THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND)	STATE OF ILLINOIS Pollution Control Board
EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR THE)	R08-09 Subdocket C
CHICAGO AREA WATERWAYS SYSTEM)	(Rulemaking-Water)
AND THE LOWER DES PLAINES RIVER:)	
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 35 Ill.)	
Adm. Code Parts 301, 302, 303,)	
and 304.)	

TRANSCRIPT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS

taken before HEARING OFFICER MARIE TIPSORD

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- 1 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Good
- 2 morning everyone. My name is Marie Tipsord
- and I've been appointed by the Board to serve
- 4 as the hearing officer in this proceeding entitled,
- 5 "Water Quality Standards and Effluent Limitations
- 6 for the Chicago Area Waterways System and the Lower
- 7 Des Plaines River, Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill.
- 8 Adm. Code Parts 301, 302, 303, and 304." This is
- 9 Docket No. R08-9, Subdocket C.
- 10 With me today to my immediate
- 11 left is Acting Chairman G. Tanner Girard. To his
- 12 left, Board Member Carrie Zalewski and to my far
- right is Board Member Thomas Johnson. To my
- immediate right is Alisa Liu from our technical
- unit. Board Member Gary Blankenship and Board
- 16 Member Andrea Moore are attending a different
- hearing upstairs and will be joining us as will
- 18 Anad Rao at the conclusion of that hearing.
- 19 Today's hearing is the seventh
- day of hearings in Subdocket C and, yes, another
- landmark, the 50th overall in these proceedings.
- Today, we're going to hear
- the testimony of David Zenz. He will be questioned
- 24 by the IEPA and then Prairie Rivers and the Sierra

- 1 Club.
- The testimony will be marked
- as an exhibit and entered as if read. Anyone may
- 4 ask follow-up questions. You need not wait until
- your turn to ask questions. I do ask that you
- f raise your hand and wait for me to acknowledge
- you. After I have acknowledged you, please state
- your name and whom you represent before you begin
- ⁹ your questions.
- 10 Please speak one at a time.
- if you are speaking over each other, the court
- reporter will not be able to get your questions
- on the record.
- 14 Please note that any questions
- asked by a Board member or staff are intended to
- help build a complete record for the Board's
- decision and not to express any preconceived
- 18 notions or bias. Dr. Girard?
- BOARD MEMBER GIRARD: Good morning.
- Welcome to historic day 50. I can't think of any
- other Board proceeding that have had 50 days of
- hearings. So certainly, this is historic and
- I'm sure you all share the same joy I do at this
- moment. Let's get on with it.

- MR. ANDES: Yes. That would be true.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Good morning, Mr. Zenz.
- DR. ZENZ: Good morning.
- 4 MS. WILLIAMS: Is it Dr. Zenz?
- 5 DR. ZENZ: It is Dr. Zenz.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Oh, I
- ⁷ apologize.
- MS. WILLIAMS: It's hard to keep
- 9 track. We have had so many doctors here.
- DR. ZENZ: It's not important.
- 11 MS. WILLIAMS: Let's start with
- my pre-filed question number one today. In
- Paragraph 1 on Page 1 of your pre-filed testimony,
- 14 you state, "I was employed by the Metropolitan
- 15 Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in
- the now Environmental Monitoring and Research
- Division. I worked on a variety of projects at
- the District and helped develop the design criteria
- 19 for the existing District supplemental aeration
- stations on the Chicago Area Waterway System."
- In Paragraph 1 on Page 2 of
- your pre-filed testimony, you state, "The District
- asked AECOM to perform these cost estimates in
- response to dissolved oxygen water quality

- standards currently proposed for the CAWS by
- the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency."
- 3 A, what existing District supplemental aeration
- 4 stations did you help development?
- DR. ZENZ: I developed the design
- 6 criteria for the existing side stream elevated
- 7 pool SEPA aeration stations.
- 8 MS. WILLIAMS: All of them?
- 9 DR. ZENZ: Yes.
- MS. WILLIAMS: And how many of them
- 11 are there now?
- DR. ZENZ: There are five.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Can you describe in
- more detail your involvement --
- DR. ZENZ: I can't --
- MS. WILLIAMS: -- in the five -- in
- the SEPA stations on the Calumet River? Sorry.
- DR. ZENZ: In 1986 and 1987, the
- then research and development department conducted
- 20 a full scale pilot study of the SEPA station
- technology, which is free fall weirs. From
- 22 that --
- MS. WILLIAMS: For all the stations?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes. This was one pilot

- 1 study used in developing the design criteria
- ² for all five stations.
- MS. WILLIAMS: That was your
- 4 extent of your involvement in the pilot study?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- 6 MS. WILLIAMS: Why did the District
- 7 install the existing supplemental aeration stations?
- 8 This is Question B.
- 9 DR. ZENZ: Yes. It is my
- understanding -- you have to understand that
- these stations were completed in the early 90s,
- many years ago. My recollection is, and I
- couldn't find any written documents to support
- this, but this was approved by U.S. EPA as an
- alternative to installing tertiary treatment
- 16 at the Calumet plant. That is my understanding.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Do you know why they
- were -- would have been installed in the Chicago
- 19 river system?
- DR. ZENZ: Why they weren't?
- MS. WILLIAMS: Why they were.
- DR. ZENZ: They are in the Cal Sag.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Well, strike that.
- DR. ZENZ: Okay.

- MS. WILLIAMS: How would you rate
- the success of the SEPA system's performance in
- maintaining the existing water quality standards
- 4 on the Calumet River system?
- DR. ZENZ: I can't answer that
- 6 question.
- 7 MS. WILLIAMS: Question C?
- 8 MR. ANDES: Question 1-C?
- 9 MS. WILLIAMS: You can't comment
- whether they are performing as intended or with
- 11 regard to --
- DR. ZENZ: I just don't know what --
- 13 I'm not familiar with the water quality data.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. So you -- do
- you believe from an operational standpoint they
- are performing as designed and intended?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes.
- MS. WILLIAMS: You just don't
- have an opinion on whether they're successful in
- 20 improving water quality?
- DR. ZENZ: I have no basis for that.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Okay.
- MR. ETTINGER: I believe Ms. Williams
- might have been thinking in her earlier questions

- about the plants that are at the canal and
- I think we heard about that. Just to complete
- 3 things here, when were those put in?
- DR. ZENZ: Those were installed in
- ⁵ 1979 and 1980.
- 6 MR. ETTINGER: And what kinds of
- 7 plants were those as opposed to the SEPA stations?
- DR. ZENZ: They have porous ceramic
- 9 diffusers in the bottom of the canal, a blower
- onshore, a blower that delivers compressed air
- underneath these giant -- the diffusers are placed
- in these concrete boxes where the air pressure
- bubbles up and you can you can see bubbles on the
- surface. So it's a diffused air system. It's
- completely different from the SEPA station.
- MR. ETTINGER: And do you know why
- the diffused air systems were put in as opposed to
- 18 the SEPA stations?
- DR. ZENZ: I just don't know.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Let's go to E.
- MS. LIU: Mr. Zenz, may I ask a
- follow-up question?
- DR. ZENZ: Certainly.
- MS. LIU: You mentioned that based

- on your recollection that the SEPA stations were
- installed in lieu of tertiary treatment at Calumet.
- DR. ZENZ: Sand filters, yes.
- MS. LIU: Was that because the
- 5 tertiary treatment would have removed BOD?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- 7 MS. LIU: Okay.
- DR. ZENZ: It would have removed
- 9 BOD and solids from the effluent.
- MS. LIU: Okay.
- DR. ZENZ: So it's another level of
- treatment and at that time in the '80s, and I'm
- just giving you my recollection because I have
- no written document, and hopefully my recollection
- is correct, but my recollection is that discussions
- between U.S. EPA and the District regarding the
- need for tertiary treatment at the Calumet plant
- and District proposed installing extreme aeration
- 19 systems on the Little Cal and Cal Sag Channel as
- 20 an alternative.
- I did find that in 1972, the
- District presented this plan to the Pollution
- 23 Control Board and the Pollution Control Board
- 24 actually said that this was a good idea. That's

- 1 all I can tell you.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Mr. Harley?
- MR. HARLEY: Keith Harley, Southeast
- 4 Environmental Task Force. Do you know if tertiary
- filters were ever installed at the Calumet facility?
- DR. ZENZ: No, they were not.
- 7 MR. HARLEY: Thank you.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay.
- 9 Ms. Williams?
- MS. WILLIAMS: For the record, I will
- go ahead and ask my Question D.
- DR. ZENZ: Okay.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Is the existing
- 14 SEPA system capable of maintaining DO levels above
- existing DO water quality standards 100 percent
- of the time; and if not, do you know what percent
- of the time the existing SEPA stations are unable
- 18 to maintain DO levels above existing DO water
- 19 quality standards?
- DR. ZENZ: I can't answer that
- question.
- MS. WILLIAMS: How would you rate
- the successfulness of the in-stream aeration
- station system's performance in maintaining

- existing water quality standards in the Chicago
- 2 River systems?
- DR. ZENZ: I just can't answer
- 4 that question. Again, I might just refer you
- 5 to -- I know -- I think I just mentioned yesterday
- 6 that the District produces an annual report,
- 7 which is sent to the EPA with all the water
- 9 quality monitoring information that they have,
- 9 but I've never looked at those reports.
- so that would require me to
- 10 look at 10 years of data, analyze it and maybe
- do statistics. I haven't done any of that. I
- can't answer the question.
- MS. WILLIAMS: From an operational
- standpoint, have you found that the in-stream
- aeration stations have been effective and maintain
- their operational efficiency over time?
- DR. ZENZ: That is my understanding.
- We have had discussions with the District about
- those stations. From what I can recall from what
- they have told me, they are operating from a
- performance and engineering point of view and
- they are working nicely.
- I don't want to say there's

- 1 not problems in operating; there is. As in any
- 2 mechanical system, there will be. But as I
- understand it, basically, they're working well.
- 4 MS. WILLIAMS: Can you give us an
- 5 idea from both in-stream and SEPA stations of
- 6 how much they are operated?
- 7 DR. ZENZ: I have no idea.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Okay.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: I'm sorry.
- 10 Mr. Harley?
- MR. HARLEY: Do the SEPA stations,
- in addition to providing oxygen, filter out solids?
- DR. ZENZ: No. They are simply --
- while there may be some, and there is, some
- settling of solids in the pools -- in the SEPA
- stations, I understand there is a free fall weir
- and it's a five-foot drop and it plunges down
- into a pool and solids do accumulate in these
- 19 pools.
- That's a maintenance problem
- that they have. So there is some removal, but
- it is probably insignificant. I know of no
- studies to determine what the removal would be.
- MR. HARLEY: Thank you.

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- MS. LIU: Mr. Zenz, I have another
- ² question for you.
- DR. ZENZ: Sure.
- MS. LIU: One of the topics the
- 5 District has raised as impacting this rulemaking
- is the possibility of nutrient removal standards
- ⁷ in the future. The District had provided some
- 8 information on the impact of nutrient removal
- 9 and bacteria removal. I was wondering whether
- or not you could comment on the impact of nutrient
- 11 removal -- on BOD removal.
- DR. ZENZ: I think I'm going to say
- 13 I can't answer that question. I'm familiar with
- the technology to remove phosphorous. We spend
- a lot of time and effort with clients providing
- alternatives and designing and constructing
- facilities to remove phosphorous, but I think
- that would be a question better answered by an
- aguatic biologist than myself.
- MR. ANDES: If that's information
- that the Board is looking for, we can certainly
- 22 provide that.
- MS. LIU: That might be helpful.
- BOARD MEMBER JOHNSON: If Alisa

- asks for it, we will want it.
- MR. ANDES: We will get it.
- HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Mr. Harley?
- 4 MR. HARLEY: Do you know if solvents
- of the type discharged by wastewater treatment
- 6 plants contribute to turbidity in receiving waters?
- DR. ZENZ: In a general sense, the
- 8 answer is yes.
- 9 MR. HARLEY: Thank you.
- MR. ETTINGER: You were just asked
- about phosphorous, would there be some affect on
- denitrifying from the SEPA stations basically
- 13 running an aeration tank?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes. Well,
- denitrification actually takes place under anaerobic
- 16 conditions. It's a different microbial population.
- Nitrification is an aerobic process converting
- ammonia into nitrates. When a nitrate is converted
- into basically nitrogen gas, it's under anaerobic
- conditions. So no, it wouldn't have any affect.
- MR. ETTINGER: I'm sorry.
- Denitrification, breaking the ammonia down, would
- 23 not have some --
- 24 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Gentlemen,

- don't forget you're talking to us.
- MR. ETTINGER: Yes. I'm sorry.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: When you
- 4 face each other, your voices start dropping and I
- 5 can't -- we can't hear you.
- 6 MR. ETTINGER: I apologize.
- 7 MR. ANDES: I lost track of the
- 8 question.
- 9 MR. ETTINGER: I lost track of the
- chemistry. So as I understand the basic process,
- and please correct me, you start out with ammonia,
- which is NH, and then we -- what's the term --
- denitrify that?
- DR. ZENZ: Okay. We actually oxidize
- 15 it.
- MR. ETTINGER: Oxidize that.
- DR. ZENZ: Then nitrify it.
- MR. ETTINGER: Nitrify. I'm sorry.
- Denitrification is the next step where we go from
- nitrate to hopefully into -- back into the air?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- MR. ETTINGER: All right. Would
- this aeration help provide the first step of
- breaking some of the ammonia down into nitrate?

- DR. ZENZ: In a general -- in a
- general sense, because I know of no studies where
- anybody has looked at that specifically with the
- 4 SEPA stations and the Chicago area water system.
- 5 So I don't know of that, but in a general sense,
- 6 the answer is it could have.
- 7 MS. LIU: Would the following steps
- 8 necessary to complete the process be able to happen
- 9 in-stream after that stage?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes. They are -- I mean,
- in a general sense, there is nitrification taking
- 12 place in Illinois streams. Ammonia being discharged
- by various point and non-point sources, because the
- streams are generally aerobic absolve oxygen, the
- ammonia that's being discharged will be nitrified
- 16 to nitrate.
- Going even further, depending
- on the situation, bottom sediments in the stream
- and the anaerobic conditions usually denitrify
- and bacteria will be present. So there will be
- some denitrification perhaps happening in the
- 22 bottom of the stream.
- But I'll be very honest and say
- I am not familiar with what studies have been done

- specifically for the Chicago Area Waterway System
- or the Illinois Waterway System to say how much
- 3 that affects.
- 4 So I'm giving you a general
- 5 answer for a theoretical stream, shall we say,
- 6 where this could happen.
- 7 MS. LIU: Is that something the
- 8 District might want to supplement?
- 9 DR. ZENZ: Well, that's a very --
- that's an interesting theoretical question. I
- don't think I'm qualified to answer it. I
- certainly can't speak for the District.
- MR. ETTINGER: Just to kind of
- summarize it, it's logical to think that the
- SEPA stations are doing some nitrification
- because that involves adding oxygen to ammonia,
- but it's not likely that the SEPA stations are
- helping us at all on denitrification because
- that's an anaerobic process?
- DR. ZENZ: I think that's a fair
- statement and again, in a general sense.
- MR. ETTINGER: I try to do one
- fair statement a day.
- MR. ANDES: So we done with that

- one.
- MR. ETTINGER: Yeah.
- HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: It's
- 4 awfully early in the day for that.
- MR. ETTINGER: Now I'm free the
- 6 rest of the day.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay.
- 8 I think we're ready -- oh, Mr. Harley? Sorry.
- 9 MR. HARLEY: Could you describe
- the relationship between the SEPA stations and
- the main discharge at the Calumet facility?
- DR. ZENZ: I'm sorry. I don't --
- 13 I don't understand your question.
- MR. HARLEY: All right. Is the
- water coming from the Calumet wastewater treatment
- plant, which is diverted to the SEPA stations,
- or is it simply water taken from the Calumet River
- 18 aerated and replaced?
- DR. ZENZ: It's simply water taken
- from the Calumet River, which, of course, would
- 21 contain some effluent from the Calumet Plant,
- but other discharges, of course, of the water
- from other tributary streams and so forth, but the
- SEPA stations themselves are actually onshore, on

- the Calumet River system, various parts of that
- 2 Calumet River system. You take the water out,
- pump it up to usually 15 feet, it goes over three
- 4 waterfalls five feet in height, and then back to
- 5 the stream again.
- 6 MR. HARLEY: Thank you.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay.
- 8 Ms. Williams?
- 9 MS. WILLIAMS: I'm going to go a
- little bit out of order to try and keep us on
- the same topics.
- DR. ZENZ: That's fine.
- MS. WILLIAMS: I'm going to ask
- 14 Question 4 now.
- DR. ZENZ: All right.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Paragraph 1 on Page 4
- of your pre-filed testimony, you state, "Based upon
- the results provided by Marquette University, the
- operation of supplemental aeration stations is
- 20 expected to be relatively infrequent." What does
- 21 relatively infrequent mean?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, if you look at
- Tables 1 and 7 of my testimony, it lifts the
- 24 actual hours of operation that's required for

- each aeration station to meet the proposed standard.
- 2 That would be the IEPA standard in one case and the
- 3 District's standard in the other.
- 4 So to meet the IEPA proposed
- 5 standards, annual operation hours range from a
- low of 21 hours to a high of 946 hours. Of the
- 7 28 aeration stations, these are new aeration
- 8 stations that would have to be constructed.
- 9 Eleven will operate 100 hours or less. Eleven
- will operate 100 hours or less over an entire
- 11 year. That's only four days out of 365. So in
- my opinion, that's fairly infrequent.
- 13 MS. WILLIAMS: So I would like
- to go back a little bit to my earlier question,
- then, when I asked about how often the current
- stations operate. You don't know the answer to
- 17 that?
- DR. ZENZ: No, I don't. I can tell
- 19 you that Marquette University took the data for
- the existing operation of the SEPA stations and
- 21 put that into their computer model so that whatever
- existing operation of the SEPA stations is in the
- model, but I don't have --
- MS. WILLIAMS: So you're saying in

- the model, they did not assume that existing
- 2 stations would operate all the time, just that
- 3 they would operate as they do now?
- DR. ZENZ: They assumed that they
- 5 would operate as they exist now and then they
- 6 calculated what additional hours would be required
- 7 to --
- 8 MS. WILLIAMS: But you, sitting here
- 9 today, can't tell us the current number hours they
- 10 are operating? I just -- I'm missing something.
- 11 If you're the wrong witness, I can understand that,
- but I don't understand how you can't know that.
- DR. ZENZ: Well, I just -- I couldn't
- 14 find it.
- MR. ANDES: Are you saying that
- 16 information is --
- DR. ZENZ: It's in -- it's perhaps --
- 18 I just couldn't find it. I'm sorry.
- MR. ANDES: Is that part of the
- 20 analysis Dr. Melching did?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes. You have to
- understand that Dr. Melching did all these
- analyses and we did not have that information.
- 24 It didn't pass through us and I just couldn't

- 1 find it.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Do you understand
- why Dr. Melching didn't come to present testimony
- 4 on this issue?
- DR. ZENZ: I don't know.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Excuse me.
- 7 Dr. Zenz, I'm looking at Table 1.
- DR. ZENZ: Yes.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: And I have
- a couple questions of Table 1.
- DR. ZENZ: Sure.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: But one
- of them is more -- it has operation hours for
- 14 2001. Would that be the current operating hours
- as of 2001 for the stations?
- DR. ZENZ: No, no, it's not.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay.
- DR. ZENZ: Let me explain.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay.
- DR. ZENZ: Dr. Melching, as all
- modelers do, has to use the input information,
- some information from some water year. Okay.
- 23 All the inputs into the system, the discharges
- from the water reclamation plants, discharges

- 1 from the various pump stations, rainfall
- events that influence CSO events, he has to
- 3 predict what the CSOs will be in the system
- 4 and so forth.
- 5 So what he does is he picks
- 6 particular years. So in this case, Dr. Melching
- 7 looked at about 11 years of data that the District
- 8 had, various years, and he picked two years
- 9 which he thought were representative. Okay. The
- two years he picked were 2001 and 2003.
- MR. ANDES: One of those was a dry
- year and one was a wet year?
- DR. ZENZ: One is a wet year.
- MR. ANDES: And are the operating
- hours during those years of each stage as set
- 16 forth in the table?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct. This
- is a computer result from a modeling run that
- 19 he ran. So in the year 2001, he is saying that
- that particular -- this happens to be the first
- station, which is .2 miles downstream of the
- Wilmette pumping station.
- That station -- aeration
- station will operate for 134 hours for the year

- 1 2001 as his model tell me. That's what his model
- 2 tells me.
- And then in 2003, which is a
- 4 different year, it has different inputs, the water
- 5 reclamation plant outputs are different for the
- 6 different year, rainfall events are different,
- 7 et cetera, et cetera, and his model tells him
- 8 that it will operate for 233 years.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay.
- 10 That --
- MR. ETTINGER: Just to clarify
- our language a little here --
- DR. ZENZ: Can I just --
- MR. ETTINGER: I just want to
- 15 clarify this. Sometimes we say SEPA and sometimes
- we say in-stream aeration. I just want to make
- sure we're talking about all types of aeration on
- 18 this model.
- DR. ZENZ: Well, there's always a
- 20 nomenclature problem with regard to -- the general
- term for all types of aeration systems on a waterway
- will be supplemental. Okay?
- MR. ETTINGER: Okay.
- DR. ZENZ: That's a general term.

- 1 So in-stream would be something such as Devon
- 2 and Webster Avenue stations because the diffusers
- 3 are actually in the water so they're in-stream.
- 4 SEPA is not an in-stream station. It's a
- 5 supplemental aeration. Why? Because it's not
- in the water. It takes the water out and processes
- 7 it on land, it has to dissolve oxygen and puts it
- 8 back in the stream.
- 9 MR. ETTINGER: I was just trying
- to make clear that when we were talking about
- these percentages of operation, we were talking
- about all types of aeration systems without
- saying that we were taking about one type or
- 14 another?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes. Can I just qo
- back to her question? She was asking me questions
- about what is the existing hours of operation in
- 18 SEPA stations. I'll go back to what I said before,
- which is that Melching did include that. But if
- you look at Page 7 of my testimony, Table 3, you
- will see that Dr. Melching indicated what are the
- 22 additional operating hours needed for existing
- 23 SEPA stations to meet the dissolved oxygen water
- quality standards proposed by IEPA. So he did --

- 1 he did.
- In this model, in this theoretical
- exercise, understand, he says, for station number
- 4 two, in order to meet the standards -- now, don't
- forget, that's in conjunction with the 28 new
- 6 aeration stations in the three new flow augmentation
- 7 stations, I have to operate that station for 4,464
- 8 hours. So he did determine what additional hours
- ⁹ of operation are.
- 10 What I could not find easily
- is what is the existing -- this is the additional.
- 12 So there would be operating existing plus this
- addition. That's the best I can do for you.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. So you're
- an engineer, right? I mean, you have your
- 16 calculator in your pocket? Can you -- I'm
- going to ask you to try to convert these hours
- 18 for me.
- DR. ZENZ: Well, I don't have my
- 20 calculator.
- MS. WILLIAMS: It would appear
- to be around -- between 184 and over 200 extra
- days of operation, is that what it looks like,
- these hours to convert to?

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- DR. ZENZ: That sounds right. I
- mean, I didn't check your numbers. They are
- operated a lot, yeah.
- MS. WILLIAMS: No, they will be
- ⁵ operated.
- DR. ZENZ: They will be, that's
- 7 correct. They will be.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Does that mean
- 9 currently -- the current stations are operated
- relatively infrequently, as you use that term
- in your testimony?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, you reached
- that conclusion, I think. I don't know what
- the existing hours of operation is of the
- 15 stations.
- MR. ETTINGER: Do you know if
- some of the SEPA stations now are operating for
- astatic purposes or other purposes as opposed
- to strictly necessary for DO?
- DR. ZENZ: This is my understanding
- of the way that the SEPA stations are operated
- 22 and the way that the in-stream aeration stations
- on Webster Avenue are operating. They have a
- dissolved oxygen probe, and I think it's only one,

- 1 upstream each of those stations.
- 2 If the probe shows that the
- 3 standard for its particular stream is below
- 4 that for SEPA, they actually have to send a
- 5 man out to the station and put pumps in operation.
- 6 Depending on what the DO level was, they put one,
- 7 two, three -- whatever number of pumps are available
- and each station is different, the number of pumps,
- 9 they will put those pumps into operation. Then
- if they feel that the DO is good, they will either
- take pumps out of operation or stop the station all
- 12 together.
- 13 At Webster Avenue, it's a
- 14 little -- and Devon Avenue, it's a little different.
- They also have a DO probe upstream of each aeration
- station, but they can control the operation of the
- blower directly at the north side plant so they
- will just turn one blower on or two blowers on,
- whatever they think is necessary, to meet the
- standard. That's how they operate.
- MR. ETTINGER: Actually, you can
- even pass the upstream aeration stations. You
- don't want to turn on those unnecessarily because
- they don't serve any fun purpose at all, but the

- 1 SEPA stations -- my question was, do you know
- whether the SEPA stations are now run sometimes
- 3 for astatic purposes?
- DR. ZENZ: I have -- I guess my
- 5 direct answer is I don't know the answer to that
- 6 question.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Mr. Harley?
- 8 MR. HARLEY: You testified you
- 9 participated in the design of the SEPA stations?
- 10 From a design point of view, is there a maximum
- of hours that a SEPA station is designed to operate
- in any given year?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, as any facility
- is designed to operate 24 hours a day, seven days
- a week, you know, every -- all of the time. There
- are standby -- there is a standby blower at each
- of the stations in case a blower should come out
- of service. With proper maintenance, these
- 19 facilities can operate at a full capacity all the
- 20 time.
- MR. HARLEY: Thank you.
- HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Question 5, in
- Paragraph 1 on Page 4 of your pre-filed testimony,

- you state, "Achieving compliance with the
- standards will require a complex waterway DO
- monitoring network and facilities operation
- 4 plan. Cost for a monitoring network and
- operations plan have not been included in
- 6 this cost estimate." A, What do you mean by
- 7 complex DO monitoring network?
- B DR. ZENZ: Well, we did not
- 9 determine the specifics. We did not perform a
- 10 cost estimate for such a system nor did we
- determine what the specifics are, but since you
- asked the question, I would think it would
- consist of, first, some kind of DO monitoring
- 14 probe throughout the whole system.
- Don't forget we're talking
- about seven existing aeration stations and 28
- more. So we're talking about 35 aeration
- stations that have to be operated. So it
- would be a fairly extensive DO monitoring system.
- Just like they have now except --
- MS. WILLIAMS: I was going to say
- don't they have a pretty extensive system now?
- Do you think it will require that this would
- require them expand it?

- DR. ZENZ: I don't know.
- MS. WILLIAMS: All right.
- MR. ANDES: One of the questions
- 4 that I would ask you to explain is as you go
- 5 through the rest of this, when this system is
- 6 constructed to monitor DO, explain how it differs
- 7 from how things are being done now. Is "now" a
- 8 simpler system?
- What issues are you going to
- 10 have to look at for the whole system that you're
- 11 not looking at right now, just on the Calumet?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, the existing system
- operates with basically seven dissolved oxygen
- 14 probes. That's the controlled one. These other
- 15 monitoring --
- MR. ANDES: Where are those probes?
- DR. ZENZ: They are directly up-stream
- of the aeration systems.
- MR. ANDES: So each one deals only
- with the DO level at that station?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct, and
- these other probes are used for monitoring
- purposes by the R and D department. They are
- not used for operational purposes by the M and O

- department. It's a different system.
- MR. ANDES: What's the purpose of
- 3 the new DO monitoring system?
- DR. ZENZ: We think -- AECOM
- 5 thinks, and the District tends to agree, that
- 6 you want some kind of a system that would
- operate automatically. They don't want to
- 8 behave as they have now for the SEPA stations
- ⁹ where they get a probe reading and then they
- send a man out to go turn on the station, you
- know, one, two or three pumps. They want to
- have a centralized control system. That's
- what we talked about.
- 14 Again, I did not estimate the
- cost for such a system, but you can see where
- you would have, you know, a centralized system
- where all the DO probes would be coming in, but
- 18 I don't think any human being would try to figure
- out during a rainstorm event, for example, how
- the heck these folks are going to turn stations
- on or not turn stations on in various parts
- of the system.
- So I think the other part that
- you want is you want wireless telemetering to the

- central location, which they do not have now.
- Then you want some kind of central computer
- 3 system that would analyze the data and that
- 4 requires some kind of software package that
- 5 somebody would have to develop. I have no
- idea how much that would cost. It's not
- 7 included.
- This system, of course, would
- 9 have manual overrides of some kind, but the
- system would help the operator or operators
- to figure out what to turn on and what stuff
- not to turn off. I think everybody recognizes
- there are local storms that come through.
- 14 I should say clearly here
- that Dr. Melching found that many of the stations
- that operate only need to be operated during wet
- weather conditions. That is, some stations will
- be completely turned off in dry weather conditions.
- 19 They will not be needed.
- So you will be turning it on
- 21 maybe on the north side or not turning it on on
- the south side. That could happen. So we see
- a centralized system of monitoring, telemetering,
- to a central steam and some kind of software

- 1 package and we did not include that cost.
- MR. ANDES: Is it your understanding
- 3 the aim of that system would be to make sure that
- 4 you are actually complying the DO throughout the
- 5 system?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- 7 MS. WILLIAMS: You have answered
- 8 the rest of my Question 5 and so I'm going to
- 9 skip onto Question 8.
- On Pages 3 and 4 of your
- testimony, you state, "Any additional hours
- of operation of the existing Devon and Webster
- Avenue aeration stations or the existing
- 14 SEPA stations required beyond their operation
- during water years 2001 and 203 were provided
- by Marquette University for use in estimating
- the additional costs of operating these existing
- 18 stations."
- Then, on Page 5, you state,
- "Marquette University determined that additional
- operation of the existing Devon and Webster Avenue
- aeration stations was not needed to comply with
- the IEPA standards." A, why was the analysis
- restricted to the years 2001 and 2003?

- DR. ZENZ: I will repeat what I
- said before. You can find in Dr. Melching's
- report, which is attached to my testimony, by
- 4 the way, somewhere in this pile of stuff --
- oh, here it is. If you look at Pages 7 to 13
- of his report, he describes why he selected the
- 7 years 2001 to 2003.
- 8 I'm repeating myself
- 9 again, but he looked at ten or 11 years of data.
- 10 He looked at the rainfall and he looked at, you
- know, quite frankly how robust each of the model
- 12 years data was. Do I have good dissolved oxygen
- data? Okay. He has to calibrate his model
- 14 according to existing dissolved oxygen conditions
- in the Chicago area water system and make sure that
- that model is calibrated properly so when he makes
- his leap to putting in stations and predicting what
- the DO would be with these new stations, he wanted
- to make sure this model is giving him good results.
- 20 Anyway, to make a long story
- short, he decided that 2001 and 2003 were good
- representative years of a wet and dry year. The
- dry year was 2003 and the wet year was 2001. So
- he felt -- it's his modeling choice.

- 1 Again, I will state he was not
- a subcontractor to AECOM. He was a contractor
- for the District. That was his responsibility
- 4 and he made that choice. I have no reason to
- 5 doubt that that was a good choice.
- 6 MS. WILLIAMS: Can you clarify
- 7 whether the Devon and Webster stations will need
- 8 to operate for additional hours?
- 9 DR. ZENZ: Well, according to
- 10 Dr. Melching's model, as stated in my report,
- no, they don't.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Okay.
- DR. ZENZ: So whatever existing
- operation, unlike the SEPA stations, which I've
- already pointed out, Dr. Melching said they would
- have to be -- again, for the system he came up
- with, the 28 stations, the three floor augmentation
- stations, he is saying that additional operation
- hours of SEPA would be required and these hours
- can be provided by the SEPA stations.
- The District can do that, but
- for Devon Avenue and Webster Avenue, given the
- waterway conditions in 2001 and 2003, they do not
- have to be operated any additional hours. They

- still will be operating, but not for additional
- 2 hours.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Again, we don't
- 4 know how many hours they will be operated for?
- DR. ZENZ: I could not locate
- the information either in Dr. Melching's report
- or anything in front of me that said what the
- 8 existing hours of the stations are. I'm trying
- 9 to be helpful to the Board. I know they are not
- operated in the wintertime. They are not because
- there is no significant oxygen demand at low
- waterway temperatures. We understand bacteria
- is not really active then.
- They are basically rarely
- operated in the wintertime. I won't say never,
- but they are mainly operated in the spring,
- summer and fall and probably mainly during the
- summer when the temperatures are high and the
- oxygen demand is high. That's all I can tell
- you. I don't have any specific information other
- than the general statements now.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Do you know whether
- they have to be operated in the wintertime under
- the Dr. Melching model?

- DR. ZENZ: Whatever is the existing
- database that he used, and I'm assuming the
- existing database, as I made my general statement
- 4 before, there is little need to operate the
- stations in the winter. So I'm assuming that
- 6 the database -- he is using the actual data
- 7 from 2001 and the actual data from 2003 from
- 8 the operation of the SEPA stations and so I
- 9 would think since he doesn't require any
- additional hours that there would be very
- infrequent use of the Devon Avenue aeration
- station during the winter or even the spring.
- Long answer, but that's the answer.
- MR. ETTINGER: Since you mentioned
- that, do you know of a reason there would be DO
- crashes in January or November?
- DR. ZENZ: I'm the wrong guy to
- ask questions about the existing water quality
- data for the Chicago Area Waterway System. There
- are many more qualified people at the District
- than I would be. I just don't have an answer to
- 22 that.
- MR. ETTINGER: You wouldn't happen
- to know who those people are, would you? Go on.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Mr. Harley?
- MR. HARLEY: In a general sense,
- 3 CSO overflows would contribute to DO crashes as
- 4 you are describing it?
- DR. ZENZ: Absolutely.
- 6 MR. HARLEY: Thank you.
- 7 MS. WILLIAMS: So your testimony
- 8 today addresses the cost to the District of
- 9 complying with the District's proposal?
- DR. ZENZ: And the IEPA, both. I
- 11 have costs for both.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Have you determined
- the cost of complying with the current water quality
- 14 standards?
- DR. ZENZ: No.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Is the cost of
- complying with the current water quality standards
- 18 factored into your final cost for complying with
- 19 what was --
- DR. ZENZ: I can only tell you what
- we did. We determined what additional equipment --
- 22 28 aeration stations, four flow augmentation
- stations -- the cost of that additional equipment
- that would be required to meet the District's

- 1 proposed standards for additional equipment, to
- meet the just the IEPA proposed standards. That's
- 3 all I can tell you.
- MS. WILLIAMS: I understand. Would
- you agree from the Board's point of view that the
- 6 cost of complying with the current standards should
- be subtracted from the total cost in determining
- 8 the actual cost of complying with the proposed
- 9 standards?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, I'm trying to
- think of a diplomatic way to say this, but as
- 12 I understand it -- well, there is no way to
- know from my study what the cost would be -- that's
- included, you know, in the cost to meet the current
- standard. It would be a fairly complicated
- analysis.
- Let's say you said to me, okay,
- AECOM, go figure out what it costs to meet the
- existing standard. Well, I'd go back to
- Dr. Melching. He would, in his model, figure out
- what additional equipment was needed to meet the
- existing standard. Of course, plugged into that
- would be whatever is happening now in the system in
- terms of meeting the water quality standards.

- So, for example, if they are
- 98 percent compliant, I don't know -- I don't
- know what compliance they are. It may not be
- 4 very much at all. So you have to kind of figure
- 5 that out.
- But on just another, shall we
- ⁷ say a general sense, we are all here because you
- guys didn't like the existing standard, so why
- 9 would you want to bother figuring out -- I mean,
- 10 I don't understand why you would want to figure
- out what the cost is to meet the existing standard.
- What use would that be? Well, I don't know.
- MS. WILLIAMS: The reason -- I mean,
- I don't know that I should have to explain, but
- 15 I'm happy to explain the reason for the question
- is that it's over-estimating the cost to the
- District and include the fact that they are not
- meeting the current standard and to throw all of
- that in as the cost complying with a slightly
- improved future standard, it's very slight, what's
- being proposed here comparatively.
- MR. ANDES: I would object to that
- characterization, but I think we've answered
- 24 question.

- MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.
- MR. ETTINGER: Well, the bottom
- line is you -- at no time have you moved to
- 4 calculate the costs to comply with the existing
- 5 standard?
- DR. ZENZ: No.
- 7 MR. ETTINGER: And if -- if
- 8 somehow IEPA's proposal was defeated and somehow
- 9 the District's proposal was rejected by the
- Board or the U.S. EPA, then, you probably have
- to do that -- that study and that would be done
- by Dr. Melching probably in the same way that
- he's done this study for the other standards?
- DR. ZENZ: (Nodding.)
- MR. ETTINGER: You have to speak.
- MR. ANDES: Are you asking him what
- the District would plan to do in terms of hiring
- 18 him?
- MR. ETTINGER: No. I'm just asking
- 20 him how --
- MR. ANDES: He, of course, would
- support the District hiring him.
- MR. ETTINGER: And I would support
- that, too, but I would like him to state something

- on the record rather than nod because the court
- 2 reporter can't take down nods.
- My question was actually not
- 4 directed towards what the District would hire,
- 5 but rather how he would calculate the numbers
- 6 if he were hired.
- 7 DR. ZENZ: I'll try to give a
- 8 direct answer to your question. It would be
- 9 the same type of procedure. Since Dr. Melching
- has been continuously improving his model, he
- has actually had two improvements over the original
- model work he did for the District, he would
- probably try to improve it and find better ways
- to handle the CSOs, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.
- But yes, the only way you can
- conduct such an exercise, in my opinion, would
- be the same procedures we used to determine the
- cost to meet the IEPA standards, additional
- equipment required to meet the IEPA standards,
- or the additional equipment the District requires.
- 21 You're really trying to predict a condition which
- doesn't necessarily exist now.
- So then -- and then after he
- had determined what that equipment was, we would

- 1 perform some kind of a cost estimate. That would --
- the detail of that cost estimate would have to
- 3 be worked out with the District so they could
- 4 determine whether they want a level five cost
- s estimate, which I am presenting here today or
- a level four cost estimate or all three cost
- 7 estimates and how detailed and how much effort
- is going to go into the cost estimate. The
- 9 procedure we used here is going to be the same.
- BOARD MEMBER GIRARD: So it seems
- to me we've got a fairly simple question and we
- 12 keep getting very long answers and then even
- 13 longer questions.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Sorry.
- MR. ETTINGER: That's why the lawyers
- are here.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER GIRARD: The task
- here was to simply come up with the cost of
- complying with either the Illinois EPA proposed
- DO standards or the District's proposed standards
- 21 and so you had two tasks.
- Did you simply assume that
- the District was currently complying and then
- base your cost estimates on what additional

- equipment and operations would be necessary
- to meet either the IEPA's proposed standard
- for DO or the District's proposed standard
- 4 for DO?
- DR. ZENZ: I will repeat what I
- 6 already said, which is that if the modeling
- 7 was the basis for the cost estimate and in the
- 8 modeling, Dr. Melching took in whatever the
- 9 existing operation of these stations were in
- 2001 and 2003. That's all I can tell you,
- whatever the existing was.
- 12 There is no attempt to -- I
- mean, there was no attempt to figure out what
- was the required operation of those stations
- to meet the existing standard. No attempt.
- MR. ANDES: So it was based on
- existing data concerning hours that those stations
- were currently operating?
- DR. ZENZ: That's it.
- BOARD MEMBER GIRARD: Thank you.
- DR. ZENZ: Whether they were meeting
- standards or not meeting this under the standards,
- for those existing operational hours for those
- years, I don't know.

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- MR. ANDES: Is it your understanding
- that that was done because the standards were being
- 3 changed anyway?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct. Was
- it simply an attempt to get some kind of baseline?
- 6 Here's what they are spending now. Here's what
- 7 they have already spent. Let me make it perfectly
- 8 clear, in our cost estimate, there are no capital
- 9 costs included for Devon/Webster Avenue stations,
- 10 no capital costs included for any of the five SEPA
- stations, no costs included in my cost estimate
- 12 for any existing personnel to operate those stations
- or equipment to maintain them. The electricity to
- 14 run the stations, it's not included in this cost
- estimate. It's only the additional equipment
- that's required. None of that cost is here.
- Whatever the District spends now, it's not in this
- 18 cost estimate.
- BOARD MEMBER GIRARD: Thank you. That
- helps.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay.
- 22 Ms. Williams?
- MS. WILLIAMS: I'll move on to
- 24 question nine.

- DR. ZENZ: Okay.
- MS. WILLIAMS: In Bullet No. 1
- and 2 on Page 3 of your pre-filed testimony,
- 4 you state, "Supplemental aeration technology
- 5 considered was ceramic disk diffusers installed
- in the waterway with an onshore blower facility.
- 7 Aerated flow augmentation technology considered
- 8 was forced main aeration of pump flow using
- 9 a U-Tube aerator and high purity oxygen. A, what
- other aeration technologies did you consider?
- DR. ZENZ: For this level five cost
- estimate that we did, we looked at -- now, we did
- the standard things an engineer does where we
- looked at a long list of alternatives and we looked
- at a short lift of alternatives.
- The long list of alternatives
- included porous ceramic diffusers, membrane
- diffusers, we looked at jet aerators, which
- is a pump system where you pump water out of the
- canal and run it through a Venturi, put oxygen
- into the low side of the Venturi, and then water
- comes back into the system.
- 23 Of course, we looked at head
- loss structures, free fall weirs, which is really

- just what the SEPA station, a free fall weir. If
- you've ever looked at a SEPA station, it comes
- off the weir, plunges down into a pool and it's
- 4 really the plunge into the pool where all that
- 5 turbulence takes place and that's where the
- 6 dissolved oxygen is added to the water.
- 7 We looked at cascades. That's
- 8 a different thing. If you've ever seen a typical
- 9 cascade, it kind of flows almost on a laminar flow
- over a cascade and then transfer is from the air
- through that thin film of water that flows
- over the cascade.
- We looked at mechanical aerators,
- which is just a device sitting on the surface of
- the waterway, which would literally beat the
- surface up and cause a lot of turbulence.
- 17 We looked at U-Tubes. A U-Tube
- is typically a 100-foot tube that's drilled down
- below the surface and brings the water out, shoves
- to down to the bottom of the U-Tube. You have
- 21 100 feet of hydrostatic head at the bottom of the
- U-Tube. You inject your oxygen there under that
- pressure, under the physics of the situation.
- 24 You can get very supersaturated conditions of the

- water. You can get dissolved oxygen concentrations
- of 30, 40, 50 milligrams per liter and then you
- ³ eject the water back out again.
- 4 We looked at barge mounted
- 5 aeration and we looked at screw pump aeration
- 6 because the District felt that the screw pumps
- 7 at SEPA were also causing some additional
- 8 aeration in addition to the waterfalls themselves.
- 9 But our short list only
- included four technologies and the one with the
- 11 highest score was ceramic diffusers with a total
- 12 score of 252.
- 13 Also included on that short
- list were compressed air U-Tubes, jet aerators
- and, of course, SEPA stations. So only four
- 16 made the short list.
- 17 MS. WILLIAMS: That's based on
- 18 performance?
- DR. ZENZ: It's based on a matrix.
- We used a matrix where we produced an evaluation
- 21 matrix like this. By the way, this is contained
- in the report, which IEPA submitted to the Board.
- You can find it in what we call Technical Memorandum
- 4WQ, and it's -- the title of it is -- give me a

- 1 second here.
- MR. ANDES: This is part of the
- 3 Agency's initial filing with the Board?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- MS. WILLIAMS: So would you agree
- 6 with the Agency that these technologies would be
- 7 at the upper end of the cost?
- DR. ZENZ: No.
- 9 MS. WILLIAMS: Or ranking?
- DR. ZENZ: No. Let me go further.
- 11 After we determined that these four technologies
- would be on the short list through the matrix
- 13 system, we did a cost estimate -- a level five
- 14 cost estimate. This was done -- I want to caution
- everybody that these were for stations only on the
- north branch and the south branch, only four
- aeration stations. They were pretty small and
- they were to meet a District standard at the time,
- which was 90 percent compliance with five milligrams
- per liter. We didn't know what the heck you guys
- were going to come up with. I'm giving you these
- costs so you have some idea of the relative costs
- of these four systems.
- MR. ANDES: So this analysis was done

- before the Agency issued the proposed rule?
- DR. ZENZ: Correct.
- MR. ANDES: But it explains how
- 4 various aeration technologies were considered?
- DR. ZENZ: Correct.
- 6 MR. ANDES: Okay.
- DR. ZENZ: Of the four technologies,
- 8 ceramic diffusers had the lowest capital cost. It
- 9 had the second lowest operation of maintenance cost
- and to give you some idea of the present worth here
- 11 for these systems, which combines -- and I think
- everybody knows now what present worth is or I hope
- so -- capital and operation maintenance costs and
- the ceramic diffuser had a \$56 million present
- worth. This is all in the report. U-Tubes had
- 16 \$47 million.
- Now, that's within our range
- and ability to estimate costs at a level five.
- 19 So I consider them to be the same, but since you've
- got -- since ceramic diffusers are something the
- District uses, it had the highest total score, we
- decided to do a cost estimate. I feel justified in
- doing this. So it's not the highest cost. It's
- lowest capital cost.

- MS. WILLIAMS: In your initial
- analysis, you said that's based on a 90 percent
- 3 compliance with five milligrams per liter?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Do you have any --
- DR. ZENZ: I'm just giving you --
- 7 I'm giving you these costs so you understand the
- 8 relative costs of the various technologies so you
- 9 have some idea of why -- why did we choose ceramic
- diffusers for the cost estimate in my testimony.
- MR. ANDES: And that particular
- document, which is done at the request of IEPA,
- was done for the Agency proposed the rule?
- MS. WILLIAMS: And before the District
- proposed their DO standard, correct?
- MR. ANDES: Yes.
- DR. ZENZ: And understand the costs
- going into these here, the basic costs, we took
- 19 all of those spreadsheets at the UAA study, all
- the costs for ceramic diffusers, come out of this
- short and then comes into my testimony. That
- level five cost estimating, all the costs that we
- had in there came out of that cost estimate and
- made it into my testimony, that's where the costs

- 1 come from. They come from these numbers.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Do you have
- 3 a follow-up?
- 4 MR. QUAIL: I'm John Quail, Friends
- of Chicago River. As part of your cost estimates,
- 6 did you look at installing a cascade or a free
- 7 weir -- the pre-drop weir system at the north branch
- 8 dam and using natural elevation change as a lower
- 9 cost alternative to a SEPA station to meet any sort
- 10 of DO?
- DR. ZENZ: We didn't look at anything
- 12 specific like that. We looked at SEPA stations as
- a technology. We didn't look at a particular
- technology at a particular location anywhere in
- the system. We just looked at that technology.
- We were trying to determine a cost estimate.
- 17 That's what we were trying to do. What technology
- would be the most likely -- we wanted a cost
- 19 estimate for a practical technology that could
- 20 be implemented.
- MR. ANDES: Let me just clarify.
- 22 Is it fair to say your cost analysis was based
- on the modeling that Dr. Melching did, which
- his report indicates is needed to bring the

- waterways into compliance with the water quality
- 2 standards?
- DR. ZENZ: Correct.
- 4 MR. ANDES: You took his analysis
- in terms of what was needed and cost it out?
- DR. ZENZ: Correct.
- 7 MR. QUAIL: In your expertise
- 8 for the SEPA stations, is much of the cost in
- 9 the pumps and blowers and is that something
- you could accomplish using natural elevation
- changes with tributaries as the weight increased
- the OM system?
- DR. ZENZ: You're asking a fairly
- 14 complex engineering question. I will give you
- a general answer, which is that because of the
- elevation in the river -- water elevation, the
- need for a SEPA station to be onshore, it's already
- up above. Then you have another 15 feet ahead
- that has to be pumped up to the top. The chances
- of using natural elevation in the Chicago area
- would be pretty slim. I'm not saying it's
- impossible, but I'm saying it's pretty slim.
- HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay.
- 24 Ms. Williams?

- 1 MS. WILLIAMS: I would like to
- 2 avoid repetitiveness so I believe based on your
- prior answers, would you just agree that in
- 4 response to Question 10, the aeration requirements
- 5 and cost figures do not take into account the
- 6 completion of TARP reservoirs, correct?
- 7 DR. ZENZ: They do not.
- HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Mr. Harley?
- 9 MR. HARLEY: Hypothetically, if
- 10 TARP completion eliminates CSO overflows, is it
- possible that the aeration stations that you
- 12 anticipate would not be necessary at all?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, one thing I've
- learned through this process is that trying to
- predict what the future conditions are is extremely
- 16 difficult.
- Let me just give you an example.
- 18 If you're going to be predicting TARP under
- construction, then, you also have to say what
- other situations will occur in that same point
- of time? So for example, what would be the
- effluence -- what would be the effluence from
- the treatment plants? What would they be?
- Well, the issue is well, what

- would be the standard then? It gets to be
- somewhat -- then even, like, Lake Michigan
- diversions, while there is a schedule, as I
- 4 understand it, that lake diversions will decrease
- in the future, but that could change. So you are
- in a situation where you are trying to predict
- 7 some future event, which includes all of these
- 8 somewhat unknowns and then to say that TARP would
- 9 eliminate all CSO, I think, is a stretch.
- Then for me to sit down and
- 11 say that I would know just sitting here without
- any modeling, I would say that could be a very
- interesting study, but a very complex one to
- figure out what it is. We did not do that for
- that simple reason. We decided that we weren't
- going to try to start talking about, you know,
- what the cost would be in the year 2025. I don't
- think that would be useful to anybody because
- everybody would be picking apart every assumption
- that we made for the year 2025.
- So what we decided to do is
- 22 predict what the cost would be for basically the
- existing situation. So we have some idea what
- the cost would be. I guess I would just say I

- decline to answer your question.
- MR. HARLEY: That was the longest
- 3 declination ever.
- 4 MR. ETTINGER: Actually, though,
- 5 hypothetically if we had schedule for TARP
- 6 completion, maybe a consent decree or something,
- 7 and we set that down, would you then be able to
- 8 do your modeling and come up with numbers that
- 9 would meet the dissolved oxygen levels based on
- 10 assumed completion dates for TARP?
- DR. ZENZ: It would be a very
- difficult to say, very difficult to say.
- MR. ETTINGER: Would you like the
- 14 challenge?
- DR. ZENZ: Sure.
- MR. ANDES: Would you have to predict
- first exactly how TARP would operate 18 years from
- 18 now?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct. I can
- tell you from talking to Dr. Melching, the modeling
- required to figure out what -- you know, it's going
- to have an affect on CSO, no question. That's what
- the TARP reservoir system is designed to do, but
- figuring out what that is is a very difficult

- 1 assignment, very difficult. It would be a huge
- challenge. Probably, quite honestly, the one
- dimensional model -- he is using a DUFLOW model,
- 4 you know, to put together specifically for the
- 5 Chicago Area Waterway System and to modify it
- 6 also to an extent. I'm not sure that model would
- actually be the right one for the job. So you
- 8 would have to get a model to figure out what would
- 9 be the best model. Then the challenge would be to
- really figure out what the inputs would be, what are
- the discharges from the -- not only figure out what
- the discharges from the CSOs are in this future
- event, but then try to figure to out what the
- 14 discharges from the treatment plants are.
- MR. ANDES: Wouldn't there also
- be other wet weather sources?
- 17 DR. ZENZ: Yes. The model also
- takes into account the runoff directly from
- 19 surrounding areas of the stream, storm water
- discharges from storm water sewers and so forth.
- I mean, it would be a very complex exercise. It
- would be extremely difficult. It could it be
- done, yes.
- MR. ETTINGER: Just to break that

- down a little bit, then we will go on here, does
- the District have estimates as to what degree the
- 3 CSOs will be shut down given various levels of
- 4 completion of TARP?
- DR. ZENZ: I'm not privy to that.
- 6 I don't know.
- 7 MR. ETTINGER: Thank you.
- 8 MS. WILLIAMS: Dr. Zenz, given all
- 9 the uncertainty that you just described, can you
- 10 at least tell us in the future at the completion
- of TARP, is it possible that the SEPA stations
- would have to run more frequently than they do
- now or would they have to run less frequently than
- 14 they do now?
- DR. ZENZ: Believe it or not, that's
- a fairly complex question. Just to give you an
- example, Dr. Melching he made a decision. He could
- 18 have -- he could have decided to not increase the
- operational hours of the SEPA stations, but as he
- 20 did his modeling, he placed -- it's a very complex
- 21 process. I was at Marquette University. The
- model -- to make a run, the model runs for, like,
- two to three hours -- two to three hours. So if he
- 24 puts a station here and it's 80 grams per second,

- let's see what happens with that. Then he runs it.
- Well, that's not good enough. Then he tries this
- other -- so he was trying to work with the existing
- 4 system and he would change the hours of the SEPA
- 5 stations. So it's quite possible that he might
- 6 decide to change the operation of the SEPA stations
- 7 to less hours. I don't know.
- MR. ANDES: But at that point,
- 9 Dr. Zenz, you would have already built all 28
- additional aeration stations?
- DR. ZENZ: Oh, I see what you mean.
- MR. ANDES: Right. So that cost would
- 13 be sunk.
- DR. ZENZ: Correct.
- MR. ANDES: So you might have to
- operate the stations less hours, but you are capital
- 17 costs would already have been incurred.
- DR. ZENZ: Correct.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Are you willing to
- say today, yes or no, that the stations would
- operate less hours?
- DR. ZENZ: I think from a -- you
- know, I'm going to try to be as responsive as
- 24 possible. Since Dr. Melching has said repeatedly

- that many of the aeration stations are operated
- simply because of CSO events -- because of CSOs --
- 3 and since TARP should reduce CSOs, yes, you are
- 4 right, from a theoretical standpoint. The extent
- of it, how much it would be, is pure speculation.
- It would just be pure speculation.
- 7 MS. WILLIAMS: No one asked him or
- 8 you to look into that?
- 9 DR. ZENZ: Absolutely not.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you.
- 11 Can you tell us how long it's going to take to
- construct the stations as they are designed in
- your study?
- DR. ZENZ: I can. In my previous
- testimony, I did present testimony before the
- Board, which indicated a construction schedule
- and at that time, I said that full scale studies
- would take about two years. Design of required
- facilities, I would think, would take about three
- and a half years, and construction about three
- years. I think total time of about eight and a
- half years would be the time I would think to get
- 23 it done and I would stick to that.
- MS. WILLIAMS: So today, I do recall

- maybe in Joliet, we had this discussion, but as we
- sit here today, we're talking about 2020?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes, give or take.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.
- 5 MR. ETTINGER: Can you generalize
- 6 that basically eight years from whenever or eight
- and a half years from whenever we decide we're
- going to put in supplemental aeration is when we
- 9 can expect it to go in?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes. Maybe it's helpful
- to -- you know, history is sometimes useful and
- 12 I went back and looked at the schedule of what
- happened with SEPA. It turns out that in 1984,
- the District did a planning study determining
- that SEPA was the way to go.
- Again, I'll repeat what I
- said before. I think this was done because the
- 18 EPA was willing to forego a requirement for
- tertiary treatment in Calumet of in lieu of
- these five stations.
- In '84, the planning document
- was prepared. Then in '86 and '87, the pilot
- studies were put together. In '88, which is
- pretty good for the industry, they hired a

- 1 consulting engineer to design it. They began
- construction in 1989, which proceeded forward
- and SEPA stations three and four were completed
- 4 in 1992 and then SEPA stations one and two were
- 5 completed in 1994. This was 10 years from the
- 6 beginning. So I don't think I'm too far
- 7 away from when I said eight and a half years.
- MR. ETTINGER: So hypothetically,
- 9 if we were to come up with a schedule for the
- 10 completion of the TARP, that would be the time
- 11 to start looking at what stations -- supplemental
- 12 aeration stations would be necessary so that we
- wouldn't have to wait 10 years after the completion
- of TARP after that to get the job done?
- MR. ANDES: Are you saying that
- they could start all of this process immediately
- after setting forth a TARP schedule?
- MR. ETTINGER: Yes.
- MR. ANDES: And have the modeling done
- 20 at that point in terms of --
- MR. ETTINGER: Oh, I didn't say
- that the modeling would be done, but the modeling
- should be started. Once you know what the TARP
- schedule is going to be, at that point you could

- then begin modeling what supplemental dissolved
- 2 oxygen would be needed based on TARP.
- DR. ZENZ: You could do that and
- 4 again, I'm going to repeat what I said before,
- 5 that is a very difficult and complex assignment.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Mr. Harley?
- 7 MR. HARLEY: I actually want to go
- 8 back to one of the questions that Ms. Williams had.
- 9 Do you know when TARP will be finalized for Thornton
- 10 reservoir?
- DR. ZENZ: I have no idea. I'm not
- involved in the project, I haven't been involved
- in the project, and I have no information.
- MR. HARLEY: And you were not given
- that information as part of developing your cost
- 16 estimates?
- DR. ZENZ: No. Again, we assumed
- whatever was in place in 2001 and 2003 and so we
- just didn't even discuss TARP reservoir. There
- was no discussion whatsoever. I have no information
- 21 to help you.
- MR. HARLEY: And I know you
- participated in previous Board proceedings.
- Were you present general September 8, 2008,

- when general superintendent Dick Langdon testified
- that the Thornton reservoir was to be completed in
- 3 2014?
- 4 DR. ZENZ: I wasn't there.
- MR. HARLEY: If, in fact, the
- 6 Thornton reservoir is completed in 2014 and
- 7 virtually eliminating CSO events in the Calumet
- 8 area, would that change the figures that you put
- 9 forward here?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, you know, you said
- virtually eliminate CSOs, I don't know if that's
- 12 a fact or not. I will give the same answer that I
- gave to the EPA representative, which is yes,
- obviously some CSOs would be reduced if --
- 15 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Dr. Zenz,
- we're losing you. Please keep your voice up.
- 17 DR. ZENZ: Some CSOs would be reduced
- if the Thornton reservoir was put in place and,
- therefore, since the Dr. Melching has indicated
- in his workshops with us as he presented his results
- that of the aeration stations were there simply for
- 22 CSO events and some big ones. Yes, I think it would
- 23 probably reduce the number of stations if they
- weren't built yet or possibly if they were built,

- they wouldn't have to be operated at all.
- MR. ETTINGER: That would be as to
- aeration stations on, say, the Calumet River?
- DR. ZENZ: Of course, on the Calumet
- 5 River system only.
- 6 MR. ETTINGER: It wouldn't change
- anything on any other parts of the system?
- DR. ZENZ: No.
- 9 MR. ETTINGER: Thanks.
- 10 MR. ANDES: Is it true that most of
- the 28 aeration systems are on the other parts of
- the system?
- DR. ZENZ: That's true because the
- 14 SEPA stations are already there.
- MR. ANDES: So there's less
- improvement that needs to be made to Calumet system
- and more to other parts of the system?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes.
- HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Mr. Harley?
- MR. HARLEY: But as to the Calumet,
- 21 if the Thornton reservoir is completed by 2014/2015
- 22 and CSO events are reduced as a result and we have
- existing SEPA stations, the cost of achieving the
- DO standard would be zero?

- DR. ZENZ: I wouldn't go that far.
- I don't know how -- all I can tell you is that
- if the stations were not constructed, it's possible
- 4 that less stations would be constructed or if they
- were already in place, that they would be operated
- 6 less. What the affects on cost would be, that would
- 7 be pure speculation on my part.
- 8 MR. HARLEY: And just to follow-up
- 9 and just so the record is absolutely clear on this
- point, you don't know how often the SEPA stations
- that are already existing in the Calumets are
- 12 operated?
- DR. ZENZ: I don't have any specific
- information unfortunately to give you.
- MR. ANDES: To follow-up on that,
- Dr. Zenz, if you refer to Table 1, which listed
- 28 additional aeration stations, how many of those
- are located in the Cal Sag?
- DR. ZENZ: Two.
- MR. ANDES: How many are located in
- 21 the Little Cal?
- DR. ZENZ: Three.
- MR. ANDES: The other 23 are on other
- 24 parts of the system?

- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- MR. HARLEY: Thank you.
- DR. ZENZ: Again, this is based on the
- 4 fact that we already have the existing SEPA stations
- in place and also operating additional hours over
- 6 and above what they are now.
- 7 MR. HARLEY: Thank you.
- 8 MS. LIU: Dr. Zenz, would your
- 9 schedule for pilot and full scale study and design
- and construction be any different for under the
- 11 District's proposal?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes, it would. I have
- that somewhere. It's a question of finding it.
- 14 What did I do with that? You know what, I don't
- think I brought that with me. Darn it.
- MR. ANDES: But, Dr. Zenz, perhaps
- we can talk that through. If you are talking
- about constructing two new aeration stations
- simply increasing -- and the inflow augmentation
- at one site, is it your sense that can be done a
- lot faster than eight and a half years?
- DR. ZENZ: Absolutely. I'm not
- going to try to refresh my recollection here
- without anything in front of me. I meant to

- bring that with me and I apologize. We can
- ² certainly furnish that to the Board later.
- MS. LIU: That would be nice. Thank
- 4 you.
- DR. ZENZ: I'm not going to -- it's
- 6 less. It's less than what you would expect it would
- ⁷ be.
- 8 MS. LIU: If you could submit that
- 9 later, then that would be terrific. Thank you.
- MS. WILLIAMS: I'm going to ask my
- 11 Question 11 now if we are ready.
- DR. ZENZ: Okay.
- MS. WILLIAMS: On Page 9 of your
- pre-filed testimony, you state, "The time period
- during which the wet weather provision would apply,
- during and after each event, measured in hours,
- would depend on specific rainfall amounts." In
- Table 6, the maximum duration is listed in days.
- 19 Can you explain this discrepancy?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, I apologize for
- 21 any misunderstanding there, but the first sentence
- was meant as a general statement and the Table 6
- 23 actually contains the District's proposal and the
- hours are -- not the hours -- the time period is

- 1 measured in days and that's correct. Table 6 is
- correct. The other sentence is just a general
- 3 statement talking about what the attributes of
- 4 the District's proposal is. That's all.
- MS. WILLIAMS: So the District's
- 6 proposal will full days and it will be based on full
- 7 days, not on portions of days?
- DR. ZENZ: Just as Table 6 days.
- 9 That's the correct proposal from the District and
- as far as I know, it matches everything that came
- out of the District.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Is flow augmentation
- used in the cost estimate for the District's
- 14 proposal?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. Can you go
- back to Question 12 and can you show us where in
- 18 Table 4 we can find the approximate cost?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes. It's in Table 4,
- 20 Stations A, B and C.
- MR. ANDES: So that's for the IEPA
- proposed standards, correct?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct. And then
- for the District's standards, which is in Table 9,

- 1 it's flow augmentation shown in Station A.
- MS. WILLIAMS: So under the District's
- proposal, flow augmentation would be necessary in
- 4 the north shore channel only?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Is that what I'm seeing
- 7 here?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- 9 MS. WILLIAMS: Whereas under the
- 10 Agency's proposal, you are looking at flow
- 11 augmentation where?
- DR. ZENZ: On Bubbly Creek and on the
- 13 Little Cal.
- MS. WILLIAMS: And can you explain for
- us why the District's proposal caused elimination of
- 16 flow augmentation of Bubbly Creek? What about the
- District's proposal changed that?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, I quess the short
- answer is that's what the model showed. I don't
- meant to be flip, but...
- MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. Let's try a
- long answer. What information was put into the
- model to come to that conclusion with regard to the
- 24 District's proposal?

- DR. ZENZ: Many different things.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Was there an assumption
- of no DO standard in Bubbly Creek? Maybe I should
- 4 have asked it that way.
- DR. ZENZ: I think you're right. I
- 6 believe that's correct.
- 7 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you. I
- 8 don't think I have any other questions.
- 9 MR. ANDES: Let me clarify. You mean
- no numeric DO standards for Bubbly Creek?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- MS. LIU: May I ask one more question
- to follow-up?
- MS. WILLIAMS: He's all yours.
- MR. ANDES: Why don't you add that.
- DR. ZENZ: On the bottom of Page 9
- of my testimony, it specifically says, and I
- apologize for not remembering this, but it says,
- numerical minimum DO standards should not be
- specified for Bubbly Creek as the District
- considered it to be a unique complex waterway
- which is stagnant, et cetera. I assumed you
- have learned that from the District witnesses
- that they are not proposing a numeric standard?

- 1 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: And just
- for the record, I appreciate you pointing us to
- page number, but there aren't any page numbers
- 4 your testimony. That's okay. I just wanted to
- 5 note that for the record so that people who were
- 6 looking at the pre-filed testimony weren't --
- 7 DR. ZENZ: I'd have to say there are
- 8 page numbers on mine.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: I don't
- want anyone to think they've got the wrong
- 11 testimony.
- MR. ANDES: I believe Ms. Liu had a
- 13 question.
- DR. ZENZ: Oh, okay.
- MS. LIU: Dr. Zenz, if either
- nutrient removal or disinfection were to provide
- BOD or biochemical oxygen demand removal from the
- water reclamation plants, would that affect the
- 19 number of SEPA stations for the amount of additional
- aeration that would be needed to either meet the
- 21 Agency's proposal or the District's proposal?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes. If nutrient removal
- or removal of phosphorous or the removal of nitrogen
- from the system were to cause reduction, it had a

- number -- in my previous answer, I said I wasn't --
- I really didn't know and I would hate to speculate
- whether that's true or not true, but if it did,
- 4 certainly, it could change just as the question
- was asked about TARP. If there were reduced CSOs,
- 6 could it potentially reduce the number of stations
- or the amount of flow augmentation, yes, of course.
- 8 Any reduction in the organic loads could cause a
- 9 change in the system, but determining the extent of
- it, if any, requires a modeling because the system
- is so complex so you would have to do that.
- MS. LIU: Thank you.
- HEARING OFFICE TIPSORD: Mr. Harley?
- MR. HARLEY: For the record, I think
- you responded to the nutrient removal, but not the
- disinfection part of the question. The question
- 17 also asked about disinfection.
- DR. ZENZ: The District proposes,
- as you probably know, it would not affect the
- organic load coming in. Newly disinfection would
- not. That, I am willing to say.
- HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay.
- Ms. Williams, anything further?
- MS. WILLIAMS: I have nothing further.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Let's take a
- ten-minute break and we'll come back and start with
- 3 Albert and Prairie Rivers.
- 4 MR. ETTINGER: I have very little, by
- 5 the way.
- 6 (Whereupon, after a short
- break was had, the
- 8 following proceedings
- 9 were held accordingly.)
- 10 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: We are
- 11 ready to get going with Mr. Ettinger.
- MR. ETTINGER: I slashed and burned
- most of my pre-filed questions. We will still
- qo to No. 5 and ask, are you aware of any other
- possible approaches to the problem of low dissolved
- oxygen levels caused by CSOs other than supplemental
- 17 aeration stations?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, we are continuing
- to work with the District to refine our cost
- estimate for the District for meeting the EPA
- standards and as part of that program, we had
- been looking at other technologies in addition
- to supplemental aeration.
- MR. ETTINGER: So does the District

- 1 have some idea of which CSOs will be definitely
- 2 taken care of by the various stages of TARP
- and which ones might still be going after TARP
- 4 is completed?
- DR. ZENZ: I assume they do.
- 6 Unfortunately, I don't know what those are.
- 7 MR. ETTINGER: You don't?
- DR. ZENZ: No.
- 9 MR. ETTINGER: And you don't know
- what plans there might be to address any remaining
- 11 CSOs or CSOs to the extent they remain after the
- 12 completion of TARP?
- DR. ZENZ: I just have not been
- involved in any parts of that TARP program and
- 15 I just don't have an answer to that question.
- MR. ETTINGER: All right. Well,
- let's go back to what you have been involved in.
- you said you've been working on alternative
- 19 approaches to CSOs. Can you just describe that?
- DR. ZENZ: Sure. Give me a second
- 21 here. Sediments in the Chicago area waterway system
- are DO demand and so one of the things that we are
- looking at is what they call sediment treatment and
- one of the alternatives that -- there are several

- different types of alternatives that could be used.
- 2 First is sediment capping where you just put a
- sand layer over the type of these organic deposits
- 4 and then limit the SOD -- sediment oxygen demand in
- 5 that way or you could treat them with chemical
- treatment. You could stabilize them with organic
- 7 methods. There are even -- some people have talked
- 8 be onsite sediment management. So we would be
- 9 looking at that.
- MR. ETTINGER: What is on-site
- 11 sediment management?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, it's a little
- drastic, but it was it's been talked about as
- you would -- if you had, like, a slip or inlet,
- which was full of lots of sediment and wasn't
- really part of the main body of waterway, you
- could actually block that that inlet out and
- then put in some devices to aerate and somewhat
- stabilize the organics in the sediment that way.
- It really wouldn't -- to be
- 21 honest with you right now, the only one that
- we thought might be viable would be sediment
- capping where you would add a sand layer over
- the top. 24

- MR. ETTINGER: Some of these
- site -- well, some of these abandoned slips
- and things, if they contain sediment --
- DR. ZENZ: Yes.
- MR. ETTINGER: -- have you looked
- 6 at things there?
- 7 DR. ZENZ: Some specifically there,
- but as a general concept, it's a possibility.
- 9 MR. ETTINGER: What have you looked
- 10 at there?
- DR. ZENZ: For the slips and inlets?
- MR. ETTINGER: Yes.
- DR. ZENZ: Quite frankly, we didn't
- look at the slips and inlets. There are many of
- these in there. We made an early decision talking
- with Dr. Melching that the difficulty of trying to
- model for these slips and inlets so --
- MR. ANDES: But for this analysis?
- DR. ZENZ: For this analysis.
- MR. ANDES: But there is a continuing
- 21 analysis.
- MR. ETTINGER: That's what I was
- 23 asking. I thought we were just talking in general
- 24 rather --

- DR. ZENZ: Yes.
- 2 MR. ETTINGER: -- than what you did
- with Dr. Melching, but for the District, you are
- 4 looking for doing things with slips and inlets.
- 5 I'm just asking in general, what sorts of things
- 6 are you talking about for the slips and inlets?
- 7 DR. ZENZ: Well, I'm talking about
- 8 sediment capping, sediment treatment, onsite
- 9 sediment management, those kind of things. I
- want to make sure everybody understands this is
- just a study. Looking at them, there is no --
- 12 it's not going much further than that. One of
- the difficulties here is Dr. Melching has spent
- some modeling time looking at what is the
- component of sediment oxygen demand in his model
- and it doesn't appear to him based on a workshop
- he has done recently for us that sediment oxygen
- demand is a major component of the oxygen demand
- in the system.
- You know, the CSOs, the discharges
- 21 from the treatment plants, storm water discharges,
- 22 are so great that sediment oxygen demand is really
- not a big portion. So that doesn't appear to be
- 24 extremely viable alternative right now in our

- opinion.
- MR. ETTINGER: So what are the big
- portions? What are the things documented as DO?
- DR. ZENZ: CSOs is a very big part
- of it. Now, as I said before, Dr. Melching and
- 6 his workshops discussing the results of the model
- 7 indicated that many of the stations are required
- 8 simply because of CSOs, but then you do have dry
- 9 weather flows, you do have oxygen demand from the
- 10 treatment plants themselves.
- MR. ANDES: Also stagnant areas.
- DR. ZENZ: Stagnant areas that are
- present, yes.
- MR. ETTINGER: Have you looked at
- creating any wetlands in any of the slips or inlets
- in the system?
- DR. ZENZ: We have not. I know other
- people have, but not us.
- MR. ETTINGER: What other people do
- you know of who --
- DR. ZENZ: I don't know. I heard
- Jennifer talking about wetland restoration.
- MR. ETTINGER: You know generally
- someone did, but --

- MR. ZENZ: Somebody I don't have any
- ² specifics.
- MR. ETTINGER: -- you have no
- 4 knowledge?
- 5 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Mr. Harley,
- 6 did you have a follow-up?
- 7 MR. HARLEY: I'm sorry to interrupt,
- 8 but the workshop that you were describing, have
- 9 any presentation materials from that workshop been
- included in the record, to your knowledge, in these
- 11 proceedings?
- DR. ZENZ: No.
- MR. HARLEY: Would that be possible?
- MR. ANDES: Well, will the -- let
- me ask a question which might help clarify that.
- Were those workshops part of developing the
- integrated strategy for the District.
- DR. ZENZ: Yes.
- MR. ANDES: So is it your
- understanding that the final report from that
- integrated strategy will be available at some point?
- DR. ZENZ: Correct.
- MR. HARLEY: At some point?
- MR. ANDES: That report, I believe,

- will be available in the near future and will be
- 2 provided to the docket.
- MR. HARLEY: And that will include
- 4 specific reference to the allocation of oxygen
- demand from CSOs, dry weather flows from treatment
- facilities, stagnant waters?
- 7 DR. ZENZ: Yes.
- MR. HARLEY: Thank you.
- 9 MR. ETTINGER: Okay. I think I'm
- down to eight. Are there problems caused by CSOs
- in addition to their effect on dissolved oxygen
- 12 levels?
- DR. ZENZ: I really don't feel like
- 14 I'm qualified to answer that question. I think
- this is more for an aquatic biologist and not for
- an engineer.
- MR. ETTINGER: Okay. Well, have you
- studied wastewater treatment of CSOs?
- DR. ZENZ: Have I studied wastewater
- treatment of CSOs? The answer is yes.
- MR. ETTINGER: Okay. What are you
- treating them for?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, let me give some
- background information. As part of the use

- 1 attainability analysis study, the IEPA asked the
- 2 District to perform a study of end of pipe CSO
- 3 treatment for certain portions of the Chicago Area
- 4 Waterway System. So we did look at this, but this
- was designed, as I understand it, to look at
- 6 disinfecting -- end of pipe disinfection of certain
- 7 CSOs.
- 8 MR. ETTINGER: So you only looked at
- 9 CSOs from the point of view of disinfection? You
- didn't look at them in terms of TSS or BOD or
- 11 anything else?
- DR. ZENZ: As part of the process to
- disinfect it, we felt it was -- you know, each of
- these -- for an end of pipe CSO treatment system,
- you would have to put in some kind of system to get
- the water up to groundwater level to disinfect it.
- 17 So the CSOs are down below grade so it would have
- to be pumped.
- so we figured well, we're going
- to pump it. We'll have to screen it to protect the
- 21 pumps. Then we put it fine screens downstream of
- the pumps to remove any other additional screening
- materials that would screw up or just mess up the
- 24 pumping system and the disinfection system.

- Then we since we decided in the
- 2 study that the disinfection system would be UV
- disinfection, which the District feels is the
- future for disinfection, I'm sure you have heard
- 5 that enough times during the testimony, that we
- 6 would have to remove some solids to make the UV
- disinfection system affective and not waste a lot
- 8 of money on UV disinfection because the solids are
- 9 too high and are coating up the bulbs and the rest
- 10 of it.
- 11 So we did have some solids
- removed, but only about 30 percent solids removed
- so still 70 percent of the organic load would still
- qo based on this study, but that would be followed
- by UV disinfection.
- MR. ETTINGER: Okay. So you're not --
- 17 although the aim of your study was disinfection, it
- sounds to me like you did learn that there's a lot
- of sediment in CSOs that has to be removed for it to
- 20 be disinfected?
- DR. ZENZ: Absolutely.
- MR. ANDES: And we have copies of
- the report at issue to provide, which is entitled,
- "Technical Memorandum 3WQ Study of End of Pipe

- 1 Combined Sewer Overflow CSO Treatment."
- DR. ZENZ: For whatever reason, it
- was not part of submittal.
- 4 MR. ANDES: Many other TMWQ documents
- 5 are in the record, but not this one.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: If there
- 7 is no objection, we will mark the technical
- 8 memorandum 3WQ file as of 10/16/06 as Exhibit 464.
- 9 Seeing none, it's Exhibit 464.
- 10 (Document marked as
- Hearing Exhibit No. 464
- for identification,
- 13 5/18/11.)
- 14 (Hearing Exhibit No. 463
- admitted as evidence.)
- MR. ETTINGER: I did look at this at
- some point, but I don't think I want to go too far
- on that today. I think we've had a lot of fun here
- this week already and we will all read the report
- 20 at our leisure.
- My point, though, is in the course
- of -- my question is in the course of preparing this
- study, did you take a look at what was likely to be
- in CSOs so that you could figure out how to screen

- them out properly or how to address them properly in
- 2 terms of disinfection treatment?
- DR. ZENZ: Again, this was a study so
- within a general sense, yes, we did. We knew the
- 5 District provided us with some information about
- 6 the solids, load, and so forth. So we had some idea
- 7 what it was. We quickly figured -- I mean, in a
- general sense, we quickly figured out that it would
- have to have some kind of solids removal system if
- we are going to have an affective and reasonable
- 11 sized UV disinfection system.
- MR. ETTINGER: And that's because the
- 13 UV doesn't work very well when there's a lot of the
- 14 TSS in the water?
- DR. ZENZ: Uv does not work very
- well when there is a lot of TSS in the water, that's
- 17 correct.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Mr. Harley?
- MR. HARLEY: Is UV disinfection the
- only way to disinfect wastewater from a CSO?
- DR. ZENZ: No. It's not the only way.
- MR. HARLEY: What are the only other
- 23 alternatives.
- DR. ZENZ: Or you could use -- there's

- very many disinfection systems that could be used;
- 2 chlorination either with gaseous form or with the
- 3 liquid -- there is liquid chlorine that's available.
- 4 There is ozone at that could be used. It's not used
- 5 very extensively, because it could be used.
- MR. ANDES: Did your memorandum on
- 7 the cause of disinfection lay out the reasons why
- 8 the District has selected UV as the preferred
- 9 option?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes. In my previous
- testimony and reports that we gave to the Board,
- 12 as typical of an engineering firm, before we
- selected UV disinfection as the method of choice,
- we did look at other alternatives and I just
- mentioned a few and I may have forgotten some
- of the ones we looked at. I haven't looked at
- that report in a while.
- MR. HARLEY: Are you aware of any
- 19 CSOs where the District is presently doing
- 20 CSO-specific disinfections?
- DR. ZENZ: No. I'm not aware of any.
- MR. HARLEY: Are you aware of the fact
- that for the Calumet wastewater treatment plant
- draft permit issued by the Illinois EPA for public

- 1 comment, it includes CSO-specific disinfection for
- 2 two CSOs within the Calumet River system?
- DR. ZENZ: I did not know that.
- 4 MR. HARLEY: Thank you.
- 5 MR. ETTINGER: And I think you said
- 6 this, but you have never looked at treating CSOs
- ⁷ for any purpose other than achieving disinfection?
- DR. ZENZ: Yes. In my career, that's
- 9 the only thing I've ever -- in my career, that's the
- only thing I've looked at and that would that be
- 11 study.
- MR. ETTINGER: So you never looked at
- treating CSOs to take out nutrients or turbidity for
- 14 anything like that?
- DR. ZENZ: No.
- MR. ANDES: What would be some of the
- challenges involved in treating specific CSOs
- outfalls to deal with nutrients or DO?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, I can only tell
- 20 you when we -- and Jennifer already testified to
- this affect. There were numerous CSOs, which we
- just could not find land in the vicinity of the
- 23 CSO where we could put a treatment system.
- Literally any -- for example, part of the study

- area was the Chicago River, which runs right through
- the downtown area. Well, there really was no place
- 3 to put a CSO treatment system there.
- 4 MR. ETTINGER: What about the post
- 5 office?
- DR. ZENZ: I mean, no practical way.
- 7 You would literally have to -- you know, I mean, it
- ⁸ just -- you can do anything if you have enough money
- 9 and you want to buy a multi-story building and move
- 10 roads around, but that's a very difficult problem.
- 11 The CSO is where it is. It's right at this
- 12 particular spot.
- So you've got to get, you know,
- some kind of a system to get it up to ground level
- and treat it. I suppose you could come up with a
- system where you do it underground in some tunneled
- area, but I mean we're getting into areas where it's
- coming a little silly, but anyway, that would be one
- of the biggest challenges, just locating them in a
- spot where you could buy the land and getting the
- land condemned and so forth. It would be a
- 22 nightmare.
- MR. ETTINGER: And unlike -- I forget
- whether it was Dr. Bell or Mr. Bell, but you have

- not been involved in building wetlands for treatment
- of CSOs?
- DR. ZENZ: Not in my career, no.
- 4 MR. ETTINGER: My next to pre-filed
- 5 questions refer to reports that I must have thought
- 6 were fascinating at the time. Do you have copies
- of them that you wanted to introduce or either of
- 8 them?
- 9 MR. ANDES: We didn't see a reason to
- introduce them. We thought you might to introduce
- them. Not unless you do. The second one, we don't
- even know what you're refer to.
- MR. ETTINGER: Then you know what, I'm
- drop those questions. The second one may be a typo
- from -- as far as the date goes with regard to --
- MR. ANDES: We could not locate any
- document with that name.
- MR. ETTINGER: Okay. And the first
- one, I'll have to find it in my files. If I find
- it fascinating again, you will probably see it in
- the final comments, but I doubt it.
- MR. RAO: As far as No. 11, there is a
- document, "Development of a Framework for an
- 24 Integrated Water Quality Strategy for Chicago Area

- 1 Waterway." Is that in the record?
- MR. ANDES: I don't believe it is.
- 3 We can certainly provide it for the record. As I
- 4 indicated earlier, the actual final report from the
- 5 "Integrated Water Quality Strategy for Chicago Area
- 6 Waterway" will be available at some point in the
- 7 near future.
- 8 MR. RAO: Okay. And that will
- 9 summarize what the strategy is all about?
- MR. ANDES: Yes.
- MR. RAO: Okay.
- DR. ZENZ: Just for your information,
- all that document is, the one that Albert is
- referring to, is really a scope of work for the
- study report that will eventually come out. That's
- all it is. It really isn't any -- there really
- isn't any information. It just says we're going to
- begin with a long list. We'll go through a short
- 19 list. We'll develop a model. I mean, it's all the
- things we've talk about. It's jut a scope of work.
- 21 It might be interesting to you, but there's no --
- there's not conclusions. There's no costs. There's
- no -- there's nothing.
- MR. RAO: We heard you mention. We

- were not aware of this document. So I just wanted
- 2 to make sure.
- MS LIU: Could you give us a little
- 4 idea of what the integrated strategy is for? Is it
- 5 for aquatic life or is it for recreation or is it
- for both or is it for other things as well?
- 7 DR. ZENZ: It really is just a
- 8 refinement of what my testimony is here. The --
- 9 MS. LIU: I see.
- DR. ZENZ: -- objective is come up
- with a more refined cost estimate.
- MR. ANDES: For dissolved oxygen
- 13 compliance?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- MR. RAO: Thank you.
- MR. ETTINGER: Question 13, are you
- familiar with MWRD-supported efforts to develop
- treatment wetlands for CSO or nutrient pollution?
- DR. ZENZ: I'm not. Sorry.
- MR. ETTINGER: Have you ever heard
- of a proposal to create wetlands in the Lake Calumet
- area as a way of addressing nutrients?
- DR. ZENZ: I've heard about it, but
- 24 my knowledge is strictly, you know, from newspapers

- an other places. I don't have enough knowledge to
- give you any good information.
- MR. ETTINGER: Okay. I'm going to
- 4 dump 16 and 17. I think -- where is this. There's
- 5 not a page here because my copy is not paginated
- 6 either, but below Table 6 of the document that I
- have and then behind the word Table 6, it says,
- 8 "The wet weather provision would not be applied
- 9 during a wet weather event when DO levels were
- greater than or equal to the minimum DO criteria."
- What was meant by that?
- 12 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: And for the
- record, what you were referring to was his pre-filed
- 14 testimony?
- MR. ETTINGER: I'm referring -- I'm
- sorry. I'm referring to his pre-filed testimony.
- 17 Did we ever mark that as an exhibit?
- 18 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Yes. It was
- 19 Exhibit 463.
- MR. ETTINGER: I'm referring to the
- third to last page of your pre-filed testimony.
- MR. ANDES: Table 6.
- DR. ZENZ: Yes. I see that sentence
- 24 and it's just simply as what other District

- witnesses have explained, which I thought pretty
- well, which is that during -- once these trigger
- events take place and the duration of wet weather
- 4 exemption is two days, four days or six days as
- 5 shown in Table 6, there just wouldn't be any
- 6 dissolved oxygen standard during that period of
- 7 time.
- MS. WILLIAMS: I just want to clarify
- 9 something. When you say, "I think other District
- witnesses have already explained well already, "
- which witnesses are you referring to?
- DR. ZENZ: I thought Jennifer did a
- pretty good job yesterday talking about this wet
- weather provision.
- MR. ANDES: The particular sentence at
- 16 issue --
- MR. ETTINGER: My sentence is a
- 18 little more confusing that than.
- MR. ANDES: Let me ask you this. The
- sentence that says the wet weather provision would
- not be applied when the DO level was greater than or
- 22 equal to --
- DR. ZENZ: Oh, I see. Yes.
- MR. ANDES: Does that mean that if

- the DO levels meet the criteria or were better,
- that the wet weather provision doesn't apply during
- 3 those circumstances?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- MR. ANDES: So if the DO is equal
- to or better than the minimum DO criteria, then,
- ⁷ the wet weather provision would not apply, the
- 8 minimum DO criteria would apply and they would be
- 9 met; is that true.
- DR. ZENZ: I was answering another
- 11 question. I apologize.
- MR. ETTINGER: And I guess I was
- confused by that because obviously if you're --
- well, it seems if you're meeting the criteria,
- you're meeting the criteria, right?
- MR. ANDES: That's the intent.
- MR. ETTINGER: Is that what you're
- about to say there?
- DR. ZENZ: That's correct.
- MR. ETTINGER: So what is the import
- of this sentence and how did that lead us here.
- DR. ZENZ: It was my attempt to try to
- explain the District's proposed standard. If I've
- done a poor job, I apologize.

- MR. ETTINGER: Well, I was just trying
- to understand how this related to how you had to ran
- 3 aerators or something like that.
- 4 MR. ANDES: Is the intent to say
- 5 that during those times, there is no intent to
- exempt the District from meeting the DO criteria?
- 7 DR. ZENZ: Correct.
- MR. ANDES: Okay.
- 9 MR. ETTINGER: So if you're meeting
- it, you don't need to be exempted from it?
- MR. ANDES: Right.
- DR. ZENZ: Right.
- MR. ETTINGER: Okay. That was --
- okay. It was so obvious to me, it was confusing.
- 15 With that, I conclude.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Are there
- any other questions for Dr. Zenz?
- 18 All right. Let's go off the
- 19 record for just one movement.
- Whereupon, a discussion
- was had off the record.)
- MR. ANDES: Can I go back on the
- record for just one second? We just realized there
- was a question the Illinois EPA had asked Dr. Zenz.

- 1 He has located the information to answer the
- question. So we thought we would conclude with
- 3 that.
- DR. ZENZ: The question is what
- 5 would be the schedule for pilot studies designed
- and construction required to meet the District's
- 7 proposed standard.
- We found the document and I
- 9 didn't want to trust my memory, but I'm saying the
- pilot full scale studies would take two years,
- design would take two years and construction would
- take two years for a total of six years as opposed
- 13 to the 28 stations and the three flow augmentation
- was eight and a half years.
- MS. LIU: Does that schedule
- incorporate time for modeling or would modeling be
- in addition?
- DR. ZENZ: It incorporates, yes.
- MR. ETTINGER: Let me just ask this.
- The two stations that the District proposes that it
- would build to meet its schedule, would those also
- be built to meet the IEPA proposed standards?
- DR. ZENZ: I don't think so. I think
- they are in different locations. I'm almost

- 1 positive. That's an interesting question.
- MR. ETTINGER: I may one fair summary
- and one interesting question. I'm doing really
- 4 well.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Well, you
- 6 can go home.
- DR. ZENZ: Oh, boy. We don't have
- 8 the mile markers. These are given in, like, mile
- 9 markers.
- MR. ANDES: Dr. Zenz, if you look at
- 11 table --
- DR. ZENZ: Yes, yes, yes. Here we go.
- 13 Yes.
- MR. ANDES: Let me clarify this. On
- Table 7, these two aeration stations, those are on
- the south branch of the Chicago River?
- DR. ZENZ: Correct.
- 18 MR. ANDES: One and a half miles
- downstream of Jackson Boulevard and at Throop
- 20 Street, correct?
- DR. ZENZ: Correct.
- MR. ANDES: Okay. And on Table 1
- here, it lists the aeration stations needed to meet
- the IEPA proposal. There are four south branch

- stations?
- DR. ZENZ: Correct.
- MR. ANDES: Are two of them the same
- 4 ones?
- DR. ZENZ: Well, one is on Throop
- 6 Street and the other one is on -- so one is
- 7 identical and the other one is 1.5 miles downstream
- 8 of Jackson Boulevard.
- 9 MR. ANDES: That's not shown exact
- same location as Table 1?
- DR. ZENZ: Not the same exact
- 12 location.
- DR. ZENZ: One is and one isn't.
- MR. ETTINGER: Okay. Thank you.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Anything
- else for Dr. Zenz?
- As I indicated while we were
- off the record, the District's final witness,
- 19 Adrienne Nemura, is ill and not able to be with
- us today. We are going to continue this hearing
- on the record until noon, May 26th. If Ms. Nemura
- is not available on that date, I will issue a
- hearing officer order canceling that continuation
- so we will not have to meet on May 26th if she is

- 1 not available.
- I also will be doing a hearing
- officer order asking for people to let me know
- 4 their availability for a prehearing conference to
- 5 start looking at scheduling additional hearings and
- 6 start looking at moving on to Subdocket D in this
- 7 proceeding.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Can you tell us what
- 9 dates you are looking at for the prehearing
- 10 conference?
- 11 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Yes. I'm
- looking at May 26, May 27th and May 31st. If we
- do not have a hearing on May 26th and we were to do
- a prehearing conference, it would have to be in the
- afternoon. The Board has a session in the morning.
- But will hopefully get those hearing officer orders
- out as soon as I hear from Mr. Andes.
- MR. ANDES: Yes. One other question;
- there's a pending motion to stay as to Subdocket A.
- HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: There is?
- MR. ANDES: And I assume that parties
- will have an opportunity to respond to that before
- 23 any decisions?
- 24 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Their motion

- is asking that the Board not consider a second
- 2 notice in Subdocket at tomorrow's Board meeting
- and the Board's agenda is out for tomorrow's Board
- 4 meeting. The Board's agenda has R08-9 Subdocket A
- on pending decisions. So I personally think that
- 6 moots the motion. I mean, the motion was only to
- 7 hold off on May 19th so the Board's agenda had
- 8 actually -- the agenda came out about the same time
- 9 we got the motion. The agenda has it on pending
- decisions and so it is not up for the Board's
- 11 consideration tomorrow.
- MR. ANDES: Thank you.
- HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: So that
- moots the motion. Like I said, although it looked
- like it was for a stay, it really was only for the
- May 19th meeting.
- MR. ANDES: Thank you for the
- 18 clarification.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Sure.
- 20 Anything else? All right. Look for hearing
- officer orders. Thank you all. Again, it's been a
- pleasure.
- (Whereupon, the hearing
- was adjourned sine die.)

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