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NIPSCO Bailly Generating Facility Proposed Statement  
of Basis Question and Answer Session  
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1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
 2 MS. SAFAKAS: Hi, everyone. This is  
 3 Kirstin Safakas. It's 5:02 p.m. Central Time,  
 4 so we're going to get started. This is the  
 5 NIPSCO Bailly live question and answer session  
 6 for the proposed statement of basis that was  
 7 released. Now, normally we would be having a  
 8 public meeting, we would be meeting in person  
 9 to discuss the plan, but due to Covid  
 10 restraints we've had to do things a little bit  
 11 differently. We hope that you have watched the  
 12 prerecorded presentation online and that it's  
 13 been helpful for you. This is just a  
 14 supplemental session for you to ask -- ask your  
 15 questions and provide any comments that you may  
 16 have upon proposed statement of basis.  
 17 We have a fair amount of people from  
 18 both IDEM and EPA on the line. I know that on  
 19 the EPA side we have the EPA project manager,  
 20 and the ecological risk assessor, the site  
 21 attorney, you have myself, the community  
 22 involvement coordinator, and we also have  
 23 plenty of others that are -- that are, you  
 24 know, awaiting their questions.  
 25 I'm going to introduce Michelle

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1 we've published for the public to review and  
 2 now comment on.  
 3 I don't want to get into too much of  
 4 the details associated with the investigations  
 5 and the proposed remedy. I don't want to cut  
 6 into your time, and all of that information has  
 7 been on the -- the website. So with that, I'll  
 8 just briefly remind folks that the -- the  
 9 proposed remedy includes a combination of -- of  
 10 source control techniques at SWMU 15 which is  
 11 the coal ash disposal area in Area C. That  
 12 proposed remedy includes excavating one half of  
 13 the coal ash that is in that unit, so the  
 14 excavated portion will be all of the dry  
 15 material that is above the water table and the  
 16 material that which is at and below the water  
 17 table and is saturated and wet will be  
 18 solidified in place. That's a technique you'll  
 19 hear us refer to as ISS, and that stands for  
 20 in-situ solidification/stabilization.  
 21 So with -- with that, again, I don't  
 22 want to cut into your time and I'll -- I'll  
 23 turn it back over to Kirstin so we can get to  
 24 questions.  
 25 MS. SAFAKAS: Thanks, Michelle. Once

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1 Kaysen. She's the project manager. She's the  
 2 one that has been working on this site for  
 3 nearly 15 years. And before I do that, if  
 4 everyone can mute their line if they're not  
 5 speaking. So if you're on your cell phone, you  
 6 can obviously just press "Mute," but if you're  
 7 on a landline, I believe you can press "star 6"  
 8 to mute yourself, and then "star 6" to unmute  
 9 yourself, and I think that would be really  
 10 helpful. I'm not exactly sure how many people  
 11 we will be having on the line and it will just  
 12 be the easiest -- the easiest and clearest way  
 13 for us to all communicate if you hit "Mute"  
 14 when you're not speaking, so I really  
 15 appreciate that. And, Michelle, if you just  
 16 want to introduce yourself and give a brief  
 17 overview, that would be helpful.  
 18 MS. KAYSEN: Sure. Thanks, Kirstin.  
 19 Again, my name is Michelle Kaysen and I am the  
 20 EPA project manager who's been working on the  
 21 NIPSCO Bailly corrective action site for about  
 22 15 years. The site has been under corrective  
 23 action since 2005 and it's been a long road to  
 24 get where we are now. A lot of investigation  
 25 studies have gone into the proposed remedy that

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1 again, this is Kirstin. I'm the Community  
 2 Involvement Coordinator for this site. We have  
 3 been discussing how we can kind of start an  
 4 agenda for this call and we are hoping to have  
 5 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. any questions from  
 6 residents, environmental groups, the National  
 7 Park Service, elected officials of the area,  
 8 any press that may be on the line, answer the  
 9 questions within that time period, and then  
 10 we'll ask for formal comments between 6:00 and  
 11 7:00 p.m.  
 12 Of course, if questions run over,  
 13 that's -- that's fine. The line is open a bit  
 14 longer than 7:00 p.m., so if we need to extend  
 15 things a bit, we're -- we're all here and ready  
 16 to do that.  
 17 So I wanted to first ask if the  
 18 National Park Service is in -- is on the line  
 19 and if they wanted to, you know, introduce  
 20 themselves and also if they had any questions  
 21 or concerns regarding the proposed statement of  
 22 basis.  
 23 MR. MOORE: Yes. Hello. This is  
 24 Dr. Charles Moore. I'm an ecologist with the  
 25 National Park Service.

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1 (Discussion off the record.)  
 2 MR. PLATH: Then this is Dan Plath.  
 3 I'm the chief of resource management for  
 4 Indiana Dunes National Park also joining.  
 5 MS. SAFAKAS: Anyone else from the  
 6 National Park Service?  
 7 MR. PLATH: I did hear from Paul  
 8 Labovitz, our superintendent, and it sounds  
 9 like he's going to try -- he might be running a  
 10 little bit late, but he's -- it sounded like  
 11 he's pretty sure that he could at least join us  
 12 at some point in the meeting.  
 13 MS. SAFAKAS: Okay. Great. Can you  
 14 guys -- one of you two want to start with any  
 15 questions or comments or concerns?  
 16 MR. MOORE: I guess I can start with  
 17 just a comment. You said you've been working  
 18 on this project for 15 years. The National  
 19 Park Service has been working on this project  
 20 for close to that same timeframe in  
 21 collaboration with EPA. We've been reviewing  
 22 at multiple stages multiple work products from  
 23 different contractors with NiSource and EPA.  
 24 We've had a voice in all of those endeavors.  
 25 We commented on those and we currently are in

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1 Once again, any -- any residents of the area on  
 2 the line? If you are speaking, please remember  
 3 to unmute the line. We're not hearing anyone  
 4 speak at this time. Okay. We'll come back to  
 5 residents. I know that maybe people are kind  
 6 of calling in maybe not for the whole two  
 7 hours, so I'll -- I'll kind of go -- we'll go  
 8 in circles and we'll see who pops up.  
 9 Is there anyone from any local  
 10 environmental groups on the line?  
 11 MS. ANGUIANO: Hello?  
 12 MS. SAFAKAS: Yes. Hello.  
 13 MS. ANGUIANO: Did you ask for any  
 14 local environmental groups?  
 15 MS. SAFAKAS: Yes. Yes, I did.  
 16 MS. ANGUIANO: Okay. My name is  
 17 Linda Anguiano, and I'm with Just Transition of  
 18 Northwest Indiana.  
 19 MS. SAFAKAS: Welcome. Thank you for  
 20 calling in.  
 21 MS. ANGUIANO: Yeah, and we have  
 22 organized around the coal ash pond excavation  
 23 and removal from the Michigan City,  
 24 quote/unquote, "cole ash pond," and we are  
 25 really concerned about what's going to happen

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1 concurrence with EPA with the current  
 2 remediation strategy.  
 3 MS. SAFAKAS: That's great to hear.  
 4 Thank you. If you guys don't have any specific  
 5 questions, I'm going to ask other groups, but I  
 6 wanted to give you first -- you know, first  
 7 refusal to -- to state anything. You know, I  
 8 just ask for you to provide any concerns that  
 9 you may have before I move on.  
 10 MR. PLATH: No. This is --  
 11 MR. MOORE: We do not have any --  
 12 MR. PLATH: -- Dan Plath. Oh, I'm  
 13 sorry. Go ahead, Charlie.  
 14 MR. MOORE: No, I'm sorry, Dan. Go  
 15 for it.  
 16 MR. PLATH: I was going to say I --  
 17 you know, I -- I echo Charlie on this. I think  
 18 that, you know, we reviewed the plans. We've  
 19 been intimately involved in it from the get-go,  
 20 and, you know, I -- I don't think we really had  
 21 any that jumps out at us that -- that we had  
 22 any concerns at this point.  
 23 MS. SAFAKAS: That's great to hear.  
 24 Thank you for that input.  
 25 Are there any residents on the line?

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1 at Bailly's -- at all -- all three of the  
 2 NIPSCO plants with the very safe removal and  
 3 monitoring of toxic waste and the protection of  
 4 the employees or contractors who are doing this  
 5 or the residents who live along the route where  
 6 this toxic remains are being transported.  
 7 And -- and just as one example, in  
 8 Michigan City, they're estimating somewhere  
 9 between 6- and 7,000 trucks removing the coal  
 10 ash from the Michigan City site and going  
 11 through local neighborhoods like the Town of  
 12 Pines which I believe should have been a  
 13 superfund site, and through -- past schools and  
 14 various places where those particulates could  
 15 escape and -- and cause damage, and there  
 16 doesn't seem to be any plan for what if there  
 17 was an accident, what if a truck was involved  
 18 in an accident; so I'm not totally familiar  
 19 with what you've proposed or are approving, but  
 20 that's one -- been one of our big concerns.  
 21 MS. SAFAKAS: Thank you for that.  
 22 Michelle, is that something you can answer?  
 23 MS. KAYSEN: Yeah. I would be happy  
 24 to address that. You know, the agency, you  
 25 know, whenever we do any kind of cleanup,

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1 whether we implement it ourselves at the  
 2 superfund level or we oversee it at this level  
 3 which is (inaudible), we are always very  
 4 concerned about the onsite worker, health and  
 5 safety protocols, as well as any, you know,  
 6 routes in and out, associated construction  
 7 activities that are going on. We are  
 8 coordinating with NIPSCO as it pertains to this  
 9 cleanup and the removal of the coal ash that's  
 10 in SWMU 15. We're working out the -- the exact  
 11 truck route in an effort to minimize the -- the  
 12 amount of residential area we go through,  
 13 which, I'm sure as you -- as you know, we're  
 14 fairly well positioned to be able to perform  
 15 for Bailly's, recognizing that it's a little  
 16 more challenging with Michigan City getting in  
 17 and out and -- and avoiding residential areas.

18 So EPA will be looking at that truck  
 19 route, we will be reviewing and approving their  
 20 implementation work plan that will outline  
 21 exactly how it will take place and how the  
 22 trucks will be secured from the standpoint of  
 23 ensuring that coal ash isn't getting into the  
 24 environment during that trucking process.

25 I think one element of the SWMU 15

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1 held in a safe manner? Because some of this  
 2 coal ash was supposedly put in safe liners that  
 3 would never, you know, be permeated, could --  
 4 could, you know, withstand a decade.

5 (Discussion off the record.)

6 MS. SAFAKAS: Everyone, once again,  
 7 this is so frustrating, if you wouldn't mind  
 8 muting your line if you're not speaking, that  
 9 would be really helpful. Thank you.

10 MS. KAYSEN: Thanks, Kirstin. I  
 11 apologize for the -- the -- the noises. This  
 12 is just the -- what we have to overcome not  
 13 being able to sit down together face-to-face.

14 So to answer your -- your question  
 15 about the final disposition, the disposal  
 16 location, that's a great question because, you  
 17 know, we -- we definitely don't want to create  
 18 a problem while trying to eliminate a problem.  
 19 And so the -- the final disposal area will be a  
 20 -- a permitted landfill that is permitted  
 21 specifically to take this kind of waste. It --  
 22 it is an engineered and constructed landfill  
 23 with all of the -- you know, the -- the  
 24 technological advances that go along with an  
 25 engineered landfill.

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1 cleanup that's important to point out is even  
 2 the -- the, quote, "dry ash," that sits above  
 3 the water table is expected to be fairly  
 4 saturated. Now, it -- it won't be, you know,  
 5 totally wet, but that is to say it -- it --  
 6 it's not going to come out like you might think  
 7 of as a -- as a bonfire ash. It -- it's not  
 8 going to be wispy and -- and flying around by  
 9 any sense.

10 So, you know, as the health and  
 11 safety protocols are being, you know, firmed up  
 12 as we get closer to the actual implementation  
 13 of this -- you know, the -- the wetness, the  
 14 dryness, the workers' safety, and -- and the  
 15 truck routes -- that's -- that's all going to  
 16 be something that the EPA will be overseeing  
 17 and approving and -- and -- or disapproving and  
 18 commenting on and -- and inferring that  
 19 everyone from the -- the beginning to the end  
 20 of the process is -- is protected.

21 MS. ANGUIANO: Okay. And what --  
 22 what kind of guarantees are there that once it  
 23 gets to Newton County -- or Jasper County, the  
 24 -- the final resting place for this coal ash,  
 25 what -- what guarantees that it's going to be

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1 At this time, NIPSCO has not selected  
 2 the disposal facility that this particular  
 3 cleanup will -- will utilize. That is all  
 4 often part of the -- the -- the cleanup  
 5 implementation work plan. It's part of the  
 6 bidding process, it's part of figuring out, you  
 7 know, who charges what where, but they are  
 8 considering their own Schahfer CCR landfill on  
 9 their own property south of -- of the Bailly  
 10 area as one potential disposal area where this  
 11 will ultimately go.

12 And I think it's -- just real quick.  
 13 I think it's also important to note that with  
 14 the relatively new CCR rule, the federal  
 15 regulations that were enacted that placed  
 16 formal regulations on coal ash in a manner that  
 17 has never been done before historically, those  
 18 disposal facilities are -- are now, as I said,  
 19 you know, engineered landfills in such a way as  
 20 to meet the criteria of the CCR rule.

21 MS. ANGUIANO: Okay. Is it -- but do  
 22 you know what the proposed material is for the  
 23 -- the coal ash that's coming out of Michigan  
 24 City? Because it's such a huge amount and it's  
 25 very close to residential areas.

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1 MS. KAYSEN: Yeah, I'm sorry, but I  
 2 -- that is not a site that I'm working on. I'm  
 3 the project manager for the --  
 4 MS. ANGUIANO: Okay.  
 5 MS. KAYSEN: -- the Bailly's facility  
 6 in Chesterton.  
 7 MS. ANGUIANO: Right. Okay. Okay.  
 8 MS. KAYSEN: Yeah. The state -- the  
 9 state is actually the overseeing entity for the  
 10 Michigan City pond closures.  
 11 MS. ANGUIANO: Okay. I just thought  
 12 -- I didn't know how big a project this was, if  
 13 you would know about all of the NIPSCO coal ash  
 14 plants, so -- okay. Okay. And your name is  
 15 Kirstin? What is your name, please?  
 16 MS. KAYSEN: This -- I -- is this --  
 17 this is Michelle Kaysen, the project manager.  
 18 MS. ANGUIANO: How do you spell your  
 19 last name, please? K --  
 20 MS. KAYSEN: K-A-Y-S-E-N.  
 21 MS. ANGUIANO: Thank you so much,  
 22 Michelle.  
 23 MS. KAYSEN: Oh, you're welcome.  
 24 MS. SAFAKAS: Thank you. Are there  
 25 any other representatives from any local

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1 also with a group called Just Transition which  
 2 is primarily out of Michigan City.  
 3 (Discussion off the record.)  
 4 MS. MARSH: And I'm not sure if  
 5 someone has already announced themselves from  
 6 that or not, but I'm a part of that group too,  
 7 and we are out of Michigan City and Northwest  
 8 Indiana.  
 9 MS. SAFAKAS: Thank you for calling  
 10 in. Do you have any questions or concerns  
 11 regarding the site?  
 12 MS. MARSH: Not right now. I'm here  
 13 to listen and to understand in which direction  
 14 you'll be going.  
 15 MS. SAFAKAS: Thank you. I think I'm  
 16 going to open it up. I think it's maybe a  
 17 little confusing by me calling off several  
 18 groups of people. Is -- is there anyone on the  
 19 line currently that either lives in the  
 20 community, works in the community, is, you  
 21 know, a representative of a local environmental  
 22 group in the community that -- that has a  
 23 question or concern currently? Once again, is  
 24 there anyone, is there anyone --  
 25 MR. BWORNIK: Hello? Can you hear

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1 environmental groups on the line? Remember,  
 2 you may need to unmute yourself. You can  
 3 either unmute yourself on your phone directly  
 4 or press "star 6."  
 5 Okay. We'll circle back. Are there  
 6 any --  
 7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)  
 8 MS. SAFAKAS: I'm sorry, go ahead.  
 9 Did -- did someone want to say something from  
 10 the environmental groups?  
 11 Okay. I'm just going to circle back.  
 12 Are there any residents on the line, residents  
 13 of the local communities, that have any  
 14 questions or concerns regarding the statement  
 15 of basis? Are there any elected officials on  
 16 the line? And are there any local press on the  
 17 line?  
 18 MS. MARSH: Hello?  
 19 MS. SAFAKAS: Yes. Hello.  
 20 MS. MARSH: Yeah. You were asking  
 21 for environmental groups on the line on this  
 22 call, and I'm not sure if someone else has  
 23 already made the statement, but I'm Joan Marsh,  
 24 and I'm with the NAACP environmental group  
 25 committee, and I am from Gary, Indiana. I'm

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1 me?  
 2 MS. SAFAKAS: Yes, I can. Yes.  
 3 Thank you.  
 4 MR. BWORNIK: Oh. Okay. Well, I  
 5 don't live in the area anymore. I lived in  
 6 Kouts which is just a few miles north of that  
 7 -- of the -- you know, the -- the proposed  
 8 landfill site, and I was -- I know it's an  
 9 engineered -- I'm also with the -- with Just  
 10 Transition. I am a retired steel worker. But  
 11 I was just wondering, how close to the flood --  
 12 floodplain is -- is that landfill going to be?  
 13 Is it going to be far enough away? Because I  
 14 used -- like I said, I used to live in Kouts  
 15 and I used to fish the Kankakee River, and I  
 16 used to go down there all the time, and there's  
 17 an awful lot of flooding that goes on down  
 18 there periodically, and I was just concerned  
 19 about that.  
 20 MS. SAFAKAS: Thank you, sir. And  
 21 can you state your name?  
 22 THE WITNESS: Mike, and the last name  
 23 is B-W-O-R-N-I-K.  
 24 MS. SAFAKAS: Thank you. Michelle,  
 25 is that something you can answer?

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1 MS. KAYSEN: Well, I'm not sure. Let  
 2 me just clarify something. Sir, are you  
 3 concerned about the -- the NIPSCO Schahfer  
 4 facilities?  
 5 MR. BWORNIK: Basically, yes.  
 6 MS. KAYSEN: Yeah. Okay.  
 7 MR. BWORNIK: Yes.  
 8 MS. KAYSEN: Okay.  
 9 MR. BWORNIK: Yes.  
 10 MS. KAYSEN: Well, I -- I --  
 11 honestly, I cannot tell you if it's in the  
 12 floodplain. I have not done any work on that  
 13 facility myself. I've -- I've been the project  
 14 manager on the Bailly's facility. As part of  
 15 -- as I was saying before, perhaps you weren't  
 16 on, but as -- as part of the implementation  
 17 work plan that NIPSCO will need to submit to  
 18 EPA for approval --  
 19 MR. BWORNIK: Ah.  
 20 MS. KAYSEN: -- or disapproval, we  
 21 will be looking at where will the ash be  
 22 disposed of and what kind --  
 23 MR. BWORNIK: Yes.  
 24 MS. KAYSEN: -- of a -- of a landfill  
 25 is that. So as part of a landfill being able

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1 MR. BWORNIK: Sure. Do you need a --  
 2 do you have my phone number there now or?  
 3 MS. KAYSEN: Kirstin, how -- how does  
 4 that work?  
 5 MS. SAFAKAS: Sir, we do not have  
 6 your phone number. Do you -- well, why don't  
 7 you -- do you -- do you have an email address?  
 8 MR. BWORNIK: Yes, I do.  
 9 MS. SAFAKAS: Why don't you email me  
 10 and I can provide you with the information  
 11 after we talk to the people on this phone call.  
 12 Do you have a pen and paper?  
 13 MR. BWORNIK: Hold on.  
 14 MS. SAFAKAS: Okay.  
 15 MR. BWORNIK: I got to get a piece of  
 16 paper out of here yet. I didn't know there was  
 17 going to be paperwork.  
 18 MS. SAFAKAS: I know. I apologize.  
 19 MR. BWORNIK: That's okay. That's  
 20 okay. Yeah, because I emailed a person in  
 21 charge at IDEM, I-D-E-M, you know --  
 22 MS. SAFAKAS: Mhm-hmm.  
 23 MR. BWORNIK: -- and -- and they were  
 24 supposed to get back to me, but that was a  
 25 couple months ago, and they never did get back.

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1 to be constructed and permitted to receive such  
 2 waste, though it is -- it is not my program,  
 3 and I -- you know, I'm not sure of all of the  
 4 specificities, those locations, they -- they  
 5 need to pass certain criteria to ensure that  
 6 those landfills --  
 7 MR. BWORNIK: Yes.  
 8 MS. KAYSEN: -- are sited and safe  
 9 places. But, you know, we do have a court  
 10 reporter on the line and she's recording these  
 11 questions. I'd like to take that question down  
 12 and -- and maybe get back to you, circle back  
 13 with you, so I can get you --  
 14 MR. BWORNIK: Sure.  
 15 MS. KAYSEN: -- a more precise answer  
 16 about Schahfer.  
 17 MR. BWORNIK: Yeah, that would be  
 18 fine.  
 19 MS. KAYSEN: Great. That is to say  
 20 if it even goes to Schahfer. Again, they  
 21 haven't selected the -- the --  
 22 MR. BWORNIK: Right.  
 23 MS. KAYSEN: -- the disposition of  
 24 the final location, but, you know, I -- I can  
 25 at least let you know.

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1 Okay. I'm -- I'm ready.  
 2 MS. SAFAKAS: Great. My name -- or  
 3 rather my email is Safakas, S, as in "Sam",  
 4 -A-F, as in "Frank," -A-K-A-S, as in "Sam,"  
 5 dot, -K --  
 6 MR. BWORNIK: -A-K -- -A-K-A-S?  
 7 MS. SAFAKAS: It's -K-A-S. Yup.  
 8 MR. BWORNIK: Yeah.  
 9 MS. SAFAKAS: And then it's dot --  
 10 MR. BWORNIK: All right.  
 11 MS. SAFAKAS: -- and then my first  
 12 name is K-I-R-S-T-I-N@epa.gov, G-O-V.  
 13 MR. BWORNIK: -epa.gov. Okay.  
 14 MS. SAFAKAS: And you can email me  
 15 with any of those questions and I'll make sure  
 16 that you're connected to Michelle and the other  
 17 -- the other people that may be able to answer.  
 18 MR. BWORNIK: That would be great.  
 19 MS. SAFAKAS: Thanks so much.  
 20 MR. BWORNIK: Thank you very much.  
 21 MS. SAFAKAS: Great. So just  
 22 checking in again. Are there any residents,  
 23 local environmental groups, any elected  
 24 officials, anyone from the media that's  
 25 currently on the line that may have a question

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1 or concern? If so, you need to potentially  
 2 unmute yourself and we're ready to answer.  
 3 MR. SPIVAK: All the rest of the  
 4 people participating will be asking questions  
 5 later?  
 6 MS. MARSH: Hello? I have a  
 7 question.  
 8 MS. SAFAKAS: Yes.  
 9 MS. MARSH: All right. This is Joan  
 10 Marsh again, and I was wondering if there has  
 11 been any attention paid to health  
 12 consideration? You asked about the residents.  
 13 Has there been any studies or considerations at  
 14 all about individuals and their health as it  
 15 relates to this project?  
 16 MS. KAYSEN: Yeah. So this is  
 17 Michelle Kaysen again, the project manager, and  
 18 the -- the short answer is -- is absolute yes.  
 19 Our program is cast with evaluating both human  
 20 health and environmental risks at these  
 21 projects. I -- I'm not sure if you've looked  
 22 at Bailly's -- the NIPSCO Bailly's facility on  
 23 a map. The -- the downside is that it is right  
 24 next to a national park. We -- the upside is  
 25 that it is not immediately adjacent to any

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1 MS. KAYSEN: Yes.  
 2 MS. ANGUIANO: Michelle, can you  
 3 hear? Okay. This is Linda again, and I -- I  
 4 volunteer with Mike and also with Ms. Joan  
 5 Marsh, and I want to follow up. I couldn't  
 6 hear your -- the -- your colleague, Safakas's,  
 7 her -- her -- her last name spelling. Could  
 8 you just repeat that?  
 9 MS. SAFAKAS: Oh, yeah. It's S, as  
 10 in "Sam," -A-F, as in "Frank," -A-K-A-S, as in  
 11 "Sam."  
 12 MS. ANGUIANO: Okay. Great. I got  
 13 the rest of it. So the questions that I asked  
 14 earlier, I could also send them to her and ask  
 15 her to -- or somebody to comment on them?  
 16 MS. SAFAKAS: Yes. Absolutely.  
 17 MS. ANGUIANO: Okay. And then  
 18 following up with Joan's question just now, you  
 19 said a risk assessment was done and there was  
 20 very small concentration in -- in Area C which  
 21 did not pose a big risk to people. But what  
 22 about the underground water tables? None of  
 23 the coal ash toxins like the lead or the  
 24 mercury or the arsenic, none of those are  
 25 leaching into the water table?

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1 residential community. The closest residential  
 2 community is Dune Acres, and thankfully it is  
 3 -- it is quite far away from any of the impact  
 4 associated with the site.  
 5 We -- we do, nonetheless -- you know,  
 6 whether there's people there or not, we do a  
 7 process called a risk assessment to determine  
 8 --  
 9 MS. MARSH: What was that?  
 10 MS. KAYSEN: We do a risk assessment.  
 11 MS. MARSH: Mhm-hmm.  
 12 MS. KAYSEN: -- at -- at facilities  
 13 to study, "Okay. What's there? How much is  
 14 there? And is anybody coming in contact with  
 15 it at concentrations that could be dangerous?"  
 16 And at NIPSCO Bailly, the concentrations that  
 17 we are looking at in Area C are fairly low.  
 18 They did not pose a threat or a risk to people  
 19 if people were there. Though, again, the  
 20 ability for people to come in contact with what  
 21 has been impacted is -- is very, very low.  
 22 Most of it is below the ground or it's in, you  
 23 know, very natural sort of wild areas out in  
 24 the dunes. So does that answer your question?  
 25 MS. ANGUIANO: Michelle?

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1 MS. KAYSEN: Oh. Oh, no. That is --  
 2 that is not what I meant. They -- they  
 3 absolutely are leaching into the water. And  
 4 that's the whole reason we are doing this  
 5 20-plus million-dollar cleanup out there  
 6 because the -- the metals that are in the ash  
 7 that are on site in SWMU 15, anytime -- I mean,  
 8 you already know this based on your question --  
 9 anytime the groundwater moves through it, it  
 10 picks up little by little these little  
 11 concentrations of metals, and through time, it  
 12 -- it builds on itself, and so there -- there  
 13 are concentrations of metals in the water  
 14 outside of that area of contamination, and it  
 15 has migrated into the national park area.  
 16 Now, a couple of things. There --  
 17 there are several different metals in the  
 18 groundwater. There is one in particular that  
 19 when you crunch the numbers and look at all of  
 20 the critters and the plants, there is one metal  
 21 in particular that rises to the top in terms of  
 22 -- of contributing the most risk issues for --  
 23 MS. ANGUIANO: Is that boron? Is  
 24 that boron?  
 25 MS. KAYSEN: Absolutely, it's boron.



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1 MS. ANGUIANO: Mhm-hmm.  
 2 MS. KAYSEN: And so we -- so we have  
 3 -- we have metals in the groundwater. They are  
 4 at relatively low concentrations which, you  
 5 know, for a national park is too high, and  
 6 that's -- that's what's going on here. We have  
 7 very sensitive plants in the community that are  
 8 being impacted by the metals and the boron, and  
 9 so we need to stop the source of the  
 10 contamination that is originating on the site.  
 11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is great  
 12 for the property and safe? The road is in  
 13 really bad shape.  
 14 MS. SAFAKAS: So can I -- can I ask  
 15 folks to please mute their line if they're not  
 16 speaking? Okay. That's much better. Thank  
 17 you.  
 18 MS. ANGUIANO: Okay. Thank you,  
 19 Michelle. And there's a lot of technical stuff  
 20 in this, and one of the great things about Just  
 21 Transition Northwest Indiana are -- is ongoing  
 22 education, and one thing I don't remember is  
 23 what are the negative effects of boron? I know  
 24 about arsenic and lead and -- and some of the  
 25 others, but what does boron do?

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1 120,000 unique species of plants in there.  
 2 MS. KAYSEN: Yeah. I mean, the -- I  
 3 mean, that's why it's now a national park after  
 4 all these years of being a lakeshore. The park  
 5 provides, I think, 30 percent of the habitat  
 6 for all of Indiana's threatened and endangered  
 7 species, and, you know, it's -- it's an  
 8 ecological group, so it's -- when we did our  
 9 evaluation, we really, really, really looked  
 10 hard at -- at the park's level of sensitivity  
 11 because of that.  
 12 MS. ANGUIANO: Mhm-hmm. I'm -- I'm  
 13 going to have to get off to go to another call.  
 14 I really appreciate your answers, and some may  
 15 be so simple, but I promise to read the whole  
 16 document on your web page, and what -- what can  
 17 -- what is the -- the best -- I have two  
 18 questions: What's the best thing we can do, is  
 19 one, to support this? Just write in comments  
 20 to EPA?  
 21 MS. KAYSEN: Yeah, absolutely. We  
 22 have the website up and running. I have been  
 23 updating an FAQ document, frequently asked  
 24 questions, on the website, and I've been  
 25 emailing at least one of your folks from a

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1 MS. KAYSEN: Yeah. You know, boron  
 2 is of -- of lower concern for human health. It  
 3 -- it doesn't even have a drinking water  
 4 standard because of that. It has, like, a  
 5 secondary water standard associated with it.  
 6 But boron in higher concentrations are -- are  
 7 -- is bad for plants, so plants in the national  
 8 park are -- they're sensitive. Some of them  
 9 are threatened or endangered species that the  
 10 national park needs, you know, the utmost  
 11 protection, and so even, you know, slightly  
 12 elevated concentrations of boron that the  
 13 plants are taking up and then it causes -- it  
 14 causes a variety of conditions in plants that  
 15 -- that will ultimately hinder their ability to  
 16 -- to grow and to continue to sustain their  
 17 plant populations out in the national park.  
 18 And -- and that's -- I mean, there are some  
 19 other potential risks that we want to prevent  
 20 from happening out in the national park, but  
 21 the -- the boron and the plants are -- are  
 22 really significant risk drivers associated with  
 23 this cleanup.  
 24 MS. ANGUIANO: Yeah, and isn't -- I'm  
 25 forgetting the number, if it's 12,000 or

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1 couple of --  
 2 MS. ANGUIANO: Maybe Ashley Nooman  
 3 (phonetic).  
 4 MS. KAYSEN: Yeah, Ashley. Ashley  
 5 has all of my emails, and so you could -- you  
 6 could -- you know, you could bounce it off  
 7 Ashley and say, "Hey, you know, how do I -- how  
 8 do I submit a comment," or get my email from  
 9 her, or go on over to our website for the --  
 10 for the cleanup and submit a comment.  
 11 MS. ANGUIANO: Great. And then my  
 12 very last question is is -- is it difficult to  
 13 -- I mean, Indiana is a very conservative state  
 14 and we have a president who's anti-environment.  
 15 Is -- is it difficult to get these projects,  
 16 like this \$20 million cleanup that affects the  
 17 United States National Park Service national  
 18 park, is that a difficult thing to do during  
 19 these times?  
 20 MS. KAYSEN: You know, I --  
 21 MS. ANGUIANO: Or is that too  
 22 political to answer?  
 23 MS. KAYSEN: Well, it's -- you know,  
 24 I think these projects are always complex no  
 25 matter who is sitting in any office. They --

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1 they are tough, but, you know, we -- we just  
 2 keep plugging along and collaborating with you  
 3 all as stake holders and the National Park  
 4 Service as this amazing partner, and -- and  
 5 NIPSCO has -- has submitted a -- a -- a good --  
 6 a very, very good solid proposed remedy. So it  
 7 -- it makes -- it makes my job a little easier.  
 8 I'll say that.

9 MS. ANGUIANO: Okay. Thank you so  
 10 much, and I'm --

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Michelle?  
 12 MS. ANGUIANO: -- I'm --

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mich- --  
 14 MS. ANGUIANO: -- I'm -- I'm -- I'm  
 15 hopping off the line. Thank you.

16 MS. KAYSEN: Thank you. I'm sorry?  
 17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Michelle, also  
 18 -- also NIPSCO has agreed and entered in an  
 19 order with USEPA to perform the corrective  
 20 action?

21 MS. KAYSEN: That is -- that is  
 22 absolutely correct. Our program operates under  
 23 orders. It's called administrative order on  
 24 consent. It is the legal document that binds  
 25 the responsible party, which is NIPSCO here, to

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1 exceeded/gone beyond some of the requirements  
 2 of the EPA, and if so, would you share those?

3 MS. KAYSEN: Sure. I think -- I  
 4 think important context is the incredible  
 5 amount of flexibility that is in this program.  
 6 Meaning, it is very, very site specific, and at  
 7 any given site, any -- any number of different  
 8 types of studies can -- can be required or --  
 9 or sort of needed in order to obtain the full  
 10 and complete picture, and sometimes, you know,  
 11 the studies can -- can -- can stay relatively  
 12 basic and other times they can get fairly  
 13 complicated and involved.

14 And I -- and I think to -- to be  
 15 responsive to your question, I think NIPSCO has  
 16 gone above and beyond with some of the studies  
 17 that they have conducted. We have conducted  
 18 amphibian surveys, amphibian toxicity tests,  
 19 plants toxic- -- toxicity tests -- excuse me.  
 20 I mean, we -- we have amassed an immense amount  
 21 of data out there, not just from the  
 22 environmental media, but also from the  
 23 biological communities. And that was a really  
 24 important piece of really making sure that we  
 25 do the right thing for the national park.

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1 EPA to conduct the -- the corrective action in  
 2 accordance with our program, and it's -- it's a  
 3 -- it's a very collaborative effort throughout  
 4 the entire thing. It requires EPA approval or  
 5 disapproval or, you know, commenting on each  
 6 work plan that comes in, but, yes, at the end  
 7 of the day, they -- they have committed to  
 8 doing this work under the order.

9 MS. MARSH: Hello? This is Joan  
 10 Marsh. Does -- can you hear me?

11 MS. KAYSEN: Yes.  
 12 MS. SAFAKAS: Yes.

13 MS. MARSH: Hello? Has NIPSCO  
 14 exceeded the requirements of the EPA in any  
 15 way? Could you elaborate on that, how you all  
 16 have exceeded the expectations of the federal  
 17 EPA?

18 MS. KAYSEN: I'm -- I'm not sure if  
 19 you cut out. Did you say "how they exceeded  
 20 EPA's expectations"?

21 MS. MARSH: Yeah. Has NIPSCO  
 22 exceeded? Because we know that sometimes even  
 23 the EPA can be very conservative in their  
 24 approach, so I'm wondering -- this is Joan  
 25 Marsh calling again -- if NIPSCO has in any way

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1 MR. SPIVAK: Can other participants  
 2 also ask questions?

3 MS. SAFAKAS: Of course. Yes.  
 4 Please. Go right ahead.

5 MR. SPIVAK: Thank you. My question  
 6 was whether during this donation process EPA  
 7 and NIPSCO had considered beneficiating some of  
 8 the materials that will be collected from the  
 9 extraction from the park or from possible  
 10 impoundments that may still remain at the  
 11 facility, so it's kind of a two-sided question:  
 12 Number one, whether there are -- there are any  
 13 impoundments within the Bailly facility that  
 14 still exist and potential leaching into the  
 15 park, and second, when you are planning to  
 16 start extracting and possibly excreting or  
 17 moving the material, is there any consideration  
 18 for beneficiating those minerals and products  
 19 and waste things?

20 MS. KAYSEN: Yeah, that's a really  
 21 interesting question. My -- my understanding  
 22 based upon NIPSCO's remedy implementation plan  
 23 and disposal plan is that that material will  
 24 not be put back into any kind of beneficial  
 25 reuse, and my -- my impression -- so I'm not

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1 entirely sure, but my impression would be is  
 2 that the age, the weathering, the -- the  
 3 prolonged saturation, and the intermingled  
 4 nature of it with native soils probably would  
 5 make that cost prohibitive. Right now, they  
 6 are planning on disposing that which they  
 7 excavate and remove from the site, and then,  
 8 like I said, solidifying the portion that is  
 9 under water. So that's -- that is that portion  
 10 of your question.

11 And -- and the impoundment question,  
 12 yes, there are currently several surface  
 13 impoundments that are subject to the CCR rule  
 14 on the Bailly's facility, and because they are  
 15 subject to the CCR rule, they will be addressed  
 16 and closed under the state IDEM, and I would  
 17 guess, though I am not the lead on that, but  
 18 again, I would guess that the removal of the  
 19 materials from those surface impoundments under  
 20 the state oversights likely will not put that  
 21 material back into a -- a beneficial reuse  
 22 scenario likely for similar reasons, and that  
 23 work is -- it is scheduled to take place -- you  
 24 know, again, I'm not -- I'm not leading that  
 25 work, but I have been told maybe within the

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1 mostly metals. This particular ash doesn't  
 2 have a whole heck of a lot of mercury. Some  
 3 coal ash does. This ash doesn't have a whole  
 4 heck of a lot -- lot of mercury.

5 And as far as the impoundments are  
 6 concerned, they are under a different  
 7 monitoring regime. I know that sounds very  
 8 bureaucratic of me, but they are. They are  
 9 with the state and they are being monitored in  
 10 accordance with the CCR rule.

11 But also to circle back around to  
 12 your question about the impoundments, which I  
 13 think you asked, but I -- I can't recall, those  
 14 impoundments are not leaking presently into the  
 15 adjacent park, so those surface impoundments  
 16 back in 1980 were lined with one foot of clay  
 17 and a geotextile membrane. That happened, you  
 18 know, 40 years ago. Now, the CCR rule came  
 19 along a couple of years ago and defined exactly  
 20 how a surface impoundment or a CCR landfill  
 21 needs to be constructed, so under those rules,  
 22 these impoundments don't qualify as being,  
 23 quote, "lined," but they are -- they are lined.  
 24 Maybe not in accordance with the definition of  
 25 the rule, but they are lined, and that -- that

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1 next five years or so. NIPSCO needs to get  
 2 this work started and then submit a plan to the  
 3 state to deal with the impoundment separately.

4 MR. SPIVAK: Understood. Has there  
 5 been any samples collected -- and I don't mean  
 6 water samples -- I mean soil samples of the  
 7 impoundments as well as material at the state  
 8 park level that would be able to --

9 MS. KAYSEN: Oh.

10 MR. SPIVAK: -- provide some  
 11 background of what really the mixture is?

12 MS. KAYSEN: Yeah. Yup. Yes, there  
 13 has been. As part of our investigation at --  
 14 at SWMU 15, NIPSCO collected samples directly  
 15 of the -- the coal ash that's underground.  
 16 They've analyzed it, they have quantified the  
 17 level of metals within that ash itself, and  
 18 then they -- they took that ash and they  
 19 treated it just like we will treat it in the  
 20 final remedy, and they ran it through a bunch  
 21 of tests to see, you know, how -- how that  
 22 remedy will -- would perform, and, you know, as  
 23 -- as you can guess, the -- the -- the -- the  
 24 composition of the ash is mostly metals,  
 25 there's a lot of carbon, but it's -- it's

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1 work that was conducted, like I said, in 1980  
 2 stopped the leaking that was occurring  
 3 historically from the ponds into the park.

4 MR. SPIVAK: Okay. Thank you very  
 5 much for your answer. Is there anybody on the  
 6 NIPSCO level that is able to share any of that  
 7 information as far as the materials that were  
 8 found to be there? Because we can only presume  
 9 that the community and the state park would  
 10 benefit from still using at least some portion  
 11 of the -- of the product that is extracted  
 12 rather than putting it into the landfill  
 13 anywhere nearby.

14 I know for a fact that NIPSCO had  
 15 agreed to do about 25 percent of the  
 16 officiation of material that is being pulled  
 17 out from Michigan City station; therefore, they  
 18 obviously see the value of recycling material  
 19 rather than throwing it away, if you don't mind  
 20 me stating that. Therefore, is there somebody  
 21 within NIPSCO that is able to share any of that  
 22 information?

23 MS. KAYSEN: Well, I'm not exactly  
 24 sure if there's anyone from NIPSCO on the line,  
 25 and if -- Kirstin, would you like to throw it

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1 over to them, if so; otherwise, we can take  
 2 your comment as a formal comment and I would be  
 3 happy to circle back around to you with a -- a  
 4 response that I -- that I can get from NIPSCO.  
 5 MS. SAFAKAS: I think that sounds  
 6 like --  
 7 MR. SPIVAK: Yes.  
 8 MS. SAFAKAS: -- a good idea. Would  
 9 you mind -- would you mind emailing me your  
 10 questions and concerns and we'll make sure  
 11 NIPSCO gets them answered?  
 12 MR. SPIVAK: And that would be the  
 13 email that you provided earlier,  
 14 safakas.kirstin@ --  
 15 MS. SAFAKAS: Yes.  
 16 MR. SPIVAK: -- -epa.gov.  
 17 MS. SAFAKAS: Yes. Yup.  
 18 MR. SPIVAK: I can do that. Thank  
 19 you.  
 20 MS. SAFAKAS: Thank you so much, sir.  
 21 MS. KAYSEN: Is it possible to get  
 22 your name, sir?  
 23 MR. SPIVAK: Sure. It's Andrew  
 24 Spivak.  
 25 MS. KAYSEN: Thank you.

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1 questions or concerns about the NIPSCO Bailly  
 2 Generating facility site? Okay. And if not,  
 3 I'm going to keep the line open and I'll check  
 4 in in a few minutes.  
 5 MR. PLATH: Thank you so much. This  
 6 is the park -- National Park Service. Dan and  
 7 I think Charlie are going to sign off. Send us  
 8 an email if something comes up where you need  
 9 some help in the park's perspective.  
 10 MS. KAYSEN: Thank you very much.  
 11 MS. SAFAKAS: Thank you so much.  
 12 MS. KAYSEN: We will do that.  
 13 MS. SAFAKAS: Thank you, guys.  
 14 MR. PLATH: Yes. Thanks so much.  
 15 Have a good one.  
 16 (Discussion off the record.)  
 17 MS. MARSH: I'm going to get off the  
 18 line too.  
 19 MS. SAFAKAS: Thank you for calling  
 20 in.  
 21 MS. MARSH: All right. Thank you.  
 22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.  
 23 MS. SAFAKAS: Yes. Hello. Did  
 24 someone want to say something? I just heard a  
 25 "hi."

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1 MS. SAFAKAS: Thank you.  
 2 This is Kirstin Safakas, once again,  
 3 the Community Involvement Coordinator for this  
 4 site. I'm just chiming in. We're about an  
 5 hour in. Has anyone else joined -- any  
 6 residents, environmental groups, elected  
 7 officials -- that perhaps want to ask a  
 8 question or provide a comment? The line is  
 9 open.  
 10 (Discussion off the record.)  
 11 MS. SAFAKAS: Okay. Anyone else on  
 12 the line that may have a question or a comment?  
 13 If anyone does have a question or comment, you  
 14 may need to unmute yourself. You can either  
 15 press "Unmute" on your cell phone or press  
 16 "star 6" to unmute yourself so you can speak.  
 17 Okay. And is there anyone from local news  
 18 media or press on the line? Okay. Well,  
 19 hearing none, what I'm going to do is keep the  
 20 line open and I will check in probably every  
 21 three minutes or so just so that if there are  
 22 any people that join, that they know that the  
 23 line is obviously still open and we are here to  
 24 assist. So just final call for -- for this --  
 25 for this three minutes. Does anyone have any

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, that's me.  
 2 I said, "Hi."  
 3 MS. SAFAKAS: Yes.  
 4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is -- is the  
 5 meeting starting?  
 6 MS. SAFAKAS: Oh, yeah. Well, hi.  
 7 Welcome. The -- the meeting is basically an  
 8 open question and answer session, so people  
 9 have been calling in for about an hour now just  
 10 answering their questions -- or I'm sorry --  
 11 asking their questions and we've been able to  
 12 answer them. Do you have a specific question  
 13 or concern regarding the NIPSCO Bailly  
 14 statement of basis?  
 15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, not  
 16 really. I -- I -- I'm very concerned about the  
 17 way that they're dealing with it. When are  
 18 they going to start -- had they already started  
 19 depositing coal ash at Bailly?  
 20 MS. KAYSEN: Hi. This is Michelle  
 21 Kaysen. I'm the project manager for the -- the  
 22 Bailly project, and -- and I'll -- I -- I'll  
 23 back up a little bit. So we -- we have been  
 24 conducting an investigation at the facility and  
 25 we've come to a cleanup proposal and we are

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1 focusing in on a unit where NIPSCO disposed of  
 2 -- of coal ash historically back in the '60s  
 3 and '70s and that material has been onsite at  
 4 that location since the time they -- they  
 5 stopped those activities which was the late  
 6 '70s. The -- the proposed method to stop that  
 7 material from contaminating the national park  
 8 is -- is a -- is a combination. We -- we are  
 9 proposing to excavate the first half of that  
 10 coal ash that's in that unit. So anything  
 11 that's from the ground surface down to where  
 12 the groundwater starts, that material will be  
 13 excavated, it will be dug out, and it will be  
 14 taken to a proper permitted landfill, and the  
 15 rest of the material that is underneath the  
 16 groundwater, and, therefore, wet will be  
 17 solidified. That's a technology that's used to  
 18 contain sources of contamination by, you know,  
 19 solidifying it in place; that chemically fixes  
 20 the contamination and it -- and it physically  
 21 solidifies the material. That's -- so that's  
 22 the plan.  
 23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And that will  
 24 solve the pollution of the water?  
 25 MS. KAYSEN: It will. It will

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1 the phone? This isn't an ongoing meeting; it's  
 2 just a series of questions and answers?  
 3 MS. SAFAKAS: You're welcome to stay  
 4 on the line --  
 5 MS. KAYSEN: It is.  
 6 MS. SAFAKAS: -- or ask more  
 7 questions that you have or you can sign off,  
 8 either way.  
 9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Well,  
 10 thanks. I appreciate it. Will there be other  
 11 people coming on to ask questions?  
 12 MS. KAYSEN: Yeah, we -- we believe  
 13 so. We've had quite a few folks asking  
 14 questions over the last hour and we're going to  
 15 hang out here on the line for another hour to  
 16 give people the opportunity to keep either  
 17 listening and then thinking of questions or --  
 18 or maybe just calling in and -- and asking the  
 19 question they have in mind.  
 20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Well, I  
 21 really appreciate it. Thank you. And good  
 22 luck.  
 23 MS. KAYSEN: Sure. Thank you.  
 24 MS. SAFAKAS: Thank you very much,  
 25 ma'am.

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1 essentially turn what is underground into a --  
 2 for the easiest way to understand it -- a  
 3 concrete block, and --  
 4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.  
 5 MS. KAYSEN: -- that will prohibit  
 6 the water from being able to move through it in  
 7 such a way that it picks up the contaminants  
 8 and -- and then moves the contaminants into the  
 9 park which is what is happening right now.  
 10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, that  
 11 sounds like the most -- the best possible  
 12 solution.  
 13 MS. KAYSEN: Well, we -- we -- we  
 14 think so.  
 15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. So that  
 16 would be something we would want to try for at  
 17 the Wheatfield, wouldn't it?  
 18 MS. KAYSEN: Well, I -- I -- I don't  
 19 work on Wheatfield. I can't speak to, you  
 20 know, what's going on at that particular  
 21 facility.  
 22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Well, I  
 23 appreciate you telling me the -- this method,  
 24 and I'm -- I'm a little confused. And now is  
 25 my time -- I -- I -- I don't need to stay on

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.  
 2 MS. SAFAKAS: Okay. Hello, everyone.  
 3 Has anyone else joined? This is the NIPSCO  
 4 Bailly Generating facility proposed statement  
 5 of basis question and answer session. Is  
 6 anyone on the line? Any residents, any  
 7 environmental groups, any elected officials  
 8 that may have a question, concern, or comment  
 9 regarding the site? You're welcome to speak  
 10 now. Hearing none, I'm going to give it three  
 11 minutes and I will check back in with everyone  
 12 to see if anyone has joined the call.  
 13 (Discussion off the record.)  
 14 MS. SAFAKAS: Hi again. Just  
 15 checking in. This is the NIPSCO Bailly  
 16 Generating facility live question and answer  
 17 session. If anyone has joined the line that  
 18 may have questions or concerns, you're welcome  
 19 to voice them now. Has anyone else joined in  
 20 the last few minutes? Okay. Hearing none,  
 21 I'll check in in a few minutes again.  
 22 (Discussion off the record.)  
 23 MS. SAFAKAS: Hi there. This is  
 24 Kirstin Safakas with the USEPA. I'm checking  
 25 in to see if anyone has joined the call.

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1 Hearing none, I will check back in at 6:20.  
 2 (Discussion off the record.)  
 3 MS. SAFAKAS: Hi. Once again, this  
 4 is Kirstin Safakas with the USEPA. I'm just  
 5 checking in to see if there's anyone that has  
 6 joined the line that may have a question or a  
 7 concern about the NIPSCO Bailly Generating  
 8 facility. Hearing none, I will check back in  
 9 at 6:25.  
 10 (Discussion off the record.)  
 11 MS. SAFAKAS: Hi there. Just  
 12 checking in. This is Kirstin Safakas with the  
 13 USEPA. Just -- just checking in to see if  
 14 anyone has joined the line and may have a  
 15 question or comment for the NIPSCO Bailly  
 16 Generating facility statement of basis. Okay.  
 17 I will check back in at 6:30.  
 18 (Discussion off the record.)  
 19 MS. SAFAKAS: Hi there. This is  
 20 Kirstin Safakas with the USEPA. It is 6:30.  
 21 I'm just checking in to see if anyone has  
 22 dialed in for the NIPSCO Bailly Generating  
 23 facility Q and A. If you are on the line,  
 24 you're welcome to speak up now and ask your  
 25 question or state your comment and we'll be

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1 facility. Hearing none, I will check back in  
 2 at 6:50.  
 3 (Discussion off the record.)  
 4 MS. SAFAKAS: Hi again. Just  
 5 checking in. This is Kirstin Safakas with the  
 6 USEPA. We have about ten minutes left. Has  
 7 anyone joined that wants to ask a question or  
 8 perhaps submit a comment? Okay. I'll check  
 9 back in one more time at 6:55.  
 10 (Discussion off the record.)  
 11 MS. SAFAKAS: Hi there. One more  
 12 check-in. This is Kirstin Safakas with the  
 13 USEPA. Has anyone joined the call that may  
 14 have a question or a concern regarding the  
 15 NIPSCO Bailly Generating facility? Okay. I'll  
 16 do one more check-in at 7:00 o'clock and then  
 17 we'll close the line.  
 18 (Discussion off the record.)  
 19 MS. SAFAKAS: Okay. We got about  
 20 three minutes. Anyone on the line that has not  
 21 asked a question? May have a concern? Wants  
 22 to submit a public comment? Okay. Well, I'll  
 23 check back in in two minutes and then we'll  
 24 call it a night.  
 25 (Discussion off the record.)

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1 ready to assist. Okay. I'll check back in in  
 2 five minutes at 6:35.  
 3 (Discussion off the record.)  
 4 MS. SAFAKAS: Hi. Once again,  
 5 checking in. This is Kirstin Safakas with the  
 6 USEPA. Just checking to see if anyone has  
 7 joined the call for the NIPSCO Bailly  
 8 Generating facility question and answer. If  
 9 anyone is on the line and -- and would like to  
 10 answer -- or ask -- ask any questions, we're --  
 11 we're here and ready to assist, and if not, I  
 12 will check back in at 6:40. Thanks.  
 13 (Discussion off the record.)  
 14 MS. SAFAKAS: Hello. This is Kirstin  
 15 Safakas. Just checking in to see if anyone has  
 16 joined the call. Okay. We'll keep the line  
 17 open for 20 more minutes in case any- -- anyone  
 18 else decides to join. I will check back in at  
 19 6:45.  
 20 (Discussion off the record.)  
 21 MS. SAFAKAS: Hi, everyone. Once  
 22 again, this is Kirstin Safakas with the USEPA.  
 23 I'm just checking in to see if anyone else has  
 24 joined the line who may have questions or  
 25 comments regarding the NIPSCO Bailly Generating

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1 MS. SAFAKAS: Okay. Final check-in.  
 2 This is Kirstin Safakas with the USEPA. Just  
 3 want to see if anyone is on the line that may  
 4 not have had the opportunity to ask a question  
 5 or submit a comment about the NIPSCO Bailly  
 6 Generating facility. Anyone on mute may need  
 7 to unmute themselves. Okay. Hearing none, I'm  
 8 going to close the session.  
 9 Thanks for -- for waiting. And we  
 10 didn't get as many people as we expected, but I  
 11 think it went well, so thanks, everyone, for  
 12 participating, and we'll get a transcript for  
 13 this meeting soon, and I'll share it with all  
 14 of you.  
 15 (Proceedings concluded at 7:01 p.m.)  
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6 Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for  
7 the State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the  
8 above deposition of NIPSCO BAILLY PUBLIC MEETING was  
9 recorded by me on August 3, 2020, and reduced to  
10 writing under my personal direction.

11 I further certify that I am not a  
12 relative or employee or attorney or counsel of any  
13 of the parties, or a relative or employee of such  
14 attorney or counsel, or financially interested  
15 directly or indirectly in this action.

16 In witness whereof I have hereunder set  
17 my hand and affixed my seal of office at Milwaukee,  
18 Wisconsin, this 13th day of August, 2020.

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In and for the State of Wisconsin

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My Commission Expires: June 2, 2022.

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