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6	IN THE MATTER OF:	
7	CITY WATER, LIGHT AND POWER	
	RENEWAL OF	
8	NPDES PERMIT NO. IL0024767	
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17	Public Hearing held, on April 28, 2015, at	
18	the Southeast High School, 2350 East Ash Street,	
19	Springfield, Illinois 62703, scheduled for the	
20	hour of 6:00 P.M.	
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Page 3 A P P E A R A N C E S 1 HEARING OFFICER: 2 3 Dean Studer Illinois Environmental Protection Agency 1021 North Grand Avenue East 4 Springfield, Illinois 627794-9276 5 217.558.8280 dean.studer@illinois.gov 6 7 IEPA PANEL MEMBERS: 8 Robert G. Mosher, Water Quality Standards Unit 9 Carl E. Kamp, Groundwater Section 10 Shu-Mei Tsai, Industrial Unit, 11 Permit Section 12 Joanne Olson, Assistant Counsel 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 Court Reporter: Robin A. Enstrom, RPR, CSR Illinois CSR #084-002046 20 Midwest Litigation Services 21 15 S. Old State Capitol Plaza 22 Springfield, Illinois 62701 217.522.2211 23 800.280.3376 24

Page 4 1 (Hearing began at 6:02 P.M.) HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Good 2 3 evening. For those of you that are on the 4 outside, if you would make your way in and have a 5 seat, we're going to begin here. My name is Dean Studer, and I'm the 6 7 Hearing Officer for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. On behalf of Director Lisa 8 9 Bonnett, I welcome you to tonight's hearing. My 10 purpose tonight is to ensure that this proceeding runs efficiently and according to rules. 11 12 This is an informational hearing 13 before the Illinois EPA in the matter of the 14 renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge 15 Elimination System, otherwise referred to as 16 NPDES, permit for the City of Springfield, City 17 Water, Light and Power, CWLP, power station. The Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination 18 19 that this project meets the requirements for 20 obtaining a permit and has prepared a draft 21 reissued permit for review. 2.2 The authority for the Illinois EPA to 23 reissue this permit is contained in Section 39 of 24 the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415

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1	ILCS 5/39. In pertinent part, this section	
2	reads: "It shall be the duty of the Agency to	
3	issue such a permit upon proof by the applicant	
4	that the facility, equipment, vehicle, vessel, or	
5	aircraft will not cause a violation of this Act	
6	or of regulations hereunder."	
7	The decision by the Agency in this	
8	matter will be based upon the technical merits of	
9	the application as it relates to compliance with	
10	this statute and regulations promulgated under	
11	it. The Agency decision will not be based on how	
12	many people desire for the permit to be issued or	
13	how many people desire for the permit not to be	
14	issued but rather on compliance with applicable	
15	laws and regulations.	
16	Can everyone in the back hear me?	
17	Yeah. Okay. Let the record indicate "Yes."	
18	Issues relevant to tonight's hearing	
19	include compliance with the requirements of the	
20	Clean Water Act and the rules set forth in 35	
21	Illinois Administrative Code, Subtitle C,	
22	potential impacts to receiving waters from the	
23	discharge, water quality in the receiving waters,	
24	and the anti-degradation analysis.	

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1	I also wish to point out that while	
2	this is a power station, issues dealing with air	
3	pollution and emissions are not the subject of	
4	this hearing. Issues involving air pollution,	
5	emissions control, and respiratory diseases will	
6	not be discussed during this hearing unless they	
7	have a direct bearing on the NPDES permit,	
8	wastewater control equipment, or some other	
9	aspect of water pollution control. If the	
10	subject matter of your comments begins to drift	
11	into these areas, I may interrupt you and ask	
12	that you proceed to your next relevant issue.	
13	This is a water permit hearing. This is not an	
14	air permit hearing. Let's keep the issues	
15	pertaining to the NPDES permit.	
16	The Illinois EPA is holding this	
17	hearing for the purpose of accepting comments	
18	from the public on this draft water discharge	
19	permit. This public hearing is being held under	
20	the provisions of Illinois EPA's procedures for	
21	permit and closure plan hearings which can be	
22	found in 35 Illinois Administrative Code, Part	
23	166, Subpart A, and in accordance with the	
24	requirements of the Illinois Pollution Control	

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1	Board NPDES regulations found at 35 Illinois	
2	Administrative Code Sections 309.115 through	
3	309.119. Copies of these regulations are	
4	available at the Pollution Control Board site at	
5	www.ipcb.state.il.us, or if you do not have easy	
6	access to the web, you can contact me, and I can	
7	obtain a copy for you.	
8	An informational hearing means	
9	exactly that this is strictly an informational	
10	hearing. It is an opportunity for you to provide	
11	information to the Illinois EPA concerning the	
12	permit. This is not a contested case hearing.	
13	I'd like to explain how tonight's	
14	hearing is going to proceed. First, I will have	
15	the Illinois EPA panel introduce themselves and	
16	provide a sentence or two regarding their	
17	involvement in the permit review process. Then	
18	Shu-Mei Tsai will provide a brief statement	
19	regarding the permit. This will be followed by	
20	further instructions as to how statements and	
21	comments will be taken during this hearing and as	
22	to appropriate hearing during this con conduct	
23	during this hearing. Excuse me. Following these	
24	additional instructions, I will then allow the	

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1	public to speak.	
2	If you have not completed a	
3	registration card at this point, please see Barb	
4	Lieberoff at the registration table, and she can	
5	provide one to you. You may indicate on the card	
6	that you would like to make oral comments	
7	tonight. Everyone completing a card legibly or	
8	providing their business card to Ms. Lieberoff at	
9	the registration table or submitting written	
10	comments during the comment period will be	
11	notified when the Illinois EPA reaches a final	
12	decision in this matter. A responsiveness	
13	summary will be made available at that time.	
14	In the responsiveness summary the	
15	Illinois EPA will respond to all relevant and	
16	significant issues that were raised at this	
17	hearing or submitted to me prior to the close of	
18	the comment period. The comment period in this	
19	matter will close on May 29, 2015. I will accept	
20	written comments as long as they are postmarked	
21	in sufficient time so as they physically arrive	
22	at Illinois EPA headquarters no later than May	
23	29, 2015.	
24	Illinois EPA is committed to	

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1	resolving outstanding issues and reaching a final	
2	decision in this matter in an expeditious manner.	
3	However, the actual decision date in this matter	
4	will depend upon a number of factors, including	
5	the number and substantive comments received and	
6	staffing considerations as well as other factors.	
7	During tonight's hearing and	
8	throughout the comment period, relevant comments,	
9	documents, and data will be placed into the	
10	hearing record as exhibits. Please send all	
11	written documents or data to my attention at Dean	
12	Studer, Hearing Officer, regarding CWLP NPDES,	
13	Illinois EPA, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O.	
14	Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.	
15	This address is also listed on the public notice	
16	for this hearing tonight. Please reference CWLP	
17	NPDES or the NPDES number on your comments to	
18	help ensure that they become a part of this	
19	hearing record. The NPDES permit number for this	
20	facility is IL0024767.	
21	In addition, e-mail comments will be	
22	accepted if sent to epa.publichearingcom	
23	that's e-p-ap-u-b-l-i-c-h-e-a-r-i-n-g-c-o-m	
24	@illinois.gov. E-mails originating on a	

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1	third-party server designed to submit comments of	
2	the same or nearly the same content from multiple	
3	users will not be accepted without prior approval	
4	of the Hearing Officer. E-mail comments are to	
5	be sent to epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov, and	
6	they need to be received no later than May 29,	
7	2015, and, again, should specify CWLP NPDES or	
8	the NPDES number, which is IL0024767, in the	
9	subject line. E-mails are electronically sorted	
10	and distributed; so please make sure that the	
11	words in the subject line are spelled correctly.	
12	Electronic comments filed during the	
13	normal agency business hours should get an	
14	automated reply for our server. I will also	
15	attempt to send a reply to e-mail comments within	
16	a few business days indicating the exhibit number	
17	assigned to the electronic submittal. If you do	
18	not receive such a reply, you may contact me, and	
19	I can provide that information to you.	
20	I will now ask the Illinois EPA panel	
21	to introduce themselves and provide a sentence or	
22	two regarding their role in the permit review	
23	process. This will be followed by Shu-Mei Tsai	
24	giving brief opening remarks on the permit.	

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1	MR. MOSHER: Hi. My name is Bob	
2	Mosher, and I work in the water quality standards	
3	section at Illinois EPA, and I work with the	
4	permit writer to get water quality standards-	
5	based limits in permits.	
6	MR. KAMP: My name is Carl Kamp, and	
7	I work for the groundwater section at the	
8	Illinois EPA. And my relationship is groundwater	
9	regulation compliance in relation to the ash	
10	impoundments.	
11	MS. OLSON: Hi. My name is Joanne	
12	Olson. I'm assistant counsel at Illinois EPA,	
13	and I provide legal support to Bureau of Water in	
14	issuing NPDES permits.	
15	MS. TSAI: Good evening. My name is	
16	Shu-Mei Tsai, permit writer for the permit	
17	section for industrial unit, and I'm going to	
18	give you	
19	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Speak into	
20	the mic so they can hear you.	
21	MS. TSAI: So I'm going to give you	
22	an opening statement today. CWLP, City Water,	
23	Light and Power generation station, located 3100	
24	Stevenson Drive, Illinois Springfield,	

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1	Illinois. The applicant operate an existing	
2	fossil-fuel steam electric generating facility	
3	with a total generating capacity of 618	
4	megawatts.	
5	The facility consists two complexes:	
6	Lakeside and Dallman. But the Lakeside complex	
7	ceased operation in January 2009. The Dallman	
8	complex is still operating and consists four	
9	generating units. Dallman 1 and 2 are cyclone-	
10	fed coal-fired boiler with a combined generating	
11	nameplate capacity of 180.2 megawatts. Dallman	
12	3, a pulverized coal-fired boiler, with a	
13	generating nameplate capacity of 207.4 megawatts.	
14	And the Dallman 4 is a coal-fired boiler with a	
15	generating nameplate capacity of 230.1 megawatts.	
16	Dallman 1, 2, and 3 generating units are cooled	
17	using raw lake water on a once-through cooling	
18	system. Dallman 4 utilize a cooling tower.	
19	This draft permit has been prepared	
20	for facility for 16 discharge points from the	
21	site into Lake Springfield and Sugar Creek. The	
22	waste stream consists of miscellaneous water and	
23	groundwater seepage, Dallman 1 and 2 condenser	
24	cooling water, parking lot stormwater runoff,	

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1	industrial treatment plant wastewater,	
2	non-chemical metal cleaning waste, ash pond	
3	discharge, Dallman coal pile runoff, Dallman 3	
4	condenser cooling water, Dallman plant intake	
5	screen backwash, stormwater runoff from west and	
6	east drainage ditches of Dallman and Unit 4	
7	roadways, ash pond discharge, stormwater runoff	
8	from landfill and ash pond area, and high service	
9	pump station emergency overflow.	
10	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you,	
11	Shu-Mei.	
12	While the issues raised tonight may	
13	indeed be heartfelt concerns to many of us in	
14	attendance, applause is not appropriate during	
15	the course of this hearing. On a similar note,	
16	booing, hissing, jeering are also not appropriate	
17	and will not be allowed this evening.	
18	Secondly, statements made tonight are	
19	to relate to the issues involved with the	
20	reissuance of this permit. Specifically,	
21	statements and comments that are of a personal	
22	nature or reflect on the character or motive of a	
23	person or group of people are not appropriate in	
24	this hearing. If statements or comments begin to	

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1	drift into these areas, I may interrupt the	
2	person speaking and ask that they proceed to	
3	their next relevant issue.	
4	As Hearing Officer, I intend to treat	
5	everyone here tonight in a respectful and	
6	professional manner. I ask that the public and	
7	members of the hearing panel do the same. If the	
8	conduct of persons attending this hearing should	
9	become unruly, I am authorized to adjourn this	
10	hearing should the actions warrant. In such a	
11	case, the Illinois EPA would still accept written	
12	comments through the close of the comment period.	
13	Illinois EPA staff members will be	
14	responding to issues primarily for clarification	
15	purposes. We are here tonight primarily to	
16	listen to the environmental issues related to the	
17	NPDES permit. You may disagree with or object to	
18	some of the statements and comments made tonight,	
19	but this is a public hearing and everyone has a	
20	right to express their comments on this matter.	
21	Again, written comments are given the	
22	same consideration as oral comments received	
23	during this hearing and may be submitted to	
24	Illinois EPA at any time within the public	

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1	comment period which, again, runs through May 29,	
2	2015. If you are submitting comments by U.S.	
3	mail or carrier mail, they need be mailed	
4	sufficiently early to arrive at Illinois EPA no	
5	later than May 29.	
6	Although we will continue to accept	
7	comments through that date, tonight is the only	
8	time that we will accept oral comments. Any	
9	person who wishes to make an oral comment may do	
10	so as long as the statements are relevant to the	
11	issues at hand and time allows.	
12	If you have lengthy comments, please	
13	consider giving only a summary of those comments	
14	during this hearing, and then you may submit	
15	comments in their entirety to me in writing	
16	before the close of the comment period, and I	
17	will ensure they are included in the hearing	
18	record as an exhibit. Please keep your comments	
19	relevant to the issues related to the water	
20	permit. If your comments fall outside the scope	
21	of this hearing, I may ask you to proceed to your	
22	next issue.	
23	To ensure that we conduct this	
24	hearing in a timely fashion, I will impose a time	

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1	limit of six minutes per speaker. After going	
2	through the registration cards and giving an	
3	opportunity to speak to those that have so	
4	indicated, provided time permits, I may allow	
5	those who initially did not want to speak to do	
6	so. If time still permits, I may then allow	
7	those who initially ran out of time to continue	
8	to speak.	
9	In the event that we cannot	
10	accommodate everyone who wishes to make oral	
11	comments this evening, you would be asked to	
12	submit your comments to us in writing. And,	
13	again, written comments are given the same weight	
14	as comments made orally at this hearing. I	
15	stress that we want to avoid unnecessary	
16	repetition. Once a point is made, it makes no	
17	difference if the point is made once or whether	
18	it is made 99 times. It will be considered on	
19	its weight, and it will be reflected only once in	
20	the responsiveness summary.	
21	The final decision of the Illinois	
22	EPA will not be based on how many people support	
23	or oppose the issuance of this permit but rather	
24	upon the application and its supporting documents	

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1	indicating that the facility will comply with	
2	applicable laws and regulations.	
3	We have a court reporter here who is	
4	taking a record of these proceedings for the	
5	purpose of us putting together our administrative	
6	record. Therefore, for her benefit, please keep	
7	the general background noise in the room to a	
8	minimum so that she can hear everything that is	
9	said. Illinois EPA will post the transcript for	
10	this hearing on our web page in the same general	
11	place where the hearing notice, draft permit, and	
12	other documents in this matter have been posted.	
13	This transcript will be posted as soon as	
14	practical after this hearing, and that is usually	
15	about three weeks after the hearing closes. The	
16	actual posting date will depend to a number of	
17	factors, including when I get the transcript back	
18	from the court reporter.	
19	When it is your turn to speak, I will	
20	call your name. Please come forward and state	
21	your name for the record, along with any	
22	governmental body, organization, or association	
23	that you're representing. If you are not	
24	representing a governmental body and organization	

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1	or an association, you may simply indicate that	
2	you are a concerned citizen or member of the	
3	public. For the benefit of the court reporter, I	
4	ask that you spell your last name. If there are	
5	alternate spellings of your first name, you may	
6	also spell your first name. Once you spell your	
7	name, I will start timing you, and you will have	
8	six minutes to complete your comments.	
9	I ask that while you are speaking	
10	that you direct your attention to the hearing	
11	panel and to the court reporter to ensure that an	
12	accurate record of your comments can be made.	
13	Prolonged dialogue with members of the hearing	
14	panel or with others here in attendance will not	
15	be permitted. Comments directed to members of	
16	the audience are also not allowed.	
17	Again, I remind everyone that the	
18	focus of this hearing is the environmental issues	
19	associated with the NPDES permit.	
20	Are there any questions regarding the	
21	procedures that will be used for this hearing	
22	this evening?	
23	(No response.)	
24	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Okay. Let	

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       the record indicate that no one raised their
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       hand.
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                   When I call your name, please come
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       forward to the podium, state your name, and if
       you're representing an organization or
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       association or government agency, please state
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       so, and then if you would spell your last name
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       for the record.
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                   The first person is Christine Zeman.
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                   Ms. Zeman will be followed by, it
       looks like, Hath Garner.
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                   MS. ZEMAN: Hello. My name is
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       Christine Zeman, Z-e-m-a-n, regulatory affairs
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       director for CWLP.
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                   HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Can everyone
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       hear her?
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                       (Yes's heard.)
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                   HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Okay
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                   MS. ZEMAN: Thank you.
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                   We thank the Agency for the
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       opportunity to address the hearing tonight on
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       behalf of CWLP, and we appreciate too the efforts
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       of the NPDES program staff to develop this draft
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       renewed permit. The permit addresses compliance
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1	with applicable regulations while incorporating	
2	terms specific to CWLP. My comment tonight is in	
3	addition to formal comments already filed with	
4	the Illinois EPA on this draft.	
5	This draft renewal is just one	
6	example of CWLP's commitment to the environment.	
7	We are a not-for-profit utility municipal	
8	utility providing electric power and potable	
9	water to approximately 70,000 customers, the	
10	residents and commercial businesses of	
11	Springfield and surrounding areas. The costs of	
12	the potable water, electric generation, and our	
13	environmental controls are borne by our citizens,	
14	the ratepayers.	
15	Lake Springfield is a valuable	
16	natural resource to the city, CWLP, and the	
17	Springfield community. It serves as the only	
18	potable water supply for Springfield and meets	
19	and exceeds the drinking water standards that	
20	apply to it, as the latest water quality report	
21	demonstrates, which I have here available	
22	tonight. Our water department works hard and has	
23	won awards for its watershed protection programs,	
24	including to minimize the impact of runoff from	

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1	non-source pollution, the farms that comprise our	
2	watershed.	
3	Lake Springfield also serves as a	
4	cooling lake for our electric generation. Our	
5	electric department has had water pollution	
6	controls in place earlier than many other	
7	utilities to remove or minimize pollutants to the	
8	waters of Lake Springfield and Sugar Creek as	
9	well as to the air.	
10	In 2009 CWLP began commercial	
11	operation of a new unit, Dallman Unit 4, allowing	
12	the retirement of our older, less clean Lakeside	
13	units, which again won accolades from engineering	
14	and environmental groups alike. Unit 4 was	
15	constructed with a dry ash handling system and	
16	has some of the most advanced pollution controls,	
17	including a tower excuse me a cooling tower	
18	that reduces the use of lake water and removes	
19	heat from Unit 4 exhaust which decreases the	
20	impact on lake organisms.	
21	In early 2009 Hanson Engineers	
22	performed a mass balance analyses for outfall 004	
23	with Unit 4's scrubber blowdown added, a	
24	conservative calculation that didn't even include	

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1	the retiring Lakeside units, which CWLP deemed	
2	acceptable to and accepted by the Illinois EPA.	
3	And CWLP has several contracts in place for	
4	recycling of coal combustion materials into	
5	useful products, again, further minimizing its	
6	impact on the environment.	
7	CWLP has been an important part of	
8	the Springfield community for decades now with	
9	over 600 employees. The projects have been	
10	important not only to local contractors but	
11	worldwide contractors as well. Lake Springfield	
12	provides valuable wildlife habitat and enjoyable	
13	outdoor recreation; so we recognize its	
14	importance in keeping it clean.	
15	Again, we appreciate the opportunity	
16	here tonight to listen, and we will follow up	
17	with written comment to the Agency. The draft	
18	NPDES permit renewal or reissuance at issue here	
19	tonight is a necessary component of our	
20	commitment to the environment and especially to	
21	Lake Springfield to continue efficient	
22	operations that comply with applicable	
23	regulations.	
24	Thank you.	

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1	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you.	
2	And I will be providing the statement	
3	that Ms. Zeman read from as Exhibit 6 into the	
4	hearing record in this matter.	
5	Next person is Hath Garner, and he'll	
6	be followed by Hayden Garner as well.	
7	I also while he's coming to the	
8	mic, I also want to point out that we do have	
9	four people here. We do not have everyone here	
10	that is involved with every aspect of this	
11	permit. We will be attempting to respond to	
12	issues primarily for clarification purposes, but	
13	I do want to point out that, because policy	
14	questions involve multiple people within the	
15	Agency, we may not be able to address specific	
16	policy issues at this hearing tonight, but they	
17	would be provided with a written response in our	
18	responsiveness summary. Also, the responses that	
19	are given orally at this hearing are considered	
20	preliminary responses, and our final response	
21	will be in writing in the responsiveness summary.	
22	Go ahead, Mr. Garner.	
23	MR. GARNER: Thank you. My name is	
24	Heath Garner, G-a-r-n-e-r. I'm representing the	

Page 24 1 public as a concerned citizen. 2 My question -- well, I have multiple 3 questions, but is the discharge water at the 4 plant treated? 5 At what temperature is it discharged? If it is treated, how? 6 7 Does the temperature of the discharge water affect bacterial growth in Lake Springfield 8 or the Sugar Creek? 9 10 Will this be studied? Does the temperature of the discharge 11 12 water affect algae growth in Lake Springfield or 13 Sugar Creek, and will that be studied? 14 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Okay. We'll go back, and you want preliminary responses to 15 16 those tonight? 17 MR. GARNER: Yes, sir. I appreciate 18 that. 19 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Okay. Yeah. 20 When you give multiple questions like that, it's 21 probably beneficial if you break them down rather 22 than giving six or eight at one shot, but we'll 23 go ahead and try and answer some of those off the 24 bat.

Page 25 1 If I remember right, the first question was whether or not the water was -- that 2 3 was discharged was treated. 4 MR. GARNER: Yes, sir. HEARING OFFICER STUDER: And the 5 second one had to do with what the temperature of 6 7 that water is. I remember those two right off 8 the bat. 9 MR. GARNER: Yes, sir. 10 MS. TSAI: Well, some of our wastewater have been treated before they 11 12 discharge, but some of them are not. Like, 13 stormwater runoff --14 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I can't 15 understand you. Stormwater runoff --16 MS. TSAI: Some stormwater runoff --17 they don't treat it before they discharge because just stormwater. But related to, like, a process 18 wastewater, like, a ash pond water, they will 19 20 treat it before they discharge that; so --21 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Temperature. 2.2 It varies. 23 MS. TSAI: The temperature vary --24 COURT REPORTER: The temperature vary

Page 26 1 what? 2 MS. TSAI: I'm sorry. Could you 3 repeat the temperature question again? 4 MR. GARNER: At what temperature is 5 the water discharged? 6 MS. TSAI: Well, CWLP got thermal 7 relief grant by Illinois Board Control -- Control 8 Board. 9 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Can 10 somebody interpret for her. 11 MR. MOSHER: Illinois Pollution 12 Control Board. 13 MS. OLSON: She's saying that the --14 they have thermal relief granted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board. 15 16 MS. TSAI: So they already have, you 17 know, the temperature relief from the Board 18 already. 19 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: The question 20 was at what temperature is it discharged? 21 MS. TSAI: Right now they have 99 22 degree for not exeed 8 percent of hour and 23 over -- I believe it's 107 temperature for 12 24 months, but I have double-check with my file for

Page 27 1 that. 2 COURT REPORTER: Double-check what? MS. TSAI: I will double-check with 3 4 answer -- the answer. 5 MR. GARNER: If the water is treated, then how is it treated? Like, what chemicals 6 7 would be used to clean the water? MS. TSAI: Well, they have their own 8 9 treatment plant. So they will send water to the 10 settling pond. Then go to the lagoon to let the -- you know, more settling, and they will 11 12 send through the treatment plant and add, like, a 13 polymer or lime, and they will discharge that. 14 MR. GARNER: Thank you. 15 Does the temperature of the discharge 16 water affect the bacterial growth in Lake 17 Springfield or Sugar Creek? MR. MOSHER: Well, to start out, 18 19 Sugar Creek isn't getting a thermal effluent; so 20 my answer would be no for Sugar Creek. 21 For Lake Springfield, I don't know that there's ever been a study, but given heated 22 23 water is being added to the lake, I would feel 24 safe to say that bacteria growing in that water

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1	would be different from an unaffected lake, but	
2	we'll look and see if there's any studies.	
3	Offhand, I don't know of any.	
4	MR. GARNER: Thank you.	
5	So my next question is similar to	
6	that. Would it affect the algae growth in that	
7	area?	
8	MR. MOSHER: Again, I don't know of	
9	any studies. I do know that Lake Springfield	
10	suffers from excess algae, and we've noted that	
11	in our integrated water quality report and 303(d)	
12	list that we publish every two years. Lake	
13	Springfield has excess algae, and we believe	
14	that's caused by excess phosphorus, but that's	
15	pretty much a non-point issue coming from the	
16	farms in the lake's watershed.	
17	How the heated water affects that	
18	algae, again, I just don't know of any studies.	
19	We'll take a look and see what's available and	
20	report in the responsiveness summary.	
21	MR. GARNER: Thank you.	
22	And if no studies are found, will a	
23	study be performed by CWLP or the IEPA in order	
24	to recognize this issue?	

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1	MR. MOSHER: I I would say not	
2	because most of the lakes in Illinois suffer from	
3	excess nutrients and have problems with algae or	
4	excess plant growth. And that's going to be true	
5	whether it's a power plant lake or not, and I	
6	don't I wouldn't see any value in doing such a	
7	study. Maybe if you see that value, you could	
8	provide us with a comment to that effect and	
9	state your reasoning why you think that study	
10	would be valuable.	
11	MR. GARNER: Thank you.	
12	I will come back on the next round.	
13	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you,	
14	Heath. And I apologize for calling you Hath.	
15	MR. GARNER: Not a problem.	
16	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: I'm sorry.	
17	Hayden Garner, and he'll be followed	
18	by Norman Brown.	
19	MR. GARNER: Hello. My name is	
20	Hayden Garner, G-a-r-n-e-r.	
21	Where exactly are the 17 points of	
22	pollution from the plant?	
23	MR. MOSHER: You're probably	
24	referencing the outfalls that are regulated in	

Page 30 the permit? 1 2 MR. GARNER: (Nodded head up and 3 down.) 4 MR. MOSHER: Did we distribute a copy 5 of the permit? Is that available? 6 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: There are 7 some available at the registration area. 8 MR. MOSHER: Okay. If you want to 9 pick up a copy of the permit at the registration 10 desk, there is a page toward the beginning which lists each outfall and what its receiving water 11 12 is. 13 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: They're also 14 available on the Internet for this proceeding as 15 well. I think we brought a couple copies of it 16 with us. So we do -- we may have -- still have 17 some in the registration area. 18 MR. GARNER: Thank you. Does the EPA double-check the numbers 19 20 that are self-checked by CWLP? 21 MR. MOSHER: Yes, we do. We have a 22 compliance assurance section. We don't have any 23 representatives from that section here tonight, 24 but they process the data submitted by CWLP and

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1	check it for compliance with the permit limits	
2	and for really all kinds of things: did they	
3	sample the correct amount of times and the	
4	correct days of the month and so forth. Many	
5	things are checked by that section.	
6	MR. GARNER: I'm also just curious.	
7	Do you know how often that would happen?	
8	MR. MOSHER: CWLP, according to the	
9	NPDES permit, has to submit a monthly report of	
10	their monitoring data. So every month it comes	
11	in.	
12	MR. GARNER: Thank you very much for	
13	your time.	
14	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you.	
15	Norman Brown, and he'll be followed	
16	by Wes King.	
17	MR. BROWN: My name is Norman Brown,	
18	B-r-o-w-n. I am a long-time resident of the city	
19	of Springfield. My wife and I raised three	
20	children here, three sons, one of whom is still	
21	living here with his family.	
22	I began my work life here in 1963	
23	when we moved here. I worked for Hanson	
24	Engineers for nine years and then left there to	

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1	form my own consulting engineering firm which	
2	provided structural engineering services on	
3	building projects.	
4	I have two thoughts that I would like	
5	to leave with you: one relates to process, and	
6	the other is a substantive matter.	
7	I understand that a lot of the	
8	sampling and testing that is done at CWLP is	
9	based on self-reporting on their part. I believe	
10	that kind of thing has some built-in flaws in it.	
11	I recall that, when we were preparing	
12	specifications on building projects, whenever we	
13	could, we tried to make the sampling and testing	
14	be done in an independent manner so that the	
15	laboratory or the people doing the testing were	
16	not under the control and were not paid for by	
17	the people who would tend to be criticized if	
18	there were a failure in materials check or, in	
19	the case of CWLP, too many pollutants	
20	accumulating at various spots.	
21	There are certainly many a time that	
22	I remember, when the testing was under the	
23	control of the people who would be criticized by	
24	a failure, it would be said, "Well, this was	

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1	probably bad sampling. So let's just throw this	
2	one out," and that sort of thing would not be	
3	likely to happen if the testing and sampling were	
4	done in a more independent way.	
5	I think that that approach to the	
6	sampling would protect both parties because the	
7	party that might be subject to not meeting a	
8	requirement could say, "We had nothing to do with	
9	this. We did not fudge any samples because we	
10	were not in control of it." And the overseeing	
11	agency, you folks or anybody that you might hire	
12	to do that, could also say, "We've set things up	
13	so that the possibility of throwing out samples	
14	that really should be seen and reviewed cannot	
15	happen by this procedure."	
16	The other matter that I'd like to	
17	speak of in a general way is how CWLP is letting	
18	breakages in legal requirements to extend on into	
19	the future before they have to be met. It seems	
20	to me that with these potentially health-damaging	
21	materials the heavy metals or other pollutants	
22	or arsenic or whatever it might be as this	
23	accumulates, sooner or later there are going to	
24	be some health effects seen from that. And it	

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1	would certainly be a case that, if some health	
2	studies were made along the pathways that these	
3	materials flow, it would be interesting to know	
4	if there are any health effects of that sort seen	
5	now.	
6	So rather than kick the can down the	
7	road and let, you know, the next folks that come	
8	by solve this problem, I believe that we should	
9	address this with a real sense of urgency and not	
10	what seems to be a more casual look.	
11	That was all that I had to say.	
12	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you.	
13	And Wes King will be next, and he'll	
14	be followed by Elizabeth Scrafford.	
15	MR. KING: Good evening. Wes King.	
16	Last name K-i-n-g. Just thank you all for all	
17	your service to the State of Illinois and the	
18	public health and the environment for being here	
19	as part of this process.	
20	And I just I'm a lifelong resident	
21	of Springfield, born and raised. I work here. I	
22	live here. I drink the water here in	
23	Springfield, but I also am an avid kayaker. I go	
24	kayaking and fishing with a number of my friends	

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1	on Lake Springfield as well as on the South Fork	
2	of the Sangamon River and on the Sangamon River.	
3	And I also in my professional	
4	life, I am the director of an organization that	
5	advocates and represents the needs of small	
6	farmers who are engaged in sustainable	
7	agriculture throughout central Illinois, and I'm	
8	here expressing concerns in both of my lives:	
9	concerns as somebody here as a cit as a	
10	citizen of Springfield that drinks the water as	
11	well as somebody who uses it for recreational	
12	purposes.	
13	And I just I think CWLP can do	
14	better, and I think the EPA, through their	
15	permitting process, can help us to do better in	
16	this community to protect our water quality,	
17	particularly the water we drink but also the	
18	groundwater. I'm concerned about the impact that	
19	the coal ash ponds might have on groundwater in	
20	the area and the impacts that might have on	
21	farmers and rural families that live and depend	
22	on that.	
23	But, then, as somebody who fishes and	
24	kayaks on both on these impacted bodies of	

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1	water, I'm concerned about the wildlife, the	
2	aquatic life, but also concerned about the	
3	exposure I might have through that process as	
4	well as drinking the water.	
5	And I just urge, through the permit	
6	process, to please consider stronger standards	
7	that create particularly around the permits	
8	and monitoring some of these potentially	
9	dangerous toxins that could be could leach	
10	into the water system or be discharged into the	
11	lake through the discharge system.	
12	Thank you. Thanks a lot.	
13	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you,	
14	Mr. King.	
15	And as Ms. Scrafford is coming	
16	forward, John Williams will follow her.	
17	MS. SCRAFFORD: Hi. My name is	
18	Elizabeth Scrafford, S-c-r-a-f-f-o-r-d. Thank	
19	you for this opportunity to testify.	
20	I am an associate organizing	
21	representative with the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal	
22	campaign, working with our local members here in	
23	Illinois and in Springfield.	
24	I am deeply concerned about the	

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1	effects that this City Water, Light and Power	
2	Dallman coal plant is having on the environment,	
3	the community, and the people around the	
4	facility. We are here today to urge the IEPA to	
5	use your professional judgment to require that	
6	the plant take measures to make to make sure	
7	that the toxic water pollution is not discharged	
8	from the facility into waters that over 150,000	
9	people rely on for their drinking water.	
10	IEPA should also require CWLP to use	
11	the latest and best technologies to protect	
12	aquatic life in Lake Springfield from being	
13	harmed by the power plant's water intakes and	
14	discharges of hot water from its cooling system.	
15	I'm particularly concerned about the	
16	4 to 10 million gallons of coal ash pond	
17	discharge that is released each day into Lake	
18	Springfield and Sugar Creek. I am pleased to see	
19	that the proposed permit limits the amount of	
20	mercury that can be discharged, but I'm concerned	
21	that other metals that are showing up in the	
22	groundwater around the pond may also be getting	
23	into the lake.	
24	Lake Springfield is currently listed	

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1	as impaired due to high levels of total suspended	
2	solids, phosphorus, and aquatic algae. Sugar	
3	Creek is impaired due to boron pollution.	
4	It is fundamentally a bad idea to	
5	have toxic and dangerous unlined coal ash ponds	
6	on the banks of Lake Springfield, and it is	
7	unacceptable to allow CWLP to continue to	
8	discharge high levels of boron in excess of its	
9	permit limits into these receiving waters. It is	
10	also unacceptable to further threaten the aquatic	
11	life that depends on already degraded habitat in	
12	Lake Springfield.	
13	The plant withdraws water from the	
14	lake for the cooling of the boilers. The	
15	practice is damaging the lake in many ways, and	
16	IEPA should only issue a permit to this facility	
17	if it utilizes the best technology available for	
18	minimizing adverse environmental impact.	
19	I hope that the IEPA will take this	
20	requirement seriously in issuing this water	
21	permit. Whether the hot water from the power	
22	plant causes significant ecological damage to	
23	Lake Springfield has not been reassessed in 37	
24	years. CWLP should not be given another three	

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Page 39 years to provide this information. 1 2 I'm here to stand with the residents 3 of Springfield to ask IEPA to use its best 4 professional judgment as to the best technology 5 available to address the thermal pollution from 6 the plant and the fish kills due to impingement and entrainment caused by the once-through 7 cooling plant. The BTA is closed-cycle cooling 8 9 which would eliminate the thermal pollution and 10 the fish kills. IEPA should also require BAT to 11 12 reduce the discharge of toxic metals from coal 13 ash at the site to the maximum extent feasible 14 down to elimination of discharge of the 15 pollutants. Specifically, high boron discharges 16 at the plant indicate that CWLP must do more to 17 control this type of pollution. Coal pile runoff and dust could also be addressed by requiring 18 19 coal being stored in silos. 20 Thank you for your time. 21 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you, 2.2 Ms. Scrafford. 23 John Williams, and he'll be followed 24 by Andrew Rehn.

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1	MR. WILLIAMS: Hi. My name is John	
2	Williams. That's spelled W-i-l-l-i-a-m-s.	
3	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Can you in	
4	back hear?	
5	UNIDENTIFIED: Yeah, a little bit.	
6	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Okay. Just	
7	try and yeah, you might want to just point the	
8	mic up a little bit might help you a little bit	
9	too.	
10	MR. WILLIAMS: Now I'm testifying as	
11	a citizen of Springfield. I've been here more	
12	than 40 years. Came down here in 1973 to finish	
13	up my higher education. It's been in the last	
14	three years I've been fortunate to retire with	
15	good health. I'm reminded of that good health as	
16	a result of a couple of weeks helping deliver	
17	meals to less fortunate individuals. And I'm	
18	also fortunate being a senior athlete, and that	
19	gets me to tonight's topic.	
20	I train and compete in Lake	
21	Springfield, and I probably drink more water than	
22	the average citizen in order to be sufficiently	
23	hydrated. But after looking into this issue	
24	recently, the question is am I fortunate to be,	

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1	you know, competing, practicing, and drinking,	
2	you know, water from Lake Springfield? And I	
3	think the answer at best is is unclear. Are	
4	toxic contaminants from the coal ash ponds, you	
5	know, getting into Lake Springfield and Sugar	
6	Creek?	
7	And I wonder, because of retirement	
8	and the free time I have, you know, perhaps I'm	
9	also, you know, voicing the opinions similar	
10	opinions of other people not able to be here	
11	because of a time crunch.	
12	You know, after looking into this,	
13	I'm I come away thinking that the deadlines	
14	that have been imposed on CWLP have been very	
15	lax, and I just urge the Illinois Environmental	
16	Protection Agency not to reissue a permit without	
17	establishing greater safeguards to ensure the	
18	health of Springfield citizens.	
19	Thank you.	
20	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you,	
21	Mr. Williams.	
22	And as Andrew Rehn is coming forward,	
23	he'll be followed by Tyler Rotche.	
24	MR. REHN: Good evening. My name is	

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1	Andrew Rehn. That's R-e-h-n. I work as a water	
2	resources engineer with Prairie Rivers Network.	
3	Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments	
4	regarding the draft modified NPDES permit for the	
5	discharge of wastewater and intermittent	
6	discharge of stormwater runoff from the Lakeside	
7	and Dallman power generating facilities	
8	COURT REPORTER: You need to slow	
9	down.	
10	MR. REHN: into Lake Springfield	
11	and Sugar Creek in Sangamon County.	
12	Prairie Rivers Network is the state	
13	affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.	
14	It's a nonprofit organization that strives to	
15	protect the rivers, streams, and lakes of	
16	Illinois to promote the lasting health and beauty	
17	of watershed communities. Prairie Rivers Network	
18	has members that live in, draw their potable	
19	water and non-potable needs from, recreate	
20	within, and draw their employment and income from	
21	Lake Springfield, Sugar Creek, and the Sangamon	
22	River watersheds that would be adversely affected	
23	by discharge of pollutants that degrade water	
24	quality.	

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1	My first set of questions is with	
2	regard to the noncompliance of the violations.	
3	So, first of all, was the order of compliance	
4	issued by the EPA to CWLP on March 26, 2014,	
5	resolved?	
6	MR. MOSHER: Given that there's no	
7	one here from our compliance section, we'll have	
8	to answer that in the responsiveness summary.	
9	MR. REHN: Okay. All right. Well,	
10	then, I'll just go through these	
11	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: If you've	
12	got additional questions dealing with the	
13	compliance, you can read the question and that	
14	way they'll be in the record.	
15	MR. REHN: Yep. That's what I'm	
16	going to do.	
17	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Yeah. And	
18	then we'll respond to them in writing in the	
19	responsiveness summary.	
20	MR. REHN: Sure.	
21	ECHO reports that CWLP has been in	
22	violation of the Clean Water Act for 12 of the	
23	past 13 quarters. This includes seven quarters	
24	of violation of boron from outfall 4, a pH	

Page 44 violation from outfall 4, an iron violation from 1 outfall 5. Has any action been taken on these 2 3 issues? 4 And, then, additionally, CWLP has 5 been in violation for failing to develop an 6 adequate water -- stormwater pollution prevention 7 plan numerous times. Does CWLP currently have a stormwater pollution prevention plan? And how 8 9 will the agency ensure that they create one? 10 MR. MOSHER: Shu-Mei can answer that question, I believe. 11 12 MS. TSAI: Yes. Currently, they do 13 have the SWPPP for their permit. But a SWPPP is 14 only for, you know, the stormwater, not they 15 treat as processing water. 16 COURT REPORTER: Move the microphone 17 up. SWPPP? MS. TSAI: It's S-W-P-P-P. It's only 18 19 for the discharge stormwater but not have limit. 20 MR. REHN: Is that why they're in 21 violation? 22 MS. TSAI: I didn't know any 23 violation about SWPPP. Yeah, I cannot answer you 24 that, but you asked do they have SWPPP in the

Page 45 permit. They do. 1 2 MS. REHN: Okay. Thank you. 3 My next set of questions is with 4 regard to outfall 6. So outfall 6 is labeled as 5 the ash pond discharge to Lake Springfield. 6 Outfall 6 appears to be far away from the ash 7 ponds on the map, but it receives ash pond 8 discharge. 9 How is -- how is that the case? Is 10 there an ash pond between the lake and the power plant or --11 12 MS. TSAI: Well, according to their 13 application, they discharge the ash pond waste 14 stream. So I believe they must collect some --15 MR. MOSHER: The main ash pond 16 discharge is to Sugar Creek through outfall 004. 17 We will look into exactly what comes out of 006 18 and how often and how much when we get back to 19 the office, and we'll report that in the 20 responsiveness summary. 21 MR. REHN: Okay. I have a couple 22 more questions to keep in mind when you look at 23 that. Outfall 6 discharges into Lake 24 Springfield, but boron is not -- it is a coal ash

Page 46 discharge; yet boron is not being monitored. 1 Is 2 there a reason why? 3 MR. MOSHER: We'll get back to you 4 with that. 5 MR. REHN: Okay. I'm going to --6 just one more question. The permit states that 7 all of the water from outfall 6 is used by the 8 intake structure that is on the lake there and 9 brought back into the plant. How can you be sure 10 that any of the discharge from outfall 6 is actually making it back into the plant and not 11 12 being discharged into the lake? 13 MR. MOSHER: Okay. Good questions. 14 We'll get with our people back at the office, and 15 we'll tell you all about it in the responsiveness 16 summary. 17 MR. REHN: Okay. Thank you. 18 I have quite a few more questions. 19 Dean, how am I doing on time? 20 MR. MOSHER: Keep going. 21 MR. REHN: Let's see. Outfall 2.2 estimates? So the outfall estimates seem to 23 be -- looking through some of the documents, that 24 the estimates are just based on the outfall

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1	estimates that were listed in the previous	
2	draft estimates for flow rates, that is. So	
3	the daily average flow. So when is the last time	
4	that these daily average flows have actually been	
5	estimated?	
6	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: For which	
7	outfalls?	
8	MR. REHN: I guess any of them.	
9	Specifically 4 and 6, I guess, is what made me	
10	think of this question.	
11	MR. MOSHER: Yeah. The flows from	
12	the outfalls are reported to us every month. So	
13	it shouldn't be hard to come up with really more	
14	than an estimate. We could come up with actual	
15	flows for a period of time. So I think that	
16	would probably be more useful to you, and we'll	
17	do that.	
18	MR. REHN: Okay. Then I have another	
19	question about the anti-degradation analysis. So	
20	an anti-degradation analysis was not complete for	
21	the installation of Dallman 4. However,	
22	according to data from the Energy Information	
23	Administration, coal consumption has gone up by	
24	10 percent on average. Why was an	

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1	anti-degradation report not required?	
2	MR. MOSHER: Anti-degradation is a	
3	water quality standard that deals with increases	
4	and loading of pollutants. And Christine Zeman	
5	commented somewhat on this in her talk. Dallman	
6	4 is designed to not have the same wastewaters as	
7	the other units at the site. So there aren't	
8	discharges to these outfalls resulting in	
9	increased loads of pollution. So we didn't have	
10	to do the anti-degradation.	
11	MR. REHN: Well, I suppose that, if	
12	you bring another plant on line, I would expect,	
13	even if it is more energy or more	
14	environmentally friendly, it would still	
15	introduce more discharges.	
16	MR. MOSHER: Well, it's got a dry ash	
17	coal handling system. So you're not putting ash	
18	into the ash pond.	
19	MR. REHN: None of the ash goes in	
20	the ash pond?	
21	MR. MOSHER: It's dry ash. So it's	
22	taken from the plant and put in a landfill or	
23	some beneficial use somewhere. It's not going	
24	into the ash pond.	

Page 49 1 MR. REHN: Okay. That's all my 2 questions for now then. 3 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you, 4 Mr. Rehn. 5 Tyler Rotche is coming forward. 6 He'll be followed by Donald -- is it Hanrahan or 7 Hanrahan? MR. ROTCHE: Good evening. My name 8 9 is Tyler Rotche. That's R-o-t-c-h-e. I work as 10 a water policy specialist with Prairie Rivers Network. As Andrew mentioned, a number of our 11 12 members live and recreate, draw water from, and 13 draw their employment and income from the Lake 14 Springfield, Sugar Creek, and Sangamon River 15 watersheds and would stand to be adversely affected by water pollution in the area. 16 17 So a number of my questions mostly deal with coal ash on the site. My first 18 question would be where -- do you know where the 19 20 dry ash from unit 4 goes? 21 MS. TSAI: I have to go back to 2.2 office and check in the file so I can answer you. 23 I cannot answer you right now. 24 MR. ROTCHE: Okay. But that is

Page 50 1 reported within the context of this permit? 2 MS. TSAI: The dry ash? 3 MR. ROTCHE: Yeah. 4 MS. OLSON: I'm sorry. What do you 5 mean? 6 MR. ROTCHE: Would that -- would that 7 be reported within the context of this permit, or 8 would it just be in terms of whoever is accepting 9 it? 10 MS. OLSON: What do you mean by "reported"? 11 12 MR. ROTCHE: A listing of the places 13 that are accepting that ash, whether it's a 14 landfill elsewhere or whether it's the Viper mine 15 facility or --16 MS. OLSON: I don't believe -- we'll 17 have to go back and check, but I don't believe 18 this discharge permit covers where coal ash is 19 later sold or beneficially reused. That's 20 outside the scope of this permit. 21 MR. ROTCHE: Okay. Another one of my 2.2 questions deals with the status of a 23 hydrogeologic assessment. So it's my 24 understanding that, pursuant to the Illinois

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1	EPA's ash impoundment strategy progress report, a	
2	hydrogeologic assessment for Dallman was received	
3	and has been reviewed by the Illinois EPA; and,	
4	moreover, it seems that CWLP has met with IEPA to	
5	discuss potential impacts to Sugar Creek and the	
6	potential for off-site movement of contaminants.	
7	I'm wondering if you could describe the status	
8	the current status of this hydrogeologic	
9	assessment.	
10	MR. KAMP: Presently, we're still	
11	reviewing that.	
12	MR. ROTCHE: Okay. Do you have any	
13	idea of the timetable for that review?	
14	MR. KAMP: No, I don't. Sorry.	
15	MR. ROTCHE: Okay. Were there	
16	additional modifications requested after that	
17	original meeting with CWLP?	
18	MR. KAMP: No.	
19	MR. ROTCHE: Another one of my	
20	questions deals with special condition 21, which	
21	states that the permittee shall establish and	
22	maintain a groundwater monitoring program plan	
23	for the ash impoundment site subject to Agency	
24	review and approval. I'm wondering if you could	

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1	describe the applicant's current status in	
2	addressing this special condition. Or is that	
3	something that has not yet begun?	
4	MR. KAMP: They have installed a	
5	number of wells. They've installed upgradient	
6	wells or one upgradient well, and they had two	
7	wells they had two wells that needed to be	
8	replaced, and they've monitored them. I haven't	
9	seen monitoring information for a little bit,	
10	though. But they have been monitoring them, as	
11	far as I know.	
12	MR. ROTCHE: Okay. So	
13	MR. KAMP: And they they've come	
14	up with a plan, and they need to contin they	
15	need to do further assessment and monitoring of	
16	those wells too so they can come up with a	
17	further some kind of another plan on how they	
18	need need to come back into compliance with	
19	their their violation notice.	
20	MR. ROTCHE: Sure. So given that	
21	I think you mentioned that you haven't seen some	
22	of the results in some time. Would a condition	
23	on reporting frequency be something the Agency	
24	would be willing to include within the	

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1	MR. KAMP: Oh, yeah. They'll	
2	offhand, I don't remember if they if we've	
3	already said something to them. But, yeah,	
4	they're supposed to be doing quarterly, but I	
5	don't remember if we where we are on that.	
6	But they're going to have to in the future	
7	they're going to have to do it quarterly.	
8	MR. ROTCHE: Okay. Thank you.	
9	Would that plan be expected to	
10	incorporate any components of the hydrogeologic	
11	assessment plan?	
12	MR. KAMP: Well, they plan to do	
13	further assessment looking at the and put in	
14	some additional wells also to further assess the	
15	area to determine the extent of impacted	
16	groundwater.	
17	MR. ROTCHE: Okay. So another set of	
18	questions deals with seepage at the Lakeside ash	
19	pond, and it's my understanding that there are	
20	seepage problems at the northern embankment of	
21	the ash pond that have been visible over time.	
22	I'm wondering if these problems are ongoing.	
23	MR. KAMP: I don't know anything	
24	about it.	
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1	MR. ROTCHE: Okay. So would remedial
2 acti	ons on that would those be something that
3 coul	d be expected to be included in this permit?
4	MR. KAMP: My focus or I should
5 say.	Agency focus is the ash impoundments
6 them	selves and monitoring wells that are
7 show	ing that are out of compliance. That's my
8 focu	s is dealing with what's out of compliance
9 at t	his time.
10	MR. ROTCHE: Okay. That's fine.
11 Than	k you.
12	Another set of questions deals with
13 the	USEPA final rule on coal combustion waste.
14 So t	he final rule was published on April 17th,
15 mean	ing that its provisions will become effective
16 on 0	ctober 17th of this year.
17	So just to note, the Lakeside ash
18 pond	is unlined and rated by the USEPA as having
19 sign	ificant hazard potential and the Dallman ash
20 pond	is also unlined and also rated as having
21 sign	ificant hazard potential.
22	So one notable component of the rule
23 state	es that if unlined units exceed Appendix 4
24 leve	ls and Appendix 4 includes arsenic and

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1	chromium as well as a set of other constituents.	
2	If they exceed Appendix 4 levels of any	
3	constituent, the operator must stop placing coal	
4	combustion residuals in the unit within six	
5	months.	
6	So within some of the comments we	
7	submitted in our request for a hearing were	
8	results showing exceedances of arsenic at three	
9	ash pond wells as well as chromium exceedances at	
10	one ash pond well and two FGD wells.	
11	So I'm wondering if the agency has	
12	any plans to ensure or any reason to be able	
13	to ensure that the operator will prevent these	
14	unlined pits from exceeding Appendix 4 levels.	
15	MR. KAMP: First of all, we're not	
16	working with the federal regulation at this time.	
17	We're working with the 620 standards	
18	groudwater standards.	
19	MR. ROTCHE: Sure. Is that something	
20	that the agency would be willing to incorporate?	
21	So just to note	
22	MR. KAMP: I'm not going to speculate	
23	on that at this time	
24	MR. ROTCHE: Okay. Well, just as a	

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1	comment, then, the USEPA regulations are	
2	self-implementing which means that the operators	
3	that are storing coal ash generated by utilities	
4	at actively operating facilities will be subject	
5	to a number of reporting requirements and other	
6	study requirements.	
7	It seems that, since a number of	
8	those documents and reporting will be generated	
9	regardless for example, the operator will be	
10	required to prepare a fugitive dust control plan	
11	in six months and a subsequent report in 14	
12	months and to establish a groundwater monitoring	
13	system since those things will be required	
14	anyways, it seems it would be prudent for the	
15	Agency to potentially just add a requirement	
16	requiring CWLP to submit those results to the	
17	Illinois EPA.	
18	So those will be those will be	
19	reported onto a public website, but I'm wondering	
20	if there would be any value in	
21	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Are these	
22	dry ash? What I'm asking is whether or not this	
23	pertains to the water discharges.	
24	MR. ROTCHE: This relates to ash	

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1	impoundments at the site which have water	
2	discharges that are accounted for in this permit	
3	as well as groundwater that's impacted by the	
4	permit.	
5	MS. OLSON: It's my understanding	
6	that this that is a solid waste disposal rule	
7	that USEPA has regulated. That is outside the	
8	scope of this NPDES permit. So I'm not sure if	
9	we can we can answer those questions for you	
10	tonight. You are exactly right that is a	
11	self-implementing regulation. We have not made,	
12	you know, any sort of decision about the Agency's	
13	actions on that rule and how it will be	
14	implemented by the utilities.	
15	MR. ROTCHE: Sure. Yeah. So just to	
16	clarify, while it is a rule under RCRA, there is	
17	data that would be relevant for this	
18	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: The issue is	
19	whether or not it has relevance in the context of	
20	an NPDES permit. Solid waste doesn't necessarily	
21	have relevance in an NPDES permit. That's the	
22	issue that was talked about by the attorney a few	
23	moments ago.	
24	MR. ROTCHE: Sure. Well, I would	

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1	just encourage the Agency to potentially look at	
2	that more and consider if that data would be	
3	relevant and potentially respond to the relevance	
4	of some of that data within the responsiveness	
5	summary.	
6	Another set of questions I have deals	
7	with the stability of the ash impoundments, if I	
8	can ask those here.	
9	So I notice that mapping by the	
10	Illinois Geologic Survey shows that the Dallman	
11	ash pit is located directly over underground coal	
12	mine voids and also that both ash pits are over	
13	an underground mine proximity region. Moreover,	
14	the Illinois EPA's RMMS, the mapping service,	
15	shows that the ash pits are in the 100-year	
16	floodplain.	
17	So I'm wondering if the Agency has	
18	any concerns about the stability of the ash pits	
19	at this site.	
20	MS. OLSON: Those stability concerns	
21	that you're raising are dealt with by the	
22	Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This	
23	NPDES permit does not deal with stability of the	
24	ash ponds.	

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1	MR. ROTCHE: Are any of those	
2	results whether they're due to frequent or	
3	infrequent, actually, inspecting by IDNR would	
4	those be submitted and considered by the Agency	
5	since they might have some relevance in the	
6	context of groundwater contamination?	
7	MS. OLSON: Submitted by who?	
8	MR. ROTCHE: Is there correspondence,	
9	I'm guessing, between the Agency and the	
10	Department?	
11	MS. OLSON: I don't know if we have	
12	somebody here that can answer that tonight. I'm	
13	not sure.	
14	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: You're	
15	getting into stability issues which are outside	
16	of our purview. So they're not really relevant	
17	in the context of an NPDES permit.	
18	MR. ROTCHE: Sure. Okay.	
19	I think that is all I have at this	
20	moment. So thank you for your time tonight. I	
21	appreciate the opportunity to ask questions.	
22	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Sure. Thank	
23	you.	
24	MR. HANRAHAN: I can say my name for	

Page 60 1 you. 2 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Yeah. I 3 think I butchered it, probably. 4 MR. HANRAHAN: It's Donald Hanrahan. 5 Thank you for allowing me to talk tonight. 6 COURT REPORTER: Spell it, please. Hanrahan -- spell it. 7 8 MR. HANRAHAN: Yes. H-a-n-r-a-h-a-n. 9 I was born and raised in Springfield. 10 At the age of 13 my family moved to Forest Park Hills. For those who don't know, that's the 11 12 first subdivision east of Spaulding Dam. It was 13 populated with a dozen teenage boys my age. We 14 found our way across Farmer Graham's field back 15 to Sugar Creek. I went away to school, went away to law school, came back, and decided -- in 16 17 retrospect, stupidly -- to take a walk back to 18 the beautiful place that I knew as Sugar Creek 19 that was lined with four-foot sycamore trees 20 stretching out over the water and deep pools 21 where you could drop a line and pull out a 2.2 catfish in the summertime. 23 What I found was disgusting: A huge, 24 immense coal pit, ash pit, had been constructed

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1	on the site where we used to play. Ruined.	
2	Destroyed. They try to block it from your view.	
3	You can't see it well from the highway. You	
4	can't see it behind the ugly concrete bunker that	
5	they built across the dam. But you can see it if	
6	you go up to the pool deck of the Crown Plaza	
7	Hotel and look, and you'll see what engineers	
8	think is pretty.	
9	So I'm very concerned. Having seen	
10	that as a young man, I'm very concerned about	
11	water quality in Sugar Creek. I always have	
12	been. And I appreciate the efforts of CWLP as a	
13	leader, but I think CWLP can do better, and I	
14	think the EPA can do better. The "P" is for	
15	protection, not permitting. And it's a fact that	
16	CWLP and the EPA have allowed violation of the	
17	boron standard in Sugar Creek for years.	
18	So my first question is how many more	
19	years or decades is the EPA going to permit CWLP	
20	to dump boron into Sugar Creek at levels that	
21	exceed the standards of the Clean Water Act?	
22	It's my understanding in the past	
23	that was justified because it's a short distance	
24	from the ash pits to the Sangamon River. Once	

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1	the boron gets in the Sangamon River, it mixes	
2	with the water there, and so the it's not in	
3	violation of the standard anymore. To me that's	
4	like saying, if you dump garbage in the Sangamon	
5	River, it's okay because, when it gets to the	
6	Illinois, it's diluted. If you dump garbage in	
7	the Illinois, it's okay because, when it gets to	
8	the Mississippi, it's diluted. If you dump	
9	garbage in the Mississippi, it's okay because it	
10	goes into the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico.	
11	It's not okay.	
12	If the goal is to use the best	
13	practices, Dallman 4 might be a good example to	
14	follow. It uses dry ash handling. CWLP has two	
15	ancient coal-fired plants that their own	
16	engineering study by Burns McDonnell and an	
17	independent study said CWLP should look at	
18	retiring those plants or converting them to gas.	
19	Instead, they're proposing to continue wet ash	
20	handling, and in this permitting process, this	
21	would be the ideal time to put the pressure on a	
22	polluter to end wet ash handling. Dry ash	
23	handling is the standard. It is the best	
24	available practice.	
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1	By doing this, not only do we end the	
2	necessity of adding to the ash pits, dumping	
3	boron down Sugar Creek, we also free up 7 million	
4	gallons of water a day when this agency is	
5	considering a permit to build another dam because	
6	they say they don't have enough water.	
7	What plans does EPA have to phase out	
8	wet ash impoundment and clean up the ugly mess	
9	that these pits have made right next to our	
10	drinking water source?	
11	Is there and, you know, the	
12	previous speaker was asking about monitoring. My	
13	question is why is a future plan of monitoring	
14	something that's not being put into this a	
15	requirement of this permit? Why is there not a	
16	requirement in this permit for third-party	
17	monitoring of the ash pits and the discharges?	
18	I also would like to know what	
19	financial assurances are being required under	
20	this permit to protect Springfield and downstream	
21	communities in the event of a breach of the ash	
22	pits. And if you're not going to force now or in	
23	the future a change to dry ash handling, is there	
24	a plan in any in this permit process or in any	

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1	other to require lining the ash pits? And, if
2	so, when?
3	And why is there no goal established
4	in this permit process to require lined ash pits
5	if you're going to still allow wet ash handling
6	into the indefinite future?
7	Now is the time for the Illinois
8	Environmental Protection Agency to force
9	compliance with the boron standards, to end wet
10	ash handling, and to require dry ash handling so
11	that all of these problems go away in the future,
12	and we can close these ash pits and get rid of
13	them.
14	Thank you.
15	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you.
16	Jerry Bauer, and he'll be followed by
17	Cindy Skrukrud.
18	MR. BAUER: Hello. My name is Jerry
19	Bauer. That's B-a-u-e-r. Like to thank you for
20	opening up and giving the community an
21	opportunity to ask important questions about
22	something that's very important water, health,
23	recreation, environmental protection.
24	My main concern is, once again, about

Page 65 the coal ash pits and --1 2 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Can you 3 lower the mic just a little bit just to make 4 sure --5 MR. BAUER: Is that better? HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Yeah. 6 7 MR. BAUER: Okay. Thank you. My main concern is about the wet coal 8 9 ash pits, and just very generally, as a resident 10 of Springfield and as somebody who -- you know, this is our drinking water source. This is also 11 12 a great source of recreation. Though I don't 13 live on the lake, I do have friends who live on 14 the lake and are in it and on it every weekend. 15 You know, as the summer -- the warm weather is 16 coming, they're going to be in it a lot more. 17 And I do -- am concerned, like a lot 18 of the concern that's been expressed by a lot of 19 other community members here, about the proximity 20 of the wet ash -- the wet ash pits and the 21 dangerous heavy metals that are in the wet ash 2.2 pits -- arsenic, boron, cadmium, chromium, iron, 23 lead, manganese. I'm concerned about all those 24 heavy metals and the health problems that those

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6 Thank you very much for your time.	
7 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you,	
8 Mr. Bauer.	
9 Cindy Skrukrud. She'll be followed	
10 by Katrina Phillips.	
11 MS. SKRUKRUD: So my name is Cindy	
12 Skrukrud. Last name is spelled S-k-r-u-k-r-u-d.	
13 I'm the clean water advocate for the Illinois	
14 Chapter of the Sierra Club. So I'm here, on	
15 behalf of Sierra Club members who live in the	
16 Springfield area, to voice for them our concerns	
17 that we want to make sure that the permit granted	
18 to CWLP is in compliance with the Clean Water	
19 Act, and we want to make sure that it has	
20 safeguards to protect the water quality in Lake	
21 Springfield which is, as everyone knows, the	
22 drinking water source for people in this area,	
23 and as well to protect the water quality in Sugar	
24 Creek.	

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1	already goes to outfall 006 before it goes to	
2	outfalls 2 and 9?	
3	MR. MOSHER: We said before the	
4	discharge of water that contacts coal ash is 004,	
5	and there are other outfalls, Cindy, that you're	
6	talking about right now that that may have	
7	some lesser contact with ash, and I think what we	
8	need to do in the responsiveness summary is	
9	explain in some detail just what all these	
10	outfalls really how much ash they're really	
11	contacting and give a good explanation of that.	
12	We'll do that in the responsiveness summary.	
13	MS. SKRUKRUD: Okay. Thank you.	
14	That would be helpful.	
15	And then I wanted to just ask about	
16	the the dis the discharge from outfalls 4	
17	and 6. I understand it includes fly ash, bottom	
18	ash. It also says scrubber sludge disposal site	
19	wastewater. I was wondering is that flue gas	
20	desulfurization waste? Is that a part of what	
21	goes goes to the ash ponds?	
22	MR. MOSHER: There's an emissions	
23	control wastewater, and there's a treatment to	
24	that. Some of that emissions control wastewater	

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1	is sent to the Springfield Metro Sanitary	
2	District.	
3	MS. SKRUKRUD: Okay.	
4	MR. MOSHER: Again, I think, to	
5	answer your question in the detail that you want,	
6	we got to we're going to have to go back and	
7	do that at the office.	
8	MS. SKRUKRUD: Okay. Thank you.	
9	And I think Andrew already raised	
10	this issue, and I know you said that you would	
11	address it the issues of flows but I	
12	noticed in Shu-Mei Tsai's your 10-17	
13	October 17, 2014, 15-day review, that there were	
14	comments that CWLP had made about the flows at	
15	the at various outfalls, outfall 4 and 5 and	
16	6, and the numbers are all over the place. And	
17	so it kind of seems like they raised issues and	
18	then maybe you resolved them with a different	
19	number.	
20	So I just think it would be helpful	
21	for us to to really understand, you know, is	
22	everybody happy with the flow numbers that are in	
23	the draft permit, and do they accurately reflect	
24	the flows at each of these outfalls.	

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1 I wanted to then ask about special	
2 condition 18, which is the semiannual monitoring	
3 requirements, and I've read the USEPA guidance or	n
4 what pollutants are expected in coal combustion	
5 residual waste in coal ash. And there are a	
6 number of pollutants that you have not included	
7 in special condition 18 that they say are	
8 typically found in coal ash. Those include	
9 aluminum, thorium, nitrate, and nitrite. And I	
10 just wondered did you con why haven't those	
11 been included in the semiannual monitoring?	
12 MR. MOSHER: One reason, at least, is	5
13 that there are no water quality standards	
14 applicable to those substances in those discharge	Э
15 locations. So from a water quality standards	
16 perspective, it doesn't do any good to make them	
17 monitor.	
18 Now, there may be another reason, and	ź
19 if we think of it now, we'll tell you, but if we	
20 don't, we'll tell you in the responsiveness	
21 summary.	
22 MS. SKRUKRUD: So I can understand	
23 that for aluminum and thorium, but	
24 nitrate/nitrite that's certainly there's	

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1	a got to be a concern about the levels of that	
2	in Lake Springfield because of blue baby	
3	syndrome.	
4	MR. MOSHER: Yeah. If if the	
5	discharge is going to Lake Springfield and if our	
6	staff believes that there could be a significant	
7	level of a pollutant, then we should have a	
8	monitor for it. But if the opposite is true, if	
9	we don't believe it's possible to get significant	
10	levels at all, then we don't; but we'll go over	
11	it and	
12	MS. SKRUKRUD: Yeah. I understand	
13	that. I just was, yeah, asking if you made the	
14	evaluation.	
15	So then then I know there's a long	
16	record here because you haven't issued this	
17	reissued this permit since 2001. And so I was	
18	trying to understand what kind of reasonable	
19	potential analysis you've done for water	
20	quality-based effluent limits. So I've gone	
21	back, and I found I found an evaluation that	
22	Bob did in October 2006 that calls for that	
23	called for monitoring of hexavalent chromium at	
24	outfall 4 and limits for nickel, which aren't in	

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1	the draft permit, and then at outfall 5 also	
2	called for monitoring of hexavalent chromium,	
3	boron, and limits on copper that aren't in the	
4	draft permit.	
5	Now, maybe I'm not seeing the latest	
6	information, but I wanted to raise that issue.	
7	MR. MOSHER: Yeah. You're right	
8	about the last water quality-based effluent limit	
9	evaluation was in 2006, and we did note elevated	
10	nickel levels in ash pond 004 effluent. That	
11	data is now very old, and there are sometimes	
12	advances in laboratory technique and whatnot, and	
13	we do need to go back.	
14	It was the limits that you spoke	
15	of in monitoring conditions were left out of the	
16	permit, I think, in error, but we might just want	
17	to ask CWLP to go do some more monitoring and get	
18	some up-to-date data and then make that decision,	
19	do our reasonable potential analysis. We'll have	
20	to talk about that. I can't commit to that	
21	tonight, but we'll you're very very right	
22	that the water quality-based effluent limit	
23	evaluation was not is not reflected in this	
24	permit, and it should be.	

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1	MS. SKRUKRUD: Okay. Thank you.	
2	Well, then, I would simply raise the issue too	
3	that, you know, in reading in reading your	
4	memo, for example, there is, for a substance like	
5	cadmium, the you know, you look at the number	
6	of samples, you multiply by the factor, and you	
7	come up with the 95th percent potential number.	
8	And so for cadmium that number is	
9	greater than the chronic standard, and then it	
10	looks to me like then you say that the average of	
11	cadmium in the effluent is well below the chronic	
12	standard. Therefore, no reasonable potential	
13	exists to exceed either the acute or chronic	
14	standard.	
15	Is that still IEPA's practice of how	
16	you evaluate a reasonable potential?	
17	MR. MOSHER: Yes, it is. The table	
18	you're referring to in my October 26, 2006, memo,	
19	the second column is "Maximum effluent	
20	concentration." So out of 35 cadmium samples,	
21	the highest one was 0.0032 milligrams per liter.	
22	And there is no reasonable potential to exceed	
23	the acute standard. So we're okay there.	
24	MS. SKRUKRUD: Yep.	

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1	MR. MOSHER: But we don't want to use	
2	a maximum single effluent concentration to	
3	compare to the chronic water quality standard.	
4	So we use monthly averages where they're	
5	available. If they're not available, we use the	
6	overall average of the cadmium values, and that	
7	average, times the multiplier for reasonable	
8	potential, leads to the conclusion that there's	
9	no reasonable potential to exceed the chronic	
10	standard either. So	
11	MS. SKRUKRUD: Okay.	
12	MR. MOSHER: we do both. We	
13	evaluate both acute and chronic standards.	
14	And the way it's set up is you you	
15	have the footnote. Under "Further analysis,"	
16	when it says "Yes," that means, okay, there's	
17	something to say about the acute or the chronic	
18	that we explain outside that table in the memo.	
19	MS. SKRUKRUD: Okay. Okay. Thank	
20	you.	
21	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: How many	
22	more questions do you have along this line,	
23	Cindy?	
24	MS. SKRUKRUD: I think I have I	

Page 75 1 have two more questions. 2 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Okay. Yeah. 3 We've still got three people that need to speak. 4 MS. SKRUKRUD: Okay. Well, I can come back later. 5 6 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: If there's 7 just two, I think we can at least get them on the 8 record and try to get a response to you here real 9 quick, if you have them. 10 MS. SKRUKRUD: Okay. So my two -last two questions are has Illinois EPA made a 11 12 best professional judgment on determining 13 technology-based effluent limits for discharges 14 that have been in contact with coal ash? MR. MOSHER: Cindy, that's a policy 15 16 question, and we'll get together with Agency 17 management and give you an answer in the 18 responsiveness summary. 19 MS. SKRUKRUD: Okay. And then I 20 have -- a similar question is have you made 21 any -- has the Agency been -- made any best 2.2 professional judgment to require dry ash handling 23 at CWLP for those units that are currently using 24 wet ash handling?

Page 76 MR. MOSHER: Yeah. That's another 1 2 policy question; so --3 MS. SKRUKRUD: Okay. 4 MR. MOSHER: We'll be very busy 5 answering these. 6 MS. SKRUKRUD: Thank you. Thank you 7 all very much. 8 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you, 9 Cindy. 10 Katrina Phillips, and she'll be followed by Megan Golden. 11 MS. PHILLIPS: Hi. I'm Katrina 12 13 Phillips. Katrina with a "K." Phillips, 14 P-h-i-l-l-i-p-s. and I'm also here with the 15 Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club. I'm their 16 clean water organizer; and, as Cindy said, I'm here on behalf of our members who live in and 17 18 around Springfield who depend on Lake Springfield 19 for their drinking water source and to depend on 20 both Lake Springfield and Sugar Creek for their recreational and wildlife values. 21 2.2 And so the questions that I have for 23 you tonight are mostly focused on thermal pollution dis -- the thermal discharge and also 24

Page 77 1 impingement and entrainment issues. 2 So my first question is when were any 3 thermal studies last completed for this facility? 4 MS. OLSON: It seems like we might 5 have to get back to you, but there was a board 6 proceeding in 1978. I believe they did a thermal 7 demonstration at that point. Whether or not 8 they've done one since then, I don't know, and 9 we'll get back to you. MS. PHILLIPS: Okay. And my other 10 question is why is the plant not required to use 11 12 closed-cycle cooling or its equivalent to meet 13 the best technology available requirement to 14 reduce thermal pollution from the plant? 15 MS. OLSON: We'll get back to you on that one as well. 16 17 MS. PHILLIPS: Okay. The third 18 question on thermal is why have technology-based 19 effluent limits for thermal discharges not been 20 established as required by the Clean Water Act, 21 Section 301(b)? Which I'm guessing is a policy 2.2 question. 23 MS. OLSON: We'll get back to you. 24 MS. PHILLIPS: Okay. Also, has CWLP

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1	demonstrated that its effluent will not exceed	
2	limits necessary to protect and propagate a	
3	balanced indigenous population of shellfish,	
4	fish, and wildlife in and on Lake Springfield and	
5	Sugar Creek?	
6	MS. OLSON: If you just want to go	
7	through your thermal questions, we'll address	
8	them in the responsiveness summary.	
9	MS. PHILLIPS: Okay. Thank you.	
10	My final thermal question is under	
11	what authority has the Agency continued the	
12	thermal variance granted to CWLP 37 years ago	
13	until this day without new or current studies?	
14	Okay. And then I just have a few	
15	questions on impingement and entrainment issues.	
16	The first to be the EPA final rule	
17	under 316(b) states that mesh of three-eights-of-	
18	an-inch size does not prevent entrainment and	
19	without any other precautions can lead to high	
20	mortality of impinged fish. What other	
21	precautions are being taken to reduce fish	
22	mortality?	
23	MS. TSAI: Right now Agency doesn't	
24	have any new data or recent data about	

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1	impingement or entrainment, but in the permit we	
2	already require to have submit	
3	COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I lost	
4	you. In the permit	
5	MS. TSAI: In the permit we already	
6	request CWLP submit a study to Agency. Then we	
7	will do an evaluation in the future.	
8	MS. PHILLIPS: Okay. And that was	
9	actually another question. In the permit it says	
10	that CWLP is given four more years to submit	
11	additional information on impingement and	
12	entrainment, and I was wondering why the Agency	
13	did not ask for this information earlier in order	
14	to form a proper best professional judgment	
15	determination regarding the best technology	
16	available to minimize impingement and	
17	entrainment.	
18	MS. TSAI: Well, the new rule just	
19	come out. We had you know, in August 15,	
20	2014, the day I remember. So that's why we	
21	require they submit a new	
22	COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I can't	
23	hear you.	
24	MS. TSAI: Okay. Well, the new	

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1	federal regulation just publish in August 15,	
2	2014, and this permit that's why we request	
3	they have to meet the new rule and submit a new	
4	data to Agency, and we can do the evaluation.	
5	MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you. And then	
6	another question: The facility currently uses a	
7	once-through cooling intake system which leads to	
8	the impingement and entrainment of a significant	
9	number of aquatic organisms. How does this meet	
10	the equivalent of best technology available in	
11	accordance with best professional judgment	
12	provisions?	
13	MR. MOSHER: That's another question	
14	we'll have to get together.	
15	Since this is a public hearing and	
16	we're using these words "impingement" and	
17	"entrainment," entrainment means drawing in	
18	aquatic life past the bar screens, through the	
19	plant, through the cooling system of the plant,	
20	and these these are small organisms. It can	
21	be fish fry, other very small organisms in the	
22	lake. Whereas impingement means adult fish or	
23	larger fish being sucked in the intake and	
24	trapped on the bar screens and possibly killed.	

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1	And these are serious things, and the	
2	regulations from USEPA have been evolving	
3	recently. One of your questions was, well, why	
4	haven't you required these studies? Well, the	
5	last permit was issued in 2001, long before USEPA	
6	has updated its requirements. So this permit	
7	requires CWLP to provide us with the information	
8	we need.	
9	And all this sounds scary, but Lake	
10	Springfield does very well in its fishery. It	
11	has good fish populations. The locals every	
12	every spring or summer the local newspaper prints	
13	our district fish biologist's survey report	
14	Dan Stephenson with IDNR. The lake is doing very	
15	well in its fish population.	
16	I'm not minimizing what your	
17	questions about impingement/entrainment, but	
18	we've got an audience here, and I think reality	
19	needs to be expressed.	
20	Impingement/entrainment yeah, it's	
21	going on. We need to have all our power plants	
22	do what the USEPA requires them to do. But, on	
23	the other hand, we can step back and look and see	
24	the fish in Lake Springfield are doing very well.	

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1	So just not trying to answer your questions,	
2	but just trying to clear things up for the	
3	audience.	
4	MS. PHILLIPS: Yeah. Okay. And then	
5	my only other question on that would be, in the	
6	studies that you require the facility to do on	
7	impingement/entrainment, would this include	
8	having them take a look at what it would take to	
9	reduce impingement/entrainment by at least 95	
10	percent or the equivalent of closed-cycle	
11	cooling?	
12	MR. MOSHER: Another policy question.	
13	We'll answer it later.	
14	MS. PHILLIPS: Okay. Thank you so	
15	much. Thank you for having this hearing and	
16	answering our questions.	
17	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you,	
18	Ms. Phillips.	
19	Megan Golden, and she'll followed by	
20	Angel Sides.	
21	UNIDENTIFIED: Unfortunately, Megan	
22	had to go.	
23	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Megan is	
24	gone?	

Page 83 UNIDENTIFIED: She had to leave, 1 2 yeah. 3 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Okay. 4 Angel Sides? 5 MS. SIDES: Yeah. My name is Angel, 6 like the angel in heaven, and Sides. That's like 7 two sides of a coin. 8 And I work with a lady locally --9 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Can you 10 spell your last name for the record, please? MS. SIDES: Yeah. S-i-d-e-s, like 11 12 two sides of a coin. 13 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you. 14 MS. SIDES: You're welcome. 15 -- and she happened to have the same 16 doctor that I go to, a wellness doctor in 17 Decatur. And she said she had a special test done that shown that she has sulfur and mercury 18 19 in her blood. And I -- having studied a little 20 bit about the -- you know, the toxins put out by 21 coal plants, I knew that was a couple of toxins 2.2 that were -- that weren't in her blood. And I 23 got curious, and I went ahead and did -- had the 24 same test done since we do have the same doctor

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1	in Decatur. And low and behold, I have the same	
2	chemicals in my blood, and that concerns me	
3	because of something I read from Earthjustice and	
4	Physicians for Social Responsibility. In 2010	
5	they link coal ash waste with cancer and nerve	
6	damage.	
7	And I guess my question is has	
8	there has there ever been a study done linking	
9	diseases to proximity of the coal plant? And	
10	maybe, in this case, to Spring Creek here in	
11	Springfield because, you know, the federal	
12	standards don't really mean anything, and	
13	especially with all the big money and politics	
14	right now, what means something is, is this	
15	causing health problems in people.	
16	Doesn't anyone know of any study	
17	that's ever been done with the proximity to	
18	disease with the coal plant? And and	
19	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: No one on	
20	the panel is aware of a study having been done.	
21	MS. SIDES: Yeah. Because there	
22	you know, there are things, like, they call	
23	cancer clusters.	
24	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: I do want to	

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1	remind everyone here that the issues do have to	
2	relate to the NPDES permit in some way. So we	
3	need to watch what we do. We'll entertain your	
4	question. And if it's out of the scope of what	
5	we can do, we'll let you know. But your	
6	bordering on something that may not be something	
7	that we can address through the NPDES permit.	
8	MS. SIDES: Well, I'm not sure what	
9	all you can do, but you have no you can't look	
10	up studies like that, or there haven't ever been	
11	a study.	
12	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Right. The	
13	hearing and the scope of the hearing deals with	
14	the water discharge permit. So unless the sulfur	
15	or the mercury are really in the water discharge,	
16	it really isn't something that we can address in	
17	the context of a water discharge permit. It	
18	isn't that we're not concerned. It's that it's	
19	out of the scope of this hearing.	
20	MS. SIDES: Is the toxins that get in	
21	the groundwater is that something that would	
22	get into	
23	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Correct.	
24	Did the doctor give any indication of where this	

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1	may have been coming from? Or is it just	
2	something that's being speculated on the record	
3	is the point that I'm making.	
4	MS. SIDES: Yeah. Well, I I have	
5	yet to see the doctor with the follow-up with	
6	this test. I just recently took it because of,	
7	like I said, I was talking to a co-worker.	
8	But with the toxins in the	
9	groundwater, do they eventually get into the	
10	water table?	
11	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Yeah. We're	
12	not disagreeing with that. What we're saying is	
13	you need to find some way to relate this to this	
14	NPDES permit, and at this point it doesn't sound	
15	like we have anything that's causative in the	
16	nature it isn't that we're unconcerned. It's	
17	just that we may not be able to address it in the	
18	context that we're talking about this evening.	
19	Did I lose you on that? Or do I need to explain	
20	more what the purpose of this hearing is and	
21	MS. SIDES: I I just have a	
22	question. I don't know if you're going to	
23	consider this relative but	
24	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Go ahead.	

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1	Go ahead and ask it. I mean, I'm not trying to	
2	scare you off. Go ahead and ask it, and if it's	
3	outside of the scope, we'll let you know	
4	MS. SIDES: Well, that's it's	
5	you know, that's kind of a matter of opinion	
6	whether it's outside the scope. I'm sure it will	
7	be.	
8	But are there are there bag houses	
9	in the smokestacks? Bag houses.	
10	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: A bag house	
11	has to do with air pollution control.	
12	MS. SIDES: I know.	
13	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Okay.	
14	MS. SIDES: Yeah. I'm aware of that.	
15	I was is there	
16	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Yeah. We	
17	have no one here from air pollution control at	
18	this hearing, and I'm not going to start going	
19	into air control issues in a water permit,	
20	especially when I announced at the very beginning	
21	we wouldn't be discussing that this evening.	
22	MS. SIDES: Yeah. Well, I'm I'm	
23	just concerned for my health and other people I	
24	know and and, also, you know, it just seems	

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1	like regulations don't mean much if it doesn't	
2	protect someone's health. And, further, it just	
3	seems like we're dealing with the symptoms rather	
4	than the disease. What we really need is	
5	alternative energy.	
6	Thank you.	
7	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you.	
8	We'd be happy to talk with you after the hearing	
9	so that we could go maybe go into some other	
10	avenues that would be available, but I don't	
11	think it's appropriate to go through it in the	
12	context of an NPDES permit, but there may be	
13	other options and avenues that would be	
14	available.	
15	Okay. We've gone through the hearing	
16	cards. Is there anyone here in the room that has	
17	not spoken this evening that has registered and	
18	would like to speak?	
19	(No response.)	
20	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Okay. Let	
21	the record okay.	
22	MR. JOHNSRUD: I registered, but I	
23	didn't indicate	
24	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Okay. If	

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1	you're going to speak, you need to come forward	
2	to the mic, state your name, and spell your last	
3	name for the record, please.	
4	MR. JOHNSRUD: My name is Bryan.	
5	That's B-r-y-a-n. Last name is Johnsrud. That's	
6	J-o-h-n-s-r-u-d. I did fill out a card, but I	
7	did not indicate that I was going to ask any	
8	questions. I am planning on following up with	
9	some written comments, but I had a couple	
10	comments that I think would might be	
11	appropriate to think about at this point.	
12	One of the things that was mentioned	
13	about the last permit I just think it would be	
14	helpful to for the record to show, you know,	
15	how long a permit what's the duration of a	
16	permit, of an NPDES permit, and how frequently it	
17	needs to be renewed.	
18	There seemed to be a comment that it	
19	was last issued in 2001, and that doesn't seem to	
20	be normal practice. If there's a you want to	
21	respond to that now or you can wait in your	
22	written summary.	
23	MS. OLSON: NPDES permits are valid	
24	for five years. However, if you apply for	
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1	renewal 180 days before the expiration date of	
2	that permit, you have something called an	
3	administrative continuance that lasts until that	
4	permit is reissued.	
5	I don't I don't have the date of	
6	CWLP's renewal request, but I'm assuming in this	
7	case that they submitted their renewal request	
8	within that time frame. And they timely renewed,	
9	and that's why this permit they have been	
10	operating under their old permit since it	
11	expired legally and hopefully we get this	
12	permit out sooner rather than later.	
13	MR. JOHNSRUD: So it would be fair to	
14	say that the Illinois EPA has had some problems	
15	with renewing that permit even though CWLP had	
16	applied for renewal in some timely manner?	
17	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: I'm not	
18	going to speculate as to what those issues were.	
19	I don't know for sure, but it is something that	
20	we can go into in a little more detail in the	
21	responsiveness summary in writing and would be	
22	happy to do so.	
23	MR. JOHNSRUD: Okay. I just had the	
24	comment a lot of the comments have been	

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1	talking about what they propose to do and some	
2	real speculative things as far as, you know, what	
3	will happen with this and that and studies. I	
4	think it's important to note that we they have	
5	exceeded various either advisory health	
6	advisories or permit conditions or groundwater	
7	standards or something in a multitude of	
8	contaminants as part of their past discharges.	
9	And so I think it I would	
10	recommend that the Illinois EPA impose monitoring	
11	requirements on all the outfalls, particularly	
12	those that have been in contact with the ash or	
13	waste material, that the at least the	
14	parameters of arsenic, boron, chromium, iron,	
15	lead, and manganese be imposed upon those	
16	discharges at outfalls related to those.	
17	I always understood that the EPA	
18	maybe not just the Illinois EPA but possibly	
19	USEPA something to the effect that dilution is	
20	not a solution, but yet we seem to be following	
21	that practice with this particular source, this	
22	particular permit. I think the real issue here	
23	is that is performance. And regardless of	
24	what we speculate will happen in the future, what	

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1	has happened already is that we have in Sugar	
2	Creek impaired waters at least from the beginning	
3	of Sugar Creek as at the exit of the dam from the	
4	Lake Springfield to the South Fork of the	
5	Sangamon River. That is impaired specifically	
6	with respect to boron. I would be interested in	
7	knowing what your best estimate is or judgment is	
8	for the source of that boron, and I would also	
9	say that it is most likely due to power plant	
10	operations, specifically the ash that is being	
11	stored in the Sugar Creek watershed.	
12	Therefore, my concern is not so much	
13	what we're doing specifically in the future with	
14	respect to the discharge but what specifically is	
15	the Illinois EPA doing and requiring for that	
16	portion of Sugar Creek that has been impacted up	
17	to this point.	
18	And with that, I will submit any	
19	further comments in writing. Thank you.	
20	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you.	
21	Is there anyone else that has not	
22	spoken this evening that would like to make a	
23	comment on the record?	
24	(No response.)	

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1	HEARING OFFICERS STUDER: Okay. We	
2	have now gone for two hours. And I know there	
3	was a number of people that still had additional	
4	issues. If you have already spoken but have an	
5	additional comment that you would like to make or	
6	a question that you would like to ask on the	
7	record, I'm going to ask that you raise your	
8	hand.	
9	Okay. We got one, two.	
10	Okay. Sir, if you'd come forward to	
11	the mic. I'm going to limit the time on these to	
12	no longer than three minutes, and if you ask a	
13	question, we may or may not be answering it on	
14	the record, but it will be in the record, and	
15	we'll be providing a response in the	
16	responsiveness summary.	
17	MR. GARNER: Thank you.	
18	COURT REPORTER: I need your name	
19	again.	
20	MR. GARNER: Heath Garner,	
21	G-a-r-n-e-r.	
22	Bacterial growth has a strong	
23	positive correlation to temperature based on the	
24	Journal of Microbial Ecology. With this strong	

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1	positive correlation, I find it important that a	
2	study to help clarify the effects on this public	
3	body of water that the people use and expose	
4	children to be looked into.	
5	Posted May 20, 2010, in the	
6	State-Journal Register, in an article shared by	
7	CWLP, E. coli can be an indicator of other	
8	harmful bacteria. Certainly the discharge from	
9	CWLP is affecting this. And it would be CWLP or	
10	the IEPA's responsibility to decrease CWLP's	
11	effects on these issues, and I believe that's why	
12	it would be important that a study be conducted	
13	by CWLP or the IEPA.	
14	Thank you.	
15	HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you,	
16	Mr. Garner.	
17	Cindy.	
18	MS. SKRUKRUD: So since Carl Kamp is	
19	here from the groundwater division, I just and	
20	we all are aware that the mon there's been	
21	monitoring going on groundwater monitoring	
22	around the coal ash ponds at the CWLP site and	
23	that there's been elevated levels of pollutants	
24	above various recommended standards detected in	

Page 95 1 those wells. 2 I just wondered if you could tell --3 explain to us kind of where the Agency is at in 4 terms of that monitoring program and working with 5 CWLP to protect those -- protect those waters and reduce that contamination. 6 7 MR. KAMP: CWLP was given a violation notice, and they have responded with a plan on 8 9 how to mitigate the problem. Well, they have --10 they have a -- their plan basically talks about doing further studies of the groundwater and such 11 12 and putting in possibly more wells and such and 13 then they'd come up with remedies. 14 At this time, though, we're still 15 reviewing that information, and that's all I can 16 tell you. 17 MS. SKRUKRUD: Okay. Thanks. I just wanted that kind of summary. Thank you. 18 19 Thank you. 20 HEARING OFFICER STUDER: Thank you, 21 Cindy. 2.2 I remind everyone that the hearing 23 record in this matter is open -- or the -- excuse 24 me -- the hearing record will remain open until

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3	Agency by that date or they can be submitted by	
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5	That information is in the responsive or in	
6	the hearing notice for this hearing tonight.	
7	I thank you all for your attendance	
8	this evening, and this hearing is adjourned.	
9	(Hearing adjourned at 8:05 P.M.)	
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