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IN RE: PUBLIC NOTICE  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY (LDEQ)  
TWO RIVERS RECYCLING, LLC  
HEARING AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
A TECHNICALLY COMPLETE SOLID WASTE PERMIT  
& THE ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

HEARING OFFICER: ROBERT REINE WITH THE  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST: DINA HEIDAR  
WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Proceedings taken in the above-entitled  
cause, before Brian P. Salzer, Certified  
Court Reporter, taken at the Avoyelles  
Parish Court House, 312 North Main Street,  
Marksville, Louisiana on the 24th day of  
August, 2006, commencing at 6:16 p.m.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. REINE:

3 It's 6:16. We can go ahead  
4 and start the public hearing. Good  
5 evening. Let the record reflect that  
6 the time is 6:16 p.m.. My name is  
7 Robert Reine. I'm an employee with the  
8 Louisiana Department of Environmental  
9 Quality. I'll be serving as the  
10 hearing officer this evening, Thursday,  
11 August 24th, 2006.

12 This hearing is scheduled to  
13 accept public comments concerning the  
14 Technically Complete Solid Waste  
15 Permit Application and the Associated  
16 Environmental Statement (EAS) for the  
17 Two Rivers Recycling, LLC, 116 Delta  
18 Gin Road, Jonesville, Louisiana  
19 71343, Agency Interest Number 131943  
20 and Activity Tracking Number  
21 PER200060001. The facility is located  
22 approximately 15 miles northeast of  
23 Marksville, Louisiana in Catahoula  
24 Parish.

25 Two Rivers Recycling, LLC proposes

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1 to operate a Construction and  
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2 Demolition Landfill.

3 The EAS submitted by the applicant  
4 addresses avoidance of potential and  
5 real environmental effects, balancing  
6 of social and economic benefits  
7 against environmental impact costs and  
8 alternative sites, projects, and,  
9 mitigative, excuse me, mitigative  
10 measures.

11 This hearing is not to be  
12 conducted in a question and answer  
13 format. Please remember that the  
14 purpose of this public hearing is for  
15 DEQ to receive your comments concerning  
16 the Technically Complete Solid Waste  
17 Permit Application and the Associated  
18 Environmental Assessment Statement.

19 This hearing is provided -- this  
20 hearing is to provide all individuals  
21 with a chance to be heard regardless of  
22 their position on the Technically  
23 Complete Solid Waste Permit Application  
24 and the Associated Environment  
25 Assessment Statement.

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1 Courteous behavior is expected by  
2 everyone at all time. You may speak in

3 support of the Technically Complete  
4 Solid Waste Permit Application and the  
5 EAS in opposition to the technically  
6 complete Solid Waste Permit Application  
7 and EAS, or simply to provide  
8 additional information. All interested  
9 persons will be given a reasonable  
10 opportunity to comment, unless  
11 testimony is not related to the purpose  
12 of the hearing. Your comments will be  
13 evaluated and addressed by the  
14 department's -- and addressed in the  
15 Department's written response.

16 A public notice advertising this  
17 public hearing and request for public  
18 comment on the Technically Complete  
19 Solid Waste Permit Application and the  
20 associated Environmental Assessment  
21 Statement was published August 2nd,  
22 2006 in The Catahoula News Booster,  
23 Jonesville, Louisiana, and in the  
24 Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It  
25 was also published in the Marksville

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1 Weekly News & Cottonport Leader,  
2 Marksville, Louisiana on August 3rd,  
3 2003.

4 A copy of the material associated  
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5 with the Technically Complete Solid  
6 Waste Permit Application and the EAS is  
7 available for inspection and Review at  
8 the LDEQ, Public Records Center, Room  
9 127, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge,  
10 Louisiana. Viewing hours are from 8:00  
11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through  
12 Friday except holidays.

13 Additional copies have also been  
14 placed for review at the Catahoula  
15 Parish Library, Jonesville branch, 2005  
16 Pond Street, Jonesville, Louisiana  
17 71343, the Catahoula Parish Police  
18 Jury, 301 Bushley Street, Harri sonburg,  
19 Louisiana 71340, the Avoyelles Parish  
20 Library Headquarters, 104 North  
21 Washin gon Street, Marks vi lle, Loui si ana  
22 71351, the Avoyelles Parish Police  
23 Jury, 312 North Main Street, Courthouse  
24 Bui lding, Marks vi lle, Loui si ana 71351,  
25 the LDEQ Northeast Regional Office,

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1 1823 Highway 546, West Monroe,  
2 Louisiana 71292.

3 In addition, on August 2nd, 2006,  
4 copies of the public notice announcing  
5 this public hearing was mailed, were

6 mailed to individuals who have  
7 requested to be placed on the mailing  
8 list maintained by the Office of  
9 Environmental Services.

10 In accordance with the Louisiana  
11 Administrative Code, Title 33, Part 7,  
12 Subpart 1, Chapter 5, Subpart B,  
13 Section 517A.2.d, comments received by  
14 12:30, Thursday, September 28th, 2006  
15 will be considered prior to a final  
16 decision. All comments received by  
17 12:30, Thursday, September 28th, 2006  
18 shall be retained by the Department and  
19 considered in determining whether to  
20 issue or deny the Solid Waste Permit.

21 Written comments on the  
22 Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit  
23 Application and the EAS may be  
24 submitted to Ms. Soumaya Ghosn,  
25 LDEQ-OES, Environmental Assessment

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1 Division, P. O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge,  
2 Louisiana 70821-4313.

3 Under Louisiana Revised Statutes  
4 30:2017 and as revised by the Louisiana  
5 Legislature in the 2004 session, the  
6 Department is required to follow the  
7 following order provisions, with the

8 provision that the presiding officer  
9 may give preference to public officials  
10 to speak at any time during this  
11 hearing. However, however, any time  
12 limit set by, set for citizen testimony  
13 shall apply to the public officials as  
14 well.

15 The Department must provide up to  
16 thirty minutes to the permit  
17 application for an introductory  
18 presentation. Thereafter, the  
19 preference for speaking up for one hour  
20 is given as follows: The first hour  
21 is to those individuals who live within  
22 a two-mile radius of the location of  
23 the facility; for the second hour, to  
24 those individuals who work within a  
25 two-mile radius, who live -- who work

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1 within a two-mile radius of the,  
2 location of the facility; and for the  
3 third hour, those citizens who live  
4 within the parish of the location of  
5 the facility.

6 Thereafter, each hour of the  
7 hearing shall alternate between those  
8 who are in support of the Technically

9 Complete Solid Waste Permit Application  
10 and those who oppose the Technically  
11 Complete Solid Waste Permit  
12 Application.

13 The order of the speakers for  
14 tonight's hearing will be based on the  
15 information provided by the speaker on  
16 the registration form. Anyone who's  
17 registered to speak, but did not  
18 provide the necessary information, will  
19 be given an opportunity to speak;  
20 however, they'll be called upon last in  
21 the order of the registration.

22 This hearing is being transcribed;  
23 therefore, I ask that each speaker  
24 begin by stating their name, address,  
25 and organization that he or she may

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1 represent for the record.

2 I would also remind you to please  
3 turn off your cell phones or any other  
4 electronic devices that may interfere  
5 with this hearing. Thank you.

6 At this time, the permit  
7 application's representative may come  
8 forward and make the introductory  
9 presentation. Thank you.

10 MR. CLARK:

11                    Good evening. My name is  
12                    Doug Clark. I work for Two Rivers  
13                    Recycling as a project manager. And  
14                    we're going to go through briefly  
15                    tonight the highlights of our project  
16                    very quickly to give everyone here who  
17                    wants to speak a chance to do so.

18                    On behalf of Two Rivers, I'd  
19                    like to thank you all for sharing your  
20                    comments and opinions during this  
21                    public hearing, which is being hosted  
22                    by LDEQ regarding our Type 3 Permit  
23                    Application, which is for construction  
24                    and demolition debris, but mostly for  
25                    hurricane debris originating in the

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1                    New Orleans area.

2                    We believe the design for our  
3                    facility offers the safest and the most  
4                    economical and practical solution to  
5                    expedite the clean-up in New Orleans.  
6                    It also provides much needed disposal  
7                    capacity for today and in the future,  
8                    while at the same time it preserves  
9                    landfill capacity and municipal solid  
10                    waste landfills in the New Orleans  
11                    area. If those landfills are forced to

12 put construction and demolition debris  
13 in permitted municipal solid waste  
14 landfills, New Orleans in the future  
15 will have to go and find a new site  
16 that meets all of the State's  
17 requirements for a facility. We  
18 believe that the economic benefits to  
19 the entire area far outweighs the  
20 potential environmental impact to the  
21 facility. And we will explain to you  
22 how we're going to do this. It's --  
23 there's two very large volumes of  
24 information. And if any of you would  
25 like to go through that with me, you're

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1 certainly welcome to by calling the  
2 Delta Saline Farm, and they will  
3 transfer you to my cell phone number.  
4 I'd like to introduce our  
5 presenters, and I will start with  
6 Dr. Gordon Boutwell who has forty years  
7 of experience in civil engineering with  
8 a specialty in landfill design. He has  
9 a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering as well.  
10 Dr. Boutwell has taught landfill design  
11 courses at L.S.U., and most notably he  
12 was selected to serve as an expert  
13 consultant to both the American Society

14 of Civil Engineers and the National  
15 Science Foundation to determine the  
16 cause of the failure of the levee  
17 system due to Hurricane Katrina. He  
18 testified before the US Congress on  
19 July 19th, 2006. This gentleman, or  
20 Dr. Boutwell also was awarded the  
21 Bentley, Markley Award for  
22 Environmental Excellence by LDEQ in  
23 2004. I read all of this to you to  
24 assure you we have hired and have  
25 retained and we are working with one of

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1 the country's premiere engineers who  
2 specializes in landfill design; that  
3 should be seen as our efforts to go  
4 beyond the current standards for  
5 construction and demolition debris to  
6 make this what we believe is the most  
7 safe facility of its kind in Louisiana.  
8 And we will go through the process  
9 quickly, and for members of the press,  
10 I'll be happy to do that with you at  
11 any time after the presentation.

12 As I said, my name is Douglas  
13 Clark. For the record, I live at 1319  
14 Military Cutoff, Number 176,

15       Wilmi ngton, North Carolina 46205. I  
16       have a joint degree, Undergraduate  
17       Degree in Environmental Studies and  
18       Bi ology. I have a Master's Degree, a  
19       joint Master's Degree in Environmental  
20       Engineering and Environmental Policy  
21       Analysis. I specialize in constructing  
22       and propri etary desi gn, whi ch  
23       Dr. Boutwell has customized for thi s  
24       site. And you'll see that in thi s  
25       slide. I also speciali ze in recycli ng.

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1       I've done this, by the way, for about  
2       thirty-five years. I normally do not  
3       admit that. What I'd like to do is to  
4       address what we think we heard in  
5       Harrisonburg as concerns. And these  
6       concerns include the potential toxicity  
7       of the demolition debris that we hope  
8       to bring to this facility. We  
9       especially are interested in ways to  
10       minimize and avoid any potential  
11       impacts of native American  
12       archeological sites. And, in fact, a  
13       dialogue has begun between local native  
14       American tribes. We also are going to  
15       talk about the potential impact to  
16       water quality which is always a key

17 issue for these facilities, and we're  
18 going to talk about briefly the impact  
19 to wildlife and fisheries, given the  
20 proximity of both the State and the  
21 National Government reserves. And  
22 lastly, we're going to talk about the  
23 potential transfer of Formosan termites  
24 again as concerns. But before I start  
25 this presentation, I would like to just

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1 mention that there are a number of  
2 misconceptions about this facility.  
3 And one of the reasons is we have not  
4 been able to reach out to every parish  
5 who somehow have gotten involved in  
6 this process. As an example, this  
7 parish passed a resolution opposing a  
8 facility on the premise that thousands  
9 and thousands and thousands of trucks  
10 will pass through this city.

11 SPEAKER:

12 That's not true.

13 MR. CLARK:

14 The fact is our facility will  
15 bring material in by barges. Thousands  
16 of trucks will not come through  
17 Marksville; so I do not blame the

18 police jury. They relied upon someone  
19 else's information that unfortunately  
20 was grossly incorrect.

21 SPEAKER:

22 That's not true.

23 MR. REINE:

24 Please keep your comments  
25 down. You'll have a chance to speak

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1 later. Let this gentleman who's doing  
2 the presentation speak.

3 MR. CLARK:

4 At this time, I would like to  
5 ask Mr./Dr. Boutwell to make a  
6 presentation preliminarily regarding  
7 the design of the facility. And I have  
8 a question for all of you: These are  
9 small maps. We want to make sure  
10 everybody has a chance to see them; so  
11 they will be available after the  
12 meeting, and I don't know where to set  
13 it; so I thought I'd try to set it in  
14 this middle here to maximize who can  
15 see it. But if you'd like it somewhere  
16 else, if you have a suggestion, just  
17 let me know. Again, I'm going to leave  
18 these up for you just for here now.

19 DR. BOUTWELL:

20                    Good evening, Ladies and  
21 gentlemen, Hearing Officer, members of  
22 the police jury and all the public  
23 officials and members of the audience:  
24 That was quite an introduction that  
25 Mr. Clark gave me. I wish I could live

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1            up to it; however, while I'm pretty  
2 good at my job like most of you are,  
3 like most of you, I'm not perfect. And  
4 when you do one of these permit  
5 applications and submit it to the  
6 Department of Environmental Quality,  
7 they check everything. And they will  
8 come back to you with a letter that's  
9 called Notices of Deficiency.  
10 Sometimes I consider them Notices of  
11 Difference of Opinion, but each of  
12 these is answered. The answers, when  
13 they are acceptable to the DEQ, are  
14 again included in the permit. I have  
15 worked on quite a number of different  
16 facilities, and I have yet to see one  
17 that didn't go through at least one  
18 round in this so-called NOD process.  
19 Having said that, I would like to say  
20 that if you have any comments -- and I

21 know you will -- that the DEQ sends up,  
22 or puts out to us for a response; that  
23 I will respond to the design items.  
24 That's my job. And I promise you that  
25 I will so respond.

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1 Now as Doug mentioned, the big  
2 problem the people are usually  
3 concerned with on waste facilities are  
4 twofold, surface water, groundwater.  
5 Let's look at the surface water first:  
6 Here is our facility, here  
7 (indicating). Again, I apologize for  
8 the size. This is the cell that we're  
9 attempting to permit at this time. And  
10 by the way, I started off -- and I  
11 apologize, Mr. Hearing Officer, without  
12 giving my full name, address, and  
13 telephone number. My name is Gordon  
14 Boutwell. I live at 3113 East  
15 Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA,  
16 70808. Now I've only lived in Louisiana  
17 now for forty-five years. But back on  
18 the facility, this is the basic cell.  
19 I'll explain some of the design  
20 features of the waste cell in just a  
21 moment. But as I think most of us  
22 know, it rains pretty well here in

23 Louisiana, and that means we have storm  
24 water that we have to worry with, water  
25 that would have contacted the debris in

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1 the cell.

2 SPEAKER:

3 Excuse me, can't you use the  
4 screen instead of that? Is the screen  
5 the same?

6 DR. BOUTWELL:

7 No, it's not. I'll point out  
8 where it is on the screen for you. I'm  
9 sorry. Thank you very much. The  
10 actual cell is approximately in this  
11 area; is that okay? Have you got it  
12 now?

13 SPEAKER:

14 That's better.

15 DR. BOUTWELL:

16 Thank you. Do you see where  
17 it is?

18 SPEAKER:

19 Right.

20 DR. BOUTWELL:

21 Now this rain water can be  
22 held totally within the levee system  
23 that we're specially building for the

24 cell. The elevation of that, the top  
25 of that levee is two feet above the

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1 hundred-year flood and two feet above  
2 the Red River levees. All the water  
3 can stay within there. It can't stay  
4 there forever; so we pump it off to a  
5 treatment pond here, and at that point,  
6 the water is held, it's tested. If it  
7 needs treatment, it's treated and only  
8 under guidelines under a Louisiana  
9 LPDES permit and the conditions of that  
10 permit. After it's been deemed okay,  
11 meeting the conditions of that permit,  
12 the water will be discharged into  
13 Calcasieu, then the Larto Bayou, then  
14 to the Red River, okay? Now as far as  
15 the water, the surface water protection  
16 features, I'm a good groundwater man.  
17 I'm not a good surface water man; so  
18 for this purpose, I hired Keith Capiton  
19 from Brian Hammock & Associates in  
20 Ferriday. I worked with them on  
21 landfill projects for fifteen, twenty  
22 years. And they came up with the  
23 actual system here. But basically we  
24 are protecting their surface water.  
25 The surface water is something you can

1 see. Most people are also concerned  
2 about groundwater. Now we're talking  
3 about construction of a demolition  
4 debris landfill, not a municipal solid  
5 waste. But nonetheless, there are  
6 certain things that you need to have in  
7 any waste site: One is a good natural  
8 clay backup; that is some thickness of  
9 natural clay. For C&D's, the  
10 department likes to see at least three  
11 feet of natural clay, as I recall.  
12 We've got a number of about fifteen  
13 feet of natural clay underneath our  
14 facility. Below that is this sand;  
15 that is an aquifer, yes. It is used by  
16 wells in the area. What are we going  
17 to do about that? This is a plan of  
18 our cell. In the times when the Red  
19 River is high, groundwater in that  
20 aquifer flows away from the river, and  
21 you see the same thing on the  
22 Mississippi River. And this is -- when  
23 the Red is low, the groundwater flows  
24 from the land to the river; so we've  
25 got two directions that anything that

1 ever got out of this thing can go. It  
2 can go to the river, or it can go to  
3 the land; so we will have on the  
4 riverside three groundwater monitoring  
5 wells and on the land side three  
6 groundwater monitoring wells. These  
7 will be sampled and tested quarterly to  
8 see if anything has gotten by our  
9 system. If it has, then you can go  
10 into the remediation mode. Groundwater  
11 monitoring is not required by LDEQ for  
12 C&D landfills. It is required for  
13 other types of landfills, but we're  
14 trying to meet those requirements with  
15 this landfill. Now what else do we  
16 have to protect the groundwater? The  
17 first thing is the design of the cell,  
18 itself. What we have here basically,  
19 look at the dark green. If you can see  
20 the dark green, that's the natural  
21 ground surface. This is highly  
22 exaggerated, okay? This distance  
23 across here is about three-thousand  
24 feet, and this distance here is about  
25 fifteen feet, really; so it's highly

1 exaggerated, but it gives you the idea.  
2 We build this pyramid of compacted  
3 clay; then on top of that, we will  
4 place a liner, which is clay that is  
5 specially compacted in layers and  
6 tested to demonstrate that it has the  
7 resistance to water flow that DEQ  
8 requires for municipal solid waste and  
9 even hazardous waste landfills. By the  
10 way, it's also a USDA requirement; so  
11 what will happen here is rainfall that  
12 gets into the mass of debris will flow  
13 off the top of the liner to the edge.  
14 And notice that the edge is not below  
15 grade. We have in effect almost a  
16 trench around this thing, and that's  
17 where the water will go. That means it  
18 doesn't accumulate here to try to see  
19 through. Whatever it tries to see  
20 through is stopped by the clay liner;  
21 that's the function of the clay liner.

22 Those are the primary design  
23 features that we have. In addition,  
24 the waste is covered on a frequent  
25 basis. It depends on what's coming in

1 as to how frequently. But nevertheless  
2 they're monthly. At the completion of  
3 an area, then we put a final cover over  
4 the top, which is more of this  
5 recompacted, very high resistant to  
6 water flow clay. And that again is  
7 also placed under testing and quality  
8 control; so those are the primary  
9 design features of the facility, and we  
10 think that it's really above state of  
11 the art. For example, the recompacted  
12 clay liner is not required for a solid,  
13 or correction, for a construction  
14 demolition debris landfill.  
15 groundwater monitoring is not required.  
16 Having all of your flow above grade  
17 that comes out of the landfill is not  
18 required either. These are all design  
19 features that have been incorporated  
20 into this system; so with that, I'll  
21 complete my presentation and turn it  
22 right back to Doug.

23 SPEAKER:

24 Can I ask him a question?

25 MR. CLARK:

2 Dr. Boutwell. I wanted to add a few  
3 points to the design because it's easy  
4 for me to visualize. We start at the  
5 ground surface. We do not excavate  
6 them. And we level off that ground  
7 surface not by excavation, but by  
8 adding more clay. Consider that's the  
9 foundation of a house; then we build up  
10 just one part of this landfill; and  
11 that has a trench around it. I mean,  
12 excuse me, it has a levee around it, a  
13 sixty-two foot high levee which is  
14 compacted and designed specifically to  
15 hold water. And as the landfill is  
16 built out, these levees will be moved.  
17 And I'm not talking about small levees.  
18 I am talking about very large, very  
19 substantial clay levees. Now why would  
20 we do that? Because we're liable for  
21 any release that is harmful to human  
22 health and the environment; so that is  
23 the purpose of our design; so what  
24 happens after this pyramid is  
25 constructed, and it literally will look

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1 like a pyramid? What happens then at  
2 the top, I think we have about

3           seventeen acres. Now we built a house.  
4           Now we need a roof. A three-foot  
5           highly compacted clay liner is placed  
6           on the roof, and that roof comes all  
7           the way down like an "A" frame and ties  
8           in to the outside of those very large  
9           berms). And the principle is if no  
10          water gets into that facility, there  
11          could be no water that leaves it. And  
12          the clay is so thick that the maximum  
13          movement it has would be about  
14          one-eighth of an inch a year. But  
15          that's only if there was standing  
16          water. And the unique feature of this  
17          is there is no standing water because  
18          it naturally drains from the top all  
19          the way to the outside with a two  
20          percent grading. How many minutes do I  
21          have left?

22                 MR. REINE:

23                         Seven minutes.

24                 Mr. CLARK:

25                         I have about seven minutes

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1           remain ing; so I would like to go  
2           through a few points, and I would be  
3           happy to talk with any, or all of you  
4           either now or in the future to answer

5 any further questions.

6 I'd like to talk first about  
7 the native American archeological  
8 sites. We have conducted a review of  
9 available research maintained by the  
10 Louisiana Department of Archeology  
11 regarding the site. We also are trying  
12 to conduct research in conjunction with  
13 the various native American tribes.  
14 And as I mentioned before, the initial  
15 dialogue has begun. The facility, the  
16 company, the owners are all committed  
17 to respecting native American sites of  
18 significance. We know that site very,  
19 very well. It has been farmed for  
20 thirty-one years. This farm identified  
21 the most significant archeological  
22 finds, perhaps, in the entire southeast  
23 of the United States. In that  
24 project -- they were digging a ditch --  
25 immediately stopped. It was the

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1 company who then paid for half of the  
2 investigation that occurred along with  
3 the State. And those are now known as  
4 the Cowpin Slew site. Dr. Gregory is  
5 here. I don't have my notes in front

6 of me. I've been to them. I've seen  
7 them, and now a number of people in  
8 this audience believe that there are  
9 other sites and that they know about  
10 them. And we are asking for the people  
11 who believe they can show us those  
12 sites to go directly to the appropriate  
13 tribe and show them on a map where you  
14 believe these are located and the basis  
15 of your belief. We selected this site  
16 from a number of alternative sites just  
17 because of the extensive clay that  
18 goes, as far as we know, at least  
19 eighty feet below the ground surface.  
20 And it could go further, but that's all  
21 the deeper that we dug. We also  
22 believe that there is an absence of  
23 archeological sites because of the  
24 records maintained by the Department of  
25 Archeology. We have seen those

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1 records. We've read those records, and  
2 no one knows as far as the literature  
3 tells what else is there because there  
4 may be nothing there. There may be  
5 other sites there. And professional  
6 archeologists will work with us to  
7 determine that.

8 I'd also like to address water  
9 quality of Lake Larto. And I've  
10 learned a lot from the hearings of  
11 Harrisonburg. And I've learned that  
12 water flows both ways into the lake and  
13 out of the lake; so we are looking  
14 very carefully at our design, and I  
15 would be happy to sit down with you and  
16 the engineer who did the design. But  
17 there will be no discharge at all when  
18 water is flowing from the Red River  
19 over the Larto dam. All that water in  
20 the interim will be stored on site, and  
21 that water will not be discharged  
22 before it is tested and if necessary  
23 treated and meets all of the State's  
24 regulatory requirements.

25 There's a concern about rare and

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1 endangered species and wildlife at the  
2 site. We have, however, received a  
3 letter from the US Fish and Wildlife  
4 Service that has stated that this  
5 facility and the operation poses no  
6 danger to those natural resources.  
7 Another issue that has been raised and  
8 rightfully so is the control of

9 Formosan termites. Formosan termites,  
10 as you know, occur mostly in South  
11 Louisiana. They also occur in this  
12 parish and they occur in other  
13 surrounding parishes. It is only a  
14 matter of time until they keep marching  
15 northward just as the fire ants did and  
16 killer bees and armadillos and such.  
17 But we are going to fumigate every  
18 barge, every container before it is  
19 off-loaded on our site. And this is  
20 being done in cooperation with the  
21 Louisiana Department of Agriculture and  
22 Forestry and the Division of Pesticide  
23 Management. They will inspect the  
24 loads, and they will come to our site,  
25 and they are going to install specific

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1 monitors. And their staff will monitor  
2 for termites. We are going to these  
3 extensive lengths because we do not  
4 want people ten years from now to come  
5 back and try to sue us because of  
6 Formosan termites. We're so confident  
7 that they won't be that we are ringing  
8 our facility with those traps. The  
9 Formosans are effectively treated every  
10 single day of the year to all cellulose

11 products, which is wheat, soybeans,  
12 corn, lumber. Those are millions of  
13 tons that come through the quarantine  
14 area from the various ports in the  
15 south, in the Gulf Coast of Louisiana;  
16 so there's no reason to believe that  
17 our fumigation which follows the same  
18 practices would be any less effective.

19 I'd like to speak a little bit  
20 about the economic benefits of the  
21 project: Number one, there's a  
22 franchise agreement between Two River  
23 and Catahoula --

24 MR. REINE:  
25 Excuse me.

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1 MR. CLARK:  
2 -- Parish --  
3 MR. REINE:  
4 One minute.  
5 Mr. CLARK:  
6 -- that allows for one dollar  
7 per cubic yard. We're going to hire a  
8 number of employees. All of those  
9 employees we're going to train. Our  
10 employees will have full benefits, full  
11 retirement, 401-K annual bonuses, and

12 children will be given scholarships to  
13 go to college, something that you don't  
14 have now. And that will take place  
15 based upon the performance to our best  
16 practices and criteria which have not  
17 yet been developed. And there's many  
18 other economic benefits, but my time is  
19 up, and I, please, encourage you to ask  
20 questions of me after the presentation,  
21 or E-mail me. Thank you very much.

22 MR. REINE:

23 Thank you. At this time, I'd  
24 like to begin by allowing three minutes  
25 to public officials to speak, whatever

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1 it is they need to say. And what we'll  
2 do is we'll go in the order in which  
3 they registered. And after the public  
4 officials, we'll go to individuals who  
5 live within a two-mile radius of the  
6 location of the facility. And I'd like  
7 to remind everyone to please be quiet  
8 while these others are making their  
9 comments. Respect what they have to  
10 say, and we'll respect your point.  
11 Thank you. Elize (phonetic) Bryant.

12 MS. BRYANT:

13 I'm Elize Bryant, P.O.  
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14       Box 72, Effie, Louisiana 71331. I'm a  
15       police juror of District 1, Avoyelles  
16       Parish. We want to thank DEQ for  
17       coming and allowing us to have this  
18       public hearing so everyone here can  
19       voice their own opinion. I want to  
20       thank Three (sic) Rivers for their  
21       presentation, also. As you know, I  
22       believe everyone here, I do oppose  
23       this. And I'll tell you in a minute  
24       all the things and the reasons that I  
25       do oppose. First, I reckon foremost

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1       is, as Mr. Clark had mentioned, was the  
2       trucking. Well, you know, no one never  
3       told us it was going to be a thousand  
4       trucks or thousands of trucks. We have  
5       about a thirteen-mile stretch of road  
6       down in Vick, Louisiana, which is a  
7       parish road. And he assured me that  
8       the only trucking that was going to be  
9       there would be trucking to, with  
10       building materials, that it was going  
11       to be different trucks hauling material  
12       to build their offices such as that  
13       right there. Well, everyone, I think,  
14       you know, this is going to be a large

15 operation. It's going to be going on  
16 for years. Well, it's going to have to  
17 be some kind of trucking going in and  
18 out of there whether it's going to be  
19 hauling debris, garbage, or whatever,  
20 or materials, or such as that. We  
21 don't have the tax base in our parish  
22 just like Mr. Paulk right here and  
23 Catahoula Parish does to do all this  
24 stuff; so we're looking at that. We're  
25 looking at that real strong, and that's

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1 one of the reasons we oppose it, but  
2 not -- but not the main reason. The  
3 other reason is possible flooding.  
4 Everyone that lives in the Vick area,  
5 Brouillette area, Marksville area, and  
6 in Central Louisiana right here  
7 remembers 1973. Stuff of that nature  
8 right there, when it goes over these  
9 levees and stuff and a lot of the  
10 levees on the delta, they're not  
11 designed to hold anything like Corps of  
12 Engineers levees, or anything like  
13 that. They'll break. They'll go over;  
14 then what's going to happen? Debris  
15 contamination, if any, will be  
16 scattered all over the place. There's

17 drainage ditches that goes right next  
18 to this facility. It's going to be a  
19 little levee between it and the  
20 facility that goes in the Red River.  
21 And that one drainage ditch goes all  
22 the way to Effie and crosses the  
23 highway right there by the Mocla  
24 Bridge. We're going to pray about it,  
25 that it drains the whole country.

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1 Well, when it's water like that right  
2 there, if there's any contamination, it  
3 could be right back up among  
4 everybody's houses that's there and all  
5 over the country; same way with  
6 Brouillette. You know, there's houses  
7 in Central Brouillette that went under.  
8 Can you imagine -- can you imagine what  
9 would be in your house then? Another  
10 thing is the termites.

11 MR. REINE:

12 Sorry, time. If you'd like  
13 to finish up your comments again after  
14 everyone else has a chance to speak,  
15 you can do so at that time.

16 We'll take a short break for  
17 the tape to be changed.

18 (Appl ause)

19 MR. REINE:

20 Okay, next is Russel Purvis.

21 And please, again, state your name,  
22 your address, and what organization  
23 you're with, if you're affiliated with  
24 any.

25 MR. PURVIS:

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1 My name is Russel Purvis.  
2 I'm an attorney in Jonesville,  
3 Louisiana. I represent the Catahoul a  
4 Parish Police Jury. The police jury  
5 has endorsed this unanimously. Every  
6 member of the Catahoul a Parish Policy  
7 Jury has endorsed the project.  
8 Catahoul a Parish has not been as  
9 fortunate as its neighbors, such as  
10 Concordia and LaSalle and Avoyelles.  
11 Catahoul a is in the southern tip of  
12 that corridor that runs along the  
13 Mississippi River which has been  
14 recognized as probably the poorest  
15 area, one of the poorest areas in the  
16 United States. And because of that, we  
17 just don't have the tax base or the  
18 income to provide a lot of things that  
19 most everybody else takes for granted,

20 such as ball parks and playgrounds and  
21 roads and bridges and things we need to  
22 rebuild our infrastructure desperately.  
23 This project will more than double the  
24 annual income to the Catahoula Parish  
25 Police Jury. That money is desperately

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1 needed. This -- we're a poor parish.  
2 Most, many of our families' annual or  
3 monthly income is under a thousand  
4 dollars a month. These are going to be  
5 good jobs, high paying jobs, and the  
6 jury needs the money. And that's going  
7 to -- that's going to generate other  
8 jobs and other projects, and it's  
9 really important to us. And we've come  
10 to you, our neighbors in Avoyelles  
11 Parish, and we ask y'all to consider  
12 supporting this project for us. Thank  
13 you.

14 MR. REINE:

15 T. H. Dufours.

16 MR. DUFOURS:

17 I have no comments.

18 MR. REINE:

19 Gaon -- no, I'm sorry.

20 MR. ESCUDE:

21 Gaon.  
22 SPEAKER:  
23 Gaon.  
24 MR. ESCUDE:  
25 Gaon Escude.

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1 MR. REINE:  
2 I knew I was going to go  
3 shopping.  
4 MR. ESCUDE:  
5 My name is Gaon Escude. I'm  
6 the newly appointed mayor of the Town  
7 of Mansura. And the previous speaker  
8 was talking about the economic impact  
9 it would have in Catahoula Parish. I  
10 just want to know if anyone can answer  
11 what economic impact --  
12 MR. REINE:  
13 Your name?  
14 MR. ESCUDE:  
15 -- it would have for  
16 Avoyelles Parish.  
17 MR. REINE:  
18 Excuse me, your name,  
19 address, and organization, please.  
20 MR. ESCUDE:  
21 I just stated my name is Gaon  
22 Escude.

23 SPEAKER:  
24 He just did.  
25 SPEAKER:

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1 He did.  
2 MR. REINE:  
3 I'm sorry.  
4 MR. ESCUDE:  
5 And I'll repeat the question:  
6 What is the economic impact on  
7 Avoyelles Parish? A police juror said  
8 how much money it would make on behalf  
9 of his parish. What do we get out of  
10 this? You don't have to answer now,  
11 but somebody will answer that question.  
12 I am opposed to it (inaudible) grounds  
13 and engineering grounds and all of the  
14 Formosan termites. I just want to go  
15 on record as being opposed to it.  
16 Thank you.  
17 (APPLAUSE).  
18 MR. REINE:  
19 Chief Apache.  
20 SPEAKER:  
21 Apalachee.  
22 MR. REINE:  
23 Apalachee.

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MR. BENNETT:  
My name is Gilmer Bennett.

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1 I live at Post Office Box 84 in  
2 Lafourche, Louisiana. My phone number  
3 is 318-561-2333. I believe I've  
4 listened to some of the worst bull I've  
5 ever heard.

6 (Applause)

7 MR. BENNETT:  
8 These people don't know  
9 nothing about the Larto area. I've  
10 seen water down there twenty foot deep.  
11 I've seen the people's houses floating,  
12 and I've worked with the Levee Board  
13 for many years. And I know that  
14 every -- and I quit my job over it  
15 because I didn't want to go down and  
16 mess with those people. I was down  
17 there when they took bulldozers and  
18 shoved their houses in the river. And  
19 the people were sitting on the porch  
20 with a shotgun for shooters. But if  
21 you had done this seventy-five years  
22 ago, the people at Larto Lake would  
23 have probably assessed it their selves.

24 (APPLAUSE)

25 MR. BENNETT:

1                   The first time I ever went to  
2   Larto Lake, there was a shooting match,  
3   and I got beat. I thought I could  
4   shoot. But I'm telling you that this  
5   is going to be the worst mistake the  
6   State of Louisiana ever makes. Larto  
7   Lake, Little River, Catahoula Lake, and  
8   all the tributaries drains through that  
9   same area. But the Indian mounds in  
10  there and the people don't know nothing  
11  about the Indians that are there. You  
12  know, at one time, the Natchez Indians  
13  and Caddos patrolled that area. There  
14  was -- tacklers (phonetic) was way up  
15  in Northeast Louisiana. In 1900, there  
16  was more Indians and different breeds  
17  of Indians in Louisiana than any other  
18  place. And they went to that swamp  
19  because that's where they felt safe.  
20  And you can bet the grave they found  
21  over there is only just a spot in the  
22  ground. There's literally thousands of  
23  them. And I could probably show where  
24  they're at if they wanted to see them.  
25  But I don't think they want to see

1       them. I think they just want to --  
2       I've been to a lot of these meetings,  
3       and I've, you know, talked to the  
4       people; and then the next thing we  
5       know, they come okay the things, go  
6       down on about it no matter what.

7       (APPLAUSE)

8               MR. BENNETT:

9                       I'm opposed to it, and I'm  
10       opposed to anything that destroys our  
11       land. And I thank you.

12       (APPLAUSE)

13               MR. REINE:

14                       Would you like to submit any  
15       exhibits?

16               MR. BENNETT:

17                       Do what?

18               MR. REINE:

19                       Would you like to submit any  
20       exhibits?

21               MR. BENNETT:

22                       Exhibits, no. This is some  
23       of the stuff, that they're showing what  
24       the Indian tribes were using. You see,  
25       there's the Natchez Indians here

1 (i ndi cati ng) and the Caddos up here.  
2 And they went together right there.  
3 You see them?

4 MR. REINE:

5 Thank you. All right,  
6 we' re going to conti nue.  
7 Representati ve Wal ker.

8 MS. WALKER:

9 Thank you very much. My name  
10 is Moni ca Wal ker. My address is Post  
11 Offi ce Box 27, Bunki e, Loui si ana  
12 71322. I' m a State Representati ve  
13 representi ng Di stri ct 28, whi ch is  
14 Avoyel les Pari sh. I thank you all. I  
15 believe in progress and I' m glad that  
16 the publi c does have an opportuni ty to  
17 voice thei r concerns. Also, I want to  
18 thank the presenters for the  
19 presentati on; however, I do stand  
20 opposed to the landfi ll. And my  
21 comments I woul d like to di rect to DEQ  
22 as a concern, I' ve recei ved several  
23 phone calls in my offi ce from my  
24 consti tuents that are opposed to the  
25 landfi ll, and as thei r representati ve

1 I'm here tonight. Some of the things I  
2 would like for the Department to  
3 consider in this permit process is that  
4 we currently have forty-six type three  
5 construction and demolition landfills  
6 in the State of Louisiana. Out of  
7 those forty-six, eight of these are  
8 construction demolition landfills in  
9 the hurricane affected areas. Across  
10 the State, there already exists another  
11 twenty-three. All total, thirty-one CD  
12 landfills are in operation. My concern  
13 and my questions to the department is  
14 what is the capacity of the already  
15 existing landfills in this State? How  
16 much cubic yards remain in the  
17 hurricane affected areas? Can that  
18 debris be used, or be transported to  
19 existing landfills without opening up  
20 another landfill? The issue on  
21 Formosan, I understand that the  
22 applicant has had to modify what they  
23 will do with the termites and that they  
24 will be fumigated; however, I would  
25 like to go on record having talked to

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2 that that is not one-hundred percent  
3 effective, but it is the closest thing  
4 to it. Will there be spraying and  
5 fumigating? That fumigation process,  
6 as I understand it, will take place in  
7 Metairie; so the monitoring is  
8 something additional that's been added  
9 through the applicant.

10 One last comment: During the  
11 past 2006 Legislative session, we  
12 passed Senate Bill 583, which is Act  
13 662. And this directs the Department  
14 to use the following debris management  
15 practices in order of priority. To the  
16 extent that they are appropriate and  
17 practical, efficient, timely, and have  
18 available funding, recycling and  
19 composting, weight reduction, volume  
20 reduction, incineration or cogeneration  
21 and land disposal as the least, the  
22 lowest priority, it is my understanding  
23 that Two Rivers does not plan to grind  
24 the debris that is brought to them.  
25 The plan also encompasses the

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1 legislative goal to reduce debris fifty  
2 percent by volume prior to disposal of

3 the landfill.

4 So those are my comments.

5 And for that reason, I do stand on

6 record as opposing. Thank you.

7 (APPLAUSE)

8 MR. REINE:

9 At this time, we'd like to go

10 to those individuals that live within

11 two miles of the facility. Oscar

12 Wiley.

13 MR. WILEY:

14 My name is Oscar Wiley. I

15 live at 1937 Highway 3102, Marksville,

16 Louisiana.

17 Well, I've heard a lot going

18 on tonight. The reason them people are

19 down here is because they have some in

20 North Carolina, and they're trying to

21 run them out down there. You've got

22 New York, New Jersey garbage down

23 there, and they've got a terrible

24 situation going on there. They can

25 haul them down to Alabama, recontract

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1 it out, all their garbage in our

2 landfill. As far as the Formosan

3 termites, like the lady said,

4 fumigating they'll get some of them.

5 But those that settle in that wood do  
6 have to dip it and soak it in  
7 chemicals; then you've got hazardous  
8 waste, sure enough. As far as the  
9 asbestos, it's going to be mixed in  
10 with all the debris. No way they can  
11 separate the asbestos out. When they  
12 haul it here dry, they're going to load  
13 it with a clam shell bucket, drop it in  
14 their truck. The winds take it and  
15 carry it to our little school within a  
16 half a mile, or half a mile, half a  
17 mile from the dump site. The truck  
18 falls on the ground. It falls on the  
19 ground off their truck. Their trucks  
20 run over it. Here goes the sand in the  
21 air. The wind takes it off again,  
22 and this black mold is toxic; and then  
23 when it dries in a slimy form, I mean  
24 when it's in a slimy form, when it  
25 dries, it gets airborne. And no

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1 telling how far it can go in the air.  
2 And it's been known to cause  
3 hemorrhaging in animals in the  
4 respiratory system. It's killing them.  
5 It's going to go to our little kids,

6 all our people in the area and all  
7 surrounding parishes. And it can, when  
8 it gets wet again with dry conditions  
9 regrow and multiply. I don't know the  
10 farmers. I don't know what it will do  
11 to your crops, but I know it probably  
12 wouldn't do it any good; so there's a  
13 lot of if's, if it does this, if it  
14 does that. But if we get it here now  
15 and they start it up, it's too late to  
16 wipe it out then. You can't do  
17 anything about it. They've got the  
18 permits. And it's only, not only going  
19 to be one cell. Once they get a permit  
20 with one cell, there's going to be many  
21 more following right behind it. And I  
22 thank you.

23 (APPLAUSE)

24 MR. REINE:

25 The first name, Shannon

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1 Wiley.

2 SPEAKER:

3 It must be Grover Wiley.

4 MR. REINE:

5 I have no idea.

6 MR. WILEY:

7 Grover Wiley.

8 MR. REINE:

9 Thank you, sir.

10 SPEAKER:

11 There's going to be a lot of  
12 Wileys. Plenty Wileys and kinfolks.

13 MR. REINE:

14 Before you speak, I'd also  
15 like to indicate for the record we  
16 received one exhibit from  
17 Representative Walker that's been  
18 marked Exhibit 2.

19 MR. WILEY:

20 Hello, folks. I'm Grover  
21 Wiley, 150 Verdest (phonetic) Lane,  
22 Larto Lake. We've been talking about  
23 the flood conditions and everything. I  
24 wonder if any of you here remember in  
25 1973 the flood they had, Mr. Abl o

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1 (phonetic) Passman, the congressman.  
2 It was known then it was set up.  
3 Catahoul a, Concordi a, and LaSalle  
4 Pari sh was going to be a reservoir. He  
5 said that no place in Catahoul a,  
6 Concordi a, or LaSalle is worth ei ther  
7 Baton Rouge, or New Orleans. I guess  
8 you see where we're at now. But we

9 cannot stand -- this is what they're  
10 going to put on us. We cannot stand  
11 the high water with the Gulf, and we  
12 have been noted to be a swamp area.  
13 This is a fact with B&D (phonetic).  
14 Did they find the grooves? Now  
15 politicians, we've got Governor Blanco.  
16 Bless her heart. She did great. We  
17 appreciate your time. But there's a  
18 lot of politicians that can be bought  
19 off, one neighbor for the other. This  
20 is one of those terms to where you do  
21 me a favor, 'I'll do you a favor. This  
22 is the reason we're having to tax this  
23 thing so hard. I've got friends and  
24 politicians. I'd like to keep them as  
25 friends, but when facts comes to facts,

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1 it's our butts, and we're going to take  
2 care of it. Thank you.

3 (APPLAUSE)

4 MR. REINE:

5 Another Wiley, Danny Wiley.

6 (Inaudible)

7 MR. WILEY:

8 Oh, me, I've seen so many  
9 Wileys and kinfolks to Wiley. I ain't  
10 never seen that many before, I don't

11 believe.

12 MR. REINE:

13 Your -- I'm sorry, your name  
14 and address?

15 MR. WILEY:

16 Oh, my name is Danny Wiley. I  
17 live at 1929 Highway 3102 in great  
18 Larto Lake, Louisiana. Folks, I'm  
19 here. I'm not trying to be smart, or  
20 anything. But, you know how our  
21 ancestors, it was mighty hard for them  
22 make a living on Larto Lake years ago.  
23 And Larto Lake and Saline area has  
24 furnished many of its children's meals.  
25 And what our people went through,

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1 trickled through the (inaudible) many  
2 times, help getting out there fishing  
3 commercially and making a living off  
4 the rivers and off the land. It's the  
5 only thing we had to make a living  
6 with. We've got a lot of people down  
7 in Catahoula Parish that's got real  
8 good jobs longshoring and talking about  
9 the jobs that it's going to create for  
10 people here. It's not going to create  
11 any jobs for people in Catahoula

12 Parish, or the Larto area. I say the  
13 Larto area. It's not going to create  
14 none because they're going to come, the  
15 other men that's able to work. They're  
16 going to already have good jobs; so,  
17 you know, the comment was made about it  
18 being the poorest, the poorest place in  
19 Catahoula Parish. Well, I can tell you  
20 one thing right now. It may be a poor  
21 place, but we stick together.

22 SPEAKER:

23 Amen.

24 (APPLAUSE)

25 MR. WILEY:

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1 And we're going to stand up.  
2 We've got pride. We're going to stand  
3 up. I don't have no problem at all  
4 saying I'm from Larto Lake. I'm proud  
5 of it because it is such a great place  
6 to live. But with what they want to do  
7 to it with this landfill, it could kill  
8 us all. And when we kill our lake,  
9 especially our lake, we kill it, we  
10 don't have anything. I mean there's  
11 people that have built hundred and  
12 fifty-thousand dollar homes on Larto  
13 Lake so they can retire there, fish,

14 and enjoy life. But we, we certainly  
15 don't need no landfill, and it ain't  
16 but about a half a mile to where it  
17 goes into the river. And I'm half  
18 French and I'm half Choctaw Indian. My  
19 mother was an old belle guard out there  
20 around Deville. And I'm going to tell  
21 you something: There's more grave  
22 sites (inaudible) because I was  
23 involved in it when it took place. And  
24 there's lots of grave sites there that  
25 was covered over last year by this

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1 company.

2 MR. REINE:

3 Thank you, time.

4 MR. RILEY:

5 Oh, it's over that quick?

6 (APPLAUSE)

7 MR. REINE:

8 Thank you. Nicholas

9 Zeringue.

10 MR. ZERINGUE:

11 Good evening, everyone. I'm

12 Nicholas J. Zeringue from 311 Patriot

13 Street in Thibodeaux, Louisiana. I

14 represent the interest of Guy P.

15 Zeringue, Jr.. He has interest in a  
16 piece of land right on the inside of  
17 the curve in the river. First of all,  
18 I'd just like to ask everyone. I know  
19 it's great that everybody is getting  
20 excited in opposing this project. But  
21 I'd ask you to take your time and put  
22 it on the record, because if you don't  
23 have it on the record, the State  
24 officials cannot consider it; so don't  
25 just get people excited about it. Get

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1 on the record tonight.

2 My client owns property. I'm  
3 sorry, I don't know if it's working.

4 MS. HEIDAR:

5 Press the button. The  
6 batteries (inaudible).

7 MR. ZERINGUE:

8 Ma'am? Anyway, on the inside  
9 of the curve.

10 SPEAKER:

11 (Inaudible)

12 MR. ZERINGUE:

13 Well, within the side,  
14 the two-mile radius is this piece of  
15 land right here where my hand is. You  
16 heard some talk about the benefits to

17 Catahoula Parish. Well, there was no  
18 talk -- there wasn't even a promise to  
19 be broken about benefits to Avoyelles  
20 Parish. And my clients, it's my  
21 understanding, would bear the brunt of  
22 the environmental costs of this  
23 project. I also speak as just a member  
24 of the general public who is fortunate  
25 enough to use the beautiful Lake

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1 Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge. My  
2 clients' land and Lake Ophelia will  
3 be -- they will sustain the largest  
4 detrimental impacts probably of any  
5 Avoyelles Parish's interest. We're  
6 right there across the river. My  
7 clients carefully manage their land for  
8 wildlife conservation. They have  
9 white-tail deer, water fowl, black  
10 bears, bald eagles, and all sorts of  
11 other great species on this land. Do  
12 we know what's going to happen to them?  
13 No, we don't know. Will the noise from  
14 the tugboats, or the diesel fumes  
15 affect them? We don't know. Will  
16 there be any contamination? We don't  
17 know. There's a lot of claims. But

18 once the damage is done, it's done.  
19 And they talk about mediation. You  
20 can't get that contamination out of the  
21 ground. I've been involved in lawsuits  
22 where big companies like Dow have been  
23 forced to spend millions upon millions  
24 of dollars to try to remediate it. But  
25 it's impossible. On a north wind, the

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1 noise and/or smell will be emitted  
2 across the river onto my client's land.  
3 The waste that way that Two Rivers is  
4 proposing to dump in this dump site  
5 were too toxic for them to dump around  
6 New Orleans. There's asbestos from the  
7 sheetrock. There's lead-based paint  
8 and other things. If they were too  
9 toxic to dump there, then why is it  
10 okay to dump them right here on this  
11 site? It's not okay. We're asking all  
12 governing and/or issuing agencies to  
13 flatly deny the permits requested. And  
14 if they're not inclined to flatly deny  
15 the permits, we ask that they take as  
16 much time as they need to make a well  
17 informed decision. Thank you.

18 MR. REINE:

19 Thank you.

20 (APPLAUSE)

21 MR. REINE:

22 Karen Wiley.

23 MS. WILEY:

24 Hello. My name is Karen  
25 Wiley. I live at 1937 Highway 3102,

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1 Larto. First of all, Mr. Apache,  
2 I'd like to with all due respect thank you  
3 for that wonderful speech that you  
4 presented.

5 (APPLAUSE)

6 MS. WILEY:

7 Well, a considered landfill  
8 experience, experiment is what I feel  
9 this is. This information was released  
10 dated back on August the 5th of '06.  
11 Veronica Carter is the current  
12 president of Brunswick, North Carolina  
13 Citizens for a Safe Environment, a  
14 grass roots environmental group in  
15 North Carolina that has taken the lead  
16 to oppose such a landfill that they are  
17 now trying to put on us threatening  
18 property values, wildlife, and  
19 livelihood of our community. The  
20 permit for Brunswick County in North

21 Carolina is still pending for a dump  
22 site, for garbage from New York,  
23 New Jersey, and other states as they  
24 are trying to do here. When you first  
25 listen to Doug Clark, a Simms, Udo

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1 (phonetic) spokesman, it sounds good.  
2 But you start asking questions and you  
3 find yourself waiting for answers.  
4 They talk about ten to fifteen percent  
5 will be recycled. What about the  
6 eighty-five to ninety percent that will  
7 be stored on the site? Doug Clark, a  
8 spokesman for the company claims many  
9 jobs will open. Well, how many actual  
10 jobs will go to our little community,  
11 although Doug Clark claims there have  
12 never been any fires from the company?  
13 Well, it's a known fact. Last year on  
14 Terminal Island in the LA area, a plant  
15 did catch fire, and people had to  
16 evacuate over a twelve-mile radius.  
17 It's like what will the fishing be like  
18 if the years to come along with the air  
19 that we breathe such as hydrogen  
20 sulfide. The Agency for Toxic Substances  
21 and Disease Registry, ATSDR, a public  
22 health agency of the United States

23 Department of Health and Human Services  
24 concluded an urgent public health  
25 hazard exists on the basis of the

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1 following conditions for people with  
2 preexisting pulmonary disease, or  
3 respiratory problems on the basis of  
4 the levels of hydrogen sulfide and  
5 methane found in the landfill vents.  
6 Also, the ATSDR also finds that the  
7 potential for fire and explosion under  
8 extreme conditions on the landfill  
9 presents a threat to the community  
10 members and workers at the site.  
11 There's a physical health hazard to  
12 children and adults who access the  
13 unrestricted landfill. And finally,  
14 citizens, what will become of our  
15 drinking water? The top of the hill  
16 will eventually be covered with grass  
17 and trees, but the first flood water  
18 could have a dire consequence from an  
19 experiment. Thank you.

20 (APPLAUSE)

21 MR. REINE:

22 I've been informed we've got  
23 one more public official who'd like to

24 speak.

25 DR. MAYEUX, JR. :

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1 Good evening. I'm  
2 Dr. L. J. Mayeux, 1444 South Main  
3 Street, Marksville, Louisiana as the  
4 coroner of Avoyelles Parish. That's  
5 how I got in as an elected official. I  
6 am an elected official. Hopefully,  
7 this landfill will not cause my  
8 business to increase immediately. But  
9 in the long-term, as in most of the  
10 movies you've seen, it will. I'm  
11 actually here not only as coroner, but  
12 past president of S&M Pigley (phonetic)  
13 Incorporated. This is an international  
14 organization covering Canada, the  
15 United States, and Mexico. This area  
16 sits right between Catahoula Lake and  
17 Lake Ophelia. Most people, I was  
18 surprised, did not realize in 1991,  
19 June 18th to be exact, that Catahoula  
20 Lake was designated as a wetlands of  
21 international importance as the Rampart  
22 (phonetic) Convention of Wetlands.  
23 This is an international organization  
24 that recognizes wetlands of  
25 international importance. This

1 landfill proposal has the potential to  
2 ruin Catahoula Lake, Lake Ophelia, and  
3 all the surrounding wetlands. As an  
4 aquifer, this will go down the  
5 Atchafalaya Basin as well as the Red  
6 River and the Mississippi River; so  
7 this impact will go from Northcentral  
8 Louisiana all the way to the coast; so  
9 we're talking about the resources that  
10 we've worked so hard to restore. In  
11 Mr. Clark's presentation, there were  
12 lots of if's, or lots of what-if's.  
13 Unfortunately, as we all know -- and no  
14 offense. But they came in from  
15 Arkansas and Missouri and cut off  
16 hardwood bottoms with torn beams. We  
17 bailed them out twice. Now we have it  
18 in CRP and WRP. After all this money  
19 and time that's being spent, we're  
20 finally making a curve to where our  
21 wildlife is making a resurrection. And  
22 I promise you, Councilmen, here, we'll  
23 take a stand and we will litigate this  
24 matter to the fullest because this is a  
25 direct statement against our mission to

1       serve, conserve, and restore our  
2       natural habitat; so be assured that our  
3       seven-hundred-thousand members in the  
4       United States will know about Catahoula  
5       Parish, Catahoula Lake, Lake Ophelia,  
6       and the associated wetlands; so as an  
7       international organization, we will see  
8       why -- I love Ms. Wiley's statement:  
9       If it wasn't good enough for North  
10      Carolina, why should it be good enough  
11      for us? That's my redneck (inaudible).

12      (APPLAUSE)

13             DR. MAYEUX, JR. :

14             Again, I have a scientific  
15      document that I will present as an  
16      exhibit because it goes into great  
17      detail about the number of species and  
18      the percentage of micro water fowl that  
19      go through this area on an annual  
20      basis. And it does serve as a staging  
21      area as well as a wooded area for many  
22      stage species; so on behalf of Ducks  
23      Unlimited and the Coroner's Office of  
24      Avoyelles Parish, we very much oppose  
25      this proposed landfill. Thank you.

1 (APPLAUSE)

2 MR. REINE:

3 Let the record reflect that  
4 this has been marked Exhibit 3.

5 SPEAKER:

6 That was mine. I didn't  
7 give it to you.

8 MR. REINE:

9 Also, I just received the  
10 notes from --

11 SPEAKER:

12 -- Karen Wiley.

13 MR. REINE:

14 -- Karen Wiley, thank you.  
15 These will be marked as Exhibit 4.  
16 Thank you.

17 SPEAKER:

18 You're welcome.

19 MR. REINE:

20 Merkel (phonetic) Dupuy.

21 MR. DUPUY:

22 Merkel Dupuy. My name is  
23 Merkel Dupuy, M-E-R-K-E-L, D-U-P-U-Y,  
24 287 Old Mocl a Highway, Marksville,  
25 Louisiana. And for the record, I

1 oppose this. DEQ, you should hold your  
2 head in shame for even entertaining  
3 this idea.

4 SPEAKER:  
5 That's right.

6 (APPLAUSE)

7 MR. REINE:  
8 Adam Young.

9 MR. YOUNG:  
10 My name is Adam Young from  
11 2635 South Carrollton Avenue,  
12 New Orleans, Louisiana 70118. I'm  
13 appearing on behalf of the same parties  
14 represented by Mr. Nicholas Zeringue  
15 earlier; that is the area on the north,  
16 on the southshore of the Red River  
17 directly across from the proposed site.  
18 I'm also here on behalf of the  
19 Louisiana Leadership Initiative, a  
20 Louisiana nonprofit corporation and  
21 political action group that encourages  
22 responsible government in the State of  
23 Louisiana. For the record -- I'm  
24 sorry. For the record, we're opposed  
25 to this. Just because the site is one

2 doesn't mean that it's the best site,  
3 or that this site should be selected.  
4 Everyone here appreciates the efforts  
5 of Twin Rivers to minimize any adverse  
6 impacts. The circumstances at the very  
7 least warrant that the department not  
8 approve the application until further  
9 study is done, ideally an independent  
10 environmental assessment be completed  
11 for consideration by the Department  
12 that is not affiliated with the  
13 proposed destruction. We should find a  
14 new site which meets all the  
15 requirements of the department for such  
16 a facility. All the research and the  
17 technology that's been brought to bear  
18 on this project are good and should be  
19 implemented, but not at this site,  
20 especially without receiving the  
21 opinion of an independent environmental  
22 firm that can provide an impartial  
23 analysis of this site in light of the  
24 region. The special ecology and  
25 biodiversity of the region as indicated

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1 by other speakers and the popular and  
2 rational opposition to this proposed

3 landfill mandate that the department at  
4 least not approve the application in  
5 its current form and at best reject it  
6 outright. Thank you.

7 (APPLAUSE)

8 MR. REINE:

9 Allen Holmes.

10 MR. HOLMES:

11 My name is Allen Holmes. I  
12 live at 175 Kim Rush Lane, Deville,  
13 Louisiana. I also serve as the  
14 Chairman for the Avoyelles Kaskata  
15 Tribe of Louisiana. I would like to  
16 also submit this, give this to you on  
17 my way out. I represent the Avoyelles  
18 Kaskata Tribe of Louisiana based in  
19 Avoyelles Parish. The tribe has  
20 basically inhabited the geographical  
21 area since the 1800's. My  
22 great-grandfather, Dallas Holmes,  
23 better known as Ferdinand Holmes, was  
24 an -- was part of the Avoyelles Tribe,  
25 the Kaskata Tribe being originally from

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1 Illinois that migrated down into the  
2 Brouillette community. We have a  
3 little tribal office. It's a little  
4 shaped house named St. Geneva. It's

5 right across the river from where this  
6 area would be placed. One reason why I  
7 stand here today is because we have  
8 some people that are very familiar with  
9 that area. I visited that area many  
10 times. They are hunters, they are  
11 farmers, they're poor people. They  
12 live on the land and they love the  
13 land. To put this thing in that area  
14 would be a shame. You know, a great  
15 friend of mine who used to be a judge  
16 used to say that you can find experts.  
17 And the definition of an expert is to  
18 get one fifty miles further than that  
19 one that you already have. We have  
20 experts that will say that it's a pie  
21 in the sky and let's go. Let's go all  
22 the way around it. But if you hear the  
23 speakers that have spoke here tonight,  
24 sir -- and I do understand that I only  
25 have three minutes. But you talk to

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1 the wildlife people, the people that do  
2 the hunting, you talk to the people  
3 that have farms, in that area, and one  
4 of the main concerns is how that it  
5 would affect that area and how that it

6 would affect this area. You know, you  
7 look at asbestos. You look at some of  
8 the things that will be part of that  
9 proposed site. Sure, they say they  
10 have safe sites. But what if something  
11 happened. They can go pack to  
12 Wilmington. They can go back to  
13 Baton Rouge. But we live right here in  
14 Avoyelles Parish. Less than a mile  
15 across that river St. Genovese is  
16 there. Less than a mile across that  
17 river, some of those citizens that's  
18 out here in this audience live right  
19 there; so we can't pick up and leave  
20 because we live here. They can pick up  
21 and leave if something happens. In  
22 1973 when the flood came on through  
23 this area and the high water, we could  
24 not leave. We could only move to  
25 higher ground; so, sir, I thank you

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1 very much. Please, in consideration,  
2 we live here. We cannot move.

3 (APPLAUSE)

4 MR. REINE:

5 Let the record reflect,  
6 marked Exhibit 5 is a document  
7 entitled Avoyelles Kaskata Tribe of

8 Louisiana.

9 Robert Young the Third.

10 MR. YOUNG:

11 I'm representing the Lock  
12 Amelia Tract. I'm representing the  
13 Lock Amelia property owners directly  
14 across the Red River from the proposed  
15 site. My mailing address is 10811 US  
16 Highway 167, Abbeville, 70510. I  
17 spent several days, several days, or  
18 the better, several days per month up  
19 here in Avoyelles Parish. I've been  
20 doing so for the past ten years and  
21 plan to do it the rest of my life. The  
22 people here have an extremely valuable  
23 resource. The reason I spend time  
24 here, the reason I acquired property  
25 here, and the reason I plan to continue

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1 to come here is because I've searched  
2 long and hard for an area that was  
3 clean and an area that was quiet, an  
4 area that was natural, an area that was  
5 not industrialized, an area that was  
6 not polluted, an area I still get goose  
7 bumps when I'm out here among the --  
8 there's the black bear. We have a bald

9 eagle's nest within a couple, within a  
10 couple of hundred yards of the Red  
11 River. We're too young this year.  
12 That is an endangered species. Fish  
13 and wildlife perhaps don't know it.  
14 But anyway, I get out of the office  
15 sometimes if they want to know what's  
16 going on.

17 (APPLAUSE)

18 MR. YOUNG:

19 We've spent hundreds of  
20 thousands of dollars trying to get the  
21 eagles to come here. We have -- I  
22 don't know how much they spent on  
23 bringing the black bear in, and they  
24 have these corridors where the bears  
25 are supposed to go up and down these

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1 corridors. The duck, well, that's  
2 another issue that's been -- as a  
3 long-term investment, my  
4 eighteen-hundred acres is in timber.  
5 Now that timber is full of Formosan  
6 termites. What's that's going to be?  
7 Extensive fumigation that might take  
8 place, might take place. Go down to  
9 the barges and see what kind of  
10 discipline goes on. Go down to the

11 water fronts and see how careful they  
12 are.

13 (APPLAUSE)

14 MR. YOUNG:

15 Economically speaking, if  
16 Catahoula Parish wants to prosper, wants  
17 to prosper, bringing a garbage dump is  
18 not the way to go.

19 (APPLAUSE)

20 MR. YOUNG:

21 The property values in this  
22 area have tripled in ten years, tripled  
23 in ten years not because it's a garbage  
24 dump; because the opposite reason.

25 SPEAKER:

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1 Right.

2 MR. YOUNG:

3 Catahoula and Avoyelles, you  
4 have a beautiful and wonderful area.  
5 Do not destroy it. We request the  
6 permit application be denied based on  
7 threats to the water, the land.

8 An additional comment I'd  
9 like to make is on the underground  
10 hydrology. The Red River only is --  
11 what you see of the Red River is only

12 the top. Most of that water is  
13 underground at high levels. That land  
14 is unstable. We are unable to carry  
15 out logging operations, or carry out  
16 industrial operation, whatsoever.  
17 Because of the conditions of low water,  
18 because the river is actually under the  
19 ground, it becomes unsafe. It becomes  
20 rather seriously unsafe. Low ground  
21 pressure here is required.

22 MR. REINE:

23 Time.

24 MR. YOUNG:

25 Thank you.

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1 (APPLAUSE)

2 MR. REINE:

3 James P. Luneau. James.

4 MS. HEIDAR:

5 That's not him? No, that's  
6 not him.

7 MR. REINE:

8 Is James P. L-U-N-E-A-U  
9 present? I'm going to move his name to  
10 the end of the pile. I will announce  
11 his name at the end. If he's not  
12 present at that time, we'll go ahead  
13 and close the meeting then.

14                   Going on to Bryan McCann,  
15           before you speak, since we have moved  
16           on, let the record reflect that the  
17           next group of speakers will be those  
18           that work within a two-mile radius of  
19           the location of the facility.

20                   MR. MCCANN:

21                   I'm Bryan McCann. I reside  
22           at 424 North Washington Street,  
23           Marksville, Louisiana 71351. I'm a  
24           landowner. I own approximately six  
25           thousand acres. I'm a landowner in

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1           this area right here (indicating). All  
2           this area right down here is the Lake  
3           Ophelia Refuge, and we've got some of  
4           the richest hunting grounds in the  
5           State of Louisiana, much less Central  
6           Louisiana. And my reason tonight --  
7           what's that? My reason tonight is to  
8           speak about the environment and the  
9           noise and the stink pollution. And I  
10          say stink pollution because I don't  
11          know a better word for it. But Chip  
12          Young talked about the noise tonight.  
13          I represent probably twenty-five or  
14          thirty hunters in this area. Lake

15 Ophelia has thousands of hunters.  
16 There's clubs here, here, and certainly  
17 in here. And we all go in the woods  
18 and bring our kids in the woods for  
19 peace and quiet and serenity. And when  
20 you're squirrel hunting, you can't hear  
21 a damn squirrel drop a piece of an acorn  
22 when there's barges going up and down  
23 the river here and clanging and banging  
24 twenty-four hours a day for the next  
25 several years, many years; so, you

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1 know, I find it extremely important to  
2 have a place that I can go for peace  
3 and quiet, and I think everybody up in  
4 this room who has ever hunted at all in  
5 the woods does the same; so I'm opposed  
6 to this project primarily for that.  
7 Now, also, already mentioned, we've got  
8 an Eagle nest right, right about here  
9 (indicating). And that's -- I know at  
10 least a hundred-thousand dollars was  
11 spent on this project with Hacken  
12 (phonetic) Towers and Audubon Society  
13 and the CENLA Bank, gosh, CENLA --  
14 several donors spent a lot of money,  
15 got in around ten or twelve eaglets  
16 here, raised them somewhere, about

17 right here (indicating) and expect them  
18 to come back for the next two, three,  
19 four, five, six years. When they first  
20 put them out, lo and behold, we saw  
21 bald eagles in this area right here.  
22 It was a beautiful site. We didn't see  
23 anything for the next four or five  
24 years, and now we've got a nest right  
25 here. Now I don't know what in the

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1 hell he's going to do with that nest,  
2 but I've got a feeling they ain't going  
3 to stay. The black bear, we've got one  
4 poppa with a couple of cubs right here  
5 (indicating) and a profit this year.  
6 We've had at least seven re-tagged  
7 mommas with cubs. And I talked to at  
8 least two members today of the black  
9 bear conservation committee. I'm a  
10 member of that, but I'm not on their  
11 Executive Board of Directors. But two  
12 of the members, Dave Todesko  
13 (phonetic), Chris Clayton are. Dave  
14 Todesko is a private land biologist.  
15 Chris Clayton is a wildlife biologist  
16 with Royal Martin and manages a half a  
17 million acres. They're both opposed to

18 it. But on the black bear business,  
19 there's an argument. Some people think  
20 all the noise -- and we know there's  
21 going to be noise on barges banging and  
22 clanging and noise twenty-four hours a  
23 day. Some people think the bears are  
24 going to go this way, and one of these  
25 people think the bears that are going

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1 to go that way it's going to stink,  
2 because then we're going to have a  
3 giant fart right here that's going to  
4 be coming down south. Everybody south  
5 of us is going to be smelling that  
6 crap, and if the bears go through it  
7 and the bang (phonetic) gang up there  
8 is about to do it (inaudible), that's  
9 the white bears. They'll kill them  
10 because those bears like to go through  
11 those garbage dumps and they kill them;  
12 so I'm going through several subjects  
13 here. But this stink, this giant, dam  
14 fart that's going to be located right  
15 here is going to be floating all over  
16 this area here (indicating). We're  
17 going to smell it everytime we go in  
18 the woods, and both of us are going to  
19 be going in the woods. And as far as

20 noise, we're going to have noise all  
21 around here. When they get to -- when  
22 they get to fire the guns at the  
23 England Air Force Base, or whatever, I  
24 hate those dam guns. They're  
25 irritating. (Inaudible) the train

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1 passes right now. I live in  
2 Marksville. It irritates me when I  
3 hear that train. And all those people  
4 down in here that hunt and live there,  
5 they're itching for a quiet  
6 neighborhood. I want to keep that.  
7 Well, I'm opposed to this, this dam  
8 garbage dump.

9 MR. REINE:  
10 Thank you, time.

11 (APPLAUSE)

12 MR. REINE:  
13 Gary Matlock.

14 SPEAKER:  
15 He reserves until the end.

16 SPEAKER:  
17 There he is right there  
18 (indicating).

19 SPEAKER:  
20 Oh, there he goes.

21 MR. MATLOCK:  
22 My name is Gary Matlock,  
23 12835 Highway 3102, Larto, Louisiana.  
24 Mr. Chairman, my friends from Avoyelles  
25 Parish, all my friends from Larto

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1 Lake, my wife and I put an ad in the  
2 paper opposing the landfill, which  
3 y'all are turning it into.

4 (APPLAUSE)

5 MR. MATLOCK:  
6 I'll say today I received a  
7 letter from the Bayou State Bow Hunters  
8 Association to the Honorable Governor  
9 Kathleen Blanco. "I am Shane Crochet,  
10 Associate Director of the Bayou State  
11 Bow Hunters Association. We are a  
12 conservation group that helps preserve  
13 hunting in the State of Louisiana and  
14 also preserve hunting habitat. We have  
15 served -- we have severe concerns about  
16 the permit for a dump in the Two Rivers  
17 location. This part of Louisiana is  
18 one of the most prestigious hunting and  
19 fishing areas in the State. You being  
20 a sportsman governor should understand  
21 that we do not need to lose anymore  
22 wildlife habitat in any part of the

23 State. We urge you to tell the DEQ  
24 that no permit should be issued to Two  
25 Rivers. These types of dump sites have

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1 to stop. This is your opportunity to  
2 prove to us that you're truly the  
3 sportsman's governor you say you are."

4 (APPLAUSE)

5 MR. MATLOCK:

6 There's a couple of  
7 contractors in this room. They can  
8 tell you you cannot pour slab on clay  
9 as we refer to gumbo mud. You've got  
10 to remove that clay, put down river  
11 sand three or four inches deep, and  
12 then you can pour you some concrete.  
13 Maybe it will stack. What our people  
14 are telling us is they're going to put  
15 all this clay and then you've got sand.  
16 Some gentleman just left here talking  
17 about that sand moving. I want to tell  
18 you a little bit about clay that you're  
19 not telling them. I've been drilling  
20 oil wells for thirty-nine years. I'm  
21 the only person in the United States  
22 that our Federal EPA has written an  
23 approved letter to a product that I

24 i nvented i n regards to drilling clay  
25 and shell. Thi s clay will not

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1 withstand the type of pressure that  
2 these people are going to put on it.  
3 It's going to leach. It's going to get  
4 into the Red River. It going to get  
5 into Larto Bayou. You cannot stop it.  
6 They're talking about monitoring  
7 quarterly. By that time it's too late.  
8 Somebody is going to have to pay for  
9 one heck of a clean-up. It's going to  
10 fall back on our DEQ and the taxpayers  
11 of the State of Louisiana. Thank you.

12 (APPLAUSE)

13 MR. REINE:

14 I mark Exhibi ts 6 and 7.  
15 Exhibi t 6 is a letter to Governor  
16 Blanco by Shane Crochet. Exhibi t 7 is  
17 an article from US and World, Secti on  
18 B, dated Sunday, August 20th, 2006.

19 William Whatley, Whatley.  
20 Also, before you speak, this is now the  
21 point of the speakers who live within  
22 the Pari sh. We have gone beyond those  
23 who work wi thin two miles of the  
24 faci lity. Thank you.

25 MR. WHATLEY:

1 All right, I'm William  
2 Whatley. Whatley is W-H-A-T-L-E-Y.  
3 Most of us can spell William. My  
4 address is P.O. Box 97, Centerpoint,  
5 Louisiana 71332, right, Roger, 71323?  
6 Okay, I live in Marksville. I'm what  
7 you would refer to as a (inaudible).  
8 Especially if you're a homemaker and  
9 you live here less than three years,  
10 you're definitely a (inaudible).  
11 I have a couple of reactions  
12 to the presentation made by the  
13 proponents of this permit: First of  
14 all, I'm not going to call anybody a  
15 liar, but I just do not believe the  
16 representations on the thickness of the  
17 clay, not even to speak of its  
18 porosity, or lack thereof. I simply  
19 do not believe there's eighty feet of  
20 clay out there underlying that whole  
21 site. That's not even mentioning what  
22 the porosity is. The idea that berms  
23 or levees are going to be raised to the  
24 height of sixty-five feet of solid  
25 clay, I simply do not believe that it's

1       economically feasible. They'd have to  
2       have a hundred-million dollars just of  
3       diesel fuel to haul in here. They're  
4       going to haul it in a barge. Now  
5       lining a closet out in the hallway  
6       right out there, that's how they're  
7       going to dig it. They're going to  
8       munch it out of the ground. I thought  
9       the presentation, I thought they were  
10      going to leave the ground in a grave  
11      and build the berms out. I'm not  
12      really sure what's going to happen, but  
13      I know that I'm against it. And why  
14      I'm here this evening is that those of  
15      us that are over fifty years old, we  
16      can remember Larto, Larto was like when  
17      we were children. It was a cathedral,  
18      a beautiful, natural gift that was  
19      spoiled. It was clear-cut, cut to  
20      stumps, all cut, the trees off at the  
21      ground level, let the stumps rot, let  
22      the silt run everywhere, clogged up  
23      Larto. It was an environmental crime,  
24      and here they're coming again fifty  
25      years down the road to spoil it again.

1        Make no mistake. Every chemical on the  
2        face of the earth that goes into  
3        construction is going to be dumped in  
4        the top of that open wound. It's going  
5        to take -- you're going to have rats  
6        running around the size of Armadillos.  
7        You're going to have sea gulls that are  
8        going to follow those barges up here.  
9        It's just going to be a nightmare.  
10       Well, let me just say one other thing:  
11       It's not just Ninth Ward trash that's  
12       going to come to it. There is no legal  
13       way to keep environmental construction  
14       debris and trash coming from other  
15       states. It simple cannot be kept out.  
16       You look at Louisiana. You see a waste  
17       line. It's sixty-five miles to  
18       Natchez. It's seventy-five miles to  
19       Jasper, Texas. They will be bringing  
20       trash from out of State. I just want  
21       to meet those fumigators. They're  
22       going to certify there's not one living  
23       Formosan termite in any of that debris.  
24       I mean get out of here. I just don't  
25       buy it. I've got one other thing to

1 say here.

2 MR. REINE:

3 I'm sorry, time.

4 MR. WHATLEY:

5 I have no thanks to the DEQ

6 until this permit is denied.

7 (APPLAUSE)

8 MR. REINE:

9 You need to change tapes?

10 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)

11 MR. REINE:

12 Otis Wiley.

13 MR. WILEY:

14 For the record, Otis O.

15 Wiley, Jr., 3119 Highway 3102,

16 Jonesville, Louisiana 71343, Larto. I

17 want to thank everybody who has showed

18 up tonight from Avoyelles Parish. It

19 does my heart good. It's really great.

20 So very few people know that Avoyelles

21 Parish, it's really the free state of

22 Avoyelles Parish, all of Avoyelles

23 Parish. It's the free state of

24 Avoyelles. Let's just tell it like it

25 is, okay? And I understand there's

1 still a few of you who want the best

2 laugh. I don't have anything to do  
3 with that. Let me tell you this: I  
4 don't have to get up here and make  
5 incredible statements. I've done my  
6 part. The world I live in, I'm known  
7 as the devil's advocate. Here lately,  
8 for some reason, the Catahoula Parish  
9 Police Jury and Two Rivers has left off  
10 the advocate part. Now the real people  
11 are stepping up, people who care about  
12 their children, people who care about  
13 future unborn generations. That is why  
14 Ducks Unlimited is sitting up here.  
15 That's why all the hunters, all the  
16 conservation groups, all the  
17 environmental groups, everybody is  
18 stepping up because we are tired of  
19 being raped by outsiders. Welcome to  
20 Louisiana. We're going to give you a  
21 good education in Louisiana politics.  
22 We're going to give you a good  
23 education and how it's done when people  
24 get laid because all the political  
25 differences are set aside. We're going

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1 to join as one, and we're going to romp  
2 and we're going to stomp. And these

3 good old boys who think they can come  
4 in here and put a line on us, welcome  
5 to our world. Welcome. You're not  
6 going to like it. I promise you that.

7 (APPLAUSE)

8 MR. REINE:

9 Rayford Lagarde (phonetic).

10 MR. LABORDE:

11 Oh, you bet. You bet that  
12 was not right. Laborde, L-A-B-O-R-D-E.  
13 That's not the first time I get messed  
14 up on my last name. Well, first of  
15 all, I don't think any of us should be  
16 out here if these people had done their  
17 job going out there. And we would have  
18 surveyed that area. Just the tribal  
19 areas in that area, this permission  
20 has never even been reviewed, and it  
21 should have been shut down right there  
22 in Baton Rouge. But something else  
23 that concerned me tonight -- and I  
24 forget what his name is, Corporal, or  
25 whatever, said that the Department of

1 Agriculture would have ceased the  
2 fumigation of these termites. Well,  
3 that means I've got to pay taxpayers'  
4 dollars for these people who make a

5 profit on a barge, you know, all this  
6 garbage that would be left in  
7 Jonesville. These are my tax paying  
8 dollars that I don't like to see go  
9 towards a project that someone else is  
10 making a profit. Something else was,  
11 the way he spoke was this will not be  
12 the only permit that will be handled.  
13 I think they're going to apply for  
14 further permits to open up other cells.  
15 And if they do, if this permit is given  
16 to them and they do, will a public  
17 comment be asked upon for it? I heard  
18 gossip a little while ago that verbal  
19 approval was given to this firm by DEQ.  
20 And that kind of puzzles me because  
21 this was a public review that we're  
22 having tonight and they didn't even  
23 wait for the meeting on this one. And  
24 I hear a Federal judge shut down a  
25 landfill last week in New Orleans

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1 because of contamination and also made  
2 a statement that no debris should be  
3 moved out of New Orleans. But still  
4 we're stuck here tonight listening to  
5 this permit approval through DEQ. And

6 one fellow spoke about clay. He seemed  
7 like he was almost a scientist on that.  
8 I think he is. I know I hunted clay  
9 land, and you're going to back that  
10 thing. And in the middle of summer,  
11 you're going to drop -- it will make a  
12 crack that you can lose a shovel in;  
13 so, you know, clay is not concrete.  
14 And all I ask is, DEQ, please review  
15 this very, very carefully. Please sit  
16 down with the native Americans that had  
17 people buried here and please don't,  
18 don't deny that little peace of mind,  
19 too, please.

20 (APPLAUSE)

21 MR. LABORDE:  
22 Have you got my address?  
23 MR. REINE:  
24 We got your address.  
25 MR. LABORDE:

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1 Okay, thank you.  
2 SPEAKER:  
3 He got it right that time.  
4 MR. REINE:  
5 Jo Isles Edwards.  
6 MS. EDWARDS:  
7 I'm going to have to step out  
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8 here. Can you hear me?

9 SPEAKER:

10 Yes, ma'am.

11 MS. EDWARDS:

12 Okay, before I present  
13 anything, I would like to make one  
14 comment. I keep hearing Mr. Clark say  
15 that this company has been protecting  
16 the archeology sites for thirty-plus  
17 years. Well, the company, it sounds  
18 like his company is doing that, or that  
19 the company that's there now is doing  
20 that. But this company has only owned  
21 this land for two years. Before that,  
22 Louisiana Delta Plantation owned this  
23 land, and I'm surprised he hasn't been  
24 corrected on that point since I've  
25 heard him twice.

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1 When Katrina hit, CNN showed us  
2 the destruction up close and personal.  
3 We've watched it on -- we watched it on  
4 CNN where the wind hit it. The wind  
5 hit the roof and tore part of the roof  
6 off. And rain came through the roof;  
7 and so we know. We've seen the  
8 Superdome inside and out. And, excuse

9 me, these were ghastly images, and  
10 these images remind us of all the stuff  
11 that's in New Orleans. And Two Rivers  
12 wants to bring this stuff to our area.  
13 They want to bring the hurricane  
14 debris, the demolished houses, and some  
15 of the other solid waste and bring it  
16 to Red River. Well, I went to Google,  
17 and I put in "Superdome" and it popped  
18 up the Louisiana Superdome. I didn't  
19 have to put "Louisiana." I didn't have  
20 to put "New Orleans." It just came up  
21 the "Superdome." So everybody on the  
22 World Wide Web knows where the  
23 Superdome is; and so one of the  
24 things -- and I know what it looks  
25 like. Well, the dimensions of the

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1 Superdome are two-hundred and  
2 seventy-three feet high, and it's  
3 six-hundred and eighty feet in  
4 diameter. The covered sale of two  
5 Rivers facility, when it is completed  
6 and covered, will be three-hundred feet  
7 in height and three-thousand feet  
8 square. The Superdome can fit inside  
9 that area easily, almost, in fact,  
10 volume-wise probably twice. I submit

11 that the ecological system of Red  
12 River, Larto Bayou, and the  
13 Larto/Saline Lake complex, and the  
14 surrounding wildlife management areas  
15 are too precarious and too precious for  
16 us to chance the building of this  
17 monument to modern society. Our  
18 community of Larto has grown because of  
19 recreation of the wildlife and fishing.  
20 If you go there now, you'll see houses  
21 that you would never have seen ten  
22 years ago. I urge the DEQ to weigh  
23 the problems associated with the size  
24 of this project and the real  
25 possibility of the long-term damage and

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1 are our nonrenewable ecological  
2 landscape and cultural resources that  
3 could be destroyed in this area all the  
4 way from townships, from townships far  
5 north (inaudible) all the way down to  
6 the Gulf of Mexico. Thank you.

7 MR. REINE:

8 Let the record reflect that  
9 marked Exhibit 8 is a handout from  
10 Ms. Edwards which includes printouts of  
11 these, of the exhibits that she showed

12 us today, four pages. Thank you.  
13 Lawrence Edwards.  
14 MR. EDWARDS:  
15 Thank you. My name is  
16 Lawrence Edwards. I live at 23156  
17 Highway 124, Jonesville, Louisiana.  
18 I'm the native son of the Larto  
19 community with family and friends still  
20 living there. I represent five  
21 families of Edwards from the Larto  
22 community. My wife, Joanne and I, are  
23 opposed to the Two Rivers Landfill  
24 project to be located just south of the  
25 community on the Red River. The

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1 project location is in a flood prone  
2 area about forty-eight feet in. These  
3 levees that he keeps talking about  
4 building up to the sixty-one feet will  
5 be built up on have to have at least  
6 fifteen foot high around it because the  
7 elevations is forty-eight feet within  
8 the river. The levees that he keeps  
9 talking about that's protecting the  
10 rivers that are present are not  
11 Government levees, but are farm levees  
12 built in the Louisiana delta in the  
13 1970's. Many of us who are from the

14 community have seen this levee topped  
15 many times especially in 1973, '74,  
16 '75, '78, and '82. These levees were  
17 not built to withstand anything close  
18 to a hundred year old flood. These  
19 people have never seen the Red River  
20 flood in our area. They have no  
21 inkling of what it's like or the  
22 destruction that it will cause. It  
23 would -- most of us who have grown up  
24 around the area of Larto have gone  
25 through this many times; so these

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1 people need to experience it before  
2 they even think about building a  
3 project of this type in our area. The  
4 soil type in the cell, one that is  
5 classified as Dundee Alligator Complex  
6 according to (inaudible) conservation.  
7 Non-heavy clay is indicated on the  
8 plan. I think these folks have  
9 discovered that since we pointed this  
10 out. The land along the Red River  
11 front is probably Norwood sand. All  
12 the roads in the Larto community are  
13 flood prone. From the Larto dam area,  
14 Highway 3102 has flooded many times.

15 Much of the Catahoula Parish road, from  
16 Larto Dam towards (inaudible) is  
17 graveled and constantly needs repair.  
18 The short back-top road at the southern  
19 end of the Avoyelles Parish line is in  
20 very poor condition. Just imagine  
21 what's going to happen to all these  
22 roads when all the traffic starts  
23 traveling. Who's going to pay for it?  
24 You and I. All of the drainage for  
25 this project points back to Cowpin Slaw

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1 which drains to Larto Bayou and into  
2 the Red River, or back into it  
3 (inaudible) depending on the water  
4 levels. If any of the drainage in this  
5 project fails, the (inaudible) can end  
6 up in Larto Bayou, Larto Lake, Red  
7 River, the Atchafalaya Basin, all the  
8 way to the dump. Within the boundaries  
9 of this proposed landfill site are many  
10 known native American archeological  
11 sites. We have presented this group  
12 with a map to help them find them. I'm  
13 sure there are many more locations that  
14 aren't even on our map that we don't  
15 know about. But there are many burial  
16 sites in this area, and we would sure

17 hate to see these things destroyed.

18           Until three years ago, the bear  
19 was excavated around Cowpin Slew with  
20 the oldest known inhabitants in  
21 Louisiana about thirty-five hundred  
22 years old. According to the landfill  
23 application, there will be dirt moved  
24 from these excavations that could  
25 effectively destroy or cover up many

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1 of these native American sites even  
2 before they have a chance to be  
3 documented, or studied. The spread of  
4 the Formosan from New Orleans to our  
5 area is another concern. I'm familiar  
6 with barge fumigation, and it doesn't  
7 always work no matter what the experts  
8 say. Once you get them here, how do  
9 you get them out?

10           MR. REINE:

11                   Sorry, time.

12           MR. EDWARDS:

13                   Thank you.

14 (APPLAUSE)

15           MR. REINE:

16                   Kirby Roy.

17           MR. ROY:

18 Thank you, DEQ, for hosting  
19 this meeting. I appreciate everyone  
20 here tonight. I'm going to just  
21 basically start off my name is Kirby  
22 Roy, 581 Little Corner Road, Hessmer,  
23 Louisiana. I'm with the Avoyelles  
24 Parish Police Jury District 2. To  
25 start off, Doug Clark spoke about the

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1 resolution that we oppose. And the  
2 resolution, itself, we were fairly  
3 aware of the separation, not only the  
4 possibility of trucking, but barging  
5 and also the dump site which would have  
6 been right on our parish line located  
7 in a very nice, close to a very nice  
8 refuge and also a very great hunting  
9 area. I've never hunted in Larto, but  
10 I have a lot of relatives and a lot of  
11 friends that try to get me out there.  
12 And this year I will make it a point to  
13 hunt out there because I hear it's a  
14 beautiful spot. But I saw the chief  
15 here earlier. He used a few words, and  
16 Dr. McCann used a few words. But he  
17 tees me off that, Doug, you just used  
18 the word "Trucking." You were very  
19 aware of the situation as far as the

20 resolution we were opposed to. Also,  
21 you know, we worried about the  
22 termites. We worried about the  
23 possibility of contamination. We  
24 worried about the water, the  
25 filtration. There's a lot of things we

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1 were concerned about, not just the  
2 trucking of it through the parish.  
3 Also, you know, we have the Avoyelles  
4 Wildlife Federation. I'm a Board  
5 member. Ray Bordelon is the president.  
6 They're opposing it. Our  
7 representative, Monica Walker, she's  
8 not here now. She opposes it. We have  
9 Ducks Unlimited and our coroner. They  
10 oppose it. Mark, I see Mark Borriell is  
11 still here. Of course, we had Ty Wong  
12 and Elzie. They're my constituents.  
13 We all oppose it. We're with the  
14 Avoyelles Parish Police Jury, and we do  
15 not want to see this next door to us.  
16 Also, the Tunica Biloxi Tribe, I talked  
17 to Chief Earl Barbry on a number of  
18 occasions. They are opposed to that as  
19 well. When I went Tuesday night to the  
20 meeting at Harrisonburg, your chief,

21 the Jena Choctaw Chief, was opposing  
22 it, also. I heard rumors. And, you  
23 know, we heard about the possibility  
24 that there was a verbal commitment.  
25 But I hear these rumors are going to

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1 cause you, us, all of us four billion  
2 dollars. That's unbelievable, you  
3 know. And a lot of this money is going  
4 to be for transporting this through our  
5 parish. It's going to come through our  
6 parish and we don't want it. Also, you  
7 know, how many of y'all live in Larto?  
8 How many hunt in Larto?

9 (Show of hands)

10 MR. ROY:

11 All right, most of y'all, you  
12 know. And, you know, I wouldn't want  
13 this in my backyard. DEQ, I'm sure you  
14 don't want it neither. And it's not  
15 fair to these people to have something  
16 they don't want.

17 SPEAKER:

18 That's right.

19 SPEAKER:

20 Amen.

21 (APPLAUSE)

22 MR. ROY:

23                   You know, they said -- they  
24                   say the Titanic would not sink, but it  
25                   did.

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1                   SPEAKER:

2                   Amen.

3                   MR. ROY:

4                   You know, you've got to  
5                   remember it did sink. A lot of people  
6                   suffered and died through the years.  
7                   Keep the trash in New Orleans. We  
8                   don't want it here.

9                   SPEAKER:

10                  That's right.

11                  MR. ROY:

12                  I make a challenge to the  
13                  Catahoula Police Jury to rescind that  
14                  motion. Now they've got a better  
15                  understanding saying now who's for it,  
16                  who's against it. I know forty-seven  
17                  million dollars is a lot of money, but  
18                  I think there's going to be a lot of  
19                  problems in the longrun. And I  
20                  challenge the police jury from  
21                  Catahoula to rescind that motion.

22                  Thank you.

23                  (APPLAUSE)

24 MR. REINE:  
25 John Bryant.

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1 MR. BRYANT:  
2 Well, I feel kind of lonesome  
3 tonight. You kind of ganged up on me.  
4 There's a lot of opposition. I've  
5 heard a lot of opposition, and I  
6 think --

7 MR. REINE:  
8 Excuse me, Mr. Bryant, your  
9 name.

10 MR. BRYANT:  
11 John Bryant, 23262 Highway  
12 134, Jonesville, Louisiana 71343. I  
13 think a lot of the opposition results  
14 from either misinformation, or the lack  
15 of information. There's been  
16 mentioned -- and I'm not going to  
17 belabor the technical parts of these  
18 that's been described; so I'm going to  
19 say the things that I heard, the  
20 opposition, the archeology that's been  
21 addressed, I heard about the odor  
22 that's been addressed. You may not  
23 believe any of these scientific and  
24 engineering principles that were  
25 discussed, but they've been discussed.

1 I won't go through that again. I heard  
2 about toxicity and hazardous waste of  
3 which there's supposed to be none in  
4 this. There's none in the passport of  
5 the permit. I heard about water moving  
6 up Larto Bayou into Larto Lake. You  
7 heard that there will be none; and so  
8 there are no secrets in this landfill.  
9 You know about everything that we know.  
10 It's in the -- it's in your  
11 applications. And certainly I think  
12 what's coming across to me is you think  
13 that we're selling our soul to get some  
14 money for Catahoula Parish. And  
15 Catahoula Parish is poor. It's very  
16 poor. It does need the money, and  
17 that's one of the driving forces as far  
18 as I'm concerned. If I believe, if I  
19 truly believe that there is one, let's  
20 say a significant chance -- and nothing  
21 is a hundred percent. When we build a  
22 house, the roof may cave in. Sometimes  
23 not, but we build a house anyway. And  
24 it does cave in sometimes. And we have  
25 storms. We do have these things,

1       certainly. Nobody can say there's a  
2       zero possibility these things happen.  
3       But it's been engineered. It's over-  
4       engineered. It's been scientifically  
5       described. It's the best thing that  
6       can be done, and we think it's good  
7       enough. Perhaps you don't. You've  
8       heard from the people on the southside  
9       of the river, these wealthy landowners  
10      on the southside of the river who like  
11      to hunt. By the way, how many people  
12      from Larto hunt south of the river?  
13      Can you get in there? If you do,  
14      you'll probably dodge the camera; so  
15      you -- I just wondered how many, how  
16      many really hunt there. Really it's  
17      worth protecting. We want to protect  
18      all these things, and we do it. We  
19      have big duck hunting. We have -- I  
20      suspect there's been more cameras, more  
21      pictures taken of bears in the fields  
22      on the Louisiana Delta Plantation than  
23      any pictures, photographs have been  
24      taken where they're planting with the  
25      bears. They like the fields. They

1 like the soybeans, they like the  
2 cornfield; so we certainly don't want  
3 to do that. Now the people in the  
4 parish, we are poor. It's been  
5 described. Some of the people want us  
6 to stay put, and I don't mind that. If  
7 you want to stay -- if you want us to  
8 stay poor, well, that's your  
9 prerogative. But what I do oppose is  
10 you're trying to impose that position  
11 on the future of our children, our  
12 grandchildren to grow up in the parish;  
13 so that's the statement I'd like to  
14 make. Thank you.

15 MR. REINE:

16 Thank you. Robert Dupuy.

17 MR. DUPUY:

18 Robert Dupuy, 231 T. William  
19 Road, Hessmer. My wife and I both  
20 oppose this because we're both  
21 retirees, and we are former residents  
22 of Jefferson Parish. Before we  
23 retired, we looked into this area that  
24 we wanted to live in, and we selected  
25 Avoyelles Parish. Avoyelles Parish has

1 a lot to offer and that's what we  
2 wanted. And now we're having to be  
3 faced with a landfill. As a former  
4 resident of Jefferson Parish, and if  
5 you would know where Jefferson Parish  
6 is, it's adjoining Orleans Parish. And  
7 I can tell you Orleans Parish,  
8 New Orleans is a very dirty parish.  
9 They have a lot of trash, they have a  
10 lot of asbestos, and they have a lot of  
11 mold. Everyone has spoke here, a lot  
12 of speakers, on Formosan termites. And  
13 I can attest to the impact that a  
14 Formosan termite has on your home. If  
15 it ever gets in your home, you won't,  
16 in other words, you won't -- you won't  
17 ever pay for the damages of that. And  
18 they travel long and hard. They'll eat  
19 up everything you know. They will come  
20 to the concrete, any crack. We hear  
21 all about what they're going to do for  
22 the barges, on how they're going to  
23 treat them. You're impacted now with  
24 the chemicals that are being applied to  
25 that. As the previous speaker said

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2 airborne, it travels. You can't pull  
3 it out of that air. You don't have the  
4 vacuum system to pull it out of that  
5 air. And I have to go with the chief,  
6 and there's a lot of residents from  
7 Larto Lake. And I heard Mr. Clark and  
8 the other gentleman there, the Ph.D..  
9 Well, I can tell you, ladies and  
10 gentlemen, you give me a person with a  
11 third-grade education that's worth that  
12 land and lived on that land, I will  
13 call him a Ph.D.

14 (APPLAUSE)

15 MR. DUPUY:

16 He knows more about what's  
17 going on in that area, and we've heard  
18 from him here tonight; so I'm asking  
19 all of you to get up and have something  
20 to say and oppose this. We need a  
21 better quality of life. We have a good  
22 quality of life here, but don't let  
23 New Orleans dump their trash in your  
24 backyard.

25 SPEAKER:

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1 That's right.

2 MR. DUPUY:

3 I take the stance as  
4 representative Monica Walker has:  
5 New Orleans -- and I can attest to  
6 this: Orleans Parish has thousands of  
7 acres of land available for a dump  
8 site. Don't let them come into your  
9 backyard. What they're trying to do is  
10 dump their trash in your backyard. Let  
11 them dump it in their yard.

12 MR. REINE:

13 Thank you, time.

14 MR. DUPUY:

15 Thank you very much.

16 MR. REINE:

17 We're going to take a five-  
18 minute recess. You can use the  
19 bathroom or stretch your legs. Five  
20 minute recess.

21 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)

22 MR. REINE:

23 The time is 8:35 regarding  
24 this public hearing. Earl Barbry.

25 MR. BARBRY:

1 Good evening. My name is  
2 Earl J. Barbry, Sr.. I'm the chairman  
3 to the Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, P.O.  
4 Box 2182, Mansura, Louisiana. I --

5 first of all, I'd like to let the  
6 representative of Catahoula Parish know  
7 that the Tunica Biloxi Tribe is not  
8 opposed to technology development, or  
9 trying to better your living conditions  
10 there; however, I've dedicated about  
11 half of my life fighting for the rights  
12 of Indian people, my people. And it  
13 looks like I may have to spend the rest  
14 of my life fighting for those that are  
15 deceased. I can do it three ways.  
16 There's some Federal legislation as  
17 well as State that provides protection  
18 for Indian burials, the Native American  
19 Graves Restoration Act for one. In  
20 Louisiana, there was a grave protection  
21 bill enacted several years ago. Those  
22 two pieces of legislation are things  
23 that's at our disposal to make sure  
24 that no grave in this area is going to  
25 be affected, because we will do

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1 whatever we have to to protect them and  
2 to put a stop to this. I don't think  
3 anyone in this room that is planning on  
4 building this landfill would appreciate  
5 it very much if anyone of us here this

6 evening would go and start digging up  
7 dead people, or tampering with their  
8 graves. Now don't come try over here  
9 because we're not going to stand for  
10 it.

11 SPEAKER:

12 That's right.

13 (APPLAUSE)

14 MR. BARBRY:

15 I've been assured by the  
16 developers that the grave sites there  
17 are far away from that. On the other  
18 hand, I have another group that I met  
19 with just last week who assures me that  
20 there's graves all over there.

21 SPEAKER:

22 Right.

23 MR. BARBRY:

24 Thousands of acres. Well,  
25 I'm asking these guys here tonight.

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1 I'd like to see an environmental study,  
2 phase one and two, and an archeological  
3 impact study done on the entire  
4 five-thousand acres, or how many acres  
5 they have there before doing anything  
6 to move forward with this development.  
7 And if that's done, then we can talk

8 later. But until that's done, we will  
9 oppose this. And it's not trying to  
10 create any hardship on Catahoula  
11 Parish. But we've got some people  
12 buried there, and we're going to do  
13 whatever we have to to protect them and  
14 to protect the environment. Thank you.

15 (APPLAUSE)

16 MR. REINE:

17 Jackie Paulk.

18 MR. PAULK:

19 My name is Jackie Paulk, and  
20 I live at 29630 Highway 124,  
21 Jonesville, Louisiana 71343. And I'm  
22 representing the Catahoula Parish  
23 Parish Jury. I'm vice-president of the  
24 Catahoula Parish Police Jury. I  
25 represent District 9 and the facility

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1 that's being proposed. And the  
2 Catahoula Parish Police Jury does  
3 support this. We will support it and  
4 we have no plans to pull our resolution  
5 or support for this project. We had  
6 this same public hearing in  
7 Harrisonburg Tuesday night, and we had  
8 twelve people speaking against the

9 project, eight of which was from  
10 Catahoula Parish. And we feel that's a  
11 very small minority of our parish.

12 SPEAKER:

13 That's not true.

14 MR. PAULK:

15 We will support this project.

16 SPEAKER:

17 (Inaudible)

18 MR. REINE:

19 Excuse me. Please let him  
20 speak. You'll have an opportunity to  
21 make any other comments at the end.  
22 Please respect his presentation in the  
23 way that you'd like your presentation  
24 to be respected. Thank you.

25 MR. PAULK:

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1 DEQ has a record, the people  
2 have spoke, and the number who spoke  
3 against it. And from what I heard here  
4 tonight, maybe we should ask the State  
5 to close it all down. It seems like  
6 everybody is against landfills. I  
7 heard you talking about the fishing and  
8 wildlife and habitat. What would it be  
9 if we didn't have landfills? What  
10 would our land look like? I was raised

11 in Larto, also. I remember when we  
12 didn't have garbage handling. Every  
13 little hole in the woods was a garbage  
14 dump piled up as high as the trees.  
15 And now we have garbage service and  
16 it's been cleaned up. So where would  
17 you go if we didn't have landfills?

18 SPEAKER:

19 New Orleans.

20 MR. PAULK.

21 Our garbage goes to another  
22 parish now as does the Parish of  
23 Avoyelles. We depend on another parish  
24 to take our garbage. So I think we're  
25 a lot better off with landfills than we

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1 would be without. Thank you.

2 MR. REINE:

3 Thank you. I'm going to take  
4 this opportunity to make sure that  
5 everyone here maintains a cordial and  
6 respectful manner, or else I'll ask you  
7 to leave. Thank you.

8 Van Kojis, K-0-J-I-S.

9 SPEAKER:

10 Kojis.

11 MR. REINE:



14 twenty-six thousand acre Catahoula Lake  
15 marsh, one of the ten most important  
16 wetlands in North America. And as you  
17 heard before, this is Louisiana's only  
18 habitat, bird habitat with any national  
19 significance under the Ramsar  
20 (phonetic) Treaty with the United  
21 Nations. Its migration stock are up to  
22 a half-million ducks and geese at one  
23 time, including a large portion of the  
24 fly-away scarce (inaudible) ducks. It  
25 erroneously denies the presence and

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1 thus any impact on the endangered  
2 palette (phonetic) sturgeon, threatens  
3 the bald eagle, threatens the  
4 Louisiana black bear, the just elicited  
5 paragon (phonetic) falcon, alligators,  
6 snapping turtle, and other rare  
7 species. The proponents steadfastly  
8 refuse to establish this site as the  
9 least damaging and most reasonable  
10 choice for a landfill. Serious  
11 questions are raised about the  
12 credibility and the objectivity of the  
13 Department of Environmental Quality in  
14 ruling on this permit application, and

15 it ignores the likelihood of  
16 irreparable damage to the previously  
17 listed conservation groups and the  
18 general public to hunt, fish  
19 recreationally and commercially, and to  
20 observe, study, and enjoy the wildlife  
21 of this priceless area.

22 In conclusion, that would be  
23 the least, not to mention that the Lake  
24 Ophelia Natural Wildlife Refuge has  
25 been one of the primary sites for

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1 recreation or relocation of the  
2 Louisiana black bear, a species which  
3 has been radio collared, trapped, and  
4 (inaudible) establishing a migration  
5 link between the two areas. The Center  
6 of Biological Diversity currently is in  
7 litigation against the U.S. Fish and  
8 Wildlife Service for critical habitat  
9 designation for the bear, and the  
10 proximity of these areas makes the  
11 landfill site a prime candidate for  
12 habitat designation calling for a delay  
13 in establishing the landfill until this  
14 suit is settled.

15 MR. REINE:

16 Thank you, time.

17 MR. BRYAN:  
18 I have some more; so I'll be  
19 back.  
20 (APPLAUSE)  
21 MR. REINE:  
22 AI, M-A-H-F-O-U-Z.  
23 SPEAKER:  
24 Mahfouz.  
25 MR. REINE:

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1 Is AI here?  
2 (No response.)  
3 MR. REINE:  
4 Travis Ducote? Did I get  
5 that one right? You have to help me  
6 out and get some of these names right.  
7 MR. DUCOTE:  
8 Hello, my name is Travis Ray  
9 Ducote. My address is 3833 Highway  
10 114, Hessmer, Louisiana. I'd like for  
11 this gentleman in the green shirt to  
12 stand up, please. Sir, you started the  
13 presentation, correct? Do you mind  
14 standing?  
15 SPEAKER:  
16 Yes.  
17 MR. DUCOTE:

18                   Okay. Would you like to read  
19 his shirt for me? Would you like to  
20 read his shirt for me?

21                   MR. REINE:

22                   Please, just make a  
23 presentation. He did not -- it's not a  
24 question and answer.

25                   MR. DUCOTE:

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1                   It's not a question -- okay,  
2 I'm very sorry. It says, "I had a  
3 crappy day at Larto Lake."

4                   SPEAKER:

5                   Crappy.

6                   MR. DUCOTE:

7                   Okay, it doesn't say crappy,  
8 but crappy, which is meaning a sacolate  
9 (phonetic) white perch fishing. If  
10 this here is going through, this man's  
11 shirt will end up saying "crappy." I  
12 have a pond in my backyard located  
13 seven miles from here that is on this  
14 clay soil. When it's wet, it sticks  
15 together and you can't get it off your  
16 hands. When it's dry, you can stick  
17 your arm in it and never touch your  
18 side. I don't understand. Why does  
19 the people of New Orleans have to send

20 their stuff here? Why don't we go up  
21 to North Carolina?

22 SPEAKER:

23 That's right.

24 MR. DUCOTE:

25 Let's put it up there close

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1 to you.

2 SPEAKER:

3 Yeah.

4 (APPLAUSE)

5 MR. DUCOTE:

6 Okay, let's put it in your  
7 backyard, or by one of your prime  
8 hunting lands, or not even so much  
9 hunting. You've got a bird habitat.  
10 People go out in the woods and just  
11 look at birds, look at all the pretty  
12 squirrels, jumping, feeding. Why does  
13 this have to come through here to go to  
14 Catahoul a? Do y'all think we're  
15 stupid?

16 SPEAKER:

17 Hey.

18 MR. DUCOTE:

19 When y'all open up the map --

20 MR. REINE:

21                                   Excuse me.   Please keep  
22       i t --  
23                                   MR. DUCOTE:  
24                                   Okay, I'm sorry.  
25                                   MR. REINE:

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1                                   -- (inaudible) and not  
2       personally attack --  
3                                   MR. DUCOTE:  
4                                   I never mentioned -- I  
5       apologize for that. When the people  
6       open up the map to even start this  
7       project, did they say, "Oh, look here.  
8       Nobody lives right here. Let's put it  
9       there. Oh, they don't care. Look at  
10      them, a bunch of hillbillies. They  
11      don't know nothing." I don't think so,  
12      buddy. And if y'all don't get the  
13      message tonight and back out of  
14      yourselves, I just don't know what's  
15      going to take place. But this ain't  
16      North Carolina, and it sure ain't  
17      New Orleans. So I oppose it, if y'all  
18      don't know that by now. Thank you.  
19      (APPLAUSE)  
20                                   MR. REINE:  
21                                   I can appreciate your  
22      passion. Please refrain from attacking

23 any individual in this room personally,  
24 or any other level. Make your points.  
25 Make them within a three-minute time.

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1 You'll have an opportunity to speak  
2 again afterwards. But be respectful,  
3 okay? We've been here a couple of  
4 hours. Let's handle this in a  
5 business-like, professional manner. I  
6 appreciate your passion, but let's try  
7 to keep it to points that we're trying  
8 to make, okay? Thank you.

9 Brent --

10 SPEAKER:

11 -- Scallan.

12 MR. REINE:

13 Scallan, S-C-A-L-L-A-N.

14 MR. SCALLAN:

15 My name is Brent Scallan, 117  
16 Bernes Street, Marksville, Louisiana.  
17 Also, I have a -- I call it a camp --  
18 some people call it a summer home about  
19 two miles and four-hundred yards away  
20 from the site brought up in this area,  
21 third generation living out of there.  
22 One thing as a contractor I want to  
23 mention, I realize firings have come up

24 (inaudible). But do we have to give  
25 them a free ticket on a barge to come

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1 up, or can we just let time bring them  
2 up here? That's what I'd like to know.  
3 I don't think that we need to bring  
4 them up any faster because I've seen  
5 what Formosan termites have done. When  
6 they do come up naturally, we'll fight  
7 it then, but don't bring them up here  
8 until then. I think that there are  
9 probably some landfills that are closer  
10 they can take. Debris has been used to  
11 construct land in the other countries.  
12 And I don't know if they had clay or  
13 the sediment at the bottom to be able  
14 to listen in New Orleans. But I sure  
15 feel that they probably could find  
16 something closer. I really feel that  
17 way. The water levels, I remember when  
18 they built the first lock and dam. We  
19 talked about the clay. Water does not  
20 go through clay at well points,  
21 although they went below the surface.  
22 (Inaudible) which is Lake Ophelia  
23 wildlife it was named for that went  
24 bone dry because they had well points.  
25 They pumped the water out so they could

1 build locks and dams.

2 Yes, we were a poor parish as  
3 well, Catahoula. But you've got to  
4 remember you'll get a dollar per ton.  
5 I pay thirty-six dollars per ton to  
6 dump my trash. Just like the Wal-Mart's  
7 and the big industries, or any other  
8 corporations, the money is not going to  
9 stay in Louisiana. It's going to a  
10 bank in North Carolina. Thank you very  
11 much.

12 (APPLAUSE)

13 MR. REINE:

14 I. B. or L. B. Lemoine.

15 MR. LEMOINE:

16 My name is I. B. Lemoine. I  
17 live at 1909 Pravo (phonetic) Street,  
18 Mansura 71350. I'm here to represent  
19 my children, my grandchildren, and my  
20 great-grandchildren who are not here to  
21 oppose this landfill that DEQ is trying  
22 to approve. I spoke once before  
23 against the Formosan termite invasion,  
24 and I strongly ask the DEQ to oppose  
25 this thing. If the termites can be

1 eradi cated wi th fumi gati on, why di d  
2 they invade New Orleans? And it hasn' t  
3 been that long ago. The chemi cal s that  
4 is going to leach into the groundwater  
5 in this area are going to affect my  
6 great-grandchi ldren. And I just  
7 coul dn' t let thi s meeti ng go by wi thout  
8 opposi ng the landfi ll i dea. Thank you.

9 (APPLAUSE)

10 Chi ef Antoi ne, chi ef of the  
11 Avoyel les tri be, i s he present?

12 CHI EF ROMES ANTOI NE:

13 I' m ki nd of a li ttle amazed  
14 to come i n here and catch on to what' s  
15 goi ng on. I just come back from a  
16 meeti ng i n Alexandri a. But I just  
17 come --

18 MR. REI NE:

19 Excuse me.

20 CHI EF ANTOI NE:

21 I' m up here oppos ed --

22 MR. REI NE:

23 Name and address, pl ease.

24 CHI EF ANTOI NE:

25 My name i s Romes Antoi ne.

1 I'm chief of the Avoyelles Tinsaw  
2 Tribe. Excuse me, but I'm chief of the  
3 Avoyelles Tinsaw Tribe. And I'm not  
4 for that landfill either. I oppose it  
5 because a portion of all of that land  
6 belongs to where our peoples are out in  
7 this area, the Indian tribe. And we  
8 just don't want it to be there because  
9 of our people's burial grounds. Most  
10 of our burial grounds is not that far  
11 from there in that area, and we don't  
12 want it there. And I'm just like the  
13 guy who just got through speaking. Our  
14 grandchildren and all our people that's  
15 going, that's coming up behind us and  
16 our children will, you know, have to  
17 face that, and we'd rather not have it.  
18 And that's -- and I oppose that as the  
19 chief of the tribe.

20 (APPLAUSE)

21 MR. REINE:

22 Tim Ryan.

23 MR. RYAN:

24 My name is Tim Ryan, 4867

25 Highway 452, Marksville, Louisiana,

1 Brouillette community. I oppose this  
2 landfill. I believe that we should use  
3 current landfills to their fullest  
4 capacity before permitting new  
5 landfills to be up, to be created, and  
6 they should be evaluated for  
7 feasibility if the existing landfills  
8 can be expanded prior to issuing  
9 permits for more landfills. If  
10 anything at all, I believe we should be  
11 trying to draw up plans to reduce the  
12 number of landfills in this State. I  
13 heard them speak of termites and how  
14 they were effectively treated in South  
15 Louisiana for years, yet in another  
16 State when he said that they're in  
17 South Louisiana and they're heading our  
18 way. It's just a matter of time.  
19 Apparently they have not been  
20 effectively treated for years. These  
21 engineers and scientists that have been  
22 designing this proposed landfill cannot  
23 say without absolute certainty that  
24 this is going to be a safe landfill now  
25 and thirty years from now. I don't

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2 did, I don't think we should believe  
3 them. Also, they justify the economic  
4 gain as outweighing the risk of possible  
5 adverse affects to the environment.  
6 And I don't believe that this is, that  
7 we need to take this as truth either.  
8 I don't think the economic gain would  
9 outweigh the risk of the effects of the  
10 environment. The businesses, we need  
11 to bring businesses in and not dumping  
12 grounds. I feel for Catahoula Parish.  
13 I feel for their poor tax base and the  
14 things that they need over there, but  
15 they need to stand together with other  
16 State and local officials and bring in  
17 businesses, factories, and industries,  
18 not dump grounds for profits. And  
19 Louisiana used to be the sportsman's  
20 paradise. We're not waste management,  
21 bring us your waste and we'll manage it  
22 for cash. I think those things need to  
23 be considered, and again I oppose.

24 (APPLAUSE)

25 MR. REINE:

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1 Clyde Latour.

2 SPEAKER:

3 He's gone. He left.

4 MR. REINE:

5 Arthur Williams.

6 MR. WILLIAMS:

7 My name is Arthur Williams.

8 I live at 414 River Road, West Monroe  
9 in Ouachita Parish. I'm representing  
10 myself and nobody else. It's  
11 inconceivable to me that anybody would  
12 even take the chance of fouling up  
13 Larto and Saline. This is the most  
14 unique area in the world. I'm not  
15 talking about Louisiana. I'm not  
16 talking about Catahoula Parish. I'm  
17 talking about in the world. This is a  
18 true backwater area. I met with people  
19 in 1970, a big bunch of engineer  
20 experts, who said that when they put  
21 the diversion canal levee in down there  
22 that's going to really help the tax  
23 base of Catahoula Parish. Well, we  
24 also asked them at that time what about  
25 intersecting all that water that's

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1 going through Catahoula? It's not  
2 going to affect Catahoula or Larto  
3 long. But that wasn't right. It did.  
4 The pumps on the lower side of it

5 almost ruined it. We took them to  
6 court; and then the fishermen and the  
7 hunters of Louisiana paid almost a  
8 million dollars to straighten up the  
9 mess that the Corps made. And it's  
10 inconceivable to me that anybody would  
11 even take the smallest chance. And I'm  
12 not talking -- I'm talking about a  
13 chance that there might be damage to  
14 Catahoula, or I mean to Larto, Saline  
15 Lake. It's worth more than anything  
16 else in this State, and it will be  
17 worth more if it's taken care of. And  
18 let me tell you something else: It  
19 wouldn't be there like that if the  
20 people from Larto didn't want it like  
21 that, because they could have taken --  
22 the people have been trying to levy  
23 that for fifty years to raise the per  
24 capita income, and they ain't raised it  
25 yet. But they're building big houses

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1 down at Larto. It's just -- this is --  
2 and that's the reason I came. I wanted  
3 to make sure somebody said this. This  
4 is a unique area. It's the most  
5 valuable wildlife resource in the

6 United States, as far as I'm concerned.

7 (APPLAUSE)

8 MR. REINE:

9 Henry Mouton.

10 MR. MOUTON:

11 My name is Henry Mouton, 203  
12 Asbury Road, Lafayette, Louisiana  
13 70503. My name is Henry Mouton. I'm  
14 a member of the Louisiana Department of  
15 Wildlife & Fisheries Commission. I  
16 come here tonight as a concerned  
17 Louisiana resident. I'm opposed to  
18 this proposed landfill recycling  
19 facility for the reasons that I hope  
20 each and every person in this room, the  
21 governor, and other public officials,  
22 the LADEQ will understand after  
23 reviewing all the statements made here  
24 tonight. The company applying for this  
25 landfill recycling facility is

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1 attempting to mislead the State and  
2 local politicians in several areas.  
3 First, who is Mr. Clark and what is Two  
4 Rivers Landfill? I urge everyone here  
5 tonight to get on a computer, use the  
6 Internet, and do a Google search of  
7 Mr. Clark. I've done this, and let me

8 explain what the facts are. Mr. Clark  
9 is employed with one of the world's  
10 largest metal scrap companies called  
11 Sims, Hugo, New (phonetic). Mr. Clark  
12 and his scrap company ran into a huge  
13 environmental snag in North Carolina  
14 when it tried to permit something else.  
15 In North Carolina, the government  
16 issued a moratorium against the  
17 construction of any landfills, and you  
18 can get a copy of that from me later.  
19 Mr. Clark would like you to believe  
20 that his (inaudible) scrap metal  
21 company is interested in the cleaning  
22 up of post-Katrina construction and  
23 demolition through -- this is not  
24 exactly true. Please read the company  
25 profile of the Sims, Udo, New

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1 (phonetic) Company. This company is  
2 not a landfill. It is a metal scrap  
3 company that can shred a car in less  
4 than thirty seconds in a fist size  
5 (inaudible), place them on a conveyor  
6 belt with an overhead magnet, separate  
7 the metals from the remnants. The  
8 remaining non-magnetic remnants

9 are not classified in Louisiana solid  
10 waste regulations. Louisiana does not  
11 have a classification with this type of  
12 potential hazardous waste, and it's  
13 simply not regulated.

14 In summary, why would the  
15 world's largest scrap iron company be  
16 interested in taking lumber and debris  
17 from a storm ravaged area? The Sims,  
18 Udo (phonetic) Company does not have a  
19 waste, lumber, or brick landfill  
20 operation anywhere in the world, but it  
21 does have new scrap facilities. How  
22 many -- how can a scrap company buy  
23 fifty-three hundred acres of prime  
24 farmland, spend a million dollars  
25 building the barge and levee facility,

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1 and waste cells and load New Orleans  
2 trash in a barge, push it a hundred and  
3 fifty miles upriver with a delay time  
4 of thirty minutes, or so, through the  
5 locks, and finally unload the barges in  
6 Catahoula Parish, get paid two-fifty  
7 per cubic yard from FEMA, pay Catahoula  
8 Parish a dollar per yard, and the State  
9 gets twenty-five cents per yard and pay  
10 the empty barges that then head back to

11 New Orleans? You can't. In order for  
12 this landfill to make a profit, out-of-  
13 State trash will have to come in by  
14 truck. The roads have been addressed  
15 to Mr. Clark to produce the names and  
16 the contacts. I asked Mr. Clark to  
17 produce the names and contacts or  
18 letters of intent Two Rivers must have  
19 in place with the tug and barge  
20 companies, Two Rivers must have to  
21 service this area. Katrina was a year  
22 ago. Landfills in the immediate  
23 New Orleans area have been taking trash  
24 every day since the storm. How much  
25 Katrina termite infested trash has

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1 remained? It is very doubtful if  
2 Mr. Clark's scrap company can build a  
3 proposed facility before the trash  
4 supply is gone. According to LADEQ  
5 records, there were several landfills  
6 in the New Orleans area now with other  
7 landfills.

8 MR. REINE:

9 Time.

10 MR. CLARK:

11 Can I make a comment?

12 (Congregation responds negatively.)  
13 MR. REINE:  
14 Mr. Mouton, did you want to  
15 present an exhibit?  
16 MR. MOUTON:  
17 Yes, I can give you a copy of  
18 this.  
19 MR. REINE:  
20 All individuals, regardless  
21 of whether they support or oppose the  
22 proposed permit, will have another  
23 opportunity to speak. If you have  
24 spoken already and you have to speak  
25 again, you can go out to the other

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1 individuals who have not yet spoken.  
2 Marked Exhibit 9 is a three-page  
3 document from Mr. Mouton entitled,  
4 letter addressed, "Good evening." And  
5 it looks like some notes from his  
6 presentation. Thank you.  
7 MR. REINE:  
8 Your last name is  
9 B-O-N-N-E-L, Bonnel, for the Avoyelles  
10 Parish Police Jury?  
11 SPEAKER:  
12 Borriel. Mark Borriel.  
13 MR. REINE:

14 B-0-R-I-E-L? Okay, that's an  
15 "R" instead of an "N."

16 MR. BORRIEL:  
17 I'm just going to say that  
18 I'm opposing it.

19 MR. REINE:  
20 Would you like to put it on  
21 the record?

22 SPEAKER:  
23 I'm on the record already.  
24 We already passed that.

25 SPEAKER:

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1 Time out.

2 SPEAKER:  
3 What's that?

4 MR. REINE:  
5 Hold on one second, please.  
6 We need to change tapes.

7 Mr. Borri el has elected not  
8 to speak. The next individual is  
9 Dayton McCann.

10 MR. MCCANN:  
11 My name is Dayton McCann,  
12 P. O. Box 180, Effie, Louisiana 71331.  
13 I would mainly like to address this  
14 group just as a citizen: I was born

15 and raised in Ward 1. My grandparents  
16 which I stayed with a lot, my mom's  
17 people, were from Vick, Louisiana out  
18 of the area. And my grandfather used  
19 to run cattle down in the Larto area  
20 many years ago. I'm mainly here for  
21 the QDM, Quarterly Deer Management.  
22 I'm a State and a local officer. I  
23 also belong to the US Nature  
24 Conservancy Organization. I have a BS  
25 Degree and Graduate Studies in Biology

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1 and Wildlife Management from Northeast  
2 University. That's Northeast Louisiana  
3 University in Monroe. There's a lot --  
4 my biggest concern, or one concern  
5 which is a very small one in this  
6 respect is the quality of the  
7 ecosystem. And I guarantee you that  
8 the contamination of the river at that  
9 site is a definite. Regardless of the  
10 safeguards at the off-loading area and  
11 whatnot, you will have, regardless of  
12 the type of off-loading that you have,  
13 you're going to have spillage. In  
14 other words, you come from a barge onto  
15 the land, you're going to have spillage  
16 in that area, in other words, off of

17 the barges. That is a definite, and,  
18 therefore, you're going to contaminate  
19 the river. And whatever contaminants  
20 you have, you're going to -- DEQ is  
21 going to get involved. It's going to  
22 cost money, so forth and so on. And  
23 the reason I say it's a definite, I'll  
24 take a small example: When you fill  
25 your lawn mower with gasoline, you pour

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1 in gasoline. And I don't know about  
2 you, but I try to be -- with today's  
3 gasoline prices, you try to be very,  
4 very careful that you get every drop  
5 into that tank and inevitably you  
6 spill, some goes outside and drips on  
7 the sand. The same thing with your  
8 automobile and especially I farmed for  
9 quite, for a few years before it did me  
10 in. You fill in tractors and so forth  
11 with diesel, and whatnot. You always  
12 over-fill and you spill; so you're  
13 going to have contamination regardless  
14 of the safeguards that you have, and  
15 it's going to happen on the river at  
16 that site. And anyway, I just want to  
17 go on how I appreciate your attention

18 and your time which is, I know, is very  
19 valuable, and I appreciate that. But  
20 anyway, I just want to go on the record  
21 as opposing this proposition. Thank  
22 you.

23 (APPLAUSE)

24 MR. REINE:  
25 Ray Bordelon.

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1 MR. BORDELON:  
2 I'm Ray Bordelon, the  
3 President of Avoyelles Wildlife  
4 Federation. And we are affiliated with  
5 the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. I  
6 reside at 1462 Highway 1187, Mansura,  
7 Louisiana 71350. And we are  
8 definitely against allowing the  
9 landfill permit proposed by the  
10 Catahoula Parish Police Jury and Two  
11 Rivers Recycling, LLC. I attended the  
12 public comment meeting in Catahoula  
13 Parish on Tuesday night. And after  
14 sitting through this Wednesday night,  
15 you know, I gave my concerns the other  
16 night at the Catahoula Police Jury  
17 meeting. And we still have the same  
18 concerns tonight that everybody has  
19 expressed, DEQ's inability to test or

20 control the runoff waters, the smell,  
21 the dropping of the debris and  
22 unloading, the cost of barging  
23 materials up the river. And whose  
24 pocket it's going to come out of, the  
25 Formosan termite problem? Exactly what

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1 will be disposed at this land site,  
2 the liabilities with the community,  
3 after Two Rivers, LLC leaves, and how  
4 many employees will work at this  
5 landfill, environmental impacts, and  
6 the tribal burial grounds? What I  
7 can't understand is how any state or  
8 parish elected official can support any  
9 project of this nature after listening  
10 to all unanimous disapproval of this  
11 project by local communities and the  
12 voting public. I think that it's sad  
13 when an elected official puts dollar  
14 signs ahead of public sentiment and  
15 failing to look beyond the contract  
16 years with Two Rivers Recycling, LLC.  
17 They fail to consider how our  
18 communities will deal with these  
19 problems and the liabilities in years  
20 to come. I think it is clear that our

21 democratic process is failing us. You  
22 can rest assured that we will wake up  
23 one morning and read that DEQ has  
24 approved the two Rivers Recycling, LLC  
25 permit. With the defiance of this

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1 group, to listen to public sentiment  
2 and to our voting power, we can't wait.  
3 They're -- they leave us no other  
4 recourse than to revert to our legal  
5 system. We must act now. I'm calling  
6 on all of you. Let's unite, let's pull  
7 our resources, and let's put a stop to  
8 this defiance before it's too late.

9 (APPLAUSE)

10 MR. BORDELON:

11 I want to let DEQ and Two  
12 Rivers Recycling know that we're going  
13 to fight this project until hell  
14 freezes over, and then we'll wrap it on  
15 ice. On the bottom of all of our  
16 literature, folks, we have a statement  
17 that we put on every letterhead that we  
18 have. Our history lies not in our  
19 progress, but what we're allowed to  
20 endure. And we cannot allow this to  
21 endure. Thank you.

22 (APPLAUSE)

23 MR. REINE:  
24 Anita Peterson.  
25 MS. PETERSON:

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1 My name is Anita Peterson,  
2 240 Pine Street, Port Allen, Louisiana.  
3 I was requested to come here tonight by  
4 a large group of concerned citizens. I  
5 won't name them because you're only  
6 giving me three minutes. Let's start  
7 with the name of this facility, Two  
8 Rivers Recycling. Has anybody here  
9 tonight heard anything about recycling  
10 other than their name? If you look at  
11 part one of the permit application, a  
12 section in there to check if you're  
13 going to be the recycler, it's not  
14 checked, folks. The only thing that  
15 came up with recycling was back in  
16 January. When they submitted the first  
17 permit application, there was a lot of  
18 discussion in there about bringing in  
19 wrecked vehicles, storm damaged  
20 vehicles, and all of that. They were  
21 going to recycle that for metals value.  
22 I'll be the first one to say that is a  
23 necessary evil. But I'll also be the

24 first one to say that the other part of  
25 that material that comes from that

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1 called automotive fluff is what  
2 results. It has to be landfills. The  
3 1997 Legislature of Louisiana passed a  
4 law that said automotive fluff is not a  
5 solid waste. Members of the police  
6 jury, I hope they didn't fool you when  
7 you signed but because it's not the  
8 solid waste. They're not going to have  
9 to pay any of the dollar. Thank you.

10 (APPLAUSE)

11 MS. PETERSON:

12 One other thing I'd like to  
13 straighten out tonight, every one here  
14 seems to have the misconception that  
15 the landfills in New Orleans do not  
16 want this waste. They're being paid a  
17 premium for this waste. They are just  
18 about in the bad financial shape as you  
19 are, but they've endured the other part  
20 of it. You just want the good part of  
21 it and the material down there, not  
22 filling up the municipal landfills.  
23 It's being put in the construction and  
24 demolition debris landfills. That  
25 material not only contains Formosan

1 termites, but the houses in New Orleans  
2 that were constructed prior to 1985  
3 contain asbestos. There's a lot of  
4 asbestos supervisors in New Orleans.  
5 They check these houses. When they  
6 find out that they have asbestos in  
7 them, they put two layers of Visqueen  
8 in the bottom of the truck. They put  
9 the waste over in it, and they use the  
10 term, "burrito wrap." They roll it up.  
11 They tuck the ends in. When they get  
12 to the landfill, the truck dumps it  
13 into a hole and they cover it at that  
14 point in time. Let me give you a  
15 different scenario. It goes into the  
16 truck. It goes to the barge unloading  
17 site in New Orleans. Well, believe me,  
18 they can't dump it into a barge. They  
19 take a loader, drop it over into the  
20 barge. Well, they might treat it then.  
21 It comes up here, and what do they do?  
22 They dig it out of the barge with  
23 another loader. All the while, your  
24 asbestos is going all over the place.  
25 You can maybe treat things that have

1 asbestos in it. You can handle it  
2 properly. If you have termites, you  
3 can handle it properly. The two of  
4 them together are a deadly combination.  
5 One of them requires that you air it  
6 out after. The other requires that you  
7 never open that package. How can you  
8 sit here and tell us that you're going  
9 to fumigate these materials when it's  
10 put, enclosed in plastic bags down  
11 there not to be opened?

12 MR. REINE:  
13 Thank you, time.

14 MS. PETERSON:  
15 Thank you.

16 (APPLAUSE)

17 MR. REINE:  
18 Pete Gregory.

19 MR. GREGORY:  
20 My name is Pete Gregory. I  
21 live at 119 Shamard, Natchitoches,  
22 Louisiana. And I'm here just to speak  
23 for myself. The gentleman from Two  
24 Rivers dropped my name tonight. I'm an  
25 archeologist by trade. I have a Ph.D.

1 I have a Ph.D. in Archeology. I have a  
2 Masters in Anthropology, and I have a  
3 Master's Degree in Geography. And I  
4 have done research on the Louisiana  
5 Delta Plantation in Catahoula Basin.  
6 And the gentleman tonight talked about  
7 their research at the Division of State  
8 Regional Archeology, and they had found  
9 a dearth of sites in the area. And the  
10 dearth of sites on the South Farm  
11 really reflects a lack of survey on the  
12 South Farm. In 1987, with the  
13 cooperation of the Louisiana Delta  
14 Plantation and the Louisiana Division  
15 of Archeology, your taxpayer money paid  
16 for that survey. Thank you very much.  
17 We surveyed most of the North Farm and  
18 began a systematic reevaluation of  
19 sites that Mr. Bill Baker for the  
20 Louisiana Delta Plantation had been  
21 trying to map as they cleared the land  
22 and developed the farm. We visited  
23 probably a hundred and twenty-eight  
24 archeological sites. It's a very high  
25 site density. It's probably about half

1 the sites on the Delta Farm, on the  
2 North Farm, and we've surveyed only  
3 down as far south as the road from  
4 Larto Bayou over to the Deville Site  
5 Plantation; so the South Farm basically  
6 is not surveyed. The site that I've  
7 heard some controversy about here  
8 tonight, Cowpin Slew, which at the time  
9 it was found, was the oldest burial  
10 ground in the State. We have an older  
11 site further up the Red River. That  
12 site was found in the development  
13 process of the plantation. It was not  
14 found archeologically. It was found  
15 more or less accidentally. And through  
16 the good graces of the plantation, that  
17 site was salvaged. Human remains were  
18 left in that site, I'm told, by the  
19 archeologist who did the work. I did  
20 not do that work. The -- that whole  
21 region of South Farm has a lot of  
22 alluvials. Alluviation, you know, is a  
23 six bit term for a lot of flooding and  
24 filling for you guys. Everything there  
25 is burial. If you're from Larto Lake,

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2 Larto bayous. There's a big bayou and  
3 little bayou, and now there's just one  
4 bayou. You remember what Red River has  
5 done to the lower end of the lake. In  
6 one flood, you can get four or five  
7 inches of sediment around that lake.  
8 Things get covered up pretty fast. At  
9 Cowpin Slaw, those burials were down at  
10 least four to eight feet below the  
11 apparent surface of the ground; so the  
12 archeological records, one, surveys  
13 have not been done. Secondly, the  
14 archeological records cannot be based  
15 on a site surface survey. Many of  
16 those sites are going to be buried,  
17 just as was Cowpin Slaw; and so I would  
18 sort of second Chief Barbry's comments  
19 tonight that that whole South Farm  
20 desperately needs an archeological  
21 investigation. It's one of the richest  
22 archeological regions in the State, if  
23 not in the whole south. Occupations go  
24 back at least five-thousand years.  
25 Catahoula Parish has probably the

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1 richest archeological treasury in this  
2 whole State.

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MR. REINE:

Sorry, time.

MR. GREGORY:

And so I would hope that the surveys will be done. I will thank you for your time. And unless the surveys are done, I would definitely oppose this project. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. REINE:

Andrew Hammond.

MR. HAMMOND:

My name is Andrew Hammond. I live at 134 Pineville Avenue, Pineville, Louisiana 71360. I'd just like to say I'm concerned with the proposed location of this Two Rivers landfill. This location is within the actual flood plains of the Red River backwater area. This area is a tremendous fish and wildlife resource. It's on a large support of the commercial fishermen, high

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concentrations of water fowl, migratory birds, resident wildlife, especially the bald eagle and the Louisiana black bear. This is one of the largest

5 remaining backwater areas in the  
6 Mississippi Alluvial Valley. I think  
7 it would be counterproductive to locate  
8 this facility here when there's  
9 numerous other locations already  
10 approved and available to accept this.

11 Thank you.

12 (APPLAUSE)

13 MR. REINE:

14 Elton Bernard.

15 SPEAKER:

16 He's gone. He left.

17 MR. REINE:

18 He left? Audrey Dupuy.

19 MS. DUPUY:

20 My name is Audrey Dupuy. I  
21 live at 600 Fairline Drive in Terrytown  
22 or Gretna, Louisiana 70056, or at 287  
23 Old Mocla Highway. I lived there in  
24 this area. Okay, I'm really concerned.  
25 I'm a naturalist, environmentalist. I

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1 support the Sierra Club. I belong to  
2 the Sierra Club Audubon Society. I  
3 never belonged to Grand Beast  
4 (phonetic), but I certainly understand  
5 them and support them in a lot of

6 areas. And I've always fought for  
7 environmental issues. I work for a  
8 chemical plant in St. Gabriel,  
9 Louisiana for seventeen years in the  
10 laboratory. Most of that was in the  
11 environmental laboratory where we did  
12 so many analyses on the effort that  
13 went into the Mississippi River. In  
14 fact, it was so polluted that we got  
15 Jacques Costo (phonetic) to come to  
16 New Orleans to speak about the  
17 pollution in the Mississippi River.  
18 And this will be the same thing here,  
19 but still come all the way from the  
20 Mississippi to the Atchafalaya, to the  
21 Red River and into Larto, which is all  
22 beautiful, pristine areas. And I just  
23 love the environment and the nature of  
24 this area. It's unreal. I played on  
25 the Red River. I was born right in

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1 front of the Red River, played on the  
2 banks. I remember when the Corps of  
3 Engineers went to tell our parents to  
4 get us off the river banks because we  
5 stayed in it so much. But now I'm sure  
6 it was polluted then to a certain  
7 extent. I always admired the fact of

8 the saline content in the water, that a  
9 plant, a chemical plant could not be  
10 built on the river because of the  
11 salinity. But wait, we have something  
12 much better coming along, don't we?  
13 And so I just -- okay, and I -- on this  
14 environmental issue, it's like been  
15 there, done that. I've been following  
16 the landfill. And what they call the  
17 Chef landfill in New Orleans is the  
18 Bayou Sauvage nationally scarred park  
19 landfill, okay? That's my name for it.  
20 Okay, I -- I visited that area a couple  
21 of weeks ago. I had a favorite  
22 alligator. The alligator is gone, no  
23 longer there from the rumble of  
24 sixty-seven bulldozers, cranes, and, of  
25 course, all of the vermin and with it

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1 the insects, the stench. And I tried  
2 to bottle some of that stench up. It  
3 didn't work. But I would like to have  
4 brought some over here to let you smell  
5 it, okay? It's unreal. And not only  
6 that. Okay, why bring it here anyway?  
7 The Highway 90 landfill in Avondale --

8 MR. REINE:

9 I'm sorry. We're not  
10 speaking about Highway 90 or  
11 Chef Menteur. We're talking about the  
12 Twin Rivers Project.  
13 MS. DUPUY:  
14 Okay, all -- okay, I'm  
15 speaking about the debris in  
16 New Orleans coming here; that they have  
17 accepted all of the debris that  
18 New Orleans needs to get rid of. And  
19 that's the landfill out of Jefferson  
20 Parish. And it was on television. I  
21 was there a couple of weeks ago, and I  
22 saw the man say, "We can handle it  
23 all." Why bring it here? I don't  
24 understand that either. And, okay, I  
25 keep rambling on --

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1 MR. REINE:  
2 Sorry, time.  
3 MS. DUPUY:  
4 It's already time?  
5 MR. REINE:  
6 Yes, ma'am.  
7 (APPLAUSE)  
8 MS. DUPUY:  
9 I can go over it all again.  
10 MR. REINE:

11                   You' ll have another  
12 opportunity to speak after everyone  
13 else.

14           MS. DUPUY:  
15                   Okay then.

16           MR. REINE:  
17                   Priscilla Lachney.

18           MS. LACHNEY:  
19                   I' m Priscilla Lachney. My  
20 address is 1330 M. Cole Road, Vick. I  
21 was born and raised there. I have  
22 farmed there. I have (inaudible) in  
23 fields. I have everything, hunted,  
24 fished. You name it, I' m there. Live  
25 off the land, that' s me. There' s been

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1           money and everyone has been talking  
2 here. But you know what? I' ll just be  
3 poor with my Lord than rich. And  
4 what' s my money going to -- I' m trying  
5 to get my kids healthy from the disease  
6 that' s here. I oppose it.

7 (APPLAUSE)

8           MR. REINE:  
9                   Did Shane come back in?

10          SPEAKER:  
11                   Shane who, Bernard?

12 MR. REINE:

13 Van? Is Van here, or out?

14 (No response)

15 MR. REINE:

16 Since these individuals have  
17 left, I will mark on their cards that  
18 they did not speak.

19 Now I'd like to open the  
20 floor back to individuals who have  
21 already spoken, but who would like to  
22 comment again. First, I'd like to give  
23 the opportunity to the permit applicant  
24 to have three minutes first, respond,  
25 and then we'll go back. And what I'll

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1 do is I'll go from the right of the  
2 room, my right to the left. And as I  
3 go, please raise your hand and we'll  
4 just go in that order. With the permit  
5 application, would you like to speak?

6 SPEAKER:

7 How many minutes are we going  
8 to have?

9 SPEAKER:

10 Three.

11 MR. REINE:

12 Three minutes again. And  
13 for the record, please restate your

14 name and your address. And what I'll  
15 do is I'll start the clock after you  
16 stated that.

17 MR. CLARK:

18 My name is Douglas Clark.  
19 I'm the project manager for Two Rivers  
20 Recycling. My address is 1319 Military  
21 Cutoff Road, Wilmington, North Carolina  
22 28406. The reason I'm standing in  
23 front of you is to try to correct the  
24 record. There are so many rumors --  
25 and I understand rumors. But some need

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1 to be corrected. The worst rumor I've  
2 heard today is that DEQ verbally  
3 approved the landfill. That's  
4 absolutely untrue. The second rumor  
5 that we've heard was this four billion  
6 dollar number. People are making  
7 things up. It doesn't help a healthy  
8 discussion. The last rumor which  
9 really got to me was from Mr. Mouton  
10 who made a representation that I worked  
11 for a (inaudible) Corporation and that  
12 the Sims, Hugo, New (phonetic)  
13 Corporation was behind the Two Rivers  
14 facility. I'm here to state for the

15 record that is absolutely inaccurate  
16 information. It's not true. I don't  
17 know how many of you believe everything  
18 that's on the Internet. I hope you  
19 don't. That's the end of my comments.

20 MR. REINE:

21 Thank you. What I'd like to  
22 do is go to my right and work to the  
23 left. Please raise your hand, and  
24 again please state your name and  
25 address for the record. I'll start the

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1 clock after you've done so.

2 MR. WILEY:

3 For the record, Otis O.  
4 Wiley, Jr., 3119 Highway 3102,  
5 Jonesville, Louisiana 71343, Larto  
6 Lake. People, are you ready to have  
7 some fun?

8 SPEAKER:

9 Amen.

10 MR. WILEY:

11 Okay. Let me tell you about  
12 a nice meeting we had at Catahoula  
13 Parish. Over a hundred people showed  
14 up, people. Let me tell you what  
15 happened. They get on the phone and  
16 call those people in Catahoula Parish

17 that was there. Did you know that in  
18 the whole room there was only one, one  
19 poor girl who went to the microphone  
20 that was not an elected official, that  
21 was not a member of Two Rivers  
22 Recycling, and publicly went on the  
23 record in favor of the permit. Think  
24 about that. If all these people in  
25 Catahoula Parish want forty-million

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1 dollars, don't you think they would  
2 have been there by the hundreds? Don't  
3 you think they would then stand up  
4 there, and said "Larto Lake, get out of  
5 the way. We're here for our money."  
6 Do you know what? Let me give you  
7 something else: District 9, which is  
8 located as part of Larto Lake,  
9 supposedly the majority of the people  
10 in District 9 support that landfill.  
11 Boy, was that something? Well, let me  
12 tell you something: They support it so  
13 well that not the first person from  
14 District 9 showed up to support that  
15 landfill. Now I'm not talking about  
16 going up to the microphone and going  
17 on the record. I'm talking about

18 showing up at the meeting, period.  
19 Would you like to know how many people  
20 from Larto Lake showed up? Oh, was it  
21 nice, because we had people there. And  
22 they spoke from the heart. They didn't  
23 speak from the pocketbook. We had all  
24 these elected officials showing up.  
25 One of them was so brave he had -- of

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1 course, he was the mayor of Jonesville.  
2 He had the Parish Council pass a  
3 resolution in support of the landfill.  
4 This man believed in it so bad and so  
5 much, he didn't even go up to the  
6 podium and speak in favor of it. He  
7 handed it to the town attorney, Russel  
8 Purvis. Boys, if you ain't got what it  
9 takes to go hunting, shovel mud for  
10 forty-million dollars, you don't  
11 deserve a penny of it.

12 (APPLAUSE)

13 MR. WILEY:  
14 Okay, now let's talk a little  
15 bit more: Harrisonburg, Louisiana, a  
16 little, small town. That's where the  
17 county seat is, or, excuse me, the  
18 parish seat. Yeah, the little mayor  
19 went on public record. He's for it.

20 Funny thing about that. There was this  
21 nice woman who showed up. She went up  
22 to the podium, and, boy, did she tell  
23 it like it was. "There's plenty of  
24 people here in Harrisonburg. We don't  
25 want it. We're telling you right now

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1 we don't want it." And then --

2 MR. REINE:

3 Thank you, time.

4 MR. WILEY:

5 I made my point.

6 (APPLAUSE)

7 MR. BRYAN:

8 I'm Rick Bryan. I'm still at  
9 245 Evergreen Lane, Pineville. And I  
10 want to state first that this afternoon  
11 I was informed that a Louisiana black  
12 bear has been seen this week in the  
13 landfill area, which is no surprise to  
14 me, but it puts a bull's eye to the no  
15 endangered species myth in the project  
16 area. I'm requesting a copy of this  
17 so-called letter from the US Central  
18 Wildlife Service because I don't  
19 believe they wrote this letter. The  
20 Louisiana Department of Wildlife and

21 Fisheries, perhaps, but not Century  
22 Wildlife. And they are the ones who  
23 are directly responsible for  
24 threatening an endangered species. It  
25 seems to me worth noting that the

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1 Louisiana Wildlife Federation, a  
2 Rapides Wildlife Association of Long  
3 established standing to take action on  
4 behalf of this area by virtue of our  
5 protecting Catahoula Lake from the  
6 Ouachita Black River Navigation  
7 Project. Our position to the Bushley  
8 Bob (phonetic) Project was made  
9 possible, a major acquisition to the  
10 Catahoula Lake National Wildlife  
11 Refuge, and our legal action will  
12 require Saline Farms, the predecessor  
13 to Delta to stop its turbid water  
14 discharge into Saline Lake. I am sorry  
15 that there are some who think that if  
16 we are not from Catahoula Parish we  
17 should shut up and go home and just pay  
18 our taxes. That's not going to happen.  
19 Thank you.

20 (APPLAUSE)

21 MR. REINE:

22 Rick, would you like to

23 present that as an exhibit, Mr. Bryan?

24 MR. BRYAN:

25 I will -- I will mail you a

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1 copy of the total comments --

2 MS. HEIDAR:

3 Okay.

4 MR. BRYAN:

5 -- in the morning.

6 MR. REINE:

7 They need to be in by

8 September 28th. Thank you.

9 MR. BRYAN:

10 But you do have -- you are

11 making a record of this --

12 MS. HEIDAR:

13 Yes.

14 MR. BRYAN:

15 -- anyway, right?

16 MR. REINE:

17 Yes.

18 MR. BRYAN:

19 Okay.

20 MR. REINE:

21 Anyone else who would like to

22 speak?

23 MR. DUPUY:

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Robert Dupuy, 231 Jean

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William Road, Hessmer, Louisiana. I've

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1       seen some fine speakers up here  
2       tonight. I've seen some real good  
3       people. And I want to make a challenge  
4       to the Caddo Parish Police Jury  
5       members: I think you have some rich  
6       people in that area. And as that one  
7       police juryman, if he's still here, he  
8       said that he's a poor parish. I  
9       disagreed with that totally. After  
10      listening to everyone here tonight and  
11      talking to some of the people, I think  
12      what they need to do is sell that area.  
13      You're rich in character. You're rich  
14      in spirit. You have something that is  
15      naturally a given. Instead of a  
16      landfill, sell yourself. Sell  
17      yourself. There's many ways to do  
18      that. You have some of the richest  
19      resources in that area. I may have  
20      just relocated here for retirement, but  
21      I'm originally from Avoyelles Parish.  
22      I know that area, and it's rich, very  
23      rich. Take advantage of it. Sell  
24      yourself. Sell your spirit. And don't  
25      let them bury you in that landfill. At

1 election time, elect you some good  
2 members up there that can work with you  
3 and sell your resources. Get on the  
4 Internet. There's a lot of ways in  
5 which you can sell yourself. You made  
6 some fine presentations. You sell  
7 yourself very well. You speak well,  
8 and you speak from the heart. Don't  
9 just sit down and give up. And a lot  
10 of you, you need to collect more people  
11 from your parish and get them at these  
12 meetings. Of course, they say this is  
13 the last meeting, but there's always  
14 other ways. I've always been a  
15 fighter, and anything I can do, I'll  
16 help you. And good luck to you, and  
17 let's hope we don't have that landfill.  
18 Thank you very much.

19 (APPLAUSE)

20 SPEAKER:

21 I have just a question: What  
22 becomes of the -- what becomes of the  
23 comments that are made tonight exactly?

24 MR. REINE:

25 You mean any comments or the

1 spoken comments?

2 SPEAKER:

3 Spoken comments.

4 MR. REINE:

5 Spoken comments are being  
6 transcribed, and a transcript of those  
7 comments will be given to the Permit  
8 Section for review.

9 SPEAKER:

10 What do they do with it?

11 MR. REINE:

12 If you'd like, after the  
13 meeting, I'll talk to you about the  
14 permit process. Let's try to finish  
15 this up with the individuals that would  
16 like to speak.

17 MR. EDWARDS:

18 My name is Lawrence Edwards.  
19 I live at 23156 Highway 124,  
20 Jonesville, Louisiana. And I'd like to  
21 finish up my comments I started  
22 earlier, if I can: To begin with, this  
23 is a business proposition for these  
24 people. They're only interested here  
25 in making money. Otherwise, they

1 would n' t be here trying to push this  
2 big project off on our communi ty. As  
3 you can see, the people of Larto,  
4 itself, object to this project. The  
5 only ones that are speaking to this  
6 project are the promoters and some of  
7 our publ ic offici als. And maybe or  
8 maybe not these publ ic offici als are  
9 actually in our favor. We don' t think  
10 so necessari ly in our Larto communi ty  
11 right now. They will be gone in a few  
12 years, and we will be the ones left to  
13 clean up the mess. The ri sk associ ated  
14 with this project this size in our  
15 little flow area are just too great and  
16 too important to be left to just  
17 everyone. I urge you to vote with your  
18 heart and tell Two Rivers to take their  
19 project and go somewhere else. Thank  
20 you.

21 (APPLAUSE)

22 MR. REINE:

23 Please come up.

24 MR. WILEY:

25 My name is Danny Wiley. I

1 live at 1929 Highway 31, Larto Lake.  
2 So I'm back up here again tonight. I  
3 guess somebody -- I didn't know I was  
4 fortunate enough to get my name, I mean  
5 a picture on the front page of the  
6 paper there, you know. The only thing,  
7 yeah, I didn't have my hat on and I run  
8 off without it this time. But anyway,  
9 folks, there's always a little humor  
10 in all of this somewhere. You've got  
11 to laugh about it, cry about it, or do  
12 something about it. But, you know, I  
13 wish that Catahoula Parish had the  
14 police jury members that Avoyelles  
15 Parish has. I have to compliment the  
16 Avoyelles Parish Police Jury. Ours is  
17 not like that. I had -- we had one  
18 police juryman last night who got up  
19 and said that he couldn't find one  
20 person in his district that was against  
21 that landfill. Well, I called my aunt  
22 and my first cousin and his wife, and  
23 they said, "No, we don't want it in  
24 this district." So he didn't know what  
25 he was talking about now. But anyway,

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2 Larto. It's the best crop and fishing  
3 lake in the three-state area, and we  
4 want to preserve it as much as we can.  
5 We already have some hurt coming,  
6 contamination that's coming from  
7 Arkansas off the paper mills up there  
8 and some of the rock quarries. We  
9 already have a problem with that, and  
10 we need to address that problem, also,  
11 with that, you know, with what's going  
12 on with the pollution. And I'll tell  
13 you. I can't think of his name, the  
14 one that was representing them, you  
15 know, he made a statement about  
16 something completed. I think he's way  
17 off about it being completed because he  
18 ain't got nothing to work with yet.  
19 But anyway, we're going to stick  
20 together, people, and we're going to  
21 win this thing. And I don't know how  
22 many acres these people actually bought  
23 down there. And they had a man there.  
24 It was a big man from the Louisiana  
25 Delta Plantation. But he said that he

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1 gets his mail through the Louisiana  
2 Delta Plantation. But I don't know how

3 many acres of it they bought, if they  
4 bought it all, or just five-thousand  
5 acres. It's about thirty-something-  
6 thousand acres down there. They put a  
7 lot of landfills on that. Once they  
8 get one permit, they'll move for  
9 another one, you know; so we -- we're  
10 going to stop deferring and all of us  
11 stick together. All you people of  
12 Avoyelles Parish tonight, you know, I  
13 don't know what the numbers are. But I  
14 might ask the DEQ man over here how  
15 many people voted for and against. Can  
16 I do that?

17 MR. REINE:

18 I'm sorry. It's not a  
19 question and answer.

20 MR. WILEY:

21 Oh, okay, all right, because,  
22 you know, we had a very, very bad  
23 mistake in these numbers from our  
24 police juryman a while ago. He wasn't  
25 an elected official. Just nobody run

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1 against him. That's the way that went.  
2 But I guarantee you that this time  
3 around, there's going to be somebody  
4 running against him.

5 MR. REINE:

6 And I'll note your time is

7 up.

8 MR. WILEY:

9 And we thank y'all.

10 (APPLAUSE)

11 MR. REINE:

12 Is there anybody else who

13 would like to comment? The gentleman

14 in the yellow shirt?

15 MR. WILEY:

16 All right, I'm Grover Wiley,

17 150 Birdnest Lane, Larto, Louisiana. I

18 know we're all tired. I know we want

19 to go home. This is an over-and-over

20 deal. We're hoping that somebody will

21 get the inside of what's going on and

22 let's end this thing. The first place

23 is I mentioned the other night in

24 Harrisonburg Louisiana is a

25 sportsman's, or it was a sportsman's

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1 paradise. It's not as much as it was

2 because the industrial end of it has

3 ruined a lot of our lands. The big man

4 with the big money has come along and

5 where we're sitting at today. We

6 appreciate Louisiana Delta has come  
7 down to give us something to do. But  
8 on top of giving us something to do,  
9 they've taken our hunting rights away.  
10 They have done this to us. We had to  
11 get a special permit. Now if you want  
12 to go to a Louisiana doctor, you don't  
13 go down Highway 1196. To go through,  
14 to hit 107, you go to Marksville,  
15 Alexandria. That's the only way you've  
16 got to go now. That's it. They have  
17 posted the lands, and they're real nice  
18 to us. They have permitted us not to  
19 hunt on these lands which was ours to  
20 start with. They're the public's.  
21 We're here. Like I said, we're here to  
22 get what's right for our people. We  
23 totally own the land, fine. But when  
24 it comes to hurting us, people, we  
25 don't want it. You know, the governor,

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1 Ms. Blanco, is for this. I don't know  
2 if y'all know it or not. But she has  
3 given her approval on this. Now maybe  
4 the DEA don't know this. Maybe they  
5 do. But, you know, I wonder if we had  
6 each of our kids sit there and draw a  
7 picture of this dump, disposal dump,  
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8 and send it to her how she'd feel about  
9 it. Our kids know what the proposition  
10 is. They need to be taught a little  
11 bit more; so as parents, we're here to  
12 take care of them. We intend to take  
13 care of them. We appreciate the DEA.  
14 We appreciate the comments elsewhere.  
15 But we, like I said a while ago, we're  
16 going to cover our butts. It's ours  
17 and we're going to hold our hands on  
18 them and make sure we don't get  
19 spanked.

20 (APPLAUSE)

21 MR. REINE:

22 When you get up there, say  
23 your name and address, and after you  
24 speak you can stay a lot longer.

25 MR. DUPUY:

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1 My name is Gerard Dupuy, and  
2 I live at 505 (inaudible) Road. I got  
3 a camp over at Larto Lake, but my  
4 address is Marksville, really Mocl a,  
5 Louisiana. I want to tell y'all I  
6 stand up here for my children, my  
7 grandchildren, my posterity, that I'm  
8 opposed to this project. We've got a

9 fine area. We want to keep it. I want  
10 to tell you those that are against this  
11 project are my (inaudible). And I know  
12 y'all can't say that. Y'all can't do  
13 that. (Inaudible). We'll never let  
14 this potato go.

15 (APPLAUSE)

16 MR. REINE:

17 Anybody else? Someone in the  
18 green.

19 MR. BORDELON:

20 Ray Bordelon, 1462 Highway  
21 1187, Mansura, Louisiana 71350. I  
22 just wanted to come back and talk a  
23 little bit about the Avoyelles Wildlife  
24 Federation. I got involved in this  
25 project. The Avoyelles Wildlife

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1 Federation was formed as a wildlife  
2 organization. A few years back we  
3 changed it, our goal being a wildlife  
4 and environmental organization, an  
5 environmental oriented organization  
6 because that seemed to threaten -- and  
7 that they wanted more of what we've  
8 been fighting for than any other thing  
9 we've done in the past, environmental  
10 concerns, environmental problems. And  
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11 this is what we worked for. And it  
12 might sound to you that I'm anti-DEQ.  
13 My wife and I served for two-and-a-half  
14 years just recently when the Avoyelles  
15 Parish Drinking Water Protection  
16 Committee -- you can look us up on the  
17 web site. My picture is on the DEQ web  
18 site. We were proud of it because  
19 Central Louisiana has this highest rate  
20 of carcinogenic disease in the United  
21 States per capita. And we feel a lot  
22 of it is because of our drinking water,  
23 and that's why we got so involved in it  
24 to try to protect it. And believe you  
25 me, like what I said earlier, we're

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1 going to fight this until hell freezes  
2 over because there's no bigger threat  
3 to our drinking water and our  
4 groundwater than to put a landfill out  
5 here in the middle of our parish, or  
6 our area. And I just wanted to make  
7 that statement before I leave here  
8 tonight. I'm not anti-DEQ. I worked  
9 with them and I know where they work.  
10 And I know where they failed, and I do  
11 not have the confidence they can

12 control the water coming off of this  
13 landfill before it's dumped into our  
14 streams and bayous. Thank you, people.

15 (APPLAUSE)

16 MR. REINE:

17 Would anybody like to speak?

18 MR. WILEY:

19 Can I make one, just one more  
20 comment here?

21 MR. REINE:

22 Yes, you may.

23 MR. WILEY:

24 Okay. Everybody knows I'm  
25 Danny Wiley. And I was going to --

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1 I'll tell y'all: He was kind of  
2 implying he wasn't going to tell y'all  
3 who he really was. That's Mr. Oscar  
4 Williams sitting back here, the big man  
5 that come up and talked about it. He  
6 was a head knocker at the Wildlife  
7 Fisheries for several years. And he  
8 knows what he's talking about; so I  
9 just wanted y'all to recognize who he  
10 was. He wasn't just making comments  
11 that he didn't know what he was talking  
12 about.

13 MR. REINE:

14 Any other comments?  
15 MS. DUPUY:  
16 Very short. I'm Audrey  
17 Dupuy, 600 Fairline (phonetic) Drive,  
18 Terrytown, Louisiana. And I'd just  
19 like to bring some points out: As to  
20 the waste material that would be coming  
21 over, megatons per day, which I'm not  
22 going to -- I should have studied the  
23 actual tonnage that comes in. And you  
24 multiply that by thirty, think of the  
25 loose debris which could be flying in

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1 the atmosphere going all over the land  
2 and would not be covered for thirty  
3 days one month sitting there, uncovered  
4 into the open. The other thing is the  
5 leaching. We have to consider the  
6 absorption qualities of the chemicals  
7 that are put, treated like PCB,  
8 Polychlorinated Biphenyls in the  
9 pressure treated lumbars that were --  
10 I'm not sure of the chemicals right  
11 now, but back then they were  
12 Polychlorinated Biphenyls which are  
13 very super carcinogenic. This is  
14 permeated into the wood. And can you

15 imagine the foam insulation? The  
16 insulation in the house and the  
17 sheetrock or dry wall absorbs readily,  
18 anything that you have. Consider this  
19 land was covered with water for --  
20 well, it stood there for two weeks, a  
21 month, or whatever. But all of this  
22 material is super saturated with very  
23 bad chemicals. And the leaching, even  
24 though it's dry when it comes here,  
25 it's still in material that's coming

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1 in. And to leave it uncovered for that  
2 amount of time, I can't understand it,  
3 you know; and so I think it would be a  
4 very bad thing to have, and I just hope  
5 that we put up a real good fight and  
6 try to get this landfill shut down  
7 before -- well, it's already started.  
8 The loading docks are here. The other  
9 thing you see, the amount of miles that  
10 they come down the rivers and that the  
11 barges away are loaded in New Orleans  
12 and before unloading here to make sure  
13 that this same amount of material is on  
14 the barge when it reaches the  
15 destination.

16 (APPLAUSE)

17 MR. REINE:  
18 Thank you. Anyone else would  
19 like to speak?  
20 MR. RYAN:  
21 Tim Ryan, 4867 Highway 452,  
22 Marksville, Louisiana, the Brouillette  
23 community. I'd like to make a couple  
24 of more points: First of all, one  
25 point I'd like to make is the fact that

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1 Two Rivers and their representatives  
2 had about thirty minutes in the front,  
3 the beginning part of the meeting to  
4 make their point and articulated their  
5 case, whereas the opposition has three  
6 minutes and then a chance to come up  
7 again for another three minutes, hardly  
8 enough time for any of our best  
9 speakers and community leaders to  
10 articulate a case in three minutes;  
11 however, we've tried our best. The  
12 second point I'd like to make is the  
13 area where this site is going to be, if  
14 this is going to be inside of a flood  
15 zone. And if it is inside of a flood  
16 zone, I think that sites like this  
17 should never be inside of a flood zone

18 because of the potential for this  
19 material to be dispersed because nobody  
20 can accurately predict when we're going  
21 to get a flood and if we're going to  
22 get a flood and scatter all this  
23 material into areas that weren't  
24 previously contaminated. Well, now it  
25 will be contaminated with these

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1 materials when there could be sites in  
2 non-flood zone areas. And the third  
3 thing I'd like to say is that I know  
4 these engineers and scientists have  
5 done a lot of research and design and  
6 everything else, but we know that if  
7 there is a flood in this area, the  
8 levees that they're talking about  
9 making can fail. We know engineers  
10 have failed in that line in the past.  
11 I think New Orleans is a prime example  
12 of that, and it's not the only example  
13 of levees failing. And I don't believe  
14 that we should take a chance. I don't  
15 think it's worth it because of the  
16 adverse impact that possibly could  
17 happen. That's all I have to say.

18 Thank you.

19 (APPLAUSE)



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