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APPEARANCES

DHEC-BL&WM:

Ms. Angie R. Jones

Mr. R. Gary Stewart

Ms. Pat Vincent

Mr. Konstantine Akhvlediani

DHEC-Region 3:

Steve Moseley

Paul Edinger

TRC:

Jean Oliva

Robert Smith

SPX:

Dan McGrade

Enviro-Pro:

Tom Bolyard

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1 And I am the one who goofed and put Thursday,
2 February the 5th. I'll go ahead and acknowledge
3 that; I apologize. We had several changes on those
4 schedules and with the holiday season, it was a
5 little hard trying to find everybody available, so
6 I apologize that that did occur.

7 I wanted to also let you know that we
8 publicized this meeting today in the Sunday paper
9 as -- and that was in "The Herald" as well as in
10 today's publication of "The Herald."

11 I also have -- with me today is Angie Jones.
12 Angie is our project manager. She's also the
13 spokesperson for the site, and she's reviewed all
14 the documents that are -- have been developed for
15 this site, and she will be presenting the
16 presentation in a few minutes to you.

17 I also have Gary Stewart. Mr. Stewart is with
18 -- the manager of the State Remediation Section, so
19 he is the supervisor of Angie and I. We also have
20 Konstantine Aquavediani -- Ahkviediani. Excuse me.

21 MR. AHKVIEDIANI: That's right --

22 MS. VINCENT: Yes.

23 MR. AHKVIEDIANI: -- so --

24 MS. VINCENT: He is with the -- he's a hydrologist, and
25 he's with the -- the department's hydrogeology

1 department. And so one of the things that he will
2 -- his concentration is, is with the groundwater
3 issues. And we also have some regional folks with
4 us today. Steve Moseley is here. Would you stand?
5 Thank you. And Paul Edinger. They are -- they
6 work out of the Lancaster office, but they also
7 serve you in this community.

8 There are some things I'd like to go over
9 before we get started. I want to make sure we
10 cover everything. We do have a sign-in sheet.
11 We're asking everybody to sign in today. One of
12 the things that that helps us with is providing
13 notice to you in the future, and if you ever want
14 your name to be removed from the mailing list, you
15 can always contact us. The sign-in sheet -- we ask
16 you, of course, to write legibly so that I can read
17 that later on. And this -- the sign-in sheet will
18 be placed in the bureau's file that's located in
19 Columbia.

20 Secondly, the department has also established
21 an administrative record for this site. The
22 administrative record is a -- a group of documents
23 that the department has relied on in making its
24 decisions -- the technical decisions regarding the
25 site. And we have that stored at the York County

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1 Public Library, and that's at 21 -- (clears throat)
2 excuse me -- 21 East Liberty Street. And so you
3 can go and look at -- there. It's not the
4 department's full file on this site, but it does
5 give you the documents that we relied on in making
6 decisions.

7 We also -- you can come down to the -- the
8 department's office and review any of our files
9 there with a -- a Freedom-of-Information request,
10 and we'll make those files available to you as
11 well.

12 There is also a gentleman that I probably
13 should introduce to you. Steve Tackett is here
14 with the mouthpiece on his mouth. He is actually
15 our court reporter for tonight. He will be
16 transcribing the meeting word for word so that we
17 can be sure to recollect all the questions and
18 comments that you may have that may be presented to
19 us later. And we do have microphones that will be
20 coming around to make sure we -- we've captured all
21 your questions and comments.

22 I think Ms. Jones will be here to provide you
23 with some background information regarding the site
24 and provide you some investigative results as well
25 as providing a -- a summation of the alternatives

1 that the department looked at in trying to decide
2 how to clean up the soil and groundwater at the
3 site.

4 You, as the public, and -- are allowed the
5 opportunity to provide us written comments
6 regarding the site and those comments have to be to
7 us by March the 7th. And you can send those to --
8 to myself, Pat Vincent. I am on a fact sheet here,
9 and I also have my business card here if you didn't
10 get a fact sheet in the mail. Next I will let
11 Ms. Jones take over.

12 MS. JONES: Thanks, Pat. First, I want to thank
13 everyone from the community for showing up tonight.
14 I -- I really appreciate this. As Pat said, I will
15 give a brief history of the site and talk about the
16 investigations and, really, what led us to come
17 here tonight and ask for your input on the remedy
18 of this cleanup. So I'll talk about the
19 investigations; I'll give you a description of each
20 cleanup alternative; and then I'll also present to
21 you the one that the department has preferred.
22 It's our proposed remedy that you would've received
23 in your fact sheet.

24 And then I'll open up the floor to comments
25 and questions, so if we could hold the questions

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1 until the end, I think my presentation may take
2 about 15 to 20 minutes, unless I speak faster than
3 I think.

4 In the early '50s, a company called "Metals
5 Protection Company" operated a plating business at
6 the site. Steel plates were rinsed through various
7 methods after they were dipped into chromic acid
8 baths. When these plates were drained, they were
9 drained by various methods. One was into a rock
10 field sump, which was built over an abandoned well.
11 That well was about 50 foot deep. We consider this
12 to be our main source area for the groundwater
13 contamination at the site. Some rinse water was
14 also pumped into a settling basin, and these early
15 rinsing methods did not remove all the chromium
16 from these plates, so it -- it's in the
17 groundwater. It -- its -- has percolated into the
18 groundwater.

19 Then throughout the '60s, '70s, and '80s, the
20 ownership transferred numerous times, finally to
21 EFP Products, which is the name that's still in
22 front of the building at the site. In 1990 there
23 was a merger; SPX Corporation assumed all the
24 liabilities of a previous owner, so SPX is the
25 responsible party for performing the remedy at the

1 site.

2 Then in 1991 DHEC began discussions with both
3 EFP, who was operating at the site, as well as SPX
4 about the chromium contamination on the property.
5 Several reports were developed, and in 1994 a
6 groundwater report was submitted to DHEC which
7 really showed us how much contamination was on the
8 property.

9 That following year in 1995, we entered into a
10 consent agreement with SPX. Through this consent
11 agreement, SPX is required to perform a remedial
12 investigation to determine the nature, the source,
13 the extent of any contamination on the property.
14 They're also required to conduct a feasibility
15 study, which is the phase we're at now. The
16 feasibility study evaluates options for cleanup
17 after the site has been determined to be fully
18 investigated.

19 So that's what we're here tonight to talk
20 about: a summary of that feasibility study and the
21 options that were presented for the remedy. So let
22 me first start out by giving you some -- some
23 history of the investigations at the site.

24 Numerous monitoring wells were installed; I
25 believe there are close to 30 on the site. These