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VIA EMAIL

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary to the Commission
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Matter No. 21-01188 – In the Matter of the Indian Point Closure Task Force and Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board.

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Please accept for filing in the above-captioned matter, the transcript of the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board's June 18, 2026 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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2 STATE OF NEW YORK

3 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

4 MATTER 21-01188 - In the Matter of the Indian Point
5 Closure Task Force and Indian Point Decommissioning
6 Oversight Board

7 BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING

8 DATE: JUNE 18, 2026 at 6:02 p.m.

9 LOCATION: 236 Tate Avenue

10 Buchanan, New York 10511

11 BEFORE: CHAIR TOM CONGDON

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2 (The hearing commenced at 6:02 p.m.)

3 CHAIR CONGDON: Good evening,
4 everyone. I'm Tom Congdon. I'm the executive deputy
5 of the Department of Public Service and the chair of
6 the New York State Decommissioning Oversight Board.
7 And I'll be calling this meeting to order. Tom
8 Kaczmarek, our executive director, will go through a
9 roll call.

10 MR. KACZMAREK: Thanks, Tom. As I
11 call your name, please just indicate your presence.

12 Tom Congdon?

13 CHAIR CONGDON: Present.

14 MR. KACZMAREK: John Sipos?

15 MR. SIPOS: Present.

16 MR. KACZMAREK: Senator Harckham?

17 MR. HARCKHAM: Present.

18 MR. KACZMAREK: Assemblywoman

19 Levenberg?

20 MS. LEVENBERG: I'm here.

21 MR. KACZMAREK: Maria Antoniou?

22 MS. ANTONIOU: Here.

23 MR. KACZMAREK: Cindy Costello?

24 MS. COSTELLO: Here.

25 MR. KACZMAREK: Rachel Adler?

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2 MS. ADLER: Here.

3 MR. KACZMAREK: Christopher Nolin?

4 MR. NOLIN: Present.

5 MR. KACZMAREK: Chris Russell with

6 NYSERDA?

7 MR. RUSSELL: Here.

8 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

9 MR. RUSSELL: I'm here.

10 MR. KACZMAREK: Joe Leary?

11 MR. LEARY: Here.

12 MR. KACZMAREK: Dave Lochbaum?

13 MR. LOCHBAUM: Present.

14 MR. KACZMAREK: Mike Dulong?

15 MR. DULONG: Present.

16 MR. KACZMAREK: Mayor Knickerbocker?

17 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Present.

18 MR. KACZMAREK: And just a reminder,

19 please make sure that your mics are unmuted when you

20 speak --

21 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Present. Thank

22 you.

23 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

24 Commissioner Spear?

25 MS. SPEAR: Present.

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2 MR. KACZMAREK: Legislator Ulaj?

3 MS. ULAJ: Here.

4 MR. KACZMAREK: Superintendent

5 Tromblee?

6 MR. TROMBLEE: Present.

7 MR. KACZMAREK: Jennifer Wacha?

8 Deputy Supervisor Creighton? Tom Carey? And Rich

9 Nasca? Are there any board members I missed? All
10 right. Thank you.

11 So before I turn it back to Chair
12 Congdon, just my normal reminders to make sure that
13 we have a smooth meeting, also a safe meeting. So
14 just please note where the emergency exits are in the
15 room should we need to use them. For those
16 participating in the room and online, keep your mics
17 muted both here and on Zoom unless you are speaking.
18 But as I mentioned a moment ago, please do use your
19 mics and make sure that the green light is on if
20 you're in the room, before you begin speaking, and
21 make sure that you're unmuted on Zoom before you
22 speak as well. Reserve the chat feature online for
23 reporting technical issues to our AV team. Only
24 questions that are captured in the Q and A field will
25 be able to be saved and reviewed.

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2 And finally, all guests and panel --
3 guests -- sorry. Finally, all panelists and guest
4 presenters joining by Zoom tonight are asked to use
5 the raise hand function to wait to be called on
6 before making statements. This will help keep an
7 orderly meeting and support tonight's court reporter.

8 With that, I turn it back to you, Tom.

9 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Tom. If we
10 can go ahead a slide. So tonight, we will hear our
11 usual update from Holtec on operations since the last
12 meeting. They are joining us virtually today. They
13 couldn't join us in person. We will also have some
14 oversight updates from State agencies. We are also
15 joined virtually by Paul Gunter from Beyond Nuclear
16 who will give a guest presentation. Then we will
17 have our public statement portion of the meeting.
18 Before diving into the Holtec operational updates, do
19 any board members wish to make any statements or
20 updates? I'll start with our host, Mayor
21 Knickerbocker. I really appreciate you making your
22 village hall available. And thank you.

23 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Thank you, Tom.

24 And as always, everyone is welcome here in our
25 beautiful Village of Buchanan. I just want to do a

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2 housekeeping issue. In case of emergency, there is
3 an exit door here. Also, please do not use the
4 elevator in case of emergency. There is a staircase
5 behind the elevator, which I saw some of you, very
6 good, walked up the stairs.

7 So also, I just want to make a quick
8 comment about the -- what was called the STRANDED
9 Act. The STRANDED Act is no longer. That has just
10 gone defunct. Fortunately, Congressman Lawler has
11 started, introduced to Congress the economic relief
12 for nuclear affected communities. It is similar to
13 the STRANDED Act. I have spoken to superintendent
14 Mike Tromblee and also, Supervisor Becker, and we
15 will be working together. I think it has to be a
16 group effort. We have to get this bill moving
17 forward. And this is in reference to the spent fuel
18 casks that are left there.

19 As everyone knows, the Entergy and
20 Holtec, all the nuclear companies are reimbursed for
21 the storage of spent fuel. We feel also that the
22 communities that are being stranded with this spent
23 fuel should be compensated for the storage of it. We
24 never agreed to store the spent fuel. The original
25 agreement when the power plant went in was not to

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store it, so kind of on the Department of Energy.

3 So I think we'll have a good group,
4 the community, everyone work together. We will do
5 all kinds of things. We were successful passing
6 the legislation years ago to tax the spent fuel
7 casks. So there's strength in numbers, and we will
8 start moving along with that. And I think we'll
9 have a good team to work with.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Mayor.

11 Senator Harckham, can you hear us?

12 MR. HARCKHAM: I can, Tom. Can you
13 hear me?

14 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes.

15 MR. HARCKHAM: Well, thank you very
16 much. Good evening, everybody. I'm sorry I cannot
17 be with you in person. I have a long-standing prior
18 commitment that I need to honor. But I did want to,
19 before I start, first, again, thank all of the State
20 and county employees who are there who do so much
21 work to get these meetings ready and behind the
22 scenes. I think we sometimes forget you all have day
23 jobs and very diverse portfolios. And so we
24 appreciate all of the work you do. Thank you.

25 And then I just have one announcement,

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2 and I know my colleague, Assemblymember Levenberg,
3 has one as well from the State level.

4 Part of our role as a Decommissioning
5 Oversight Board is to discuss and find solutions for
6 impacts to the community, to the Village of Buchanan,
7 to the school district. And the mayor and
8 Superintendent Tromblee have been very eloquent.
9 Superintendent Tromblee, very passionate, speaking up
10 on behalf of his students and the school community.
11 And so this legislative session, we had two requests
12 from the school district. One was additional
13 funding, and the other was through legislation to
14 extend the cessation fund. So I'll address the
15 first, and then I'll turn it over to Assemblymember
16 Levenberg.

17 But you may remember some years ago in
18 the legislature, we set up a special fund for
19 communities impacted by -- school districts, rather,
20 impacted by the closure of power plants or
21 communities impacted by tax certioraris from power
22 plants. And so over the last three years, we've been
23 able to get Hendrick Hudson School District a million
24 dollars a year. And this year, we went, fought
25 during the budget process. And pleased to say with

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2 Superintendent Tromblee today, we were able to
3 announce two million dollars for Hendrick Hudson this
4 year. So the fight is not over. Thank you. Fight
5 is not over. This is not the only solution, but we
6 are doing what we can, and we were pleased with the
7 result.

8 So I thank you for two minutes of
9 time. And with that, I will turn it over, to my
10 colleague and partner, Assemblymember Dana Levenberg.

11 MS. LEVENBERG: Thank you, Senator
12 Harckham. I appreciate it so much and all of your
13 hard work plus also that of Leader Andrea Stewart-
14 Cousins, as well as Senator Shelley Mayer, for
15 helping to secure these funds through the budget
16 process, which I was proud to vote for in the State
17 budget. And as for the cessation fund, something
18 else that we were fighting very hard for to get an
19 extension, an extra five years of the cessation fund,
20 to continue to make sure that our communities are not
21 negatively impacted by this closure. And I just want
22 to give a shout out -- a huge shout out to Senator
23 Harckham for getting that passed first in the senate.

24 And then, I want to also give a big
25 thank you to Evan Sullivan, for -- I think he

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2 represents the School Boards Association. Evan, is
3 that right? I know you're watching. But he was also
4 a very huge help getting it over the finish line. It
5 wasn't easy at the end of session since we were so
6 crunched into just a couple of short days, really,
7 that it came down to. And we were very pleased that
8 it was recognized how important that is and it passed
9 unanimously in the Assembly, I think as well as the
10 Senate.

11 So again, thank you, and thank you to
12 our host community. Thank you, Mayor Knickerbocker,
13 and thank you to everybody else who helped along the
14 way. Many voices, and also to Superintendent
15 Tromblee. We appreciate all the support that we got
16 from school superintendents as well as School Boards
17 Association and other groups. Really appreciate it.
18 Thank you.

19 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Pete and Dana,
20 thank you. We -- all of us very much appreciate it.
21 But so I understand it's on the governor's desk. How
22 do we have to get this over the finish line? Any
23 letters?

24 MS. LEVENBERG: Excellent point. Yes.
25 So I think that what we've been asked is that we ask

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2 the governor to call it up sooner rather than later.
3 And then if everybody could send letters to the
4 governor, imploring her to sign it with an
5 explanation of why it is so necessary, that will go a
6 very long way to helping to get it over the finish
7 line. And I think you mentioned that you're a member
8 of the DOB, and how important we've seen and how
9 these discussions have gone. I know DPS can't really
10 opine on legislation, but the rest of us can.

11 MR. TROMBLEE: Tom, if I may?

12 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, Superintendent.

13 MR. TROMBLEE: Thank you. So first of
14 all, I think if you remember in December of 2026 --
15 I'm sorry. December 2025, I made a very impassioned
16 plea to support the school district and the students
17 that we serve. And I was asking for any type of help
18 to support our students for this adult problem and
19 the ramifications that came out from that. And I
20 said very plainly that, a lot of people like to talk
21 about supporting children, and I've seen very little
22 support of our children. I do want to thank Senator
23 Harckham, Assemblymember Levenberg, and many voices
24 in this room as well, especially from our partners at
25 our Hendrick Hudson Education Association, our PTA

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2 advocacy committee, and many members of our community
3 who have supported the work, let Dana and Pete know
4 that they were behind it. And so I do want to thank
5 explicitly Dana and Pete for their efforts to get it
6 across the line and to really put children at the end
7 of their decisions. And this will truly have an
8 impact on them. So thank you very much.

9 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you.

10 MS. LEVENBERG: Sorry.

11 CHAIR CONGDON: Do --

12 MS. LEVENBERG: I'm sorry. I forgot
13 one more thing.

14 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes. Go ahead.

15 MS. LEVENBERG: Go Knicks. Okay.

16 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Oh, yeah.

17 MR. TROMBLEE: I thought you were
18 going to say there's more money.

19 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. And look,
20 as chair of the DOB, we certainly can convey the
21 sentiment from board members on the bill, and we will
22 do that. And as Assemblywoman Levenberg said,
23 agencies don't comment on pending legislation, but I
24 can certainly convey the sentiment from the non-State
25 agency members of the DOB. So thank you for that.

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2 Any other board members wish to make any comments
3 before we get started?

4 Okay. And I want to welcome Jim
5 Creighton to the table. Hello.

6 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Hey, Jim.

7 MR. CREIGHTON: Apologize for being
8 late.

9 CHAIR CONGDON: No. No worries.

10 MR. CREIGHTON: So glad to be here.

11 CHAIR CONGDON: For speaking during
12 the course of the meeting, please remember to push
13 the button, get the green light.

14 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: I'm having a day.
15 Sorry, Tom. A little humor here in between
16 everything. Thank you.

17 CHAIR CONGDON: Matt Johnson from
18 Holtec is prepared to give an update on
19 decommissioning activities. Matt, can you hear us?

20 MR. JOHNSON: I sure can, Tom. Can
21 you hear me?

22 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, we can. Thank
23 you. You can go ahead and get started.

24 MR. JOHNSON: Excellent. All right.
25 So first of all, I would like to thank you guys for

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2 allowing me to present remotely tonight. I also had
3 a long-standing family commitment, so able to be two
4 places at once here. So I appreciate that. With
5 that, we'll go ahead and get started with our
6 operational update. So you can head to the next
7 slide.

8 Similar agenda to the past few. Quick
9 safety update. We're going to talk about some key
10 dates, go through the work as we've been completed
11 since the last meeting, and then going through the
12 end of the year, NRC update. And then, Don Mayer is
13 also on the call, and he'll give a quick brief on the
14 training building cesium update that we've been
15 continually working on.

16 So the next (audio interference) our
17 safety issues for this week at the site, our nuclear
18 safety message for this week. So the core value
19 there is without integrity you cannot gain trust,
20 and high level of trust is critical to shaping our --

21 MR. KACZMAREK: Hey, Matt.

22 MR. JOHNSON: -- (indiscernible).

23 MR. KACZMAREK: Matt, can you hear me?

24 This is Tom Kaczmarek.

25 MR. KACZMAREK: Matt, we're having a

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2 little bit of feedback on your end.

3 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. See if I can fix
4 that.

5 MR. SIPOS: Matt, this is John Sipos.
6 Where you were located when you started your
7 presentation, we could hear you clearly. It sort of
8 trailed off when you got into the substance. So I
9 don't know if it's a locational issue or where you
10 are.

11 MR. KACZMAREK: Matt, if you're trying
12 to speak, we cannot hear you currently.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Does somebody
14 have a cell phone to call Matt? It's crazy they
15 don't even have a representative here. This is a
16 meeting.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Somebody call
18 Matt on the cell phone.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It just tells
20 you how much they care.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: I think Matt may have
22 dropped off and is going to try calling back in.
23 We'll give him just a minute before we consider
24 alternatives.

25 MR. MAYER: Tom, this is Don Mayer.

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2 Can you hear me?

3 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes. We can.

4 MR. MAYER: He is trying to get -- he
5 says he's trying to get right back on.

6 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. We'll give him
7 another minute.

8 MR. MAYER: Yeah.

9 CHAIR CONGDON: If he can't join,
10 then --

11 MR. MAYER: I can try. If he's unable
12 to, I can take us through his slides from a high
13 level.

14 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. That'd be --
15 thank you, Don. We'll give him another minute to try
16 to sign back on. And if that doesn't work, we'll
17 call on you. Thank you.

18 Don, why don't you go ahead and start
19 back up on the slides? And if Matt can join while
20 you're going and would like to interrupt to take
21 over, that would be fine. Don, can you pick up on
22 slide 2?

23 MR. MAYER: Yep. Okay. I'm going to
24 start. I mean, well, this slide is pretty self-
25 explanatory. I mean, we're going to take you through

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2 some of the work that's been ongoing lately. And
3 then Matt's got a short slide on some NRC updates,
4 and we'll move from there. Go ahead, give me the
5 next slide.

6 Okay. We talked -- Matt was talking
7 about the importance of safety as we do all the work
8 there, both nuclear, radiological, industrial safety.
9 And I'm happy to -- we'd be able to speak for Matt
10 here and show that we have had no recordable lost
11 time or first aid since the last meeting. So that's
12 really good work. And the dose for the workers that
13 are performing the tasks at units 1, 2, and 3 are
14 below their respective goals, which is what we want
15 to see. That just demonstrates that the site is
16 managing the work and the workers are performing in a
17 way to reduce their own dose, their own radiological
18 dose.

19 Okay. Next slide. All right. This
20 is -- let me just expand my slide here a little bit.
21 Sorry. Okay. Yeah. This is just a site that shows
22 where we still have active -- active demolition
23 proceeding. Since the last meeting, I think it may
24 have been mentioned, but we have started the takedown
25 of the superheater structure, which is a large

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2 structure that was related to the Indian Point 1
3 operation. It's a large superstructure that has to
4 be taken down, and that's in progress. And then you
5 can see the two reactor buildings. Unit 3 reactor
6 vessel segmentation is, you know, kind of taking a
7 backseat to the Unit 2 work. The Unit 2 vessel seg
8 is continuing, and there are no issues there. And
9 let's see. You can see the other areas that we've
10 already worked, and we are continuing to work on the
11 cut up and ultimate shipping of the old Unit 2 steam
12 generators. That's ongoing. That project is
13 actually going quite well. And you can go to the
14 next slide.

15 MR. JOHNSON: Hey, Don. Can you hear
16 me?

17 MR. MAYER: Oh, all right. Yes.

18 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes.

19 MR. MAYER: Matt, I just was taking
20 him through some of the work that we've performed,
21 and now we're on the slide still continuing with some
22 of the active and removed --

23 MR. JOHNSON: Excellent, Don.

24 MR. MAYER: -- demo work.

25 MR. JOHNSON: All right. Thank you,

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2 Don. Thanks for filling in for me, Don. (Audio
3 interference) --

4 CHAIR CONGDON: Matt, I'm really
5 sorry, but you're still breaking up. Your voice is
6 choppy. Must be a bad connection.

7 MR. JOHNSON: Is that better, Tom?

8 MR. MAYER: That's a little better.
9 Give it a shot.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: All right. We'll give
11 it a shot.

12 MR. JOHNSON: All right. Let's try.
13 So (audio interference) --

14 CHAIR CONGDON: Matt, yeah. I'm
15 sorry. It's just your voice isn't coming through
16 clearly. I'd ask Don to continue the slides, and I
17 don't know if there's a landline you could dial into
18 or what from wherever you are. But Tom K. will
19 communicate with you via text, Tom, to try to get you
20 back on. All right?

21 So Don, take us through, back to slide
22 5, please.

23 MR. MAYER: Okay. We just talked
24 about slide 5. This just shows some of the work that
25 has been proceeding, fuel oil storage tanks removed.

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2 There was an old hazardous waste building that's been
3 removed. The met tower has been taken down. And
4 there's a building there that says 40 on it. That's
5 been demolished. So there's active work continuing.
6 Next slide.

7 Okay. I got to confess this one, I
8 didn't --

9 CHAIR CONGDON: Don? Don, we have a
10 question. Don, we have a question from the table.
11 Maybe go back a slide.

12 MR. MAYER: Oh, go ahead. Go ahead.

13 CHAIR CONGDON: Couty Legislator UlaJ?

14 MS. ULAJ: Thank you. This is just a
15 general request. As you're going through these
16 explanations, I'm not a nuclear physicist or
17 engineer. Can you try to explain how these things
18 fit into the larger operation that was once going on
19 there? The terminology that is used sometimes
20 definitely goes over my head. So I'd like to
21 understand, when you when you say that building broke
22 down -- we broke that down and we moved on. Like,
23 what used to happen at that building? I think it
24 would be good for us to understand those things, as
25 you explain the decommissioning. Thank you.

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2 MR. MAYER: I can do that. Tom, take
3 me back to 4. I'll be brief, but I know we've
4 discussed this in the past, but I think everybody is
5 aware that the three large dome-shaped buildings,
6 that's where the reactor, the actual reactors, are
7 contained. And then kind of next to the reactors,
8 close to the reactors, those are what are called
9 auxiliary buildings. And those buildings contain the
10 pumps, the motors, the valves, the electrical
11 breakers and systems that all support everything that
12 goes on in those reactor buildings.

13 The superheater structure, when Unit 1
14 operated, Unit 1 was a combined facility. It had a
15 nuclear reactor that produced heat and helped to
16 pressure -- helped to boil the water. And then
17 superheaters were oil fired, and they superheated the
18 steam so that it could then generate electricity.
19 That superheater building is a very large building,
20 and it housed the Unit 1 stack. So that building is
21 being taken down and removed. It's no longer needed,
22 obviously.

23 And then the -- I think Matt's been
24 pretty clear about the reactor vessel segmentation
25 work. The reactors have -- the reactors themselves

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2 contain the nuclear fuel when the plant is operating,
3 and there's a component in there that are called the
4 internals, which are -- that has been irradiated by
5 the fuel and needs to be treated in a special
6 fashion. That's what's been going on now. It's
7 being placed into special packaging materials, and
8 then it'll actually go on that blue thing called the
9 ISFSI pad. I think most of you know what that is.
10 And there are special containers that are used to
11 hold some of that material for the long term.

12 The CST building and the -- is an
13 example. That's called the condensate storage tank.
14 That held condensate related to the steam generators
15 and how they operated. Those tanks are removed. And
16 then the buildings there that are called PAFF, those
17 are the old security buildings. They're no longer
18 needed in that particular configuration, and those
19 have been removed.

20 And likewise, the transformers are
21 also being removed. The -- that's actively -- you
22 know, that's actively working. All of the large
23 transformers related to electricity generation are
24 being removed.

25 PCE building, that's a large motor

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2 housing with a lot of electronic switching equipment
3 that was used to control the large pumps that
4 provided cooling water to the plant. Next slide.

5 MR. JOHNSON: Tom, are you having any
6 better luck with my connection here?

7 MR. MAYER: You sound better, Matt.
8 Give it a shot.

9 MR. JOHNSON: Let's give it a shot.

10 MR. MAYER: I took them to the -- I
11 took them through vessel seg, and now we're on to
12 some of the HazWas buildings that we're taking down,
13 a fuel storage building.

14 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. I appreciate
15 that, Don. So I'll carry on from here. This is the
16 southern half of the site around the training
17 building. We'll get to the training building a
18 little bit later, in Don's normally scheduled
19 appearance. The other removed buildings here are
20 just some outer buildings, really not related to the
21 operation of the site at all. The haz waste, storage
22 building, the old met tower, which had to do with
23 communications tower for our emergency plan. And the
24 green transformers label there is an old, spare
25 transformer site. So nothing really too important

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2 there. It's just the other end of the site further
3 away from the reactor buildings. You can go to the
4 next slide, Tom.

5 So the next couple slides are really
6 in the presentation just to kind of highlight some of
7 the work overall that's been done at the site. So
8 last time we talked, we had some questions and
9 comments, consternation, because during an interview,
10 an employee at the site had said we stopped
11 decommissioning. That's obviously not true. I
12 covered that last time. And we just thought it would
13 be pertinent to highlight some of the big things, the
14 big items that we've completed, since the beginning.

15 So this slide, I'm not going to go
16 through all the words, but you can kind of read, see
17 the numbers. We've completed major work at the site.
18 We expanded the ISFSI pad. We completed the fuel --
19 all fuel on pad campaign. We completed fuel handling
20 preps in the fuel storage building with the
21 installation of a HI-LIFT crane. Waste handling,
22 over 470,000 tons of -- or cubic feet, sorry -- of
23 waste has been shipped off site. And then the bottom
24 box there, we continue to retire systems that are
25 running in the plant, or that used to be running in

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2 the plant. And retire means to isolate, drain, get
3 rid of -- get rid of the system in totality.

4 On the next slide is just a
5 continuation of that. So Don kind of covered some of
6 this already. We continue at reactor vessel
7 segmentation Unit 2, and then we'll follow on to Unit
8 3 after that. Unit 1, I'll talk about in just a few
9 minutes. Component removal continues there as well
10 as the segmentation of Unit 2, old Unit 2 steam
11 generators up in the mausoleum. And then
12 conventional site demolition, really this year
13 focusing on that old superheater building. And then
14 some of the large equipment clearing in the turbine
15 buildings and others where we've taken out old heat
16 exchangers and other components, that we were able to
17 remove.

18 So the point of these two slides is
19 really just to highlight that there's been a lot of
20 work done at this site, and we continue to be
21 performing a lot of work. And the plan is to
22 continue to do so to safely decommission the entire
23 site.

24 On the next slide, Tom, you'll see
25 some dates. So I really hope this would highlight

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2 the major dates for what I'm calling major demolition
3 and specifically the turbine buildings, fuel storage
4 buildings, and the vapor containment buildings. We
5 had a few requests last meeting and the meeting
6 before, really, just to demonstrate when we plan to
7 be working those structures. So you could read the
8 dates right here. The nearest one in the future --
9 or the soonest one, I guess, would be Unit 3 turbine
10 building, and then you can see the other dates that
11 follow there, 2033, 2034.

12 So we're talking through the years
13 from 2032 to 2038 is when we really look to do the
14 major demo. So we have a little bit of lead time
15 there. And as we work towards those major years,
16 those major milestones, there'll be a lot of work
17 within those buildings to clear those buildings,
18 empty those buildings, and get them ready for the
19 takedown. So those are those dates that we currently
20 have, and I will continue to carry those in the
21 presentations. And if there's any major changes to
22 any of that, I will make sure that the DOB is aware
23 and follow the proper channels there.

24 The next slide is what we call the
25 waterfall. So this is a slide that we share with

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2 stakeholders on a monthly basis at our monthly update
3 meetings. It's kind of -- there's a lot to it, so
4 I'm not going to go through the whole thing. But
5 this is what we hold ourselves to as far as a full
6 schedule from start to finish of the entire project,
7 entire decommissioning. So you can kind of see that
8 the bluish or purplish is where we're up to. And
9 then as it goes out into the future, the green boxes
10 there is kind of out into the future all the way out
11 to 2062, to final end of the project.

12 So you can kind of where we're at --
13 and I know it's tough to read. I got to kind of fit
14 it on one slide. But I figured it was important to
15 share that just to show with all those milestones,
16 ISFSI, segmentation, waste management, site
17 restoration, characterization, et cetera, we are
18 continuing to work those per the schedule, per this
19 waterfall that is part of our approved NRC submittal.

20 And you can go to the next slide, Tom.

21 So we're just going to run through
22 some of the projects that are currently ongoing.
23 Vessel segmentation since the last DOB. We've
24 continued segmentation in Unit 2. What that means is
25 we've completed the segmentation of the greater than

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2 Class C material. So you can see the green box there
3 on the picture. And what's remaining for segmentation
4 is the casking or the bottom bowl area, which is Class
5 A waste. We've also commenced the refresher training
6 for the GTCC loading campaign, which I'll talk about
7 in just a second. And Unit 3, we're just holding. No
8 current activities in Unit 3.

9 So on the next slide, what's remaining
10 through 2026. On Unit 2, we're going to complete the
11 vessel seg. So what we're going to do is we've just
12 started our refresher training on the GTCC campaign.
13 In about August time frame, we will start in earnest
14 the casking, and placing the greater than Class C
15 waste onto the ISFSI pad.

16 That'll go from August to about
17 January, early January of next year. And then right
18 after that, we'll go ahead and finish the
19 segmentation of the bottom bowl section, which is
20 Class A waste, so that does not need to be put on the
21 pad. And once that's all done, we'll move on to Unit
22 3. So in about March of next year, we'll be on Unit
23 3, commencing the greater than Class C campaign at
24 Unit 3 as well. So that's the big picture with the
25 vessel seg upcoming.

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2 MR. DULONG: Matt, this is Mike --

3 MR. JOHNSON: Next slide.

4 MR. DULONG: -- Dulong from
5 Riverkeeper. Can I ask a question? Could you
6 explain why Unit 3 is taking a back seat to Unit 2?

7 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. It was just --
8 when we had moved the equipment to Unit 3, we -- or
9 sorry. When we had moved the equipment from Unit 3
10 to Unit 2, we had to just make a decision whether
11 we'd continue through and finish, or we go back and
12 forth and back and forth. And it was just more
13 efficient for us to go ahead and continue where we
14 were on Unit 2, and then move it one more time back
15 over to Unit 2 instead of back and forth is all.
16 Just a scheduling -- a better way to schedule it for
17 us.

18 MR. DULONG: Thanks.

19 MR. JOHNSON: Yep. No problem. Good
20 question. All right. So for Unit 1 --

21 MS. LEVENBERG: Can I ask one quick
22 question? Tom?

23 CHAIR CONGDON: Go ahead.

24 MS. LEVENBERG: Can I ask -- yes. I
25 just wanted to know if we have a breakdown of who's

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2 working on the various jobs right now, which
3 organizations, which labor groups are there, and how
4 many --

5 MR. JOHNSON: I mean, I don't have --
6 I mean, I can give you the total number. We have
7 about 300 people on-site per job. I don't have that
8 right in front of me. I could take that back, and I
9 can certainly get that for you. But we have about
10 300 people on-site. About half of that is HDI's --
11 or HSI, Holtec security -- and the other half is
12 trades. So that's some -- that's RP (phonetic),
13 that's iron workers, electricians, fitters, laborers,
14 carpenters, et cetera. And they're split up amongst
15 the jobs, whether it be vessel segs, steam generator,
16 Unit 1 demo, conventional demo. They're on all of
17 the jobs on-site.

18 MS. LEVENBERG: Okay. Yeah. If we
19 can get a breakdown whenever after this meeting, that
20 would be helpful. Thanks.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: Commissioner Spear?

22 MS. SPEAR: Hi, Matt. Can you explain
23 why the bottom bowl is less contaminated than the
24 rest of the vessel seg components?

25 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Susan. That just

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2 has to do with the location and proximity to the
3 fuel. So the other portions of the vessel internals
4 that we've been cutting up are greater than Class C.
5 They're, quote/unquote, "hotter" because they were
6 closer to the fuel. That bottom bowl was just far
7 enough away that it falls into the lower waste
8 category is all. It just has to do with the location
9 and proximity to the fuel when the fuel was in the
10 core.

11 MS. SPEAR: Thank you.

12 MR. JOHNSON: No problem. All right.
13 So moving on to Unit 1 in the mausoleum. So there's
14 a lot of pictures there. You can take a look at
15 pictures while I go through some of the words. But
16 in Unit 1, within the VC, we've removed 11 through 14
17 boilers. Those are the old Unit 1 boilers similar to
18 steam generators. The pressurizer preps are ongoing.
19 They've been ongoing for a while. We continue to
20 work through that. And the decay heat removal system
21 removal is completed. We continue working through
22 the nuclear service building, which is just one of
23 the support buildings within Unit 1, on the
24 RadMonitor 60 vent removal and the demo within the
25 elevations, thirty-three-foot and forty-three-foot.

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2 That's just really removing materials and older
3 systems -- retired systems -- within those areas.

4 And then up in the mausoleum,
5 currently, we're working on completing 21 steam
6 generator. That was the first of the old steam
7 generators, and that is coming to a close. Through
8 the end of the year, we'll continue within the VC,
9 working through the pressurizers. So the preps we've
10 been working through, and we've now started to work
11 the removal. Within quarter 3, we'll be starting the
12 thirty-three-foot tank removals, and then the
13 abatement and piping removal is ongoing throughout.
14 That'll go throughout the entire year just as we move
15 from section to section.

16 In the CSB and the NSB, the support
17 buildings, in thirty-three-foot will complete in
18 quarter 3, and then forty-three-foot, we expect to
19 complete within the final quarter of the year. Up at
20 the steam generators, I just -- we're ongoing with
21 the first one that's coming to an end here shortly,
22 and then we'll be moving on to 23 steam generator,
23 which will be the second steam generator within the
24 mausoleum. And as soon as 21's completed, we'll
25 move -- we'll move to 23. So we are doing some prep

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2 work to that second steam generator, and then we'll
3 move on to removal of the steam dome and the actual
4 segmentation of that one as well.

5 Next slide is the conventional. So
6 conventional focus, as we've talked about, has been
7 the Unit 1 superheater. That's primary for 2026.
8 Part of that is the 138 kV switchyard, which was kind
9 of adjacent to each other there. And then the Unit 1
10 house service boiler and some of the associated tanks
11 is our secondary focus. So the pictures there are
12 kind of hard to tell, but this is just some of the
13 above shots of the superheater structure. It is a
14 large structure. It's tight between Unit 1, at the
15 Unit 1 VC and the old superheater building. So if
16 you look closely there, you can see some of the
17 switchgear was removed and some of the other
18 components just, really, which were interferences so
19 then we can get into the structure itself, the large
20 metal structure, and start taking that down. But
21 that's really it on the conventional side.

22 The next slide is the NRC updates. So
23 the NRC inspection report for quarter 1 and 2 is
24 expected in July, and we don't expect any issues
25 within that report. Most recent inspections were in

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2 March. We had a general inspection and then
3 specifically an ISFSI inspection. Then in May, we
4 also had a general inspection upcoming. We have
5 July -- the week of July 20th will be a on-site
6 inspection, with a REMP focus.

7 And then when we start our GTCC
8 campaign in the beginning of August, the NRC will be
9 on-site to watch -- watch us work through the first
10 cask, pretty much from start to finish. So they'll
11 be performing a loading inspection at that time.

12 And then on the next slide, I will
13 turn it over to Don for a minute, and he can talk
14 about the training building area and the cesium
15 property release plan.

16 Don, it's all you, pal.

17 MR. MAYER: Okay, Matt. Thanks. All
18 right. So good evening, everyone. Just as a
19 reminder from past meetings, we have some
20 contamination in this particular part of the property
21 that needs to be remediated before we could release
22 that property for any other use. And the soil
23 samples that we collect and have collected are
24 analyzed on-site by on-site laboratory. With the
25 exception of the parking lot, all samples are

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2 collected and analyzed. They've all been collected
3 and analyzed.

4 And the current status, we sent out a
5 subset of -- we took several hundred samples. We've
6 sent out a subset of those samples to an accredited
7 off-site laboratory to do some quality control checks
8 on our lab results to make sure that we're not
9 missing something or that we have a particular
10 instrumentation bias. And the results that have
11 returned to date confirm the accuracy of our on-site
12 lab work, and that is continuing. We expect to get
13 all the results back from the lab before the next
14 meeting.

15 I mentioned the parking lot. The
16 parking lot, as it says on the slide here, is still
17 outstanding. It's not scheduled for full survey.
18 Quite frankly, the lot is still being used for
19 staging of some large pieces of equipment, and it's
20 not urgent for us to go after that. Excuse me. The
21 main -- the next -- I'll say, the next significant
22 piece of scope for us is that once all the quality
23 control results are back from the lab, our contractor
24 will be completing a report that will include a basis
25 for and an estimate of the amount of soil that we

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2 need to remove to meet our NRC required limits.

3 Once the parking lot has been
4 surveyed, you know, during the course of this
5 process, that area, of course, will be included for
6 removal estimation. And then as we've -- I don't --
7 I won't continue to belabor because we've talked
8 about it in the past, but all the soil will be
9 disposed of in compliance with NRC regulations as
10 radioactive waste as necessary. And then, you know,
11 the key, kind of the last piece of the project for
12 this phase is to do the final surveys that get
13 submitted to the NRC, and they will be surveyed in
14 accordance with the limits in the New York State
15 agreement that Holtec and New York entered into.

16 And then, of course, the regulatory
17 path, we've talked about that quite a bit already,
18 and that's just following the regulation that's cited
19 there, which is 50.83, and letting the NRC review
20 what we propose as a piece of released property, and
21 then they will come in and do their own independent
22 laboratory verification and make sure that our
23 conclusions are appropriate and accurate. That's it.

24 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. I want to
25 thank County Legislator Ulaaj for the good suggestion

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to help explain the presentation along the way. I'd go another step further and request that Holtec also refrain from using acronyms going forward, and try to make the presentation -- I know you've defined some of them here, but keep in mind that these meetings are in part to help inform the general public on where things stand. So going forward, kind of avoid the acronyms as well. And I love the helpful explanations of the buildings that are underway.

11 I've got a couple of questions and
12 notes. If you could go back to the slide on the
13 waterfall schedule. I think at the last meeting,
14 Matt, as you mentioned, there was a lot of discussion
15 and concern expressed around the comments made by a
16 Holtec employee in a video and the idea that there
17 could be work getting paused to make way for a
18 restart. We evaluated this waterfall chart as staff
19 and looked back at previous waterfall charts
20 presented to the DOB. I want to ask Cliff maybe to
21 walk through some questions to highlight any
22 differences that we saw and have Matt kind of explain
23 where there were differences, why there's been slip
24 in schedule.

25 MR. CHAPIN: Yeah, Matt. So this is

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2 Cliff. Really, the areas that moved the most were
3 the reactor vessel internals segmentation boxes.

4 Those expanded out quite a bit. And then also, the
5 vessels themselves were, I believe, originally at the
6 end of vessel internal segmentation. Those moved out
7 into the middle. And if you could -- if you could
8 just talk a little bit about those changes and maybe
9 what caused them, please?

10 MR. JOHNSON: Yes. Yes. Sure, Cliff.
11 So the changes you're talking about really came about
12 when we lost the ability to discharge water. So we
13 had to kind of move some of our plans around, and
14 then some of it had to do with us internally deciding
15 to go from Unit 3 to Unit 2, finish Unit 2, go back
16 to Unit 3. So I mean, that was the biggest factor.

17 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. County
18 Legislator Ulaaj, do you have a question?

19 MS. ULAJ: Yes. On the slide of --
20 forgive me. Yes. On the slide as well. Would it be
21 possible to add another -- I know there's already a
22 matrix here -- but another layer kind of showing what
23 percentage of the footprint is still under
24 decommissioning and not released by what year? Is
25 that a possibility? As you're showing where you are

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2 in decommissioning each of these years, would it be
3 possible for you to also estimate what percentage of
4 the property you expect to be released by certain
5 years? Is that a possibility?

6 We as representatives have a lot of
7 things that we're considering, of course. One is
8 responsible decommissioning. Two is what we're going
9 to do with this property long term. The Hendrick
10 Hudson School District that's affected, the Village
11 of Buchanan that's affected by lost revenue. We want
12 to be planning what is possible at this site, and so
13 having estimates of what percentage of the property
14 is released so we can think through what's possible,
15 I think would be helpful.

16 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, so -- I'm sorry.
17 Was somebody else going to say --

18 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes. No. Go ahead,
19 Matt. I think it's on you. Go ahead.

20 MR. JOHNSON: Yes. I mean, I'll
21 certainly take that back. I'm not sure -- this
22 waterfall chart is specifically a part of our
23 submittal. So I'll take that back and get back to
24 you with a better answer, but I'm not even really
25 sure how we would do that right now. But I

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2 understand what you're looking for. I'm just not
3 sure how that would work here, but I'll take that
4 back.

5 CHAIR CONGDON: Well, for the -- I
6 think for the group, the first area of the site being
7 considered by Holtec to release is the training area;
8 is it not?

9 MR. JOHNSON: Correct.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: And what's the
11 earliest date by which you think that could get
12 released given the ongoing remediation, et cetera?

13 MR. JOHNSON: I -- I don't have a
14 good -- an even postulation for that right now, Tom.
15 I just don't --

16 CHAIR CONGDON: Would you say we're
17 still years away?

18 MR. JOHNSON: I mean, I would say
19 we're quite a bit away. I don't want to commit to
20 anything, but yes, we're quite a ways away.

21 MR. SIPOS: And Matt, this is John
22 Sipos. If I could ask a clarifying question, on this
23 concept of partial release or early release. Is that
24 something that Holtec makes the decision
25 unilaterally, or is early site release something that

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2 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission decides?

3 MR. JOHNSON: No. I mean, we -- we
4 can decide if there's an area of the property that we
5 would like to attempt to release, and then we got
6 to -- have to work with the Nuclear Regulatory
7 Commission to be able to release that piece of the
8 site. So we started with the training building.
9 We've run into these issues, and now, we're working
10 through that.

11 MR. SIPOS: And --

12 MR. JOHNSON: But yes, that's up to us
13 if there's something we would like to release, right.

14 MR. SIPOS: But from a regulatory
15 perspective, ultimately, it is the Nuclear Regulatory
16 Commission's call. Yes or no?

17 MR. JOHNSON: That -- that's correct.
18 In the end, we have to obtain the approval. That's
19 right.

20 MR. SIPOS: Thank you.

21 MR. TROMBLEE: Tom?

22 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: I think -- oh, I'm
23 sorry. Go ahead.

24 MR. TROMBLEE: Sorry, Theresa.

25 CHAIR CONGDON: Superintendent

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2 Tromblee, go ahead.

3 MR. TROMBLEE: Yes. And our county
4 legislator asked the specific question I was going to
5 ask. But to take that even further, could we review
6 what release looks like? What's the next steps? Who
7 weighs in on that decision? What would possible
8 release opportunities and options be?

9 MR. JOHNSON: Well, I believe
10 that's --

11 MS. ULAJ: I would like to follow up
12 on that.

13 MR. JOHNSON: -- what the NRC
14 presented -- was it last DOB or the DOB prior to?
15 They came and gave a presentation on the process
16 for --

17 MR. TROMBLEE: Correct. Could we
18 review it?

19 MS. ULAJ: So more than that, if you
20 don't mind? Right. I have these questions as well.
21 Can you remind us how big that property is, the
22 partial release property that we're talking about?
23 What percentage of the total site? Was it, like,
24 twenty percent?

25 MR. JOHNSON: No. I don't remember

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2 off the top of my head. Listen, I'm quite honestly
3 not going to be able to answer the specifics --

4 MS. ULAJ: Okay.

5 MR. JOHNSON: -- that you guys are
6 looking for.

7 MS. ULAJ: You can come --

8 MR. JOHNSON: So what I'd like to
9 do --

10 MS. ULAJ: You can come back.

11 MR. JOHNSON: Yes. If you could put
12 it in writing what you're looking for specifically on
13 that area, I'll certainly get that for you.

14 MS. ULAJ: Sure. But in a bigger
15 picture sense, the question that we all have here,
16 going from quarter to quarterly meeting, is what's
17 going to happen at the end and what is possible at
18 the end on this land, right? The goal in my eyes, in
19 my view, is what we mean by full decommissioning and
20 full release when we're all done is that the soil is
21 fully remediated. People can live here. Someone is
22 able to have a garden there. Is that possible, or is
23 that not possible on a site like this after full
24 release? What is possible here? That's is my
25 question. That's one of my questions as we

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2 consider --

3 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: No. Well, that's
4 the \$64,000 question that's out there. And when --

5 MS. ULAJ: So we should be --

6 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: -- will it be
7 released? What does that look like? What can the
8 property be used for? There's specific criteria of
9 how they clean that property up, too. They're not
10 going down a hundred feet to clean it up. So there's
11 criteria how they do it. And I think -- I thank them
12 for at least starting the process and doing the
13 borings and checking out and doing their soil samples
14 and lab, but that's just, to me, is part of the
15 process.

16 I mean, I wish it was done and like,
17 next week, they said, okay. We're going to work with
18 the NRC. This is the X amount of acres that we're
19 going to release, and it's in the NRC's hands, but
20 it's such a process. But at least the good thing,
21 they've started the process with the soil samples
22 and -- what do they call that, site evaluation?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
24 Characterization.

25 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Whatever they --

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2 MR. JOHNSON: Site characterization.

3 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Site

4 characterization. So that's what they're doing on
5 this piece of property now.

6 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

7 MS. ULAJ: Right.

8 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: But I know we're
9 all looking forward like, what?

10 CHAIR CONGDON: If I may, I also want
11 to highlight, when we first started this work as the
12 Indian Point Closure Task Force, the predecessor to
13 the DOB, one of the very first things the local
14 governments requested was a study of potential reuse
15 options. And the state actually hired a consultant
16 to develop a report that laid out how it works, to do
17 site release and partial release. And that report is
18 available on our website, but I'd be happy, Tom, if
19 we could distribute it to all of the DOB members,
20 following this meeting.

21 I think it's a good document that
22 helps lay out kind of what it looks like. And they
23 scoped out potential reuse options, given the
24 electric infrastructure. They were looking at
25 various energy infrastructure possibilities, not

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2 nuclear. But that was something they looked at, and
3 I think there were other scenarios that were laid out
4 in the report. But yes, that was done, and part of
5 what was in that report was the process steps that
6 are necessary.

7 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: It goes back quite
8 a ways. And I think it broke down to parcel A, B, C,
9 D.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: Right.

11 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: They were
12 different parcels.

13 MS. ULAJ: I appreciate that. Thank
14 you. I do wish we could have those conversations
15 more ongoing as part of these meetings. There's a
16 lot of anxiety in the region about bringing back
17 revenue, and we should be having big-picture
18 discussions about what's possible to figure out what
19 we're going to do there. And I understand, as the
20 mayor has said before, right, that the exact property
21 is under the purview of the Village of Buchanan in
22 terms of codes. But there's a reason why we all sit
23 on this Decommissioning Oversight Board, and it's
24 because we all are vested in its future, and we all
25 care about what's going to happen there.

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2 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: That's good. I'm
3 glad. We're all on the same page.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

5 MR. CREIGHTON: And beyond what --
6 James Creighton, Town of Cortlandt. Beyond what is
7 possible or theoretical, I think what the specific
8 question is, is what is actually being considered?
9 So if there is anything that Holtec is actually
10 considering at this point, we would like to hear
11 that, because that is something that all of the
12 entities, the village, the county, the town would
13 like to be able to assess and weigh in on and
14 understand whether or not this is something we can
15 get behind and assist with or something else.

16 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And I know the
17 village board is in the process of looking at the
18 property, and to rezone it and to see what the
19 options are. And thank you for reminding me about
20 that report, Tom. But yeah. So maybe at the next
21 meeting, we might be able to have a discussion about
22 that also.

23 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, County
24 Legislator?

25 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And I'd like to

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have a discussion about a couple of other things.

3 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes.

4 MS. ULAJ: Thank you. Yes. So
5 there's a lot of possibilities about what's there,
6 but I know at least a few of us here have very strong
7 opinions about what absolutely cannot go there. One
8 of them is reopening nuclear cannot -- absolutely
9 cannot happen again. And there is -- and as we know
10 here, legally, there is no path for that moving
11 forward, right? Every taxing authority would need to
12 approve it in order for it to happen, and there's at
13 least three who are wholly opposed, so it will not
14 happen.

15 Another one, I would like to ask the
16 representatives from Holtec directly this question.
17 Have you had any conversation with anyone on this
18 Decommissioning Oversight Board about the possibility
19 of a data center on this site?

20 MR. JOHNSON: Yes. We've mentioned
21 it, and that's really all -- that's really all I can
22 say. We haven't discussed it in any further detail
23 than that.

24 MS. ULAJ: With who?

25 MR. JOHNSON: No. Just in general.

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2 I'm saying, we've mentioned it --

3 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: That was --

4 MR. JOHNSON: -- but I have not had
5 any detailed discussions.

6 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: -- in article
7 somewhere.

8 CHAIR CONGDON: We've discussed this
9 at previous meetings that they've filed an
10 interconnection request --

11 MR. JOHNSON: Correct.

12 CHAIR CONGDON: -- with the New York
13 Independent System Operator, which runs the grid,
14 which is a necessary step in order to get large
15 loads approved. They have to do a system impact
16 study. And it's my understanding -- Holtec can
17 certainly please correct me if this is a
18 misunderstanding -- but it's my understanding that
19 that was being done on a speculative basis. There is
20 no proposal to do a data center, but they were
21 evaluating the feasibility, electrically, of
22 potentially using the site for a data center. And
23 so they're going through that process.

24 There was some confusion, and some
25 members of the DOB raised it between meetings, that

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2 there was a website created by the vendor that is
3 doing the interconnection study that made it appear
4 as though there was a proposal for a data center, and
5 that caused some confusion.

6 Matt, do you want to take the
7 opportunity to provide a detailed explanation of
8 where things stand with the interconnection work?
9 And has it matured to a point where you are now
10 proposing a data center there, or are we not at that
11 point --

12 MR. JOHNSON: No. It's not --

13 CHAIR CONGDON: -- A, and B --

14 MR. JOHNSON: (Cross-talk) --

15 CHAIR CONGDON: -- and then I just
16 want -- yes. Go ahead, Matt. No, no. Go ahead. Go
17 ahead.

18 MR. JOHNSON: Everything you said is
19 correct. You nailed it. There's no proposal or
20 anything right at the moment. We had the
21 interconnection study being done, and kind of taking
22 the steps to see what it would take there. But
23 that's it. There is not any official proposal or
24 anything at this time, like you said.

25 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. Dave

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2 Lochbaum, I think you have your hand up. Dave?

3 MR. LOCHBAUM: Yes. Based on this
4 discussion, I plan on doing some research into
5 previous plant decommissionings to look at the
6 partial site release issues, what the timing was, how
7 much land was released, and what was the subsequent
8 use of that land. And I'll try to get that to the
9 DOB in the next month or so.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Dave, very
11 much.

12 MS. ULAJ: I just want to make it
13 clear that those of us who care about the
14 environmental impact of what happens in this area are
15 wholly opposed to a data center being built there.
16 So what --

17 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Let me calm your
18 fears. It is not zoned for a data center. And
19 there's not been a discussion with the board yet. I
20 don't think we have enough information. I'd like to
21 have more information on what data centers are. I'm
22 not reading positive things about them. The other
23 thing is I will respectfully disagree with you with
24 the nuclear aspect of it on the property. I would
25 actually like to see small modular reactors, but see,

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2 we can have that conversation and respectfully
3 disagree with one another. I understand your
4 thoughts, and my thoughts are my thoughts. So that's
5 why I like these DOB meetings because we can have
6 these conversations.

7 MS. ULAJ: We need to keep certain
8 things in perspective here. When we talk about this
9 partial release and then we talk about we're looking
10 at the feasibility of putting a data center there --
11 first of all, again, wholly opposed. Secondly, if
12 you put up a data center there, it really limits what
13 you are able to do with the rest of the property,
14 right? And so we can't talk about what we built in
15 these spaces in pieces. We have to have a whole
16 vision for the area.

17 And just thinking, oh, well, it can
18 bring quick revenue immediately after we
19 decommission. They'll build it in a year, and then
20 the village and the district will have the money they
21 need. We can't be -- we have to have a bigger-
22 picture vision for this property than to --

23 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: I have to tell you
24 what one of the proposals was, and it was four
25 million dollars the village was being offered. And I

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2 was extremely against it. Could we have used four
3 million dollars? Absolutely. It was a battery
4 storage facility not far from the school. So I
5 understand what you're saying.

6 MS. ULAJ: Thank you.

7 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: But it's something
8 we can all discuss.

9 MS. ULAJ: Thank you.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: I'd like to kind of
11 get going on the rest of the agenda.

12 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Sorry.

13 CHAIR CONGDON: I'm sorry. One more
14 one more question on this, but we do need to get back
15 to schedule.

16 MR. DULONG: And this is related to
17 the future of the site. Matt, I've read a lot of
18 statements in the press from Holtec about restarting
19 the plant, a nuclear plant. Have any of the changes
20 that you've made to the decommissioning process such
21 as pausing segmentation on Unit 3 -- would any of
22 them better facilitate the restart of the plant?

23 MR. JOHNSON: No.

24 MR. DULONG: Thank you.

25 CHAIR CONGDON: John, last questions,

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2 and then we'll move on to the state agency oversight.

3 MR. SIPOS: Hi, Matt. John Sipos. A
4 couple of follow-up questions. I'm wondering if we
5 can go to slide 4? You discussed earlier the PCE
6 building, and I believe you said that that building
7 was removed. It was demolished; is that correct?

8 MR. JOHNSON: That's right.

9 MR. SIPOS: And I think you mentioned
10 that that building housed pumps for the site,
11 correct?

12 MR. JOHNSON: It did not -- it did not
13 house pumps. It housed control equipment and
14 electronics, et cetera, that we use to operate the
15 circulating water pumps for Unit 3.

16 MR. SIPOS: So it contained components
17 that allowed the control of the cooling water system
18 at the site; is that correct?

19 MR. JOHNSON: On Unit 3, that's
20 correct. Part of it. Yes.

21 MR. SIPOS: On Unit 3. Okay. And
22 that building has been removed?

23 MR. JOHNSON: Correct.

24 MR. SIPOS: And along with the pumps
25 for it as well or the control systems?

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2 MR. JOHNSON: The equipment within
3 that building, which PCE is the power conversion
4 equipment building. And so what that was, like I
5 said, was the electronics required to operate the
6 circulating water pumps on Unit 3. Those components,
7 small transformers, a lot of other electronic type
8 components have all been removed, and the building
9 taken away.

10 MR. SIPOS: Okay. And just a quick
11 follow-up question on slide 13 regarding the
12 mausoleum. You mentioned that -- I think you said 21
13 steam generator, and 23 steam generator are slated
14 for segmentation; is that correct?

15 MR. JOHNSON: Correct. 21 we're
16 finishing, and then we'll go to 23.

17 MR. SIPOS: And what are the other two
18 steam generators? Because there were four, correct?

19 MR. JOHNSON: It's 21, 22, 23, 24.
20 It's just based on how they were arranged within the
21 mausoleum is which one we go to next. Just ease
22 of -- ease of operation, if you will.

23 MR. SIPOS: Understood. And you're
24 going to segment 22 and 24 as well?

25 MR. JOHNSON: Correct.

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2 MR. SIPOS: Okay. Thank you very
3 much.

4 CHAIR CONGDON: Don, did you have your
5 hand up?

6 MR. MAYER: I did. I was just -- I
7 just was going to mention -- we've been talking a lot
8 about the partial site release and various options.
9 And I just think it's maybe worth noting -- I think
10 that what Dave Lochbaum is considering doing for the
11 board is -- I think will be useful. I think it's
12 also worth noting that releasing property as part of
13 license termination efforts is actually typical in
14 the industry. It just comes down to that we have to
15 follow the same process regardless of what the end
16 use is.

17 The end use is a business and yes, in
18 some cases, a political type of a discussion. But in
19 terms of what we have to do to remediate and release
20 that property with the NRC is every bit as robust as
21 the full release of the entire site. But these are
22 done as kind of piecemeal operations if they make --
23 if they make economic sense as well as, you know,
24 they fit within the schedule. I just wanted to make
25 that comment.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Thanks, Don. And

3 thanks, Matt. And sorry for the technical

4 difficulties, but glad we got through the

5 presentation and great questions by the DOB members.

6 I'm going to move on now to the next

7 item on the agenda, which is the state oversight

8 updates, and I'll turn it to Cliff Chapin first from

9 the Department of Public Service.

10 Cliff?

11 MR. CHAPIN: Okay. Good evening. I'm

12 Cliff Chapin, New York State inspector with the

13 Department of Public Service stationed at Indian

14 Point. This slide here is a reminder that the

15 Department of Public Service maintains an Indian

16 Point tip line and website for raising concerns.

17 This website provides common questions and answers

18 associated with raising a concern and offers

19 different options, including an online form that can

20 be filled out, a phone number that can be called,

21 and/or an email address that can be utilized. DPS

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22      has not received any messages to this tip line since
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23 the last meeting.

24 Next slide.

25 Holtec continues to maintain four of

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2 the Reuter-Stokes radiation monitors in service.
3 These monitors are the four closest monitors to the
4 Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School. The monitors
5 continue to show stable background radiation levels
6 as expected.

7 Next slide.

8 Since the last DOB meeting, the DPS
9 reviewed the annual radiological environmental
10 operating report and the annual radioactive effluent
11 release report. The annual effluent release report
12 confirmed that there were no batch radioactive liquid
13 releases in 2025, and the annual environmental report
14 found no measurable activities above background
15 associated with Indian Point.

16 Next slide.

17 Holtec has continued to hold monthly
18 project update meetings in accordance with the joint
19 proposal. These meetings are attended by the New
20 York State Department of Public Service and the
21 Department of Environmental Conservation. As part of
22 the walk-downs that I do while I'm on-site, I've
23 recently walked down demolition project areas
24 associated with inside Unit 1 containment, the Unit 2
25 steam generator mausoleum, and Unit 1 switchyard and

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2 superstructure demolition.

3 Next slide.

4 The annual report on status of
5 decommissioning funding was submitted by Holtec to
6 the NRC in March. The report confirms that Holtec
7 has maintained more than minimum required trust fund
8 balances, including those associated with the joint
9 proposal. DPS staff are currently scheduled to meet
10 with Holtec next week in accordance with the joint
11 proposal to discuss the status of decommissioning
12 trust funds.

13 Next slide.

14 This slide shows the status of the
15 three separate trust funds from the end of 2021 to
16 the end of 2025. I'll now turn it over to John
17 Sipos.

18 MR. SIPOS: Thanks, Cliff. I'm going
19 to start off by discussing the Save the Hudson
20 litigation. As folks know -- and actually, I should
21 say that my presentation is going to be based on
22 publicly available information and having reviewed
23 the docket in this case. As folks here probably are
24 aware, last September 2025, a federal trial court
25 determined that the legislation in question was

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2 infirm from a constitutional perspective. The State
3 of New York represented by the Attorney General's
4 Office, filed an appeal, and that is the name of the
5 case. That's the docket number at the appellate
6 court.

7 The appeal has been fully briefed.
8 Briefing was completed last month in May of 2026.
9 Folks have requested oral argument in the case, and
10 the parties will be waiting to see when and if the
11 court schedules such argument.

12 If we can go to the next slide?

13 There are various proceedings
14 occurring at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I
15 will note just as a general matter, there's a review
16 or an organizational review going on at the NRC.
17 Folks should be aware of that in looking at these
18 proceedings.

19 There are aspects of radiological
20 protection, reactor licensing. And the third topic
21 here is the decommissioning rulemaking. That's a
22 rulemaking that started in the fourth quarter of
23 2014, twelve years ago. And last week, the NRC
24 indicated -- the NRC staff and Commissioners
25 indicated that they were going to be relooking at

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2 that rulemaking. And so we provide the numbers there
3 for folks to look at.

4 CHAIR CONGDON: John, can we pause for
5 questions?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, go on. Let
7 John finish. Just letting you know.

8 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Sure. Go
9 ahead.

10 MR. SIPOS: Various updates on
11 decommissioning. We have the website address here
12 for the DOB and how to monitor other federal
13 proceedings as well. We have the links there.

14 If we could go to the next slide,
15 please?

16 Holtec is undergoing a review of
17 whether and how to reorganize its corporate
18 structure. There is a NRC aspect and a New York
19 State PSC aspect. We provide the docket numbers
20 here.

21 And there is, I will note, a PSC
22 proceeding. It was started a month ago. We have the
23 case number there, 26-E-0314. And the community and
24 the public are able to look at the docket. I can't
25 speak -- I really can't speak and pre-judge that

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2 proceeding. Suffice to say, there will probably be
3 more filings in that in the future. And I think
4 that's it from a regulatory perspective. I was going
5 to hand it over to Maria at DEC now.

6 MS. ANTONIOU: As a reminder, DEC has
7 the oversight of the consent order requirements. One
8 of the requirements is a remedial site investigation
9 for which a scoping work plan was prepared. The
10 scoping work plan was approved by DEC in August of
11 2022, and it was updated by Holtec in May of 2024.
12 This scoping work plan identified a series of areas
13 of concern known as AOC's, for which area of concern
14 Holtec will submit a work plan -- for each one,
15 Holtec will submit a work plan. The work plans will
16 be approved by DEC and will be announced and
17 distributed to the public via fact sheets. The DEC's
18 website on the Indian Point decommissioning provides
19 links on the approved work plans.

20 Next slide, please.

21 The first area of concern investigated
22 was AOC 118, which refers to the LaFarge area located
23 south of the Indian Point Energy Center. This is
24 formerly the Spectra construction area. The
25 investigation took place in the following steps in

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2 chronological order. DEC approved the draft work
3 plan in October of 2023. Holtec completed fieldwork
4 in May of 2024. Holtec submitted the remedial
5 investigation report to DEC in August of '24. DEC
6 provided comments to Holtec in July of 2025. Holtec
7 submitted a revised report to DEC in August of 2025,
8 and DEC provided a second round of comments on the
9 revised report in November of 2025.

10 A week from today, Holtec will discuss their
11 responses with DEC. No other remedial investigation
12 work plans have been submitted to DEC to date.

13 Next slide, please.

14 DEC has oversight of two SPDES permits
15 for the facility. The first permit governs
16 discharges from the main facility. This permit
17 expired in April of 2022. Holtec submitted a timely
18 renewal application. The facility continues to have
19 regulatory coverage under the existing SPDES permit.

20 The second permit governs stormwater
21 discharges from Unit 2 transformer moat. This permit
22 expired in May of 2023. Holtec submitted a timely
23 renewal application. The facility continues to have
24 regulatory coverage under the existing SPDES permit.
25 After request from the public, DEC held back

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2 processing of this application in order to combine
3 both SPDES permits. Holtec submitted a combined
4 permit application, and DEC has completed the review.
5 Due to the Save the Hudson litigation, the DEC is
6 awaiting a final court decision before providing a
7 draft SPDES permit for public review and comment.
8 And that concludes the DEC's report.

9 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Maria.
10 Superintendent Tromblee, did you have a question?

11 MR. TROMBLEE: Yes. Yes. Thank you,
12 Tom. Didn't know if my mic worked. I spilled
13 something all over it, so I apologize. I cleaned it
14 up.

15 Can we go back to slide 13, DPS
16 oversight activities, that examines the
17 decommissioning trust fund balances? Clearly, we're
18 showing a drawdown of that trust fund, assuming that
19 those funds are being used to support decommissioning
20 work. Is it possible to receive a listing of the
21 entities that were paid by that trust fund to
22 complete the work?

23 MR. CHAPIN: We don't have -- I don't
24 think we have access to that. That would be probably
25 between Holtec and the NRC. I mean, Matt might be

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2 able to comment on that.

3 CHAIR CONGDON: Matt, are you still
4 with us?

5 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. I'm here. I'm
6 sorry. Just a little issue with the mute button. So
7 can you repeat the question?

8 MR. TROMBLEE: Yes. Could we see --

9 MR. JOHNSON: It had to do with
10 decommissioning funding amounts?

11 MR. TROMBLEE: Yes, Matt. Mike
12 Tromblee, superintendent of schools for Hendrick
13 Hudson. Is it possible to receive a listing of the
14 entities that received funds from the trust fund in
15 payment for decommissioning activities?

16 MR. JOHNSON: I would say, likely, we
17 would not go through all of that. But Mike, I would
18 again, put that in writing, and let me bring that
19 back to my superiors, and we'll see what we could do.
20 It kind of sounds like you're leading into asking
21 about if funds would be available for the school or
22 others -- otherwise in the area.

23 MR. TROMBLEE: Negative. No. No.
24 I'm trying to see where the funds are being spent and
25 who --

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2 MR. JOHNSON: Okay.

3 MR. TROMBLEE: -- the funds are being
4 spent on.

5 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. So the funds are
6 being used for work at the site. I mean, that's the
7 bottom line.

8 MR. TROMBLEE: Correct. Correct.

9 MR. JOHNSON: And that's really it.

10 MR. TROMBLEE: Is it possible from a
11 regulatory or statutory standpoint that Holtec has to
12 provide who those fund payments are going to?

13 MR. JOHNSON: I don't know that
14 answer. So again, if you could give me that, I'll
15 certainly get it for you.

16 MR. TROMBLEE: Sure.

17 MR. JOHNSON: I just frankly don't
18 know off the top of my head.

19 MR. SIPOS: Yes. Matt, this is John
20 Sipos. To the superintendent's question, I believe
21 you could follow up with the Nuclear Regulatory
22 Commission. You could also follow up with Holtec.
23 But the reporting that is required under the federal
24 regulations under the decommissioning regulations
25 is --

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2 MR. JOHNSON: Right.

3 MR. SIPOS: -- is provided by -- it's
4 overseen by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. So
5 they have --

6 MR. JOHNSON: That's right. And we --

7 MR. SIPOS: -- to report --

8 MR. JOHNSON: -- report that annually,
9 John, as you know, right?

10 MR. TROMBLEE: Just another question
11 regarding the establishment of the trust fund. The
12 trust fund, in essence, is funded by public tax
13 dollars, correct?

14 MR. SIPOS: That's incorrect. It is
15 actually funded by the --

16 MR. TROMBLEE: Okay.

17 MR. SIPOS: -- ratepayers for ConEd
18 and the consumers of the electrical energy output
19 from the entire site.

20 MR. TROMBLEE: Okay.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: If I could just add to
22 that? The licensees of a nuclear power plant have an
23 obligation to fund these decommissioning trust funds.
24 It's the cost of business. And so the price of the
25 power that they sell into the grid produces revenue,

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2 and it has to produce sufficient revenue for them to
3 deposit the amount necessary to comply with the
4 decommissioning trust fund regulations.

5 MR. TROMBLEE: Okay. Does the
6 Decommissioning Oversight Board have the ability to
7 interface with the NRC to request that information?

8 MR. SIPOS: I think the short answer
9 is we have the ability to ask the NRC for direction
10 to Holtec, but it is ultimately the NRC's call as to
11 what information the federal government under the
12 control of the federal Congress is directing the
13 licensees to provide. Federal agency, federal
14 Congress. It's a federal matter.

15 MR. TROMBLEE: Sure. So according to
16 the bylaws of the board, the board has the ability to
17 vote to take action. Would a vote be required to
18 make that request possible to the NRC? Would the
19 board need to vote to make that request possible?

20 CHAIR CONGDON: No. I think we have
21 the ability to send a --

22 MR. SIPOS: Right.

23 CHAIR CONGDON: -- letter and --

24 MR. SIPOS: Right.

25 CHAIR CONGDON: -- ask them anything

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2 we want, as we've done in the past.

3 MR. TROMBLEE: Great.

4 CHAIR CONGDON: They've appeared at
5 our request. I'm sure we're going to ask them to
6 come again. And we lay out clearly in the invitation
7 what we want them to speak to. And so if this is a
8 question you'd like us to include in the next --

9 MR. TROMBLEE: Great.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: -- invitation for when
11 they're here, absolutely, we can do that.

12 MR. TROMBLEE: That'd be greatly
13 appreciated. Thank you.

14 MR. SIPOS: And Superintendent, if I
15 could just add another note? So we put up there the
16 decommissioning rulemaking that is occurring at the
17 NRC that's been under review for twelve years. I
18 would urge the district, I would urge you, I would
19 urge your staff to track that rulemaking to monitor
20 it and to make your district's views known to the
21 Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the oversight body
22 in the United States Congress. It's all out there.
23 It's out in the open. The State has provided many
24 comments over the past decade, and I am sure that the
25 school district's views would be relevant and helpful

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2 and informative to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

3 MR. TROMBLEE: Thank you for that
4 suggestion. I would just say that I would like my
5 educators to focus on educating rather than having to
6 look up statutes and information such as that. But I
7 will definitely take that advice.

8 CHAIR CONGDON: Superintendent, also,
9 one other thing I want to mention. The NRC audits
10 the expenditures out of the trust fund. As you know,
11 when they presented to the DOB before, they found a
12 number of expenditures that were not compliant with
13 the regulations, and Holtec had to replenish the fund
14 for those expenditures.

15 There is a role for the state pursuant
16 to the joint proposal that was signed by, I think,
17 all of the major parties of the governmental bodies
18 of the DOB. Minimum trust fund balances need to be
19 maintained throughout the decommissioning. And in
20 the monthly regulatory meetings, there's a check on
21 that and the semi-regular meeting specifically to
22 discuss the trust fund balance to ensure that they're
23 in compliance with maintaining the minimum --

24 MR. TROMBLEE: Yes.

25 CHAIR CONGDON: -- balances. So

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2 there's a slight difference in types of jurisdiction
3 and what we are looking at. NRC is looking at the
4 exact expenditures line by line to make sure they're
5 in compliance with the federal regs. We're looking
6 at it for compliance with the joint proposal and the
7 minimum fund balances to give us assurance that
8 there's sufficient funding to finish the job.

9 MR. TROMBLEE: My end goal -- and I
10 appreciate all the insights. My end goal is just to
11 say, I'd like to know where the money is going,
12 because that's informative. I'm asked those
13 questions all the time. I think when there is a fund
14 that is operating to decommission the site that we
15 are also interested in, that's a pretty big piece of
16 information that would be helpful as I talk to my
17 community as well.

18 CHAIR CONGDON: Totally understand.
19 County legislator?

20 MS. ULAJ: Yes. Thank you. In this
21 same train of questions, it also really struck me to
22 see one of the funds has dropped by more than fifty
23 percent in five years. I want to know where things
24 are going. And yes, I understand that the NRC is
25 looking at everything line by line to make sure that

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2 it's an expense that the decommissioning fund should
3 be used for. But I know we've also heard from people
4 about Holtec having their own subsidiary do work and
5 then paying that subsidiary three times more than the
6 market rate for that work.

7 So who's watching them and monitoring
8 that? Yes. The work is legitimate, but is that
9 price legitimate? And just to go back to, again, the
10 other point of how much it's dropped in five years
11 when we compare it to their waterfall chart where
12 they're still working on the property in 2062, I'm
13 expecting them to come back to us in ten years and
14 say, bail me out. We need another two billion.

15 CHAIR CONGDON: Well, I don't know,
16 John, if you want to speak to the liability. But
17 first, I'd like to -- I think Dave Lochbaum had a
18 hand up. Maybe he wants to add to this discussion,
19 and then we can back around.

20 Dave?

21 MR. LOCHBAUM: Yes. Thank you, Tom.
22 You kind of addressed the point I was going to make
23 when you pointed out that the NRC audits the
24 submittals on the decommissioning trust funding. One
25 of the things that -- so when people have asked who

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2 is it going to -- the NRC under, I think it's 10 CFR
3 2.390. I forget which paragraph. They cannot
4 release information of a proprietary nature. And how
5 much somebody spends on a project or who gets paid is
6 considered proprietary information because you start
7 comparing this decommissioning plant to that
8 decommissioning plant. And even if the NRC had any
9 information, it'd be very difficult to pry it from
10 their hands.

11 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Dave. I
12 just want to point out, and I think Holtec has said
13 this themselves, at presentations when talking about
14 the decommissioning trust fund, that, when they took
15 ownership of the site, they took on the liability to
16 complete the job. They took on the decommissioning
17 trust funds. They took those over. The upside to
18 Holtec, if they finish the decommissioning at an
19 expense less than the decommissioning trust fund
20 balances, is that they own the fund. And as long as
21 NRC clears it, that's the upside. The downside is
22 the risk that the funds aren't sufficient to finish
23 the job because they have the liability to then be
24 responsible for the full clean-up.

25 MS. ULAJ: With all due respect, their

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2 promise means nothing to me. I can see them filing
3 for bankruptcy. I can see them putting this right
4 back on our plate and walking away from it and
5 saying, we don't exist anymore. You deal with it.
6 So with all due respect, I have no --

7 CHAIR CONGDON: I understand. And I'm
8 just saying what the law is and the liability --

9 MS. ULAJ: So that's why we need to
10 monitor --

11 CHAIR CONGDON: It's not a promise.

12 MS. ULAJ: -- the funds --

13 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes.

14 MS. ULAJ: -- because I don't trust
15 them.

16 CHAIR CONGDON: And that's why we put
17 the minimum trust fund balance in to watch the spend
18 rate so that we have an outlook going forward. But I
19 totally understand the point, and it's a concern I
20 think we all share. I just wanted to make sure I
21 made the point that it's not a government fund that
22 needs to be replenished by government. This is a
23 privately owned fund for the specific purpose of
24 decommissioning, and this company chose to get into
25 the decommissioning business to take on the risk of

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2 completing the job with those funds.

3 MS. LEVENBERG: Just --

4 CHAIR CONGDON: Can we --

5 MS. LEVENBERG: Yes, I just wanted to
6 add to that, pointing out the fifty percent already
7 expended in certain funds, that we saw forty years to
8 go until the end of their --

9 MS. ULAJ: I know.

10 MS. LEVENBERG: -- until the end of
11 the chart here.

12 MR. CREIGHTON: And if we could just
13 point out privately owned fund, funded by our
14 ratepayers into the system. These are all the
15 taxpayers' money. So it's in a private fund that was
16 paid by ratepayers.

17 CHAIR CONGDON: I get the point. And
18 I don't want to argue, but it is privately owned.
19 It's a privately owned fund. Just like a power
20 plant, any power plant, is privately owned. It's
21 funded through ratepayers paying for the electricity.
22 We're consumers of the product, but the revenue
23 generated is privately owned revenue now, right? So
24 it's no longer a government fund. And the reason I'm
25 trying to continue the point is because I don't want

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2 to leave the impression that this is a government
3 fund that needs to be replenished by the government.

4 This is a privately held fund that
5 operates under tremendous regulatory scrutiny, and
6 they can only spend the fund for very specific
7 decommissioning activities for a reason. It was
8 established under regulation for a reason, and it's
9 absolutely in our interest to make sure that they're
10 in full compliance with all of the NRC regs, and
11 we're going to pose the questions from the
12 superintendent to the NRC, have them come on a
13 regular basis to speak to their oversight of it. And
14 we're going to continue to hold their feet to the
15 fire from the state side, to the extent we have that
16 jurisdiction under the JP.

17 MS. ULAJ: Thank you.

18 MR. SIPOS: And this fund is a trust.
19 There are actually three trusts. And like Tom said,
20 they are overseen by the NRC. They originally were
21 funded by ratepayers in the New York metropolitan
22 area. And I think the discussion we've had here
23 tonight has been very good, and I would respectfully
24 suggest, monitoring and participating and letting the
25 NRC know of host community interest in the

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regulations, the details matter, and I think that
would be very helpful from a host community
perspective.

5 CHAIR CONGDON: Dave Lochbaum, I see
6 your hand came back up.

7 MR. LOCHBAUM: Yes. Just for another
8 layer of oversight. In addition to the NRC auditing
9 the decommissioning trust funding and disbursements,
10 the Government Accountability Office, GAO,
11 periodically oversees that funding to see if the
12 amount that's being put into the trust funds and the
13 disbursements from those funds are adequate to
14 complete the job. I think it's every four or five
15 years, GAO issues those reports that are available on
16 their website.

17 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Dave. Good
18 point. Any other questions?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Let's bring
20 that person in to talk about that report.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: Right. We should
22 consider that. Yeah, I agree. Thank you. Any
23 other questions before we move on to the next
24 speaker? Okay.

25 Now, I'd like to introduce Paul Gunter

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2 from Beyond Nuclear. Paul is going to walk us
3 through a number of slides, and we can save questions
4 until the end.

5 Welcome, Paul.

6 MR. GUNTER: Well, thank you very
7 much. You know, I want to start with -- the last
8 conversation is an excellent segue into what Beyond
9 Nuclear and the community that surrounds the Indian
10 Point Decommissioning Project -- we -- we have a
11 question to posit through this committee, through
12 this board, that has to do directly with
13 decommissioning's role in public safety,
14 environmental protection, and whether you're for or
15 against nuclear power.

16 All -- that also includes the
17 reliability of that safety-related equipment as it
18 goes through extended operating license extensions
19 that are now reaching out to eighty years. And
20 decommissioning has a direct role that has been
21 identified by both the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
22 Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy.

23 So if I could have my first slide up,
24 please.

25 You know, we're --

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2 Actually, can I go back just to the
3 title slide if I could, please? Yes. Thank you.

4 The -- you know, this is sort of the
5 idea, that we've been aware as an organization, and
6 the communities that we -- that we work with, that
7 there are a series of knowledge gaps that are in the
8 age-related degradation of operational nuclear power
9 plants that the -- the national labs have come to
10 address as decommissioning being the -- the real
11 opportunity to get at acknowledging and managing
12 those knowledge gaps that affect safety and safety
13 margins in reactors that are continuing to operate at
14 increasingly extreme operate -- licensing renewals.

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16 So going back to Mr. Sipos' federal
17 update, you know, we've been following the
18 decommissioning rule, as well, and how it can be
19 enhanced. And that doesn't just mean making, you
20 know, the licensee go through -- and the NRC go
21 through the extension process so that you can suspend
22 emergency plans around decommissioning nuclear power
23 plants that are no longer operational, but still have
24 huge inventories of high-level radioactive waste
25 parked down on the tarmac.

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2 And in an era of, you know,
3 increasing -- and risk to the exposure to drones that
4 are malevolent now, that we're -- you know, we -- we
5 want to see safety and security in part of that
6 enhancement. One of the enhancements that we've been
7 working on pretty hard over the last 15 years is that
8 decommissioning is that critical connection to
9 operating license extensions that significantly
10 affect the increase in risk to public health, safety,
11 and environmental protection.

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13 So again, the NRC and the DOE have
14 acknowledged that decommissioning has this
15 opportunity to provide oversight and management and
16 enforcement of the Atomic Energy Act's legal standard
17 for reasonable assurance being provided to the public
18 and reliable reactor operations in the licensing
19 process. This includes new licensing now. It
20 includes relicensing, going through a second twenty-
21 year extension.

22 And we would also put forward that it
23 also applies to recommissioning permanently closed
24 and aging reactors that have been certified for
25 decommissioning.

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3 So we became aware of the national
4 labs and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and
5 their Office of Research coming together to contract
6 for a national lab to look at the decommissioning
7 process to address and mitigate -- addressing these
8 knowledge gaps, again, to address that reasonable
9 assurance.

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11 And I just want to note that -- that
12 there is a link in that slide that will provide you
13 with the statement of work that the -- our Freedom of
14 Information Act released that goes into detail of
15 this strategic approach for obtaining material and
16 component aging information related to license
17 renewal.

18 And you'll see that the contract is
19 quite explicit, in that it says that the -- the
20 national lab that is being contracted, Pacific
21 Northwest National Lab, shall identify and document
22 these information and technical gaps, and they'll
23 identify these gaps, and include industry practices
24 to date endorsed by the NRC to address that
25 degradation and the assurance of the retention of

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2 design margins during these subsequent license
3 renewal periods.

4 The -- the agreement also provides
5 that the lab shall recommend experimentation and
6 analytical model development, and that those
7 deliverables shall be made -- should be made
8 available through technical letter reports. And they
9 give -- this, again, is in that contract.

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11 So decommissioning is -- is -- has
12 been validated as an opportunity for making reactor
13 operations safer and more -- and more reliable, and
14 to develop a long-range strategy to get at that age-
15 related degradation information as it applies to base
16 metals; weld materials; reactor internals; concrete;
17 and in Indian Point's case, at Indian Point Unit 2
18 and 3, there's probably 1,200 miles of electrical
19 cable. A lot of it, the majority of it, in the
20 original installation now, you know, forty-seven,
21 forty-eight years ago.

22 But the -- the work order establishes
23 that, according to the NRC Office of Research, it's
24 been difficult or impossible to obtain that data,
25 that -- to perform that research on an operating

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2 fleet. So what they've proposed is to harvest --
3 we -- we refer to it as an autopsy, because it is
4 about analyzing the body of a -- of an aged reactor
5 and -- and its materials collected from those
6 decommissioning facilities, and to do that, to
7 identify the technical gaps in knowledge and
8 understand the age that is going to be projected into
9 safe operations for sixty to eighty years in the
10 license renewal period.

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12 So again, this is just -- in that
13 statement of work, it for -- it focuses on four basic
14 priority areas: the reactor pressure vessel, and the
15 result of embrittlement from neutron bombardment,
16 irradiation-assisted degradation of reactor
17 internals, and primary safety components, concrete,
18 the containment structure, the -- the spent fuel pool
19 concrete structure, and -- and that large volume of
20 electrical cable that needs to be qualified and
21 provided with a conditional assessment going into
22 that license renewal period.

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24 So there -- there was a technical
25 report produced by Pacific Northwest National Lab.

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2 PNNL-27120 was published in -- on December 7th, 2017,
3 and it was posted to the public websites of Pacific
4 Northwest National Lab, the International Atomic
5 Energy -- Energy Agency scientific site, the
6 Department of Energy's scientific information site,
7 and also provided to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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9 And that report is here, and this
10 is -- this report was posted to the IAEA, describing
11 the PNNL report on the need to address a host of
12 technical issues, functional -- functionality
13 objectives, and projected safety margins that are
14 based on identified, known, and yet to be understood
15 technical gaps that -- that are provided in
16 literature and research needs, identifying, again,
17 these gaps and the lessons that have been learned
18 from what they've seen so far.

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20 So just to reiterate that the --
21 again, there's a -- there's a key challenge here in,
22 you know, looking forward to perform tests that mimic
23 the aging process. So where the -- the lab -- PNNL
24 reported back that, where available, benchmarking can
25 be performed using surveillance specimens. But in

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2 most cases, this benchmarking is going to require --
3 it will require harvesting materials from reactors,
4 primarily decommissioning reactors.

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6 So again, there -- you know, the --
7 the national lab did its -- did its work according to
8 contract. It went to -- it went to the full margin
9 to, you know, identify at least sixty times
10 referencing to the -- to the technical gaps and
11 how -- materials can be harvested to gather critical
12 knowledge, to close these gaps, and so on and so on.
13 But again -- again and again and again, the gaps are
14 being acknowledged and -- and being addressed, per
15 contract.

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17 And so what we see again is the
18 national lab, in reporting to the Nuclear Regulatory
19 Commission Office of Research, confirmed that
20 harvesting autopsies will likely require or will
21 require harvesting materials from reactors,
22 principally so you can go to these strategic areas
23 and not just through system structures and components
24 that present an opportunity to get at them.

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2 So you know, we got that report in
3 2017. We took it to an NRC meeting on license
4 renewal, and we -- we asked, how is this report
5 progressing in addressing some of the questions that
6 are out there about, how do you get -- how do you
7 present reasonable assurance, going forward in a
8 license renewal period, out sixty to eighty years
9 now?

10 And the NRC staff in that room looked
11 at me, and they -- they said, you know -- they --
12 their jaw dropped, but they did say, you know, that's
13 only a draft. Even though this document had been
14 public for ten months, and had been addressed on the
15 IAEA site as being published, and you know, with
16 their summary of the published work.

17 So -- but it -- but what we got, there
18 were -- you know, from the public source that we
19 recovered it, there were no marks or texts that this
20 was a draft. But anyways, we filed the Freedom of
21 Information Act.

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23 And it provided a lot of -- a lot of
24 materials. But what it did provide were the comments
25 from the -- the division of license renewal that

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2 looks at material issues. And the -- the license
3 renewal division was coming back with these quotes
4 that, you know -- look, you're -- they -- the -- the
5 report overuses the word "gap", and et cetera, et
6 cetera. It's right there for you to read.

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8 And it goes on that they think that a
9 different word should be used, even though that was
10 the contract language, and that the exchange of
11 emails in that FOIA identified that, in fact, the --
12 that this raises a concern that the -- that the
13 licensing division thought could be used against
14 streamlining and facilitating license renewal because
15 it was raising questions. It was raising this whole
16 idea of technical gaps.

17 And next slide, please.

18 And it even goes on to say that,
19 again, in the big picture, the licensing division
20 thought that that technical report should be scrubbed
21 even though it had been -- it -- the report had been
22 removed from all of the public sites within a matter
23 of days after the inquiry at the NRC meeting on
24 September 28th, 2018.

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2 So the NRC went about, after

3 withdrawing the document PNNL-27120 from the public

4 venues, these variety of venues, to do a rewrite.

5 And in that rewrite, all references to knowledge gaps

6 were scrubbed out, and the recommendations to require

7 harvesting and lab analysis and -- and how this would

8 be able to scientifically qualify the -- the product

9 of -- that this rev document has essentially removed

10 without providing any comment on how the questions of

11 gaps and requirements was redacted.

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13 So there was -- the redacted report of

14 rev 1 was never reposted to any of the prior sites.

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16 And just a quick comparison. You can

17 read this later, but you know, "will require" turns

18 into "may be achieved by harvesting".

19 Next slide, please.

20 And you know, in closing, I just

21 wanted to say that I think, and -- and the -- the

22 community that we work with thinks, that there is

23 a -- a real opportunity and a -- an opportunity for

24 the Decommissioning Oversight Board to interject into

25 a really unique situation nationally, that Holtec

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2 International is both involved in decommissioning a
3 closed pressurized water reactor at Indian Point -- a
4 Westinghouse, in this case.

5 And that's, you know, comparable to a
6 closed but recommissioning on pressurized water
7 reactor in Michigan that is actively pursuing not
8 only restart, but a twenty-year subsequent license
9 renewal, which the subject report was expressly
10 developed for and then modified without anybody
11 really getting any information on how that -- that --
12 those redactions were made, and how the aging issues
13 have been resolved to the point that reasonable
14 assurance can be provided.

15 But you know, that's -- I just wanted
16 to, you know, basically say that, you know, it --
17 that the State of New York could be recognized as
18 ground zero for an opportune -- for this opportunity,
19 because it's more than just Palisades. The two
20 oldest nuclear power stations in the country --
21 Ginna, which is now fifty-six years old, and this
22 June, they are currently scheduled to submit an
23 application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
24 for a subsequent license renewal application to
25 extend the operations of Ginna, a pressurized water

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2 reactor, sixty to eighty years.

3 And there are, again, these other
4 opportunities that could be addressed at other
5 pressurized water reactors that have already gone
6 through the licensing renewal process without the
7 expertise and the benefit of the -- the knowledge
8 that autopsies can provide to safety margins and to
9 reactor operable reliability.

10 And so you know, we would like to --
11 you know, going back to the question by the -- that
12 was raised by Mr. Sipos, we'd like, as a -- as a part
13 of the host community, to see what can be -- what can
14 the role be of the Decommissioning Oversight Board in
15 encouraging these autopsies to gather up this
16 critical information involving public safety, and you
17 know, actually looking forward into these license
18 renewal periods to address these knowledge gaps.

19 So thank you very much for the
20 opportunity, and -- and I look forward to any time we
21 have left for questions.

22 CHAIR CONGDON: Paul, thank you very
23 much. Very interesting presentation.

24 Dave Lochbaum, I think you have a
25 question. Dave?

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2 MR. LOCHBAUM: I have some comments.

3 Thank you, Tom.

4 I'd like to briefly talk about the
5 economical and safety benefits of harvesting.

6 Results from analyses of harvested materials factor
7 into computer modeling of aging degradation forms and
8 associated rates. When the results from the analyses
9 of harvested materials match predictions made by the
10 computer models, confidence in the models increases.
11 Heightened confidence can identify overly
12 conservative modeling and support decisions to reduce
13 the scope of or the frequency of monitoring programs
14 while still preserving the necessary safety margins.

15 When the results reveal shortcomings
16 in the computer models, that awareness allows
17 improvements in the models and their predictions.
18 Narrowing the knowledge gaps that Paul has identified
19 results in more accurate and more reliable computer
20 models of aging degradation, which, in turn, yields
21 more efficient and effective monitoring programs.

22 No one has infinite resources.
23 Harvesting can and should play a significant role in
24 ensuring finite resources are applied most
25 appropriately. Thank you.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Dave.

3 MR. GUNTER: Thank you. Thank you,
4 Dave. And I just wanted to add that, you know, as
5 the NRC is moving towards risk-informed modeling,
6 they should be welcoming how harvesting from
7 decommissioning plants can be used to, as Dave has
8 identified, boost the reliability of their models and
9 the -- the risk forecasting in it. But again, as the
10 PNNL report provided back in 2017, those models are
11 only as good as the real-world experiential findings
12 that you get from harvesting and the analysis, as you
13 would an autopsy.

14 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you.

15 Assemblywoman Levenberg?

16 MS. LEVENBERG: Thank you so much for
17 that extremely informative presentation, which may or
18 may not have been a little bit above my head. But
19 nevertheless, I just want to say that it seems to me
20 like we should absolutely be advocating for this
21 harvesting. It's an opportunity that we shouldn't
22 miss out on. And I think that we have the
23 opportunity to discuss it and to think about how it
24 can add.

25 I mean, especially as we're looking at

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2 sites that are recommissioning -- which I know that
3 this one is not going to be recommissioned, based on
4 all the factors that we've discussed. But for those
5 that are being recommissioned, I think it's critical
6 to understand what the factors are that are involved.
7 And more than anything, what this is looking at is
8 safety. So when we think about safety for this
9 community, when we think about safety for the
10 Palisades plant or any other sites that are impacted,
11 having the opportunity to research this process while
12 it's happening and look at the degradation is
13 critical.

14 And Commissioner Spear and I both were
15 obviously -- and others sat on this board while we
16 discussed the aging structure of Indian Point before
17 they were in the decommissioning process, and as with
18 any fifty-year-old-plus structures, there were more
19 and more issues that we saw with them. So having the
20 opportunity to look at these structures as they're
21 being decommissioned to understand what kind of
22 issues there are, I think, would really be helpful
23 for the entire United States of America for the
24 safety of these nuclear plants.

25 So why wouldn't we be doing that? And

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2 why are they trying to, I don't know, rewrite
3 whatever the objectives were originally? I don't
4 understand that, but thanks.

5 MR. GUNTER: If I might add really
6 quick. You know, the -- again, the unique situation
7 that's in New York right now that I think should be
8 looked at is that the operator -- the decommissioning
9 operator for Indian Point is looking to recommission
10 and benefit from the extended operations of a
11 decommissioning reactor in Michigan.

12 And -- and -- you know, and the -- the
13 industry has been arguing -- that has stonewalled
14 this process for more than a decade now -- on the --
15 on the costs of these -- of harvesting, and that it
16 constitutes an interruption in decommissioning
17 schedules. But that should be incorporated, again,
18 as it's been mentioned tonight, as a cost of doing
19 business, particularly when you're going to use it to
20 restart and license extend an operating facility.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: Superintendent?

22 MR. TROMBLEE: Mr. Gunter, thank you
23 for presenting and for joining us this evening.
24 Could you reiterate your request to the Board?
25 Because I heard I heard it in there, but I just want

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2 to make sure I fully understand it.

3 MR. GUNTER: Right. I think it should
4 be written up by the community that -- that, you
5 know, I'm part of and advising, and -- but
6 essentially, you know, you've -- you raised the point
7 tonight that the -- that the Decommissioning
8 Oversight has the authority to direct questions to
9 the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the -- and
10 Holtec International.

11 And -- and given the -- an informed
12 insight that this question on the identified role and
13 all the questions that are still open without answer,
14 that they be addressed by, again, opening up the
15 opportunity for the -- the decommissioning harvesting
16 opportunity at Indian Point as it addresses the
17 relicensing and recommissioning, which, you know, is
18 at a fever pitch right now.

19 MR. TROMBLEE: Thank you, Mr. Gunter.

20 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, James?

21 MR. CREIGHTON: James Creighton,
22 deputy supervisor, Town of Cortlandt. Just to follow
23 up on the superintendent's question and understanding
24 and hearing how critical this autopsy is, it makes so
25 much sense to address the knowledge gaps that exist,

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2 that were acknowledged by the NRC and the Department
3 of Energy. And as they were addressing the need to
4 provide reasonable assurance, it seemed like once
5 this report came out, there was a move to scrub it
6 and to remove it from the record.

7 As we sit here today as a
8 decommissioning board here for one particular
9 decommissioning nuclear site, and in light of the
10 Save the Hudson bill and all of the legal issues that
11 revolve around that, what is the role for New York
12 State and for the host communities for providing an
13 autopsy that would benefit the United States and
14 other nuclear facilities that I think, by all
15 accounts, won't be a nuclear facility here?

16 I mean, we want there to be an
17 autopsy. We want to provide to the knowledge base,
18 but we're focused on decommissioning. How can we
19 insist on something that ultimately won't lead to
20 better nuclear here?

21 MR. GUNTER: Well, again, let me just
22 quickly say that we believe the -- from my
23 understanding of the filings to the U.S. Nuclear
24 Regulatory Commission, the Ginna nuclear power
25 station in Upstate New York is scheduled to announce

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2 that it is going to make application to take a fifty-
3 six-year-old reactor, and -- and you know, after it
4 gets to the sixtieth year of its -- in the -- of its
5 current licensing extension, they're going to ask for
6 a second twenty-year extension out to eighty years.

7 That should not proceed unless the
8 questions that the Indian Point Nuclear Power Station
9 and an -- an autopsy could provide the -- you know,
10 from one pressurized water reactor to the -- here in
11 Westchester County to a pressurized water reactor.
12 The oldest -- and again, this is the oldest operating
13 pressurized water reactor in the United States right
14 now. The other is Nine Mile Point Unit 1 as the
15 oldest boiling water reactor in the United States.

16 So New York has some interest in
17 the -- the idea that autopsies from all the
18 decommissioning plants could benefit public health
19 and safety in these license extensions that are
20 ongoing now on Lake Ontario in New York.

21 MR. JOHNSON: Hey. Hey, Tom, and
22 everybody else. Just a quick plug here. This is
23 Matt from Holtec. Back in 2021, 2022 time frame, we
24 did work with EPRI and Westinghouse and -- and allow
25 them to take bolt samples from the pressurizers at

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2 Indian Point. So just -- we have been part of this,
3 and -- and yeah, I appreciate all the discussion.
4 It's -- it's great discussion. But we have -- we
5 have been part of this and hopefully been -- you
6 know, help with being part of the solution here.

7 So Paul, just for your information, I
8 don't know if you're aware of that, but we have
9 provided them with a --

10 MR. GUNTER: Yes.

11 MR. JOHNSON: -- a few samples in the
12 past. Yep.

13 MR. GUNTER: Yes. I -- I was aware
14 that you had provided a sample. What I'm suggesting
15 is that there are -- there's -- again, there's a
16 serious lack of cooperation and collaboration with
17 the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. We thank you
18 for your work that you have contributed.

19 But there also is 1,200 miles of
20 electrical cable in Indian Point Unit 2 and 3 that,
21 you know, haven't -- as best we can tell, were not
22 part of the autopsy that could be -- that could be
23 contributed to, particularly because you're looking
24 to extend the operations of a decommissioning
25 pressurized water reactor, you know, that wouldn't

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2 benefit, and that could benefit.

3 And the same would be true for bolt
4 samples out of the reactor pressure vessels that you
5 have, I believe -- I'm not quite sure where those
6 segmented slices of the reactor pressure vessel are,
7 but you could be getting bolt samples out of that,
8 and you know, do -- and the Decommissioning Oversight
9 Board could -- could work with Holtec to develop a --
10 you know, a custody of care for getting those bolt
11 samples to national labs for analysis, rather than
12 custody for care for it to go to a nuclear dump.

13 And then, you know, there's just a
14 whole area here that, you know, the attention to
15 be -- should be drawn to the fact that the -- that
16 originally, what the national lab said is that it
17 should be required. It should be required from every
18 decommissioning power plant. Not just generosity.
19 It should be part of the law for reasonable
20 assurance, and you know -- and -- and to get enough
21 support out there that you can provide reasonable
22 assurance.

23 So again, thank you for that. But you
24 know, there are a lot of areas here that the rest of
25 the industry is not collaborating.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Paul, Tom Congdon.

3 You just mentioned the national labs. Is this a
4 current topic of research at any of the labs right
5 now?

6 MR. GUNTER: We -- the last research
7 we saw was in -- it's in Europe at the OECD. And
8 the -- you know, they do -- they do recognize --
9 they -- I could -- I could provide that report to the
10 Decommissioning Oversight Board, but it does, you
11 know, recognize the importance of harvesting, and
12 particularly licensing. But you know, again, it's
13 having -- you know, having us push it, you know, made
14 there be more public meetings on it. That has --
15 that has fallen off.

16 There are -- again, you can reference
17 materials that we can supplement that have the Atomic
18 Safety Licensing Board contributing to the concern
19 about the lack of information from harvesting and
20 license renewal. But the -- the licensing renewals
21 are now accelerating. They are unheated, and -- you
22 know, by the -- the lab analysis and -- and you know,
23 the -- this real-world finding that the original
24 contract is looking for.

25 And again, let me point out that there

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2 wasn't -- there is, I believe -- remains a tug of war
3 within the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. And
4 you know, in that there -- the contract was issued by
5 the office -- NRC Office of Research, and it was a
6 good contract from a public safety point of view,
7 the -- and -- and reactor plant operability point of
8 view. And it was opposed by the Division of
9 Licensing Renewal, which then prompted the scrubbing.

10 MR. TROMBLEE: Tom, it sounds as if
11 Mr. Gunter is requesting that the Board make
12 recommendations to the federal government on an
13 activity related to decommissioning, which is fully
14 within the Board's power and duty section of our
15 bylaws. Do you have advice on the process with that
16 recommendation?

17 CHAIR CONGDON: Let me take this back.
18 I think at a minimum, this could be posed as a topic
19 for the NRC's next visit to the DOB. But I'd like to
20 explore, with counsel and others, other opportunities
21 where we might help in encouraging more harvesting
22 here. And I think we can take it back and bring back
23 to the DOB some other recommendations. But at a
24 minimum, I think it's appropriate to include on the
25 list of items we'd like the NRC to address next time

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2 they present to us.

3 Yes?

4 MR. DULONG: I just want to take us
5 back through some of the problems that caused the
6 plant to close, right? The baffle-former bolts were
7 degrading. The spent fuel pools were degrading and
8 leaking. So there were a lot of problems that
9 Entergy had and surprises that it encountered, and so
10 we know about those. There may be a lot of other
11 things that we don't know about with this plant.

12 And we're not just talking about
13 somewhere else. There's a publicly stated threat to
14 reopen, refire this plant. And so we're talking, if
15 they're going to refire it, these are some issues
16 that we should know about and we should be
17 considering. So I would urge the Board to work with
18 Holtec to take some of these -- take more of these
19 samples.

20 And Matt, I would ask that you provide
21 more info on what samples you've harvested and what's
22 happening with those on the pressurizers.

23 And it would be really helpful, Paul,
24 if we could hear more about what is missing. So I
25 heard about the 1,200 miles of electrical cables, the

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2 pressure vessels. If there were more things that
3 specifically would be helpful to harvest and analyze,
4 I think we'd have a better sense of the cost and
5 feasibility of doing that.

6 MR. TROMBLEE: If I may, I may be a
7 little confused by the powers and the duties section
8 of the bylaws. I hear you saying we're going to take
9 this back. We're giving -- members of the table are
10 giving Holtec a direction. I'm just wondering the
11 process to follow, right, when we do make
12 recommendations.

13 CHAIR CONGDON: There's no direction.
14 I think that's a reasonable question to ask of Holtec
15 if they want to answer now or get back to us. I
16 heard that as a question.

17 MR. TROMBLEE: Okay.

18 CHAIR CONGDON: Which is what our job
19 is. We ask Holtec questions, and in a public
20 setting, they give answers. And yeah, I think --

21 MR. TROMBLEE: Okay.

22 CHAIR CONGDON: -- that there's
23 nothing wrong with that. I appreciate the questions.

24 And Matt, if you want to comment on
25 that now or develop responses to those questions to

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2 be submitted later, that's fine, too.

3 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. Tom, overall, I
4 mean, submit the questions. We'll get back to you.
5 I would just say again that -- that we have provided
6 samples before, our work with EPRI and Westinghouse.
7 That was a while back, and I -- I frankly just don't
8 know the status of those samples, where they've gone
9 or -- or been used for at this at this point.

10 But I will say, part of -- we're
11 taking samples. I'm just saying this is -- I don't
12 know if that's a legitimate decommissioning cost.
13 And -- and part of what we do we do at -- at Holtec
14 is make sure what we're using the funds for is -- is
15 directly for decommissioning of a plant. So I just
16 don't know that answer, but we can certainly take
17 that on this discussion and request and -- and you
18 know, kind of go from there.

19 I wouldn't be opposed to harvesting.
20 I just don't know that we would be able to fund based
21 on the works that we have. (Unintelligible).

22 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. You were a
23 little garbled there, but I think I got the essence,
24 which is that you'll take back the question. One of
25 the concerns Holtec would have is if additional

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2 harvesting would impact the decommissioning schedule
3 and budget.

4 But I think it would be helpful to get
5 answers to the question posed in terms of the
6 components that were shared with EPRI, and to the
7 extent that you can speak for EPRI, what they've
8 found in the autopsy that they performed. Perhaps we
9 can also reach out to EPRI ourselves and see if
10 they'd be willing to share information and insights
11 into what they've done so far with that material.

12 MR. JOHNSON: Sure.

13 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And Mr. Gunter,
14 you did make some good points on doing an autopsy.
15 For the safety and future of the extended plants, I
16 think that's important to look at a plant being
17 decommissioned. And so you can look ahead. Maybe
18 there's potential issues that you can address before
19 they happen. So thank you for bringing that up.

20 CHAIR CONGDON: At this time -- at
21 this time, I'd like to go on to the public statement
22 hearing portion. I'll turn it over to Tom Kaczmarek
23 to walk us through the hearing section of the agenda.

24 Thank you, Tom.

25 MR. KACZMAREK: Thanks, Tom.

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2 Just standard reminders. Attendees
3 will be called on the order in which they registered,
4 beginning with those in person. To provide a fair
5 opportunity to speak, there will be a strict three-
6 minute time limit.

7 Our first speaker, if they want to
8 begin walking up, if they're with us tonight, is
9 Chris Vargo, followed by Tina Volz-Bongar. Just a
10 reminder, again, there should be -- there may be a
11 timer put on the screen here in a moment, but I'll
12 also provide a reminder if you're getting close to
13 the time so we can afford others the opportunity to
14 speak.

15 You may begin when ready.

16 MR. VARGO: Good evening. I'm
17 Christopher Vargo, and I live in Verplanck. I am
18 speaking to advocate for several critical regulatory
19 measures regarding the Indian Point decommissioning
20 process and nuclear safety in New York State.

21 Based on information from the past
22 meetings, we learned that a study commissioned by the
23 NRC to evaluate the health effects of living in close
24 proximity to a nuclear power plant was discontinued.
25 I formally request that New York State continue this

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2 study independently, utilizing both existing data and
3 newly acquired information to ensure the health of
4 our residents are properly monitored.

5 Additionally, at a -- at the April
6 25th, 2024 DOB meeting, we were informed of issue
7 199, which studies the effects of seismic activities
8 on nuclear power plants. I request that New York
9 State continue to do this research and expand it to
10 include the effects of seismic activity on the dry
11 casks used for storing spent fuel rods and other
12 radioactive materials.

13 Given the majority of the dry casks at
14 Indian Point were not built to the specifications
15 originally agreed upon by the NRC, it is imperative
16 that the State independently study the specific casks
17 that were built out of compliance to determine the
18 structural integrity during seismic events.

19 Finally, regarding the July 31st, 2023
20 DOB meeting, New York State Department of Health
21 stated it would take two to three months to receive
22 accurate results from water samples specifically for
23 strontium-90 before dumping into the Hudson River.
24 However, Holtec is currently only required to wait 12
25 business days.

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2 I'm requesting a change to this
3 provision so that no wastewater is discharged into
4 the Hudson River until all materials, including
5 nonradioactive chemicals, have been fully tested,
6 verified -- and verified. It is my understanding
7 that New York State maintains authority over
8 nonradioactive materials being released into our
9 environment.

10 Thank you for your attention to these
11 vital safety concerns. I look forward to your
12 response regarding how the State will proceed with
13 this request.

14 Since I have some time left, I'd like
15 to also comment, I don't want you to dump any water
16 into the Hudson River. I'm against it. So it
17 doesn't mean looking for -- getting specifics on the
18 chemicals doesn't mean I want it released. But I
19 think we have to start thinking outside the box. If
20 we keep going down the legal paths we're going on,
21 it's just going to give Holtec the opportunity to sue
22 us and say that we are slowing down the
23 decommissioning.

24 MR. KACZMAREK: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. VARGO: So also, I'd like to

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2 comment, not one person asked the existing, on-site
3 inspector any questions on what's going on at the
4 plant, if work has been slowed down. And I don't
5 understand why you don't ask this -- the New York
6 State inspector who's on-site. I never hear you ask
7 any specific questions.

8 MR. KACZMAREK: Ten seconds.

9 MR. VARGO: That's all. Thank you
10 very much.

11 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

12 CHAIR CONGDON: Thanks, Chris. For
13 the record, I did ask the inspector to speak directly
14 to the schedule, and he went through a back and forth
15 with Holtec to explain what occurred from the last
16 waterfall chart to the one that was presented
17 tonight.

18 MR. VARGO: Okay. I must have missed
19 that. Thank you.

20 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

21 After Tina Volz-Bongar is Jacqueline
22 Drechsler, followed by Nancy Vann.

23 MS. VOLZ-BONGAR: Hi. I'm Tina Volz-
24 Bongar, and I live in Peekskill, New York, and I am
25 just livid at this board and at the members of this

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2 board for the lack of responsibility that you're
3 taking and the lack of accountability that you're
4 asking from this company.

5 We just looked at a chart that --
6 after an explanation of how much money we're
7 spending. And you know, we -- a group of us went to
8 the comptroller, to Thomas DiNapoli's office, and I
9 think we should go there next week. We should ask
10 why Holtec and the Decommissioning Oversight Board
11 allows this company to come up and say, oh, well,
12 we're working on Unit 3, but then we went to Unit 2.
13 But they spent 500 million on Unit 3, and then they
14 spent 300 million on Unit 2. What are they doing?
15 And they laid people off in this community.

16 I don't understand why you aren't
17 livid, Mayor. I -- I really -- I -- I can't believe
18 it. They owe you so much more accountability than
19 they are giving you. They owe you more money than
20 they are giving you. Representative Lawler, he
21 finally made the bill as good as the STRANDED Act, by
22 the way, so you are being taken for a ride. And I
23 am, I mean --

24 Anyway, we're going to go to the
25 comptroller's office next week, and we're going to

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2 ask, what is your responsibility? Because we were
3 told that that -- this trust fund and everything
4 else, you are accountable for that. Yes, it's the
5 job of the NRC and everything else, unless there was
6 some sort of deal that was made that took that
7 accountability out of the -- of the realm of
8 oversight. So anyway, I -- I just can't believe it.

9 And we have no reports about what's
10 happening in the cleanup. How is the cesium going?
11 You know, we live next to this. So anyway, we can do
12 a much better job than this, and I support you in
13 doing that. And anyway, thanks a lot. I had to
14 vent.

15 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

16 Ms. Drechsler?

17 MS. DRECHSLER: Yes. Jacqui
18 Drechsler. Thank you for the opportunity to speak
19 tonight. This is not the rap sheet on Holtec, but
20 actually a laundry list for this DOB on things to do,
21 things that have not gotten enough attention, and
22 things we need answers to. I do believe that two
23 meetings ago, when the NRC was present, I spoke about
24 the need for autopsies for nuclear plants being
25 decommissioned, and Paul Gunter spoke tonight, which

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2 is fantastic. Thanks to him and to David Lochbaum.

3 I'm sure that whatever remains at
4 Indian Point is embrittled, and I asked the State to
5 request that Holtec provide appropriate materials to
6 the NRC research division. Findings will be very
7 important. They're crucial to know, not for Indian
8 Point, necessarily, but for other nuclear reactors
9 that are -- are proposed to be relicensed or
10 rebooted.

11 Holtec plans seems to be -- to be
12 buying up power plants to decommission, then pulling
13 a switcheroo to become operators, and getting
14 millions, if not billions, of dollars to rebuild and
15 reboot. On page 15 of the State agreement, it states
16 that the State may ask for information and that
17 Holtec will not unreasonably deny such requests nor
18 delay its response. Everything I ask for falls under
19 this. I ask the State to ask Holtec to confirm and
20 deny everything for once and for all. So I ask that
21 they ask Holtec whether they're going to be opening
22 up Indian Point or citing SMRs on-site.

23 Regarding the cesium found and the
24 release of land, I once again ask about the cost of
25 the super-duper radioactive seeking machine. Holtec

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2 stated this is also used at sister sites, probably
3 Pilgrim and Oyster Creek. Is this paid for out of
4 the Indian Point decommissioning trust fund or all
5 three decommissioning trust funds?

6 And what about the transport of the
7 said machine? Probably radioactive as well. I
8 remember the level 4 violation for transporting
9 radioactive machinery from Oyster Creek to Indian
10 Point a year or two ago.

11 A partial cleanup release of
12 contaminated land is not acceptable. According to
13 the State agreement of 2021, Holtec was to obtain and
14 maintain a thirty-million-dollar pollution liability
15 insurance policy as a subset of the decommissioning
16 trust fund to offset costs arising from the discovery
17 of previously unknown releases of hazardous
18 substances. I would say that cesium is certainly
19 hazardous. I ask the State to confirm with Holtec
20 that the sub fund is in place and to question whether
21 it is being used for the process and for mitigating
22 cleanup.

23 This --

24 MR. KACZMAREK: Thirty seconds.

25 MS. DRECHSLER: This sub fund must be

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2 in place and used until the New York State DEC issues
3 a satisfactory completion letter. I say, in the end,
4 no reopening. However, the treated water could be
5 put into tanks because, obviously, it says in their
6 report that Holtec will be decommissioning through
7 2062.

8 MR. KACZMAREK: Ten seconds.

9 MS. DRECHSLER: Okay. So I oppose any
10 application for Holtec to move forward, and the joint
11 proposal closure agreement states that Indian Point
12 shall permanently cease operations. Case closed.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

15 Nancy Vann? And after Nancy, we'll
16 move to our remote panelists.

17 MS. VANN: Hi, guys. Nice to see
18 everybody here and paying so much attention to the
19 issues that are come up with our -- with our mutual
20 concerns about the decommissioning. There are two
21 different -- there are two different --

22 Oh, first of all, my name is -- is
23 Nancy Vann, and I live seven-tenths of a mile from
24 Indian Point, and -- and I'm a cancer survivor. So I
25 do have some interest in analyzing the materials and

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2 the condition of the materials at Indian Point beyond
3 just for other plants around the country. But Holtec
4 has been lately talking to journalists and saying
5 that they want to reopen Indian Point.

6 There are two agreements that really
7 govern Indian Point at this point. The closure
8 agreement with the State, which states -- this was
9 from 2017. It states IP2, and it's same for IP3,
10 shall permanently cease operations no later than
11 April 2020, with some possibilities of extending
12 that. I don't think that there's really a lot of
13 legal wiggle room in "permanently cease operations".
14 So that says that we can't reopen the plant.

15 But there's another proposal from
16 Holtec that says they want to put SMRs or other
17 advanced reactors there, and the second agreement was
18 when the State allowed Holtec to take over the plant.
19 These are -- these are binding contracts. That
20 binding contract says that Holtec has no present
21 intention to site a new nuclear reactor at this site,
22 and it agrees that it will not propose the siting of
23 new reactors at this site, unless the local
24 governments, which includes the town, the county, and
25 the -- the school district, in addition to the State,

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2 agree or do not oppose them.

3 MR. KACZMAREK: Thirty seconds.

4 MS. VANN: They are currently in
5 breach of this particular agreement, which is a
6 contract. They are in breach by proposing to -- in
7 public, to various people, including journalists,
8 that they want to put new reactors there.

9 MR. KACZMAREK: Ten seconds.

10 MS. VANN: And in terms of the -- the
11 harvesting materials, people on this board don't just
12 sit on the Decommissioning Board. They have -- they
13 have obligations for New York State, and the upstate
14 plants are just getting relicensed for very long
15 periods of time. And harvesting the materials here
16 would add to the State's ability to determine whether
17 those relicenses should be granted. Thank you.

18 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

19 Susan Shapiro?

20 MS. SHAPIRO: Thank you for allowing
21 me to speak tonight. Regarding both the harvesting
22 issue and the questions you had about who's getting
23 paid from the decommissioning fund where fifty
24 percent has already been drawn down, as was said
25 earlier today, on page 15 of the settlement

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2 agreement, it's very clear. It says that the State
3 may, and has the right to, ask for information, and
4 Holtec will -- will not unreasonably deny such a
5 request or delay its response.

6 Therefore, this DOB and the State, all
7 the representatives of the State here, have the
8 absolute right to ask how this money is being spent,
9 who this money is being given to, and to answer your
10 question, I -- they're totally valid as well, as the
11 State has the right to say, we want to harvest -- we
12 want you to harvest materials so that the state
13 reactors in New York State can -- we know that if
14 you're trying to relicense them and extend licenses,
15 that they can be safely done.

16 So this is the job of the DOB. You
17 have the right to do this, and I don't think you need
18 to go back and say we're going to ask the NRC
19 politely whether they're going to do this or not.
20 First of all, I also am concerned there's amnesia on
21 this, because we were here when the NRC made it very
22 clear to us that they don't have oversight, that
23 they're not going to look over line by line the
24 accounting of the decommissioning fund and how the
25 money is being spent.

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2 So if we're relying on the NRC to do
3 that, that's not happening. And our money, our state
4 money, could be being spent any which way Holtec
5 feels, because there is no oversight. You are the
6 oversight. You're the oversight board. That's your
7 name. So please, ask these questions. You have the
8 right to get the answers. If Holtec chooses not to
9 answer it, there's a process, then. There's a legal
10 process that can be taken to demand them. This is
11 something that needs to be done.

12 The other thing I'm really concerned
13 about that no one's raised is they mentioned the
14 parking lot, that they're not even looking at the
15 parking lot, right? The parking lot is where people
16 are use -- they're currently using it. People are
17 walking on the parking lot, which is directly
18 adjacent to where they found the cesium in the
19 visitor center. How do we know there's not cesium in
20 the parking lot that they're currently using? So
21 that's a concern that I think needs to be raised.

22 Also, I feel like part of the problem
23 here that we're having is that in New York State, the
24 PSC and the governor are in a mad dash to approve
25 more nuclear in New York State without doing any kind

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2 of feasibility study, without looking at any kind of
3 financials, without looking at any health studies,
4 and just saying, yeah. We're get -- we've already
5 given another thirty-three billion dollars.

6 MR. KACZMAREK: Thirty seconds.

7 MS. SHAPIRO. We're going to give
8 another hundred billion dollars for more nuclear in
9 New York State. That's untenable.

10 This is -- the governor cannot, by
11 executive fiat, say we're making more nuclear. This
12 is a legislative decision. This is similar to what
13 Trump is doing on a federal level by executive fiat.
14 We -- the legislature --

15 MR. KACZMAREK: Ten seconds.

16 MS. SHAPIRO: -- the DOB, you're --
17 you're our representatives. So please ask the
18 questions we're asking you to ask, and let's have the
19 answers of where's our money going? Is this
20 decommissioning happening properly? What is the
21 autopsy of this plant? Let's harvest this -- this --
22 the materials before it's too late. We're going to
23 wait for the NRC to come back, the materials will be
24 gone. Right now is the time. Thank you.

25 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

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2 Moving onto our virtual speakers. Our
3 first up will be Michel Lee.

4 MS. LEE: Hi. Thank you. Can you
5 hear me?

6 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, we can.

7 MS. LEE: Terrific. So just to -- to,
8 first of all, clarify a few points. The NRC does not
9 audit trust funds. In fact, in a 2023 memo to the
10 NRC Office of the Inspector General, and I'll -- I'll
11 just -- and I'll quote from that. Quote, "Staff has
12 ceased developments of a procedure on how best to
13 periodically assess trustee compliance and will
14 terminate further assessment activities." Period.
15 End quote. They do not do the audits.

16 The GAO reports simply look at whether
17 the NRC has reported that its procedures are being
18 followed. So sometimes, some of the GAO reports say,
19 oh, there's not enough trust fund money that's
20 technically, you know, stated by the NRC. Other
21 times, the GAO reports have said, oh, they're -- you
22 know, the NRC is just fine with it.

23 Let me see. One other thing. The --
24 on the issue of opening or reopening, I would like to
25 also ask for Holtec to make an -- an affirmative

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2 statement rather than beating around the bush. In
3 fact, on just this past Sunday, the Albany Times
4 Union published an article where not just some random
5 employee, but the -- but Patrick O'Brien, who is --
6 who's not a random employee, made statements that
7 suggested, oh, well, the Trump administration is --
8 is pushing us to reopen Indian Point.

9 So I -- I just want to raise those two
10 issues. I know it's late, and I'll save other
11 comments for the next meeting. Thank you.

12 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

13 Next up is Jocelyn DeCrescenzo.

14 MS. DECRESCENZO: Yes. Hi. Can you
15 hear me?

16 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, we can hear you.

17 MS. DECRESCENZO: Okay. Thank you so
18 much for the opportunity to speak tonight. My name
19 is Jocelyn DeCrescenzo, and I'm going to continue my
20 sister's laundry list.

21 According to a risk assessment by
22 former Governor Cuomo, it was highly recommended that
23 the Enbridge pipeline be shut down for
24 decommissioning, and it wasn't. No matter how
25 careful, and with the shutoff valve in Texas, fire

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2 and explosion risks remain. If Indian Point were to
3 reopen, even greater risks -- there would be even
4 greater risk to the public.

5 On page 29 of the State agreement, it
6 says, when all spent fuel is on the pad, public
7 alerts will be retired, and there will be a
8 replacement system, TV, radio, and Wi-Fi. Which is
9 it? In an emergency, people are really expected to
10 go to Holtec's website for the emergency plan?
11 Really? Same thing for training. Really? This is
12 all until the fuel is no -- is to be removed from the
13 site. This is forever. This is forever.

14 I'm asking the State to ask Holtec,
15 what is the cost to meeting the unrestricted use
16 criteria? I'm asking the State to ask Holtec about
17 Holtec's, quote, "reorganization", end quote. On
18 page 36 of the State agreement, it says that, quote,
19 "enforceability may be limited by such things as
20 bankruptcy or reorganization", end quote.

21 We would like a full accounting of the
22 money spent out. From what I saw tonight, it's --
23 it's a disaster. I'd like an accounting of the money
24 spent on the decommissioning trust fund, on
25 decommissioning activities, differences between

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2 estimated costs and actual costs, and also of any
3 material changes to the trust agreements as -- or
4 financial assurance contracts. We would like to know
5 the status of all testing of water, soil, and all
6 mitigation, the status of groundwater, and the
7 cleanup.

8 I say that Holtec, working behind the
9 scenes and behind the court of public opinions back,
10 with Trump, Chris Wright of the DOE, and
11 representative Mike Lawler, and Governor Kathy
12 Hochul, and the PSC, New York State PSC, in order to
13 become operators and rebuild like new Indian Point
14 certainly goes against the joint proposal and the
15 State agreement. They are totally duplicitous.

16 Finally, regarding the public's
17 health, given the vast amount of scientific evidence
18 on nuclear radiation's effect on public health,
19 miscarriages, low birth weights, low birth weight
20 babies, leukemia, other -- other cancers, including
21 lung and colon cancers, birth defects.

22 Given the studies by Koutrakis at
23 Harvard and epidemiological studies, and given that
24 sixty or so years ago, the New York State Department
25 of Health did a massive twenty-mile-out ecological

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2 study of -- of the Indian Point area before the
3 nuclear reactor was built, it is high time for the
4 New York State DOH to take the lead and do the same
5 thing again, testing for radioactive dust in people's
6 homes, in the soil, in their yards, testing urine and
7 blood samples to see what is in our land and in our
8 people.

9 Every question I have asked needs to
10 be answered. This oversight board may have some
11 power to get answers and to make sure that Holtec is
12 doing, and will complete, safe decommissioning. We
13 hold all of you -- you are our decommissioning
14 oversight board. We hold all of you and Holtec and
15 everyone I've mentioned so far tonight to account for
16 the roles being played. Because --

17 MR. KACZMAREK: Thirty seconds.

18 MS. DECRESCENZO: -- quite honestly,
19 it -- it seems like a horrifying prospect, what
20 Holtec is doing. They're, you know, buying up --
21 buying up trust funds. I won't say robbing Peter to
22 pay Paul, but maybe. I don't know. And I -- I don't
23 know how they can say that the money that's in the
24 trust fund is their --

25 MR. KACZMAREK: Ten seconds.

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2 MS. DECRESCENZO: -- is their
3 private -- private source and that it is now
4 proprietary information that -- that is just
5 bullshit. Thank you very much.

6 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you. Next is
7 Donald Peavey. Please use a raise hand function if
8 you're joining us. Is Donald Peavey with us? Please
9 use the raise hand function if you are.

10 Okay. Next is Celine Lozach. If
11 you're joining us, please use the raise hand
12 function. Okay. That concludes tonight's public
13 statement portion.

14 MS. SHAPIRO: Can I just make one more
15 quick statement? The one thing I want to say is
16 Holtec is not here tonight. We -- we only have these
17 meetings, what, three times a year? The fact that
18 they -- you know, they couldn't even get their system
19 working, it's an insult to all of you and to all of
20 us. This is our time that Holtec is supposed to be
21 here. They could have sent a representative.

22 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Susan.

23 MS. SHAPIRO: We understand that, you
24 know --

25 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Susan.

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2 So thank you to the DOB members for a
3 good meeting, your excellent questions. Thank you
4 for the speakers. Thank you for the staff and
5 security. Really appreciate everybody's work
6 tonight. Thank you.

7 MS. ELIE: I didn't get my -- I didn't
8 get to the website in time to get my name, but I
9 think I'd like to make one very brief observation
10 from tonight, if I may.

11 CHAIR CONGDON: Go ahead. Thank you.

12 MS. ELIE: I appreciate that. My name
13 is Marilyn Elie, and I live about two miles from the
14 plant, and I followed what happens there for a very
15 long time. I'm not talking about Indian Point now.
16 I'm talking about the NRC. Tonight, that agency has
17 come up over and over and over again. We're going to
18 look to them. We're going to ask them. We expect
19 them to do.

20 I think that's unfortunate. We no
21 longer have a functioning NRC that looks out after
22 the health and safety of the people. Their mission
23 has been changed to promoting industry and more
24 nuclear plants, and I'm not sure that people on this
25 board are taking that into account. That's the fact

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2 of the matter, and if you're looking to the NRC for
3 either advice or information in regard to what should
4 happen, or something that protects the public safety
5 and health, you're looking to the wrong place.

6 I just want to really emphasize that
7 the NRC is not what it used to be, and it has been
8 gutted, and it does have a different message and a
9 different mission, which is to increase and help the
10 industry develop more nuclear power. Thank you.

11 CHAIR CONGDON: And with that, we are
12 now adjourned. Thank you all very much.

13 (The hearing concluded at 8:43 p.m.)
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