1	DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
2	CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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4	IN RE: Washington Aqueduct Open House for :
5	the Draft Environmental Impact :
6	Statement for a Proposed Water :
7	Treatment Residuals Management Process:
8	X
9	Tuesday, September 7, 2004
10	Washington, D.C.
11	Oral statements and questions of interested parties were
12	taken at the Dalecarlia Water Treatment Facility, 5900
13	MacArthur Boulevard, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007 from
14	6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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16	Notes:
17	Comments from different individuals are separated by the following symbol " ******** "
18	Names of respondents have been removed from the transcript to protect individuals privacy.
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1	COMMENTS / QUESTIONS
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3	I'm President of Spring Valley West
4	Homeowners' Association. That is consistent of 157
5	family homes, single home dwelling. And we are opposed
6	to the landfill, dump. Thank you.
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9	My comment is regarding your screening process. I
10	have looked at the material, which has been posted on
11	the internet and it's very useful and it's very
12	comprehensive; however, it presents a screening process
13	of something like 20 or 25 alternatives and simply says
14	that a certain number of them met the screening and
15	certain didn't. It doesn't say who decided that they
16	met the screen.
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18	And I want to be sure I understood so,
19	therefore, the information that's on the web about what
20	the alternatives are and which ones met the screen, why
21	certain ones met the screen and certain didn't was not
22	clear to me. I know that there is a matrix that shows by
23	a whole series of criteria which ones met it, but it

- 1 really doesn't -- it's not clear about why certain checks
- 2 were in certain boxes and who made the decision about
- 3 which box to check.
- 4 So my comment is that I think you should
- 5 make that information available. Otherwise, the
- 6 information you're got on the internet is very easy to
- 7 access. It is very well done. It's very helpful. But
- 8 it's not clear how alternatives were chosen to meet
- 9 certain screening criterion or not. And that may be a
- 10 technically complex subject, but still think that's key,
- 11 because my reading of it was that many of the criterion
- 12 met the screening. That's all. That's my comment.
- I think it's dishonest to
- 15 show pictures of the trees without saying what season the
- 16 pictures were taken because the buffering is going to be
- 17 a lot less in winter. The pictures, having lived in the
- 18 neighborhood, I'm quite sure the ones taken along
- 19 Dalecarlia Parkway were taken in summer when the
- 20 vegetation is very thick. So the EIS is terribly
- 21 misleading to people who might be within sight of the
- 22 monofill because maybe we'll see it in the winter while
- 23 they might not see it -- see it as much in the spring or

1	summer. It's really a serious flaw in the EIS.
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4	My wife and I live in Spring Valley and studied Alternative
5	A and we both are vigorously opposed to it as
6	environmentally unsound and an unnecessary intrusion on
7	the residential quality of the neighborhoods abutting the
8	aqueduct. Thank you.
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10	I would like to - very much would like to approve C.
11	I think C does far less damage to our houses than any other.
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- 1 I am a native
- 2 Washingtonian. I am distressed by the poor management of
- 3 this. The acoustics are terrible. I cannot hear clearly
- 4 what he is saying. Moreover, the questions of the
- 5 audience are terrible. He mentions we can go on email
- 6 and can get some information. Why couldn't that have
- 7 been printed out here for information here. Instead, we
- 8 come here and then you have to call in later on and
- 9 hopefully we can get some in sent to us. It is very,
- 10 very poorly done. I hope there will be some better way
- 11 to establish this.
- 13 I'm from the Western
- 14 Avenue Citizens' Association. I think to add trucks to
- 15 the roads will affect the foundations of our homes and
- 16 our roads, which has been fixed by the District of
- 17 Columbia already. The Western Avenue Citizens'
- 18 Association will feel it will have to sue to protect our
- 19 property if sludge is transported by trucks. That the
- 20 trucks will present a safety concern which is not been
- 21 addressed. There are a lot of pedestrians on Western
- 22 Avenue and there have been a lot of accidents there.
- 23 These trucks will present a tremendous safety risk.

1	Thank you.
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4	This meeting arranged at the treatment plant is a
5	disaster. I want to hear what my neighbors have to say
6	and I want them to hear what I have to say. And the
7	process leaves a lot to be desired. We're all standing
8	in a big hall. I can't hear the questions and so it
9	makes the whole proceeding useless. And I think it ought
10	to be done again and provide for adequate facilities, not
11	in an echoing hall where nobody can hear the questions.
12	I don't blame the Director, but somebody
13	has lack of foresight here.
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15	I would like to have
16	another meeting where we can all sit down in an
17	auditorium. It's impossible to hear the questions
18	because of the echo. We don't even understand the
19	speaker 30 percent of the time. We have to stand. And
20	this meeting is very unsatisfactory. Would you please
21	hold the same type of meeting in a proper auditorium and

then ask the people to line up with their questions so

they can be given in an orderly way? In other words,

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1 like any decent meeting. It doesn't have to be
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- 2 segmented, quote, unquote, just a well-run meeting,
- 3 period. Thank you.
- 4 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*
- 5 I favor Alternative B
- 6 because it is the most equitable distribution of the
- 7 costs and the exposure over the entire weight-base, not
- 8 just one portion of the area.
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- 11 I am from Bethesda. The criteria seem to be weak. For
- 12 example, we hear that the District, the Metropolitan
- 13 Area, has a shortage of trees and yet you're now saying
- 14 you're going to take a minimum of 30 acres of trees and
- 15 possibly more. This doesn't make sense. When I asked
- 16 your staff about drainage, they had no decent answers.
- 17 But you will have toxic drainage from there. The Blue
- 18 Plains alternative offers access by barge to transport
- 19 the material so it makes it a permanent solution, not
- 20 temporary. Also, be aware that many states consider this
- 21 substance hazardous material.
- 23 Well, we just wonder if they

1 considered that there was an impact on the neighborhoods,

- 2 because, of course, this is a meeting of 400 outraged
- 3 people and we feel that they tried to make it through.
- 4 Nobody had any word of this until late July and they've
- 5 been working on it, obviously, for many, many months.
- 6 And then -- \*\*\*\* has a question.
- 7 We suggest that the next meeting, which
- 8 should be fairly soon, be in a local school that has a
- 9 decent auditorium so you don't have 400 people standing
- 10 up, a lot of whom are elderly and they're having trouble.
- 11 So we think there should be another meeting very soon in
- 12 which they can take the comments of the neighbors.
- 14 Have you considered the fact
- 15 that you're going to have a major hospital in your
- 16 backyard?
- 18 My statement is the
- 19 monofill will go in Dalecarlia over my dead body.
- 20 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*
- 21 The landfill and the
- 22 trucking are short term solutions. Piping is the only
- 23 viable solution because it's long-term and it's safe and

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it gets it out of our neighborhood. Period.
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     The option of cutting
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     down 30 acres of trees that have taken more than 30 years
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     to grow for a short-term solution seems a little odd when
     by piping everything to Blue Plains, it could not only be
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     stored there, it could be moved from there to other uses,
     as far in the future as we can see. Otherwise, you will
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     ruin the air quality around here and they're going to
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     just have to go pipe it to Blue Plains anyhow. So it
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     doesn't provide much.
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     I live off of MacArthur Boulevard. And I am
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     very concerned about the trucking option, as it would
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     endanger the children on our block, as well as pollute
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     the air, as well as shake the foundation of our house and
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     our neighbors' houses. And our retaining wall is already
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     showing damage and our house is cracking from trucks that
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     currently run up and down the streets. And we're very --
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     I'm very in support of -- very much in support of the
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pipeline, as I feel like it's the most cost-effective

solution over a long period of time. And that is all.

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3	I'm against the trucking option
4	for the damage and the pollution and the danger to the
5	neighborhood. I am for a long-term permanent option,
6	such as the pipeline and would be more than happy to
7	support it, whatever means I could do. Thanks. Thanks a
8	lot.
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10	I just wanted to reiterate
11	the two points I made tonight. The first is that it is
12	not right to say to the people in the District who are
13	concerned about transportation and the people in Maryland
14	are concerned about the sludge shop. People in both
15	areas are extremely concerned and strongly opposed to
16	both of those alternatives. It will have a major impact
17	on our whole area, as well as the environment that is
18	somewhat preserved within that area.
19	My complaint my second point was to ask
20	why the Corps had not stated the maximum height for the
21	sludge dump or a maximum number of acres to be clear-cut.
22	I think the 80-foot height and the 30-foot clear-cut is

staggering, but at least we should know if it can be

worse than that. And I believe the answer was that it

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was not possible to state the maximum. And I strongly
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     object to that. Thank you very much.
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     I have a suggestion. Why wouldn't you truck at night?
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                    Another suggestion. Truck at night to the
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     river and barge it down to the Blue Plains plant. Okay?
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     I was wondering what the
     reason is for not just going ahead and doing the Blue
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     Plains stream-in facility. It seems to me that unless
     there are some tremendous reason for not doing that, that
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     is just a no brainer given the topography of Dalecarlia
     Parkway; that they should use the long-term solution
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     though it might cost more in today's dollars and just get
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     the sludge out of here.
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     I'm adamantly opposed to the monofill and I want it
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     stopped now.
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23 I've looked at the three

- 1 alternatives and two of them pose long-term environmental
- 2 problems and one poses all of the environmental problems
- 3 only during it's construction, which is moving the
- 4 material away to Blue Plains via pipeline. So, from a
- 5 resident's point of view, this is a no brainer, because
- 6 we're concerned about the long-term environment. If the
- 7 only risks are whether in the short-term it can be built
- 8 in time, that's a risk we think the Washington Aqueduct
- 9 should be willing to take because that is the one scheme
- 10 that doesn't pose long-term questions and issues for our
- 11 environment and our children. Thanks.
- 13 I am absolutely opposed to
- 14 the monofill. I think the only real solution is the
- 15 pipeline. If you look at the monofill, it's a very
- 16 short-term solution relatively speaking. Even at a
- 17 substantial cost differential, the pipeline is a better
- 18 investment for achieving the goals of moving the material
- 19 back into the Potomac.
- 21 I think it is unconscionable
- 22 to take 30 acres worth of trees, including the deer and
- 23 the foxes, and then to create -- then for the chemicals

- 1 to stay there and for children to be -- or anyone for
- 2 that matter to be exposed to those chemicals. That's
- 3 all.
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- 5 I have two things. The
- 6 first is that if you go on record, there was no official
- 7 announcement of a sign-up sheet to register how many
- 8 people were here. So this is not reflective, the sign-up
- 9 sheet does reflect the total number of people that were
- 10 here.
- 11 My comment is on the monofill plan, it
- 12 shows an outline for the monofill; however, discussions
- 13 with the moderator there, he recognized that you would
- 14 have to have berms and holding ponds and everything like
- 15 that. I'm assuming that's going to be around a bigger
- 16 parameter, so you're not showing the whole thing. And so
- it's a larger area than what is shown.
- 18 The second thing is, also on the monofill
- 19 plan, it shows that this would give us 20 years to have
- 20 technology catch up. So it gives you that false sense
- 21 that technology is going to provide a better plan at the
- 22 end of 20 years when you've completely decimated a
- 23 forrest with the monofill, as well as all of the berms

- 1 and the holding ponds and everything. And, yet, when I
- 2 go over to the trucking guy, I find out that the
- 3 technology that they are anticipating having at the end
- 4 of 20 years is the trucking option, which you need to --
- 5 they need to be more specific and answer questions,
- 6 anticipate questions and not give half-baked information.
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- 9 I am a 31-year resident of the
- 10 District of Columbia and a 10- year
- 11 resident of Spring Valley. I just spoke with one of
- 12 the professional representatives here this evening who
- informed me that if the monofill option is used that
- 14 there will be residuals of aluminum hydroxide. This will
- 15 be in an area that is highly congested with residents,
- 16 particularly elderly residents and next door to a
- 17 hospital and it's in an area where we, the residents,
- 18 well know we have underground munitions left over from
- 19 the Army, plus there is a network of underground springs.
- 20 That's why they call this Spring Valley. So it would be
- 21 important to know, number one, when these materials leach
- 22 out of the monofill, as they inevitably will, into the
- 23 ground, what health effects will that have on the

- 1 residents and the patients in the hospital. And the same
- 2 concern would be for the dust in the air in a city which
- 3 is very polluted which has a higher cancer rate than
- 4 almost anywhere in the country. I myself am a victim of
- 5 cancer. I would have to move out of the neighborhood if
- 6 this proposal were to come to pass. I would much prefer
- 7 to see a more sensible alternative that can result in the
- 8 sludge being removed to an area where it does not put any
- 9 residents at risk.
- 10 I wanted to note that despite the fact
- 11 that I am active in the
- 12 neighborhood and a member of the Spring Valley West
- 13 Citizens' Association, I was totally unaware of this
- 14 proposal until approximately a week ago, which indicates
- 15 to me that the Corps of Engineers had not done an
- 16 adequate job of providing the public with notice of their
- 17 proposals and an opportunity to comment.
- 19 This area has one of the
- 20 most valuable real estate values in practically the whole
- 21 country. If they need the money to build the pipeline,
- 22 they will be better off selling the existing land and
- 23 putting in residential areas and using that money for the

1 pipeline. It would be very good for the tax revenue of

- 2 D.C. and it would not destroy the whole community. This
- 3 landfill would destroy a whole area and it would only
- 4 solve the 20-year problem.
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- 6 I think the format for
- 7 this meeting was absolutely awful. Nobody could hear
- 8 anything and there was no reasonable forum for any kind
- 9 of discussion that anybody could participate in. And I
- 10 think that very few people up until the last few weeks
- 11 were even aware that this process of any kind was going
- 12 on. There has been virtually no notification of the
- 13 whole process and when one looks at the schedule of
- 14 accomplishments that is proposed, we are very near the
- 15 end of the draft EIS period and then it goes into a 60-
- 16 day public comment period and there is virtually -- I'll
- 17 bet you that 90 percent of the people that were here
- 18 won't even know what a draft EIS and what it can do and
- 19 what it can't do and how it is to be used in decision
- 20 processes.
- 21 I think that there are a lot more people
- 22 here than they anticipated and they are not prepared in
- 23 any sense to deal with this. And I think that unless

- 1 they -- unless the Corps of Engineers, or whoever is
- 2 dealing with this, turns around and starts over again
- 3 with their outreach to the public that they are going to
- 4 run into a fire storm from the people in the immediate
- 5 neighborhood and the people that are going to be affected
- 6 by any of the alternatives.
- 7 One of my big concerns is that they had --
- 8 they apparently started with 23 or 26 alternatives and
- 9 virtually nobody knew about them and nothing has been
- 10 published about any of these, to my knowledge or to the
- 11 knowledge of anybody that I've talked to here. And that
- 12 screening process of going down from 26 down to the 3
- 13 alternatives that they're now talking about is -- is not
- 14 -- it's not understood by anybody and nobody is going to
- 15 have any confidence in it.
- 16 And I think a process -- a whole program
- 17 like this really depends on getting good public
- 18 participation and good public -- good public acceptance.
- 19 They may not agree with everything, but at least they
- 20 know something has to be done and they want a voice in
- 21 looking at the alternatives. And that has not been
- 22 provided yet. And I believe that that's going to cause
- 23 the Corps of Engineers a lot of trouble until they get

- 1 that sorted out.
- 2 And one of the ways of starting to get
- 3 that sorted out is to have a public meeting that is
- 4 meaningful in a facility that is conducive to answering
- 5 questions and starting at time zero and telling people
- 6 what they're doing and why they're doing it and what the
- 7 process is and how they came to the -- why they came to
- 8 the schedule and the decision that they reached. They
- 9 haven't done any of that and I would hope they would
- 10 consider that as they go ahead.
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- 12 I don't know exactly what
- 13 I'm allowed to say, but I am very much against the dump
- 14 being developed on the ground adjacent to Dalecarlia
- 15 Parkway. I think it was a tremendous environmental
- 16 effect and it's not the highest and best use for the
- 17 ground. The people, such as myself, who bought homes in
- 18 the area didn't expect industrial uses to be developed
- 19 around our homes and I think it's a short-term fix and
- 20 something that should be corrected now, not later. And I
- 21 think we're not comparing apples and apples as far as the
- 22 cost. If what is driving this is cost, we're looking at
- 23 the cost to develop a dump that is only going to

- 1 alleviate the problem for 20 years. And comparing that
- 2 to the pipeline and the other alternatives, we're not
- 3 comparing apples and apples because you're not capturing
- 4 the additional cost after 20 years to come up with a new
- 5 solution after the dump is full. That's all I have to
- 6 say.
- 7 I believe Alternative B is the best
- 8 solution because after 20 years and after filling up the
- 9 dump adjacent to our homes on Dalecarlia Parkway and
- 10 after destroying all of that acreage of green space we're
- 11 going to have to revert to Alternative B anyway. We're
- 12 going to have to convert the whole program to Alternative
- 13 B where we're trucking the waste out of the area instead
- 14 of concentrating it. I think that they ought to just
- 15 bite the bullet now and go to the Alternative B as a
- 16 solution to this problem.
- 18 My first comment --
- 19 question as to whether EPA conducted a NEPA process
- 20 considering these impacts when they made their decision
- 21 as to what conditions they would put on the permit that
- 22 they had issued and whether or not, if EPA did not do
- 23 that, whether they need to go through that type of

- 1 process now or if they should be a cooperating agency
- 2 with the Corps of Engineers and have their permit be one
- 3 of the options or conditions on that permit be subject to
- 4 consideration of options for that permit as part of this
- 5 NEPA process.
- 6 As far as the three alternatives that the
- 7 Corps of Engineers is considering, I'm concerned that any
- 8 alternative that has a 20-year maximum life is not really
- 9 a useful or not a viable or patentable alternative
- 10 because by the time we're finished with construction and
- 11 implementation of that project we would still be where we
- 12 are now 20 years from now, still looking for another
- 13 permanent solution.
- 14 As far as Alternative B, which would be to
- 15 truck everything out, I think the neighborhood impacts of
- 16 10 to 20 trucks of that size a day going through
- 17 relatively neighborhood-type streets would be a
- 18 significant impact on the community and also on the local
- 19 roads as far as maintenance on the road and all of the
- 20 impacts of the truck traffic.
- 21 Alternative C seems to be the one that has
- 22 the least impact on the community as far as piping it to
- 23 Blue Plains. It certainly has the least impact on the

- 1 neighborhoods of Northwest Washington and nearby
- 2 Maryland. Understanding the cost is somewhat more, but
- 3 from what I heard today the cost did not sound
- 4 significantly more than the cost of the alternatives that
- 5 had much greater impacts. Thanks.
- 6 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

- 8 I just
- 9 wanted to register my significant concern over this
- 10 proposed monofill alternative for moving -- for the
- 11 deposit of the sediment from the river. I think it has
- 12 been described in somewhat benign terms, but I can't help
- 13 feeling that this is an industrial by-product that may
- 14 have significant long-term health consequences for the
- 15 neighborhood that lives near it.
- I don't believe that I have seen in the
- 17 materials presented on the floor here or in any
- 18 discussions with folks from the Army Corps of Engineers
- 19 that addresses the issue of whether sediment that they
- 20 are depositing in the monofill is, in fact, likely to be
- 21 free of so many of the chemical by-products of
- 22 agricultural run-off of the various fertilizers and anti-
- 23 weed control products and various other chemicals used in

- 1 agriculture significantly up river.
- 2 They describe -- I suppose it's fair to
- 3 say that the monofill will be quite unsightly and they
- 4 used the tree screen as a way to mollify people's
- 5 thinking on the subject. However, it is my belief and,
- 6 in fact, we may be doing what we did with the World War I
- 7 munitions, which is to put a significant potential
- 8 environmentally hazardous by-product in close proximity
- 9 to a heavily developed dense city populated residential
- 10 location. And until I hear a strong response to that
- 11 concern, I am definitely not in favor of this
- 12 alternative.

- 15 And I have been at this meeting since 6:30 this
- 16 evening. At one point, because of the size of crowd, it
- 17 was decided that Mr. Jacobus would go into the hall, the
- 18 seated area, the little auditorium, and was to address
- 19 questions that we might have and as of 8:10 this evening,
- 20 he has not gone there. It is 8:35 and he has not ever
- 21 come into that room. And I just wanted to point out that
- 22 quite a few citizens were sitting in there waiting for
- 23 him to come in and address our concerns and they've got

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1 nothing left and the room is now empty at 8:35.
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- 2 So I want to say that this was a public
- 3 relations fiasco. I feel as a citizen of Montgomery
- 4 County that essentially the Washington Aqueduct has
- 5 thumbed its nose at the citizens, it's neighbors, by
- 6 saying essentially that they don't care about the
- 7 process, that they don't care about involving us at an
- 8 earlier stage in the game when there are more
- 9 alternatives on the table, some of which we might
- 10 actually like or may have some contribution to make.
- In essence, I feel shut out of the
- 12 process. Except for the Blue Plains alternative, I don't
- 13 really want to comment on either of the trucking
- 14 alternative or the monofill alternative. I think that
- 15 they are both untenable, short-term solutions. To me
- 16 they seem to be 19th century solutions to a 21st century
- 17 problem. I think we need to be looking more into the
- 18 future in terms of recycling and addressing our waste
- 19 products in a long-term fashion. Thank you for this
- 20 opportunity to speak.
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23 I had two questions, basically, for the

- 1 process. One is in the August 12, 2004, letter from the
- 2 Department of the Army, on the residuals processing
- 3 alternatives, Alternative A noted that on average six on-
- 4 site truck trips per day six days per week would be
- 5 required to transport residuals. And Alternative B, that
- 6 an estimated average number of trucks for handling the
- 7 residuals is approximately ten per day during the five-
- 8 day work week. I wanted to know why the discrepancy
- 9 between 36 truck trips and 50 truck trips on a weekly
- 10 basis.
- 11 My second question was in the truck route
- 12 alternative site proposal there was absolutely no
- 13 inclusion of the Clara Barton Parkway as an access point
- 14 to 495 and, clearly, the most direct route from the water
- 15 treatment plant would be down MacArthur to Arizona and
- 16 onto Clara Barton Parkway. If it's a matter of getting
- 17 an exemption or some change in designation for parkway
- 18 usage, it know that certainly needs to be considered.

- 21 I live in Spring Valley. And my concerns are
- 22 two-old. One, that we're looking at a short-term
- 23 solution and, obviously, this is something that is a

- 1 long-term problem, a long-term issue that we need to be
- 2 finding an environmentally-friendly solution for, getting
- 3 rid of the residuals.
- 4 The short-term solution, especially the
- 5 monofill, I think is the worst possible solution of the
- 6 three that we have been faced with here, for one reason,
- 7 obviously, an environmental standpoint and, just from an
- 8 aesthetic standpoint, having an 80-foot high, eight-story
- 9 high monofill the size of 30 football fields is not
- 10 something that I want in my front or back yard.
- 11 Secondly, from a traffic standpoint it
- 12 seems to also be the worst possible solution, and not a
- 13 solution at all. You have six trucks a day that are
- 14 continually and constantly going down the same route.
- Whereas, in the alternative that is
- 16 allowing the material and the residuals to be trucked
- out, you would not only be able to properly disseminate
- 18 the residuals across large areas, you would also have
- 19 less traffic burden due to the fact that you would have
- 20 more routes.
- 21 I also don't under the fact that you can't
- 22 have a more direct route out, which is the route down
- 23 Arizona and down the Canal area toward Clara Barton.

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1 Obviously, that is something that needs to be looked
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- 2 into. But it definitely offers more traffic solutions.
- 3 Lastly and finally, it's just the fact
- 4 that we need to really be thinking more in long-term
- 5 environmentally friendly solutions. In the short-term we
- 6 know that there are problems and it's something that
- 7 we're going to have to deal with, but let's not destroy
- 8 our neighborhood in the process. Thanks.
- 9 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*
- 10 I'm
- on the Spring Valley Board of Directors. And one of my
- 12 concerns, there are many, but the short-term solution --
- 13 I mean, 20 years from now, what is going to happen?
- 14 We're going to need to address the situation all over
- 15 again. The other thing is living in Spring Valley we've
- 16 already dealt with the Corps of Engineers, the arsenic
- 17 and the munitions. And my understanding is the monofill
- 18 is going to be built on an area that has munitions in it
- 19 and they are yet to be discovered. So this is even more
- 20 problematic than has been publicized.
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23 I would like to express my opposition to the landfill. A

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1 couple of points, we say this is a short-term solution,
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- 2 which is somewhat true. The problem is once you have
- 3 created this thing, it's going to be a long-term landmark
- 4 and an eyesore for the community and possibly a health
- 5 hazard.
- 6 The trucking option, I would be in favor
- 7 of.
- 8 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*
- 9 One of the factors
- 10 driving the decision is cost. And from the cost
- 11 estimates that I've seen, the landfill seems to be the
- 12 cheapest one. I wonder if the cost of the landfill takes
- 13 into account that this is a temporary solution and in 15
- 14 year's time they going to have to do another project.
- 15 So, on a short-term basis, a landfill may be the cheapest
- one, the least costly alternative, but on a long-term
- 17 basis, the fact that it has to be done twice once the
- 18 landfill gets filled up may drive the cost up so that it
- 19 becomes actually the most expensive alternative, as
- 20 opposed to the other three. Thank you.

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23 I'm hoping that we could resolve this in a way that

- 1 we don't have to do the same thing twice. And so,
- 2 hopefully, we could go to Alternative C which seems to be
- 3 the most reasonable way to not create a new problem by
- 4 trying to solve another problem. And maybe we could just
- 5 do a financial study and see what it would take to get
- 6 this set up and get it done in a way that will be of
- 7 long-term positive results. So my button would read vote
- 8 for C and forget A and B. All right, thank you.
- 9 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*
- 10 (The following are handwritten comments
- 11 provided to the Stenographer.)
- 12 9/7 Comments.
- 13 Alternative C is the best alternative as it is already a
- 14 processing facility and away from residential areas and
- 15 drinking water supply.
- 16 Please do not proceed with the monofill.
- 17 It is too close to a public water supply and may have air
- 18 quality issues, it could end up back in the water. Also,
- 19 the sheer enormous size is very disturbing and unsightly
- 20 to the Maryland residents with absolutely no cover from
- 21 the view of the monofill. It should not be built in this
- 22 area.

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