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10:12 a.m.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Can we allow Pipeline Community to introduce themselves?

MS. WALDRON: Sure. Yes, absolutely.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: And Vivian and myself as well. So, I'll start with Vivian and I.

MS. WALDRON: Great. Thank you, Lee Anna.

MS. CRAIG: Good morning, everyone. Good morning, Pipeline Community Members, for coming out this morning to be with us as we conduct this presentation.

It's kind of hard to see the screen, but we can hear everybody fine from the computer, actually.

We have about 12 community members here, mainly from the Pipeline Community area. As you know, throughout the night, it was raining and the road to the community gets pretty muddy. I'm glad we still have the community members here.

And again, my name is Vivian Craig. I am from the Navajo EPA Superfund Program.

(Native language spoken.)

So, I'll have Lee Anna introduce herself next, and then, after that, we'll have the community

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members come up and introduce themselves. Thank you.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Good morning.

Lee Anna Martinez-Silversmith.

(Native language spoken.)

I'm the Senior Remedial Project Manager with the Navajo Superfund.

And I want to thank NRC for making this happen. Although we are in these trying times with COVID and the new Delta variant, they were willing to work with Navajo EPA to have this meeting happen. It was supposed to be in person, but this is where we're at now, basically, in the world where we have to do everything virtually.

And I appreciate the community members taking time today to be here, and thank you all online as well for being a part of this discussion. That's very important to our community here in Navajo.

MR. THOMAS: Good morning. Trey Tony Thomas (phonetic) here. I'm part of the community candidates from Pipeline Road. We have some big concerns.

(Native language spoken.)

So, good morning to everyone out there.

This is really, I think, not really professional-wise, maybe due to the pandemic, but some of these days we'd

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like to meet with you all face to face, you know, out here in our community where we live. It's kind of hard this way. That's my personal opinion. And that's kind of just what I'd like to express. It's kind of hard to hear through this TV stuff, whatever we've got.

So, I'll just have my relatives introduce themselves.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Can you all see them?

MS. JIM: Hello. My name is Linda Jim. My clan is (native language spoken.) And, yes, I am in the community at the Pipeline Road Community, and I have family members -- one, two, three, four generations there, that we all live there.

And, yes, we always wanted to have this meeting like this, but only in person. But, in regards of what's all going on now, I don't know why, but I hope we all get to meet you guys all in person and get the situation on hand ASAP.

Thank you.

MR. LEWIS: Good morning. (Native language spoken.)

MR. LESLIE: Good morning. My name is Sibert Leslie, and I'm a big part of the Pipeline Road Community also.

So, I have a lot of concerns about the area

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that we live in. And I agree with my brother here, Tony, that maybe one day we'll all get together and meet each other and see what we can all express our feelings about more than just looking in the computer here.

So, my name, where I'm from, and I just want to say good morning to everybody here. Thank you.

PARTICIPANT: Good morning. Thank you for coming out or being online to hear our concerns.

The Pipeline Road Community, I've been living there all my life. I've had concerns with the mines and the mill from day one, when they started the mill. We're downwinders from the mine and the mill area. Big truckers hauled all that stuff out. And now, they're talking about a cleanup. We're concerned about cleaning up, and then, just bury it close to where we live. We disagree with that. We'd rather have them haul it off. I don't know where, you know, as long as it's not in our backyard.

And we do have livestock, horses, sheep, cattle, and we depend on that for our livelihood. With this contamination blowing toward our area, we are concerned with our health.

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So, we hope you can come out, like we're saying, to visually see what we're talking about. That would be nice.

Again, thank you for hearing our concerns.

MR. WHITEROCK: (Native language spoken.)

Jerry Whiterock - A member of the community, also, at Pipeline Road. And various comments were addressed this morning. My plans are in Navajo.

(Native language spoken.)

I believe and I always say money speaks, and people just take the money and they leave us and we don't see them again. A lot of improvement in our community is needed. And right now, a lot of that is just excavating. The water, arroyos, we need new roads. We need new paved roads. We constantly were asking for it. We're battling with the pipeline company in reference to that also. And so, we'd like to have something like that. Give us a helping hand from your side of the -- I was going to say "your side of the country."

But you all are talking to us, and it's always difficult to talk to a computer. It's just like how the doctors are nowadays. They can't make it to you to talk to you. But, then, when you say something that's ailing you, how many people behind that doctor,

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you know, are listening in? So, this is something that at times is confidential.

We do have livestock and we depend on that.

A lot of the specimens were submitted, but they were not returned with comments or what the results were.

These are just some things that I would like to hear something about. Thank you for listening.

MS. KING: Hello. Good morning. My name is Judy King, and I'm part of the Pipeline Road Community. I live on the northeast side of that Pipeline Road.

And my concerns are, when the roads really get bad. And I wish you guys would go out there to meet us in person, to have a meeting at one of my aunt's house, so you guys can hear some of our concerns that we have out there.

We do have livestock. And some of my brothers, my nephews, they work for the mine out there, and we have health concerns, too.

So, I just want to thank you guys for taking the time to listen to us and to try and solve some of our issues that we have out there.

(Native language spoken.)

A long time ago, I don't know what that agreement was with our grandmas and grandpas, because

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they didn't go to school. They were herding sheep all the time, and they didn't really understand English.

So, on my part, I think you are taking advantage of.

And up to now, we're just talking online, and a lot of us, we don't understand that. So, it's better for us to meet each other in person and to solve some of our problems that we have.

And I just want to thank you for taking time out. Thank you.

MS. LEWIS: (Native language spoken.)

Good morning to all of you that don't understand Navajo.

(Native language spoken.)

Tillie Lewis - As you now know, everybody has a story because our mothers, grandmothers, they were all sisters right there, four sisters, and we're coming from that family.

(Native language spoken.)

Thank you for being here, representing this meeting, and I hope you take our advice and our concerns on roads, water, (native language spoken), water and livestock. (Native language spoken.)

Right here behind our pantry, right here is where we haul our water, and it's a good -- what? -- 30 minutes away and 40 minutes away to haul water.

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(Native language spoken.) But we're used to that.
We deal with it.

(Native language spoken.) You're going to listen to us, and we'll listen to you, and we'll see how far we get and how far it goes.

(Native language spoken.)

MR. LESLIE JR.: Hello. My name's Sibert Leslie, Jr. My dad called me this morning and seeing if I was available to possibly attend the meeting today, and the day of today. So, I'm just here to support my family members who are all involved in this pipeline issue that's going on. And, you know, I'll support my family, as I'm here today, and looking into this further, what's going on with this whole issue here, and, you know, how you can all come to an agreement and, you know, be here today.

You guys have a great day.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Okay, everyone, that concludes the community members and everyone in attendance here at the Community Center.

MS. WALDRON: Great. Thank you, Lee Anna.

Welcome, everyone. We really appreciate you being here today.

PARTICIPANT: We have a volunteer for the

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prayer.

MS. WALDRON: Great. Thank you.

MR. LEWIS: Good morning. I'm Roger Lewis. I'm a United States Army veteran, let's say.

I'll be right with a prayer in my own language. (Native language spoken.) Thank you.

(Native language spoken.)

(Native language spoken) for the next generation of our kids. We'd like to extend everything to them (not understandable) in their own way through education, through their livelihoods, everywhere.

We thank this in the name of our prayers.

(Native language spoken.)

MS. WALDRON: Thank you very much.

Lee Anna, I think we're ready for the questions.

MR. MURPHY: Good morning again. This is Alfred.

I have a question on transferring the waste from Church Rock over to the tailings area. As we all know, a few years back, the tailings area breached.

I don't know how careful they were taking care of it.

But, then, we go bury this stuff over there again.

Through the years, erosion, maybe a 100-year flood, and get all this waste going, contaminating the ground

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and stuff.

And we live, the community is east, the Pipeline Community is east of that tailings area. And during the spring and during the fall, the wind's always blowing toward us, toward our community. So, as a community, as a member, I don't think burying this waste on top of what's already there is a good idea. Maybe they can haul it off, bury it in somebody else's backyard.

Okay. Thank you.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: We have an additional question.

PARTICIPANT: Good morning again.

As it was said, if approved, it seems to me like that the only solution they have right now, according to your interpreter, it seems like it's pretty proposed already. It's already thought out, how much yards and cubic feet. It seems like they already have the yardage and how much they're going to work up. I mean, it don't seem like there's no other solution.

And at one time, I heard it could be built like a hogan. It would bury everything, bury everything in layers and shape it like a hogan, so water can drain off. That's what I've been hearing.

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So, I think, if approved, to me, I think it's approved already, and we don't know about it. That's my question.

Thank you.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Additional question.

MR. LESLIE: My name is Sibert Leslie.

This moving the uranium, you know, the approval of it, it sounds like it is approved already.

I mean, you know, but, to us as a community, why weren't we told that it was approved already and it was already being -- it's going to be done? This approval, you know, it should have been told to us as a community, not right now where it says, "if approved." I mean, you know it's not approved yet. But why weren't we told about this before this even started?

And the drainage of this uranium, you know, it's just like leaching. To me, it sounds like leaching. But, you know, leaching, it's still, no matter when you go down and drill, that water system, it's still no good. And they say it is good, but it's not.

So, I've worked in that mine back in the eighties, United Nuclear on the mining side. Actually doing the mining is what I've done there for close to

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eight years. And I know. I know what this mine's all about, mining's all about. I've made it my career, being a miner for 41 years now that I've done it. So, actually, I understand it. I know what's going on.

So, like I said, you know, like we said, our concern is we need to talk about it. We need to express our feelings with each other together as a community and as your committee there, about this concern about dumping this waste. Because, like my brother Alfred said, you know, we lived there all our lives, and breathing just daily. Every day we breathe it. It don't seem like you don't breathe it, but at night you can see all these particles in the air. Breathing this stuff daily every day, sleeping with it daily.

So, I don't know. I don't care for it being all right there by the mill site.

Thank you.

MR. LEWIS: Good morning. I'm Roger Lewis.

I just have a comment. Who or what community way back did this to approve the license? Who or what organization were all involved that led us to this particular time for this license to be issued.

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And I guess we are all saying that it shouldn't be moved over. We don't want it. We don't want it where it's at, that close. That's only probably a mile. They're going to move it two miles at least, put it on another layer of waste that's already there. And I guess everybody's against that.

That's what we're all saying. We're all together in this. And different organizations in the eastern Navajo I think would probably share my thoughts on this matter, that we just don't want that waste to stay there. We want it moved out of there.

Thank you.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: We have another.

MS. KING: Good morning again. My name is Judy King, and I live on the northeast side of the Pipeline Road.

And our concern is we don't want that waste transported to the next, to the other side. And every day, we all -- there's a lot of, a lot of us that live back there. So, every day people have work; they have things to do. And where they're going to be transporting this stuff, we're going to be breathing it in. So, every day people pass by that same road.

And then, on the other hand, there's still

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some people from the mine that are still working in that area to where that, the chemical, is going to be transported. And so, every day people pass by there, and we really don't want it moved and we don't want to inhale it because of our health concerns. And then, for the livestock, they also go down that way for the sheep and the cows and the horses. So, on my part, I don't want it moved to.

Thank you.

MS. WALDRON: Okay. So, if that's all the questions or comments from the Community Center, let me just chime in here and clarify a couple of things.

So, one, yes, the EPA has selected a remedy for the location of the Northeast Church Rock Mine waste. And I think I'll let Sean Hogan or someone else from EPA, if they want to chime in to talk about the remedy selection.

But NRC has not made a decision yet about whether or not to issue the license amendment request.

But the authority that we do have is to grant or deny this amendment, based on if we find it to be safe.

So, I think there's just a point of clarification between EPA's approval and what's already been done previously, and then, NRC's action moving forward.

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Does anybody from EPA want to talk about the remedy selection before we move on?

(No response.)

Okay.

PARTICIPANT: I have a question.

MS. WALDRON: Sure, please.

PARTICIPANT: Is anyone going to answer Roger's question? He asked which organization and who approved this.

MS. WALDRON: Sure. So, that was EPA Region 9. They are responsible for the CERCLA cleanup.

And so, that was approved back in 2011 or '13, I believe. Somebody from EPA correct me if I'm misspeaking here. But it was some time ago that the remedy was selected.

Yes, go ahead.

MS. PINEDA: Ashley, this is Christine. I can jump in.

So, yes, that's correct. So, EPA went through a long process to look at several alternatives for dealing with the waste. And so, they published a report in 2009 that evaluated the alternatives. And then, in 2011, they published a decision. And they also had a process where they went -- you know, had some outreach with the public and the communities

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before that decision was made in 2011. And the decision was made for the mine itself and for how to clean up the mine waste.

And then, a separate sort of counterpart decision was made in 2013 for the mill site, saying that EPA is deciding that the mill site should be used to receive the waste that was being excavated from the mine site.

And so, in leading up to that, EPA -- well, after the decisions, EPA went through a process and had what's called a design team to come up with the specific remedy. And the design team included people from the U.S. EPA as well as the Department of Energy, the New Mexico Environment Department, the Navajo Nation EPA, and also, the Red Water Pond Road Community Association. So, it was a very long, involved process.

And now, as Ashley said, the NRC's role is to specifically determine whether the waste can be safely placed on the mill site, as proposed by UNC.

So, we don't have the ability to say that we think something else should be done with it. We receive the license application, and we have to determine whether what's proposed in that application can be done safely.

So, I also wanted to note that I'm hoping that -- we put out an eight-page insert in the Gallup

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Independent and the Navajo Times kind of describing all of this, and it was in August. And then, also, it will be also in September.

But I'm hoping that you, that the Community Center received copies of that insert, and you are able to take one home with you. Because that has all this information in there. And that will, hopefully, explain in more detail. And, of course, it's also described in the EIS itself.

MR. MURPHY: Yeah, this is Alfred.

I've got a question on this boundary, this red on this map, this red boundary. You guys also mention the Quivira mines. There's still waste buried, like the No. 2 shaft, No. 1, No. 2 shaft. We also have Vent Hole shaft north, south of the area. Are they going to clean that up, too, or just inside the boundary, this red line?

MS. WALDRON: So, this action just includes the waste removal for Northeast Church Rock Mine. It does not include the Quivira site.

EPA, do you want to add anything here?

MR. PHILLIPS: Yes, this is Jacob from EPA Region 9. I'll talk about the Quivira mine site. First, I'll talk about the vent holes.

So, there was five vent holes associated

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with the Quivira mine 1 and 2, and three of those vent holes were near the Pipeline Community; two of them far northeast by, near Ms. King's house, and two of them in the Red Water Pond Community. We remediated those vent holes in 2017, and the waste associated with those vent holes was taken to the Quivira 1 site. So, the site that's near the Red Water Pond Community.

And then, overall, the two sites, Quivira Mine 1 and Quivira Mine 2, we're still in the decision making phase to determine what is going to happen with that waste. And we'll conduct community involvement associated with that, once the document called the Engineering Evaluation Cost Analysis goes out for public comment. So, that decision on what's going to happen with the Quivira mine waste has not yet taken place. But, again, the waste associated with the vent holes has been taken care of.

MR. MURPHY: Okay. Yeah, because that No. 2 Quivira Mine and No. 2 shaft is very close to our community. And I know they didn't move it. They just covered it up with plants and grass on there and put a fence around it. I don't see nobody maintaining the fence. The grass is coming out of that. And like I said, our livestock's all around it. It would be nice if they can move that out, too, at the same time.

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Don't wait until another 100 years or 50 years, or we've got our kids and grandkids living there, the next generation, two-three generations now.

MR. PHILLIPS: Yes, again, this is Jacob.

Totally understood. So, we did do some amending to that fence around that CR 2 site near the Pipeline Community back in 2017-2018 timeframe, and then, placed a new gate on that site to try to keep livestock out of the area.

But, in 2022, you should see U.S. EPA come by the Red Water Pond Community and the greater area, including Pipeline, to do community involvement, to forecast what all alternatives we're looking at to take the waste or how to remediate that waste and receive your input. But it is a separate action, as Ashley mentioned, from this Northeast Church Rock site that we're speaking about today.

But I totally hear you.

MR. MURPHY: Okay, yeah. Another thing, UNC, Kerr-McGee, they all made their money and left, forgot about the community around them. So, okay, if they could keep us in mind, like I said, like we were complaining the roads, and then, them burying that waste across over the old mill site. Yeah, you guys were to fix on the top, but down below at the water

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table, it's messing up our groundwater. And we've got one windmill for our livestock. If that gets contaminated, we'll need a new windmill.

All right. Thank you.

MR. LESLIE: Sibert Leslie here.

All I've been hearing on this location site is nothing but Red Water Pond and there are teepees right here on this paper. But you guys never -- don't seem like you guys never put us in this, in these meetings, or in the newspaper, or like what I have here on this site. So, hey, kind of look at us now and we're here also, the Pipeline Road Committee. So, don't forget us.

MR. THOMAS: Good morning again. This is Tony.

Yes, everybody's right that's behind me. You know, we've all been forgotten. There's residents on Pipeline Road nobody's come to visit.

But, going back to jurisdiction, the mill site, and the environmental impact, you know, all of these are -- we are impacted by this. And then, we're down to the location. And at one time, it was said that everything's okay in ERI (sic), or whatever, going to check it the rest of their life, the rest of the companies' life, or whose life? Who's to be checking

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it? Is it going into effect for the duration?

See, I was a permittee holder in there, and my grandparents were permittee holders in there for so long, but I think back to '79, I think. That's when they were evacuated out of there. You know, equipment just came in; they were told to move. But I think a lot of this is probably part of the Navajo Nation, the Chapter House.

I don't know who okayed all these stuff, but they never knew anything about it until they were getting evacuated and relocated just north, southeast of the mill there. And I think there was some problems involved -- good water, roads, whatever problems was involved. That never happened.

But the two deceased and four or five settlers that were there, they're deceased. It went into my stepfather's hand, my mother's hand. That's how I'm a permittee holder in there. All of a sudden, they just started moving stuff around, and that's when I questioned, "What's going on here?"

But I don't know, but I was a permittee holder in one, two, three, 36, 37, and right now, I think I'm just in the corner of one; I don't know. But I don't know who's going on. So, I'd like to know what's going on. So, I don't know what, whether my

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permittee is going to hold anymore; nothing at all.

Where does that leave me? Where does my sheep and cattle, where do they go? You know, that's part of my big concern, too.

Thank you.

MR. NOUSE: I'm Roger Nouse (phonetic).

I'd just like to elaborate on Sibert's comments.

Yes, he is right. You mentioned, you were just mentioning Red Water Pond. Or not Red Water Pond.

It is the (not understandable) Canyon; the Pipeline Road Community members that we are that's separate from them. I just want to note that every time you talk about them, we're not even on the map yet. It's up, up on top.

And, yeah, there's a lot of vent holes around there, a lot of waste areas. And there's 16 or 15 holes up in one area. And you have to include us all the time, every time you make comments, not just Red Water Pond. We are not the Red Water Pond area.

I'd just like to elaborate on that.

Thank you.

MS. WALDRON: Thank you all for your comments.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: We have one more comment. Hold on.

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MS. WALDRON: Oh, sure. Sure. Sorry.
Thank you, Lee Anna.

MR. LESLIE: It's me again, Sibert.

On this site location that you're talking about, that the elders that were living there at one time, they're saying that it's private land right where the UNC land is, that mill site, this whole site there.

There were elders. There were medicine men, six of them. They all were medicine people in that area right there, right where the mill is, the mill site itself.

And if you guys know and realize what we are as, The Nav People, who we are as The Nav People.

That site, this site that is located there, there were a lot of ceremonials done in this area right where it's at. There were Yeibitchai Dances. There were Fire Dances in the wintertime. Those are fall and wintertime ceremonials. And summertime, they call in Dah (phonetic). Different ceremonies were done in that area, right in that specific area.

And if you don't know what that mill, that dam busted back in 1979, to me, that's a big part of what happened in that area. A lot of prayers; a lot of healing was done in that area.

Just to give you guys heads-up on this area here, a lot was done there. Even that mesa that sits

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right in that area, that sits alone, when Kit Carson was rounding up all them people, there's only one way up, in and out, on that east side of that mesa. A lot of our people hid in that area on that mesa. So, a lot of prayers were done in that area also, and there was a nice red peak in that area at one time. A lot of ceremonies were done there, too, also -- if you don't realize and know.

So, I'm just letting you know what happened in this area on that dam break.

Thank you.

PARTICIPANT: Hello. Can you hear me? This is Superintendent Leslie (audio interference) from BIA.

MR. MURPHY: Good morning. This is Alfred Murphy again.

I've got a question for Dariel Yazzie, Navajo EPA Superfund. Are you there, Dariel?

MR. YAZZIE: Yes, I am.

MR. MURPHY: Okay. Earlier I mentioned, we were just talking about the boundary around the old UNC. Why can't Quivira mines be cleaned up at the same time? That way, and also, the best remedy is to haul it out of our backyard. Don't bury it. I know they're saying UNC land, but, as we mentioned earlier, it

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actually belonged some of The Nav People that used to own that land. I don't know how UNC got a hold of it and they're calling it UNC land.

But just on the Quivira mine sites, why can't they be the Superfund? I heard they got a lot of money.

Okay. Thank you.

MR. YAZZIE: (Native language spoken.)

Let me say this first: the intent right now has always been to try to run them concurrently, as you had recommended. I think that had always been an option that U.S. EPA was looking to do.

But, with the identification of two different disposal options, they wouldn't be addressed identically, like what's being addressed right now.

So, this Draft EIS is specifically for the Northeast Church Rock site. The mill tailing, the mine waste tailing, or the mine waste would be going onto the existing mill tailings repository. (Native language spoken) the Draft EIS.

(Native language spoken) a modification to that license amendment. (Native language spoken) where the repository is at now. (Native language spoken.)

So, that's what this Draft EIS is covering,

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that action by itself.

(Native language spoken.)

That is our position as well, as well as Navajo Nation leadership. (Native language spoken.)

I hope I answered your question. So, the intent was always to do that, to run them concurrently, to, hopefully, lessen the timeframe of impact. (Native language spoken.) That's more years of impacts to construction activities. And when you're looking at how much waste needs to be addressed and removed, that's a lot of waste that could potentially have impacts just from hauling events, just from equipment moving them around, excavating, (native language spoken), dust suppression.

(Native language spoken.)

Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: Quivira side of the cleanup, hopefully, it won't take too long, and let us know when you guys decide to start construction on that.

Okay. Thank you.

MS. WALDRON: Okay, Lee Anna, I think we had a request for the translation.

MR. YAZZIE: Ashley?

MS. WALDRON: Oh, go ahead.

MR. YAZZIE: Ashley, could perhaps maybe

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Jacob or Mark provide a little bit of additional information an answer to the gentleman's question in regards to running the sites concurrently?

MS. WALDRON: Sure.

MR. PHILLIPS: Yes.

MS. WALDRON: Jacob, do you want to go?

MR. PHILLIPS: Yes, this is Jacob.

So, Dariel, you've stated it correctly, that the concept is still to run these sites at the same time. Quivira mine does not have a selected action for it yet. However, whatever action is selected for the Quivira mine will not have to go through the same processes as the Northeast Church Rock. We don't have to work with the NRC, or most likely work with the Department of Energy. So, we anticipate that an action being selected in calendar year of 2022, and then, go directly into the design phase and implementation phase. And we suspect that the implementation phase will happen around the same time as the Northeast Church Rock site. So, the two sites, though different actions will be selected, will both be being excavated, and waste will be being moved to its final destination, at the same time.

So, hopefully, that helps and to provide more clarification.

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MR. MURPHY: Thank you. The sooner, the better.

MR. LESLIE: Yeah, I have a question. Sibert here.

On the arroyos, how are they stabilizing that rock there? It's not stabilizing it. I mean, it's tearing through. Because, you know, through that canyon there where we live, water, when it floods, it comes down and it's deteriorating our road, and it just pushes us more, more to the left side of where we travel. And we have to make our own road.

From the east side, if you're on top of (not understandable) Canyon, and also from the old mill site, you will see at south that canyon, that road there. And it washes out and fills in.

And another thing is, too, we fight that water when it's like right now. My aunt had to leave because she can't pass by and she's worried about going across that arroyo with all that water. So, another thing is maybe a bridge or do something with that, with that ditch there, that arroyo, what you're talking about.

Thank you.

MR. SMITH: Yes, the Pipeline Arroyo issue is related not just to the NECR Mine waste removal area.

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It's related to the long-term stabilization of the mill tailings impoundment. So, regardless of whether or not the mine spoils come across the street, the NECR area around the jetty area is going to have to be dealt with before we move forward.

PARTICIPANT: This is where they're talking about. This is the UNC center, the mill site. This is the jetty right here at 566, over here, too. So, this is where they're talking about. That is already breaking up and it's -- in science terms, it's called "meandering." So, it's moving towards the mill, the mill site.

MR. MURPHY: This is Alfred.

I've got a question on erosion control. You mentioned jagged rock, or something, from erosion. And you said it might -- it might -- work. That's not good enough, especially if you're going to bury that stuff there for many years, 100 years, 1,000 years, or whatever you mentioned. So, we need a better answer than that, than "it might." We need something more stable saying that it's going to work, definitely work.

Thank you.

MR. THOMAS: Yes, this is Tony again.

Yes, it's transferred by truck. You know, that road is all for children. Buses do run through

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there and people do work, just like you guys. You guys sitting in the office listening to us from far away, you guys need to come down here to scope it out. You know, transferring by trucks, that's too many of them.

You know, you've got the buses going and everybody's going to work and after work, school. What? That's seven minutes a day the truck won't be running? You know, both locations, it needs to be moved somewhere somehow. I don't know.

Thank you.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Real quick, can you identify who's speaking with JS? We can't see the name.

MS. WALDRON: Jim, can you identify yourself, please?

MR. SMITH: Oh, I'm James Smith. I'm the Project Manager for the license amendment request, and I'm primarily responsible for the Safety Evaluation Report.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Thank you.

MS. WALDRON: And, Lee Anna, to answer the gentleman's question that just spoke, I'm going to talk about the transportation here in the next few slides. So, we'll get to that.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Okay.

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We have a question, if you don't mind?

MS. WALDRON: Yes, that's what I was just getting ready to ask. Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: This is Alfred Murphy.

I've got a question on the transportation part of this hauling the waste. It sounds like you guys already got it figure out. How many trucks; how many trips per day? It kind of sounds like the coal mine; we need to get this stuff moved. Safety first, is that what priority is all about? Safety first? And the dump trucks that's going to be hauling the waste, is the bed portion of it going to be covered?

Are the trucks going to be running back and forth, dumping it on the road, running over the waste, turning to silica dust? The dust that you can't see will be blowing toward the east, where we're living. And then, what size trucks are you guys going to be running? It sounds like you guys want to go and hurry up and get it done, but keep us in mind.

Thank you.

MS. WALDRON: Thanks for your comment.

I'm going to turn it to --

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: There's one more question.

MS. WALDRON: Sure.

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MR. LESLIE: On the roads, are you planning on widening the roads? And it's hard to maintain dirt roads with trucks constantly. You know, you have to keep that road watered at all times. Like Alfred was saying, you know, all that silica dust in the air, that is -- healthwise, you know, breathing it in, it's not too good. So, that's my concern.

Thank you.

MS. WALDRON: Go ahead.

MR. LEWIS: Good morning. I'm Roger Lewis. I just want to comment on a few things here.

I guess groundwater, you're saying that you only have a small impact. I think that's the most important item that I have here, is groundwater. That's our livelihood for us, as human beings who use that area and for our livestock, our livelihoods, and the grass that grows there.

And then, the ecology -- small wildlife -- it's extreme, no matter how you see it.

And fall or in the summertime, we have elks that come down from the mountain, and then, we have deer all around the area. And then, we have bird life all around the area. And then, like I said, vegetations.

And then, we have sacred sites all over the place, and herbal items that we collect. They're

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all round there, and it's extreme, that historic and cultural things. These are extremely highly sensitive and extreme things that we use, we do; we like to have every year, singings and large gatherings of our ceremonial activities that we have through all the three seasons that we use, the Navajo. And everything, it's going to impact the whole place, no matter how you see it, even the roadways; you know, everything.

What we want from there, from us, that we want road improvements up in that area before you even do this, some of it. You know, we're not talking about those things, but we're just talking about what you're already going to do, and we can't have that. We've got to have our part, too; take care of our area.

This is almost like a conservation plan they're talking about, and we're in the trust land area, customarily used 53, District 15, the Eastern Navajo Agency. We're involved with our area, (not understandable) Canyon; community members that we're addressing.

We're just talking about your little area down there by tailings. I used to work for UNC. I know how it's extracted, all the way from the ball mill, all the way to dried-up yellowcake. I knew every station, how it's made. So, I used to work at CCD,

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and that's where your tailings go out to the waste area.

And as I said before, you're just laying things on top of one another, one another, and you're forgetting that -- look what happened in Louisiana with Hurricane Ida. Those people who make levies, they don't work. There was another wave that impacted the area.

See, we don't know things like that. Mother Nature is different. We don't see those things.

We need to evaluate things properly and know that what we're dealing with is either helping us or either it's going to impact us differently.

Thank you.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Anyone else?

We have one more comment.

Are you there?

MS. WALDRON: Yes, we're here, Lee Anna.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Okay.

MS. WALDRON: Go ahead.

MS. KING: Good afternoon. My name is Judy King.

It sounds like you guys already have all this squared away already. What are we going to benefit out of our part? We're asking for roads and to at least put a bridge there. So, that's what we're

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asking for. It is, if you're going to do all this -- I don't know how much money it's going to cost you guys, but, on our part, we're trying to ask for a bridge and to widen the roads and fix the roads for us.

Thank you.

Maybe even put more gravel down.

Thank you.

MS. WALDRON: Okay, if that's it -- (audio interference).

Okay, we have another question.

MR. MURPHY: Alfred Murphy again.

Your trucks, are they going to be running 40 hours a week? Are they going to be rotating on shifts? And your employees, are they going to be wearing some kind of a monitor on them to determine if they're getting any radiation, radon, on them?

Thank you.

MR. LaPLANTE: Yes, my understanding is the proposal does include monitoring for worker safety.

And in terms of the schedule, I believe the plan is to run the trucks on a regular sort of workday schedule, which I believe is going to be seven hours a day because there's going to be some downtime, I think, on the front and the back. But I think it's seven hours a day, five days a week.

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MS. WALDRON: Yes, Pat, I think that's correct. They would only operate on the weekends if necessary.

MR. LaPLANTE: Right.

MS. WALDRON: And all those details are included in the license application, which we've mentioned, and it's referenced in the EIS.

MS. PINEDA: Also -- this is Christine -- those traffic details are also mentioned in the newspaper insert that, hopefully, you have handouts of there. So, there is a little section on traffic there with a map that shows the crossing, like where there's going to be traffic signs and crossings, and things like that.

Ms. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Okay. Yes, we did receive those inserts, Christine. Thank you.

So, Christine is mentioning the crossing of the traffic in those newsletter.

We have one more question by Mr. Murphy.

MR. MURPHY: Alfred Murphy. I've got another question.

When they start construction, hauling this waste material, what's the chances of them putting up an air monitor or air station in the Rio Lobo Canyon area, maybe a couple of stations to determine how much

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dust we're getting downwind from the construction?

Thank you.

MR. LaPLANTE: I can probably respond to that.

MS. WALDRON: Yes, Pat, could you take that?

MR. LaPLANTE: Sure.

Yes, the current proposed monitoring is identified in the application, in the 95 percent design report, which is the document that was produced under the EPA action. And those were proposed, and I believe approved by the EPA. I don't recall off the top of my head exactly where they're located, but they are downwind, at downwind locations, and they're placed to identify -- if dust is released, for example, it would be in place to identify that better than other locations, for example. So, they're sort of early warning detection.

Now there would be monitoring closer, you know, onsite as well as offsite. And many of these controls that are intended to protect the workers are also expected to protect anybody offsite and downwind, because the workers would, obviously, be limiting in terms of, you know, you need to make sure the dust is sufficiently low and the mine waste is not being

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released in order to protect the workers. And then, those protections, once you go downwind, the material is much more diluted. But, even that being said, there are still monitors offsite, then, to also check to see if the concentrations are below the limits. But that's my understanding.

MS. WALDRON: Great. Thanks, Pat.

PARTICIPANT: So, I have a quick question.

Being the Pipeline Community, you know, like they had mentioned, there hasn't really been much involvement with them since 2011 or 2009, and they're not on the mapping. Would there be room to amend that, if that monitoring station is not within the vicinity of the Pipeline Community? Is anybody on from U.S. EPA to speak to that?

MS. BROOKS: Sorry. This is Janet. I kept clicking my unmute button, and it wouldn't unmute. Yes, I'm with EPA.

And this is what the chance for you to make comments is. If you could please provide your concern about the monitoring not being in an effective location to protect your family from the downward movement of contaminant from the site, yes, that can certainly be amended. Those locations are not finalized.

All the remedial design plan calls for is

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this is the design, but it's not been approved. And there can be modifications made to some of those elements, such as the hours of potentially when the trucks will be running; such as, for example, I think we estimated that it would need to be closed for a half-hour while the school buses are running the morning; there shouldn't be any trucks really running.

But maybe it takes longer for the school buses to go in and out of that area.

So, there are modifications that can be made, and again, this has not been approved by the NRC yet. But, in order for the NRC to actually accept the license, the design had to be completed. So, all the questions about how many trucks there are and the volumes of the materials, and how things are going to go, that all had to be completed before the design could be submitted to the NRC, because that's kind of the process.

Did that make sense?

MS. WALDRON: Yes. Thank you, Janet.

MS. BROOKS: Thank you.

MS. WALDRON: Are there additional questions?

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Yes, we have a question.

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MR. WHITEROCK: Good afternoon. My name is Jerry Whiterock.

I'm going to make a comment on the surface water and groundwater impact. Page 18, it's stated, "Stabilization work in Pipeline Arroyo jetty area."

Not only the Pipeline Arroyo water runs through the jetty area. We have our Rio Lobo Pipeline Road arroyo from there that meets it right there, too. So, don't continue just mentioning Pipeline Arroyo. That's part of ours also, as the community. And it mentioned that Red Water Pond Community is the closest proximity. I don't think that's the case. We are being left out with that. We just live within a one-mile radius from there also. Earlier in the comments section on the pages that says that within the last -- within the two miles area is when it's mentioned. So, that's leaving us out again. Don't continue leaving Pipeline Road Community out.

Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: Alfred Murphy again on the surface water.

Controlling the flooding, why don't start way back where the Pipeline Community is living and start fixing to control the flood water? So, eventually, it would erode there where you guys are

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planning to bury the waste. There's a couple of big ditches coming from our community and, also, over there at Red Pond Community. Maybe if they can start controlling that flood, that runoff, that will help out.

Thanks.

PARTICIPANT: There's one additional question. Is the groundwater safe in the Pipeline Community area?

MS. BROOKS: This is Janet.

MS. WALDRON: Janet, can you take that?

Thank you.

MS. BROOKS: Yes. Yes, it is safe in the Pipeline Community area. To date, there has been no contamination runoff moving toward the Pipeline Canyon area north onto the Reservation area or eastward really off the site. There's a little bit to the east on the trust land, but there's nobody that I am aware of that's using that land. So, to date, we can do that.

And what I'm going to recommend to the community is that, as soon as I'm allowed to travel again, I plan on coming out and visiting with the Pipeline Community themselves, with a meeting to talk about all this and to talk about the groundwater, so that we can meet face to face on this. I think your

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idea is excellent, and I apologize for not having that with you before.

PARTICIPANT: And how often is that water tested for these communities surrounding the UNC and and the NECR site?

MS. BROOKS: The wells that are on the United Nuclear property themselves are tested quarterly. And we just installed three sentinel wells. You may have seen the drill rig a year or so ago out there adding three additional wells that were going to be used to monitor on the Navajo Reservation to the north of the mill site area. So that we have not been able to sample those yet due to COVID, but as soon as we do, we'll make an effort to get those results to you and share that information.

MS. PINEDA: This is Christine.

I just wanted to add, in response to the gentleman's comment about reflecting the Pipeline Community in the EIS, that we will go back and make sure we better capture the community, as well as one of the affected local communities, in the EIS and make sure that the community is also shown on the maps.

MS. WALDRON: Yes, and if I could just add to what Christine was saying, Figure 3.8-1 does include the Pipeline Road Community residents on that map.

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MR. LESLIE: I have a question here.
Sibert Leslie.

How deep are them environmental wells drilled on the Pipeline roadside and them three wells?
And when are you going to come out and check them?

MS. BROOKS: This is Janet again, and thank you for the question.

You know, it's been over a year since those wells were drilled. And I'm thinking that they were down between 250 feet and 350 feet, but I'm not certain of that. So, I'll actually have to look at that.

And right now, my Region is not allowed to travel at all, due to COVID. So, until COVID, basically, allows us to travel, I won't know when I'll be able to come out. But the plan will be to come out and meet with you as soon as we can, and I'll kind of keep an eye on you.

What I would like to be able to do is get a mailing list or an email list, however you want me to communicate with you. If Lee Anna could potentially, or Priscilla Tom (phonetic), generate a list of names for me, so that I can communicate better with you, I would really appreciate that.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Janet?

MS. BROOKS: Yes?

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MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: This is Lee Anna. I can provide that for you.

MS. BROOKS: Great. Thank you so much.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: We have an additional question.

MS. KING: Hello. This is Judy King again.

When the wells were dug, or before they were going to be dug, nobody informed us on that. So, maybe from this day forward, if you guys are going to do stuff on there, to let us know.

Thank you.

MS. BROOKS: Thank you for that, and I apologize. And we will do much better at that.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: We're done.

MS. WALDRON: Okay. And questions related (audio interference)?

PARTICIPANT: Where is the potable water or non-potable water going to be derived from for this activity?

MS. WALDRON: Janet, could you take that question?

MS. BROOKS: Yes. I think part of it will come, potentially, from the UNC mills site after they've conducted more recent water quality testing for that. There's a couple of other sources that have

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been identified, one in the Mariano Lake area and some other people that, actually, they can purchase water supply from.

But the final decision has not been made on that because the actual contractor that gets the job will be the one to finalize those decisions as to where they're going to be sourcing the water from.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: That's it.

MS. WALDRON: Lee Anna, any further questions or need for a translation before moving on?

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: I think we're good.

MS. WALDRON: Okay, let's proceed.

Any questions, Lee Anna?

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Yes, we do.

MR. LEWIS: Good afternoon. Roger Lewis.

I just want to know, you have four sites on the mine site that considered historic and cultural, and one site on the mill site. And I'd just like to state that you said that you all had made a comprehensive effort when all these things -- cultural and historic resource sites. And I'd like to know who was the one that said there were four sites? Who's the one person or persons that said, "Here is one, and two, and three, and four," and then, one on the mill

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site? Was it through the Red Water Pond Community members or who's the one that said these sites were culturally and historically sensitive?

And then, on the Anasazi, we have a few areas up in our area, the (not understandable) Canyon area, where there are artifacts scattered, and then, there are leaves to make herbal medicines, and things like that, odd and unusual -- (native language spoken).

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Can Joanna translate that for them?

MS. MANYGOATS: What's that?

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Can Joanna translate what Mr. Lewis said in Navajo to the NRC representatives?

MS. MANYGOATS: Oh, yes. Yes.

He says, "There are places in the Pipeline Arroyo area that are sites such as those of herbal gathering, sacred offering sites, and rock and rock caves where you find Anasazi habilitation. If these were done comprehensively, everything should be comprehensively done as well as discussed before we move on."

Go ahead.

MS. WALDRON: Okay. Thanks, Joanna.

Lee Anna, if I could just speak to that

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a little bit?

So, to answer the gentleman's question about who identified the sites, so United Nuclear Corporation hired a Navajo contractor to survey the area and identify those sites. And I cannot recall the name of the contractor off the top of my head, but I can definitely get you the name of company that did it. But, yes, it was not the local residents. It was, you know, archeologists from Navajo, that they did identify these sites.

And then, his second question related to the other site. So, the way that we identify historic and cultural resources, there's something called an Area of Potential Effect. And so, we're looking at the area of disturbance for the proposed project. And so, if the area that the gentleman is speaking of is outside of the disturbed areas, then that would not necessarily be included in this evaluation.

MS. MANYGOATS: (Native language spoken.)

Go ahead.

MS. WALDRON: Thank you, Joanna.

Are there other questions?

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Yes.

MR. THOMAS: Yeah, good afternoon again.

This is Tony.

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On this (not understandable) agreement, further agreements, we would like to be all involved.

Whenever the BIA has a major one for the Navajo Nation, you know, inform us. Let us know what's going on. You know, we're all human beings that live on Pipeline Road, too.

So, thank you for covering everything today. Thank you very much.

MR. MURPHY: Alfred Murphy.

Also, I would like to mention I know that last -- they mentioned it was -- you guys are just talking about with the site boundary, but the environmental impact on us, the air, the quality of the air blowing toward Pipeline Road Community, that's what's really concerning us. I know they'll be working right there in the mill area. But, through all these years, all that contamination is blowing toward our residents. Our family, our land, our livestock, they're all priceless.

So, thanks for listening to our concerns today. Thank you.

MS. WALDRON: This is Ashley again.

So, I think with that I'll stop and see if there are any questions.

PARTICIPANT: Hello. My name is (not

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understandable) again.

And I'd just like to say thank you for all the information that's covered with us.

And I thank the uranium mine for making that road for us, Highway 566. If the road wasn't there, we'd probably would be still on a gravel road, which is still kind of rough. But thank you on this for that 566.

And if they could extend it to where we live, where we said there was 15 to 16 (not understandable) up there beyond the Red Water Pond, over the hill, that would really be appreciated.

And I think the Pipeline Road, the Pipeline people, the El Paso people, are the ones involved with that pipeline right there. It's very sensitive, and I would think you would have to probably meet with them.

It would probably be easier and (not understandable) that road.

We have two (not understandable) cavings right now that we're dealing with, and then, at that little bridge site where the water use to run when the mine was in progress. And I remember Mark -- I forget his last name -- he was saying that we should go ahead and grab the military bridge, or something like that.

Even that would help. Or even just build the road

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up to the residents for us. That would help.

And also, on the noise, we still used to hear it over there where they say it's not noisy, the noise don't go that far, we still can hear it. Especially when it rains, you can hear the noise. We can still hear the train from here on up there. It's about 15 miles away. We can still hear the train. So, the noise is right there. But, once we're told that's what it is, and we'll just accept it, the working crew making that noise.

Then, we appreciate, also, to get us good water, like (audio interference) all day, all morning, for our livestock and our wildlife. When the earthen lands get too dry in the mountains, they come down and drink water. So, it would be good if you could give us good drinking water for the livestock. And then, maybe we don't have to haul water so much, like two or three times a week into Gallup and back, hauling water for our livestock.

And then, if you would -- I know we live on Navajo trust land, but, in return, I think they should give us something for it, for living there, for being patient, accepting everything that came through, instead of just the Navajo Tribe picking up the revenue every time, and we don't get anything over here where

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we live. And we're in need of a good road or good water.

And you can relay this message to the Window Rock Navajo Nation, Jonathan Nez and his crew.

Thank you very much. That's all I have to say.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: We still have one more comment.

MS. WALDRON: Oh, okay. Great. Sorry. Thank you.

MR. WHITEROCK: I am sorry to interrupt again. I know you guys haven't had your lunch break, but that's how work is.

Followup action and Closing Remarks.
This is Jerry Whiterock.

All the information that has been given to us today, and we made comments on it with the understanding that we, as Pipeline Road, Rio Lobo Canyon Community, we are continuing to be in opposition to what is being requested that's going to be happening with the tailings (not understandable) and cleanup, and whatnot. But we do like to be considered as a community that we are there, and we should not be left without.

Because, right now, a majority of the comments or the report is according to Red Water Pond

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Community feedback, and this, in turn, we'd like to have us as Pipeline Road Community be considered and our package also. And we do have a document, signed by our community members, that was submitted. And we'd like to have that considered, read, and be appreciative of that.

Thank you very much.

MS. WALDRON: Is that it?

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: I believe that concludes the questions, Ashley,

MS. WALDRON: Great. Thank you.

MR. YAZZIE: Ashley?

MS. WALDRON: Yes, go ahead, Dariel.

MR. YAZZIE: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

I just wanted to share a couple of things. First, for the community, (native language spoken.)

(Phone ringing.)

Hold on just a second.

(Pause.)

I apologize.

And so, on that note, (native language spoken.)

To NRC and our federal partners, I guess, based on some of the questions that we identified and

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the presentations themselves, I think there had been a person identified early on from NRC who was a liaison to Navajo. I think it would be worthwhile to have that liaison interact directly with the community members to identify what questions, what information that they felt was not included in this process and build upon that.

I applaud you and I thank you for making the effort to make this event happen, but I think it's going to take a lot of back-to-back events like this to get the information out. And as you've heard from this community, they feel like they've been left out of these discussions and the focus had been entirely upon the Red Water Pond Road Community.

And clearly, you have a group of people here that have opinions and have shared that they are directly impacted by these events. And we only have a small fraction representing that community with us today.

So, on that note, I'd ask that we continue to make every effort to repeat this effort. And whoever your liaison is to the community, understanding and knowing that a lot of documents that are mentioned and referred to are oftentimes directed to other links that would require internet service, a lot of our family

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and relatives from the Pipeline Community Road don't have the luxury of going home and getting on the internet. So, I think it would be worthwhile to have the liaison prepare all of these documents in its entirety. Yes, I understand that it's a big set of documents, but that would be the place-starter to start sharing with the community members what is all included, so that there's a full, true understanding of what the events are.

And I guess, on that note, I think it would be worthwhile to identify -- one of the questions that was, or the comments stated at the very end about funding, identifying what the funding mechanism is for this action would be appropriate as well.

And those are my comments. Thank you, and I want to thank staff, Vivian and Lee Anna, for being there to help the community.

(Native language spoken.)

And also, to our federal partners that are here, that are regular partners, our Navajo partners, the NRC with the people you've brought on that were able to translate for us, (native language spoken).

The effort that we're putting forth is one that's a longstanding one and, really, it's at the root of where these families originate from, their home.

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And whatever we do, whatever we come up with, whatever remedy is selected, please keep in mind and understand that the comments that you get from the community, from the residents, are based on the simple fact that, at the end of the day, they will be the ones that live there.

Thank you.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: We have one more comment.

MR. LEWIS: (Native language spoken.)

MR. LESLIE: Sibert here, Leslie.

I want to thank everyone here for this meeting.

I had to talk about, a little bit about health, our health, you know. We never brought up maybe our health; how we live and what we breathe in every day. We were young kids; how we grew up there, and to this day right now, how cancer has taken a lot of our life from our relatives here with us. And cancer is never in our family, but it's taken a lot of our lives.

So, I want to thank you for having this meeting. Thank you.

MS. KING: Hello. It's Judy King.

On behalf, I just want to say thank you

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for putting on this meeting and for -- what was your guys' name?

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: Lee Anna.

MS. KING: Okay. And I want to thank (audio interference) for setting this up, too, and including us in the lunch. And I want to thank everybody that's involved with the whole program, and thank you for listening to our concerns. Thank you.

Have a good day.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: This Lee Anna.

I just want to say thank you to Navajo EPA; my staff here, Vivian and Don, for assisting me today, as well as Dariel being a part of the (audio interference) calls and making this event happen.

I also want to say thank you to the Pipeline Community for taking the time out of your day to be here with us and to have your voices heard with NRC and the U.S. EPA. I appreciate you showing up.

And I also want to thank (audio interference) and the U.S. EPA for being here today and listening to the concerns of the community and hearing the community here. And I would like you to continue to keep in mind the comments that were made today; the questions that were asked, and incorporate that with the final EIS that's coming up for renewal

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and, also, for the remediation project that's coming up at hand.

Thank you.

MS. WALDRON: Lee Anna, this is Ashley.

I think I'll just close out the meeting by saying I, too, am appreciative of your time and your feedback and your valuable input that you've given us today. We really do appreciate it, and I'm glad we were able to make this happen.

I know it's not the most ideal situation where we're meeting virtually, but I'm appreciative that we were able to talk and connect today.

So, you've given us a lot to consider in our EIS process, and we're very appreciative of that.

Lee Anna, I would just ask that you also give NRC the community contact information to us, so they can stay informed moving forward.

MS. MARTINEZ-SILVERSMITH: I will do that.

MS. WALDRON: Okay. I think, with that, this concludes the meeting. (Whereupon, at 2:10 p.m., the meeting was concluded.)

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