Commissioners at the P.S.C.

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2 Diane Burman. Welcome Commissioner Burman.

3 And most importantly, I'd like to
4 thank the very engaged members of the public who
5 attend our meetings. And they ask us tough
6 questions, and they are holding all of us
7 accountable. It's -- it's not always easy to be on
8 the receiving end of tough questions, but the truth -
9 - the truth is, this kind of civic engagement really
10 does help the government do a better job and
11 ultimately helps the companies and the community do a
12 better job. So thank you to our audience tonight.

13 So now, I'll take roll call. There
14 are a lot of us, and we have a big agenda. So I'd
15 like to kind of help with the -- for efficiency stake
16 -- sake and go through the roll call calling on each
17 of you to just introduce yourself, name and title.

18 So from the Governor's office, do we
19 have Raj?

20 MR. SHAH: Yeah, hi, this is Rajiv
21 Shah, Assistant Counsel to Governor Hochul for Energy
22 and Environment and Agriculture.

23 CHAIR CONGDON: Thanks, Raj. Do we
24 have Dan Fuller with us?

25 MR. FULLER: Yes, yup. Dan Fuller,

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2 Deputy Secretary for Education in the chamber.

3 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. Anyone
4 else on from the chamber? From the State Senate?

5 MR. HARCKHAM: Pete Harckham here,
6 40th Senate District.

7 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Senator.
8 From the assembly?

9 MS. GALEF: Assemblywoman, Sandy
10 Galef, 95th Assembly District.

11 CHAIR CONGDON: Good to see you. From
12 the County Executive's Office?

13 MS. SPEAR: Hi, it's Susan Spear,
14 Deputy Commissioner of Westchester County, Department
15 of Emergency Services.

16 CHAIR CONGDON: Great. Hi, Susan.
17 Town of Cortlandt. Supervisor Puglisi, are you with
18 us? I'll come back around to Supervisor Puglisi.

19 MS. PUGLISI: Can you hear me?

20 CHAIR CONGDON: Oh, there you are.
21 Yes.

22 MS. PUGLISI: Yeah, all right.

23 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay.

24 MS. PUGLISI: Linda Puglisi,
25 Supervisor, Town of Cortlandt.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. Village of
3 Buchanan?

4 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Theresa
5 Knickerbocker, Mayor of Village of Buchanan.

6 CHAIR CONGDON: Hello, Mayor.

7 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Hi.

8 CHAIR CONGDON: Hendrick Hudson School
9 District?

10 MR. HOCHREITER: Joseph Hochreiter,
11 Superintendent of the Hendrick Hudson School
12 District.

13 CHAIR CONGDON: Do we have our County
14 Legislators?

15 MS. BORGIA: Catherine Borgia, County
16 Legislator, LD 9.

17 CHAIR CONGDON: Welcome. I don't know
18 that we've seen Colin Smith join yet. Colin, are you
19 with us? Okay. I would like to turn to Labor,
20 starting with the Teamsters. Louis? Tom? Tom
21 Carey, can you hear us?

22 MR. CAREY: Yes.

23 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Thank you.
24 Bill?

25 MR. SMITH: Yeah, I hear you. Bill

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2 Pipeline Safety and Reliability in the Office of Gas
3 Pipeline Safety. Suresh Thomas, also with our gas
4 safety team and Arpit Mehta also with the Gas
5 Pipeline Safety Team. Thank you all for joining us.

6 Did I miss anyone other than who I
7 already introduced Chair Christian and -- and
8 Commissioner Burman and staff, did I miss anyone else
9 from the agency?

10 So with that, I'll turn to Department
11 of Environmental Conservation.

12 MS. TURTURRO: Good afternoon, Kelly
13 Turturro. I'm the Regional Director for D.E.C.'s
14 Hudson Valley Office.

15 CHAIR CONGDON: Hi, Kelly. Department
16 of Labor.

17 MR. ABRAHAMS: Good afternoon, Orville
18 Abrahams, Deputy Commissioner for Workforce
19 Development. Karen Coleman will be joining us
20 shortly.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Thank you.
22 Department of State.

23 MR. PATTISON: I'm Mark Pattison,
24 Deputy Secretary for the Department of State.

25 CHAIR CONGDON: Tax and Finance?

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2 MR. PALLADINO: Hi, Scott Palladino,
3 Deputy Commissioner, Office of Tax Policy Analysis of
4 the Tax Department.

5 CHAIR CONGDON: Division of Homeland
6 Security and Emergency Services?

7 MS. WACHA: Jennifer Wacha, Deputy
8 Director with the State Office of Emergency
9 Management in the Division of Homeland Security and
10 Emergency Services.

11 CHAIR CONGDON: Great. E.S.D.?

12 MR. SCAGLIONE: Good afternoon. Tom
13 Scaglione, Mid-Hudson Regional Director, and I'll
14 turn it over to Vincent.

15 MR. RAVASCHIERE: Yes, Vincent
16 Ravaschiere, Senior V.P. for Energy.

17 CHAIR CONGDON: And the New York Power
18 Authority? Okay. I'll skip them. NYSEDA?

19 MS. PETERSON: Good afternoon. Alyse
20 Peterson, Senior Advisor for Nuclear Coordination and
21 Radioactive Waste Policy and designated New York
22 State liaison to the N.R.C.

23 CHAIR CONGDON: And do I have anyone
24 else from the State Agencies? So that represents the
25 membership of the Indian Point Closure Task Force.

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2 All of these folks also sit on the Decommissioning
3 Oversight Board, and we have a couple of additional
4 members I'd like to introduce at this time. For the
5 Oversight Board, we have David Lochbaum. Dave?

6 MR. LOCHBAUM: Dave Lochbaum, a
7 technical adviser to the Oversight Board.

8 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Dave. And
9 I'm not sure Richard Webster was going to be able to
10 join us this evening, but he thought he might send
11 designee from Riverkeeper. Do we have anyone from
12 Riverkeeper on the line?

13 MS. LEUNG: Yes, Victoria Leung, Staff
14 Attorney with the Riverkeeper. Hopefully Richard
15 should be able to join towards the end of the
16 meeting.

17 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Great. Thank
18 you and welcome. Did I miss anyone from -- from the
19 Task Force that would like to introduce themselves?
20 Okay, next slide, please?

21 So we have a lot to cover this
22 evening. As -- as usual, we'll start with some
23 Indian Point Closure Task Force business where we'll
24 get some updates on Labor, from our Department of
25 Labor. We'll go over the status of the cessation

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2 fund, and then I will be providing an update on the
3 Community and Environmental Benefit Fund.

4 Then we'll turn over to
5 Decommissioning Oversight Board activities. After
6 quick updates from me, I have requested a number of
7 presentations. First, I'm going to ask Enbridge to
8 go out of order. There were some recent questions
9 raised this week about some construction activity in
10 the community, and so yesterday I asked Enbridge to
11 join us this evening, and they'll speak to that work.

12 We have a number of agency
13 presentations on Oversight, and then we'll end with
14 Holtec presentation. Next slide, please? So first,
15 I'm going to ask Orville to give us an update on
16 labor. Orville?

17 MR. ABRAHAMS: Yes. Good afternoon,
18 everyone. I'm not going to go through and read every
19 slide -- every word of the slide, but we've been
20 engaged with reemployment services for the employees
21 prior to the start of decommissioning. 93 employees
22 provided reemployment services including dedicated
23 workshops, to help prepare employees with their job
24 search efforts.

25 To date, 11 employees have been

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2 provided unemployment insurance. In the beginning of
3 the month, 308 effective employees were given
4 intensive job placement services in a mailing sent to
5 them, so -- so that they could take advantage of
6 that.

7 For those affected employees, we have
8 information forum in Department of Labor. We're also
9 conducting calls and sending emails, trying to
10 connect and provide assistance as needed. On October
11 7th, an additional outreach effort have brought the
12 following information. 20 employees interested for
13 our reemployment services, 8 have returned to work, 8
14 have retired.

15 Our next slide. Our trade adjustment
16 assistance petition was accepted on March 20th, 2021,
17 so that could provide up to \$25,000 in training for
18 each affected employee. So we continue to engage and
19 work with the former **Entergy** employees to educate
20 them on all the benefits of this program and how to
21 apply providing information on continuing education
22 and pertain potential training opportunities using
23 this act.

24 And then being the liaison between
25 them at higher education institution explore credit

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2 transfers in re-attainment. To date, 391 Entergy
3 employees received an application to apply for the
4 T.A.A. program, 25 attended a one-on-one
5 informational appointment to learn more about the
6 program. And to date, 6 training plans in this
7 program have been approved.

8 Next slide, please? We remain in
9 contact with the H.R. manager at Holtec. Out of the
10 300 former Entergy employees who stayed on with
11 Holtec to work on the Decommissioning, 22 have
12 voluntarily left. Those positions have been
13 backfilled with former Entergy employees. And you
14 could see the rest. I'll skip to that last bullet.

15 In attempt -- in addition to
16 Department of Labor, the H.R. manager, we provided
17 with resources on job placement services that can be
18 shared with employees who voluntarily separate. And
19 that concludes the report on the Workforce
20 Development Services. I don't think Karen's joined
21 yet. So maybe you can -- we can circle back and get
22 the Labor Relations update.

23 CHAIR CONGDON: That would be fine.

24 MR. ABRAHAMS: Any questions?

25 CHAIR CONGDON: Any questions?

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2 Thanks, Orville. Tom, can you go to the next slide?
3 Great. Vince, are you on the line to provide an
4 update on the cessation fund?

5 MR. RAVASCHIERE: Yes, I am. Thanks,
6 Tom, and good afternoon, everyone. Just a quick
7 update on the status of the cessation fund. I'm
8 pleased to announce that the first payment with
9 respect to Indian Point was made from the fund
10 actually yesterday to the Village of Buchanan. That
11 was in the amount of \$773,568. That is the first of
12 7 years that -- that the village will be in the
13 program.

14 And I did receive confirmation
15 yesterday that the wire had been completed. So if
16 it, for any reason, has not hit the account, please
17 let me know as soon as possible. My understanding is
18 that Hendrick Hudson School District will most likely
19 be applying right after the first of the year based
20 on their tax and PILOT payment schedule. I believe
21 they will be eligible to apply in January 2022.

22 The last state budget increased
23 authorization for the program to \$140 million. And
24 of that, approximately 102 million remains in the
25 program. We have had recent applications from 2

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2 school districts, both in Western New York, both
3 impacted by the closure of 2 coal fired generation
4 plants, the Cayuga Plant and the Somerset Plant.

5 And in addition to those 2 new
6 applicants, there has been over the past 5 years of
7 operation of the program, 5 municipalities that have
8 been engaged. They are all in their fifth year. So
9 they have another 2 years to go in the program and
10 then we'll be exiting -- exiting out.

11 And I'm happy to take any -- any
12 questions you may have.

13 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Vince. I
14 want to give an opportunity, especially to the taxing
15 jurisdictions to ask any questions on the cessation
16 fund. Any -- any questions for Vincent?

17 MS. PUGLISI: No questions but thank
18 you for the first payment.

19 MR. RAVASCHIERE: Quite welcome.

20 CHAIR CONGDON: I will -- I'll just
21 observe that, you know, throughout the -- the time of
22 the Task Force going back to 2017, you know, this has
23 been an issue of -- of great interest for the task
24 force. When we just -- when we first started working
25 on these issues, you know, we made note of the -- of

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2 the program that it existed.

3 But you know, there was a lot more
4 work to do to ensure that there was sufficient
5 funding available when Indian Point closed, so that
6 the communities could actually draw down the -- the
7 real funds that they were eligible for under the
8 program.

9 And so to see this first payment made,
10 I think is a really great milestone. And you know,
11 I'm really pleased to see the program actually
12 functioning the way we intended and envisioned it
13 would. So thank you to -- to the village for working
14 with E.S.D. to make sure the application, you know,
15 gave them all the information they needed in order to
16 process the application and get the payment made.
17 And thank you to Vince for -- for the great work at
18 E.S.D.

19 MS. PUGLISI: Tom, Linda Puglisi.

20 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes.

21 MS. PUGLISI: I'm -- I'm so delighted
22 to -- to see that our friends, our partners from the
23 village got their first installment. That is really
24 terrific. Thank you for your work, to Tom K's work
25 and to all of your colleagues for working on this

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2 was intended to operate the program over the next 10
3 years. I imagine that will be subject to adjustment
4 depending on how much activity there is.

5 MS. PUGLISI: Okay.

6 MR. RAVASCHIERE: So I don't -- I
7 don't know for a fact that it will be revisited every
8 year, but I -- I would imagine that at some point it
9 would be.

10 MS. PUGLISI: To some degree, and then
11 --

12 MR. RAVASCHIERE: Yes.

13 MS. PUGLISI: -- the high interest
14 will add to. I'm being facetious.

15 CHAIR CONGDON: Well, I think -- the
16 supervisor, I think that the -- the line of questions
17 that you have are actually spot on and exactly what
18 the task force should do, right? So -- so right now,
19 we have no reason for concern, but you are right to
20 point out that other communities could come in and
21 we'd have to evaluate to the extent that those
22 communities are eligible, how much they might draw
23 down against the authorization and -- and -- and if
24 that affects the overall availability of funds, you
25 know, for the Indian Point communities. Our task

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2 force could do the math and -- and -- and make --
3 make folks aware of that issue. And that's -- that's
4 the role we play.

5 MS. PUGLISI: Tom, just quickly, if
6 you could just explain to the public who -- who's
7 listening in and who may not know this. It's not
8 just nuclear. It's other --.

9 CHAIR CONGDON: Sure. Can I interrupt
10 for a second?

11 MS. PUGLISI: Yeah, go ahead.

12 CHAIR CONGDON: Yeah, yeah. Thank
13 you, Linda. And I -- I think that you're right.
14 There're -- there probably are a number of -- of new
15 members in the audience and -- and --.

16 MR. MALE SPEAKER: ... and it --

17 CHAIR CONGDON: I -- I think someone
18 might have had an open mic there for a second. But
19 anyway, the -- the State Legislature actually created
20 a program that is administered by Empire State
21 Development called the Electric Generation Cessation
22 Mitigation Program.

23 And -- and this program was designed
24 in recognition of the transition in the energy system
25 that -- that we're undergoing recognizing that some

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2 power plants will likely be retired in the transition
3 to clean energy economy, and -- and -- and recognize
4 that many communities' regional economies would be
5 impacted because oftentimes, these power plants are
6 very large property taxpayers.

7 So when they close and that tax
8 revenue goes away, it could have a potentially
9 devastating impact on -- on the tax base. And so the
10 legislature did create this program several years ago
11 with -- with -- with this in mind. And the program
12 provides eligible communities with up to 7 years of
13 grant assistance that decline over time.

14 First starting -- and Vincent, keep me
15 honest here, but starting at 80 percent of the lost
16 revenue for the taxing jurisdiction in the first year
17 of the loss. And declining by 10 percentage points
18 each year over 7 years. The idea there being that
19 over that 7-year period, the tax base can gradually
20 adjust, hopefully bring in alternative economic
21 development and new tax base while it does so.

22 And -- and reduce the sort of
23 immediate shock that could have otherwise occurred
24 from the closure of the power plant. So that's the
25 background on this program. It -- it was viewed as a

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2 very successful program, and -- and a good tool to
3 have available for communities like the Indian Point
4 Community.

5 But what the Task Force has done over
6 the past few years is worked with our partners in the
7 legislature and in the governor's office to highlight
8 funding needs, so that those would be addressed,
9 action would be taken before this year, which is the
10 first year the taxing jurisdictions are being
11 impacted by the lost revenue from the closure of
12 Indian Point and -- and when they first became
13 eligible under the program.

14 And so we were just really pleased
15 that, yeah, through Senator Harckham's and
16 Assemblywoman Galef's actions and the governor's
17 offices work and we took some actions at the P.S.C.
18 to create the funding mechanism that all of us worked
19 together to really shore up the program and make sure
20 that it was fully funded when Indian Point
21 communities became eligible.

22 I think Sandy Galef have had her hand
23 up. So Sandy Galef?

24 MS. GALEF: I do -- I do, Tom. I just
25 want -- I think it's great, Buchanan got their first

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2 payment. But Hen Hud has to apply in January. Do we
3 have an idea how much money they will be receiving,
4 and what about the Town of Cortlandt and the library
5 district and the county and the fire district? When
6 -- when can they all apply? Is that all January 22?

7 CHAIR CONGDON: No, everyone is on a
8 different fiscal year. And -- and the eligibility
9 gets triggered in the first fiscal year following a
10 greater than 20 percent loss in revenue. And so
11 that's why you're seeing the different application
12 schedules.

13 But each taxing jurisdiction, I
14 believe, knows when they become eligible and are
15 working with E.S.D. to make sure that they know when
16 they can apply. But if there are any questions among
17 any of the taxing jurisdictions, you know, we --
18 we've been facilitating direct communication with
19 Vincent and his team at E.S.D.

20 MS. GALEF: Right. I would assume the
21 town and the county can apply in January, but Hen Hud
22 School District doesn't have a fiscal year until next
23 Septem -- July, I think it was Sep -- September.

24 CHAIR CONGDON: Vincent or Joe, do you
25 want to talk about why January 2022 for the school

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2 district?

3 MR. HOCHREITER: Yeah, we've been
4 working very closely with Vincent and his team.
5 They've been very responsive, have already begun
6 planning and -- and ballparking what our allocation
7 will be each of the next number of years. Our fiscal
8 year starts July 1st. So I know we've already begun
9 working on the application to make sure when revenue
10 arrives it will match with our expenses for 2023
11 fiscal year. So we're in a good shape in terms of --
12 .

13 MS. PUGLISI: And Tom, with the town,
14 Sandy. We have to calculate to see if we have -- if
15 we meet that threshold of 20 percent loss of revenue
16 or not. So that's what we will do in December come
17 January also.

18 MS. SPEAR: Westchester County will
19 apply in April of 2022.

20 CHAIR CONGDON: Excellent. Any other
21 questions on the cessation fund?

22 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: I just wanted to
23 make a comment. I know I thanked Vincent before, but
24 he was very helpful going through the process, the
25 paperwork, I mean, he's -- he's -- he's been

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2 fantastic. And our Village Administrator, Marcus
3 Serrano, said he was great to work with also.

4 So thank you, because it was, you
5 know, the paperwork and -- and going through the
6 process was -- was a challenge, but I think we got it
7 down now. So -- and thank you to everyone that --
8 that made this happen. Sandy Galef, Pete Harckham,
9 you know, the state and you know what? The task
10 force, everyone's been great to work with and very
11 helpful. So it's much appreciated.

12 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. Okay. So
13 before we get to the next slide, I -- I want to
14 preface it by saying we -- we -- we -- we've been
15 talking for a long time about the community fund. So
16 the cessation fund is a statutory program that's
17 addressing the -- the -- the tax loss, but there's
18 also -- I'm sorry, go ahead on the next slide.

19 But there's also a \$15 million fund
20 that we've been discussing as a task force for --
21 for, you know, 4 years, 5 years. And under the terms
22 of the settlement agreement that -- that settled the
23 litigation between the state and the Entergy and --
24 and Riverkeeper. Entergy was required to pay \$15
25 million for projects that would benefit the Hudson

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2 River and support the community.

3 And we have been discussing an
4 approach to how, you know, how we could consider
5 projects. We've received a number of proposals from
6 community organizations and from Labor Unions and
7 from the town and the village. And we've been
8 publicizing those proposals in the task force's
9 annual reports for the past 2 years.

10 And as all of you know, we put those
11 reports out for public comments, and we were inviting
12 comment on -- on everything in the report, including
13 these project proposals. We had a number of working
14 group sessions, going back a couple of years now,
15 discussing, you know, the -- the merits of these
16 proposals. We've recently gotten to become quite
17 expert in sewer infrastructure because the sewer
18 infrastructure was -- was a priority for both the
19 town and the village.

20 And it's -- it's -- it's quite
21 impressive coming from the P.S.C. where we don't do
22 sewer infrastructure, but to learn about the
23 Department of Environmental Conservation and the
24 Environmental Facilities Corporation Programs that
25 provide assistance, both technical and -- and

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2 - it -- it will then facilitate discussions with the
3 town. And -- and within the village itself, to talk
4 about new tie-ins into this Wastewater Treatment
5 Plant. The town had successfully designed a new
6 Sewer District in Montrose and is applying for funds
7 to support that -- actually received a grant from
8 E.F.C. for that project, but that grant requires an
9 inter municipal agreement between the town and the
10 village because that's where this new Sewer District
11 would tie-in.

12 And so the \$7 million is going to be
13 used both for the capital needs, but also for the
14 assistance technical and legal to the town and the
15 village to get that kind of work done and -- and work
16 together to establish the inter-municipal agreements
17 that are necessary to finally move these projects
18 forward, so we're excited about those.

19 We also are funding \$6.5 million to
20 the Hudson River Foundation. This is a program that
21 monitors fish species on the Hudson River. This is
22 work that's been going on for decades and has
23 traditionally been funded by Entergy.

24 And with the closure of the plant and
25 -- and -- and the exit from New York State of

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2 Entergy, the organizations that rely on this research
3 were concerned that there wasn't another funding
4 source lined up and that that work that's so
5 important to -- to not be disrupted, could be.

6 And -- and so this \$6.5 million will
7 go to the Hudson River foundation to ensure that that
8 scientific work continues uninterrupted. You know
9 the D.E.C. relies on this research as well and
10 they're going to be intricately involved in managing
11 that program with the Hudson River Foundation.

12 CHAIR CONGDON: Next is the Hendrick
13 Hudson School District. We've -- as -- as you all
14 know and we're going to talk about this at length
15 under the Decommissioning Oversight Board
16 presentations. But we established at our first
17 meeting, a school monitoring working group, to
18 identify, you know, ways in which the Decommissioning
19 Oversight Board can advise the school district and
20 community about, you know, how the decommissioning
21 processes could impact the school community.

22 One of the things that will -- we'll
23 be discussing more later, that came from that work is
24 a recognition that there may need to be in the next
25 couple of years, some new types of technology used

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2 for monitoring radiation and environmental conditions
3 in the community. And so, we wanted to earmark some
4 resources for that future need with a -- with an
5 award that we will work with the Hendrick Hudson
6 School District on 500,000 for monitoring.

7 Next, we -- we provided \$250,000 to
8 the Teamsters Local 456, who applied for funds for a
9 training simulator. This will allow their union hall
10 to train their members to get the necessary training
11 they need for a commercial driver's license. And
12 this will then open up new job opportunities for
13 members who may otherwise be displaced from the
14 change in circumstances at Indian Point.

15 And lastly, \$750,000 grant to Historic
16 Hudson Valley, which is undertaking very significant
17 modernization and safety enhancements at the Van
18 Cortlandt Manor. This is a project that is also
19 going to secure \$3 million in additional federal
20 funds for the project. So, the 750 is leveraging a
21 much larger grant to bring into the region. And so,
22 we're excited about that as well.

23 So all in all, I think it's a very
24 good package that is providing necessary funds into
25 the community that is addressing direct impacts that

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2 were caused by the closure of Indian Point and really
3 was a pleasure to -- to work with all of the grant
4 recipients to understand their proposals and to get
5 to this point.

6 Before I move on to questions and --
7 and comments, I want to invite Raj Shah from the
8 governor's office to say a few words. Raj?

9 MR. SHAH: Yeah, thanks, Tom. I just
10 want to kind of echo what the governor said in her
11 press release, which, you know, her -- she views
12 these awards as part of a comprehensive approach that
13 the state's putting forward to ensure that the
14 closure of Indian Point is really done in a way that
15 doesn't translate into a lack of investment in the
16 region.

17 And I think the governor, you know --
18 the process that this went through is totally aligned
19 with where Governor Hochul views for community
20 projects, which is these proposals came from the
21 communities and the community stakeholders. And --
22 and it was a real bottom-up approach.

23 And I think, you know, she's thrilled.
24 I'm thrilled to see just such a great suite of
25 proposals here from environmental infrastructure to

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2 continuing this important monitoring of the river, to
3 ensuring that the school has resources to -- to
4 adequately monitor potential impacts during
5 decommissioning, job training programs that are going
6 to be so key for the workers here.

7 And -- and -- and historic
8 preservation projects. It's really, really an
9 outstanding package, as Tom said, and I note the
10 governor is really, you know, happy about the way
11 that's all shaped up and -- and so I just want to
12 thank, you know, the town, the village, the
13 foundation, the district, the Teamsters and Historic
14 Hudson Valley for their partnership and then and
15 really coming up with some great proposals.

16 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Raj. Other
17 comments? Yes, Linda.

18 Ms. PUGLISI: Yeah. If I may on
19 behalf of the Town of Cortlandt and in conjunction
20 with our partners, especially the Village of Buchanan
21 and Hendrick Hudson School District, we -- this is a
22 result of what can happen if you -- everybody puts
23 their heads together and they have an ongoing
24 dialogue. They meet regularly and this is what can
25 be accomplished.

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2 And I applaud everybody for their
3 work. There's still work to be done. But this is
4 just a wonderful package that is going to benefit a
5 lot of entities, municipalities. And I thank the
6 governor and all of you. Thank you so much.

7 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Linda.
8 Mayor.

9 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yes. The Village
10 of Buchanan is -- is extremely grateful. And as you
11 know we're, because of the closure of Indian Point,
12 the energy center, we are in a financial situation
13 and to bond for the sewer treatment plant on top of
14 that would be next -- it would be impossible.

15 So it was important, we're under
16 D.E.C. consent, it, you know, the project needs to
17 happen. So I am very pleased with this -- it's -- I
18 can't tell you how happy I am. It's -- it's a great
19 thing for the community and it will help with our
20 future development. And you know, and hopefully we
21 can come to an agreement with the town. We can work
22 together.

23 And -- but like Linda said, you know,
24 through this whole process with the Indian Point task
25 force and -- and, you know, Linda and I, you know,

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2 protection, economic development, you know, simple
3 fact, in -- in Northern Westchester and throughout
4 the Hudson Valley, we cannot do viable economic
5 development with our old septic systems. And that's
6 what this is about. And -- and certainly we've
7 talked about, you know, there's a national shortage
8 of drivers right now.

9 So hopefully this trade -- the
10 training system that the Teamsters have requested
11 will be of assistance, not just for the Indian Point
12 employees, but throughout the Hudson Valley region.
13 So I think that strikes a good balance. I want to
14 thank you, thank the governor's office and everybody
15 involved. Great job.

16 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, senator.

17 MR. PICANI: Tom, may I say something?

18 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, please. Yes,
19 Louis, go ahead.

20 MR. PICANI: Okay. I tried to raise
21 my hand, but I don't know how to do this stuff. So I
22 apologize. But I want to thank Governor Hochul,
23 Senator Harckham and each and every person on this
24 task force for realizing the importance of keeping
25 the workers here in the community, not to send them

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2 Louis. Really well said.

3 MR. PICANI: Thank you.

4 MR. LATIMER: Tom, George Latimer
5 here, can I share a thought?

6 CHAIR CONGDON: Of course. Welcome.

7 MR. LATIMER: Good to be with you all.
8 You know, obviously we're very pleased to see that
9 the Hudson River Foundation that Teamsters Local 456
10 and Historic Hudson Valley are -- are getting the
11 benefit from this. And I just want to highlight that
12 the county government has prioritize the support for
13 the Village of Buchanan, Town of Cortlandt and for
14 the School District of Hendrick Hudson.

15 All 4 of our jurisdictions, the county
16 and those who benefited from the payment for these
17 taxes that were struck originally with Entergy. But
18 given the fact that the resource of the Buchanan are
19 severely affected by this -- Hen Hud School District
20 is severely affected by this change and Cortlandt
21 more so than the county.

22 The county is very supportive of these
23 grants to help the village, to help the town, to help
24 the school district. So no complete
25 intergovernmental support for what's happening to

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2 benefit those -- those jurisdictions. And we thank
3 you for a job well done.

4 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, executive.
5 Other -- Other questions or comments?

6 MS. LEUNG: Okay. This is Victoria
7 from Riverkeeper. Can I make a comment?

8 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, please.

9 MS. LEUNG: Yeah, we just want to echo
10 everyone's thanks for this decision, who support a
11 diverse set of projects, communities, and individuals
12 here at Indian Point Community and Environmental
13 Fund. We're especially excited to see funding
14 continue for the Hudson River biological monitoring
15 program, which was funded by decades by power plants
16 to measure their destructive impact on the Hudson
17 River ecosystem.

18 So we think this is really great. And
19 thank you so much.

20 CHAIR CONGDON: You know, thank you
21 Victoria, and I think that it will be actually really
22 fascinating to see the results from the research.
23 You know, you've got decades of -- of data showing,
24 you know, population of fish species when the plants
25 along the Hudson, not just Indian Point, but others

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2 MR. HOCHREITER: And lastly, Tom, if I
3 could thank everyone, not only for your work and the
4 governor's support for this grant, but this is
5 certainly responsive and relevant to the concerns
6 we've been hearing over the last number of months
7 from families and community members to make sure our
8 schools are safe during this unique time of
9 decommissioning. And that on behalf of the school
10 district, we never felt alone and we never felt
11 uninformed throughout this whole process.

12 So thank you for making sure we had a
13 seat at the table. And this team's commitment to
14 this grant, but also the cessation fund. Folks have
15 walked the talk that you have not forgotten about
16 this area. And you haven't forgot about the impacted
17 areas, especially our school community and 2300
18 students. So thank you.

19 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Joe. I see
20 Sandy Galef may have a hand up.

21 MS. GALEF: I do. I just wanted to
22 follow-up with, you know, what -- what Joe has just
23 said with Hen Hud School District. Are there any
24 particulars about how this is going to work and you
25 said it's during the whole decommissioning period of

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2 time. Are there any particulars on this, like, where
3 -- where the -- because I've gotten a lot of emails
4 on this topic. So I think it's great.

5 And I -- I think the public has really
6 been very inspirational at getting this grant, you
7 know, I give them so much credit. So ... particulars
8 or is that coming out with on the school safety?

9 CHAIR CONGDON: Yeah. I think -- I
10 think we're going to ask Dave Lochbaum to present a
11 number of slides from the school working group. We
12 did a lot of work over the summer. We published our
13 findings and -- and initial work product in
14 September, September 3rd, and he'll walk through
15 those slides.

16 And I think this is meant to provide a
17 resource for future work, based on the ongoing work
18 of -- of the school working group. So we'll hear
19 from Dave and we'll probably have some time for
20 questions and thoughts about how we might be applying
21 this 500,000.

22 MS. GALEF: Okay. Thanks.

23 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Seeing no
24 additional comments or questions, just thank
25 everyone, again, for all of their work to get to this

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2 will be posted as soon as it's ready. And we also
3 post the actual video of the meetings as well.
4 That's all in lieu of minutes. Next slide, please.
5 As I alluded to, when I was going over the agenda,
6 we're aware that there is work happening on the
7 Enbridge pipeline in the community. I think that
8 there were some community questions about the
9 pipeline work just on Monday and Tuesday of this
10 week.

11 And so yesterday, I asked Enbridge if
12 they would be able to present a very brief update to
13 us to inform not only the Decommissioning Oversight
14 Board, but the public at large, exactly what they're
15 doing on that pipe. And, you know, I think it's
16 important that Enbridge engage with the community on
17 a regular basis when there's work being done in the
18 community to avoid any confusion or -- or concerns or
19 to make sure that obviously, they have regulatory
20 requirements to inform the regulator when there's
21 work going on.

22 My understanding is that this is work
23 that was actually presented by PHMSA at our June
24 meeting to let us know that this would be happening.
25 But I'm going to be turning it over to Enbridge and

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2 let them have a few minutes to explain the work on
3 the line. So do we have Bill Quinn?

4 MR. SHERIDAN: Good afternoon, Tom,
5 this is John Sheridan.

6 CHAIR CONGDON: Hi, John. Yeah.

7 MR. SHERIDAN: Government relations
8 for Enbridge and Algonquin Gas. With me today is
9 Bill Quinn, he oversees pipeline integrity for the
10 company. And as you indicated, we'd like to provide
11 an update on the maintenance work. Thank you for the
12 invitation. And I'll turn it over to Bill. Thank
13 you.

14 MR. QUINN: Thank you, John.
15 Appreciate -- appreciate the intro and to the team, I
16 appreciate the opportunity to go over a brief
17 pipeline integrity overview. And so in this location
18 around Indian Point, we have the Algonquin 26-inch
19 pipeline. And it's a -- it's a carbon steel
20 transmission line transporting natural gas.

21 And as part of our ongoing pipeline
22 integrity program, we conducted an inline tool
23 inspection which is normal. We do this all over our
24 entire system in North America. And these tools
25 record features or indications on the pipeline. And

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2 at this location at Broadway Road, there were no
3 actionable features.

4 So what that means is there was
5 nothing requiring us or mandating us to excavate and
6 then stop the pipeline. However, as part of our
7 enhanced analysis integrity program, we did identify
8 3 features of interest. So, again, these are above
9 and beyond any code requirements and went ahead and
10 developed a plan to excavate and inspect these
11 indications.

12 And as most people know, the pipeline
13 crosses Broadway Road at this location and it does
14 that going through a steel casing. So from a
15 construction standpoint, it just makes sense to
16 excavate right across the road and -- and replace
17 that section of pipe with new pipe. So that's what's
18 occurring here.

19 So members of the public have probably
20 noticed excavations in the area on either side of the
21 road, which is normal and then excavation will
22 proceed across the road. And jersey barriers and
23 other fencing is -- is put up to protect the public
24 and the excavation. And I guess, additional
25 background and information on the site, the pipeline

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2 was reduced to 0 pressure on October 19th, in
3 anticipation of this work, which again, is just
4 normal when we do a pipe replacement.

5 So there's about 94 feet of pipe that
6 will be replaced across this road. And that's
7 actually due to start tomorrow and the final welding
8 will be complete Friday. And then, the overall
9 completion date for the project is estimated at
10 November 12th. That's when everything would be back
11 filled and in normal service, the road and -- and all
12 that sort of thing.

13 So Tom, it's a quick overview and
14 happy to turn it back to you.

15 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you very much,
16 Bill. I want to point out also that the D.P.S.,
17 which has the delegated oversight authority from
18 PHMSA, the federal pipeline regulator, to monitor
19 this activity and our staff is aware of the work.
20 And our staff will be in the field at any time that
21 there is active construction on the pipe and
22 monitoring that activity.

23 Kevin Speicher is on the line and our
24 gas safety team is on the line. So they're -- I want
25 to make sure they don't have any questions for you

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2 pertaining to the construction or any comments about
3 the D.P.S. Oversight, Kevin. I might be putting
4 Kevin on the spot and he had some technical
5 difficulties when he signed on.

6 Arpit, do you want to just confirm you
7 guys have staff in the field? I can confirm they
8 have staff in the field, I'm not sure they have the
9 mics. Arpit, are you available?

10 MR. MEHTA: Yeah, that's -- yeah,
11 sorry, Kevin was having some audio issues, but we
12 don't have any questions for Bill at the moment.

13 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. And you can
14 confirm D.P.S. has staff in the field for the
15 construction activity?

16 MR. MEHTA: Yes, I can confirm that,
17 that we will have staff in the field for the
18 construction activities.

19 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. I know,
20 Bill, you guys have a hard stop. But I want to make
21 sure the Decommissioning Oversight Board members give
22 an opportunity if anyone has any questions pertaining
23 construction activity in this brief.

24 MR. HARCKHAM: Tom.

25 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes.

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2 MR. HARCKHAM: Pete Harckham here.

3 Very quick question. Thank you for the overview.
4 You know, first we want to reassure folks that the
5 overall issue of the pipeline is something that's
6 front and center to the task force, we're going to
7 continue to take very seriously. But I want to thank
8 you for arranging this presentation.

9 And the question I have is what safety
10 protocols and precautions are being taken to protect
11 the community and residents while -- while this work
12 is going on. Thanks.

13 MR. QUINN: Yeah, for sure. Thank you
14 for the question. So are you -- are you asking
15 specifically on the construction piece or the overall
16 integrity?

17 MR. HARCKHAM: No, I would say the --
18 just a construction piece, because as I preface the
19 overall, you know, pipeline issue is a much larger
20 issue for this task force. But right now, I think
21 we're just focused on the work and, you know, I know
22 our office and Assemblywoman Galef, you know, we
23 received photos and emails of concern from
24 constituents.

25 So just really per this -- this work

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2 that you're doing, what safety precautions are being
3 taken.

4 MR. QUINN: Yeah, for sure, Pete,
5 thank you.

6 MR. HARCKHAM: Thank you.

7 MR. QUINN: I'll start off with a few
8 points. And I know John has a few comments on that
9 as well. But as I mentioned, you know, to protect
10 the excavation area for the public safety, the jersey
11 barriers are installed. And then also, steel road
12 plates are installed, for the excavation goes across
13 the road.

14 That's a common construction practice.
15 In the last 30 minutes, we heard a lot of common --
16 comments and discussion on infrastructure improvement
17 in Cortlandt and Buchanan on the sewer systems and
18 municipal authority. The same thing would happen
19 there, you know, any -- anytime you dig across a road
20 or a water line or a sewer line, it's very common to
21 put road plates there to -- to protect that
22 excavation.

23 And then I believe, additionally,
24 there's a police detail when construction activities
25 are occurring. And John, pull you into the

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2 conversation if there's anything I may have missed.

3 MR. SHERIDAN: Just that the, you
4 know, that the safety measures the jersey barriers,
5 the fencing, the cones, that's all done in complying
6 with the New York D.O.T. regulations.

7 MR. HARCKHAM: What about the pipeline
8 itself, is it depressurized, as you -- as you work in
9 that area?

10 MR. QUINN: It is, yes, it was -- it
11 was reduced to 0 pressure on October 19th. So
12 there's -- there's no pressure in the pipeline right
13 now. And then actually, there's other techniques we
14 employ to remove any residual gas fumes from the
15 pipeline in order to cut the pipeline and then weld a
16 new piece in 0 pressure.

17 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Hi, this is
18 Theresa, I just want to make a comment also. I know
19 Enbridge had contacted myself, our administrator, and
20 also our engineer. And before the construction, they
21 came in, explained what was happening. Our engineer
22 was comfortable with what was happening.

23 And they reviewed what -- what work
24 that they were going to be doing. And I also know
25 that our engineer is out in the field doing

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2 observations of the construction of the pipeline --
3 of the maintenance of the pipeline.

4 MS. GALEF: Can I just comment, Sandy
5 Galef?

6 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, please.

7 MS. GALEF: I think -- I think the
8 problem is, you know, we have a lot of anxiety around
9 Indian Point, many, many different aspects of it all.
10 And is there a way that when Enbridge is doing any --
11 any kind of work, besides, you know, letting the
12 local officials know that they can really let the
13 public know, either with a news release -- I mean, we
14 got a news release that there was going to be a siren
15 going off today at a certain point.

16 So you're aware of it and you're not
17 nervous about it or, you know, to have a website that
18 people can go on that, you know, is the Enbridge
19 website, that anybody can go there if they have a
20 question right away. I think your communications
21 need to be better. I believe that's what I'm trying
22 to say, with the public.

23 MR. SHERIDAN: Thank you, Assemblyman
24 Galef. And we will certainly take that back and see
25 what we can do to improve communications.

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2 Absolutely, and we will -- we will let you know what
3 the end result is. But thank you for highlighting
4 that. And happy to try to improve that from where we
5 are now. Thank you.

6 MS. BORGIA: If I could just add to
7 that to, what Sandy has said --- this is Catherine
8 Borgia from the County Board. I think some of the
9 anxiety from the surrounding neighbors is also that
10 the -- understanding what you've said to us today
11 about the protocols, but that it seems like the place
12 that oftentimes it was not being guarded or
13 monitored.

14 And there's a level of anxiety around
15 that. So I think that more communication is good,
16 but also just maybe more physical presence would --
17 would be useful too.

18 MR. SHERIDAN: This is John Sheridan.
19 Thank you for that comment. We'll bring it back. I
20 mean, we do have a police detail during the day. The
21 -- the trench is plated it at night with Jersey
22 barriers and other safety measures. But we would
23 certainly look at that and see if that's something
24 that we can -- we can advance as far as, you know,
25 having more personnel out there. Absolutely.

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2 MS. BORGIA: Thank you.

3 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Well, John and
4 Bill, thank you for coming with short notice. You
5 know, we're, as you heard, you know, there's the
6 larger overall issues associated with the co-location
7 of the pipe and the Indian Point and Decommissioning.
8 I know that members of the community are going to
9 continue to have questions for us pertaining to that.

10 And we as the regulator are going to
11 continue to do what -- what we need to, to ensure
12 public safety. And -- and this will surely be a
13 topic for further discussion at future meetings. But
14 we really appreciate the communication today, given
15 the timely nature of the construction activity that's
16 underway.

17 MS. PUGLISI: Tom, this is Linda.

18 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, Linda.

19 MS. PUGLISIS: Yeah, this is such a
20 critical subject that we have been discussing for
21 several years now. I just want to follow-up with all
22 my colleagues what they've been saying. Using the
23 sirens as an example prototype, you know, we all get
24 notifications the sirens are going to go on today.

25 And then right afterwards, after the

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2 siren testing is completed, then we get an update on
3 the what -- the results. So that is something I
4 think we need -- we need it to be immediate. I like
5 Sandy's idea about a website that the public, that we
6 all can go and check all the time on the activity
7 that is being done there by Enbridge and their
8 contractors.

9 I think that will be, you know, very
10 forthright. Transparency is a working word that I
11 think will answer some of the communities' citizen's
12 questions. I also would like to have us get the
13 monitors that are there. If we could get reports and
14 updates from them sooner rather than later, you know,
15 we're really concerned. We've raised issues I have
16 about the pipeline's close proximity to schools, in
17 particular, the Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School.

18 So we're all, you know, concerned
19 about it. And the transparency, information would be
20 invaluable for us to be able to disseminate it, but
21 also for the citizens and families to be able to go
22 up on a website and see it for themselves. So thanks
23 for listening.

24 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. Thank you,
25 supervisor. I'm going to let John and Bill go. I

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2 appreciate you guys being on. We have more to come.
3 And we're also obviously interested in the PHMSA
4 assessment of the pipelines. And as I said, there's
5 -- there's certainly going to be a continued
6 discussion around the pipeline issues, but we
7 appreciate John, Bill, you giving us an update on the
8 activity that's occurring right now.

9 But I know you guys have another
10 meeting to get to and -- and if you need to hop off,
11 you can feel free. But we're going to move on to the
12 next agenda item.

13 MR. QUINN: Thank you, Tom.

14 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Thank you.
15 Next slide, please. I'm going to turn it over now to
16 John Sipos, who's going to walk us through some of
17 the D.P.S. oversight activities. This is just a
18 reminder that we did create an Indian Point tip line
19 to the extent that there are employees or others with
20 knowledge of any issues of concern that they want to
21 make us aware of.

22 There's an opportunity to do so
23 through this email address, ip.tips@dps.ny.gov and at
24 a phone number 518-486-1487. We also have a webform
25 online. With that, next slide. We're going to turn

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2 it over to John Sipos, our counsel at D.P.S. and
3 counsel to the task force and Decommissioning
4 Oversight Board. John?

5 MR. SIPOS: Thank you, Tom. And for
6 those folks who are just listening by phone and were
7 unable to see that number, it is 518-486-1487. And
8 feel free to jot that down and keep it for, should
9 the need arise. So I'd like to talk with folks
10 tonight about D.P.S. activities, D.P.S. oversight
11 activities at the site.

12 Since our last meeting in June, D.P.S.
13 staff provided a guidance document to Holtec
14 pertaining to emergency notification protocols and
15 pipeline safety notification obligations. Again,
16 that went out in June. Holtec has acknowledged that
17 guidance and is complying with it. Also D.P.S.
18 staff, as you heard earlier, has been at the Indian
19 Point site, the gas safety staff has been there.

20 And has been there a number of times
21 since June. Third point just to touch on briefly,
22 Holtec has been providing D.P.S. with daily summaries
23 of weather information, effluent safety data and the
24 spent fuel pool temperature data, something we take
25 into account and look at very carefully. And there

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2 has been, to date, no safety concerns in those areas.

3 If we could go to the next slide,
4 concerning project and financial reporting. Thank
5 you. So as folks know from the joint proposal and
6 the Public Service Commission order from May 19th,
7 there are monthly project meetings with state agency
8 representatives, as well as local and county
9 representatives.

10 There's an opportunity, and those
11 meetings have occurred each month. They have been
12 informative and Holtec has been providing the
13 information that is required, and have been
14 responsive to state agency representative questions.
15 Also, in August 2021 -- so this would be after the
16 end of the first half of the year, Holtec executives
17 met with state regulators to discuss the -- the
18 status of the decommissioning trusts, the 3 trusts
19 that exist at the Indian Point site. And Holtec has
20 also reported that the project thus far, this is the
21 decommissioning project, is on schedule and from a
22 cumulative perspective under budget, and that is
23 through September.

24 And so lastly, Holtec is in compliance
25 with the minimum trust fund balance obligations that

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2 were set out in the -- in the joint proposal and in
3 the Commission's May 19 order. So if we could go to
4 the next slide, there's another bit of information
5 that D.P.S. would like to share with folks. And that
6 concerns the movement of spent fuel assemblies out of
7 the spent fuel pools to dry cask storage.

8 As folks may remember, under the
9 January 2017 order and agreement -- excuse me, under
10 the January 2017 agreement, Entergy agreed that 24
11 casks would be loaded by the end of 2021. It appears
12 that we are on track to meet that obligation from --
13 from that contract provision. Holtec has assumed that
14 obligation and has moved two casks already and is
15 prepared to move two more casks by the end of the
16 calendar year, which will, you know, bring the
17 facility up to where it's supposed to be.

18 And this is -- I would just add this
19 is a very important function. It's a very important
20 task. It's one of the prerequisites to move to -- to
21 move on with decommissioning. And with each cask
22 movement from the spent fuel pools out to the dry
23 cask storage, there is a reduction of risk. It's an
24 important concept to keep in mind.

25 That's what I have for D.P.S.

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2 reporting. I think, Tom, we're going to go over to
3 D.E.C. now. Thank you.

4 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, John.
5 Kelly Turturro, are you presenting for D.E.C.?

6 MS. TURTURRO: I am. Thank you, Tom.

7 CHAIR CONGDON: Great.

8 MS. TURTURRO: I'm just going to take
9 a step back to provide some background to May of
10 2021. On May 28th, 2021, D.E.C. and Holtec entered
11 into an administrative order on consent. As a high-
12 level overview, the order requires 3 things.

13 So first of all, Holtec must
14 investigate and remediate non-radiological
15 contamination and remediate any radiological
16 contamination necessary to meet New York State's
17 standard of 10 millirems. In addition, Holtec is
18 required to pay New York State, Department of
19 Environmental Conservation, as well as New York State
20 Department of Health Oversight costs in an annual
21 amount not to exceed \$300,000 for 10 years.

22 And then finally, Holtec was required
23 to post a financial assurance in the amount of \$140
24 million. That financial assurance has been posted by
25 Holtec and remains in place currently. So Tom, if

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2 you would go to the next slide, please.

3 In terms of next steps, I wanted to
4 also share what -- what we've been working on and --
5 and what we've received from Holtec. So first of
6 all, in accordance with the terms of the order,
7 Holtec has submitted to D.E.C. a citizen
8 participation plan.

9 That plan is currently under review by
10 D.E.C. staff and this is a plan that will ensure
11 public involvement in the review of all work plans
12 and remedial action plans going forward that will --
13 that will govern the remediation of the site.

14 As I mentioned, D.E.C. staff is
15 currently reviewing the citizen participation plan,
16 and we will make that available to the public once it
17 is finalized. Secondly, earlier this week, Holtec
18 submitted a remedial investigation scoping work plan
19 to D.E.C. for review. This work plan will outline
20 the overall program of remedial investigation at the
21 site.

22 We -- we have just received the work
23 plan earlier this week. It is currently under review
24 by our D.E.C. team. And once we've completed that
25 review, we will make the draft work plan available

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2 for public review.

3 So finally, just -- just one other
4 note that I wanted to share with everybody is, D.E.C.
5 will be working on an online public repository for
6 all these documents associated with the order. Once
7 that is set up, we will advise the public of the
8 location and the public will be able to obtain copies
9 and/or review all of these documents that are
10 associated with the order on consent.

11 Thank you. Tom, back to you.

12 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you very much,
13 Kelly. Can you go to the next slide, please?

14 MS. GALEF: Tom, can I just ask Kelly
15 to talk briefly about, you know, I -- I, for some
16 reason had missed out on this public participation.
17 What -- what are your guidelines or goals, or we just
18 don't know anything at this point?

19 MS. TURTURRO: So -- I'm sorry, I cut
20 you off.

21 MS. GALEF: I'm sorry, we the
22 citizens, how -- how -- I mean, how are you going to
23 do -- I mean, what -- how does this work?

24 MS. TURTURRO: Yeah, this citizen
25 participation -- participation plan really governs

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2 the ability for the public to look at all the
3 documents that are coming into us, all these work
4 plans, whether it be remedial investigation or
5 remediation of the site.

6 Before those documents are finalized,
7 there will be an opportunity for public review. So
8 the citizen participation plan is the document that
9 lays that out and -- and -- and lays out the schedule
10 for the documents coming into D.E.C. D.E.C.'s review
11 and then the documents being made available for --
12 for public review and comment.

13 MS. GALEF: Okay, thank you.

14 CHAIR CONGDON: Are there any other
15 questions for Kelly? Thank you very much. Now, Tom,
16 are we going to Jennifer Wacha, please?

17 MS. WACHA: Thank you, Tom. So this
18 list is the emergency management aspects of the joint
19 proposal, the New York State Division of Homeland
20 Security and Emergency Services continues emergency
21 preparedness coordination with Holtec and state and
22 county partners.

23 The ongoing activities for this
24 include daily summaries from Holtec, monthly
25 meetings, testing of emergency communication, data

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2 sharing and alerting systems, and in-person visit by
3 state office of fire prevention and control. Holtec
4 has met all of these obligations to date. Thank you.
5 Back to you, Tom.

6 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Jennifer.
7 Any questions for Jennifer? Okay. We're going to
8 move now to provide an overview of some things that
9 the working group has been doing. As you all recall
10 at the June meeting, the Decommissioning Oversight
11 Board requested that we form a working group to
12 discuss concerns that were being raised within the
13 school community and we've started that work.

14 Next slide, please. I want to turn it
15 over now to Dave Lochbaum, who is the decommissioning
16 oversight's board's -- oversight boards technical
17 expert and advisor. Dave has participated in all of
18 the working group meetings and has done a lot of
19 research to assist us. And he's going to present the
20 work of the working group, so I'll turn it over to
21 Dave. Dave?

22 MR. LOCHBAUM: Thank you, Tom. Good
23 afternoon, I'm pleased to cover the working group's
24 efforts about radiation monitoring at the elementary
25 school. The presentation will identify the members

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2 of the working group by outlining the scope of
3 concerns addressed by the group provide background on
4 the school and oversight by federal and state
5 entities.

6 Describe the group's assessment of
7 potential pathways for radioactive -- radioactive
8 releases and measures that manage that associated
9 risk, communicate the group's recommendations,
10 solicit feedback and finish with any follow-up items.

11 The working group met several times
12 since the last D.O.B. meeting on June 23rd, as
13 illustrated in the slide, the group benefited from
14 the insight provided by nearly 2 dozen local and
15 state officials that truly was a team effort.

16 Next slide, please. The working group
17 examined the management and releases of radiological
18 and non-radiological materials during
19 decommissioning, as well as the traffic of heavy --
20 heavy machinery on site and trucks passing by the
21 school.

22 Next slide, please. Some background
23 on the school, the Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary
24 School has 349 students from kindergarten through 5th
25 grade. The school is less than a mile from areas at

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2 Indian Point that contain radioactive materials, the
3 dry cask storage area that's shared by all units, the
4 unit 2 spent fuel pool and unit 3 spent fuel pool.

5 Next slide, please. This satellite
6 view shows the unit 2 spent fuel pool or S.F.P. The
7 unit 3 pool to the -- to the north in a dry cask
8 storage area at the top end of the slide. The
9 natural gas pipelines we've talked about aren't shown
10 on this picture, but they're located to the south of
11 the unit 3 spent fuel furthest away from the dry
12 storage area.

13 Next slide, please. And I'll turn to
14 Oversight by state and federal agencies, the Atomic
15 Energy Act gives the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or
16 N.R.C. federal oversight over nuclear reactor safety
17 issues. New York State's Department of Public
18 Service, Public Service Commission, Department of
19 Environmental Conservation and Department of Health
20 have jurisdiction over radiological on not -- non-
21 radiological aspects of activities at Indian Point.

22 Next slide, please. The N.R.C.
23 license the reactors at Indian Point to operate
24 although permanently shut down, the licenses are not
25 terminated until decommissioning activities are

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2 completed. For example, the requirements governing
3 the release of radioactive materials to the air and
4 water remain the same until license termination as
5 they have been during reactor operation over the past
6 several decades.

7 OSHA complements the N.R.C.'s efforts
8 by overseeing non radiological worker safety issues
9 like confined space entry and falling hazards. Next
10 slide, please. Moving on to assessments by the
11 working group. First consider potential pathways for
12 radiation or radioactive materials being released
13 during decommissioning.

14 Next slide, please. This is a --
15 oops, back up the slide, please, Tom. This graphic
16 shows a map of Indian Point site with the Hudson
17 River located at the bottom. Detectors are installed
18 on all vents from buildings containing radioactive
19 materials to monitor exhaust flows and alarm on high
20 radiation levels.

21 The 3 circles in the upper half of the
22 graphic represent the unit 2, unit 1 and unit 3
23 reactor containments, left to right. Above each
24 circle is a rectangle representing the fuel handling
25 building for each unit, which housed the spent fuel

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2 pools.

3 Next slide, please. Moving on to the
4 working group's assessment of the radiation risk
5 during decommissioning. Next slide, please. The
6 radiological release hazard depends primarily on 2
7 factors. The amount of radioactive materials that
8 are present and the energy available to propel those
9 radioactive materials to places they shouldn't be.

10 In decreasing order, the hazards are
11 the operating reactor core, a spent fuel pool, a dry
12 spent fuel storage canister and material liberated
13 during decommissioning or dismantling. Next slide,
14 please. Millions of curies of radioactivity were
15 released from the Three Mile Island and Chernobyl
16 accident during the 2 weeks it took for those 2
17 reactor cores to achieve some level of stability.

18 A dry cask drop or demolition --
19 demolition accident would be a puff released by
20 comparison, without the energy behind it to sustain
21 and release over a protected period of time. A puff
22 release would last minutes or hours at most as it
23 compared to weeks.

24 Next slide, please. That difference
25 between what could happen when reactor operates and

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2 what can happen during decommissioning is reflected
3 by the difference in liability insurance that's
4 required when the reactor operates and when it's shut
5 down.

6 Each operating plant must carry at
7 least \$450 million of liability insurance against off
8 site damages, where it's only required to carry 100
9 million during decommissioning. Next slide, please.
10 The decommissioning risk is significantly reduced but
11 not eliminated, despite the reduced risk the federal
12 requirements governing radiological protection for
13 workers and the public remain the same during
14 decommissioning as they did when the reactors were
15 operating.

16 In other words, the protection
17 standards are not lessened lockstep with -- as the
18 hazard declines. Instead, margins to those sustained
19 standards increase over time. Next slide, please.
20 Fuel bundles are being transferred from spent fuel
21 pools into dry casks within the fuel handling
22 buildings.

23 If a fuel bond or ... be dropped or
24 cask dropped and radiation released from that event,
25 a monitoring event from the fuel handling building

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2 would detect any radiation and allow the exhaust flow
3 to be stopped. Despite the lower risk, the release
4 is still being managed.

5 Next slide, please. Loaded dry casks
6 are transported very slowly from the fuel handling
7 building to the dry storage pad. The cask are
8 designed to remain intact, even if they're dropped
9 more than a dozen feet or if they are immersed in a
10 burning pit of -- or puddle of diesel fuel.

11 The working group became aware of
12 several natural gas wells and pipelines installed
13 within half a mile of the dry cask storage facility
14 at the Fort St. Vrain plant in Colorado during its
15 decommissioning over the past 15 years. Those ...
16 were aware of the measures that were taken to guard
17 against that natural gas hazard.

18 Next slide, please. An early step in
19 the decommissioning process involves extensive
20 surveys of buildings and grounds to classify the
21 location and nature of radiological and non-
22 radiological hazards. That's so those surveys then
23 inform appropriate measures to properly dismantle the
24 facility while managing and disposing of those
25 materials.

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2 Federal radiation protection standards
3 for workers in the public remain in place as they
4 were during reactor operation to provide equivalent
5 protections throughout the decommissioning process.
6 Next slide, please. Radioactively contaminated trash
7 must be disposed of at licensed facilities and
8 transported per federal regulations.

9 Accidents happened in the past during
10 transportation of this material that required local
11 remediation efforts. Next slide, please. As John
12 Sipos indicated, as more and more radioactively
13 contaminated debris is removed from the site and more
14 and more radio ... decline -- decay, excuse me, not
15 decline, the risk of radiation release event becomes
16 lower and lower.

17 Next slide, please. Indian Point has
18 a legacy issue involving the leakage of radioactively
19 contaminated water into the ground. The leakage has
20 been evaluated by state and federal representatives
21 independent of the assessments conducted by the plan
22 owner and its contractors.

23 Next slide, please. The state and
24 federal representatives conclude that the leakage
25 does not impact drinking water or aquatic

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2 environments. Next slide, please. This contour map
3 shows that the site resembles a bowl with a spout
4 emptying into the Hudson River. The black dots
5 indicate the many wells that were installed on the
6 site to monitor the underground plume with tritium
7 and contaminated water.

8 Next slide, please. Now I'll cover
9 some of the existing monitoring capabilities that
10 exist on site and off site at Indian Point. Next
11 slide, please. Federal regulations limit radiation
12 exposures to the public to 100 millirem per year from
13 all sources from the site.

14 These regulations require monitoring
15 at the onsite point of release, as well as off site
16 monitoring to show compliance with these federal
17 limits. And the reg -- these regulations require the
18 owner to submit annual reports to the N.R.C. on the
19 radiation released to the air and water, including
20 the results from the groundwater monitoring on site.

21 These reports show that radiation
22 release and decommissioning plants overall are
23 typically less than 4 percent of the radiation
24 released from operating plants, which is in turn a
25 fraction of the federal limit.

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2 Next slide, please. The federal
3 regulations also limit radiation exposures to workers
4 at the site. And owners must also submit annual
5 reports to the N.R.C. on those worker exposures.
6 These reports have shown that the workforce at
7 decommissioning plants receive less radio --
8 radiation exposure than workers at operating plants.

9 The lesser worker exposures and lower
10 radiation releases during decommissioning are
11 evidence that the sustained protection standards
12 increase margins to safety for both the workers and
13 the public throughout decommissioning.

14 Next slide, please. Circa 2004
15 Entergy installed a ring of 16 radiation monitors
16 made by Reuter-Stokes around the site at distances
17 ranging from four tenths of a mile to just over 2
18 miles. Holtec is required to maintain these monitors
19 until all spent fuel is transferred into dry storage.

20 The monitors send readings to a
21 computer which also gets continuous inputs of wind
22 direction and wind speed. Collectively, this system
23 provides a good picture of what's happening where.

24 Next slide, please. 2 of the Reuter-Stokes monitors
25 are located near the school. They're shown on the

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2 diagram on the left as RS9 an RS8 with the school
3 located to the left.

4 The picture on the right shows one of
5 the poles mounted -- monitoring stations in this
6 case, monitoring station number 9. Next slide,
7 please. This is a graphical representation of the
8 results from those 16 radiation monitors. The
9 readings are -- are fairly low.

10 They're in terms of millirem -- excuse
11 me, millirem per hour, .0078, for example, at
12 monitoring station number 9. Again, the federal
13 limit on exposure to the public is a 100 millirem per
14 year. If somebody was standing at that pole, 24
15 hours a day for 365 days, they would not get 100
16 millirem, they get 68.3 millirem.

17 Not that I'd recommend anybody
18 standing at that pole for that long, but that would
19 be in compliance with the regulation. Next slide,
20 please.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: Hey, Dave, sorry to
22 interrupt the flow. This is Tom. Could you go back
23 to that slide, please? This data showing the results
24 of -- of the real time monitors is -- is -- is this
25 something that we could just have as a standing

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2 agenda item on a going forward basis for the
3 Decommissioning Oversight Board.

4 Basically, review of -- of the results
5 of the real time monitors of between the -- the
6 meetings, you know, so -- so just as an update, just
7 like John Sipos reports on the financial, you know,
8 decommissioning trust fund, you know, we can report
9 on the -- the results of the real time -- real time
10 monitors?

11 MR. LOCHBAUM: One thing -- since
12 we're on this slide went back to it, the 16 monitors
13 give you a better picture than any one indication by
14 itself. Here, they're all roughly the same, which
15 suggests that they're -- they're not -- the source of
16 that radiation is not Indian Point because the wind
17 doesn't blow in all directions at the same time.

18 So 16 data points gives you a much
19 better insight than any one data point by itself.

20 CHAIR CONGDON: And -- and -- I mean,
21 would you call those -- those data basically
22 background levels?

23 MR. LOCHBAUM: That's -- that's
24 basically what you're seeing, you're seeing what the
25 background is for that region.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. LOCHBAUM: Thanks, Tom. Next
4 slide, please. Holtec bought the Indian Point site
5 from Entergy and now owns the regulatory requirement
6 to protect workers and the public from radiation
7 exposures and to provide the annual reports on worker
8 exposures and radiological releases.

9 The indication at the bottom -- at the
10 bottom shows that -- a link to where those N.R.C.
11 report -- where those reports are posted on the
12 N.R.C. website. N.R.C. maintains a webpage for all
13 the reports for each plant. This is the link to the
14 Indian Point 2 plant reports.

15 Next slide, please. The Department of
16 Health -- New York State Department of Health
17 independently monitors radiological conditions around
18 Indian Point using air and water sampling at weekly,
19 monthly and quarterly intervals. The link at the
20 bottom provides where those reports can be seen or
21 downloaded.

22 Next slide, please. The satellite
23 image again shows the location of the Department of
24 Health's air monitor in the lower left corner. The
25 layers of on-site point of release monitors, off site

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2 continuous monitors, owner and state surveys lessens
3 the likelihood that a large radiation release harms
4 the public.

5 Next slide, please. The working group
6 also looked for radiation monitoring lessens from
7 other sites and other facilities for -- to benchmark
8 against what could be done at -- around Indian Point.
9 Next slide please. For example, C 10 is a local
10 nonprofit group near the operating Seabrook Nuclear
11 Plant in New Hampshire.

12 C 10 manages a ring of 17 monitoring
13 stations comparable to the Reuter-Stokes system
14 around Indian Point. C 10 experienced one monitoring
15 station suddenly creating a large increase in
16 radiation levels. The wind was blowing towards
17 Seabrook from that monitoring station.

18 Therefore, both that monitoring
19 station and Seabrook were downwind. Wherever the
20 source of that radiation was, it wasn't coming from
21 Seabrook to that station. That's why having a
22 network rather than one data point helps distinguish
23 what's happening from what's not.

24 Next slide, please. Brookhaven out on
25 Long Island also uses worker and on-site radiation

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2 monitoring to understand what's going on. Next
3 slide, please. Just as motorists use speedometers
4 and law enforcement officers use radar guns to verify
5 compliance with posted speed limits, plant owners,
6 state and federal officials use radiation monitors to
7 verify by compliance with radiation exposure limits.

8 And just as traffic tickets discourage
9 non compliances, the N.R.C. has sanctions readily
10 available if needed to discourage non compliances on
11 releases. I went through and looked at the N.R.C.'s
12 website and identified at least 15 sanctions for
13 violations during decommissioning including one
14 previous event at Indian Point. The N.R.C. and the
15 state are watching.

16 Next slide, please. With a speedy
17 overview of the route taken by the working group,
18 let's move to the recommendations the group made from
19 this homework. Next slide, please. Until --
20 basically we saw it as 2 phases, until all spent fuel
21 is transferred into dry storage, the working group
22 recommends that the existing continuous Reuter-Stokes
23 monitors be used to provide periodic reports to the
24 school superintendent.

25 Afterwards, the working group

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2 recommends revisiting the issue. Due to radio -- the
3 decay of radionuclides with shorter half-lives, the
4 Reuter-Stokes monitors would become less useful. It
5 might be possible to use more frequent reporting from
6 off site monitoring stations or to install continuous
7 monitors that are a more suitable type.

8 Next slide, please. The working group
9 -- can we skip the slide. The working group does --
10 doesn't consider this to be a one and done
11 proposition or recommendation seek to address the
12 concerns and meet the needs of the D.O.B. and the
13 community.

14 If there's a better or different way
15 of doing it, we'd like to hear it. Thanks for your
16 patience during this long presentation and as
17 monitoring needs are evaluated in the future it's
18 good to hear from previous discussions by Tom and
19 others that funding is available for that purpose.

20 And last slide, please. We recognize
21 that this -- the D.O.B. has many items on its plate
22 and we the group appreciates this opportunity to
23 provide our input for future decision-making and
24 we'll provide additional assistance when needed.
25 Thank you.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you very much,
3 Dave. And -- and thank you for -- for volunteering
4 to -- to walk through all of those slides. And --
5 and for all the work you do to support the
6 Decommissioning Oversight Board. We are really lucky
7 to have you on the team. I want to open it up for
8 questions for Dave.

9 MS. PUGLISI: Tom, it's Linda.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: Hi Linda.

11 MS. PUGLISI: Yeah, this was
12 comprehensive. This was helpful, thank you. Thank
13 you, Dave, appreciate it.

14 MR. LOCHBAUM: Very welcome.

15 MS. PUGLISI: A couple quick questions
16 the New York State Department of Health also monitors
17 you said, how frequent is that and will that continue
18 also?

19 MR. LOCHBAUM: There's weekly and
20 monthly monitoring as well as continuous monitoring
21 at one station. My understanding is that will
22 continue, but I -- I defer to somebody else to -- to
23 confirm whether the assumption is correct or not.

24 MS. PUGLISI: And what was my other
25 question I forget -- okay. I'm a fan of these

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2 monitoring continuing into perpetuity, you know, even
3 when all the dry cask storage units are -- are
4 filled. So I think that is something that should be
5 strongly considered, you know. And the monitoring is
6 air and land, air and the groundwater, or just the
7 air quality?

8 MR. LOCHBAUM: Right -- right now and
9 continuing into the future until the license is
10 terminated, the N.R.C. requires air monitoring,
11 ground monitoring. There's also some aquatic or
12 plant life, that's sampled to get a picture of what
13 pathways for radiation could get into the public.

14 So the N.R.C. requires all those to be
15 monitored until the license is terminated, even after
16 the fuels are onto the pad.

17 MS. PUGLISI: And I -- I just wanted
18 the public to hear that, because that's very
19 critical. Thank you so much.

20 MR. LOCHBAUM: You're welcome.

21 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Hi, it's Theresa,
22 and just to piggyback on what Linda said, you know,
23 the monitoring is in place there already. So I don't
24 see it being a problem to continue it for
25 indefinitely, or, you know, I know the -- the spent

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2 fuel will eventually be in the cask. But as the
3 comfort level to the, you know, the people in the
4 community.

5 Also, I would like to ask for a -- the
6 report to also go to the Village of Buchanan. I knew
7 you had mentioned to the superintendent, but the --
8 the school is within the Village of Buchanan so if
9 that could also -- the information be forwarded to
10 us.

11 And one of the things that I -- I
12 think for people who are not local that -- that need
13 to understand, because I've seen comments along the
14 way, when the actual decommissioning does begin and
15 there are trucks and equipment.

16 What -- what I want the school
17 community to understand is there will be no trucks.
18 There will be no truck traffic in front of the school
19 on Westchester Avenue. That is a residential area
20 and there's no reason for the trucks to be there.

21 So the school -- the back of the
22 school and there's a wooded area, and then we get to
23 Broadway. So that's where any truck traffic or -- or
24 any -- anything that's happening through the
25 decommissioning process, that will be the route that

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2 the trucks will come in off of Louisa Street and come
3 through Broadway. They will not be coming through
4 the Village of Buchanan, and it will not be coming
5 on.

6 So I -- I want to leave that --
7 alleviate that -- that concern with people that the
8 commercial -- the trucks will not be in front of the
9 school, anywhere near the children with traffic. So
10 I don't think that's come out before, so I think
11 that's important for some of the non local people to
12 understand that.

13 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Mayor. And
14 I -- I believe that when Holtec presents after this,
15 they're going to discuss briefly the -- the truck
16 routes as well. So I appreciate -- I appreciate -- I
17 appreciate the point though.

18 MS. GALEF: So Tom, just as a follow-
19 up from an earlier question I had, how is the 500,000
20 from the community funds being used? It looks like
21 we -- we already have radiological and air testing,
22 so is there something else that we're going to be
23 doing with that half a million?

24 CHAIR CONGDON: Yeah. So there --
25 there is existing monitors, but as Dave mentioned,

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2 those monitors right now are scheduled to come out of
3 service -- or Dave, why don't you communicate the --
4 the issue, you'll do it better than I will. What we
5 envision kind of over the next few years may be some
6 needed where -- where we may need some resources.
7 I'll let you speak to that.

8 MR. LOCHBAUM: Sure. For example,
9 that -- the Reuter-Stokes monitors are -- primary
10 intention is to detect a reactor accident and the --
11 and the primary element of a plume from a reactor
12 accident is iodine 131, which has about an 8- or 9-
13 day half-life.

14 For Indian Point 2, 3 and 1, all of
15 the radioactive iodine is decayed away, it's gone.
16 So if there was a release on the spent fuel cask or
17 drop fuel bundle, there are other elements with
18 longer half lives that will be released. But as time
19 passes, even some of those decay away.

20 As a result, the Reuter-Stokes
21 monitors become less and less able to detect
22 radiation. There are other monitors that can do
23 that, and the decision in phase 2 is to look at can
24 those be redeployed or re-tasked or will new monitors
25 need to be installed to take over the job. So that's

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2 what phase 2 will try to answer and get to continue
3 to monitor -- monitoring with things that actually do
4 that purpose, rather than just occupy space.

5 CHAIR CONGDON: And so the other thing
6 that I'll -- I'll mention is that there -- there will
7 be more discussions with the parents in the community
8 through P.T.O. meetings, and maybe through future
9 meetings of -- of the Decommissioning Oversight
10 Board, where we can better understand specific
11 concerns, turn around another report like this to
12 research those concerns.

13 And you know, it may be that there are
14 future needs that we're not thinking of in this
15 report, but that could come up through future
16 discussions with the school community and with the
17 school district themselves. So this is an ongoing
18 process. I think we have time because the -- the --
19 the spent fuel is still being transferred to dry cask
20 and that's going to take some additional time before
21 decommissioning really gets underway in earnest.

22 And -- and so -- and we have the --
23 the -- the existing monitoring system in place. And
24 so I think that through the -- and what D.E.C. talked
25 about with the community involvement plan, I think

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2 there will be additional needs that may come up that
3 we could potentially tap into that 500,000 to help
4 solve. And I don't know, Joe Hochreiter, if you
5 wanted to add anything at this point on the 500,000.

6 MR. HOCHREITER: Yeah, besides
7 thanking everyone for thinking of us this -- this
8 certainly has been in conversation for a number of
9 months, what additional mitigation layers exists that
10 makes sense for the school district. While Buchanan-
11 Verplanck is -- is certainly well within ... facility
12 we have a number of other schools that are another 2
13 miles away.

14 So this is about added layers of
15 protection and precaution, setting up systems of
16 patience so that the real time monitor shared with
17 the public to ensure they understand what is
18 happening and perhaps other mitigation layers haven't
19 come across our plate yet in terms of what other
20 school districts are doing best practices, but
21 certainly is -- is a good start.

22 Additional resources to make this
23 happen would be necessary for the most part of that -
24 - of that budgeting now and it's about doing some
25 sensible research to see what makes sense.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. Any other
3 questions on the presentation? Again, Dave, thank
4 you so much. There will be more to do while we
5 continue to stay engaged with the school community
6 and the community at large. And I really appreciate
7 the effort on this.

8 MR. LOCHBAUM: You're very welcome.

9 CHAIR CONGDON: Next slide -- Tom,
10 next slide, please.

11 MR. KACZNAREK: Yes, just switching
12 over, we're -- we're moving over to a presentation by
13 Holtec so just changing the slide deck here.

14 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you very much.
15 Terrific, and who will be presenting for Holtec?

16 MR. BURRONI: It's -- good evening,
17 I'm Richard Burroni. I am the senior vice-president
18 here at Indian Point. And I'd like to thank -- I'd
19 like to thank the Oversight Board for giving us this
20 opportunity to provide a -- an update on the
21 decommissioning activities that we -- that we've
22 performed so far at Indian Point.

23 Also joining me tonight are Joe
24 Delmar, he's our Senior Director of Government
25 Affairs and Communications. Pat O'Brien is the

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2 senior management of Government Affairs and
3 Communications. And Jason Day who is our general
4 counsel.

5 Next slide, please. This is a
6 waterfall chart, we -- we go over this on a monthly
7 basis. It basically captures our critical path
8 activities, what's needed to drive us to site
9 restoration. To date, we are on or -- or in some
10 cases ahead of schedule and the details will follow
11 in the upcoming slides.

12 Next slide, please. This is the
13 agenda we set up. We'll go over sight status,
14 regulatory assurance, fuel transfer campaign that's
15 going on right now, our ISFSI pad installation that -
16 - that's proceeding. We'll talk about reactor vessel
17 segmentation, site characterization, switchyard
18 separation, radioactive waste disposal, that's --
19 that's in progress.

20 Some system structures and component
21 abandonments that we're performing at this point in
22 time, gasoline status we'll talk about radiation
23 monitoring systems and -- and our label update. This
24 agenda is basically -- it's based on what we
25 discussed on a monthly basis in addition to some

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2 topics that other folks wanted to discuss. I think
3 the info provided will complement the previous slides
4 that were presented tonight.

5 Next slide, please. So we'll talk
6 about site status. Next slide. So as you know, unit
7 2 and unit 3 both reactors are defueled. All fuel is
8 currently located in their respective spent fuel
9 pools, or on the existing ISFSI pad, ISFSI again is
10 the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Pad.

11 The plant risk profile for both units
12 is green relative to electric power availability,
13 spent fuel pool cooling, and the spent fuel pool
14 building closure. Our spent fuel temperatures and
15 levels of both units are within normal
16 specifications. All primary cooling equipment is
17 available and working satisfactorily and we maintain
18 margin.

19 So what that means is, we only need
20 one service water pump to cool the spent fuel pools
21 at each unit. Each unit has six service water pumps,
22 we maintain them all operational. So we have margin
23 and service water along with other cooling activities
24 for the spent fuel pools themselves.

25 And then last but not least, the

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2 from the reactor oversight process because we're no
3 longer an operating unit to the Office of Nuclear
4 Materials Safety and Safeguards. However, from the
5 R.O.P., we still have the inspection people that come
6 to the site.

7 Recently, we've had N.R.C. inspections
8 on the ISFSI pad installation and fire protection and
9 financial insurance inspections. Those happened
10 within the last couple of weeks. Those -- both of
11 those assessments were satisfactory.

12 In addition to the fire protection
13 inspection, it was also observed by New York
14 representative, Heather Roth. And then our -- and
15 then -- and we have -- next week, we have an N.R.C.
16 security inspection that's slated to start November
17 1st. Next slide, please.

18 We've talked about this already, the
19 fall fuel campaign. Next slide, please. Part of the
20 2017 agreement between Entergy and New York State
21 Riverkeeper was to transfer 24 casks to the ISFSI pad
22 by the end of this year.

23 At the time of sale, 20 casks were
24 transferred, thus requiring 4 additional casks. 4
25 multi-purpose canisters and 4 high storms were

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2 delivered to the site in August and September
3 timeframe.

4 So as of today, we do have 2 casks
5 transferred to the ISFSI pad. The 3rd will be
6 transferred on Friday, the 4th will be transferred by
7 November 8th.

8 So in total for this campaign, we've
9 transferred 132 fuel assemblies to the -- to the
10 ISFSI pad. So I just want to point out some of the
11 pictures. The -- what you see, the green canister is
12 actually the multipurpose canister.

13 The green is just a plastic coating
14 that was used to protect the canister during
15 transport. And then the -- the lower picture is the
16 actual high storm where the M.P.C. will eventually
17 reside on the ISFSI pad itself.

18 Next slide, please. And there -- that
19 -- this slide just shows our workers taking one of
20 the fuel assemblies out of the unit to Unit 2 spent
21 fuel pool and loading it into the M.P.C. in the spent
22 fuel pool itself.

23 Next slide, please. We'll talk about
24 the ISFSI pad expansion right now, that's the next
25 slide. So the existing paddle holds 75 Hi-SOTRM

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2 canisters.

3 In total, we'll need 125 canisters to
4 store all of the spent fuel pool from the three
5 reactors on site. So a new pad is being constructed.
6 It'll contain 50 of the canisters. Like I said, the
7 existing pad will hold 75. The new pad is being
8 constructed adjacent to or east of the existing pad.

9 I mean, at the end of the day, the two
10 pads will -- will -- will make up the protected area
11 for the site. And prior to the new pad build, we had
12 to install a stormwater retention pond that was
13 required to be built and this is complete. So you
14 can see with the pictures of the excavation that's
15 going on.

16 We're just about complete with the
17 excavation. We're working on some of the wall
18 construction that'll be -- that'll be needed also.
19 And then the concrete pour for the new pad is
20 scheduled for the May timeframe in 2022. We'll need
21 it approximately in the July timeframe of 2022.

22 Next slide, please. So reactor vessel
23 segmentation is the other critical path activity that
24 we're working on. Right. So it's in addition to
25 securing all the fuel. Like I said the other

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2 critical path is our reactor vessel segmentation and
3 that really entails dismantling the vessel, its
4 internals and any ancillary equipment previously used
5 during plan operation.

6 Important to note any insulation on
7 the structures that contain asbestos that will be
8 abated during the removal process and same thing with
9 any lead. Any lead paint found, we will abate or
10 capsulate it, again, prior to removal.

11 The tooling to perform the
12 segmentation activities, that's scheduled to arrive
13 on site on January of '22. And our actual
14 segmentation activities are scheduled to start in the
15 July or August timeframe.

16 Excuse me. So the existing
17 containment building equipment hatch that needs to be
18 enlarged so we can accommodate removal of larger
19 pieces of plant equipment and we're going to use our
20 rail system that will go into containment and
21 transport the larger pieces out.

22 I believe we'll start with the
23 enlargement for Unit 3, that's in progress right now
24 as -- as the picture shows. And then Unit 2 will
25 follow.

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2 You can see the grid that we were
3 cutting the containment walls with, we're going to
4 use diamond impregnated wire that's used to cut into
5 the containment wall, like I said, but it's important
6 to note that that diamond wire uses a water system to
7 cut the prevent -- so -- and what it does, it
8 prevents dust and silica from going airborne.

9 The other important piece to note is
10 we keep a negative pressure on the containment
11 building during these cutting ablations. So what
12 that means is air is always flowing in and no air is
13 flowing out.

14 And then entrance and egress of the
15 equipment, once we get the cut done, we'll be putting
16 a roll-up door that will close off the -- the
17 enlarged equipment ...

18 Next slide, please, site
19 characterization. We briefly talked about that also.
20 The scope working plan was submitted to the New York
21 State D.E.C. on the 25th of this month, which was
22 Monday. Final Plan following review, we anticipate
23 will come out in the first quarter of '22.

24 I did make an error on stage two,
25 right, some of these dates will go into late '22,

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2 early 2023. So after the final plan is approved,
3 we'll develop remedial investigation work plans per
4 parcel. And that's going to have a review cycle
5 also. We'll have to submit work plans and then that
6 kind of pushes us out to the 2023 timeframe.

7 Next slide, please. Next slide,
8 switch out separation. Important to note that all of
9 our distribution buses are powered from a 13.8 K.V.,
10 from the Buchanan switch yard. We are working
11 diligently. We're trying to work diligently with Con
12 Edison to transfer ownerships.

13 The ownership of breakers 1 and 3,
14 which are the Unit 3 output breakers, we want to
15 transfer ownership back to Con Edison at the time of
16 sale when NYPA bought -- when Entergy bought the unit
17 from NYPA, breakers 1 and 3 came over with the sale.

18 When Entergy purchased unit 2 from Con
19 Edison, Con Edison maintained ownership of breaker 7
20 and 9, which are the output breakers for unit 2. So
21 at the end of the day, we -- we want to transfer back
22 breakers 1 and 3 back to Edison.

23 For the -- for the air control. We
24 don't need to control the breakers anymore. In fact,
25 anything, any output, we call it air gap. We have air

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2 gap, any of our output sources to the -- to the ring
3 bus.

4 So we really have no need to maintain
5 control of breakers 1 and 3. The 138kv feeders that
6 were the primary source of power to the station are
7 retired -- will be retired.

8 And then, only have the overhead lines
9 on the towers that you see from Indian Point, they're
10 completely de-energized. Next slide, please. So
11 waste disposal, so any low-level waste disposed from
12 IPEC now that's consistent with any waste disposal
13 practices we perform when both units are operating.

14 So our waste shipments with Holtec
15 began in September. So we package waste from unit 3
16 and unit 2. That will continue and when we go
17 through the subsequent slides, we'll be able to show
18 you some of the -- the packaging techniques.

19 We have a contract in place with waste
20 control specialists, W.C.S. out of Andrews, Texas.
21 And they'll receive the waste from Indian Point. So
22 rail and truck are both options for transportation.

23 So I think like the Mayor said, the
24 initial truck route out of Indian Point is north on
25 Broadway, I guess, east on Louisa Street and then on

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2 to Route 9. So specific to local roads, no other
3 route is used in Buchanan and/or Cortlandt.

4 And then, the container fabrication
5 for higher level passes of waste is under
6 construction. We will call that the Alpha waste or
7 Bravo Charlie waste. And those will be needed to
8 support reactor vessel segmentation and they're
9 specially designed containers.

10 Next slide, please. So here's a
11 series of pictures just to -- just to show what we're
12 doing here. So if you go through the -- the top
13 horizontal row of pictures, the -- the -- the risers
14 that will be called the risers, those provided
15 cooling to some of the components on top of the
16 reactor head.

17 All right. So you can see as we take
18 them apart, we can -- we encapsulate them in
19 plastics, right, and we'll have to, if we have to do
20 any cutting of that, that'll happen in containment
21 and then when we -- after we encapsulate those in
22 plastics, those go into the waste shipment
23 containers, they're pretty sturdy containers.

24 We will take them out with the -- the
25 truck that you see on the right-hand side and then we

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2 based on areas needed for reuse and/or closure. So
3 what that means is we're -- we are reusing some of
4 our administrative offices for projects that are
5 going on, so we're cleaning those out just for reuse
6 itself.

7 Office areas with multiple buildings
8 have been cleaned with most furniture removed. Top
9 right-hand picture shows an office area that -- that
10 did contain asbestos tiles.

11 And again, we have removed those and
12 we isolated those and abated those tiles in
13 accordance with State requirements. The next slide,
14 let me go to slide 24. We did take an outage trailer
15 complex, we -- we disassembled that, sent those up to
16 the parking lot.

17 In fact, that we were able to resell
18 those to a vendor that needed the -- that needed the
19 trailers themselves. And then an area controls site
20 cleanup is in progress. And we'll see that in slide
21 25.

22 The bottom line of -- well, before I
23 get to the bottom line. We have done a lot of
24 donations of good office furniture and ancillary
25 office supplies to local government buildings as well

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2 as local fire, police and ambulance stations. So I'm
3 more than happy to do that. And then the next set of
4 abandonments will be what you see on the bottom
5 there.

6 So there is a covered walkway no
7 longer used, we'll take that down. There's an old
8 unit 3 access trailer that we're going to take down
9 and then a fab shop demolition, that will start --
10 that -- we'll take that down also. Our plan is to
11 get all three of these structures down by the end of
12 this year.

13 Next slide. So what this shows is
14 this -- this trailer complex we used for, it was for
15 our supplemental staff that came in during outages,
16 Westinghouse and Valve people. It was good while it
17 lasted but we no longer need it. And so we took down
18 this whole trailer complex and it worked out pretty
19 well for us.

20 Next slide. And then, prior -- and
21 then it's called the ball field, but up on top,
22 opposite our training building, we had a lot of
23 excess equipment and storage trailers, and we're
24 working on cleaning that stuff up right now. That's
25 basically what is shown here.

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2 So I mean, at the end of the day we
3 have our -- we have our critical path activities,
4 right, which are the ISFSI pad, transferring fuel and
5 vessel segmentation, but at the same time, we want to
6 clean up the site as we -- as we move along through
7 the critical path activities.

8 Next slide. So I know we've had a lot
9 of discussion on the gas line, in addition to the
10 work that they're doing outside of our gate,
11 Enbridge did do an excavation on the 26-inch-line
12 inside our gate.

13 I think there were three sections that
14 they locate, that they -- they reviewed, a couple of
15 insulation pieces that had to be repaired. And then
16 one -- the 3rd piece, they put some reinforcement
17 bands.

18 So you could see that they're pretty
19 self -- they're pretty safety conscious, you see the
20 carnival banners. And what that really was for them
21 was for any elevated equipment, they would have not
22 to not to get -- not to interfere with any electrical
23 lines that were in the area.

24 When they did dig the hole, it was
25 about at least six feet down. And that's the picture

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2 on the bottom left, and then, after construction, and
3 then, after they were -- they were done, you could
4 see on the bottom right-hand corner, they -- they
5 left the area just like they found it.

6 So just a couple of things on the --
7 on the gas line for Indian Point proper, just -- I
8 just wanted to point out a couple of things, right.

9 So during the transfer of fuel, from
10 either spent fuel pool to the ISFSI pad. We do not,
11 and I'll emphasize do not, traverse across any of the
12 gas lines on site. Secondly, we have what's called
13 an overlook road.

14 It's basically a road that -- that
15 allows us to come -- a road that comes down from
16 Broadway and we get to the G.S.B., the generation
17 support building.

18 So as in the past, if there any heavy
19 loads that we traverse across that gas line, steel
20 plating will be laid down across the line. And this
21 was common practice when both units were operating
22 and it will be the same practice now as we do
23 decommissioning.

24 All right. So when we transferred
25 steam generators and main power transformers in the

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2 past, we steel plated the line, much like they're
3 steel plating in the line of Broadway, we would do
4 the same thing.

5 And then, we do have a map -- let's go
6 to the next slide. Kind of hard to see here but the
7 yellow line is the 42-inch line. And that's pretty
8 much south of the plant. I don't see that
9 interfering with it at the current time. No
10 interference with any of the demolition activities.

11 The 26 and 30-inch line, you could
12 see, go through the site proper, buried about at
13 least, from my understanding, six feet down. We did
14 some quick measurements today from containment and
15 the unit 3 containment, the building -- hold on a
16 minute, please.

17 It's about 600 feet from the unit 3
18 containment building. From the unit 2 containment
19 building, it's about 1,400 feet. That's the gas line
20 that goes through and that's the one they've been
21 working on outside of our gate and internal to the
22 plant.

23 Next slide. We -- we talked about
24 radiation monitoring at length. I don't know if I
25 have to do anything else here. But we do have the

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2 believe, two of the sirens did not go off, 170 of 172
3 passed their test. So the two that did not work, one
4 was in Westchester and one is in Rockland. I will
5 get those repaired in short order.

6 Now, that -- that's all I have. But I
7 -- I want to offer you the following. And I've
8 talked this over with Joe and -- and Pat. Anybody
9 and I mean, anybody who wants to take a tour of
10 Indian Point, I will be personally more than happy to
11 accommodate that request.

12 Same thing with our -- our
13 manufacturing facility in Camden, where we
14 manufacture the Hi-STORM, the casks that you see on
15 the ISFSI pad. We will be more than happy to bring a
16 group of people down to see how these casks are
17 manufactured. I know there's a lot of questions on
18 cracking that, you know, I'd like to see the data on
19 that, we're not aware of any cracking.

20 But we'd be more than happy to bring
21 anybody on site, anybody down to Camden to see our
22 decommissioning here on the site and -- and the
23 manufacturer of the casks in Camden. That's all I
24 have pending questions.

25 MS. PUGLISI: Tom, Linda.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Go ahead, Linda.

3 MS. PUGLISI: Okay. Mr. Burroni,
4 thank you for the -- for the presentation. This gets
5 to the heart of the questions from the community and
6 we, as elected officials, are here to ask the
7 questions on their behalf. So please bear with me.

8 N.R.C., do they have monitors on site,
9 as they did when the nuclear plants were in
10 operation?

11 MR. BURRONI: They -- no, they do not
12 have a full time N.R.C. inspector. However --
13 however, they do have periodic inspections. So --.

14 MS. PUGLISI: How frequent is that?
15 How frequent?

16 MR. BURRONI: It's all in accordance
17 with their inspection procedures. We just had people
18 here a week ago, before that two weeks ago. On next
19 week, they'll be here doing a security inspection.
20 And then they'll be back in December to do a follow
21 up from the inspections they did previously.

22 We have a -- we have a schedule into
23 that, I can show you. And I could show the team here
24 but we do have an inspection schedule from the N.R.C.

25 MS. PUGLISI: You have a schedule of

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2 when the monitors are going to be there?

3 MR. BURRONI: Of when the N.R.C.
4 inspectors will be here, that's --

5 MS. PUGLISI: The N.R.C.?

6 MR. BURRONI: -- that's --.

7 MS. PUGLISI: But I mean, I would like
8 the N.R.C. just to show up on your doorstep to be
9 honest with you. And --

10 MR. BURRONI: And they have -- they
11 have --

12 MS. PUGLISI: -- you know --.

13 MR. BURRONI: -- they have the right
14 to do that. And they do do that.

15 MS. PUGLISI: Yeah, I -- I will speak
16 to the N.R.C. about that. I really think that that's
17 important. They're the checks and balances for us.
18 We're the lay people. And we need them to be checks
19 and balances. This is such a critical issue for our
20 community.

21 You have the one slide that talked
22 about the traversing over gas lines. Could you go
23 back to that Tom? K, it was two -- is that the one?
24 I think it goes back one more?

25 MR. BURRONI: No, that's it. That's

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2 the gas line.

3 MS. PUGLISI: Is that it? Okay. My
4 point being in -- okay, yeah. During -- in the one
5 paragraph, note the following. We do not traverse
6 across any of the gas lines on site, period.

7 Okay. Next -- the next paragraph
8 says, as -- if heavy loads are to be traversed across
9 any gas line on site, then you'll put down steel
10 plating.

11 So, is it you're not going to traverse
12 across gas lines, or if you do so, then you're going
13 to put down these steel plating that we see out on
14 our roads when Con Ed is digging up our roadways by
15 the way --.

16 MR. BURRONI: It's --

17 MS. PUGLISI: ...

18 MR. BURRONI: -- it's probably -- I
19 wasn't clear enough there. But when we transfer fuel
20 from the spent fuel pools, right, from unit 2 and or
21 unit 3, to the ISFSI pad, right, we do not traverse
22 across any of the gas lines. That's one.

23 Secondly, there -- we do traverse
24 across the gas line, it's called Overlook road. I'm
25 sure you've gone over it when you've come to visit,

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2 right. And --

3 MS. PUGLISI: Yes, I have.

4 MR. BURRONI: -- and -- and if we have
5 any heavy loads on that road, we would plate it just
6 like they're plating Broadway. But my point here on
7 the first bullet was that when we transfer fuel, we
8 do not traverse across any of the gas lines.

9 MS. PUGLISI: Okay. It's just such a
10 critical -- critical point. Many of us on this Zoom
11 call and beyond, we were protesting the close
12 proximity of the gas line to the nuclear sites.

13 So this is a critical point for us, so
14 please be cognizant of that, sir. Thank you so much.

15 MR. BURRONI: I can appreciate that.

16 MR. CAREY: Hey Rich, Tom Carey.

17 MR. BURRONI: Hey, Tom.

18 MR. CAREY: How are you, sir?

19 MR. BURRONI: Good.

20 MR. CAREY: Rich, I appreciate your
21 presentation. I think you've spoke quite a bit,
22 quite often on safety measures. Can you go back to
23 the slide on the labor issues? If there was a slide,
24 Tom.

25 MR. BURRONI: You know, I -- I

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2 apologize. I didn't go over those details. I
3 apologize.

4 MR. CAREY: Yeah. I -- I don't know
5 if you skipped over and by accident. And --.

6 MR. BURRONI: No, I see that. I
7 didn't -- I didn't. Just let me go through it real
8 quick then. So the -- the National Labor Agreement
9 does exist for the electricians, operating engineers
10 and laborers, as you know. All right?

11 And then, we have the Presidential
12 agreement, but we'll -- we'll use the National Labor
13 Agreement for demolition and decontamination and then
14 the -- the Presidential Agreement that's always
15 existed, I believe, we'll use that for any
16 construction activities.

17 So I do know, we've talked -- I've
18 talked to our H.R. people, we will open up
19 negotiations for the National Labor Agreement come
20 January timeframe, December, January timeframe, next
21 couple months.

22 The U.W.U.A. contract expires in
23 January 17th of '22. Negotiations have already
24 started there for our guys there. And I was -- I
25 wrote down a note to myself to see when the teamsters

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2 contract expired. I think we have at least a year on
3 that one and those are our security officers.

4 Then there was a question -- I was
5 posed a question about prevailing wage. And that --
6 that's always applied to workers on site. So I've
7 never seen an issue where I -- I personally have no
8 issue with any prevailing wage questions.

9 So I apologize. I just ... to my
10 notes --.

11 MR. CAREY: That's okay.

12 MR. BURRONI: So I apologize.

13 MR. CAREY: That's okay. Rich, I
14 guess -- I guess one thing on a prevailing wage, you
15 know, we see it happen all over. They use the
16 "specialty workers". As you know, being in the field
17 as long as you have, any of us whether it's the
18 electricians, the operating engineers, Teamsters,
19 steamfitters, when it comes to specialty work, most
20 of the times they'll bring in a company. They'll
21 show us what's got to be done and then we do it.

22 So it kind of alleviates that, you
23 know, bringing in outside people so to speak, because
24 our big concern is making sure local labor is used on
25 this entire project. We don't want to see any

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2 outside workers if we can help it.

3 MR. BURRONI: Absolutely.

4 MR. CAREY: When they use that
5 "specialty workforce" just be cognizant that, you
6 know, look, we built the plant, we can certainly
7 disassemble the plant, right?

8 MR. BURRONI: Absolutely.

9 MR. CAREY: And I was curious on the
10 National Labor Agreement, we have a little concern
11 because, you know, when you talk about safety,
12 there's only three -- three labor -- as you see the
13 electricians, the operating engineers and the
14 laborers are the only ones signed on to the National
15 Labor Agreement.

16 So it's a concern for myself, Lou
17 Picani and some of the other members that aren't
18 signed on to the N.L.A. that, you know, you don't
19 want me driving a truck, you don't want me playing
20 around with any electrical components.

21 And I'm sure vice versa, you know, I
22 don't want Louis disassembling valves or -- or any of
23 the electricians taking valves apart. And I think
24 it's a big safety concern.

25 So I was curious why the N.L.A. versus

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2 the Presidential Agreement is in existence. I know
3 you said you're going to sit down in January and I --
4 I certainly hope that happens.

5 MR. BURRONI: Okay.

6 MR. CAREY: I'm not trying to put you
7 on the spot, Rich, I just --.

8 MR. BURRONI: No -- no, I could just
9 tell you the way I understand it. And maybe Jason or
10 Joe Delmar could jump in here. The way I understand
11 it is this, is job comes through, right? The -- if
12 it's not O.E. work or electrician work, it goes to
13 the laborers.

14 And then the laborer determines
15 whether or not he could do that task. And if he
16 can't, then he would farm it out to a carpenter or a
17 steam fitter or an iron worker. That's the way it
18 was explained to me.

19 Why other unions are not in the
20 National Labor Agreement? What I was told was, I
21 guess everybody was asked, but not everybody agreed
22 at the time to join it for -- for one reason or
23 another. That was before Holtec really came on site
24 that that National Labor Agreement was -- was -- was
25 in place.

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2 So I could follow up and get some more
3 answers for you but that's the way I understand it.
4 And if it's a construction activity, we -- we would
5 fall back to the Presidential Agreement, which would
6 allow for fitters, carpenters, and everybody else to
7 come on site.

8 MR. CAREY: That's all. Yeah, I just
9 want the proper craft to be doing the proper jobs.

10 MR. BURRONI: Sure.

11 MR. CAREY: You know, when we talk
12 about safety, you know, whenever we work the plant,
13 you know -- you know myself, I'm a steam fitter --

14 MR. BURRONI: Yes.

15 MR. CAREY: -- and I was a general
16 foreman up on both sides for quite a few years and I
17 just think about all the training that I needed to do
18 specific tasks on jobs, whether it was rigging or
19 welding, or whatever the case was.

20 And I just want to make certain that
21 those -- those qualifications apply to who, you know,
22 the necessary trades for the project. It's a major
23 safety concern.

24 MR. BURRONI: I agree.

25 MR. CAREY: Thank you, Rich.

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2 MS. GALEF: Could I follow up a little
3 bit on the employment -- employment issue? How many
4 people are fully employed right now at the Holtec
5 Facility at Indian Point?

6 MR. BURRONI: If you look at our Phase
7 One organization, it's slightly less than 300. We
8 were --.

9 MS. GALEF: Three hundred, okay.

10 MR. BURRONI: Slightly less. We were
11 sanctioned to have 312 but a lot of folks have found
12 permanent employee -- permanent employee with local
13 jurisdictions, such as Con Edison.

14 So what we've done is we've brought
15 back some of the retirees on a part-time basis to
16 help us out. But from a Phase One organization,
17 there's approximately 295 to 300 people.

18 That doesn't include craft union labor
19 that's working on some of the projects like the
20 enlargement of the equipment hatch, the ISFSI pad and
21 we've also brought in B.H.I., which are some R.P.
22 technicians to help with the transfer of fuel as well
23 as vessel segmentation. So I'd say --.

24 MS. GALEF: And how many of those --?

25 MR. BURRONI: It -- it kind of varies,

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2 but I'd say we're probably close to 400 to 450 people
3 right now.

4 MS. GALEF: And how many of those had
5 been former Entergy employees?

6 MR. BURRONI: The -- the 300.

7 MS. GALEF: The 300 of the close to
8 400?

9 MR. BURRONI: Correct.

10 MS. GALEF: All right.

11 MR. BURRONI: Not the exact numbers
12 but the -- the problem with an exact number is it
13 kind of changes on a day-to-day basis, depending on
14 the projects that are being worked. But we'll bring
15 in more people to do the demolition of those three
16 facilities like I described in the other slide. All
17 right?

18 MS. GALEF: Okay.

19 MR. BURRONI: And they may only be
20 there for two months to get that job done.

21 MS. GALEF: Can I just ask on the last
22 point here with prevailing wages applied to non-union
23 specialty workers with no issues? What does with no
24 issues mean?

25 MR. BURRONI: Well, to me, we've

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2 always had prevailing wage here. And so I think they
3 were questions that popped up during the -- the --
4 while I was putting these slides I was asked, you
5 know, what's up with prevailing wage. And it's never
6 been an issue here, right?

7 So we've always paid prevailing wage
8 and that's kind of what I meant by that.

9 MS. GALEF: So why don't you change
10 that last line and just put a period after workers?

11 MR. BURRONI: Sure.

12 MS. GALEF: Thank you.

13 MR. SMITH: Rich, Bill Smith.

14 MR. BURRONI: Hi, Bill.

15 MR. SMITH: How you doing? I just
16 want to let known that, you know, I have the same
17 concerns as Tom Carey does. And one of my questions
18 are, what work are those non-union specialty workers
19 performing?

20 MR. BURRONI: I -- I'd have to get
21 back to you.

22 MR. SMITH: Okay. I would appreciate
23 that. Also, can we get copies of those agreements
24 that you have? Those National Agreements and the
25 Presidential Agreement?

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2 MR. BURRONI: Sure. I'll -- let me
3 tie in with -- I don't want to commit to that until I
4 talk to the H.R. people. I assume I can get them but
5 I'll say yes for now, but I'll call you if they -- if
6 they're not available. How's that?

7 MR. SMITH: Appreciate it. Thank you.

8 MR. HARCKHAM: Tom, can I -- can I
9 chime in very quickly?

10 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, Senator, please
11 do.

12 MR. HARCKHAM: I think Bill just
13 raised an excellent point. If we can get periodic
14 reporting from Holtec as to the balance of the
15 unionized workforce versus the non-union jobs and --
16 and just an explanation of why former Entergy
17 employees can't do that work.

18 And as he said, there are some very
19 special skill sets that are necessary from time to
20 time. But you know, given our -- our -- our focus on
21 the -- this oversight board and -- and the job's
22 picture, I think it would be very helpful for us to
23 have a periodic reporting of the breakdown between
24 organized labor, non-labor and who were -- who were
25 outside and who's being brought back.

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2 MR. BURRONI: So when you say non-
3 organized labor, you're talking about management
4 people? Like --.

5 MR. HARCKHAM: No, when you -- you
6 said there were -- there were specialty workers who
7 are being brought in who are not -- who are not
8 union. Or -- or certainly not in the local unions,
9 it would just be helpful for this -- this group to
10 have that breakdown, you know, whether it's on a
11 quarterly basis or, you know, however you want to do
12 it, because I know it's in flux, but that -- that's
13 an issue that we're concerned about as Bill and Tom
14 raised.

15 MR. BURRONI: Understood.

16 MR. HARCKHAM: Thank you.

17 MR. BURRONI: You're welcome.

18 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Senator.

19 Is there any other --?

20 MR. SIPOS: Hi, Rich. This is -- this
21 is John Sipos. I was wondering -- first of all, I'd
22 like to thank you for your presentation here. But I
23 was -- I had a couple of follow up questions based on
24 your -- on your PowerPoint.

25 You mentioned that there's a N.R.C. --

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2 there was an N.R.C. fire inspection, I guess, it was,
3 you know, within the last two weeks. Do you know the
4 results of that yet?

5 MR. BURRONI: The -- the results, I
6 understand, are satisfactory, no violations, no
7 issues.

8 MR. SIPOS: All right. And there's a
9 upcoming N.R.C. security inspection for November 1st.
10 So that's Monday.

11 MR. BURRONI: That's correct.

12 MR. SIPOS: Will -- will you be able
13 to orient the N.R.C. safety or security inspectors
14 towards the pipeline and -- and identify it for them
15 so that they're aware of it as N.R.C.
16 representatives?

17 MR. BURRONI: I can try, John, but
18 they usually come in with a procedure and a checklist
19 of what they need ... that week. I could ask them to
20 look at the pipeline from a security perspective.

21 If they have time, I'm sure they'll do
22 it. But, you know, I know they have a procedure and
23 a checklist of things to look at. So I'll ask them,
24 the best I could do is ask.

25 MR. SIPOS: Okay. Thank you. And you

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2 mentioned there were some container fabrications. So
3 I think that's for -- for waste -- for waste issues.
4 Can you shed a little bit more light on -- on how
5 that project's going?

6 I know, if I recall, I think, you
7 know, Holtec has experienced some advances, you know,
8 had made progress and realized efficiencies in that
9 area. Is there anything you could -- could tell us
10 today about, you know, how -- how that process is
11 going on?

12 MR. BURRONI: That -- those cargo
13 containers probably are three to four years down the
14 line. The exact design of those I'd have to look
15 into but I know they've designed some for in Pilgrim
16 and some for Oyster Creek.

17 So one thing that we do do and we take
18 pride in, we do share operating experience, we do
19 share design. So I can get you some of those details
20 too as far as what the designs look like, what the
21 cargo container is for or shipment of waste, I could
22 do that.

23 MR. SIPOS: Okay. Thank you. And --
24 and lastly, I just -- I do want to come back to the
25 spent fuel transfer from the spent fuel pools to the

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2 dry cask ISFSI. Is this the storage site on the
3 northern part of the site.

4 I just want to make sure, I think, I
5 heard you. I just want to, I guess, double confirm
6 this that if there is spent fuel canister exiting the
7 unit 2 spent fuel pool and it is traveling up towards
8 -- and -- and going to the ISFSI, it is not going to
9 be crossing the green gas pipeline. That'd be -- is
10 that correct?

11 MR. BURRONI: That's correct. And --

12 MR. SIPOS: And --.

13 MR. BURRONI: -- to add to that, when
14 we take fuel out of the unit 3 spent fuel pool
15 building, we will not be traversing the course of any
16 of the gas lines.

17 MR. SIPOS: Right. And that's because
18 the straightest, quickest way from the unit 3 spent
19 fuel pool to the ISFSI is north, and the pipeline is
20 to the south. There's no need to cross the -- there
21 would be no reason to cross that gas pipeline, right?

22 MR. BURRONI: Exactly. Those gas
23 lines are south of any of the work we have to do with
24 the transport of fuel.

25 MR. SIPOS: Okay. Thank you. I

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2 appreciate you reiterating -- reiterating that point.
3 Tom, those were my questions.

4 CHAIR CONGDON: Thanks, John. Do any
5 other members have questions for Rich? Okay. We are
6 a little over time. So that's good. So I
7 appreciate, Rich, your presentation and being
8 available to us and -- and appreciate the members
9 stop for questions.

10 As you know -- you know, we'll be in
11 touch and -- and I'm sure we'll be inviting you to
12 another meeting in the very near future. Appreciate
13 your availability.

14 MR. BURRONI: Looking forward to it.
15 But again, we're also looking forward to anybody who
16 wants to come to Indian Point and really look at how
17 we're proceeding with decommissioning. I think it'll
18 alleviate a lot of the questions people might have.

19 CHAIR CONGDON: Thanks, Rich.

20 MR. BURRONI: You're welcome.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Tom, I -- I
22 think we've covered the open discussion and I do want
23 to leave enough time for getting to the public
24 statement portion of the meeting. But before I do, I
25 do want one last opportunity for any members to -- to

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2 raise any issues on decommissioning oversight board
3 business.

4 I will just make one note that, you
5 know, we -- we did -- did receive some public
6 comments with questions written over the last few
7 days. We will endeavor to answer those questions and
8 post written answers online.

9 We -- we received a large packet of
10 information from Manna Jo Greene from Clearwater,
11 who's done a lot of research on decommissioning and
12 it's been part of the village's oversight board. So
13 I want to thank Manna for sending us that
14 information.

15 We will -- it's been distributed to
16 the decommissioning oversight board members. We'll
17 review it. And -- and I -- I think one of the
18 recommendations with that submission was a
19 recommendation to have guest experts present to the
20 decommissioning oversight board that's been
21 envisioned. I think we are interested in doing that.

22 So there -- in a future meeting, we'll
23 -- we'll likely have some outside experts. So again,
24 just wanted to thank Clearwater for their submission
25 and other members of the public for the comments.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: One comment I want to
3 highlight is from Daniel Galinko, who was concerned
4 about the early start time. We typically start these
5 meetings at six o'clock or seven o'clock at night
6 recognizing that people that want to attend have jobs
7 and working -- they're working families. This time
8 we -- and we've received requests to start earlier.

9 So we were being responsive to what we
10 thought was a community request to start earlier but
11 I think in balance, more people are able to
12 participate with a later start time. So I just
13 wanted to let the board know, in the future, we will
14 likely be going back to our later start times. But
15 with that, unless there are any other Decommissioning
16 Oversight Board comments, I want to turn it to the
17 public statement portion of the meeting.

18 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you, Tom. As
19 Tom mentioned, we'd first like to take an opportunity
20 to -- to -- for public statement, to those
21 individuals who registered ahead of this meeting.
22 Those individuals will be given the opportunity to
23 speak in the order in which they registered.

24 To provide a fair opportunity to
25 speak, all pre-registered speakers will have a three-

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2 Can you -- can everyone hear?

3 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, we can. Thank
4 you.

5 MR. GALINKO: Okay. Great. Well,
6 thank you for having me on to speak. I'm the co-
7 founder of The Safe Indian Point Demolition Facebook
8 Group, which is a hundred seventy members now,
9 continuing to grow.

10 Before getting my comments, I do want
11 to thank the Oversight Board for their efforts around
12 safety, and I want to acknowledge David Lochbaum in
13 particular, who has been researching in earnest
14 around a lot of the questions I've raised, so thank
15 you.

16 So obviously, BV Elementary is 4,000
17 feet from the domes and even less for the natural gas
18 pipelines that could engulf it in a fireball. On the
19 doorstep here of one of the most dangerous and
20 complex demolition projects in the country.

21 So synthesizing my concerns around
22 this project are not easy to be concise, but to
23 simply put it, it seems to me that I have to trust
24 everything is going to go exactly as planned to avoid
25 major consequences.

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2 There is simply no margin for error in
3 this proximity. When a building is torn down in
4 midtown Manhattan, it's fully sheathed to prevent
5 airborne particulate or falling debris from injuring
6 bystanders. And I watched as a 50-story tower went
7 down across the street and believe me, it's
8 meticulously planned, not a single brick free falls
9 but sheathing is there because in the real-world
10 unforeseen events and circumstances occur.

11 The sheathing is there because it has
12 to be. Indian Point is home to a myriad of
13 carcinogens and it's not going to be tented during
14 open air ventilation. I wonder why in the world
15 that's important for the finance district but not
16 here.

17 Unforeseen events, machinery fails,
18 engines exploding, structures of debris falling,
19 truck with radioactive waste turning over, someone
20 makes a mistake, heavy equipment strikes the
21 pipeline, you can't get on the site without actually
22 crossing it. Terrorist strikes the pipeline,
23 cybercriminals hit the pipeline, fuel assemblies
24 dropped, truck drivers late for pickup makes a wrong
25 turn speed through school zone. I mean, the list

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2 goes on.

3 None of it is science fiction. You
4 know Holtec had dropped an 18-foot assembly -- almost
5 dropped an 18-foot assembly. We only know about it
6 due to a whistleblower, that was in 2018. I don't
7 understand why we're turning off the constant
8 interval monitoring.

9 I do want to thank Governor Hochul's
10 office for providing funding to -- for extra
11 monitoring. Although, I do know that the fish -- the
12 fish are getting 13 times more funding than the kids.
13 So I hope it's going to be adequate for the real time
14 monitoring that we're going to need.

15 I don't understand why the plan says
16 there is going to be absolutely no air quality
17 issues. I don't know that anybody could look me in
18 the eye and say there is going to be no dust in this
19 process. It just seems like logic that dust is going
20 to be created.

21 Ultimately, we want a few things to
22 happen before I'm going to be comfortable sending my
23 kids to school, but daily positive assurance of
24 safety. I don't want to know that something happened
25 after it happened. I want to know that the school is

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2 safe before they get on the bus in the morning.

3 We would like it tented. We would
4 like the demolition to occur just during the summer
5 for the really dirty stuff that could create that
6 contamination. We want the schools to be able to be
7 deep cleaned and the gas off while the heavy
8 equipment is on top of it.

9 So those are the things that will make
10 me feel comfortable. And thanks again for the time,
11 I tried to get it all in.

12 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you very much,
13 Dan. And I appreciate you keeping an eye on the
14 time. Next up is Tina Volz-Bongar. Tina, you may
15 need to raise your hand by either -- if you're on --
16 if you're on the -- on your computer, you should have
17 an option. Otherwise, you could dial star three if
18 you're calling in from your phone.

19 MR. WHITE: This is Mr. White. I
20 don't see any hands raised.

21 MR. KACZMAREK: Okay. Thank you, Joe.
22 In that case, why don't we move on to Courtney
23 Williams. Courtney, once you're unmuted, we'll go
24 ahead and get started with the three minutes.

25 MS. WILLIAMS: Great. Thank you.

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2 Courtney Williams from Peekskill. I just wanted to
3 say that I think a lot of the discussion about the
4 pipeline construction really missed the point. The
5 fact that the pipeline was dug up and left unguarded
6 all weekend long, right at the fence line of the
7 nuclear power plant covered in razor wire, shows that
8 the communication between Enbridge and Holtec that is
9 required by the agreement that New York State reached
10 with the N.R.C. is useless.

11 You're just asking them to
12 communicate. And what that results in is a pipeline
13 dug up and left unguarded. It's great that the 26-
14 inch pipeline was depressurized. It shared the right
15 of way with a 30-inch pipeline.

16 Was that pipeline with gas running
17 under the nuclear power plant, potentially, was that
18 also depressurized? We don't know. But also, it's
19 not a matter of having a cop on guard for during the
20 day when there is traffic.

21 The point is that there could be
22 tampering or terrorism, and there is nobody there to
23 check. Nobody knows to watch. Why would they not
24 have a guard on site until after the public makes a
25 stink about it? What's going to happen when it's

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2 behind the fence and we don't get to see it?

3 Holtec has a track record of hiding
4 incidents, as the previous speaker mentioned. D.P.S.
5 and other New York State agencies still have not
6 resolved the issues that they raised in the New York
7 State risk assessment of the pipeline at Indian
8 Point.

9 And now that risk is changing because
10 of decommissioning. Why is gas flowing under the
11 nuclear power plant when New York State agencies know
12 that the risk assessment was reverse engineered for
13 an approval, and why are they allowing this
14 decommissioning to proceed?

15 Mr. Congdon, you told me yourself that
16 Enbridge cannot shut off the gas in three minutes.
17 That's the entire basis of the approval of this gas
18 pipeline. You have known for years that it cannot be
19 shut off, yet no one is taking action to turn off the
20 gas.

21 So I would ask that how -- that
22 basically now, at this point, step up and stop
23 protecting the corporations like Enbridge and Holtec
24 and Spectra and -- and Entergy and start protecting
25 the public.

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2 We've been at this for seven years and
3 you have been more of a hindrance than a help. You
4 have been insulating these corporations from their
5 wrongdoing and keeping -- and being complicit and
6 putting this community at danger -- in danger.

7 And I know you don't like when I say
8 this, and you don't want to meet with me and my
9 allies because you feel unappreciated because you
10 think you're doing your job. Well, but quite
11 frankly, that's absurd.

12 So I would ask for you to do the right
13 thing. Stop being cogs in a wheel for Entergy and
14 Enbridge, and start being a wrench in a wheel for the
15 public and push for change. We need this gas shut
16 off now. Thank you.

17 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you, Courtney.
18 And again, thank you for keeping to the three
19 minutes. It's appreciated by, I'm sure, all members
20 of the public to give everyone an opportunity to
21 speak. Next up, we have Ron Leonard.

22 MR. WHITE: Ron, Ron might have fallen
23 off. I don't see him anymore. He might -- he could
24 possibly have called back in.

25 MR. KACZMAREK: Okay. And we will try

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2 and circle back with folks if we're not seeing them
3 on the line right now. So for now, let me ask is
4 Teresa Cardos with us? You can either raise your
5 hand -- we actually have a hand raised, Joe, if you
6 can review that.

7 MR. WHITE: I've unmuted the line. I
8 can't tell who it is. But I have unmuted the line.
9 Seven two three, I think this is Teresa. Is this
10 Teresa? Hello, you've been unmuted. There is no one
11 speaking.

12 MR. WHITE: Okay. Thank you. Next
13 up, we have Ramsey Salcedo. Apologies. I hope I'm
14 pronouncing that right.

15 MR. SALCEDO: Salcedo, yes, thank you.

16 MR. KACZMAREK: Salcedo, thank you.

17 MR. SALCEDO: All right. My name is
18 Ramsey Salcedo. I'm a resident of Cortlandt. Thank
19 you for sharing the logistics of monitoring efforts
20 by the Oversight Board and Holtec. I appreciate us
21 keeping Holtec honest with the citizen participation
22 plan and the scope in work plan.

23 And I'd like to thank Holtec for, you
24 know, providing specificity in regulatory compliance
25 affairs and the moderate -- monitoring logistics.

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2 As a Cortlandt resident, safety and
3 the tax laws is, you know, my primary concern but as
4 a radio chemist, safety takes the cake. So you know,
5 when it -- when it comes to monitoring, and various
6 short-lived isotopes, I just want to make sure that
7 we're all on the same footing when it comes to
8 detecting and then alerting the appropriate
9 authorities if there is anything above background.

10 So I like to see that there is a good
11 effort being made in systematically looking at
12 possible contamination pathways at the plant, and
13 then, vectors of transport. The last comment I'd
14 like to make is, I've made comments on the record via
15 the online comment board, and those are more specific
16 types of questions to be answered.

17 But one thing I didn't include was
18 just a question in regards to the possibility that
19 not spent nuclear fuel but rather contaminated
20 material may traverse the gas line. I understand
21 that spending fuel will not, but heavy machinery
22 might.

23 I just want to be clear that -- that
24 heavy machinery isn't carrying a container with
25 contaminated metal or plastic or something of that

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2 nature that, again, is radiological in nature now
3 because of contamination, but it doesn't meet the
4 definition of fuel and impose some sort of safety
5 hazard with going over a line.

6 I don't know the geography of the
7 facility. And I don't know if that's possible. But
8 that is a concern that, while spent nuclear fuel
9 won't traverse it, some other -- some other
10 radiological material might.

11 But again, it's, you know, it's my
12 hope that we keep making good faith efforts and just
13 keeping communication open, not just with the
14 Oversight Board, but with the community in general.
15 And it's naive to hope, but it's -- it's something
16 that I think just would ease a lot of concern if
17 we're just making good faith efforts, and just
18 keeping everyone updated not just on technical
19 reports and activity reports, but progress reports as
20 well.

21 So thank you again to the Oversight
22 Board and to Holtec for the specificity in today's
23 presentation.

24 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you, Ramsey.
25 Next up we have Marie Inserra.

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2 MS. INSERRA: Yes, hello, can you hear
3 me?

4 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, we can.

5 MS. INSERRA: Okay. Thank you.

6 Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I would like
7 to bring up one or two procedural issues, questions
8 really. Wondering if it's not possible for everyone
9 to be made aware of the next planned meeting at each
10 one of the meetings so that it's not really sort of a
11 mystery until the date is actually upon us.

12 And also whether you will be answering
13 questions that are in the chat, I would like to.
14 There may be some questions that I'd like to put in
15 there. I would like to indicate my complete support
16 for the comments made so eloquently by Courtney
17 Williams several minutes ago.

18 I really feel strongly that we need a
19 pipeline, an independent pipeline expert at the
20 table. And also would love to see a grassroots
21 community environmental representative as well. I'm
22 concerned about some of the comments that were made
23 regarding -- in the Holtec presentation regarding the
24 possibility of not running any weights over any of
25 the transport over the pipelines.

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2 I think that's really a reach to think
3 that we could anticipate that so clearly. And I
4 wonder, in the event that there would be a transport,
5 there was a comment about the steel plates and I
6 wonder the weight of one of those vehicles with
7 loaded with -- with some fuels versus the tensile
8 strength of a steel plate.

9 I have my concerns about that as well
10 as anything that's being run down Route 9 on local
11 roadways that may be containing what's been referred
12 to as a low-level waste and I think that -- I'm not
13 quite clear what that low level waste is and where --
14 what its destination is. Those are my concerns.
15 Thank you very much.

16 THE REPORTER: This is the Court
17 Reporter. Can I get her last name again?

18 MS. INSERRA: Inserra, I-N-S-E-R-R-A.

19 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. What was it
20 again?

21 MS. INSERRA: I-N-S-E-R-R-A.

22 THE REPORTER: Thank you.

23 MS. INSERRA: Sure.

24 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you very much.

25 Next up, we have Ellen Weininger.

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2 MS. WEININGER: Good evening. Thank
3 you for this opportunity. I just wanted to make a
4 couple of points here. The pipeline's approval in
5 the first place was based on false representations
6 that were confirmed by extensive documents from
7 nuclear pipeline and medical disaster experts and
8 were confirmed by the O.I.G. -- O.I.G.'s report from
9 the N.R.C.

10 That alone should close the pipeline.
11 Now, that decommissioning activities are underway,
12 which would exacerbate the catastrophic risks that
13 have been outlined extensively by those experts. All
14 the more reason to shut the pipelines.

15 According to PIMSA their own statement
16 is excavation damage is a leading cause of natural
17 gas and hazardous liquids pipeline failure incidents.
18 So I'd like to read the statement from Dr. Irwin
19 Redlener, who is the former Director of National
20 Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia.

21 With the release of the risk analysis,
22 a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
23 calling for urgent action, New York State agencies
24 confirmed the catastrophic risks posed to millions of
25 lives by the collocation of the high-pressure

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2 pipelines at the aging Indian Point nuclear facility.

3 We strongly agree that close proximity
4 of the pipelines to critical safety infrastructure
5 and to highly radioactive nuclear fuel stored on site
6 is a persistent and significant threat. This is
7 particularly alarming as we've seen an increase in
8 pipeline failure rates, especially in newly
9 constructed pipelines.

10 To make matters worse, decommissioning
11 and decontamination work anticipated will certainly
12 involve heavy excavation, which may well further
13 jeopardize pipeline integrity. From a public health
14 point of view, the flow of gas at Indian Point
15 presents an enormous risk to communities and families
16 throughout the region.

17 Shutting down this gas flow should
18 happen immediately in order to avert the possibility
19 of a catastrophic explosion that would have
20 widespread deadly consequences in our region. Please
21 heed the experts. They have spoken out extensively.

22 The Public Service Commission and this
23 Decommissioning Oversight Board should collectively
24 issue, send a notification to PHMSA calling for
25 corrective action order to shut these pipelines while

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2 these activities are proceeding. Thank you.

3 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you so much.

4 Next up we have John Sullivan. Hi, John, we can hear
5 you.

6 MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you. John
7 Sullivan in Peekskill, New York. Thank you for your
8 efforts to keep us safe. Let's hope this works. So
9 I got the notification through a friend through a
10 friend.

11 So my -- what I will ask is that the
12 P.S.C. consider setting up a specific page on their
13 website to deal with D.O.B. issues, deal with
14 notification of future meetings, also notification of
15 meetings or consults that different agencies are
16 having in between meetings.

17 I don't want anybody to, if they feel
18 there is an emergency, feel that they have to notify
19 the public prior to but be nice to know if something
20 happens afterwards. So but more transparency would
21 be great.

22 Also, when this came up about the pipe
23 being exposed this past weekend, if there was a
24 number that we could contact, I believe, probably the
25 folks that were aware of it probably contacted

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2 Assemblywoman Galef and Senator Harkin's office,
3 which is probably how this got done.

4 But if there was a specific number
5 that we could go to, I understand there is a number
6 for people, tip line for workers, but there should be
7 a number for members of the public to talk to, to get
8 and not to be referred to Enbridge or to Holtec, but
9 rather that the D.O.B. takes this as their -- their
10 whatever.

11 I would like David at some point to
12 present what the shortcomings are of the Reuter-
13 Stokes and he kind of made an allusion to it that at
14 some point that you need to consider different types
15 of monitoring, as the circumstances change.

16 And I do hope to take Mr. Burroni up
17 on a tour of the plant. I do think that the pictures
18 that were used in the presentation were file
19 pictures. That crown looked really green and nice,
20 and if that happened within the last few days, I'm
21 going to hire these folks to do my gardening for me
22 so anyway, thank you. Thank you again. Okay. And
23 also, I'm up -- I think I registered on the phone,
24 and so you can take my name off the phone list.
25 Thank you.

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2 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you, John. Next
3 up, we have Susanna Glidden.

4 MS. GLIDDEN: Yes. Do you hear me?

5 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, we do.

6 MS. GLIDDEN: Wonderful. Thank you.

7 So Mr. Congdon and Task Force and D.O.B. members,
8 thank you for your efforts to keep us safe. You are
9 an extremely important body of people doing it.

10 I'm a longtime environmentalist and
11 co-founder of Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion.
12 We oppose the unacceptably dangerous and illegitimate
13 approval of siding Algonquin's massive AIM pipeline
14 at Indian Point next to it two other pipelines under
15 the plant's property.

16 And we're aghast that it became
17 operational, is still running in spite of Holtec now
18 having begun the decommissioning process. But my
19 matter with you today, please, is on a different
20 issue.

21 The D.O.B. has failed to appoint as
22 two of its members what several dozen advocates and
23 elected officials have called for. And we would
24 greatly appreciate this error corrected this evening
25 without further delay.

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2 We must have as D.O.B. members, the
3 appointment of an environmental justice community
4 member as well as a responsible and knowledgeable
5 community representative for communication regarding
6 Algonquin pipeline activities.

7 And we have the combination of both of
8 those requirements in the single personhood of Dr.
9 Courtney Williams, who you've heard from a bit
10 earlier, who is also a resident of Peekskill. Her
11 impeccable credentials are well known. They were
12 submitted to you for her D.O.B. membership quite a
13 while ago.

14 She is a PhD research scientist, and a
15 Yale and Princeton graduate. My longtime Westchester
16 county legislator, and now my State Senator Pete
17 Harckham as well as Assemblymember Sandy Galef, both
18 requested her inclusion, as well as all of us
19 environmental advocates.

20 We'd like it done now, please. We
21 must have a community voice who we trust at the table
22 representing these two basic concerns. Thank you
23 very much.

24 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you. And next -
25 - next, we have Catherine Skopic.

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2 MR. WHITE: Tom, this is Joe, can we
3 see if Catherine called in, she could hit star three
4 on her phone and it would raise her hand.

5 MR. KACZMAREK: Joe, are you checking
6 out those comments?

7 MR. WHITE: Yes, I am.

8 MR. KACZMAREK: And I'm getting an
9 echo on my end. I don't know if you're able to check
10 on open mics.

11 MR. WHITE: Sure, I can do that. I
12 see a call-in user, do you want me to unmute them,
13 Tom.

14 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, please. Let's
15 see.

16 MR. WHITE: Go ahead, you've been
17 unmuted.

18 MS. GREENE: This is Manna Greene. We
19 can't tell who you -- speaking.

20 MR. KACZMAREK: Manna, we do hear you.

21 MS. GREENE: Is this better?

22 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, we can hear you
23 clearer.

24 MS. GREENE: Okay. Thank you. First
25 of all, I want to say that many people are present at

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2 And I also, with the time remaining, want to say that
3 the question of storage systems, the currently
4 proposed and in use Holtec thin walled canister going
5 into a larger concrete silo or cask.

6 There are many questions about that.
7 And I would strongly like to urge a working group
8 that includes people that are not just already on the
9 Decommissioning Oversight Board to explore that, not
10 just for Indian Point, but for the good of the
11 nation. Thank you.

12 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you, Manna Jo.
13 Next up is Amy Rosmarin. Amy, our staff will try and
14 find you but please raise your hand by pressing star
15 three on your phone. Joe, I see a hand raised.

16 MR. WHITE: I see a few hands raised -
17 - a few hands raised.

18 MR. KACZMAREK: User forty-seven.

19 MR. WHITE: User forty-seven. Okay.
20 Go ahead.

21 MS. ROSMARIN: Hi, can you hear me?

22 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, we can.

23 MS. ROSMARIN: You can hear me now.

24 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes.

25 MS. ROSMARIN: Great. I have two

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2 questions. And the first is, if the major safety
3 feature of the pipeline is not functioning, i.e.,
4 they can't shut it in three minutes from an event or
5 even three minutes way later from the time of
6 notification. Why is it legal to allow the gas to
7 flow? That's my first question.

8 And my second question is, Tom, if you
9 were notified that a missile was headed to the
10 pipeline or there was some other imminent danger, and
11 a fast decision had to be made to shut the gas, who
12 would you contact to turn off the gas? Which agency
13 has that authority? And what is the process? And
14 I'll give the rest of my time to you to answer those
15 two questions. Hello?

16 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, we'll answer all
17 the questions in writing. We'll take down the
18 questions. Just to briefly talk about the operation
19 and shut down of the line, the operator of the line
20 controls the flow of gas on the line, and they have
21 the capacity from their control room to remotely
22 close valves.

23 MS. ROSMARIN: Right. But if you --
24 and so if you had to make a fast decision, like there
25 was some imminent danger, who do you call, who do you

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2 call to turn off the gas? Who is it that is able to
3 -- like in the P.S.C. call them or does it have to go
4 through some agency? Can you call -- could you call
5 Holtec, I mean, Enbridge and say turn the gas off
6 right now? Do you have that that ability?

7 CHAIR CONGDON: Our gas safety
8 personnel in the field, if they saw an event, would
9 certainly be able to contact the company directly to
10 inform them of those kinds of risks.

11 MS. ROSMARIN: So if there was like --
12 like if a missile were headed toward the pipeline and
13 you had to do something fast, then who would -- what
14 would you do -- what would you do?

15 CHAIR CONGDON: Our -- again, our gas
16 safety personnel has all of the relevant contact
17 information of the operators of all the interstate
18 pipelines and they would inform the operators of
19 pipelines of any known information that would
20 jeopardize the safe operation of their facilities.

21 MS. ROSMARIN: So that means like
22 somebody from the P.S.C. is able to say to Enbridge
23 shut the gas right now. Is that correct?

24 CHAIR CONGDON: Somebody from the PS -
25 - someone from our Department of Public Service, gas

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2 go up at the very last moment here.

3 MR. WHITE: Sorry. Thank you. There
4 we go. Okay. We'll see if this is him. Go ahead.
5 You can unmute it. No one is speaking.

6 MR. KACZMAREK: Okay. Thank you, Joe.

7 MS. LEE: Sorry. I'm sorry. I had --
8 I must have been unmuted. Can you hear me now?

9 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes. And who is this?

10 MS. LEE: Okay. This is Michel Lee,
11 L-E-E. Just a couple of things. Since a lot of
12 people had trouble figuring out how to get access to
13 raised hands and so forth on the system, I think it
14 would be helpful for future meetings to do a cursory
15 review of the whole WebEx thing which -- which a lot
16 of us struggle with for some reason.

17 Anyway, so that's -- that's the
18 procedural point. My main point and I did file with
19 the D.O.B. comments that were submitted to the
20 Nuclear Regulatory Commission, regarding the
21 P.S.D.A.R. that Holtec had submitted.

22 So that should be on your webpage to
23 read. But two points I want to highlight here. We
24 have a federal regulator, the N.R.C., which is as an
25 institution is really a poster child for regulatory

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2 capture but it's -- the inspectors at the N.R.C. are
3 really pretty much exemplary.

4 So what I'm going to ask is really to
5 the extent, you know, possible, and I hope it's
6 vigorous, that the D.O.B. uses its clout to urge the
7 N.R.C. to keep a resident inspector at the site. You
8 know, once in a while, inspections are very nice, but
9 it's very different when somebody is really there,
10 you know, on a regular basis and gets to pick up on
11 things and have casual conversations with people and
12 so forth as I'm sure you're well aware.

13 The second thing I would ask the
14 D.O.B. to do is use again -- use whatever powers that
15 you have and it could be a bully pulpit, which is
16 often very effective, to urge the N.R.C. inspections
17 to be -- go back to the level of detail they used to
18 be.

19 The process that the N.R.C. has set up
20 for inspections and public -- on publication of
21 inspections during decommissioning is very -- either
22 non-existent or very limited. And really, for a site
23 like Indian Point, that's completely inappropriate.

24 And it's also a problem with respect
25 to providing information for the many different

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2 reactor sites throughout the nation that are going to
3 be decommissioned in coming years. Thank you.

4 MR. WHITE: Thank you very much, Tom,
5 that is the list of public statements that we've
6 received.

7 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Tom. And
8 thank you to all the Decommissioning Oversight Board
9 members and the Indian Point Closure Task Force for a
10 very productive meeting.

11 We got a lot of very good questions
12 during the public statement process and I think we
13 will endeavor to get answers to the questions we
14 heard up on our website. And again, I appreciate
15 everyone's active involvement and engagement.

16 This concludes our meetings of the
17 Indian Point Closure Task Force and Decommissioning
18 Oversight Board. We will be in touch with all the
19 Decommissioning Oversight Board members on scheduling
20 the next meeting and we will make that meeting date
21 known in a public notice on our website with as much
22 advance notice as possible. We hear the comments.

23 I do want to make sure people are
24 aware, we do have a landing page on our website.
25 It's at the Department of Public Service website

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2 www.dps.ny.gov. All of the materials and
3 correspondence related to the Indian Point Closure
4 Task Force and Decommissioning Oversight Board are
5 available there.

6 The comments that we get during these
7 public statement portions of the meeting, we're
8 endeavoring to answer those questions and we will
9 post that information at the site. Tom, is there any
10 other business?

11 MR. KACZMAREK: No, there is no other
12 business before us today.

13 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Again, thanks
14 all very much. We're adjourned.

15 MR. KACZMAREK: Good night, everyone.

16 THE REPORTER: We're off the record.

17 (Off the record, 7:18 p.m.)

18 (The proceeding concluded.)

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