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VIA EMAIL

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary to the Commission
3 Empire State Plaza
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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 September 21, 2023 Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board meeting.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Kaczmarek".

Tom Kaczmarek
Executive Director
Indian Point Closure Task Force
Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board

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2 STATE OF NEW YORK
3 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
4 INDIAN POINT CLOSURE TASK FORCE
5 INDIAN POINT DECOMMISSIONING OVERSIGHT BOARD

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7 JOINT MEETING

8
9 Thursday, September 21, 2023
10 6:03 p.m. until 8:55 p.m.
11 1 Heady Street
12 Cortland, New York 10567
13 Or
14 Via Zoom

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2 APPEARANCES:

3 FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE:

4 TOM KACZMAREK

5 TOM CONGDON

6 JOHN SIPOS

7 FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION:

8 KELLY TURTURRO

9 FOR DEPARTMENT OF LABOR:

10 RACHEL ADLER

11 FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

12 ALEX DAMIANI

13 FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE:

14 MARK PATTISON

15 FOR TOWN OF CORTLANDT:

16 JIM CREIGHTON

17 FOR VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN:

18 THERESA KNICKERBOCKER, MAYOR

19 FOR HENDRICK-HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT:

20 DR. DENNIS LAURO, ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

21 FOR WESTCHESTER COUNTY:

22 SUSAN SPEAR

23 CATHERINE BORGIA, BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

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2 FOR NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
3 AUTHORITY:
4 ALYSE PETERSON
5 FOR UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, LOCAL 1-2
6 BILL SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT
7 FOR WESTCHESTER PUTNAM CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL:
8 THOMAS CAREY, PRESIDENT
9 FOR DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES:
10 JENNIFER WACHA
11 FOR NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY:
12 JOE LEARY
13 INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL EXPERT:
14 DAVID LOCHBAUM
15 FOR RIVERKEEPER:
16 RICHARD WEBSTER
17 VICTORIA LEUNG
18 FOR HOLTEC:
19 RICH BURRONI
20 PAT O'BRIEN
21 ALSO PRESENT:
22 PETER HARCKHAM, SENATOR
23 DANA LEVENBERG, ASSEMBLYWOMAN
24 BRIDGET FRYMIRE, PANELIST
25 MIKE MORRIS, PANELIST

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2 (The meeting commenced at 6:03 p.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN CONGDON: Good evening
4 and welcome to the meeting of the Indian Point
5 Closure Taskforce and the Decommissioning
6 Oversight Board.

7 My name is Tom Congdon. I'm the
8 Chair of the Taskforce and the D.O.B. and I'd like
9 to turn it over to our Executive Director, Tom
10 Kaczmarek, to give a few notes on the meeting
11 minutes and run through a roll call, please.
12 Tom?

13 MR. KACZMAREK: Thanks, Tom.
14 Good evening and welcome to tonight's meeting.

15 My name is Tom Kaczmarek and I
16 serve as the Executive Director in the -- the -- so
17 I'll run through the names here quickly. I just
18 ask if you can be brief in acknowledging your
19 attendance.

20 Senator Pete Harkham? Senator,
21 you may need to unmute yourself.

22 Well, I do believe the Senator is
23 with us, but we'll work on the -- on sound.

24

25 I believe we're still waiting for

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2 Assemblywoman Levenberg, are you with us
3 virtually?

4 CHAIR CONGDON: She just texted me
5 that she's in traffic. She'll be here as soon as
6 possible.

7 Thank you.

8 Kelly Turturro, D.E.C.?

9 MS. TURTURRO: Here.

10 SENATOR HARCKHAM: Harckham here,
11 didn't hear you. Apologies.

12 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you, Senator.
13 Alex Damiani, Department of Health?

14 MR. DAMIANI: I'm here virtually.

15 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you, Alex.

16 Rachel Adler, Department of Labor?

17 MS. ADLER: Here.

18 MR. KACZMAREK: Jennifer Wacha,
19 Department -- Division of Homeland Security
20 Emergency Services?

21 MS. WACHA: Online.

22 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

23 Alyse Peterson, NYSERDA?

24 MS. PETERSON: Here.

25 MR. KACZMAREK: Ed Birdie, New York

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2 Power Authority? Or if Joe Leary is on the line,
3 as well.

4 MR. LEARY: Yes, I'm on.

5 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you, Joe.

6 Dave Lochbaum?

7 MR. LOCHBAUM: I'm here.

8 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you, Dave.

9 Richard Webster or Victoria Leung?

10 Okay. Mayor Knickerbocker?

11 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yes.

12 MR. KACZMAREK: Councilmember

13 Creighton?

14 Susan Spear?

15 MS. SPEAR: Here.

16 MR. KACZMAREK: Catherine Borgia,
17 Westchester County Board Legislator?

18 Bill Smith, are you in?

19 MR. SMITH: Here.

20 MR. KACZMAREK: And Tom Carey?

21 Okay. Before I turn it back over
22 to chair --.

23 MR. CAREY: Here. Sorry about
24 that.

25 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you, Tom.

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2 Before I turn it back --.

3 MR. CAREY: Sorry.

4 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you,
5 Assemblywoman Levenberg.

6 Before I turn it back over to Chair
7 Congdon, I want to provide a few brief reminders
8 to those who are participating in person and
9 online to ensure a smooth meeting.

10 To our in-person board members and
11 guest presenters, please speak into the mic to
12 ensure your comments are clearly heard and
13 accurately recorded.

14 To our panelists joining by Zoom,
15 please use your mics and keep your mics muted
16 unless you are speaking. And to our Zoom
17 participants, who will be delivering statements
18 later, please reserve the chat feature for
19 reporting technical issues to our audio-visual
20 team.

21 Only questions captured in the Q
22 and A field are able to be saved and reviewed.
23 And finally, all speakers tonight are asked to
24 indicate your name before making statements. This
25 will support tonight's court reporter with

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2 accurately recording tonight's meeting.

3 Let me briefly show the agenda for
4 tonight's meeting. As you'll see, we have quite a
5 bit -- quite a bit of business to cover. Chair
6 Congdon will provide welcome and some task force
7 updates, which will be followed by state oversight
8 updates from a number of our state
9 representatives. We will then gather updates from
10 Dave Lochbaum on presentation on ISFSI
11 inspections, which will be followed by a Holtec
12 operational updates. Then we will move on to the
13 public statement portion of our meeting to
14 conclude the evening.

15 With that, I'd like to turn it back
16 over to Chair Congdon to begin tonight's meeting.

17 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Tom.

18 So as many of you know, the closure
19 task force and oversight board provide an
20 important venue for sharing information about the
21 activities happening at Indian Point and state
22 agency oversight.

23 You know, decommissioning a nuclear
24 power plant is no small task. And hazards that
25 are on site are very real and must be mitigated to

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2 protect the public safety environment. The
3 technical and environmental issues onsite are
4 almost as complex as the regulatory construct
5 overseeing the site.

6 And so the body of the
7 Decommissioning Oversight Board plays an important
8 role in helping bring more attention to these
9 issues and to shed light on some topics that are
10 otherwise pretty complex.

11 Our membership includes agencies in
12 a role of either regulatory oversight or local
13 government all local government assistance include
14 jurisdiction oversight, elected officials
15 representing these municipalities, the Hed Hud
16 School District, the labor community, and
17 independent technical expert and a representative
18 from the environmental community.

19 Through discussions with these
20 representatives, guest speakers, and the public,
21 we are fostering a greater understanding of what's
22 happening onsite and what -- what more each
23 government entity can do to address concerns.

24 We've been meeting at a pace about
25 every other month. And the format has allowed for

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2 outside perspectives to be presented as well as
3 regular presentations of Holtec and the agencies -
4 - oversight agencies.

5 Most importantly, the meetings have
6 included a lot of opportunity for public
7 engagement with some public forums where there are
8 opportunities for Q and A with the public and
9 subject matter experts, as well as public
10 statements.

11 As Tom already walked through, we
12 have a full agenda. But of course, the biggest
13 update since our last meeting is that Governor
14 Kathy Hochul signed the legislation sponsored by
15 Senator Harckham and Senator Levenberg, that
16 prohibits discharging radioactive wastewater from
17 decommissioning facilities into the river.

18 If that bill wasn't signed, the agenda for this month's
19 meeting would look a lot different. But tonight, we will
20 be able to focus on other important topics.

21 As Tom already walked through,
22 we're going to hear some updates regarding state
23 oversight, including a number of important letters
24 that the state has sent to N.R.C. We'll discuss
25 various citations, finding Holtec in non-

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2 compliance with N.R.C. rules. Even where N.R.C.
3 has concluded no safety concerns about these
4 citations, we'll discuss the state's view, that
5 N.R.C. should adjust its enforcement approach to
6 decommissioning sites to address patterns of non-
7 compliance.

8 We will also talk about a recent
9 N.R.C. inspector general report, finding concerns
10 with dry cask inspections in the southeastern
11 United States and whether there's cause for
12 concern in the northeast, Indian Point in
13 particular.

14 David Lochbaum will provide
15 important context for why dry cask inspections are
16 important. We will also hear from Holtec,
17 regarding their latest updates, including their
18 summary of N.R.C. citations and activity.

19 And lastly, we will have time for
20 public statements.

21 Before I dive in to state agency
22 oversight updates, I want to open the floor to any
23 D.O.B. member that wishes to --.

24 SENATOR HARCKHAM: Tom?

25 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, Senator.

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2 SENATOR HARCKHAM: Might I say a
3 word please?

4 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, sir.

5 SENATOR HARCKHAM: Thank you.

6 Good evening, everyone. I'm sorry
7 I'm not with you in person as I normally am. I
8 have a family engagement. But I wanted to be with
9 you to just -- to share a reflection. You know,
10 Tom -- Tom led with -- with the news that the
11 governor had signed an important piece of
12 legislation. And -- and what -- I thought it was
13 -- it was worth reflecting on the process on how
14 we got here, you know, as somebody who is involved
15 with the initial legislation and worked with the
16 community to help create the task force and how
17 far we've come and just how we move forward.

18 You know, to some people, the
19 governor signing the bill was a great victory. To
20 others who did not agree that was the way to go, I
21 fully respect where you're coming from. That's
22 democracy and we vow to continue to -- to work
23 with you collaboratively to move forward.

24 As Tom said, at the beginning, this
25 is complex. This is not easy. These are

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2 challenging issues. And -- and we all have to
3 work together. And -- and to that point, I just
4 want to make a plug for civility. You know, I
5 think what's great about where we came from with
6 this legislation was -- was that it was a germ
7 borne out of public comment in the task force.

8 And through rigorous debate and
9 exchange of ideas and facts, that's, you know,
10 this is how the process move forward. But -- but
11 I think we risk -- with our zeal and our passion,
12 we need to stay civil. I noticed there were
13 several instances in the last couple of meetings
14 where I thought folks crossed the line in terms of
15 their comments, especially toward professional
16 staff.

17 And -- and, you know, the thing is,
18 folks, we're going to be doing this for another
19 ten years. And we've got to get along because if
20 we're not civil, we lose the ability to listen to
21 each other. And that, I think, is the most
22 critical thing.

23 And if we think of where we've come
24 from, you know, that this was an idea that was
25 start -- this taskforce, the oversight board, was

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2 an idea that was -- first came from the community,
3 then through legislation. Then we got together
4 during Covid. And through many community efforts
5 on expressing ways to improve the technical and
6 the feedback on this board, the staff went through
7 great measures to do that and to avail public
8 comment.

9 And now we're at the point where --
10 where it worked. You know, we had public
11 discourse, the legislature listened, we passed
12 incredible legislation, the governor signed it.
13 You know, I think this is a sign that this worked.

14 And everybody here has value,
15 certainly, the professional staff, the Holtec
16 folks, the Holtec workers, the activists, our
17 union brothers and sisters. And as I said, we've
18 got ten years together to get this right. And I
19 just hope that we treat each other with respect
20 and dignity and civility. You know, let's be
21 passionate, you know, let's be factual. But --
22 but -- but let's be kind to each other because
23 we're going to be spending a lot of time together.

24 And -- and I just want to close by
25 -- by thanking all of the professional staff from

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2 -- from New York state and from the county for the
3 tremendous work you do. And I know this is not
4 your only gig. I work with many of you constantly
5 on other issues. And I admire your
6 professionalism and your passion and -- and your
7 -- your desire to serve the people of New York.

8 And, you know, those of us who are
9 in elective office when we sign up, we know we're
10 going to get sharp elbows, we know we're going to
11 get dinged. But -- but those of you who are
12 public servants on the employee side of the
13 ledger, you know, shouldn't have to take those
14 barbs. And I just want you to know how much I
15 appreciate everything you do, each and every day
16 for the people of New York.

17 I think this -- this oversight
18 board is -- is a great thing that we've all
19 created collaboratively. There's nothing like it
20 in the country. We're a model for the rest of the
21 country. And -- and I think, you know, we can
22 really have an important role moving forward
23 throughout this process, as long as we handle our
24 business correctly. So thank you all very much
25 and have a great meeting.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Senator.

3 Anyone else on the D.O.B. who want
4 to say a few words? Dr. Lauro?

5 DR. LAURO: Good evening. I only
6 wanted to give an update as to the Hen Hud part of
7 the project which is monitoring. We have
8 contracts in place and we're ready to roll with
9 trying to get benchmark data on our school
10 district in terms of environmental impact, if
11 there is any point at our B-V Elementary School
12 and the delay that we have had in getting started
13 is actually aligned with some construction work
14 that we were going to do during the summer.

15 And then, I only found out from
16 this meeting today, that the last of the punch
17 list items will be done probably within another
18 week. So we wanted all that cleared out before we
19 did anything. So this aligns well.

20 The monitoring system is also a
21 part of that. And that's a piece I know I'm
22 working with some of the people here at the state
23 level to amend the contract in order to amend the
24 contract in order to have that happen.

25 So we're ready to go. We have our

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2 contacts. We're satisfied with everything and
3 we're working in tandem with the Commission on
4 that. Thank you.

5 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Dr.
6 Lauro. And just as an action item, just as a
7 follow-up, I think, Susan, we'd like to convene a
8 meeting with the county, as well as D.E.C. to
9 discuss the contracts they have in place and the
10 plan they have for monitoring and make sure
11 there's some coordination between their contractor
12 and the county, D.E.C.

13 And, you know, we stand ready to
14 work with the school district on the necessary
15 amendments to the contract as well. So we
16 appreciate the work that you're doing with Dr.
17 Lauro. Thank you.

18 MS. SPEAR: Absolutely.

19 CHAIR CONGDON: Hi.

20 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Hi.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: Assemblywoman
22 Levenberg?

23 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Sure.

24 First, again, I would also just like to echo my
25 colleague, Senator Harckham's comments. Thank you

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2 so much to all the staff. We know that it's
3 certainly been hard work, taking all the
4 information and sharing it out with the public and
5 pivoting when things change.

6 And, you know, we -- I believe
7 that, again, as you know, we all know, the
8 governor signed into law, the Save the Hudson
9 legislation, sponsored by Senator Harckham and
10 myself, and that was in fact supported by hundreds
11 of thousands of petition signers, 35
12 municipalities and 5 counties.

13 The intent of that law is to
14 protect the economic vitality of this region,
15 which the public believes was threatened by the
16 possibility of discharging that radiological waste
17 from the decommissioning of Indian Point into our
18 precious river.

19 And again, I know that there are a
20 lot of different -- different opinions, but
21 ultimately, it was the public that was behind this
22 effort and that drove it because of this great
23 concern.

24 As we move forward with this
25 oversight board, it's critically important that we

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2 do so hand-in-hand with the public.

3 We have great concerns about the
4 impact that the waste from this plant and the
5 process of taking it apart have on the
6 environment, especially in this sensitive area
7 with multiple environmental justice communities
8 potentially impacted.

9 Additionally, we are concerned that
10 the N.R.C. is not maintaining the same level of
11 oversight as it does when nuclear power plant is
12 operational. There are different but no less
13 impactful concerns with decommissioning. So we
14 must maintain the highest level of scrutiny to
15 protect the people of New York and our
16 environment.

17 And as much as we would like this
18 to all be done as quickly as possible, we cannot
19 compromise health and safety to that end. And I
20 believe that the public has spoken. Thank you.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. Can --
22 can we just check the assemblywoman's mic, please?
23 Okay. Excellent. Thank you. Sounded like it may
24 have cut out.

25 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG:

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2 (unintelligible).

3 CHAIR CONGDON: They got it, okay.

4 MR. KACZMAREK: I can -- I can
5 respond to that briefly, Tom. There's a --
6 they're working on mic levels. There were some
7 issues with some mics on the Zoom, picking up. So
8 that's why you just heard the adjustment everyone.
9 You're not going crazy.

10 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Okay.

11 MR. CREIGHTON: I'm Jim Creighton,
12 I'm the -- the councilman here in the town of
13 Cortland, Deputy Supervisor Dr. Becker sends his
14 apologizes for not being able to be here today.
15 But we do want to make it very clear, very happy
16 that the governor signed the bill that was so
17 critically important for so many people in our
18 community.

19 But that doesn't mean that we are
20 not committed to making sure that this
21 decommissioning is done safely, securely, and
22 promptly. We want, as much as everybody, for this
23 property to be back being productive for the
24 community but being done safely in a way that
25 doesn't impact the rest of our community. There's

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2 no reason to move forward and find out we've got a
3 problem down the road because we didn't quite get
4 it right.

5 We have to get it right. And we're
6 committed to making sure that we get it right now.
7 This pause will allow us the time while other
8 decommissioning activities are happening to make
9 sure that this one particular aspect of
10 decommissioning is handled properly in a way that
11 allows us to move forward as quickly as possible.

12 But we want it safe. We want to be
13 sure that our community is able to thrive for the
14 next hundred years. It's important that we get it
15 right now and not ... the issue. I know everybody
16 in the room believes in the same thing. So
17 hopefully, we find a great way to go forward.
18 Thank you.

19 CHAIR CONGDON: Any other comments
20 from D.O.B. members? Okay. Hearing none, I'm
21 going to move on to state agency oversight
22 updates. And for that, I believe we're starting
23 with John Sipos.

24 MR. SIPOS: Thanks, Tom. Just
25 checking and making sure that everyone can hear

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2 me. Seems that that is the case. So thank you.

3 Nice to see folks again here from
4 our -- from our host communities and from Holtec.
5 Appreciate the opportunity to be with you tonight.

6 So I'm going to start off with some
7 review of state oversight, state reporting out
8 from agencies regarding what has occurred in the
9 past several months. First of all, regarding the
10 hotline that D.P.S. has been maintaining, that
11 hotline remains operational. We have -- I will
12 also say that we have not received any complaints
13 via that in -- in recent months.

14 If we could go to the next slide.

15 This is -- I thought it would be
16 good to just review where we are on the continuous
17 monitoring system that is in place. Indian Point
18 is one of five sites in the country. So that's,
19 you know, they're -- there are roughly 65 sites
20 around the country. It's only one of five that
21 has this continuous monitoring capability.

22 And if we could hop over to the
23 next slide with the map. These are -- I know it's
24 very difficult to read -- to read these.

25 But you can see them on the paper

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2 handout. These are readings that were taken on
3 September 11th, 2023. And from the continuous
4 monitoring system, the monitoring data reflects a
5 continuation of historical trends, which we have
6 reported and discussed at -- at prior meetings.

7 If we could go to the next slide
8 after that, just a general summary of D.P.S.
9 oversight activities with D.P.S. professional
10 technical staff. We are -- we are very fortunate
11 at D.P.S. to have such a good team of thorough
12 professionals, including our state inspector, who
13 is here with us tonight.

14 And D.P.S. staff had been reviewing
15 various applications or requests by Holtec, which
16 we have referenced here. The state's agency teams
17 along with, I believe, in the county as well, have
18 been present at the Holtec monthly briefings that
19 have been provided. And Cliff also, that's our
20 state inspector, monitors compliance with the
21 joint proposal commitments and also the Public
22 Service Commission order from May of 2021. So
23 just an oversight on that -- oversight view of
24 that.

25 And I'd like to move to an issue

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2 that we have discussed in the past regarding
3 community risk. This is something that is very
4 important to the state. I'm sure you'll -- you've
5 heard Tom talking about it, you've heard others
6 talk about it. And that is the movement of spent
7 fuel from the densely packed spent fuel pools to
8 dry cask storage.

9 And we have up here, where we were
10 right in this room, probably about eight months
11 ago. This is from the February 2023 timeframe.
12 And Unit 1 and Unit 2 had been moved the fuel, but
13 there was still fuel to be moved for Indian Point
14 Unit 3. And if we could -- and the pie chart over
15 there on the right, breaks it down as to what had
16 been previously moved and what had not. And at
17 the bottom, 18 casks or 30% were complete at that
18 time.

19 So if we could go to slide 11.
20 This is, in my opinion, a very important slide and
21 it goes to community risk. So you can see that
22 the Unit 3 spent fuel has been moved a great -- a
23 great portion of it, over 80%. And as of today,
24 it is at the marker of the 33rd cask, I believe,
25 as of September 21st, 2023. And there was a total

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2 of 1,888 fuel assemblies that had been in the
3 spent fuel pool. I believe, as of today, it's
4 approximately 257. That's 13%. So 87% moved, 13%
5 going. And I just want to take some time and ask
6 us, you know, Senator Harckham talked about us
7 working together and the hard work that has gone
8 in to this whole process over the past few years.

9 This -- this slide shows progress.
10 It shows a reduction of risk to the host
11 communities in the Tri-State New York City
12 Metropolitan area. I believe Dave Lochbaum may
13 comment on this later on tonight. But, you know,
14 from -- from the state's perspective, the removal
15 of spent nuclear fuel from densely packed spent
16 fuel pools to dry storage casks materially
17 improves risk and hazard profile for the public.

18 And while I'm at it, I would like
19 to recognize that this was a condition that was
20 negotiated. It was part of the joint proposal.
21 It was part of the Public Service Commission order
22 from May of 2021. And I would like to recognize
23 Holtec's commitment and Holtec's work.

24 We have many people here tonight
25 from Holtec. And I would -- I would like to

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2 recognize that work in the reduction of risk. So
3 thank you very much.

4 If we could go on to slide number,
5 I believe it's 12, some other work that our state
6 inspector has been involved in involving -- which
7 -- which concerns the spent fuel pool at Unit 3,
8 watching the transfer of fuel that we have just
9 been discussing, cleaning the racks. These --
10 these were the important racks in Unit 2 for spent
11 fuel. And as I said before, tracking industrial
12 safety issues and corrective actions with prior
13 N.R.C. citations.

14 If we go to the next slide. This
15 is a continuation. This is slide 13. As many of
16 you know, as I'm sure as some veterans recall, we
17 have been discussing the decommissioning rule at
18 the federal level for quite some time, I think
19 probably even going back to the task force.

20 I see Sandy's knowing smile there.
21 This is something that many of us will remember.
22 And a lot of public comments went in last August.
23 That would be August of 2022. But, you know, Tom
24 and others have been looking at trends and -- and,
25 you know, coming -- we're understanding every day

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2 that passes, we understand some more and we learn
3 lessons.

4 And so at the end of August three
5 weeks ago, D.P.S. staff wrote a supplemental
6 letter in this rulemaking. And the rulemaking
7 just for those who are following along is
8 NRC-2015-0070. This is a federal
9 decommissioning rulemaking that is occurring.

10 It started in 2014, yes, nine years
11 ago. And based on, you know, the lessons that we
12 have seen, D.P.S. has requested the N.R.C. to
13 consider developing a -- an oversight program in
14 the decommissioning arena for systemic ways to
15 cross-compare what is going on at different
16 sites.

17 And just like there's a reactor
18 oversight process and a construction oversight
19 process, D.P.S. is recommending that there be a
20 decommissioning and spent fuel storage oversight
21 process, a rigorous standard that would allow
22 comparisons across and among different
23 decommissioning sites.

24 For example, if something were to
25 occur at Indian Point, how does that compare with

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2 what is occurring at Vermont Yankee or Pilgrim or
3 San Onofre in California. How do the sites stack
4 up against each other? How do the operators at
5 such decommissioning sites stack up? Are there
6 trends emerging? Are there lessons to be learned
7 by comparing sites?

8 And a decommissioning oversight
9 program would set licensee expectations across the
10 nation, this is not just here, and would keep the
11 public informed. We believe it's an appropriate
12 initiative for the N.R.C. to take and so we have a
13 citation here for our letter.

14 Another aspect we recommended in
15 this letter was to protect the financial trusts
16 that had been established for decommissioning.
17 And again, we're just touching on the high notes
18 here. These are all publicly available and can be
19 viewed.

20 If we can go to slide 14. Also
21 three weeks ago, Tom Congdon sent a letter to
22 N.R.C. Region 1, following up on a report from the
23 N.R.C. Office of the Inspector General.

24 The O.I.G. or the Inspector General
25 at N.R.C. was looking at how are -- how, excuse

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2 me, how does Region 2 -- N.R.C. Region 2 down in
3 the southeastern part of the United States, how
4 did that region approach inspections of dry cask
5 storage facilities.

6 And it turned out, according to the
7 O.I.G. report, that there were unqualified
8 inspectors and that the inspection process used
9 less than 20 percent of the total time allocated
10 for inspection. This occurred over an eight-year
11 period.

12 And again, it's Region 2, Southeast
13 United States. It's not region 1; it's not where
14 we are located.

15 But Tom asked a number of questions
16 to the N.R.C. for follow-up regarding inspection
17 reports for sites that are located in New York.
18 And, you know, made recommendations there for
19 additional transparency. And we are -- you know,
20 we are interested in seeing the N.R.C.'s response
21 to that. And we may be discussing that some more
22 later on tonight.

23 Lastly, if we could go to the next
24 slide, in -- I just want to make folks aware and
25 Tom alluded to this in his opening remarks.

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2 Earlier this week, the N.R.C. made publicly
3 available an inspection report for its inspection
4 of a dry cask manufacturing facility located in
5 Camden, New Jersey. Again, it's not Indian Point;
6 it's the manufacturing facility in New Jersey.

7 And it's important to recognize
8 that the N.R.C. concluded that there was no
9 immediate safety concern. However, N.R.C. did
10 note and describe three violations that were
11 associated with change in design to the structure
12 of HI-STORM casks. And I know that we will be,
13 you know, hearing some more about that, possibly,
14 from Holtec, possibly from Dave Lochbaum. And
15 that's something that's -- it's very recent. I
16 mean, it's only been public for the last, you
17 know, three days. It's -- it's under the review.

18 And I think, you know, I will just
19 -- other -- I guess the other -- only other thing
20 I will say about that is, you know, our New York
21 State technical staff, so Cliff and his colleague,
22 Bridget Frymire, they are reviewing the federal
23 inspection reports very carefully. And they will
24 be engaging with the N.R.C. to determine, you
25 know, what the impacts are for -- for the New York

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2 sites.

3 And again, the last three letters
4 that we have discussed are all linked here, so
5 folks can -- can look at it.

6 And I think with that, I am going
7 to turn it over to the Department of Labor.

8 MS. ADLER: Hi.

9 MR. SIPOS: Thank you very much.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, John.

11 MS. ADLER: Hi. So on -- can you
12 hear me? On July 14th, the New York State D.O.L.
13 Asbestos Control Bureau was notified of a
14 localized workforce exposure incident in Unit 2.
15 After an investigation, two notices of violations
16 were issued by New York State's Asbestos Control
17 Bureau on August 11th, 2023.

18 The first violation is Champion
19 Specialty Service, L.L.C., 56-3.2.A certification
20 and training required. Uncertified asbestos
21 employee engaged in cutting a pipe that contained
22 asbestos insulation. This project should have
23 been treated as a minor asbestos project in
24 accordance with New York State Industrial Code
25 Rule 56, including proper training and

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2 certification in asbestos handling.

3 Since the incident, corrective
4 actions have been taken by Champion Specialty
5 Service, L.L.C., including getting employees
6 asbestos training and certification.

7 The second violation, Holtec
8 Decommissioning International, L.L.C. 56-1.4.E,
9 multi-employer worksites. A work order was given
10 to uncertified asbestos workers to cut a pipe that
11 contained asbestos and insulation in Unit 2.

12 The disturbance -- the disturbed
13 asbestos appeared to be too -- appears to be been
14 properly addressed, prior to the New York State's
15 D.O.L. Asbestos Control Bureau's involvement. And
16 the involved parties have taken steps to prevent
17 similar incidents from happening in the future.
18 Assessment of any civil penalties is now under
19 consideration.

20 The second D.O.L. update is
21 employment and labor relations. On August 16th,
22 2023, a Holtec International career fair that was
23 just for Holtec employees took place onsite, 22
24 companies were represented and 60 employees
25 attended.

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2 Those that couldn't attend, they
3 are continuously working with our -- our labor
4 relations individuals to help them get new
5 positions. And we've continued to remain in
6 contact with Holtec's office of human resources.

7 Additionally, a WARN postponement
8 was received on August 18th, indicating the
9 separation of two employees, originally planned
10 for February 2023, and it's been postponed to
11 December 29th, 2023. The reason for this
12 postponement is Holtec has not received final
13 approval from N.R.C. for Indian Point's
14 permanently defuel emergency plan.

15 We continue to send monthly virtual
16 workshop flyers, as well as in person.
17 Westchester has a upcoming career fair in October,
18 as well as a multilingual career fair happening
19 next week. And we share these with the employees
20 regularly.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Rachel.

22 I'd like to turn it over to Kelly
23 Turturro for an update from D.E.C.

24 MS. TURTURRO: Good evening,
25 everyone. Nice to see you this evening.

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2 A few different aspects of D.E.C.'s
3 jurisdiction. First, I'd like to talk about the
4 requirements under the consent order that D.E.C.
5 has with Holtec.

6 Our latest update -- update there
7 is we still continue to work through the remedial
8 investigation work plan LaFarge former Spectra
9 construction area. So Holtec submitted
10 information to D.E.C. in mid-July. And our D.E.C.
11 technical staff is -- is reviewing that additional
12 submission.

13 Next slide, please, Tom. In terms
14 of the SPDES permit, Holtec has submitted some
15 additional information from our prior request to
16 the company. We are expecting the remainder of
17 the information by the end of this month. From
18 there, D.E.C. will review that information and
19 determine whether or not the application is
20 complete.

21 So once the application -- the
22 SPDES permit application is complete, D.E.C. will
23 notice a draft SPDES permit for public comment.
24 And I will keep everybody up to date on when that
25 might happen.

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2 And then, finally, we continue our
3 oversight under the major oil storage facility
4 license to oversee the closure and assessment of
5 all tanks on the property. Thank you, Tom.

6 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you very
7 much.

8 I'll open the floor to discussion.
9 I saw Dave Lochbaum's hand was up. Dave?

10 MR. Lochbaum: Yeah. This is Dave
11 Lochbaum. I just wanted to comment about John
12 Sipos' point about the letter that was sent in
13 August 31st for the decommissioning oversight
14 process.

15 I was heavily involved in the
16 reactor oversight process that the N.R.C.
17 developed in the year 2000. It's been a great
18 tool for safety. Before that process was
19 developed, there were 48 plants that had to shut
20 down for at least a year to restore safety levels
21 to the minimum required. Since that process was
22 developed, only two reactors have fallen into that
23 regulatory doghouse, if you will.

24 The reason is -- I believe is
25 because the -- the R.O.P. more cleanly defines the

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2 N.R.C.'s performance expectations, which makes it
3 easier for the plant owners to meet or exceed
4 those levels, and also easier for N.R.C.'s
5 inspectors to see if they're falling short.

6 In addition, it's a great
7 communications tool for the public for putting
8 findings at plant X in context with the broader
9 universe. So I think it's been a win-win. And I
10 hope the N.R.C. heeds the state's recommendation
11 to extend it to decommissioning, as well. Thank
12 you.

13 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Dave.

14 You know, John and I wear other
15 hats at the Public Service Commission. And part
16 of our job is to do enforcement work with respect
17 to our oversight of utilities. And just as a
18 simplistic way of kind of explaining this letter,
19 in effect, what we're suggesting to the N.R.C. is
20 that they look for trends of non-compliance and
21 increase enforcement relative to those trends.

22 So to -- to put a finer point on --
23 on the current practice, they've -- they've seen a
24 number of violations at Indian Point, almost all
25 of them, I think, or all of them have been

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2 identified as of low safety significance.

3 And so there might be a view that
4 there's nothing wrong here. The violations have
5 been insignificant and everything is fine. But I
6 think that what we're suggesting to the N.R.C. is
7 that they evaluate whether there are trends of
8 non-compliance here that cause some greater
9 concerns about the overall operation and take that
10 into account as part of their enforcement.

11 Any other comments in the
12 discussion here? Okay. I'll move to the next
13 item which is presentation by our independent
14 technical expert, David Lochbaum. Dave -- I'm
15 sorry. There was a question before you start,
16 Dave.

17 Victoria?

18 MS. LEUNG: Yeah.

19 CHAIR CONGDON: Speak directly into
20 the mic, please. Sorry, Victoria.

21 MS. LEUNG: Hello.

22 CHAIR CONGDON: There we go.

23 MR. KACZMAREK: And just a
24 reminder, please -- Tom Kaczmarek, please announce
25 your name before you speak. Thank you.

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2 MS. LEUNG: Victoria Leung,
3 Riverkeeper. Thank you so much for the
4 presentation. We appreciate the transparency from
5 the state. One thing I did want to raise and get
6 on the record. We had heard from community
7 members concerns about heaters at Pilgrim. And
8 there were questions about whether or not there
9 were heaters in the spent fuel pool at Indian
10 Point.

11 And I understand there was a
12 response given by email, but I want to just put on
13 the record so community members have that
14 transparency, whether or not there have been
15 heaters installed in the spent fuel pool at Indian
16 Point or any signs that evaporate tritiated there
17 might be attempts to evaporate the ... water.

18 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you,
19 Victoria.

20 Yes, we did respond and -- and
21 stated that the state confirmed there are no
22 heating elements brought into the Indian Point
23 site. And I can let Rich Burroni speak for
24 himself.

25 MR. BURRONI: Yeah, that's correct.

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2 We don't have heaters in any of the spent fuel
3 pools.

4 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you.

5 MS. LEUNG: Thank you.

6 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Dave
7 Lochbaum?

8 MR. LOCHBAUM: Yeah, this is Dave
9 Lochbaum. I want to talk a little bit about an
10 independent spent fuel storage installation or
11 onsite dry storage of spent fuel.

12 Slide two, just for some
13 terminology that I'll use throughout this
14 presentation, when I talk about a canister, it's
15 the sealed metal can or canister that holds the
16 spent fuel assemblies. The canister is then
17 placed inside a concrete and steel cask that's
18 provided for protection.

19 The cask provides radiation
20 shielding for the workers, the radiation emitted
21 from the canister, and it also protects the
22 canister if any external threats like tornado-
23 propelled missiles or other challenges.

24 CHAIR CONGDON: Dave, I'm sorry to
25 interrupt you.

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2 MR. LOCHBAUM: Sure.

3 CHAIR CONGDON: Can I ask you to
4 pause for a second? We're getting a bit of an
5 echo and it's -- it's a bit of a challenge for
6 those of us in the room to hear your presentation.
7 I want to give our A.V. team a chance to see if
8 they can make some corrective actions.

9 MR. LOCHBAUM: Is there anything I
10 need to do?

11 CHAIR CONGDON: Just stand by,
12 Dave, for a second.

13 MR. LOCHBAUM: Okay.

14 CHAIR CONGDON: Dave, could you say
15 a few words?

16 MR. LOCHBAUM: Yeah, this is Dave
17 Lochbaum. I'm not hearing -- not hearing an echo
18 here, but I guess it doesn't matter if --.

19 CHAIR CONGDON: Yeah, we're getting
20 -- we're still getting the echo. Just stand by,
21 please.

22 MR. LOCHBAUM: Okay.

23 CHAIR CONGDON: Say a few words,
24 please.

25 MR. LOCHBAUM: Okay. This is Dave

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2 Lochbaum from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

3 CHAIR CONGDON: Now, it's just a
4 volume issue. Speak up.

5 MR. LOCHBAUM: Okay. This is Dave
6 Lochbaum from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

7 CHAIR CONGDON: Stand by. We're
8 almost there. Keep talking.

9 MR. LOCHBAUM: This is Dave
10 Lochbaum. I'm still from Chattanooga, Tennessee.
11 So are we good now?

12 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes, we're good.
13 Thank you so much.

14 MR. LOCHBAUM: Sure. Slide two,
15 provide some terminology now of using throughout
16 this presentation. The canister is what holds the
17 spent fuel assemblies. It's in the center of the
18 diagram on the left. It's -- it's a sealed cask
19 or canister. It's placed with inside a concrete
20 and steel cask that provides protection radiation
21 shielding for workers who go near the -- the
22 assemblies, and also provides protection for the
23 canister from external threats like tornado-
24 propelled missiles and whatnot.

25 So I'm using those terminologies

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2 throughout this presentation.

3 Slide three please. As John
4 indicated in February of this year, the N.R.C.'s
5 Office of the Inspector General issued an audit
6 report on its investigation into allegations it
7 received from an N.R.C. worker about practices
8 performed on dry cask storage oversight by N.R.C.
9 Region 2, which is the southeast United States.

10 Slide four, please. The inspector
11 general found that Region 2 was using unqualified
12 inspectors for doing these dry cask inspections,
13 and that the unqualified inspectors were only
14 providing a very small subset of the mandated
15 inspection scope.

16 Inspection procedures call for
17 about a 100 hours of inspection effort, looking at
18 records and whatnot. And the unqualified
19 inspectors were spending less than 20% of that
20 time over the years from 2012 to 2020.

21 So the unqualified inspectors were
22 doing basically walk-bys. Sometimes the inspector
23 general indicated that the inspectors didn't even
24 enter the fence. They walked around the outside
25 of the fence to look at the cask inside. But it's

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2 probably not adequate inspections.

3 Once I saw the N.R.C. inspection
4 report, I looked at the N.R.C.'s oversight of dry
5 storage at Indian Point. I found 14 publicly
6 available N.R.C. inspection reports for dry
7 storage at Indian Point between the years 2010 and
8 2023. The reports documented the N.R.C.'s
9 observation of several canister loadings during
10 that period.

11 What the inspections report did not
12 reveal was how many inspection hours were devoted
13 to those inspections. And while the names of the
14 N.R.C. inspectors were listed, their
15 qualifications were not provided. So I had no way
16 of determining whether they were fully qualified
17 or not.

18 However, the inspection reports
19 indicated fairly robust inspections. I saw no
20 reason to believe that they were getting the
21 Region 2 walk-by regulations. It looked like
22 they're pretty robust inspections of what was
23 going on at Indian Point.

24 So I took some comfort in it didn't
25 look like Region 1 was afflicted with the Region 2

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2 malaise. Next slide, please.

3 And as John indicated, on August
4 31st of this year, Tom Congdon sent a letter to
5 N.R.C. Region 1, asking about the N.R.C. inspector
6 general report, was Region 1 -- or more
7 specifically, were the inspections at Indian Point
8 done by qualified inspectors doing the full scope
9 inspections.

10 And as John indicated -- John Sipos
11 indicated, the N.R.C. hadn't responded that letter
12 yet, but probably will by the D.O.B. meeting in
13 December.

14 Next slide, please. The reason it
15 matters is illustrated by this curve. It's called
16 a bathtub curve. And it shows the chance of
17 failure over a lifetime of a product. It applies
18 to people; it applies to products; it applies to
19 nuclear power plants. The left-hand portion of
20 the curve is the break-in phase or the infant
21 mortality phase, where assembling errors, material
22 imperfections, or user mistakes cause the failure
23 rate to be initially high.

24 The right-hand portion of the curve
25 is the wear out phase, where aging degradation

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2 causes materials to wear out, wear and tear causes
3 the failure rate to, once again, climb. At no
4 point is the risk zero. But at the two endpoints
5 of the bathtub are where the risk is the highest.

6 Next slide, please. This -- the
7 left-hand portion of the curve is a cut and paste
8 from the inspector general's report from February
9 of this year. Once the N.R.C. Region 2 started
10 using qualified inspectors doing full-scope
11 inspections, they found plenty of problems with
12 dry cask loadings in Region 2.

13 These were all problems during the
14 break-in portion of the curve. A couple of them
15 are related to Indian Point where loadings, heavy
16 loads, the loaded cask weigh a hundred tons. You
17 pass 100 tons over buried equipment, natural gas
18 pipelines or whatnot, and what's underground may
19 not survive the 100 tons passing overhead. Two of
20 the failures were involved where they didn't
21 properly manage that risk.

22 So it's -- it shows the importance
23 of using qualified inspectors doing full-scope
24 inspections. It's not real clear why Region 2
25 took shortcuts over the last decade.

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2 Next slide, please. I was looking at
3 what happens on the wear-out phase of the curve
4 because all the canisters that have been loaded to
5 date are heading towards, if not already in, the
6 wear-out portion of the bathtub curve.

7 This is a snapshot of a report from
8 the Electric Power Research Institute, which is a
9 research institute funded by the nuclear industry.
10 They've identified chloride-induced stress
11 corrosion cracking, as the primary wear-out
12 degradation method for dry cask storage. And I
13 agree with that.

14 So the next question was how is that
15 risk being managed. Next slide, please. The
16 N.R.C.'s managing aging processes and storage MAPS,
17 they love acronyms, calls for examinations every
18 five years.

19 Typically, they will pick one, perhaps
20 two cask or canisters to be looked at over and over
21 again, every five years, rather than looking at
22 more canisters than that. By looking at the same
23 ones over and over again, that facilitates
24 strengthening of degradation results. So you can
25 see how aging is progressing from year 5 to year

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2 10 to year 15.

3 Next slide, please. Most
4 vulnerable, in quotes, it's important if you guess
5 right. If you pick the most vulnerable canisters,
6 then that method works really good. If you don't
7 guess right and don't pick the right canisters,
8 then looking at the one or two canisters and
9 ignoring the rest may not tell you as much as you
10 want to know.

11 As far as the factors that go into
12 picking the two most vulnerable -- one or two most
13 vulnerable canisters, it's how close they are to
14 sea spray, particularly those off ocean coasts,
15 what type of metal was used in the canister, and
16 what's the heat load of the spent fuel assemblies
17 inside the canisters. Those are the factors
18 because it primarily determined most vulnerable
19 per the industry.

20 Next slide. The EPRI report,
21 Electric Power Research Institute report, also
22 identifies that another factor that can cause
23 accelerated degradation over time is heavy
24 grounding or mechanical damage, i.e. gouges on the
25 outside surface of the canister.

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2 That provides a crevice or a point
3 -- starting point for cracking to then propagate
4 from that initial weakness.

5 Next slide, please. In the last
6 few years, I had to replace my car windshield,
7 because a stone chip it, small chip in the
8 windshield which then propagated across the
9 windshield and I had replaced the windshield.

10 Similarly, if you have a crevice or
11 crack in the outside surface of the canister, that
12 provides a starting point for crack to then
13 propagate larger and through wall -- perhaps
14 through wall of the canisters metal walls.

15 Next slide. After a near miss in
16 August of 2017, at San Onofre in California,
17 Holtec prepared these slides and can see that
18 basically scratches or gouges or imperfections in
19 the outer surface of the canisters happen
20 everywhere and are commonplace.

21 They're not isolated incidences.
22 They occur here, there and everywhere, to quote a
23 Beatles song.

24 Next slide. That same Holtec
25 presentation said, it doesn't really matter

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2 because, quote, the scratches are, quote, are not
3 relevant to safety determination, end quote.

4 And I guess I disagree with that
5 notion, because EPRI and others have indicated
6 that they are a factor in aging degradation -- the
7 primary aging degradation mechanisms. So more
8 scratches you have, the more likely you are to
9 invite this degradation mechanism to your
10 facility.

11 Next slide, please. And I'd like
12 to almost wrap up by referring back to the bathtub
13 curve. The reason it's important to get this
14 right is because failure is high initially in life
15 during the break-in phase and again rises in the
16 wear-out phase towards the end of life.

17 The N.R.C. needs to perform full
18 scope inspections using qualified inspectors, not
19 just whoever's available. In addition, the
20 periodic examinations of dry cask storage systems
21 must be based on science, rather than convenience
22 if we have any hope of getting it right.

23 My last slide, next slide, the last
24 slide. John Sipos mentioned earlier that the
25 state's agreement with Holtec accelerated the

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2 transfers from spent fuel pools into the pads.
3 This chart from the N.R.C. shows the risk
4 reduction that John spoke to. The solid line is
5 the former practice where you left the spent fuel
6 pools filled until the nuclear plant's shut down.
7 The dotted line shows the risk reduction you get
8 by transferring the fuel from the pools to the
9 pads.

10 The risk goes down dramatically,
11 both from a security standpoint and from a safety
12 standpoint. It doesn't go to zero, but it's much
13 less, and the state deserves a lot of credit, and
14 Holtec, for accelerating the transfers and
15 reducing that threat profile.

16 One last point about the cracking
17 of dry storage canisters. If a through-wall crack
18 were to form in a canister wall, it's not like
19 popping a balloon. All the radioactive contents
20 of the canister won't be discharged into the
21 environment.

22 Very little to no radiation will
23 escape through that crack, but that crack could --
24 could reduce the structural integrity when that
25 canister is finally lifted from the cask and

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2 transported off-site for disposal or as interim
3 storage or whatever the next phase is.

4 So it's important that we don't
5 have through-wall cracks that impair the
6 canister's integrity, reduce its structural
7 strength, and leave it prone to failures once it's
8 handled down in a road -- down the road in the
9 future.

10 Thank you. And I'd be glad to
11 answer any questions if I can.

12 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Dave.

13 A shout out of appreciation for Dave's work.
14 Shortly after the N.R.C. I.G. report came out, I
15 get an -- in my inbox a summary of the findings
16 along from our own staff was Dave Lochbaum, you
17 know, giving his points of view on -- on the -- the
18 significance of the findings from the I.G.

19 And, you know, he then immediately
20 took it upon himself to dive into the records at
21 Indian Point to -- to evaluate the inspections
22 that occurred there so that he could provide the
23 briefing to us in tonight's presentation.

24

25 So just Dave, thank you for just

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2 continuing to have, you know, the initiative to
3 bring issues to our attention to try to
4 consolidate into a digestible form complex
5 information that -- that exists throughout the
6 N.R.C. docket.

7 We can't thank you enough for your
8 dedication and your volunteerism to this board.

9 MR. LOCHBAUM: You're very welcome.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: Any questions for
11 Dave? Yes, Susan.

12 MS. SPEAR: Thank you. Susan
13 Spear. I also want to echo what Tom Congdon just
14 said, thanking Dave Lochbaum for this excellent
15 information.

16 I wanted to ask do you think the
17 N.R.C. inspection process, if done appropriately,
18 Region 2 notwithstanding, would be sufficient to
19 identify some of these cracks that you speak about
20 in your report?

21 MR. LOCHBAUM: I have some doubts
22 about that because it really depends on how
23 effective selecting the two most vulnerable
24 canisters are. The one silver lining in that is
25 that the inspections are being done across the

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2 nation. And as more and more inspections are
3 done, we'll have better information about what the
4 aging mechanisms are and what are the most
5 vulnerable canisters.

6 And to the N.R.C.'s credit, they're
7 very good at adjusting the inspection regimes of
8 what they expect owners to do based on emerging
9 information. So it's not like it's fixed from two
10 years ago or five years ago. As new information
11 comes forward, if there are shortcomings, the
12 N.R.C. will require those gaps to be addressed.

13 So that -- that gives me some
14 comfort that -- why the selection of the most
15 vulnerable is a little bit suspect right now. If
16 it's wrong in the future, it will be identified
17 and fixed in time.

18 MS. SPEAR: Thank you.

19 CHAIR CONGDON: Dave, do you want
20 to speak to the challenge of expanding beyond the
21 most vulnerable casks for inspection, that, you
22 know, there's -- there's some countervailing
23 arguments for why it might seem challenging to say
24 just inspect all on the site?

25 MR. LOCHBAUM: That's a good point.

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2 I've looked at how inspections were done at other
3 sites. And there is a radiation dose to the
4 workers that are performing the inspections. What
5 happens is inspection take -- equipment is lowered
6 into the space between the cask and the canister
7 to look at the outside surface of the canister.

8 And the workers that are operating
9 that equipment do receive a radiation dose. It's
10 not lethal, but the lowest reasonably achievable
11 standard for minimizing dose to the public and the
12 workers means that you don't want to do
13 inspections unless you really have to do them.

14 So I think there's a balance there.
15 I think we could do a little bit better, but I --
16 I can understand why, particularly, if I was one
17 of the workers, I wouldn't want to inspect every
18 canister, because I'd pick up a dose that I would
19 like to avoid.

20 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. Other
21 questions or observations?

22 MR. CREIGHTON: Brief question. On
23 slide 17, you provided the risk profile on a
24 number stages 1 through 5. Can you tell us which
25 stage you consider --?

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2 MR. LOCHBAUM: Yes, stage 5 is a
3 plant that is permanently shut down. They're not
4 adding any more spent fuel to the pool. In -- in
5 both the dotted line case, the accelerated
6 transfer, or the solid line case, the former
7 practice, you're unloading the spent fuel pool
8 after the permanent -- reactor is permanently shut
9 down as Indian Point has currently -- as a few
10 years ago.

11 MR. CREIGHTON: Stage 5?

12 MR. LOCHBAUM: Yes, stage 5 is
13 permanent shutdown -- reactor's permanently shut
14 down, you're unloading the spent fuel pool onto
15 the pad.

16 CHAIR CONGDON: Yeah, and from John
17 Sipos' earlier presentation, that that slide
18 showing where we are with the loading of the dry
19 casks, yeah. Unit 1, Unit 2 is a 100% complete
20 and Unit 3 is at 86%. So that does put us
21 squarely in stage 5.

22 MR. LOCHBAUM: And one of the
23 reasons, the paragraph right underneath the chart
24 kind of explains why the risk is reduced. Each
25 canister at Indian Point holds 32 fuel assemblies.

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2 The reactor cores held 193 fuel assemblies, each.
3 And the spent fuel pool held several hundred
4 canisters. So the -- excuse me -- held several
5 hundred fuel assemblies.

6 The higher amount of fuel
7 assemblies meant there was more likelihood to have
8 an accident.

9 And if you had an accident, there
10 was more radioactive material to be released.
11 That's why the pool was a much higher risk than a
12 dry storage.

13 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you, Dave.

14 Yes, Victoria?

15 MS. LEUNG: I think this goes a bit
16 to --. So with the -- sorry, Victoria Leung,
17 Riverkeeper. With scratches being so commonplace,
18 from your technical perspective, do you think it
19 is possible to truly identify what the most
20 vulnerable cask is with the scratches being a
21 factor to that and so many of the canisters
22 possibly having these scratches?

23 MR. LOCHBAUM: I think so. I think
24 if you examine a canister before it's put into a
25 cask to see what its surface look like, not all

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2 the scratches or gouges will be of equal depth.
3 So you want to identify the largest scratches, the
4 deepest scratches. The ones that are very, you
5 know, you can detect them, but they're not very
6 deep, those would be a lesser priority than the
7 ones that are deeper and longer.

8 So I think you can characterize the
9 canisters if you inspect them before you put them
10 in the canister, and then look at a couple of the
11 worst gouged or worst scratched canisters
12 periodically to see if they're degrading.

13 If they are degrading, you might
14 want to expand a look at some of the other
15 scratched canisters. If they're not degrading,
16 then you may say I picked the worst one and it's -
17 - it's -- it's surviving well enough that I don't
18 need to expand my sample scope. But to ignore the
19 scratched surfaces is not the right answer.

20 MS. LEUNG: A follow-up question.
21 Do you know if the canisters have been inspected
22 in that way at Indian Point? Are we able to know
23 which canisters have the deepest scratches, the
24 most significant gouges at this point because a
25 number of them have already been loaded?

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2 MR. LOCHBAUM: Yeah, my
3 understanding is that they do not look at the
4 outer surfaces of the canisters. And that's not
5 just at Indian Point; that's more nationwide.
6 Even after the near miss in 2017 at San Onofre,
7 they're -- they -- they still don't inspect the
8 outside surfaces.

9 CHAIR CONGDON: Richard or Pat, do
10 you guys want to address the identification of the
11 most vulnerable?

12 MR. BURRONI: Yeah, I'll follow up.
13 I know, we have the advantage of two abandoned
14 turbine decks. So we do store our M.P.C.s on the
15 turbine decks. You know, whether we do a full-
16 scale inspection on that, I'll -- I'll follow up
17 and find out. But if there was any drastic
18 scratches or gouges, we would pick that up, at
19 least with the M.P.C.s staged on the turbine deck
20 itself.

21 MR. LOCHBAUM: This is Dave. One
22 follow-up. I recently had a Zoom call with the
23 folks at San Onofre in California. And one of the
24 questions I asked them is that before you
25 transport a canister offsite, you inspect it

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2 before then. And they said for the most cases,
3 they do. There's a few exceptions to that, but
4 even if you're not looking at it throughout the
5 lifetime of storage on-site, it does look like the
6 canisters are inspected before they'd be loaded
7 and transported off-site, which is good. It could
8 be better, but that's better than nothing.

9 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: I have a
10 question.

11 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you.

12 Yes, Assemblywoman?

13 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: So can
14 you just clarify again, Dave, because I'm not a
15 100% clear I understand? So right now -- and
16 anybody else can also weigh in here. The
17 canisters themselves have already been loaded into
18 dry casks. So there's not an opportunity now to
19 inspect them until such time as they would be
20 transported? Or are the dry casks going to be
21 opened up and they're inspected periodically? I -
22 - I think maybe I'm just not 100% understanding
23 what the process is.

24 MR. LOCHBAUM: This is David
25 Lochbaum. That's a good question. Every five

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2 years, workers can inspect the outer surfaces of
3 the most vulnerable canisters. They basically
4 essentially drop a borescope in that space between
5 the canister and the cask to look at the outside
6 surface of the canister.

7 In addition, a few canisters have
8 been opened up after storage to look at the
9 condition of the fuel assemblies inside. That's
10 not done routinely, but it has been done at some
11 of the plants that were -- some of the canisters
12 that were loaded back in 1986, the first ones that
13 were loaded. So some canisters are opened to look
14 at the fuel inside. And periodically every five
15 years, canisters at every site are looked at for
16 the outer surfaces of the canisters.

17 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: But right
18 -- right now, your particular concern is
19 highlighting the -- the -- what's been stored that
20 is now ready to be moved, not necessarily what's
21 been more recent -- most recently stored, in other
22 words?

23 MR. LOCHBAUM: It's a little both.
24 I'm a little suspect about how they pick the most
25 vulnerable one or two canisters that are looked

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2 at. I don't think that's scientifically robust.

3 In addition, it's -- before a
4 canister is loaded and transported off-site, it's
5 imperative that it be inspected to make sure that
6 it's in good condition. It hasn't deteriorated
7 over the years of on-site storage because it -- it
8 could fail in route.

9 CHAIR CONGDON: But absent any
10 plans in the foreseeable future for moving these
11 casks, what we're talking about really is
12 inspection at the dry pad at Indian Point. So for
13 this five-year routine, looking at the most
14 vulnerable, as the proxies for the condition of
15 all the others that are on the dry pad.

16 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: But we --
17 but we just established that they haven't really
18 been inspected for cracks and scratches before
19 they were loaded in. So how would you identify
20 which were the most vulnerable?

21 MR. O'BRIEN: So Pat O'Brien,
22 Director of Government Affairs Communications,
23 Holtec. These casks, when they come to site, go
24 through quality control. They are checked.

25 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: The

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2 casks?

3 MR. O'BRIEN: Yes.

4 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Not the
5 canisters. We're talking about two different
6 things; right?

7 MR. O'BRIEN: The -- the --.

8 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: The
9 canisters and the cask; right?

10 MR. O'BRIEN: Canisters inside and
11 the casks external.

12 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Say it
13 again?

14 MR. O'BRIEN: Both casks and
15 canisters come from our factory in Camden. They
16 have been quality controlled to get to the site,
17 and they have been looked at and inspected. If
18 there's issues there ahead of time, we wouldn't
19 accept them to the site. Well, we actually really
20 wouldn't let them leave the factory. So yes,
21 they've been looked at.

22 Once they are then loaded, they go
23 inside the cask, they go out to the pad. At 20
24 years, you start the aging management process that
25 Dave's talking about, where you're opening up the

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2 cask to look at the M.P.C. You're doing that
3 every five years, consistently, to look for
4 trends.

5 So yes, they have been looked at
6 prior, before they're loaded with fuel. Once they
7 go to the cask, at that 20-year point, for
8 loading. So when the --.

9 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Are they
10 looked at between when -- after they're loaded
11 with the fuel, before they're loaded into the
12 cask? In other words, couldn't the scratching
13 happen at that point from the loading of the fuel
14 into the canister?

15 MR. O'BRIEN: Not based on how you
16 --

17 MR. BURRONI: Load.

18 MR. O'BRIEN: -- load -- load these
19 -- these are loaded into the spent fuel pool in a
20 --

21 MR. BURRONI: HI-TRAC.

22 MR. O'BRIEN: -- HI-TRAC, goes into
23 the pool, gets loaded, comes out. It's dried,
24 robotically welded, and then moved and downloaded
25 very slowly, very methodically into the overpacks,

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2 and then the overpacks are transported up.

3 So that's a process that's very
4 controlled, with a lot of eyes on what happens.
5 That's why these take about a week a cask to load.
6 It's start to finish moving these things. This is
7 not something that happens quickly. So you can
8 identify any issues along the way.

9 MR. LOCHBAUM: This is David
10 Lochbaum. I -- I would -- I would disagree with
11 that because the scratching on the canisters at
12 San Onofre occurred during the -- the loading and
13 transfers. It wasn't --.

14 MR. O'BRIEN: San Onofre's -- this
15 is a different design though, David. It's a --
16 it's a UMAX system. It is not the systems we have
17 at Indian Point.

18 MR. LOCHBAUM: I understand that.
19 But you're moving two pieces with very small
20 tolerances. It's pretty easy to get out of whack
21 as you did at San Onofre. So that sounds great,
22 but I'm not buying it.

23 MR. SIPOS: I'd just like to ask, I
24 -- I'd just actually just like to add for
25 clarification, so when we're hearing this acronym,

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2 M.P.C. --.

3 MR. O'BRIEN: Multiple --
4 multipurpose canister.

5 MR. SIPOS: Right. And that is an
6 alternative way of referring to a canister, and
7 the canister, the M.P.C canister, then goes into
8 the cask.

9 MR. O'BRIEN: Correct.

10 MR. SIPOS: Just so we're all clear
11 on our terms.

12 MR. O'BRIEN: Correct. And it's
13 multipurpose because the theory is you can then
14 take that out of the overpack and put that into a
15 transportation cask to be moved to an interim or
16 permanent repository.

17 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Okay. So
18 -- so I'm sorry, just to continue. First of all,
19 I do want to thank Dave for his continued
20 vigilance and looking and helping us all evaluate
21 the processes. I think that's really important,
22 but it does also, you know, just continue to prove
23 our concern about the N.R.C.'s oversight that is
24 not the be all and end all, and that we need to
25 continue to make sure, again, that there are

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2 additional processes in place that satisfy our
3 belief that -- that as we proceed with the
4 process, that we're doing it in a safe manner.

5 I don't think we can just rely on
6 the N.R.C., as we have not been doing, and I
7 appreciate the letters to have that continued
8 vigilance. And not only -- we're seeing,
9 obviously, you know, as soon as the plants stop
10 operating, that we don't have that same level of
11 oversight. And we need it.

12 So you know, I'm grateful, but I'm
13 also concerned by what Dave brought up because it
14 seems like we don't even, at this point, have a
15 process in place to actually inspect the canisters
16 before they get loaded in to make sure that we
17 know which ones are the most likely to decay or
18 whatever would happen to something with a scratch
19 or a dent or whatever.

20 And I guess the other question is,
21 I'm not a 100% sure. I know that you said, Dave,
22 we wouldn't really have to be concerned about
23 leaks. So what is it exactly that happens? What
24 is the concern besides the transit portion that we
25 would be most concerned about if canisters fail?

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2 MR. LOCHBAUM: This is David
3 Lochbaum. The -- the original canisters were
4 designed for a number of problems or postulated
5 accidents, like dropping a canister as it's being
6 lowered from the refueling floor, 18 to 30 feet.
7 It depends on the canister and so on.

8 But those studies, which are backed
9 up by actually dropping canisters to see how they
10 survive, are based on the canister being in
11 pristine condition. If you have a through-wall
12 crack and were to drop a canister or have some
13 other kind of hailing accident, its structural
14 integrity may not keep the fuel inside as the
15 original studies have shown.

16 So that's why guarding against
17 cracks is important to make sure that the
18 radioactivity stays on the inside and does not get
19 out into the environment.

20 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: But
21 again, it sounds to me like it's more of a concern
22 when you transport or move those canisters out of
23 the dry cask. So in other words, if they're just
24 maintained and stayed in dry cask for millions of
25 years, it wouldn't make much of a difference to

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2 have cracks and scratches. Is that true or --?

3 MR. LOCHBAUM: This is Dave
4 Lochbaum. That's correct. That's the primary
5 threat is when you move. But if the structural
6 integrity is impaired, it -- it may not survive
7 that movement. In a static condition, it's --
8 cracking is not nice, but it's not as naughty.

9 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Thanks.
10 I'm sure I'll have some other questions.

11 MS. LEUNG: Follow up on that. So
12 events like natural disasters, possible attacks,
13 would that also be a vulnerability if the cask was
14 compromised?

15 MR. LOCHBAUM: It would reduce the
16 -- this is David Lochbaum. It would reduce the
17 margin to those kind of challenges. But there was
18 an EPRI study that showed that the crack would
19 have to be several feet long for, for example, an
20 earthquake to cause it to break apart. So it --
21 it reduces the margin, but there's quite a bit of
22 margin for natural events.

23 It's mainly, once you pick it up
24 and start putting more force on the walls, if
25 those walls are impaired, then they may fail.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you.

3 So to wrap up this discussion, we
4 do have an outstanding information request in to
5 the N.R.C. We have confirmed they are working on
6 a response and I'm hopeful that I'll have more to
7 report back to the D.O.B. at the December meeting.
8 And if warranted, we will be inviting the N.R.C.
9 back to help explain their response.

10 So with that, I think we can turn
11 to the next item on the agenda, which is the
12 update by Holtec on activities at the site. Rich
13 Burroni?

14 MR. BURRONI: Okay. Just -- good
15 evening. I'm Rich Burroni. Just as an update,
16 Holtec has selected me to be the chief nuclear
17 officer for the -- for the company, so this will
18 be my last presentation here at the D.O.B.
19 meeting.

20 I did want to say goodbye to
21 Richard Webster, but I'll just send him an email.

22 CHAIR CONGDON: I think he's
23 monitoring online.

24 MR. BURRONI: All right. And so --

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Congratulations.

3 MR. BURRONI: Okay. So in the
4 future, my successor, along with Pat, will do the
5 presentations. As you can see, as we go further
6 in the process, we'll need more and more corporate
7 discussions and -- and corporate clarifications on
8 some of the work that we're doing.

9 Okay. So with that said, let's go
10 to the next slide, please. So agenda is typically
11 what we do every -- every D.O.B.; right? So we'll
12 talk about the ISFSI pad where we are with that,
13 Unit 2 spent fuel -- spent fuel pool status, Unit
14 3 spent fuel status, discharge discussion, vessel
15 segmentation at both units. We'll talk about some
16 N.R.C. inspections and activities and some of our
17 safety issues.

18 Next slide. So the ISFSI pad,
19 since our last oversight board meeting, the
20 vehicle barrier wall installation is in progress,
21 a security support structure is in progress, and
22 our additional fence line installation is in
23 progress. Addition -- additionally, we're working
24 on some microwave units that will be used for
25 security purposes.

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2 By the next Decommissioning
3 Oversight Board meeting, all construction
4 activities will be complete and the fuel-on pad
5 protected will be projected for November 15th,
6 which actually means it's going to be -- the ISFSI
7 pad itself will be the protected area of the site.

8 So if we go to the next slide, we
9 could point out some of the work that we're doing.
10 The arrow all the way on the right shows
11 additional fence line that's being installed. It
12 shows the -- the next arrow shows the vehicle
13 barrier wall that's being installed. And then the
14 last arrow on the left shows the new security
15 building that's being put in place.

16 All told, like I've said in
17 previous discussions, there'll be 127 casks on
18 both pads. We do -- do an inspection every shift
19 -- I'm sorry -- once a day by -- the operators
20 they do -- do it a round and they just verify that
21 there's no visual issues with the HI-STORMs that
22 are on the pad, itself.

23 Next slide. So the Unit 2 spent
24 fuel pool defuel status, as we've discussed, the
25 Unit 2 defuel status is complete. There's no more

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2 fuel in that pool. We're in the process of
3 cleaning the fuel racks, that's in progress. That
4 should wrap up by the end of this week, tomorrow.
5 And then we'll do rack surveys of the fuel racks.
6 That's in progress. That should wrap up on
7 Monday.

8 So once that's done, we'll commence
9 the removal of the spent fuel racks from the pool,
10 they'll get bagged, and shipped to our depository
11 in Texas. That should start within the next two
12 weeks. I believe it'll complete prior to the next
13 D.O.B.

14 Next slide, Unit 3. We're in our
15 last phase, like John described -- go back one,
16 please. Last phase like John described. Right
17 now, the fuel offload is in progress. During this
18 we transferred one cask. So as of today, there
19 are eight casks that remain in the pool.

20 By -- obviously -- the fuel offload
21 will be complete by mid-October. We've got
22 another three or four weeks. And then we'll
23 commence the rack cleaning.

24 All right. So our discharge
25 discussion update, so based on the passage of the

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2 bill to prevent effluent discharge to the Hudson
3 River in connection with the decommissioning of
4 the nuclear power plant, we are reviewing all
5 available options for the disposal of radioactive
6 or radiological effluents.

7 Impact to the overall schedule is
8 being evaluated. I was pretty adamant about that
9 last meeting, if you run the tape. We'll evaluate
10 the schedule and see what the impact is.

11 Unit 2 vessel segmentation is the
12 next slide. We completed our steam generator
13 reactive cooling system primary pipe preps with
14 chemical cleaning, so actually we do some chemical
15 cleaning of the steam generator tubes, themselves.
16 That cleaning will probably start in the first
17 quarter of 2024.

18 Then through the next meeting,
19 we'll continue with the equipment set for
20 segmentation activities. That includes
21 installation of platforms, an aux bridge, and a
22 gantry saw where we'll start cutting the upper
23 internals.

24 And then for the cavity floor,
25 we'll install floor plates, and to keep the pool

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2 clean, filters and vacuum equipment gets installed
3 in the cavity itself. Keeps clarity for the
4 workers as they do the segmentation work.

5 Next slide, please. Unit 3, we've
6 completed boxing all of the Unit 3 Bravo Charlie
7 waste that's just the level of radiation that the
8 waste contained. We -- and so that -- those are
9 stored on-site in our flex building now.

10 And we removed in-core thimble
11 tubes. There's 53 of those. The thimble tubes
12 were actually used during plant operation to
13 monitor core characteristics. And if we had to
14 make any adjustments with boron or rods, we would
15 do that based on the -- the data from the -- the
16 detectors that went in and out of the reactor
17 itself.

18 So projected activities through
19 December 6th, we'll continue cutting and prepping
20 Unit 3 piping for the steam generated chemical
21 cleaning. That'll be done, also, like we're doing
22 in Unit 2. And we'll continue preps for the Unit
23 3 core barrel removal, so that's the next big
24 step. The vessel segmentation in Unit 3 is
25 removal of the core barrel itself.

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2 Next slide. This is a repetitive
3 slide. It's N.R.C. inspections discussions with
4 the N.R.C. We're pretty confident that once we
5 get fuel-on pad protected the permanently defueled
6 emergency plan L.A.R. and exemption will be
7 granted.

8 We're also looking for -- if you go
9 to that last block, the ISFSI only E plan, ISFSI
10 only tech spec, and ISFSI only security plan. So
11 ISFSI is the pad, right, so it's independent spent
12 fuel storage installation. That's just the
13 acronym.

14 Upcoming N.R.C. inspections, we have
15 a greater-than-class C and 50.59 inspection
16 September 18th through the 21st. We just had an
17 inspection last week where the N.R.C. inspector
18 did look at the ISFSI pad, did look at some of our
19 procedures, and there were no issues.

20 We have our rad waste storage and
21 transportation inspection in October. We have
22 another ISFSI inspection for continuous loading in
23 October the 2nd through the 6th. And then you can
24 see there's dosimetry inspection and then the
25 year-end inspection to close out 2023.

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2 Right now in this quarter, we have
3 no N.R.C. noted violations. Quarter ends in two
4 weeks.

5 Next slide. These are the N.R.C.
6 inspection activities from the second quarter of
7 2023. We did get three non-cited level four
8 violations.

9 The first one was failing to follow
10 procedures for controlled hot work, didn't do
11 really a good job on looking at the areas
12 surrounding some welding activities. We talked to
13 the individuals. We had the area cleaned up and
14 then we continued the work.

15 The next slide really is -- ties to
16 the shipment from Oyster Creek, where there were
17 two hotspots identified by our technicians when
18 the -- when the material was received at site. It
19 was -- one was over 200 millirem, one was about
20 400 millirem on top of the -- of the package that
21 was received.

22 So we did a good job in identifying
23 it. We did a good job of securing it. But we did
24 not do a good job of immediately notifying the
25 N.R.C., right, and that was what the requirement

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2 was. We had to brush up on the procedure so it
3 was perfectly clear. We did that, but that was
4 the genesis behind that violation.

5 And then the last violation really
6 has to do with the design staff that designed the
7 HI-LEFT that's allowing us to do all this fuel
8 moves in Unit 3. We should have had a -- a better
9 C.F.C. or certificate of conformance with a
10 specific valve from a seismic perspective.

11 We didn't get that done. The
12 engineers didn't get that done until they were
13 prompted by the N.R.C. They got the C.F.C. and
14 there's no issue with the -- with the component or
15 the valve itself.

16 So actions to restore compliance.
17 All of these were issued -- all of these were
18 noted in our corrective action program.
19 Corrective actions were established to preclude
20 recurrence specifically procedures were revised
21 for clarity, right, and we also provided some on-
22 the-spot training just to make sure that we
23 preclude recurrence so it won't happen again.

24 But I think the most important part
25 there was some license -- since licensee placed

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2 the deficiency into this corrective action
3 program, the violations were in -- in -- in
4 apprehensive. Very low safety significance and
5 because the violation was not local and
6 repetitive, those violations are being treated as
7 non-cited violations consistent with section right
8 there with the enforcement policy.

9 I do agree with what you're saying,
10 Tom, about the number of violations. I've talked
11 to our vice-president, reg assurance in Camden,
12 Jean Fleming. There are some other issues at
13 other facilities where we're seeing these level
14 fours and -- and some level threes, right.

15 So we are getting an independent
16 person to come in and do an assessment of all the
17 violations in the fleet just to see what
18 corrective actions we could generate to preclude
19 recurrence. So we are on top of it. We're not
20 happy with these. We've got to turn this around.

21 Next slide. I think this is a
22 little too premature to discuss right now, but
23 this is the issue where, in layman's terms, the
24 M.P.C. that we talked about has spacers. And
25 those --

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Multipurpose
3 canister.

4 MR. BURRONI: Multipurpose
5 canister. And the reason why it's a multipurpose
6 canister is because that canister could be used to
7 transport fuel in a transfer cask. Right. Not
8 only that it sits on the pad.

9 So there are spacers that were, at
10 one point, welded to the M.P.C. grid where we load
11 the fuel. The design was changed. Instead of
12 welding, we bolted it. N.R.C. feels that that
13 should have been -- that the process that should
14 have been reviewed and approved by the N.R.C.

15 We, as Holtec, do not agree with
16 that assumption. We are going to the N.R.C., in
17 fact, Dr. Singh is going to the N.R.C. mid-October
18 to discuss our -- to discuss our position. And
19 it's in accordance with what's called the choice
20 letter, right.

21 And so if you read the inspection -
22 - if you read the inspection report, it tells you
23 -- you have a choice to either accept the
24 violations, right, or do a -- what do we call a --
25 what was it called?

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2 MR. OBRIEN: Predecisional
3 enforcement conference --.

4 MR. BURRONI: Thank you very much.
5 A predecisional enforcement conference, which
6 is what we're going to do, right. So we'll go
7 down in October, discuss these issues. We believe
8 that these won't be violations. That's why I'm
9 thinking we could have held off on this, but --
10 but it's there so we'll have a discussion. That
11 all make sense? Okay.

12 Last, but not least, is our safety
13 discussion here. Not proud of this one either.
14 Right. And -- and the guys are really trying
15 hard, right, to conform to our standards. In
16 fact, we brought in an independent person on-site,
17 right, to do a full-blown apparent cause
18 evaluation to really determine what's the issue
19 with the safety issues.

20 Why are we seeing these first aids
21 and why are we seeing these OSHA-restricted duty
22 or recordables, right. So we've had all employee
23 meetings. We had one where everybody joined. All
24 the guys that you see behind me, they all came to
25 the meeting. Kind of reinforced what our

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2 standards are, right, and -- and listen, we don't
3 want people coming home getting hurt, right. You
4 go home, right, you come to work, you do a day's
5 work, but it all goes out the window if somebody
6 gets hurt, right.

7 So we're trying to really drive
8 home procedure adherence, enforcement of
9 standards, and really thinking about you guys at
10 home, your loved ones at home, right. And do you
11 really want to put yourself at risk, right, and
12 affect that family environment, right.

13 So that's kind of the issues that
14 we're pushing, been very receptive by the guys.
15 We really accept -- we really appreciate that.
16 Every day there's safety briefings. No matter
17 what department or what activity you go to,
18 there's safety discussions every single day,
19 including my 8:00 meeting. Cliff can attest to
20 that, right.

21 So we -- we discuss safety every
22 day, got to turn this around. In the Camden
23 facility, they just had a thousand-day run where
24 they had no OSHA recordable. We got to get there.
25 We need to get there, right. And now we're on a

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2 70-day run, right, so I'm appreciative of that,
3 but it's nowhere near a thousand days. We've got
4 to continue to work on that --

5 CHAIR CONGDON: Who had a thousand
6 days?

7 MR. BURRONI: -- getting full
8 cooperation with the unions --

9 MR. OBRIEN: Our manufacturer in
10 Camden.

11 MR. BURRONI: -- okay -- getting
12 full cooperation with the unions, they're doing a
13 great job, right, just got to make sure we keep
14 eyes on path and -- and turn this around. That's
15 all I have pending any questions.

16 CHAIR CONGDON: Do you want to
17 react to the Department of Labor asbestos issue at
18 all that was reported out by Rachel?

19 MR. BURRONI: Again, that was
20 captured in our -- in our corrective action
21 program, shouldn't have occurred, right. We did
22 some training, right, we had -- we turned that
23 around. In fact, we just had a big asbestos job
24 that we just finished. And based on some of the
25 corrective actions from that, we employed those

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2 with the latest job that we did. Those were
3 legitimate issues, yeah.

4 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you.
5 Questions for Rich?

6 MR. CREIGHTON: That was a great
7 report, I just have a quick question on your level
8 four items that were identified by the N.R.C.

9 MR. BURRONI: What page?

10 MR. CREIGHTON: The second one
11 regarding this -- page 11 of your report.

12 MR. BURRONI: Okay.

13 MR. CREIGHTON: I -- I just want to
14 compliment your workers on -- on catching
15 something that came from the Jersey site and you
16 guys caught it as soon as it came to the plant.
17 We really appreciate that. I'm interested in two
18 things.

19 One is was this a one-off, or are
20 we expecting more shipments from New Jersey? And
21 then the second is, you know, when -- mean, we've
22 got corrective actions were established to
23 preclude recurrence that nothing else is coming,
24 or something else?

25 MR. BURRONI: The -- the actions

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2 for us would be to make sure, if we get another
3 shipment like that, right, that we immediately
4 notify the N.R.C. That's why we received the
5 violation. Otherwise we wouldn't have.

6 As far as Oyster Creek is
7 concerned, or Pilgrim, or Palisades, right, we all
8 share the incident with those three other sites.
9 Unfortunately, Oyster Creek got a level three
10 civil penalty, right, so they put corrective
11 actions in place. They put a root cause team in
12 place -- yes, for this incident, right.

13 So they put corrective actions in
14 place to preclude recurrence also. So actually,
15 what happened --.

16 MR. CREIGHTON: (unintelligible).

17 MR. BURRONI: Yeah, it started
18 there. So simply put, they wrapped up a piece of
19 equipment that was contaminated that -- that we
20 can use and can be transported safely. However,
21 when they cinched down on the outer casing, right,
22 it transferred the contamination up to above the -
23 - the casing itself.

24 So there were only two spots on
25 top. Nobody really got affected by it as -- as we

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2 went through all of that data. It's unfortunate.

3 MR. CREIGHTON: Are we expecting
4 more shipments?

5 MR. BURRONI: I won't say no, but
6 I'll tell you that the corrective actions they put
7 in place should prevent that from happening again.

8 MR. CREIGHTON: And this is for
9 (unintelligible) that is segmented and sent back -
10 -?

11 MR. BURRONI: It was for a -- it
12 was for a component that we use for segmentation
13 of the vessel.

14 MR. CREIGHTON: Okay.

15 CHAIR CONGDON: Susan?

16 MS. SPEAR: Yeah. Hi, Susan Spear.
17 Thank you.

18 I wanted to follow up on that same
19 issue, I -- while I certainly recognize that a
20 delayed report is of concern, I feel like that's
21 sort of the wrong problem here.

22 I mean, I -- I guess I'd like to
23 better understand what exposure the workers had
24 during this incident and why another plant can
25 send contaminated instruments to Indian Point, or

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2 any other plant for that matter. I -- it seems to
3 me like it shouldn't be allowed in the first
4 place.

5 MR. BURRONI: Absolutely. That's
6 why we have an issue. I agree with you 100%.

7 MS. SPEAR: Well, did -- did the
8 workers get any exposure when they identified --

9 MR. BURRONI: No.

10 MS. SPEAR: -- the problem? I
11 mean, how --?

12 MR. BURRONI: No. In fact, when
13 the -- when the shipment came, right, we did a
14 thorough search, right, and we picked up on the
15 two hotspots. It was just two -- I won't say just
16 -- it was two hotspots on -- on the container
17 itself, right.

18 MS. SPEAR: And when they do that
19 identification, there was no exposure in that
20 process --

21 MR. BURRONI: Correct.

22 MS. SPEAR: -- to those workers?

23 MS. BURRONI: Correct.

24 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: And what
25 about during the transport process?

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2 MR. BURRONI: I can't hear you?

3 CHAIR CONGDON: While it was being
4 transported, what about during transport?

5 MR. BURRONI: We looked at that,
6 right?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: D.O.T.
8 guidelines for shipment.

9 MS. SPEAR: So how did you -- how
10 did you find -- how did the workers find it? Was
11 -- were they --?

12 MR. BURRONI: We did the survey of
13 the component when it arrived on site as per our
14 procedures.

15 MS. SPEAR: Is that a standard
16 practice?

17 MR. BURRONI: Correct. Yes. The
18 person who spoke is Ray Fuchek. He's our R.P.
19 manager.

20 MS. SPEAR: Thank you. I
21 appreciate the info and glad there was no
22 exposure. I just really do have a concern with
23 contaminated equipment and materials being brought
24 -- you know, being transferred from plant to
25 plant.

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2 I mean, you said that you do get --
3 you do share equipment with other plants.

4 MR. BURRONI: If it's -- yeah, and
5 if it's properly boxed and it's properly
6 protected, it's not an issue. In this case, it
7 wasn't. In this case, the issue was identified.
8 And in this case, it was entered in the correct
9 program.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: Rich, would it be
11 that the tool would go from a hot area and then be
12 used in a hot area --

13 MR. BURRONI: Yeah.

14 CHAIR CONGDON: -- where it was
15 being delivered to?

16 MR. BURRONI: Absolutely.

17 CHAIR CONGDON: So the idea here is
18 that it's in a hot area, so the workers that would
19 be using the tool would have to be wearing all the
20 protective equipment?

21 MR. BURRONI: Yeah. You know,
22 admittedly, they should have done -- Oyster Creek
23 should have done a better job cleaning.

24 MS. SPEAR: Okay. Thank you.

25 CHAIR CONGDON: And that's why they

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2 got the level three --

3 MR. BURRONI: Right.

4 MS. SPEAR: Right.

5 CHAIR CONGDON: -- citation. So
6 it's -- it's -- it's actually good that they
7 caught it at Indian Point.

8 MR. BURRONI: It was.

9 CHAIR CONGDON: And my
10 understanding in the report was that they took
11 readings in the cab of the truck to determine the
12 driver --

13 MR. BURRONI: Absolutely.

14 MR. CONGDON: -- received no
15 exposure, low limits or whatever.

16 MR. BURRONI: The below limits,
17 that's correct.

18 MR. SIPOS: And just to clarify the
19 record, could we get the name of your colleague
20 who spoke?

21 MR. BURRONI: Mr. Raymond Fucia.

22 MR. CREIGHTON: Thank you.

23 MR. BURRONI: He is our radiation
24 protection manager at Indian Point.

25 CHAIR CONGDON: Rich, question.

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2 You know, in previous meetings, we've had a look
3 at the full schedule and some anticipation of
4 heavy demolition activities. And as you know, we
5 want to stand up the community air-monitoring
6 program, the school reported out that they're
7 setting up their own monitoring program as well.

8 So could you just speak to when the
9 earliest date is that you're anticipating any kind
10 of dust-generating heavy demolition?

11 MR. BURRONI: Good question. Since
12 everything is interconnected, right, and the
13 effluent is -- we cannot discharge the effluent
14 any longer, we have to review the schedule. We
15 have to determine the impact to the schedule. So
16 I can't give you a direct answer on that as to
17 when that would happen.

18 However, I -- I will tell you this.
19 The Reuter-Stokes monitors, there are 16 total
20 that -- that John talked about. We don't need to
21 have those in service any longer once we go on
22 fuel-on pad protect.

23 However, I told the guys that I
24 want four of them along Broadway kept in service
25 to help with the community monitoring program, if

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2 that's going to help at all.

3 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you.

4 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: I -- I

5 just have one follow-up --

6 CHAIR CONGDON: Yeah.

7 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: --

8 question. It's kind of related, but -- and Rich,

9 I don't know if you want to try to answer it. But

10 the -- back to the question of the canisters. If

11 there was, in fact, something wrong or -- you

12 know, with the canister and you needed to move the

13 spent fuel in one canister to a better canister,

14 is that something that can still happen at this

15 point?

16 Or are we getting rid of the

17 infrastructure to transfer the rods from one

18 canister to another, if that needed to be done?

19 MR. BURRONI: I'm trying to

20 understand your question. So typically, here's

21 what happens. An M.P.C. is the canister that

22 holds the fuel.

23 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Yeah.

24 MR. BURRONI: Correct?

25 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Uh-huh.

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2 MR. BURRONI: Within that canister,
3 there's a -- it's called like a honeycomb, but
4 it's a basket, right. And that basket is centered
5 within the M.P.C. So if you're going back to the
6 -- the issue that the N.R.C. potentially has,
7 right, to center that basket in the M.P.C., 12-
8 foot-long shims are used to center it. And
9 initially, the shims were welded to the basket.

10 Design change came through so that
11 said we don't have to weld it, we could bolt it.
12 That's all it is; it's just a shim that maintains
13 --.

14 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: It
15 actually wasn't -- it wasn't -- it wasn't related
16 to the design change. It was related to Dave's --
17 .

18 MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah. I -- I
19 understand what you're asking --

20 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Okay.

21 MR. OBRIEN: -- Assemblywoman. So
22 the cask transfer pit remains. The -- the need to
23 move an M.P.C. between overpacks would not really
24 be a necessity. But there is that ability,
25 because you would use that cask transfer pit if

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2 you were going to transfer to a transportation
3 cask.

4 So there is infrastructure to move
5 the M.P.C. They are welded shut. They are
6 backfilled with helium. They are -- monthly or
7 weekly they do the surveys on each cask. So you
8 can identify, through the R.P. surveys, if there
9 was ever to be an issue related to radiation on
10 these -- on these M.P.C.s in the canisters.

11 So based on if an issue ever
12 occurred, and just to be clear, there's never been
13 a crack of any of Holtec's canisters anywhere in
14 the world. The only leaks you've ever seen in any
15 dry storage canisters are on those that are bolted
16 with a gasket and you find that gasket weld, that
17 is not our design, our design is -- is -- is
18 robotically welded on.

19 So depending on what the issue is -
20 - is where you would design kind of the transfer.
21 So theoretically, you could build a larger M.P.C.
22 that then you could place the other M.P.C. inside
23 of, and then put that in an overpack.

24 So you would not take the fuel out
25 outside and move it between M.P.C.s. That's not

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2 how it would be done, but it really would be
3 depending on what an issue is, you would do your
4 corrective actions in your plan to recover -- to
5 meet your certificate of compliance in that
6 manner.

7 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: You just
8 said robotic welding --

9 MR. OBRIEN: Yes.

10 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: -- not
11 bolting, but you just said you're changing it to
12 bolting, not welding?

13 MR. OBRIEN: No -- no -- no. So
14 the bolting he's talking -- this is where I think
15 he was going down the wrong path --

16 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Okay.

17 MR. OBRIEN: -- for your question.

18 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: You went
19 back to --.

20 MR. OBRIEN: Yeah, the bolting was
21 tied to that question that the inspection report
22 that came out on --

23 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Right.

24 MR. OBRIEN: -- Camden earlier this
25 week. So that's actually the honeycomb inside of

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2 an M.P.C. That's where the weld and bolt change
3 happen. It's not external to anything. It's
4 internally in -- in what is robotically welded.

5 ASSEMBLYWOMAN LEVENBERG: Okay.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. OBRIEN: Yeah, no problem.

8 CHAIR CONGDON: I believe Dave
9 Lochbaum has his hand up. Dave?

10 MR. LOCHBAUM: Yeah, this is Dave
11 Lochbaum. First, Rich, I appreciate all the
12 helpful information you've provided me over the
13 last year plus. You answered every question I
14 had, very candidly, and I appreciate that.

15 The question I have is you
16 mentioned that you have an independent person come
17 in and look at the corrective actions at Indian
18 Point and some other Holtec sites. Will that
19 independent consultant -- at least a summary of
20 what the independent consultant found and
21 recommended with it, will Holtec be making that
22 available?

23 MR. BURRONI: Absolutely.

24 MR. LOCHBAUM: Thank you.

25 MR. BURRONI: You're welcome. And

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2 it's been a pleasure working with you, Dave.

3 CHAIR CONGDON: Victoria, did you
4 have a question?

5 MS. LEUNG: Yeah. Victoria Leung,
6 Riverkeeper. This may be a bit premature, but I
7 was wondering if you could talk about what
8 available options you are reviewing for the
9 discharges?

10 MR. BURRONI: Right now, we're not
11 able to -- right now we're not going to discuss
12 that, right. There are multiple options we could
13 look at. Those are all being under review.

14 MS. LEUNG: And a follow-up
15 question, have you had any discussions with
16 regulators about how -- about the possible
17 available options?

18 MR. BURRONI: We'll have that
19 discussion, I'm sure, here at the D.O.B.

20 MS. LEUNG: Thank you.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: Can I ask a follow-
22 up question regarding your approach to this
23 alternatives analysis, which is what is your --
24 what is your objective in a -- in -- in -- in --
25 in looking at these alternatives?

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2 In other words, you know, we, as
3 the D.O.B. and in the joint proposal, are seeking
4 safe, prompt, and thorough decommissioning; right?
5 Are those the guiding principles that you will
6 apply to your evaluation of the alternatives?

7 MR. BURRONI: This is your area.

8 MR. OBRIEN: I figured as much. I
9 knew you brought me for a reason. So again, I
10 think we will look at all options against the
11 schedule and what a proposed schedule may be. I
12 think that the obvious answer, what you're
13 probably going to ask is, would there be major
14 schedule impacts that could affect the length of
15 the project.

16 We're not there yet in the
17 evaluation. Obviously, when we put the schedule
18 together for these projects, it took years to do.
19 So now you're looking to, you know, kind of
20 reconfigure those. But I will say, if you look at
21 other facilities that we have had the same issue,
22 Pilgrim, which was much further along in
23 decommissioning, really all we have left up there
24 is a reactor building, a turbine building, and one
25 support building. That was a four-year add to

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2 that, just that project at a one-unit site.

3 So I would anticipate we'll look at
4 all available options that are allowable, but
5 there will be a schedule impact. I don't think
6 you can avoid it.

7 MR. BURRONI: You know, not only
8 that, right, Dave -- Dave listed four or five
9 different options, right, that we had. We'll --
10 probably, we'll look at those also, right. They
11 always go back to his first -- his first -- his
12 first option, right.

13 And the least risk to the public
14 was discharge to the river. So we'll look at all
15 the options.

16 CHAIR CONGDON: Questions for
17 Holtec?

18 All right. We are very unusually
19 ahead of schedule and I think we can turn now to
20 the public statement hearing portion of this
21 meeting. And for that, I'm going to turn it back
22 over to Tom Kaczmarek to lead us through that
23 program.

24 Tom?

25 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you, Tom.

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2 So just a reminder for those who --
3 attendees who pre-registered to speak will be
4 called on in the order in which they registered.
5 We're going to start this evening, actually, with
6 individuals participating by Zoom.

7 And just a reminder that your line
8 will be unmuted when it's your turn to speak.
9 Just so those listening online can be aware, the
10 first three will be Michel Lee, Manna Jo Greene,
11 and then Ellen Weininger. So Michel, we'll unmute
12 you in a moment here.

13 Those who are unable to speak this
14 evening will be directed to additional
15 opportunities on subsequent slides. But again,
16 the fair -- to provide a fair opportunity for
17 everyone to speak, we'll impose a three-minute
18 time limit on statements. Speakers will be cut
19 off if they exceed that time limit. So just
20 please respect the other individuals in the room
21 and online and offer them an opportunity, as well.

22 So again, I'll turn it to Michel
23 Lee. You'll be our first speaker this evening.
24 And I'll give you cues for when you're coming up
25 on time. Michel?

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2 MS. LEE: Great. Thanks. Can you
3 hear me?

4 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, we can.

5 MS. LEE: Terrific. And I -- and I
6 have my little timer I put in front of me, too.

7 Okay. So first of all, I want to
8 express the utmost gratitude to Governor Kathy
9 Hochul for signing the Save Hudson Bill and to
10 Senator Harckham and Assemblywoman Levenberg and
11 many other legislators at both the state and
12 national level that joined in -- in the bipartisan
13 support for the bill.

14 And I urge the state officials here
15 and elsewhere to work with Holtec to ensure
16 responsible on-site storage of the contaminated
17 wastewater. And on this point, I'd argue that the
18 pre-treatment surveys of the full contamination
19 load, so that would include the radionuclides and
20 other chemicals, should be made public. This is
21 extremely important for overall state and national
22 information. There's no rationale for these being
23 considered proprietary.

24 And -- and on the point of
25 alternatives, I would just say that Holtec puts

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2 itself out as manufacturing the best storage
3 system on the planet. It can hold the most
4 dangerous material, high-level nuclear fuel, no
5 problem for decades and decades, 100 years,
6 transportation everywhere; right?

7 But somehow cannot have the
8 expertise and technical capability to figure out a
9 way to store it in tanks on-site, that doesn't
10 really make a lot of sense to me.

11 I also, just going back to being
12 grateful, want to thank the D.O.B. I think this
13 has been an excellent and very informative
14 meeting. It -- it's really exactly what the
15 public had envisioned when -- when we pressed for
16 the creation of the Decommissioning Oversight
17 Board. And -- and I have enormous optimism that,
18 going forward, you're going to be the model for
19 the country, which is incredibly important
20 because, as the facts brought out tonight
21 demonstrate, we need state eyes on these sites.

22 And so thank you. And I'm going to
23 actually end a second before I have to.

24 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you. Thank
25 you.

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2 Next, we have Manna Jo Greene.

3 Manna, you're unmuted. Manna, can you hear us?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She might be
5 on her phone, calling in on a phone line, but
6 sitting on Zoom, or logged in on Zoom.

7 MR. KACZMAREK: Manna, if you can
8 hear us, we'll try reaching back out to you. We
9 don't see your phone number on, but we'll -- if
10 you join us again in a little bit, we'll -- Manna,
11 can you hear us?

12 MS. GREENE: I'm sorry. Can you
13 hear me?

14 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, we can.

15 CHAIR CONGDON: We can hear you,
16 Manna.

17 MS. GREENE: Could you call on
18 somebody else and let me be next because I was in
19 transit.

20 MR. KACZMAREK: Sure. Understood.
21 Thank you, Manna.

22 Next is Ellen Weininger. We'll --
23 we'll come back to Manna when we can, but then
24 after that, it will be Joshua Raderman and then
25 Margaret Rubick.

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2 So Ellen?

3 MS. WEININGER: Yes. Can you hear
4 me?

5 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, we can.

6 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes.

7 MS. WEININGER: Thank you. My name
8 is Ellen Weininger. I am the Director of
9 Educational Outreach at Grassroots Environmental
10 Education, a science nonprofit based in New York.
11 I also live right here in Westchester.

12 We wanted to commend Governor
13 Hochul for signing the Save the Hudson bill into
14 law to protect our precious water supply from
15 being turned into a radioactive dumping ground,
16 which would have devastated our vibrant,
17 multibillion-dollar Hudson Valley economy that
18 employs tens of thousands of workers.

19 We're also grateful to
20 Assemblymember Dana Levenberg and Senator Pete
21 Harckham for their strong leadership in bringing
22 this bill to fruition. Our state and federal
23 statutes provide the clear authority and
24 responsibility of our state agencies to conduct
25 and implement a science-driven solution process

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2 that includes transparent, independent,
3 authoritative, and comprehensive analyses and best
4 practices for waste management, safe and secure
5 on-site storage, thorough wastewater testing,
6 ecosystem testing, and continuous monitoring, site
7 remediation, continuous air monitoring, as well as
8 for other decommissioning operations and policy
9 decisions with full public input.

10 One example is the comprehensive
11 wastewater testing prior to the waste management
12 process and storage on-site. As you know, the
13 Massachusetts Department of Public Health released
14 their reports on their testing. And their
15 findings included nine PFAS compounds, semi-
16 volatile organic and volatile organic compounds,
17 as well as metals, including zinc, which exceeded
18 New York State limits, as well as cyanide.

19 This underscores the importance for
20 New York State to ensure that E.P.A. priority
21 pollutants, including PFAS, are tested as part of
22 the process.

23 According to Ken Buesseler, a
24 marine radiochemist at the Woods Hole
25 Oceanographic Institution, who reviewed the

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2 Pilgrim analyses, he indicated -- he reported that
3 the numbers for cesium 137 in the untreated water
4 are 200 million times higher than what's in the
5 ocean right now.

6 And further, the test would be
7 needed to determine levels of other radio isotopes
8 such as carbon 14, strontium 90, plutonium,
9 uranium, which require advanced testing.

10 MR. KACZMAREK: Fifteen seconds,
11 Ellen.

12 MS. WEININGER: Thank you. Again,
13 this points up the importance of thorough testing.
14 Mr. Buesseler also pointed out concerns about
15 treatment systems, removing -- and their removal
16 of radionuclides and the repeated need to retreat.
17 And this underscores the importance of New York
18 State involving independent experts -- or experts
19 to determine the effectiveness of treatment
20 systems, what radionuclides would be treated, what
21 radionuclides would need to be re-treated, and --.

22 MR. KACZMAREK: Ms. Weininger, are
23 you wrapping up?

24 MS. WEININGER: Yes. And full
25 oversight of this treatment process.

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2 Thank you so much for the work of
3 the D.O.B. and for attention to these very
4 critical issues. Have a good evening.

5 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you very
6 much.

7 Manna, are you available now or
8 would -- should we --?

9 MS. GREENE: I am.

10 MR. KACZMAREK: Okay.

11 MS. GREENE: And thank you. I want
12 to, in particular, say that tonight, as much as
13 any of the meetings I've attended, there was
14 really good education of the D.O.B. members and
15 the public. And I appreciate that.

16 It's -- when we first conceived of
17 the need for Decommissioning Oversight Board, that
18 was one of the main purposes is to have key
19 stakeholders in the community understand the
20 decommissioning process. I think it's also
21 identified some important gaps that need to be
22 addressed, some with regard to safety.

23 But if I understood correctly, it
24 does sound like Holtec will honor the legislation
25 that Senator Harckham and Assemblywoman Levenberg

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2 proposed and the governor just recently signed.

3 And I think there are good on-site
4 alternatives to be explored. And if there's any
5 help we can provide, including connecting the
6 D.O.B. with experts, we will.

7 And the last thing I want to say,
8 just to keep my comment short, is that it is
9 critically important that New York State take
10 leadership in the protection of human health and
11 the environment. So that in particular would fall
12 to D.E.C. and Department of Health. But there are
13 other agencies that have jurisdiction. And I
14 think that we have very good evidence that they
15 have more jurisdiction than they have been
16 exercising.

17 The N.R.C. does have some major
18 responsibility, but that -- it doesn't end there.
19 And there are also very serious gaps. One example
20 is that the post-shutdown activities report
21 doesn't have to be approved by the N.R.C. It only
22 has to be submitted. And -- and there's no real
23 serious opportunity for public input. So --

24 MR. KACZMAREK: Fifteen seconds,
25 Manna.

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2 MS. GREENE: -- a lot of what we're
3 seeing now is a result of the lack of oversight --
4 proactive oversight by the N.R.C. And the state
5 needs to fill that gap. Thank you.

6 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

7 Next, we have Joshua Raderman. And
8 if I can just ask while we're getting Josh pulled
9 up, Margaret Rubick, if you're joining by phone,
10 if you could dial star 9 to let us know you're
11 joining us this evening. Margaret Rubick, star 9,
12 if you're joining us. And with --.

13 MR. RADERMAN: Hello; can you hear
14 me?

15 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, we can.

16 MR. RADERMAN: Hi; my name is
17 Joshua Raderman. I was born in Rockland County,
18 back -- I'm not going to say when. But my father
19 used to do this in the '70s. My father used to
20 tell me stories about the 1940s when he used to go
21 swimming in the Hudson River and what an
22 incredibly beautiful place it used to be and how
23 it would attract all sorts of different types of
24 folks.

25 I currently now live in Colorado.

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2 Please don't hold it against me. But since that
3 time, I've worked very, very much in the science
4 side of the hemp industry. I really would like to
5 bring to light that here in Colorado, which is --
6 which has an enormous amount of heavy metal waste,
7 radioactive waste, and waste from the mining
8 industry, we have seen dramatic results from the
9 bioremediation of these compounds through the
10 growing of hemp.

11 And I would love -- I would ask
12 each of you to please investigate some of the
13 studies that have been done on this whereas we've
14 seen some incredible results without the use of
15 dumping anything. We've been storing the hemp in
16 hempcrete.

17 We've been processing the hemp.
18 We've been processing radiation through -- through
19 bacterial function in the fermentation process.

20 And here, we've really had real
21 world experience with alternative methods for
22 dealing with superfund sites, as well as intense -
23 - intensely polluted soils. And we've seen
24 remarkable, remarkable results.

25 So I just please -- this is very

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2 close to my heart. I'd love to come back to New
3 York and see the river clean. And I really
4 appreciate what you're all doing to take concern
5 for the citizens of your state. I really do
6 believe that government is supposed to step in
7 where people can't and that hopefully a government
8 is in the best interest of the people, not just in
9 the best interest of the politicians, jobs, and
10 public and private interests.

11 So I really commend all of you for
12 taking care of the people. And I just -- all I
13 ask you to is please investigate some of the
14 remedial options that involve hemp.

15 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

16 Margaret Rubick, just one more
17 opportunity here. Please dial star 9 if you're
18 joining by phone. Or if you're online, please
19 raise your hand. You may be joining under another
20 name.

21 Okay. Seeing none, we'll move on
22 to Jocelyn DiCrescenzo. And while we're pulling
23 Ms. DiCrescenzo up, Tony Costantino, if you're
24 joining by phone, please dial star 9 to let us
25 know you're joining us.

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2 Ms. DiCrescenzo, are you with us?

3 You're unmuted.

4 MS. DICRESCENZO: Can you hear me
5 now?

6 MR. KACZMAREK: Yes, we can.

7 MS. DICRESCENZO: Okay. Great. I
8 have a couple of things I'd like to address. And
9 first of all, I wanted to thank Governor Hochul
10 for signing the Save the Hudson River bill. It
11 was an astonishing event. And I'm so glad that I
12 was able to be party to that. I want to thank
13 everyone on the D.O.B. I'd like to thank
14 Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg and Senator Harckham
15 for their hard work, and everyone who was part of
16 the effort to make things come to the point where
17 they are.

18 My name is Jocelyn DiCrescenzo and
19 I live in Valley Cottage, Rockland County, New
20 York. I thank you for the opportunity to speak
21 tonight. I'd like to say that regarding tritium,
22 we cannot accept it in our air or water.

23 It needs to be kept safe, on-site,
24 away from the environment for at least 60 years.
25 Think about that. Workers will have more work,

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2 which leads to another big concern I have. The
3 public feels very strongly that workers who have
4 experience, skills, and legacy knowledge of Indian
5 Point, and who are union labor workers, should not
6 be used as pawns by Holtec, which is their M.O.

7 They've threatened us twice now, at
8 least. Holtec's previous behavior with labor was
9 that they will try to replace union workers with
10 non-union workers, trying to cut corners, that
11 they will try to do this as a strong-arm tactic,
12 unnecessarily laying off workers. The public
13 supports the workers and we hope that if Holtec
14 tries to do this, the state will push back.

15 Additionally, I'd like to bring up
16 the subject of inspections. I'd like to speak
17 regarding that at Indian Point, to ensure that
18 Holtec does not -- does not heat the wastewater so
19 that it evaporates into the air.

20 The D.E.C. should have continuous
21 monitoring and inspections at Indian Point to
22 ensure that Holtec is not engaged in forced
23 evaporation of wastewater in light of the
24 whistleblower's highly technical report letter,
25 stating that Holtec is employing a forced

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2 evaporation process during its decommissioning of
3 the Pilgrim nuclear reactor in Massachusetts. I
4 know you've addressed that a little bit.

5 Similar to some Occupational Safety
6 and Health Administration inspections, some of
7 these inspections should -- should not only be
8 scheduled in advance, but should be surprise
9 inspections. They should be a surprise.

10 There also needs to be proactive
11 public posting of reports in a timely manner on
12 the Decommissioning Oversight Board docket so that
13 we actually have access to the information, so
14 that we can make timely -- do our own timely
15 reporting and questions and concerns that we would
16 like to address. So --.

17 MR. KACZMAREK: Thirty -- thirty
18 seconds, Ms. DiCrescenzo.

19 MS. DICRESCENZO: That's all. I
20 just wanted to thank you very much. And those are
21 just a few of my concerns. Thank you.

22 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

23 Tony Costantino, please raise your
24 hand on the Zoom chat, if you're joining us. Star
25 9, if you're joining by phone.

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2 Seeing none, we'll move to the
3 speakers attending in Cortland. I'll name the
4 first three here. You may begin walking up to the
5 mic. Nancy Vann will be our first speaker in
6 Cortland, followed by Tina Volz-Bongar, and
7 Santosh Nandabalan.

8 MS. VANN: Hi. Thank you for
9 giving me the opportunity to speak to you today.
10 You may have noticed when I walked in that I had a
11 nosebleed. I hope to -- I'd hoped to not have
12 that by the time I got here, but it continued.

13 Unfortunately, that's not my most
14 concerning health problem related to Indian Point.
15 As a cancer survivor, I am very concerned about
16 not only the past releases of radiation from the
17 Indian Point plant, but also the threat to
18 continue those releases.

19 Despite the fact that we have
20 wonderful law passed by Dana Levenberg and Peter
21 Harckham and the whole Legislature of New York and
22 signed, thankfully by Governor Hochul, we have
23 heard that Holtec has threatened to take that to
24 court or to ignore the -- the law and continue to
25 dump radioactive water. This cannot happen.

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2 You might also have noticed My No
3 Holtec t-shirt. That is not something that has
4 been done by the groups here. This is from a
5 group in New Mexico where some of my Native
6 American friends live.

7 They don't want this waste taken
8 out there and dumped on their lands, either. They
9 are only one of the many groups and governments
10 that are concerned about the actions of Holtec for
11 very good reason.

12 Holtec, in the past, has a very bad
13 record of ignoring laws. Starting with things
14 like bribing a T.V.A. supervisor. After that,
15 lying on government forms to get New Jersey tax
16 credits. Promising non-existent jobs to the State
17 of Ohio to get tax credits. And most recently, a
18 whistleblower has brought to our attention that
19 they wanted him to lie on a prospectus in order to
20 get a grant of investment from the Hyundai
21 Corporation.

22 MR. KACZMAREK: Fifteen seconds.

23 MS. VANN: This has come out this
24 year. And this ongoing contempt for the law is
25 particularly concerning to me as a former retired

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2 Wall Street lawyer to lie on a prospectus in order
3 to get -- get an investment.

4 MR. KACZMAREK: Ms. Vann, are you
5 wrapping up?

6 MS. VANN: That's something that
7 has been in the news with other folks. And lying
8 on government forms is particularly on all of our
9 minds these days. Thank you very much.

10 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

11 Next, Tina Volz-Bongar.

12 MS. VOLZ-BONGAR: Hi, I'm Tina
13 Volz-Bongar. And I live in Peekskill, New York.
14 And I'm part of United for Clean Energy and also
15 the Stop Holtec Coalition, and that involved
16 stopping the dumping.

17 I really want to -- to thank
18 Governor Hochul. Governor Hochul did the right
19 thing by the citizens. And this is what we did.
20 We really -- anyway, we lobbied her, we educated
21 her, we got out the masses, and we did the right
22 thing. All of us want to see this waste stored
23 on-site and not in our air or our water.

24 I want to thank Senator Harckham
25 and you, Assemblymember Levenberg, and I guess,

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2 Sandy Galef wasn't here, I thank her for doing the
3 right thing and putting this legislation forward.

4 I want to thank you, John Sipos,
5 for writing a letter to the N.R.C. and calling
6 them out on the rulemaking process. I'm very glad
7 you did that and informed the public about that.
8 And now I can advocate to my elected federal
9 officials, which I plan to do.

10 Tom Congdon, thank you for writing
11 a letter about the N.R.C. inspectors. And I don't
12 believe that Holtec should be allowed to do any
13 work until we look at the N.R.C. inspectors and
14 the kind of inspection reports that they've done.
15 Call me crazy. It's 2,000 tons of irradiated fuel
16 that we have on-site there. This, I mean --
17 anyway.

18 So with that -- and it's been a
19 year since I did my emergency planning
20 presentation, and this is what I'm going to send
21 to the N.R.C. I'm going to tell them that I am
22 not part of their sacrifice zone. So I plan to
23 get active to try to get an expert, get the county
24 involved, and in disaster preparedness management
25 because we are next to pipelines. We have climate

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2 change. We have Hudson River rise. And --
3 anyway.

4 So Mr. Burroni, I've been talking
5 to some experts. I reached out to some experts,
6 and I'm wondering if you would be open to watching
7 an interview that I did recently with an expert
8 about temporary on-site storage?

9 MR. BURRONI: Sure.

10 MS. VOLZ-BONGAR: Oh, great. Thank
11 you. All right. That's all I have to say.

12 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

13 Next, we have Santosh Nandabalan,
14 followed by Jacquelyn Drechsler and Courtney
15 Williams.

16 MR. NANDABALAN: Thanks. Yeah. I
17 can keep this short. My name is Santosh
18 Nandabalan. I'm a community organizer with Food
19 and Water Watch and Food and Water Action. We
20 represent over 200,000 members and supporters
21 throughout New York State and really, really want
22 to convey this.

23 I know it's been said a lot, but a
24 huge thank you to Governor Hochul for signing the
25 Save the Hudson bill. This is incredibly

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2 meaningful legislation, not just for New York
3 State, but we need to set a precedent that our
4 waterways are no longer dumping grounds, not just
5 for radioactive waste, but for industry to take --
6 to take not only citizens for granted, but a
7 beloved environment and something that hosts a
8 giant economy for the region. So that is a huge
9 boon.

10 Thank you, Assemblymember
11 Levenberg. Thank you, Senator Harckham.

12 For us, moving forward is what do
13 we do with this waste? This is a real issue for
14 like this energy source in general. But now that
15 it's here, we want to make sure that this waste
16 doesn't end up in our air and our water.

17 And I think for a lot of the people
18 in New York State, a lot of the public, there's a
19 real mistrust in some of the regulatory oversight.
20 There's definite mistrust in Holtec. There's
21 definite mistrust in some of the process.

22 But we see that work is being done
23 to rebuild that trust and work is being done to
24 ensure that public voices are brought in. We want
25 to, one, make sure that the process on this is

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2 done right so that the wastewater is tested
3 properly, that there's ample opportunities to get
4 public comment and -- and insight from people that
5 are -- are either experts or, you know, we all
6 drink the water, breathe the air, for everyone in
7 the community.

8 And two, a big thing here we -- we
9 see, at least in a temporary point here, is that
10 this waste can be stored safely on-site. And
11 we're happy to work not only with the Hochul
12 administration, but with state agencies here to
13 work through what that looks like and to make sure
14 we can, ourselves, check on what we think is the
15 right thing to do.

16 So moving forward, we really want
17 to see on-site storage of this waste, while it
18 degrades -- degrades, have it not end up in our
19 air and water. And we want to set a precedent
20 here that you can't just dump it somewhere else.
21 So moving this waste to another location is simply
22 off the table. We think that it's here, we have
23 to deal with it now. Moving forward, there's a
24 conversation for our regulatory agencies and how
25 industries operate.

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2 We are grateful to see more
3 progressive leadership take on protecting our
4 waterways and protecting our economy. So thank
5 you to the folks that have been pushing to make
6 sure we're here today. We're going to take that
7 forward and ensure that the Hochul administration
8 continues its good work. And we hope to interface
9 with all of you. Thanks.

10 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

11 Ms. Drechsler?

12 MS. DRECHSLER: Yes. Hello. I'm
13 Jacqui Drechsler from Valley Cottage, New York.
14 And I do thank the D.O.B. This has been a very
15 good meeting, and Holtec for participating. So I
16 did come here with notes to take, a whole page of
17 notes which have gone missing.

18 And I'm a classical flautist and I
19 can memorize concertos, but I just can't memorize
20 my notes like that. So I'm just going to talk a
21 little bit about this testing of the waters.

22 So I know that the D -- the
23 Department of Health is quite comfortable and used
24 to doing testing of waters. But I do believe that
25 there needs to be much more comprehensive testing

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2 of these waters. I also feel that -- that there
3 needs to be characterization of what's in that
4 water.

5 Now, at the last D.O.B. meeting,
6 there was a gentleman from the N.R.C. here who
7 said, oh, I have that in my suit, in my briefcase,
8 but he wouldn't show it. So obviously, Holtec has
9 done their testing. Is that correct, Mr. Burroni?

10 MR. BURRONI: Yes.

11 MS. DRECHSLER: Yes. But is not
12 willing to release the results of that until there
13 has been the treatment and then they'll release
14 it. But we need to know that now. I don't
15 understand why there can't be transparency. This
16 is information we all need to know. We need to
17 know what's in that water. We need to know what
18 the levels are. We need to know how many times it
19 needs to be treated and what different kinds of
20 treatment have to happen.

21 And so that's something that's
22 very, very important to me. And I also do believe
23 that there's really going to be the way to move
24 forward to have storage on-site that's safe,
25 that's away from the environment, that's away from

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2 people.

3 And quite honestly, you know, so
4 tritium has this thing called the half-life, which
5 everyone knows. And really, we need it to be here
6 for about 60 years and let it really decay before
7 it is released. And I do believe that there's no
8 reason for it to not be here.

9 We're going to be having the casks
10 here. I don't see why we can't keep the water
11 here and let it actually decay until it's at a
12 safe enough level that it won't be harming the
13 environment.

14 So I do want to thank everyone,
15 especially Senator Harckham, Assemblywoman Dana
16 Levenberg, and all of the D.O.B.

17 I mean, you've really been, at --
18 at times, willing to share information with us.
19 But you know what? We need transparency. There's
20 no such thing as proprietary information here.

21 MR. KACZMAREK: Fifteen seconds,
22 ma'am.

23 MS. DRECHSLER: So I'm just hoping
24 that we're going to store it safe on-site for as
25 long as we possibly can, not for one cycle, but

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2 for more than one cycle, and that everyone will
3 work together and play in the sandbox nicely.
4 Thank you.

5 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

6 Ms. Williams? And up next will be
7 Susan Shapiro and Michael Marx.

8 MS. WILLIAMS: Thanks. Courtney
9 Williams from Peekskill. And I want to reiterate
10 the thanks that was expressed by so many other
11 speakers for Governor Hochul signing the bill and
12 our electeds for getting it through and for other
13 work by members of the D.O.B.

14 And I have a bunch of questions. I
15 can just say them and then if there's responses,
16 hopefully, that won't eat into my time. I'm
17 wondering if Enbridge has notified the D.O.B.
18 about Project Maple? Will that include pipeline
19 work at Indian Point? Has anybody heard of it?
20 They're planning to expand the Algonquin Pipeline
21 again.

22 On the 25th of August, the U.S.
23 Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit invalidated
24 the N.R.C. license granted to interim storage
25 partners for an interim storage facility, finding

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2 that the N.R.C. didn't have authority under
3 federal law to issue licenses for interim storage.

4 So I'm wondering what impact that
5 has on Holtec's plans since they keep telling us
6 they'll be sending the waste somewhere, but it's
7 not legal. And the N.R.C., they touted the
8 license they got. You can't. It's been
9 invalidated. So I don't know if we need to file a
10 lawsuit against Holtec or if that precedent will
11 hold for Holtec, as well.

12 Tina held up this mailer, but I
13 don't think she described what it is. This is
14 something I got in the mail earlier this week,
15 implying that it is a sure thing that the N.R.C.
16 will grant Holtec the permission to stop
17 maintaining the 10-mile perimeter because per this
18 piece of P.R., since the fuel has been removed
19 from the reactor and is being placed in long term
20 storage in the casks, there is no longer a risk of
21 a significant radiological emergency at the site
22 affecting Westchester, Rockland, Orange, and
23 Putnam Counties.

24 Again, you know, so many people
25 know what a Q.R. code is, and everybody around

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2 here speaks English. But I guess, in this case,
3 it's probably just as well that they don't read
4 this. But we heard, again, you know, parents in
5 this community have been told over and over again
6 how great those Reuter-Stokes monitors are and
7 how, you know, we're so safe and we'll know if
8 there's a problem.

9 But now we hear they're going to be
10 no longer maintained, taken -- and taken down.
11 You know, we don't have a million dollars around
12 here to send out these fancy mailers. But let me
13 remind everyone that the soil at Indian Point is
14 contaminated because everything's been leaking for
15 decades.

16 And as we know from wildfires in
17 California, when you set radioactive stuff on
18 fire, like contaminated soil and stuff like that,
19 that spreads the radioactivity. So I don't know
20 how Holtec decides what is considered a
21 significant radiological emergency.

22 But considering that I'm like a
23 mile from the plant, I might have a slightly
24 different criteria for that.

25 MR. KACZMAREK: Ms. Williams, are

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2 you wrapping up?

3 MS. WILLIAMS: Yup. Last question.
4 The July 2023 questions that were asked, that the
5 answers were uploaded recently, they were mostly
6 non-answers, including instructions to call
7 Pilgrim ourselves and Google stuff for answers.

8 And I should hope, given that on
9 their own flyer they talk about our fleet, that
10 asking our Holtec questions about Holtec at
11 Pilgrim would get us an actual answer and not a
12 kiss-off to go call Pilgrim ourselves.

13 So I hope those questions will be
14 actually answered and the responses will be
15 amended so that, you know, we're not all calling
16 Pilgrim Holtec.

17 MR. KACZMAREK: Ms. Shapiro, who's
18 going to be followed by Michael Marks.

19 MS. SHAPIRO: Thank you for this
20 meeting tonight. I thought it was very
21 informative. And I want to thank all of our
22 elected officials, including the governor, for
23 doing everything to stop -- stop the dumping into
24 the river, and protecting our river in the region.
25 So thank you for that.

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2 I really want to thank you and
3 support Mr. Congdon and Mr. Sipos, trying to get
4 the N.R.C. to do the right thing, to actually
5 create some sort of decommissioning procedures
6 because they have backtracked on that.

7 They used to have them, they
8 abandoned them, and now there's this process in
9 place. So I really support your efforts to make
10 that happen. I doubt it will.

11 So in the meantime, I really feel
12 there's a serious gap. And that's why New York
13 State has -- and the D.O.B. has to stand up and be
14 the ones who really require procedures to be
15 followed and really ensure that there's
16 protection.

17 I was a little shocked after we saw
18 that slide about the 15 monitors, then to hear
19 that, oh, yeah, well, there's -- we're only going
20 to have four left. We're going to shut them down.

21 Who gets to make that decision?
22 Who's -- is it Holtec gets to make that decision?
23 Or New York State should be making that decision
24 to protecting our -- all of us? And are those
25 monitors only for air? Or are they also for

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2 water? And I -- I -- I really was a little
3 appalled to hear that.

4 So I do think that's one level of
5 where the state has to step in and really fill
6 this gap that the N.R.C. is not going to take.

7 I also agree with Mr. Lochbaum's
8 issues about the -- the minimal inspection, the
9 two -- one or two casks every five years.

10 And then we hear, oh, but that
11 doesn't start for 20 years. So what happens from
12 now to 20 years when we may have some problems
13 with these casks and nobody's monitoring them?

14 I think once again, New York State
15 has to say, no, that's not adequate. We need more
16 inspections. We need proper inspections. We need
17 transparency of inspections.

18 And what happens -- we heard that
19 the casks, if they drop at a certain height, can
20 be damaged. What about if there's an earthquake?
21 We know Indian Point is at the cross section of
22 two earthquakes. Earthquakes are happening more
23 often these days. There's a lot of world-changing
24 issues and nobody's really addressed that.

25 Then -- then we talked tonight --

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2 Holtec told us tonight that they're going to be
3 using chemicals to clean various pipes and tubes.
4 What happens to those chemicals that are now
5 radioactive? What kind of chemicals are being
6 used? Where are they getting stored or dumped?
7 What -- what's the -- we need to follow along all
8 these different parts of this process. It's a
9 very complicated process.

10 Where's -- and -- and once again,
11 as other people have said, we need to know what's
12 in the effluent that is going to be then
13 supposedly cleaned or filtered before you do that.
14 So we know what we're talking about, what --

15 MR. KACZMAREK: Fifteen seconds.

16 MS. SHAPIRO: -- chemicals are in
17 there? What -- what level of chemicals are in
18 there? This is the bottom of the spent fuel pool.
19 This is the dredges of spent fuel pool two that we
20 know has had problems for years and years and
21 years.

22 So once again, I ask that we -- New
23 York State, the D.O.H., the D.E.C., the Public
24 Service Commission, please stand up, and the
25 A.G.'s Office We have the right as a state to be

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2 the ones who have oversight over this process
3 because the federal government will not do it.
4 They've passed it on to the state. It's now in
5 our hands. Thank you.

6 MR. KACZMAREK: .
7 Mr. Marx?
8 Following Mr. Marx is Bruce Given
9 and Nathan Plummer.

10 Is Mr. Given with us this evening?
11 Great. Mr. Given, if you'd like to come up to the
12 mic.

13 MR. GIVEN: Thank you. I've lived
14 in New York State all of my life. I've been
15 working with nuclear from 18 years old on. I'm
16 very worried you're going to Chicken Little
17 yourselves into a radiological disaster. You're
18 worrying about a lot of minutiae. You got to get
19 the cans into Yucca Mountain, and we're all safe
20 for 10,000 years.

21 Along the way, you're worried about
22 the water. Japan's dumping all the stuff of
23 Fukushima Daiichi into the Pacific. Nothing's
24 happened. You worry about Chernobyl. Well,
25 Chernobyl was a comedy of errors. Fukushima
Daiichi was a comedy of errors. We've learned a

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2 lot as human beings. We make mistakes; we learn
3 from them.

4 You're crying over picocuries and
5 scratches and cracks in concrete. And as the
6 gentleman said, it's a multipurpose container. If
7 the outside cracks, you pick it up, put it in
8 another container. If it's in Yucca Mountain,
9 nobody's going to be looking at it. Nobody's
10 going to be opening that can to look to see what's
11 in it because it's going to be buried for 10,000
12 years and you're going to be a -- it's your
13 suicide if you want to go in there.

14 You really -- you're worrying about
15 the wrong things. You're trying to decommission
16 the plant, not realizing as human beings, we've
17 learned how to handle this stuff. It's not the
18 crisis you're making it out to be. So if you guys
19 want to walk -- dead walk into it, that's fine by
20 me. I'll be dead. I'm not going to live that
21 long. I don't care. But those cans have to be
22 moved to Yucca Mountain or our great grandchildren
23 are going to be in danger.

24 There has to be a final solution
25 provided by the federal government to fix that

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2 Yucca Mountain and open it up for the thousands
3 and thousands and thousands of spent fuel cans and
4 low-level radioactive waste that we need to park
5 somewhere until finally Mother Nature takes care
6 of it.

7 You're worrying about tritium.
8 Half-life is 12 years. There's so little tritium
9 left, why are you worrying about it? You're
10 worrying 60 years, 120 years. It's practically
11 gone. It's naturally occurring in the oceans,
12 comes down from sunshine.

13 You're worrying about radiation
14 from here.

15 I -- I -- I swear, you should all
16 go nude sunbathing in Florida to stoke up some
17 hard-core radiation from a thermonuclear furnace
18 we call the sun. Smoking a cigarette, we burn
19 coal for energy and nobody worries about the
20 radioactive ash falling out of the coal.

21 MR. KACZMAREK: Fifteen seconds.

22 MR. GIVEN: They're even talking
23 about mining uranium out of the coal. I think
24 we're looking at this through a microscope when we
25 need to step back and say, look, we need to get

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2 the cans out of here, get them to Yucca Mountain,
3 get them out of the Hudson Valley.

4 They have a design life of 110
5 years. Are you going to wait 110 years to find
6 out that the engineers were right? Or are you
7 going to get them out of the Hudson Valley as
8 quickly as possible, so it's not a problem
9 anymore?

10 MR. KACZMAREK: Mr. Given, are you
11 wrapping up?

12 MR. GIVEN: I'm done. Thank you.

13 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

14 Before -- before Mr. Plummer
15 begins, Warren Smith and then Joseph Fordyce will
16 be following. Thank you.

17 MR. PLUMMER: Good evening. My
18 name is Nathan Plummer and I'm a resident of White
19 Plains, New York. I actually worked with Con Ed
20 for over 30 years and spent a little bit of my
21 time at Indian Point. And worked from primarily
22 at five eleven and all of it, had me down to 14th
23 Street, as well.

24 Long story short of why I'm here
25 and my team is here. Mr. Joshua Raderman --

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2 Raderman is on our team, as well. We're here to
3 actually introduce remediation as an alternative
4 process to the wastewater dumping. We are not in
5 total opposition to Holtec, but we do believe that
6 we have an alternative means of remediating the
7 tritium.

8 And we'd like for you to take a
9 real serious look at what we're presenting. And
10 it is, as Mr. -- as Josh had said, something that
11 they're doing in other parts of the country. It
12 has been done, even at Chernobyl, and in Italy,
13 where they had an explosive accidental -- accident
14 at a machine -- it's a machine shop, whatever --
15 it's an ammunitions machine shop. And they used
16 it and the residents at Italy are back in their
17 residence. And at Chernobyl, they are still using
18 it, the hemp, which is cannabis sativa to
19 remediate the soil.

20 This is one of my associates, Mr.
21 Mike Reese, who will take up the rest of my time.
22 And I'll just --.

23 MR. REESE: Thank you, Nathan.
24 Michael Reese. I'm the retired president of
25 Pollution Control Industry in East Chicago,

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2 Indiana. I've done thousands of chemical
3 hazardous waste disposal facilities.

4 Nate asked me to look into the
5 dealing with the tritium water. I think there's
6 1,340,000 gallons of it. And Nate's approach to
7 this -- with this hemp product appears to be
8 something we should look at. And that's why we're
9 here. Thank you.

10 MR. KACZMAREK: Can you just state
11 your name again, sir?

12 MR. REESE: Michael Reese.

13 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

14 MR. REESE: Retired President of
15 Pollution Control Industries in East Chicago,
16 Indiana.

17 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

18 MR. REESE: Yeah.

19 MR. KACZMAREK: Mr. Smith?

20 MR. PLUMMER: Do I have time left?

21 MR. KACZMAREK: You have about 15
22 seconds if you want to take it.

23 MR. PLUMMER: In regards to the
24 total process of the remediation, it actually
25 takes the hemp, remediates the contaminants. Then

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2 there is a form application called pyrolysis.

3 They're using it in California. They are burning

4 -- it's not really a burning process. It's

5 actually a containment of a biomass and the

6 biomass, itself, is heated up to 1800 degrees in a

7 vacuum-sealed environment, so no contaminants come

8 out.

9 And they're using this right now to

10 produce electricity for the California Utility

11 Company. And the gentleman who actually

12 spearheaded it is Mr. Bill Reilly. We get some

13 time, maybe at another meeting, he will come in

14 and -- and speak, but his website information is

15 in the packet. I have two other packets.

16 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you, sir.

17 MR. PLUMMER: I think I did send

18 some to some of the other participants here, but I

19 have two other packets that I can hand out this

20 evening. But I thank you for the time.

21 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

22 MR. PLUMMER: Thank you so much.

23 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

24 Warren Smith?

25 MR. SMITH: Hi. I'm Warren Smith.

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2 I'm a lifelong resident of Cortland. I've
3 actually lived in the hamlet of Verplanck for my
4 entire life and -- which I think makes me -- I
5 think I live about the closest to the plant of
6 anyone in this room, I'm pretty sure. We hang a
7 clothesline on the second dome there, reactor two,
8 basically.

9 But what I've been listening to
10 tonight and over the past, I think I've been to
11 maybe three or four board meetings, is a great,
12 you know, conversation. And in that conversation,
13 we've got politicians, we've got professionals and
14 professional staff, and we have -- it seems like,
15 you know, our -- our resident nuclear expert, Dave
16 Lochbaum.

17 And from what I understand, there
18 was four different ways to get rid of this
19 tritiated water so we can proceed with
20 decommissioning the plant. We could do what
21 they've been doing for 60 years, which was release
22 it into the Hudson River.

23 We could evaporate it, which I was
24 told, I think Dave -- I don't know if you're still
25 on, but if I remember right, it was 700 times more

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2 dangerous than releasing it into the Hudson River.

3 We could store it into -- into
4 tanks, which I think one of the conversations I
5 heard was like a 64% of a failure rate over 12
6 years of the tanks.

7 And then the last, but not least
8 was to ship it off to some other place. And that
9 was out of the -- out of the question because of
10 environmental injustice.

11 And what I noticed tonight was that
12 the Riverkeeper's representative, Ms. Leung, and -
13 - and Assemblywoman Levenberg were hanging on
14 every word that Dave, you know, in his
15 presentation and asking him questions. And you
16 guys seem to respect his -- his perspective and
17 his -- his experience.

18 And from what I understand -- and
19 his recommendation was to release into the Hudson
20 River was the safest. That was following what I
21 would call the science, which is something that
22 I've heard a lot lately on T.V. I've been trying
23 to do myself. I'm a graphic designer. I'm not a
24 scientist in any way, shape, or form. But I -- so
25 I would rely on these experts.

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2 So what I was wondering is, when
3 legislation was being drafted to stop that -- that
4 recommendation, what -- what you relied on for
5 your -- for your -- for your references --
6 reference material in order to decide that that
7 was something that needed to be done? If -- If
8 we're following the science. That's really -- in
9 the end, I'm 60 years old. I just got a -- a new
10 -- a newborn granddaughter just over a week ago.
11 And from what I'm hearing in this room, she's
12 going to be the one cleaning up the site 60 years
13 from now.

14 MR. KACZMAREK: Fifteen seconds.

15 MR. SMITH: And that really does
16 not sound like something that I want to see
17 happen.

18 One thing -- quick thing was the
19 tanks from what I understand, storing in the
20 tanks, they're not sealed. So my daughter, my
21 granddaughter, my children will be breathing the
22 evaporated water that's coming out of those tanks.

23 So it's really, the kind of -- I
24 really hope you guys are going to follow the
25 science, whatever the next step is. I don't know

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2 what it is, but I hope that it's well-researched
3 and that we're all going to be safe. And thank
4 you very much.

5 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

6 Joseph Fordyce, are you with us
7 this evening?

8 MR. FORDYCE: How you doing -- how
9 you doing? My name is Joseph Fordyce and I'm --
10 I'm here from Mount Vernon, New York. I'm a
11 member of this county, been so my whole life and
12 I'm -- I'm here in support of the team with Nathan
13 Plummer, bringing forth the phytoremediation.

14 I've had -- I've been -- I've had a
15 hemp company in this county for several years and
16 just to see that the possibility of being able to
17 use such an alternative, I think would be very,
18 very exciting and environmentally friendly in a
19 lot of different ways.

20 And I think whatever is needed to
21 investigate this should be done on Holtec's behalf
22 because, if possible, we should be looking at how
23 we're looking at a sustainable -- sustainable
24 alternatives, environmentally friendly
25 alternatives, especially doing something like

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2 decommissioning something so, you know, vital to
3 everyone. Thank you.

4 MR. KACZMAREK: Thank you.

5 So that concludes the public
6 statement portion of tonight's meeting. As was
7 mentioned earlier, there are a number of avenues
8 to submit comments, certainly at our meetings
9 during the public statement portions, but also
10 those available on the -- on your screen. The
11 links here are all also viewable on our website,
12 DPS dot NY dot gov, slash, Indian Point.

13 So with that, I turn it back to
14 you, Tom.

15 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you.

16 Very good meeting. Thank you all
17 very much. Any last words by our members of the
18 D.O.B.?

19 Mayor Knickerbocker?

20 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yes, I'd like
21 to say something. First of all, I'd like to know
22 if Dave Lochbaum is still on the line?

23 CHAIR CONGDON: Dave, do we still
24 have you?

25 MR. LOCHBAUM: Yeah. Dave

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2 Lochbaum, still here.

3 CHAIR CONGDON: Great.

4 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: I have -- I
5 have a few questions Dave. I have attended --
6 since the announcement of the closure in 2017,
7 I've attended every possible meeting in reference
8 to what was going to be happening to our
9 community. And just -- I just want you to
10 clarify, since you're an independent expert, the
11 half-life of tritium, I believe you said was 12
12 years?

13 MR. LOCHBAUM: Twelve point three
14 years, yes.

15 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. Because
16 there's -- there's been different numbers that
17 have been thrown out here tonight. So I just want
18 to take it from you that it's 12.3 years.

19 Also, I know you had done a very
20 wonderful presentation at one point on the storage
21 containers that are being recommended by people to
22 store the effluent. And when you had that
23 conversation or that presentation, you did mention
24 -- or if you want to -- if you want to speak now
25 on what your thoughts were about those storage

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2 containers, I know you explained how this -- what
3 the storage container vented -- you know, how it
4 vented.

5 So would you like to go over that
6 in your own words? Otherwise, I'll just do a
7 synopsis of it.

8 MR. LOCHBAUM: Yes, this is Dave
9 Lochbaum. When I looked at on-site storage of
10 contaminated water, I found that it's -- a
11 recurring problem is that the tanks leak. Either
12 they're overfilled because of faulty level
13 instrumentation. Vermont Yankee, for example,
14 fairly recently, dumped 140,000 gallons of water
15 into the Connecticut River, contaminated water.

16 Fukushima store has a lot of water.
17 Before they treated and released it to the
18 Pacific, it leaked out and found its way into the
19 Pacific.

20 Indian Point, on several occasions
21 in the past, has had storage tanks leak. February
22 of 2009, I believe it was, they had a 10,000-
23 gallon-a-day leak that they didn't discover for a
24 while.

25 And the result of that is the

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2 tritium or the contamination gets into places it
3 shouldn't be in more concentrated or higher levels
4 of contamination than if you did what was done for
5 the last 60 years, treat and release it.

6 So therefore, the potential harm to
7 people who come into contact with that spilled or
8 leaked fluid is a greater hazard than doing what
9 was done for the last 60 years. That's why I
10 recommended treat and release, instead of taking
11 the gamble.

12 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. And then
13 you also said that it is vented through the top,
14 that the -- the container does need to be vented?

15 MR. LOCHBAUM: Yeah, there are --
16 there are different ways of venting it. Some of
17 them are -- are -- are passive. So only if
18 there's a differential pressure does the vent
19 valve open to allow air in or allow air out to
20 prevent the tank from imploding or exploding. But
21 it is -- over the life of the thing, it will leak.

22 Another system was to put a bladder
23 inside the tank to contain the fluid, but bladders
24 fail in about seven years. So it just delays the
25 leakage into the ground. It doesn't prevent.

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2 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Thank you. So
3 listening actively during your presentation and
4 the conversations that have gone on, I and my
5 board felt, to protect the residents of the
6 village -- and let me -- let me first back up and
7 say this. We very clearly understand that what
8 happens on that property not only affects the
9 Village of Buchanan, but the community as a whole.

10 Okay. So we -- we understand that.
11 But being the mayor of the village, it is very
12 important I also protect our residents. Listening
13 to that, it is very clear that the storage of
14 water on-site in those containers is not
15 acceptable or is a viable alternative.

16 So not only the Village of
17 Buchanan, it will affect the other surrounding
18 communities, our neighbors in Verplanck, our
19 neighbors in Montrose, our neighbors in Peekskill.
20 It's not a viable alternative. So that is not
21 going to be an alternative.

22 I appreciate everyone's opinion
23 here of what to do on the site. I appreciate
24 that. I've listened with an open mind. But you
25 also have to understand we are residents of the

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2 Village of Buchanan. We have absolutely a right
3 to our own decisions and our own opinions.

4 I've respected yours. I've
5 listened to yours. But with the understanding of
6 what's happening with this, I went back to my
7 board and we did do a resolution that there will
8 not be -- or there'll be no permits given for
9 storage above or below ground on the 240 acres or
10 any parcel in the Village of Buchanan.

11 So what we have to do is find some
12 way to get rid of this water. And you might not
13 agree with me. You might be angry at me, but my
14 job is to protect the residents in the village.
15 And that is not a viable alternative.

16 So I -- I speak to some of the
17 speakers tonight, the gentleman that said, you
18 know, we'll go to the -- the spent fuel.

19 Yes, the federal government, the
20 D.O.E., has promised to find a permanent
21 repository. That's on them. So you know, we have
22 all these activists here. Time to get after the
23 feds. Because yes, that property -- that should
24 be taken off of the property also.

25 Going back to the water, you know,

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2 I -- I'm hearing another alternative here. Maybe
3 it's a possibility. I don't know. I'm not a
4 scientist. All I know from the information I
5 heard, that is not what we need to do is put those
6 containers on that property. It vents.

7 And Dave, I believe you said that
8 when it vents, whatever is in there could
9 potentially be on the ground as it vents. So it
10 just makes common sense that's not -- that's not a
11 viable alternative.

12 So we're going to disagree on
13 things, but this is one thing the Village of
14 Buchanan feels very strongly about. The Village
15 of Buchanan hasn't been considered here.
16 Unfortunately, we're hearing do this on the
17 property, do that on the property. Well, what do
18 the residents of the village think? What do they
19 want?

20 You know, so let's -- let's work
21 together. Let's not, you know, say this is what
22 the alternative -- this is what we're doing.
23 That's not acceptable to the village. So I'm very
24 sorry, but --.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

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2 (unintelligible).

3 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: That's been --
4 yeah -- yeah. That's -- but this -- we're
5 talking about the water. We'll talk about -- so
6 I'm in agreement with you. We can find a
7 permanent repository. I'm good.

8 MR. O'BRIEN: Hold on. That is
9 heat alone. There is nothing else that vents out
10 of those.

11 MR. BURRONI: You have to understand
12 the science behind and the construction of the
13 casks. It's heat removal from the casks,
14 themselves.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
16 (unintelligible interruption from audience).

17 MR. BURRONI: I know this would be
18 my last point.

19 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Go ahead.

20 MR. BURRONI: Can I just say a couple of things?

21 CHAIR CONGDON: Yeah.

22 MR. BURRONI: All right. Thank you
23 very much. So from a -- from a transparency
24 perspective, right, Kelly Turturro, her
25 department, and Holtec, we worked exclusively on

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2 an M.O.U., right, before we would release anything
3 to the river. And that M.O.U. required split
4 samples to look at every radionuclide, right,
5 including stuff that we would do from a SPDES
6 permit, which were boron and lithium and some
7 other -- some other things.

8 We're fully transparent. I had no
9 issue with that. Then there was an issue about,
10 well, what are you going to do with strontium if
11 it takes longer? I would have waited. There was
12 a 12-day wait period before we would release the
13 tanks anyway. It's all in the M.O.U.

14 So I would ask -- and I don't know
15 why you're laughing, but I would ask that you go
16 to the website, read the M.O.U., read the stuff
17 that we're trying to do, right, and then if you
18 have a comment on that, please come and see me.

19 We were fully transparent on what
20 we wanted to release to the river. And it was a
21 split sample. I had nothing to do with anything
22 that the state saw from the sample.

23 Kelly, you can back me up. You
24 don't?

25 MS. TURTURRO: Well, the state

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2 signed an M.O.U. with Holtec, yes, D.E.C. and
3 D.O.H. to undertake split sampling.

4 MR. BURRONI: Right. So I have no
5 problem looking at what we were to release. And
6 if you want to look at what we want to -- what's
7 in the pool now, we could do that also. Okay. So
8 that's an issue, right? So just ask us instead of
9 making accusations.

10 MR. SIPOS: Excuse me -- excuse me.
11 I would like to have some order here. I'd like to
12 have some order so that the court reporter can
13 take down what Mr. Burroni --

14 MR. BURRONI: Thank you

15 MR. SIPOS: -- and Ms. Turturro are
16 saying. People were able to speak tonight and
17 speak their piece and they were not interrupted.
18 And I would ask, following Senator Harckham's
19 suggestion, that we all be polite and considerate
20 with the people.

21 Mr. Burroni is trying to express an
22 idea. Ms. Tuturro was making a point. Let's let
23 our fellow New Yorkers speak and have their say
24 just like others were allowed tonight. Thank you.

25 MR. BURRONI: And unfortunately, I

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2 raised my voice. So I'll apologize for that. All
3 right. So but -- but -- but my point is this, is
4 we had no problem doing a split sample with the
5 state and verifying what we would have discharged
6 to the river was well -- was well within any
7 limits. We had no problem with that.

8 Second thing, the Reuters-Stokes
9 monitors, again, were monitors, right. With the
10 fuel in the casks, right, there's just not enough
11 energy that we need the Reuters-Stokes a mile out
12 of the property.

13 What I did, I volunteered to help
14 the community program is to leave the four in
15 service on Broadway in case anybody was worried
16 about what would happen to the B.V. school. I
17 didn't have to do that. I thought it was a nice
18 gesture.

19 And it gets turned around like it's
20 a negative. I just don't understand that.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

22 (unintelligible)

23 MR. BURRONI: Why do I need them?
24 There isn't enough energy for them to see. That's
25 the point you need to understand.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

3 (unintelligible)

4 MR. BURRONI: There's never been a
5 breach to any of the -- any of the casks that
6 Holtec has developed.

7 MR. O'BRIEN: And to that point,
8 they are regular --

9 MR. BURRONI: Yes.

10 MR. O'BRIEN: -- and to that point
11 they are regularly surveyed by the R.P.
12 department, monthly. So if you would notice a
13 difference in any radiation level, it would be
14 known at the cask first.

15 CHAIR CONGDON: I'm going to just
16 seek to wrap this up, but I encourage anyone if
17 you want to stick around in the room and engage
18 and talk some more, then you're welcome to do so.

19 Nancy, we've had the public
20 statement.

21 MS. VANN: I just wanted to have a
22 question for Mr. Lochbaum since this is new
23 information that we've just gotten that we weren't
24 able to comment on in the public comment period
25 that --

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Nancy --.

3 MS. VANN: -- that -- there these
4 cans --

5 CHAIR CONGDON: Nancy --.

6 MS. VANN: -- would leak.

7 CHAIR CONGDON: Nancy, we --.

8 MR. SIPOS: Excuse me, Tom is
9 trying to respond to what is occurring here.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: Yes. Nancy, we --.

11 MR. SIPOS: So I would ask if you
12 would let Mr. Congdon, who's the chair, to control
13 this meeting. We had a public statement.

14 MS. VAAN: Yes. I'm just asking
15 him if I could ask.

16 MR. SIPOS: Now, please, excuse me.
17 My colleague, Tom Congdon, wishes to speak.

18 CHAIR CONGDON: It's okay.

19 MS. VAAN: Yeah.

20 CHAIR CONGDON: It's all right --
21 it's all right, Nancy.

22 Look, we've -- we've -- we've
23 provided how we can take additional comments and
24 questions. We will answer the question. I can
25 follow up with you after the meeting. I'm trying

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2 to wrap up the meeting.

3 You have a question for Dave.
4 We'll answer it. I'll follow up with you
5 immediately after the meeting and we'll get you
6 the answer.

7 MS. VAAN: Well, we are still early
8 with wrapping up the meeting. I just have one
9 question today. I'm just asking --.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: Dave. Dave, would
11 you entertain a quick question?

12 MR. LOCHBAUM: Sure, I'd be glad
13 to.

14 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. Go -- go
15 ahead.

16 MS. VAAN: The question is we've
17 heard from Dave about how safe, and from Holtec
18 about how safe the casks and canisters are. And
19 now we're hearing how dangerous the pools are.

20 My question is how can you make
21 100% safe casks and canisters for this highly
22 radioactive spent fuel, but not be able to make
23 pools that don't leak the water that is also
24 radioactive? That's my question today, and to
25 Holtec.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: Go ahead, Dave.

3 MR. LOCHBAUM: I don't know. I
4 think -- I think the problem is this when the --
5 if you've ever paid a nickel for an overdue
6 library book, you've paid a nickel more than the
7 N.R.C. has ever fined anybody for spilling
8 millions of gallons of contaminated water here,
9 there, and everywhere.

10 Because there's no sanction for
11 doing wrong, there's no incentive for getting it
12 right. If there was a sanction for leaking water,
13 we would have tanks that didn't leak. But since
14 there's not, there's not.

15 MS. VAAN: Thank you very much.
16 Thank you.

17 CHAIR CONGDON: Okay. I would like
18 to just have a closing -- closing observations and
19 then we're going to wrap up.

20 And Rich, you're -- you're --
21 you're welcome to -- to hang out and have a few
22 more conversations.

23 MR. BURRONI: I just have one last
24 thing.

25 MR. SIPOS: One last thing.

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2 CHAIR CONGDON: And then I'm going
3 to wrap up.

4 MR. BURRONI: Courtney, if somebody
5 told you to call Pilgrim, I apologize for that.

6 MS. WILLIAMS: It's in there.

7 MR. BURRONI: All right. And so
8 let me know what it is and we'll get you the
9 answer. That's all I have.

10 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you.

11 And Victoria, one last comment?

12 MS. LEUNG: Sorry, I missed the
13 opportunity earlier. I just want to restate
14 Riverkeeper's great thanks to Assemblywoman
15 Levenberg, to Senator Harckham, to Governor
16 Hochul, to all the community members that
17 advocated for the Save the Hudson bill.

18 And Riverkeeper still stands
19 strongly behind on-site storage for the tritiated
20 water. Thank you.

21 CHAIR CONGDON: Thank you. And I
22 think I'm --.

23 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Well, we have
24 a difference of opinion. That's all.

25 CHAIR CONGDON: Mayor -- mayor,

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2 your comments at the end and -- and the follow-up,
3 I -- obviously there's a lot more discussion to
4 continue to be had with respect to the wastewater.

5 We look forward to hearing the
6 results of Holtec's analysis of options. And
7 there will be more discussion at future D.O.B.
8 meetings of that subject.

9 And we respect all of the opinions
10 and -- and -- and voices on the matter. So I
11 appreciate everyone's participation tonight. Our
12 next meeting is on December 6th. We thank
13 everyone for their attendance. And safe travels
14 tonight. Thank you.

15 (The meeting adjourned at 8:55
16 p.m.)

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3 I, ANNETTE LAINSON, do hereby certify that the foregoing
4 was reported by me, in the cause, at the time and place,
5 as stated in the caption hereto, at Page 1 hereof; that
6 the foregoing typewritten transcription consisting of
7 pages 1 through 157, is a true record of all proceedings
8 had at the hearing.

9 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
10 subscribed my name, this the 28th day of September, 2023.

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12 ANNETTE LAINSON, Reporter

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