ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: )

SIERRA CLUB, ENVIRONMENTAL )
LAW AND POLICY CENTER, ) PCB 13-15
PRAIRIE RIVERS NETWORK, ) (Citizens
and CITIZENS AGAINST ) Enforcement-Water,
RUINING THE ENVIRONMENT, ) REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS at the hearing of
the above-entitled cause before HEARING OFFICER

BRADLEY P. HALLORAN, called by the Illinois

Pollution Control Board, taken by Jamye
Giamarusti, Certified Shorthand Reporter for the State of Illinois, at 160 North LaSalle Street, Room N-505, Chicago, Illinois, on the 17th day of May, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

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ALSO PRESENT:
Ms. Vanessa Horton;
Ms. Essence Brown.

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THE HEARING OFFICER: Good morning, everybody.

My name is Bradley Halloran. I'm the hearing officer with the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

This matter is continued on record from yesterday. Today is May 17th. This is PCB 13-15. We're in the remedy stage. We're starting redirect with Mr. Wannier and the witness, Mr. Shefftz.

Before we proceed, Vanessa Horton would like to state something for the record.

MS. HORTON: Hi. I'm Vanessa Horton, attorney-adviser to Chair Currie.

In regards to the ex parte conversation between her and representatives from NRG on May 14, 2023, Chair Currie shared with me that she would like for the record to show that she believes the conversation was misinterpreted.

She believes that she was merely sharing her understanding that NRG's finances are not currently at issue in this case.

That's all. Thanks for your time.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Ms. Horton.

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(WHEREUPON, a discussion was held off the Record.)

THE HEARING OFFICER: We're back on the record. It's approximately 10:05. Ms. Bugel has her witness up here. I think it's Mr. Gnat. If you raise your right-hand, Jamye will swear you in.
(Witness sworn.)

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| RICHARD GNAT, |  |
| called as an adverse witness herein, having been |  |
| first duly sworn, was examined and testified as |  |
| follows: |  |
| DIRECT EXAMINATION (ADVERSE) |  |
| BY MS. BUGEL: |  |
| Q. Mr. Gnat, can you please state your |  |
| full name for the record. |  |
| A. My name is Richard Gnat, G-N-A-T. |  |
| Q. Who do you work for? |  |
| A. KPRG and Associates. |  |
| Q. What is your position at KPRG? |  |
| A. I'm a principal and part owner of the |  |
| company |  |
| Q. What is KPRG's relationship with |  |
| Midwest Generation? |  |
| A. We are a consultant for Midwest |  |
| Generation. |  |
| Q. And you, yourself do some work for |  |
| Midwest Generation in your position at KPRG, correct? |  |
| A. Yes, I do. |  |
| Q. What work are you currently doing for |  |
| Midwest Generation? |  |

[^0]A. Most of my work currently for Midwest Generation is involved on helping with compliance on the CCR rule, in particular the groundwater monitoring program. We also assisted in pulling together the initial applications for permit to operate as well as the initial application, construction permit application for closure.

MS. BUGEL: Hearing Officer, Complainants would like to make a motion under Rule 101.624 to treat Mr . Gnat as an adverse witness due to his relationship with Respondent.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: We would object. Mr. Gnat is a principal of his own firm. As he said, Midwest Generation is a client of his. He has many other clients. And there's no reason that he would need to be adverse. Other than working for Midwest Generation at times, he is not an employee of Midwest Generation, nor associated with the company.

THE HEARING OFFICER: I'm going to grant Ms. Bugel's motion and treat Mr. Gnat as an adverse witness. You may proceed.

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BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. So, Mr. Gnat, just to make certain terminology clear on the record, do you call compliance commitment agreements CCAs at times?
A. Yes.
Q. And do you have an understanding of what CCR, what acronym that stands for?
A. Yes, coal combustion residual.
Q. Are you aware of two different CCR rules that apply in this proceeding?
A. Yes, I am. It's the federal CCR rule as well as the state CCR rule.

MS. GALE: Objection to the extent that she said they apply to this proceeding. This proceeding is related to -- the complaint is related to 12A and 21D and the groundwater protection rules under 620. There is no application of the CCR rule.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Bugel.
MS. BUGEL: I'll restate the question to make it clear on the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Are you aware of two different CCR

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rules that may get referenced in the course of this proceeding?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. And one is the federal rule?
A. Correct.
Q. And one is the Illinois rule?
A. Yes, it is.
Q. For clarity in the record, if we are referring to a CCR rule, is it agreeable to refer to them as the federal CCR rule versus the Illinois CCR rule just for clarity in the record?
A. Individually, yes, because they're different in and of themselves.
Q. Understood. Have you heard of the acronym ASD?
A. Yes, I have.
Q. When we use the acronym ASD, just for clarity in the record, does that generally reference in this proceeding alternate source demonstration?
A. Yes, it does.
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1302 and 1303 were marked for

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And for the record, Exhibit 1301 --
MS. GALE: Can we wait?
MS. BUGEL: Sure. I was just going to read the Bates numbers into the record.

For the record, Exhibit 1301 begins with the Bates No. 63811; Exhibit 1302 begins with the Bates No. 679775; and Exhibit 1303 begins with the Bates No. 118134.

BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Do you have those in front of you?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And, Mr. Gnat, can you generally explain what these documents are?
A. Sure. The first one, 1301, is a CCR quarterly groundwater monitoring report -- I'm

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sorry -- CCA quarterly groundwater monitoring report for Joliet Station No. 29 dated October 7th, 2019.

Document 1302 is annual and quarterly groundwater monitoring report for Joliet No. 29 Generating Station dated January 21st of 2021.

And Document 1303 is the CCA annual and quarterly groundwater monitoring report for Joliet No. 29 Station dated January 20th, 2022.
Q. Can you generally explain what data is found in these documents?
A. Sure. The CCA, or the compliance commitment agreement, requires quarterly groundwater monitoring at agreed wells around various -- three impoundments at the Joliet 29 station. Reports are submitted on a quarterly basis. As an example, the one for October 7th, 2019. And then we also have an annual report that's generated in conjunction with the fourth quarterly report from the year.
Q. Can you generally indicate where data

## is found in these reports?

A. Sure. The quarterly report is supported by a set of figures, one which

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includes groundwater flow, and then we have a series of tables. Table 1 being groundwater elevations from monitoring wells and the following table being the tabulated data itself.

And then as an attachment, we include the analytical data package from the lab for each quarter. And then in the annual report, we have a similar layout. We have the supporting figures, followed by the elevation table, a summary table of the groundwater data, and then we just include the fourth quarter lab package since the previous quarter lab packages are included in the specific quarterly reports.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibits 1301, 1302, and 1303 into the record.

MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you. What exactly is a group exhibit? How are we treating this any differently?

MS. BUGEL: Just asking the questions collectively and then making a motion collectively.

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Board.
MS. BUGEL: Yeah. Just to make things move a little faster.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.
MS. BUGEL: Thank you.
(WHEREUPON, Exhibit Nos. 1304, 1305, 1306 and 1307 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Okay. Complainants have the next set of group exhibits which were also agreed. Leah is going to distribute these. This consists of Exhibits 1304, 1305, 1306, and 1307.

For the record, 1304 begins with Bates
No. 66096; Exhibit 1305 begins with Bates
No. 76563; Exhibit 1306 begins with Bates
No. 79904; and Exhibit 1307 begins with Bates No. 188236 .

Do you have those in front of you,
Mr. Gnat?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you generally explain what these documents are?
A. Sure. Exhibit 1304 is a quarterly

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groundwater monitoring report for the Powerton Generating Station dated October 7th, 2019. Exhibit 1305 is the quarterly groundwater monitoring report for the Powerton Generating Station dated July 13th, 2020.

Exhibit 1306 is the annual and quarterly groundwater monitoring report for Powerton Station dated January 15th, 2021. And Exhibit 1307 is also a CCA annual and quarterly groundwater monitoring report from Powerton Generating Station dated January 14th, 2022 .
Q. Thank you.

Can you explain what data is contained

## in these documents?

A. Sure. The Powerton station similar to the Joliet 29 station is under a compliance commitment agreement, which also requires us to do quarterly groundwater monitoring at an agreed upon set of wells.

This is the quarterly -- individual quarterly reports are issued summarizing the groundwater data from that quarter of sampling. And then on an annual basis, there is an annual report that also summarizes the fourth quarter

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data but also evaluates for the overall year.
There's an annual report there for the
Powerton Generating Station as well.
Q. Can you indicate where this data is found in these exhibits?
A. Sure. The reports are laid out similar to the Joliet 29 station where we first have supporting figures of the well locations on individual groundwater flow maps for the two groundwater units at the station.

And then that's followed by tables with water levels supporting our interpretations for the groundwater flow. That is followed by a set of tables which summarizes the data for each well from the quarterly sampling. And then that is supported by the analytical data packages.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibits 1304, 1305, 1306, and 1307 into the record.

MS. GALE: No objection.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. Exhibits 1304, 1305, 1306 and 1307 are admitted. Thank you.

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BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. We're distributing and placing in front of people Exhibits 1308, 1309, and 1310.

For the record, Exhibit 1308 begins with Bates No. 68260; Exhibit 1309 begins with Bates No. 80157; and Exhibit 1310 begins with 118489.

Do you have those documents in front of you now?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you generally explain what these documents are?
A. Sure. This is parallel set of
documents for the previous ones. These are for the Waukegan Station, compliance commitment agreement. And the first document, Exhibit 1308, is the quarterly groundwater monitoring report for Waukegan Generating Station dated October 7th, 2019.

Exhibit 1309 is the annual and quarterly groundwater monitoring report for the

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Waukegan Station dated January 21st, 2021. And Exhibit 1310 is the CCA slash permit annual and quarterly groundwater monitoring report for the Waukegan Station dated January 20th, 2022.
Q. Can you explain what data is contained

## in these documents?

A. Sure. The Waukegan station is also under the compliance commitment agreement like the other two stations we talked about. One slight difference at this point.

There was a modification to one of the Waukegan dikes that required a permit from Illinois EPA. And under that permit they issued a requirement for some slightly modified groundwater monitoring as opposed to what was under the CCA.

And the Illinois EPA allowed us to use permit monitoring to qualify to substitute for our CCA monitoring program at the time.
Q. Can you indicate where in these documents that data is found?
A. Sure. In the quarterly report, Exhibit 1308, just like in the other documents, the report figures are, the supporting figures

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are right after the summary report that's followed by the tables which include groundwater elevations that support our interpretation of groundwater flow beneath the impoundments; and then followed by a data summary table of the quarterly data which then as an attachment is supported by the actual analytical data package itself.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibits 1308, 1309, 1310 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Complainants Exhibits 1308, 1309, and 1310 are admitted.
(WHEREUPON, Exhibit Nos. 1311, 1312, 1313 and 1314 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. We are distributing the next set of exhibits. The next set are Exhibits 1311, 1312, 1313, and 1314.

For the record, Exhibit 1311 begins
with Bates No. 69946; Exhibit 1312 begins with

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the Bates No. 76486; Exhibit 1313 begins with the Bates No. 80050; and Exhibit 1314 begins with the Bates No. 118379.

Do you have those documents in front of you?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you generally explain what these are for the record?
A. Sure. Exhibit 1311 is a quarterly groundwater monitoring report for the Will County Generating Station dated October 7th, 2019. Exhibit 1312 is another quarterly groundwater monitoring report for the Will County Generating Station dated July 13th, 2020. Exhibit 1313 is an annual and quarterly groundwater monitoring report for the Will County Generating Station dated January 21st, 2021. And Exhibit 1314 is the CCA annual and quarterly groundwater monitoring report for the Will County Generating Station dated January 20th, 2022.
Q. Can you generally explain what data is contained in these documents?
A. Yes. The Will County station is also

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under a compliance commitment agreement like the other stations; again, with quarterly groundwater monitoring for an agreed set of parameters and an agreed set of wells.

We do quarterly reports, also followed by an annual report which includes a fourth quarter. The reports are structured in a manner that parallels the other reports. We have the supporting figures which include the groundwater flow interpretation beneath the impoundments. That's followed by tables which the first table includes all of our water level data in support of our flow evaluations.

And then Table 2 is a summary of the quarterly groundwater monitoring data. That's then followed by an attachment which includes the analytical data package from which the table summary was obtained.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibits 1311, 1312, 1313, and 1314 into the record.

MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Ms. Gale. Complainants Exhibit 1311, 1312, 1313,

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and 1314 will be admitted.
MS. BUGEL: Hearing Officer, due to the volume of exhibits, we're not always able to make four copies of everything. Would you be opposed to you and Ms. Horton sharing a copy?

THE HEARING OFFICER: That's fine.
MS. BUGEL: Okay. Thank you.
(WHEREUPON, Exhibit No. 1315
was marked for identification.)
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. We are placing in front of you what has been marked as Exhibit 1315. And for the record, Exhibit 1315 begins with Bates No. 70527; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And you have that document in front of you now?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Are you familiar with this document?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. I realize you can't necessarily page through the whole thing. But just at first glance, does this appear to be a true and accurate copy of this document?

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A. Yes, it does.
Q. For the record, can you please explain what this document is?
A. Sure. This is an alternate source demonstration under the federal CCR rule for the former ash basin located at the Powerton Generating Station.
Q. And KPRG prepared this alternate source demonstration, correct?
A. Yes, we did.
Q. Can you please explain what an alternate source demonstration is?
A. Sure. Under the federal rule, an alternate source demonstration, the initial option for an alternate source demonstration falls under the detection monitoring program for a regulated unit.

A detection monitoring program is the initial monitoring performed after the background data sampling has been completed. You initiate what's called detection monitoring that requires sampling for seven parameters called Appendix 3 parameters under the federal CCR rule.

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From the background sampling that was done, some statistical background is generated, and we would have a prediction limit, a 95 percent confidence prediction limit for those seven parameters.

If one of your detection sampling parameters at a well exceeds that prediction limit, you resample to verify. And if you still have an exceedance there, it's still above that prediction limit, you have either a choice to do an alternate source demonstration to determine whether or not that potential statistically significant increase is associated with the regulated impoundment or might there be another alternate source resulting in that detection.

The other option is then to shift over from detection monitoring to assessment monitoring.
Q. Thank you. And just, again, for the record, we may use the acronym ASD to stand for alternate source demonstration.

KPRG prepared this document on behalf of Midwest Generation, correct?
A. Yes, we did.

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Q. And you were involved in the preparation of this document?
A. Yes, I was.
Q. And if you turn to Bates Page 70532, your signature appears on this document, correct?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. And can you please turn to Bates Page 70528.
A. Okay.
Q. I'm looking at the second full paragraph which is actually the first paragraph after the indented block quote.

This paragraph discusses potential
statistically significant increases for chloride, fluoride, sulfate and total dissolved solids that were detected in the detection monitoring; is that correct?
A. Correct. Those parameters specifically at well five and then fluoride specifically at well three and the other down-gradient wells did not have any potential SSIs.
Q. Thank you. Can you please explain what a statistically significant increase is?

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A. That is when we have a detected value during the monitoring that would be above the 95 percent confidence prediction limit and then we went out and reverified that and that would then be a potential statistically significant increase over that value.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Keep your voice up, please.

MS. BUGEL: I'm asking you questions, but if you need to face the court reporter so she can get everything, please feel free to do so.

THE WITNESS: Sure. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. To confirm the environmentalists' love of acronyms, SSI stands for statistically significant increase in this document, correct?
A. Correct.
Q. In this ASD, because the data were inconclusive for some parameters, KPRG
recommended shifting to assessment monitoring, correct?
A. That is correct, yes.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of 1315 into the record.

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MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Exhibit 1315 by
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was marked for identification.)
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. We are turning to Exhibit 1316, and

Leah is placing in front of you an exhibit that
has been marked 1316. And for the record, that begins with Bates No. 64906.

Can you explain what this document is for the record, Mr . Gnat?
A. Sure. Exhibit 1316 is the CCR, Compliance Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report for 2019 for the ash bypass basin and ash surge basin at the Powerton Generating Station dated January 31st, 2019.
Q. And KPRG also prepared this document on behalf of Midwest Generation, correct?
A. Correct.
Q. Can you please turn to Bates

Page 64912.
A. Yes.
Q. Can you please turn to the second

[^7]paragraph, first sentence.
This states the completed initial
detection monitoring statistical evaluations determined that there were potential SSIs in various down-gradient monitoring wells relative to establish background for all seven Appendix 3 parameters, not all parameters were above SSIs at all well locations.

Did I read that correctly?
A. Yes, you did.
Q. And then this paragraph goes on to state that an ASD was conducted, correct?
A. It was recommended. And, yes, it was conducted.
Q. And the ASD is attached to this groundwater monitoring report, correct? If it helps, the 65103.
A. Yes, it is attached to this report.
Q. And just for the record, that $A S D$ is attached as Appendix B and the appendix appears beginning with Bates Page 65103; do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. And turning to Bates page 65113, your

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signature also appears on this ASD, correct?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. And then turning to Bates Page 65112,
just one page earlier, that contains the beginning of the conclusions and the recommendations; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And in this section, it indicates that the data could not rule out the ash bypass basin as a potential source, correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. The very last sentence of this paragraph indicates that the monitoring well network for the ash bypass basin, or ABB, and the ash surge basin, appearing as ASB, are somewhat integrated; is that correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And because of those two points, this ASD recommends shifting from detection monitoring to assessment monitoring, correct?
A. Correct. In accordance with the federal CCR rule, yes.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1316 into the record.

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THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.
Complainants Exhibit 1316 is admitted.
(WHEREUPON, Exhibit No. 1317
was marked for identification.)
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Leah is placing in front of you an exhibit that has been marked as 1317. For the record, Exhibit 1317 begins with Bates

No. 65456; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And you have that document in front of you now?
A. Yes.
Q. Can you please explain what this document is?
A. This is the CCR Compliance Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report for the year 2019 for the ash bypass basin and ash surge basin dated January 31st, 2020. Again, it's under the federal CCR rule.
Q. And KPRG also prepared this document on behalf of Midwest Generation, correct?

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A. Yes, we did.
Q. Can you please turn to Bates

Page 65462?
A. Okay.
Q. And this has Section 4.1 labeled alternate source demonstration; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And this indicates that an alternate source demonstration was completed March 25th, 2019?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. And I'm turning to the second sentence in Section 4.1, and this reads, Ash and water samples were collected from each of the two ponds, $A S B$ and $A B B$, and analyzed using the Leaching Environmental Assessment Framework, with the acronym of $\mathrm{L}-\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{F}$, method to determine when the noted detections above GWPs may be associated with an actual release from the regulated units, or if another potential historical source in the vicinity of the ash ponds may be affecting the local groundwater quality.

> Now, I realize I didn't read that

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verbatim because I pointed out the LEAF acronym, but did I generally read that sentence correctly?
A. Yes, you did.
Q. Do you recall, or if you need to, you can flip to Appendix B, but would you have signed the alternate source demonstration that is attached to this document as well?
A. Yes, I did.
Q. So was it your choice of words to write potential historical source in the vicinity of the ash ponds in the sentence that I read from on Page 65462?
A. Yes, it was.
Q. Do you recall giving a deposition in this proceeding, it was now a couple of years ago, but $I$ was asking you questions?
A. Yes, I remember the deposition.
Q. And your deposition was under oath?
A. Yes, it was.
Q. Do you recall me asking these questions and you giving these answers?

MS. GALE: Objection, improper impeachment. He should have a copy of his deposition to look

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at.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah. Thank you. Sustained.

MS. BUGEL: Okay. We've got a copy.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Okay. So this is a condensed transcript, but I'm looking at Page 20 that contains deposition Pages 77 through 80. I'm looking at Page 79 on those four pages beginning at Line 7.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Tell me where you are again.

MS. BUGEL: It's Pages 77 through 80 of the deposition and those appear on Page 20 of the document and I'm looking at Page 79, Line 7. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Mr. Gnat, do you have that in front of you?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Question. Why did you use the words, quote, potential historical source in the vicinity of the ash ponds, end quote?

Ms. Gale. Objection to the extent the answer calls for privileged conversations he may

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have had.
Answer. I would defer to -- any conversations I have on potential sources are done in the presence of counsel.

Question. For alternate source demonstration, counsel didn't direct you to do that, right?

Objection, again, to the extent it calls for a privileged conversation.

MS. GALE: Mr. Hearing Officer, I'm going to object to this impeachment. The document that he's discussing on this page is not the Powerton CCR Compliance Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report that's identified as 13-17.

MS. BUGEL: It is the Powerton alternate source demonstration dated March 25th, 2019. So it's the same document but with different Bates numbers because different copies were provided.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Hopefully, the record will reflect that. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. I'm going to pick up with Line 17.

Ms. Gale. Objection. Again to the extent it calls for a privileged conversation.

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Line 19. Answer. Midwest Generation requested me to do it.

So the question I have for you now with that in front of you is, did Midwest Generation request you to use the words potential historical source in the vicinity of the ash ponds?
A. The specific wording of potential historic source, I mean, I may have used another term, but the overall intent of what is being said here and whether or not the specific wording, you know, in reading back from the transcript from three years ago, from my deposition, you know, the specific wording, maybe that was done with discussions on counsel, but my intent certainly hadn't changed. There is another source that's not a result of the regulated unit.
Q. Okay. Thank you. We can set aside your deposition transcript. We may refer back to that.

You never investigated what the other potential historical source in the vicinity of the ash ponds might be, correct?

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A. That is correct. Under the federal rule, the requirement is to determine whether or not the regulated unit is the potential source of the release as opposed to another source.

So, the specific source isn't
necessarily required to be identified under the federal rule. But also, in reality, once you're outside of the impoundment itself, you know, whether or not that source has to be specifically defined isn't necessarily the case.
Q. Can you please turn to Bates Page 65671. This is the appendix that contains the ASD, correct?
A. Correct.
Q. Can you please turn to Bates page 65676 in that appendix. Do you see the discussion of barium? And that's carrying over from

Page 65675 to 65676.
A. Yes.
Q. And the second full sentence on Page 65676 reads, These observations further indicate a localized barium source other than the regulated units. Do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.

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Q. Was it your choice of words to attribute the barium to a, quote, localized source?
A. You know, again, not perhaps remembering exactly what $I$ might have said in the deposition, but certainly the meaning of what is intended here was my meaning of a localized barium source other than the regulated unit.
Q. And looking next at molybdenum -- I'm going to spell that for the court reporter, M-O-L-Y-B-D-E-N-U-M. That's the next discussion on the page; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And looking at the very last sentence, was it your choice of words to attribute molybdenum to a, quote, localized source?
A. Again, not to see what specifically was said three years ago in regards to this, but certainly the intent and the interpretation here is my interpretation, yes.
Q. And at the bottom of the page, do you see the discussion of selenium?
A. Yes, I do.

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Q. Am I pronouncing that right?
A. Selenium.
Q. Can you please turn the page and refer to the last sentence under the heading Selenium?
A. Okay.
Q. Do you see that this also attributes the elevated selenium concentration in well MW15 to a different localized source?
A. Yes.
Q. Was it your choice of words to attribute selenium to a localized source?
A. Again, not referencing back to my three-year ago deposition, but certainly the interpretation and intent was mine, yes.
Q. And looking at the heading Thallium on that page, do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And this also in the last sentence attributes the elevated thallium concentration in well MW17 to a different localized source; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And was it your choice of words to attribute the elevated thallium to a localized

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source?
A. Again, the same answer relative to what I might have said in my deposition. Certainly the interpretation and intent was mine, yes.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1317 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Complainants
Exhibit 1317 is admitted.
(WHEREUPON, Exhibit No. 1318
was marked for identification.) BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Okay. We are placing in front of you an exhibit which has been marked as Exhibit 1318. For the record, Exhibit 1318 begins with Bates No. 67097; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And you have that document in front of you now?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you please explain what this is for the record?
A. This is, again, under the federal CCR

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rule. This is the CCR compliance annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report for the calendar year 18 dated January 31st, 2019.
Q. And KPRG prepared this document on behalf of Midwest Generation, correct?
A. Yes, we did.
Q. ASD is also attached to this document, correct?
A. Looking at the appendix page, yes, Appendix B.
Q. Can you please turn to Bates Page 67102?
A. Okay.
Q. On this page, there's a heading that says alternate source demonstration?
A. Correct.
Q. And just to make it clear, the Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action report, generally, if there's an ASD attached, it will have a paragraph for two summarizing the ASD?
A. That is correct, yes.
Q. Looking at the very last paragraph,

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which is two sentences on this page, this includes the conclusion that SSIs for boron, pH , and sulfate were not the result of a release of leachate from the east and west ash ponds; is that correct?
A. Yes. That's part of the sentence.
Q. And it then goes on to attribute the SSIs to other potential sources, correct?
A. Correct. It says, but rather from other potential sources, yes.
Q. And then based on this conclusion, among others, the ASD recommends continuing detection monitoring, right?
A. That is correct, yes.
Q. And can you please turn to Bates Page 67204.

You know, what? I'm just going to back up a little bit. Let's start at 67196.
A. Okay.
Q. This is the alternate source demonstration attached as Appendix B, correct?
A. Yes, it is.
Q. And then if we turn to Page 67204, your signature appears on this document, correct?

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A. Correct, yes.
Q. And then turning to 67203, this page contains a conclusion/recommendations section; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And the first sentence under that heading states, based on the data evaluation and discussions provided above, it is concluded that the noted SSIs for boron, sulfate, and pH are not the result of leakage of leachate from the regulated units west and east ash ponds, but rather from other potential historical sources; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Was it your choice of words to use the terminology "other potential historical sources?"
A. Again, I'll have a similar answer. Not reviewing or reading exactly what $I$ said three years ago, the intent and the interpretation is certainly mine and is consistent with what was previously said in the summary.
Q. And you never investigated what the other potential historical sources might be,

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## correct?

A. Again, that is in accordance with the federal rule. The determination has to be made whether or not the release can be associated with the specific regulated unit or units. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Mr. Gnat, I'm going to interrupt you. You're giving a narrative answer to a yes or no question.

MS. GALE: Mr. Hearing Officer, I would object to that characterization. He basically said two sentences in giving context to his answer.

THE HEARING OFFICER: I agree. Overruled. You may continue, Mr. Gnat.

THE WITNESS: And it doesn't require that you identify the specific other source. And in some cases for issues that are outside of the regulated unit, you don't necessarily need to know what a specific source would be. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. So I just want to confirm for the record, you never investigated what the other potential historical sources might be, correct?

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MS. GALE: Objection; asked and answered. THE HEARING OFFICER: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: Yes, that is correct. That's not part of the requirement.
(WHEREUPON, Exhibit No. 1319
was marked for identification.)
MS. BUGEL: We are going to turn to
Exhibit 1319. And Leah is going to place in front of you a document that has been marked Exhibit 1319.

Mr. Hearing Officer, Greg brought to my attention that $I$ did not move for the admission of 1318. So I'm going to back up for a second.

Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1318 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. Complainants Exhibit 1318 is admitted. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Now you have the document marked as Exhibit 1319 in front of you?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And that begins with Bates No. 72568;

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do you see that?
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A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you explain what this is?
A. This is, again, under the federal CCR rule, the CCR Compliance Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action report for the calendar year 2019 dated January 31st, 2020.
Q. And KPRG prepared this document on behalf of Midwest Generation, correct?
A. Yes, we did.
Q. Can you also confirm that this has an ASD attached to this report?
A. It's got the appendix breaker page, but it does not include the ASD itself.

MS. BUGEL: Mr. Hearing Officer, we have the correct copy. At the moment, I don't know where it is. So we're going to skip this and come back to it.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Let's go off the record.
(WHEREUPON, a short break was taken.)

THE HEARING OFFICER: We're back on the record, but I do want to note that the people

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from the Illinois Pollution Control Board here today is Vanessa Horton, as we know, and we have environmental scientist Essence Brown.

Thank you.
MS. BUGEL: Just for the record, we will come back to Exhibit 1319 with a complete copy.

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was marked for identification.)
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. We are turning to Exhibit 1320 and Leah will begin distributing that. Exhibit 1320, Bates No. 69436.

Mr. Gnat, do you have that in front of you?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you explain what document this is?
A. Again, this is for under the federal CCR rule. It's the CCR Compliance Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action report for the calendar year 2018 dated January 31st, 2019.
Q. KPRG prepared this document for Midwest Generation, correct?
A. Yes, we did.

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Q. And this document also includes an ASD as an attachment?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. Let's turn to that attachment Appendix B. Appendix B appears at Bates Page 69517; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. If we proceed to Bates Page 69523, your signature appears on this page, correct?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. Can we please turn one page earlier on Page 69522, this contains the heading Conclusions and Recommendations; do you see that?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. And the first sentence under that heading states, based on the data evaluation and discussions provided above, it is concluded that the noted SSIs for chloride, fluoride, and TDS are not the result of leakage of leachate from the regulated units, Ponds $2 S$ and $3 S$, but rather from other potential sources; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And, for the record, can you please

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indicate what the acronym TBS stands for?
A. Total dissolved solids.
Q. And did you as one of the authors of this alternate source demonstration come to that conclusion?
A. To the conclusion that it's from other potential sources rather than from the regulated units, yes.
Q. You never investigated what the other potential sources might be, correct?
A. Yes, under the federal rule, the determination needs to be made whether or not the regulated unit is the source of the potential exceedance and, you know, identifying the specific source outside of that unit isn't necessarily always needed for subsequent evaluations.
Q. And just because my question was a negative and a yes to a negative always gets confusing, I just want to ask, you were saying, yes, you never investigated what the other potential sources might be?

MS. GALE: Objection; asked and answered.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Bugel.

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MS. BUGEL: He said, yes, but it could be yes, I did, or, yes, I didn't, which is why I'm re-asking the question. I rephrased the question.

THE HEARING OFFICER: I thought you did. You may answer if you're able.

THE WITNESS: We did not evaluate other potential sources, no. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Did you investigate other potential sources?
A. No, we did not. That's not always necessary outside of the boundaries of the unit itself, no.
Q. And the ASD recommends continuing detection monitoring; is that correct?
A. That is correct, yes.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1320 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Complainants
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BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. We are now distributing our next exhibit. This has been marked as Exhibit 1321. And for the record Exhibit 1321 begins with Bates Page 112736. Do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you explain what this document is?
A. Sure. Without going through each individual -- this document is a compendium of actual lab data from some groundwater monitoring that occurs at the Waukegan station. And just a little bit of background on that.

Upgradient to the Waukegan station, west of the Waukegan station, was a former tannery and there was also another site called the General Boiler, both highly industrial properties. There was a site investigation and remediation of the tannery to the west of the Waukegan property.

As part of that, that investigation was done I believe under the site remediation program which allows for evaluation of old

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brownfield sites, which is the way most brownfields are evaluated in the State of Illinois much less in other states that allows for some risk-based corrective action under the Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives, I believe, TACO.

And so under TACO, they had defined that there was groundwater contamination leaving the property. Their property is upgradient of the Midwest Generation Waukegan property. So it was migrating onto Midwest Generation property.

In order for the tannery site to obtain closure without additional remediation of that contaminated groundwater leaving their property and impacting our property, Midwest Generation was approached and requested if they would be willing to sign an Environmental Land Use Control, or ELUC, E-L-U-C.

And that basically says that Midwest Generation understands that some of this contamination is coming onto their property from off-site and that they agree with allowing this. And with part of the ELUC that is placed on the deed of the Midwest Gen property, it restricts
the ability to use that groundwater contaminated by the tannery site for potential potable purposes.

And with that, there was a series of what are called ELUC wells that were installed by the tannery consultant on our property as well. And those we sampled on a quarterly basis despite they're not required to be sampled. This is a voluntary action that's performed by Midwest Generation, and we sampled those on a quarterly basis.

Those are called the ELUC well samplings, even though on the titles of these reports it says the Waukegan station permit. It is not part of our personal requirement. It is a voluntary action that is done by Midwest Generation on a quarterly basis.

It appears, without going through each one of these individual lab packages, that these are the lab packages that have been provided that summarize that ELUC sampling for whatever specific date that this particular package might be.

## Q. And your name appears on the cover page

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I'll call it for these tests?
A. Correct. It's attention to my name, yes.
Q. And you said "on our property." When you said "our," you were referring to Midwest Gen property?
A. That is correct, yes.
Q. And the data contained these analytical reports since they're bundled together, that data does not appear in groundwater monitoring reports that Midwest Generation sends to IEPA pursuant to the compliance commitment agreement, correct?
A. That is correct, yes.
Q. And similarly the data in these analytical reports does not appear in the groundwater monitoring reports that Midwest Gen completes pursuant to the federal CCR rule, correct?

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    A. Please let me check on that. There's
actually some overlap, and that's why I wanted
to check and just verify. So, for example,
while MW14 is identified here in these data
packages as an ELUC well, well MW14 is also one
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of our identified upgradient monitoring wells in our federal CCR groundwater monitoring program as well as in our state CCR monitoring program.

So in that sense there is some overlap between ELUC wells and some of the wells that we use in our CCR monitoring program.
Q. Thank you for the clarification. Let me ask one follow-up question. Do all of the ELUC wells overlap with the wells used for purposes of monitoring under the federal CCR rules?
A. No, they don't. No.
Q. So some of the data in these analytical reports that are Exhibit 1321 do not also appear in the monitoring reports prepared pursuant to the federal CCR rule, correct?
A. Correct.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1321 into the record.

MR. WANNIER: Mr. Hearing Officer, we don't object to the entire exhibit, but what we would object to is, as he testified, there's some duplication in these reports, so we would object to --

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THE HEARING OFFICER: There's some -- I'm sorry.

MS. GALE: Duplication in these reports and so we object to the use or the duplication of the results in any analysis or post-hearing briefing.

THE HEARING OFFICER: You mean as a cumulative type of situation?

MS. GALE: Correct. Communicative and duplicative. So, for example, as he pointed out in -- Mr. Gnat, what exhibit were you looking at?

THE WITNESS: That was 1318.
MS. GALE: Mr. Gnat pointed out in 1318, monitoring well 18 --

THE WITNESS: 14.

MS. GALE: I'm sorry?

MS. BUGEL: Monitoring well 14.
MS. GALE: Thank you. Exhibit 1318, results from monitoring well 14 are in that exhibit and those results are also in Exhibit 1321.

I appreciate that Complainants would like the data from the monitoring wells that are not in, for example, 1318, but $I$ would object to

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use of the duplication of the wells.
And the reason we're doing this,
Mr. Hearing Officer, to give context, is at the last hearing the Complainants put up a chart where they listed and counted each exceedance. And so we would object to the counting of duplication of these exceedance.

MS. BUGEL: In concept, I think Complainants can agree to that limitation. My concern is that that's a very complicated and subjective description of events from the last hearing and what this limitation is. I mean, can I agree to double dipping? Yeah. I can agree to no double dipping. Is there a good definition of double dipping on the record? I don't think there is.

THE HEARING OFFICER: I'm going to allow it, but subject to Midwest's objection as far as I would direct the Board to disregard any duplication, cumulative numbers, reports, that's about the best $I$ can do at this point.

So Complainant's Exhibit 1321 is admitted subject to Midwest's objection and my directive. Thank you.

MS. BUGEL: Hearing Officer, could we go off

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the record just for one minute.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Sure. We're off the record.
(WHEREUPON, a discussion was
held off the Record.)
THE HEARING OFFICER: Back on the record. Thank you, Jamye.
(WHEREUPON, Exhibit No. 1322
was marked for identification.)
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Complainants are distributing a document which has been marked Exhibit 1322. And for the record, Exhibit 1322 begins with Bates No. 113394.

Mr. Gnat, do you have that in front of you?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Looking at that very first page, does your name appear on the Test America Analytical Report?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. So these were directed to your attention?
A. Yes, they were.

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Q. Can you explain what this document is?
A. Sure. These are, again, analytical results, analytical packages directly from the laboratory. They're for sampling that occurred in -- well, the date of this lab package is March 10th, 2017. I should add the previous Exhibit 1312 that is also dated March 10th, 2017.

And this summarizes data for wells 8 and 9, MW8 and MW9, that are not part of the Waukegan permit sampling.
Q. When you say these are not part of the Waukegan permit sampling, what are you referring to?
A. The sampling that's done on a quarterly basis in accordance with the station construction permit for when they modified their dikes, and that is the sampling being done in place of the compliance commitment agreement sampling that was previously in place.
Q. And do the data from this sampling analysis appear in the groundwater monitoring reports that Midwest Gen sends to IEPA?
A. Not in the quote, unquote permit

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monitoring reports. However, again, for example, well 9 is also part of the CCR
monitoring network. So, that is certainly
included in the CCR data that's submitted under both the federal rule and under the state rule.
Q. Let me just ask a couple follow-up questions. You said well 9 is included in the reports prepared pursuant to the federal CCR rule, correct?
A. Yes, it is.
Q. Is well 8 included in the reports prepared pursuant to the federal CCR rule?
A. That is what I'm checking for us right now. No, it is not.
Q. So these reports contain data that is not included in the reporting prepared pursuant to the federal CCR rule, correct?
A. For well 8, that is correct.
Q. And also just to confirm for the record, Exhibit 1322 is also a bundle of Test America Analytical Reports, correct?
A. Yes, it is.
Q. And by bundle I mean more than one.
A. Correct. With different dates now

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looking at them. For example, there's another one here for November 27, 2018. So it appears to be a series of quarterly reports, quarterly analytical data packages.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1322 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: Mr. Hearing Officer, as I said earlier, the same would -- we're not objecting to the admission of the document. We'll be requesting the same limitation that -- I wrote it down. Hang on.

To direct the Board to disregard any duplicative results as he stated. Monitoring well 9 is in the federal and state CCR result packages and so there should be no duplication of those results.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. I'll accept Complainant's Exhibit 1322, but subject to the duplicative, cumulative nature of it as explained by Ms. Bugel, Ms. Gale, and Mr. Gnat, and I would ask the Board to disregard the cumulative numbers, reports.

Thank you. Admitted.
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MS. BUGEL: Okay. Thank you.
(WHEREUPON, Exhibit No. 1323
was marked for identification.)
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Complainants are placing in front of you an exhibit that we have marked as 1323. For the record, this begins with Bates No. 115224; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And you have this document in front of you now?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you explain what this document is?
A. Sure. It is a data summary posting. We call these 60-day reports. This is done under the Illinois state CCR rule. And under the Illinois rule, you have to submit a summary of your quarterly sampling data for the full list of CCR parameters listed in the rule within 60 days of completion of your last day of groundwater sampling.

So this particular document in front of me usually $I$ know that postings include a Midwest Generation transmittal letter on top.

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That's not here. But this one is specifically for Midwest Generation Station Joliet No. 29 for Pond 2, which is the regulated unit.
Q. When you said we call these 60-day reports, who is the "we" that you're referring to?
A. KPRG.
Q. KPRG was involved in the preparation of this document?
A. Yes.
Q. Is there a summary table that appears in this document?
A. Yes, it does. There are two summary tables. Table 1 is a summary table of the full list of analytical parameters less turbidity. And just as a little context as I discussed under the federal rule, we had Appendix 3 parameters for detection monitoring, and then if you go into assessment monitoring, you have do an additional list of Appendix 4 parameters.

Under the state CCR rule, there's no distinction between detection and assessment monitoring. And there's, in fact, even a

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requirement for quarterly monitoring for the full list of what would be both Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 parameters under the federal rules. The state rule has them all lumped together.

And then in addition, they added the field measurement of turbidity as a requirement. And so the turbidity measurements we have in a separate table as Table 2.
Q. And just to clarify for the record, turbidity data are collected as part of the state CCR rule requirements, right?
A. Correct.
Q. And turbidity data are not collected under the federal CCR rule requirements, correct?
A. Correct.
Q. Do you know if Midwest Gen's groundwater samples that are submitted for analysis pursuant to the federal CCR rule are field filtered?
A. Under the federal CCR rule, no, they are not. The requirement is for total metals and total metals do not include field filtering.
Q. Do you know if Midwest Gen's

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groundwater samples that are submitted for analysis pursuant to the compliance commitment agreement with Illinois EPA are field filtered?
A. Currently for the Powerton station, for Joliet 29 station and for Will County station, the CCA agreement calls for dissolved metals which requires field filtering in the field. So, those are field filtering.

At Waukegan, when we were doing the CCA sampling, they were field filtered; however, when we had that transition with the permit, as I mentioned before, under the permit with the new parameter list that they provided there, that was for total metals, just like under the CCR rules. So at the Waukegan station at the present time, none of the samples are field filtered.
Q. Are Midwest Gen's groundwater samples that are submitted -- I'm sorry. Let me strike that and rephrase that.

Are Midwest Gen's groundwater samples
that are used for reporting pursuant to the Illinois CCR rule field filtered?
A. No. Any samples for the CCR rule

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regardless of federal or state are for totals, total inorganics, total metals. And those do not allow for field filtering of samples.
Q. Did Midwest Gen submit reports pursuant to the compliance commitment agreement that were also used for reporting pursuant to the Illinois CCR rule?

MS. GALE: Objection; vague.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Can you read the question back, please, Jamye.
(WHEREUPON, said Record was read as requested.)

THE HEARING OFFICER: Could you rephrase, Ms. Bugel, please.

BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Did Midwest Gen use the same sampling results data to submit reports pursuant to the Illinois compliance commitment agreements and also the Illinois CCR rule?

MS. GALE: Objection; vague, foundation.
MS. BUGEL: I'm just trying to find out if the same data was used for reporting under both the CCA and the Illinois CCR rule.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Could you break it down

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maybe? I don't know.
MS. BUGEL: Let me try asking it that way.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Mr. Gnat, was the same data used to
submit reports pursuant to the Illinois compliance commitment agreements and also the Illinois CCR rule?
A. The CCA data would not fulfill the requirements of the federal CCR rule or the state CCR rule since those are field filtered, and, therefore, dissolved parameters. And, in fact, the lists are different as well.

So we're serving various masters in all these sampling programs so to speak. So it's not only the fact that they're dissolved. So they're field filtered, the CCA samples. The list is also slightly different.

So between the field collection method and the actual parameter list, it does not meet the requirements of what would be for anything substantive for the CCR rule.

Now, was some of that information perhaps used in the understanding of groundwater quality in the area, sure. And I believe in our

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previous hearings, it was even determined by both sides and agreed to by both sides that really at these sites, the differences in concentrations between dissolved and totals were not all that different. In other sites, they might be. But in these, they were for the most part pretty much the same.

But, no, you cannot use CCA data to fulfill a CCR requirement. And certainly anything for $K P R G$ that we've done, we've never used CCA data to fulfill a CCR requirement.

MS. BUGEL: Okay. No further questions on this exhibit.

Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1323 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: 1323.
MS. BUGEL: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.
Complainants Exhibit 1323 is admitted.
(WHEREUPON, Exhibit No. 1324
was marked for identification.)
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Complainants are putting in front of
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you Exhibit 1324. For the record, this begins with Bates No. 115601. Do you have that in front of you?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you please explain what this document is?
A. This document is similar to the one that we just discussed for Joliet No. 29 station. Same document except for the Waukegan Generating Station for the east and west ash ponds. And there's a data summary posting of, what I referred to before, as the 60-day report, which in this case it summarizes the first quarter 2022 sampling data under the state CCR rule.
Q. Was KPRG involved in the preparation of this document?
A. Yes.
Q. Does this document also include one or more summary tables?
A. Yes, it does. And normally, like I said, it usually has a Midwest Generation transmittal letter on it as well. Table 1 is a summary table of the full list of the Part 845

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parameters, 845.600 parameters. And Table 2 is the turbidity data.
Q. Does Table 1 contain data from monitoring wells that would not be included in results that Midwest Generation submits pursuant to the compliance commitment agreement with Illinois EPA?

MS. GALE: Objection; vague.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Clarify that, Ms. Bugel.

MS. BUGEL: All right.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. What monitoring wells does this contain data from?
A. The printing is fairly small on this. So, quite honestly, without a magnifying glass, which I do have one in my briefcase, if I need to pull it out, I will, but, honestly, with this lighting and my aged eyes, I cannot give you the specific numbers here. I don't want to misstate anything on this form.

MS. BUGEL: Mr. Hearing Officer, we have a magnifying glass. May we approach the witness

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to provide it to him?
THE HEARING OFFICER: You may.
MS. GALE: Mr. Hearing Officer, I object to the extent that $I$ also have a hard time reading this document.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Well, if Mr. Gnat explains it on record, would that suffice? I mean, do you need to look at it right now? Do we have other magnifying glasses in the room?

MS. BUGEL: Can we go off the record?
THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes. We're off the record.
(WHEREUPON, a discussion was
held off the Record.)
THE HEARING OFFICER: We're back on the record. It looks like most people can see the numbers now.

BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Mr. Gnat, can you see now what monitoring wells are contained in Table 1?
A. Sure. Well, MW09 upgradient monitoring well, MW11 upgradient monitoring well, MW14, upgradient monitoring well, MWO1 down gradient monitoring well, MWO2 down gradient monitoring

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well, MWO3 down gradient monitoring well, and MW16 down gradient monitoring well.
Q. Are there wells included in this table that are not part of the CCA monitoring well reporting?
A. Yes, there are. But, again, this reporting is totally different from CCA reporting.
Q. Thank you. And --
A. Can I make one clarification on that, though?
Q. Yes.
A. Being Waukegan kind of the -- where the CCA has been altered to the permit monitoring. And the permit monitoring also is total metals just like for CCR data.

So the list of parameters is slightly different, but for any overlap in the parameters, the wells 1, 2, 3, 4, and I believe 16 are part of that monitoring.

So those are all for whatever overlap in the parameters is, those are also totals. So there is some overlap in the data for Waukegan here specifically.

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## Q. Okay. Understood.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1324 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: Same objection as we made before as Mr. Gnat clarified. There's some overlap and duplication in various reports and we don't object to the document going in for the data, including any data that would be duplicative.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Was that 1323? Because you have a duplicative --

MS. BUGEL: I'm sorry. That was my fault. Let me restate the motion.

Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1323. Wait a minute. 1324. We did not have a duplicative exhibit. I got confused.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. I was just trying to clarify. All right.

So Complainant's Exhibit 1324 is
admitted subject to Midwest concerns about the duplication and the cumulative numbers and reports. So I would direct the Board to disregard such. Complainants Exhibit 1324 is admitted.

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MS. BUGEL: Thank you.
(WHEREUPON, Exhibit No. 1325
was marked for identification.)
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Complainants now have Exhibit 1325 and Leah is placing copies in front of you. And for the record, Exhibit 1325 begins with Bates No. 115942; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And you have this exhibit in front of you now?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you explain what this document is?
A. Sure. This is under I believe the federal CCR rule. This is the CCR groundwater monitoring report, Powerton Generating Station, for the ash bypass basin and ash surge basin dated January 26th, 2022.
Q. Do you want to look at the date on that?
A. I'm sorry. July 26th, 2022. This is for the second quarter 2022 sampling.
Q. You were involved in the preparation of this report, correct?

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A. Correct.
Q. Can you explain what data are included in this report?
A. This report summarizes the second quarter 2021. I'm sorry. That's when it started. The second quarter of 2022 sampling under the federal CCR rule for the ash bypass basin and ash surge basin at the Powerton station.
Q. Are there wells covered in this report that would not be included in reporting under the compliance commitment agreements?
A. Give me a minute to digest your question. The way I understand your question is, Are there wells in this report that are not included as part of the compliance commitment agreement?
Q. Yes.
A. I believe there are, yes.
Q. Would those be wells 17,18 , and $19 ?$
A. Correct.
Q. So this report includes data that would not appear in reports prepared pursuant to the compliance commitment agreement, correct?

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A. That is correct. It also includes
data -- well, not to confuse two totally separate programs. CCR program, not filtered, total metals, different list of parameters, some overlap. CCA program, dissolved metals, slightly different list of parameters. So the two don't get mixed.

MS. BUGEL: Thank you.
Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1325 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: Mr. Hearing Officer, as stated earlier, we don't object to the admission of the document. But as he stated, there is some overlap of wells and so we would request a direction related to duplicity.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Complainants Exhibit No. 1325 is admitted subject to Midwest's objection regarding the duplicative and cumulative nature, so I would direct the Board to disregard any of that. Thank you.

We're off the record now.
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held off the Record.)
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THE HEARING OFFICER: We're back on the record. I just want to clarify that we're admitting Complainant's Exhibit 1325 subject to Midwest's objection of the cumulative nature of any lab reports or numbers. I'm going to direct the Board to disregard that. Thank you.

MS. BUGEL: Thank you.
THE HEARING OFFICER: We're off the record.
(WHEREUPON, a lunch break was taken.)

THE HEARING OFFICER: We're back on the record. We're back from lunch. It's approximately 1:15. Mr. Gnat is still on the stand. Ms. Bugel is directing as an adverse. You may continue.

MS. BUGEL: Thank you.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. This morning we passed out an exhibit that had been marked as 1319 and we realized we were missing the appendix to that. So, this afternoon, if people want to pull out their copy of 1319, we are distributing the appendix, so people can attach B.

What I'm going to suggest is that we

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now realize there are two copies of Page 72667.
So, if we can pull -- no. It's attached to different things. There will be two copies of Page 72667 in that.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Just purge. Just talking out loud. This kind of shades of five years ago with exhibits.

MS. BUGEL: I apologize. We're trying to do much better with exhibits than five years ago.

Mr. Hearing Officer, can we go off the record for a second?

THE HEARING OFFICER: Sure. Off the record.
(WHEREUPON, a discussion was held off the Record.)

THE HEARING OFFICER: Back on the record, Jamye. Thank you.

MS. BUGEL: So this morning we distributed 1319. This afternoon we've added the appendix. And what $I$ am realizing now is that there are two copies of Page 72667. So in the exhibit, that will appear twice. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Mr. Gnat, do you have both pieces of that document in front of you now?

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| A. Yes, I do. |  |
| Q. Let me ask you: Aside from the |  |
| duplicate Page 72667, does this copy now appear |  |
| to be a true and accurate copy of the original |  |
| document? |  |
| A. Yes, it does. |  |
| Q. And for the record, can you please |  |
| explain what this document is? |  |
| A. The whole document or just Appendix B? |  |
| Q. The whole document. |  |
| A. The whole document, Exhibit 1319, is |  |
| federal CCR Compliance Annual Groundwater |  |
| Monitoring and Corrective Action report for |  |
| calendar year 2019 for the Waukegan Generating |  |
| Station dated January 31st, 2020. |  |
| Q. KPRG prepared this document on behalf |  |
| of Midwest Generation, correct? |  |
| A. Correct. |  |
| Q. And this annual report also has an ASD |  |
| attached to it, correct? |  |
| A. That is correct, yes. |  |
| Q. And the ASD appears in Appendix B |  |
| beginning at Page 72667? |  |
| A. Yes. |  |

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Q. And if you turn to Page 72672, your signature appears on that ASD, correct?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. And this morning we talked about Exhibit 1318. Do you still have 1318 nearby?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And Exhibit 1318 included an ASD for Waukegan as well, correct?
A. That is correct, yes.
Q. Are these different ASDs?
A. Yes, they are.
Q. So there were two different ASDs for Waukegan two years in a row, correct?
A. Right. This most recent one that we're looking at now is part of Exhibit 1319. It was dated March 11, 2019 and that was specifically for some calcium and total dissolved solids analyses that were only with MW16.
Q. So there were different parameters that were being covered in these two different ASDs, correct?
A. As well as different wells, yes.
Q. Can you please turn to the Page 72672 again. And this is in Exhibit 1319 just to be

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clear for the record. Does this page have the heading conclusion/recommendations?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. And the last sentence of the last bullet states, The fluctuating TDS concentrations at MW16 are correlated to fluctuations in TDS at upgradient well MWO5 which is believed to have water quality impacted by other potential sources, with an $s$ in parentheses, and not associated with a potential release of leachate from the ash pond regulated units; do you see that sentence?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And based on this conclusion, among others, the ASD recommends detection monitoring, correct?
A. That is correct, relative to the impoundments, yes.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1319 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.
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Q. Can you please explain what data are included in this report?
A. Sure. So, after the written summary, we have a figure which shows the two regulated units, the east pond and the west ash pond, the monitoring well network associated with the federal CCR program.

And then we have a summary data table, Table 1, which is a summary data of the monitoring. And these are for the seven Appendix 3 parameters as -- those are the seven parameters of the federal CCR Appendix 3 for detection monitoring. And that's followed up with an attachment one, the analytical data package that supports the data and tables.
Q. July 27 th, 2022 , by that date would Waukegan have shifted to what you were calling the permit monitoring?
A. Yes, yes. Waukegan was under permit monitoring in place of CCA monitoring so to speak.
Q. Does this report include data from wells that would not be included in reporting under permit monitoring?

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A. There is an overlap. Some wells are in the permit monitoring and some are not, I believe. That is correct, yes. Some are; some are not.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1326 into the record?

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: Same as before. We do not object to the admission of this document, but request the same limitation and direction that you made with the others.

As the witness testified, there are some overlaps in the data in these with the Waukegan permit with the permit monitoring.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Ms. Gale.
Complainant's Exhibit 1326 is admitted. No objection. Although, I would direct the Board to disregard any overlap, cumulative or duplicative, and not duplicitous.

Exhibit 1326 is admitted, subject to those conditions, and I direct the Board to disregard. Thank you.

MS. BUGEL: Thank you.

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BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. We are now distributing what has been marked as Exhibit 1327. Do you have

Exhibit 1327 in front of you?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And for the record, Exhibit 1327 begins with Bates Page 116118. Do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you please explain what this document is?
A. Sure. This, again, is under the federal CCR rule. This is the CCR groundwater detection monitoring report for the Joliet No. 29 Station dated July 26th, 2022. It was for the first semi-annual sampling.
Q. And KPRG prepared this report on behalf of Midwest Generation, correct?
A. Yes, we did.
Q. And you were involved in the preparation of this report, correct?
A. Yes, I was.
Q. Can you explain what data are included

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## in this report?

A. Sure. After the summary text letter there, we have the supporting figure which shows the ash pond two, which is the only regulated unit under the federal CCR rule and the associated monitoring well network.

And that's followed by the supporting table, which is Table 1, which, again, has the seven Appendix 3 federal parameters which are part of the detection monitoring requirements. And that is then supported by the analytical data package in Attachment 1.

## Q. Table 1 includes data through the

 second quarter of 2022 , correct?A. Yes. May 26 th was the sample date for these four wells and that is second quarter of 2022 .

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1327 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Complainant's
Exhibit 1327 is admitted.

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BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. We are now placing in front of you what has been marked as Exhibit 1328. And for the record, this Exhibit 1328 begins with Bates No. 116146; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you please explain what this document is?
A. This document is titled the Initial Assessment Monitoring Data Evaluation CCR Groundwater Monitoring Will County Station, specifically for ponds 2 south, 3 south, and I believe this is a federal CCR compliance document.
Q. KPRG prepared this on behalf of Midwest Generation, correct?
A. That is correct, yes.
Q. You were involved in the preparation of this report?
A. Yes, I was.
Q. Can you please explain what data are included in this report?

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A. Yes. Just give me a minute to quickly review over the report content.

## Q. Sure.

A. This is somewhat of a follow-up assessment report for ponds 2 south, 3 south, wherein the previous sampling we had a chloride concentration in one of the monitoring wells, specifically well MW11, that was above the established statistical background prediction limit source of potential SSI.

We completed an alternate source, or ASD, alternate source demonstration, for the chloride at well 11 and that determination was not conclusive. We couldn't rule out that, in fact, and $I$ believe it was pond $2 S$, that we thought might, in fact, be associated with the elevated chloride.

And so the program was moved from detection monitoring to assessment monitoring. And the first step in assessment monitoring under the federal rule is to do a round of groundwater sampling for the full list of Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 parameters.

And once you get that data, you take a
look at what was detected in the Appendix 4 parameters. And you go out and do a second round of sampling for only those Appendix 4 parameters that were detected. And the Appendix 3 parameters are always done.

So, this basically identifies what that first round of assessment sampling was. It identified that all the Appendix 4 parameters, which ones we detected, which ones we didn't detect. And then saying that once we go out and do the second round of sampling, as required under the federal rule under the assessment program, we'll then calculate the site specific groundwater protection standards for those Appendix 4 parameters being detected and then do comparisons to those from there, and then within the federal rule, the pathway depending on the results of that as to which way you go down after initiating the assessment monitoring.

## Q. Are monitoring wells MW 11 and MW12

 part of the CCA monitoring program?A. No. I believe the CCA monitoring program is through MW10, but $I$ would have to verify. I would have to go back and take a look

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at a CCA report and verify that. I know MW12 is not in the CCA network. I forget if MW11 is or not.
Q. Can you take a minute in a CCA report that's on the table and confirm?
A. Sure.

MS. NIJMAN: Do you want to direct him to one of your exhibits?

MS. BUGEL: That will take me a minute to find as well.

THE WITNESS: I've got it right here. Thank you. I can confirm that wells 11 and 12 are not part of the CCA monitoring well network.

MS. BUGEL: Okay. Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1328 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: Again, no objection to the document being admitted. But we request, as he alluded to, there are CCA wells identified in here and so there's some duplication. And so we ask for the same direction for this document.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.
Complainant's Exhibit 1328 is admitted.
I would direct the Board to disregard the

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cumulative or duplicate numbers that Mr. Gnat was saying in the CCA wells. I would direct them to disregard that. Thank you. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. I'm going to move forward and just turn away from the exhibits for a moment.

I wanted to ask you one of KPRG's contracts with Midwest Generation involves soil borings, correct?

MS. GALE: Objection. Vague, foundation.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Sustained.
Can you rephrase, Ms. Bugel?
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Does KPRG ever do soil borings for Midwest Generation?
A. Yes.
Q. Has KPRG taken soil borings at Joliet?
A. Yes, we have.
Q. Has KPRG taken any soil borings since October of 2017 at Joliet 29?
A. I believe we have, yes.
Q. Do you know if those borings were
limited to the vicinity of MW09?
A. That is correct. We did an

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investigation to evaluate the anomalous groundwater quality data that was really isolated to MW09. So Midwest Generation asked to us to do some soil borings in the area and collect some other samples as well to kind of evaluate as to, you know, is this an isolated kind of anomaly here or is there something that may be associated with what we were seeing in terms of the water quality in well 9.
Q. Besides those borings in the vicinity of MWO9, has KPRG done any other soil borings at Joliet 29 since October of 2017?
A. Not that I was involved with. I know that there was some other work done with the underground tank removal. I don't know if the person involved with that did additional borings. I don't know if that was done with borings or not.
Q. In your deposition, you and I talked about bathymetric surveys; do you recall that?
A. Yes.
Q. I want to set aside bathymetric surveys and ask has KPRG done any investigation at Joliet 29 to identify the volume of coal ash in

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any areas outside of ponds since October of 2017?
A. I don't know the date of the study, but certainly ponds 1 and 3 were evaluated for the nature of sediment and the amount of sediment in those ponds. And the determination there was made that that sediment accumulation is not associated with CCR. And so, therefore, those ponds were agreed, by the state, that they are not CCR ponds.
Q. I'm going to just clarify my question. I'm wondering if KPRG has done any investigation to identify the volume of coal ash outside of any pond at Joliet 29 since October of 2017?
A. Our work has been focused on compliance with the CCR rule, which is focused on the pond. So, the ponds are regulated units. So, that's what we'd be focused on.
Q. So, the answer is, no, KPRG has not done any investigation into the volume of ash outside of ponds at Joliet 29?
A. That's correct. I know that some other borings were done to the northeast recently by

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the Army Corps of Engineers. I looked at those borings. I didn't notice any CCR materials in there. They logged fill and gravel, sand and gravel, but certainly no CCR materials. KPRG did not do any borings outside of the ponds.
Q. Aside from groundwater monitoring and aside from the borings that we've discussed by the Army Corps of Engineers and the borings in the vicinity of MW09, do you know of any sampling of CCR at Joliet since October of 2017?
A. Not that I'm aware of. Other contractors may have, but not that I'm aware of.
Q. And aside from --
A. Excuse me. Can I clarify one thing? I'm sorry.
Q. Sure.
A. There was -- I know that in support of the initial permit -- it was either the initial permit application under the state rule or the initial construction application. There was an ash sample collected that is representative of the ash that would have been in pond two.

When pond two was cleaned out of ash, excavated of ash, that ash was trucked over to

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the other side of the river. And we know where it was placed right at the surface there.

So, we know where it was within that area. And so that ash was sampled in support of the permit application. So, that was one sampling that KPRG did do.
Q. Okay. Thank you for the clarification.

Aside from any alternate source
demonstrations, do you know of any testing of
leachate from CCR material that has been done at Joliet 29 since October of 2017?
A. Outside of the LEAF testing that we did for ASDs, not that I'm aware of, no.
(WHEREUPON, Exhibit No. 1329
was marked for identification.)
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Okay. We are distributing what has been marked as Exhibit 1329.

MS. GALE: Can we go off the record for a second, Mr. Hearing Officer?

THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes.
(WHEREUPON, a discussion was
held off the Record.)
THE HEARING OFFICER: Back on the record.

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BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. We have placed in front of you what has been marked as Exhibit 1329. Are you familiar with this document?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. Can you please tell us what this document is for the record?
A. Sure. This is an ash removal documentation document. So, to put it into context, earlier that year, KPRG was requested by Midwest Generation to perform some sampling in the area in the northwest part of Joliet 29 station that had some ash placement on the ground. There was a desire to evaluate whether that ash may be used for beneficial reuse.

And so under the state program, there's a specific analytical method, a neutral leach test method. I forget the ASTM number, specifically. But that will allow for the classification of the material as to whether or not it could be used for engineering purposes for beneficial reuse.

> So, we did a grid sampling and analyses. And we identified that there were a

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couple of grids, one or two grids that had some elevated concentrations, I don't remember offhand if it was lead or whatnot, that would be above what would be allowable for being able to use the ash as beneficial reuse.

So, we determined that if we remove that volume of ash within the grid that had the elevated lead and copper, that the remaining ash, the remaining mass of ash would qualify under the rule that it would be able to be used for beneficial reuse.

So, this document summarizes the removal of that ash with the elevated lead and copper and other documentation associated with the excavation and transport and disposal of that ash.
Q. Your answer talked about removal of the remaining ash, after the ash with the elevated constituents was disposed of, your answer talked about the removal of the remaining ash for beneficial reuse.

THE WITNESS: No, I don't think I ever said removal of remaining ash. I said that the remaining mass of ash would qualify for

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beneficial reuse.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Do you know if that remaining mass of ash that would qualify for beneficial reuse was, in fact, removed?
A. Not that I'm aware of.
Q. Turning to the first page of the letter, Bates 18824, I know this is not a great copy, and it looks like KPRG would normally appear at the top of that page, but it's faded; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Aside from that area where it's faded, does this appear to be a true and accurate copy of this document?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. And turning to Bates Page 18826, your signature appears on this, correct?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. And this letter discusses grid sampling, and I believe your first answer mentioned grid sampling, correct?
A. Yes.
Q. Can you explain what grid sampling is?

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A. Taking a series of samples from a -- in a grid pattern. So you establish a grid on the ground, depending on the size of the particular grid you stake out, and then you can choose, okay, am I going to sample the middle of the grid, grid intersections. It can be random grids. There can be a whole variety of ways in which to implement a grid sampling program.
Q. So, in this investigation at Joliet 29, do you know how far apart the samples in the grid were?
A. Offhand I do not remember. I would have to go back to the initial report. It was done back in 2005. Unless I mentioned it here in the introductory paragraph. It doesn't mention it here. I would really have to go back and see the original document that discussed the actual grid sampling.
Q. Do you recall if KPRG did the grid sampling in-house within your company?

MS. GALE: Objection; vague.
THE WITNESS: Yeah. Our personnel did it. I don't remember if I was out there or not. For the drill rig itself, we hire a contractor for

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the geoprobe rig. We do not have our own drilling equipment, but we do have our own personnel out doing it, logging the hole and collecting the sample.

BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. So would KPRG make the decision as to how many samples would be taken in the grid?
A. Right. By the time we're out in the field to implement a grid sampling program, that's already defined and determined, and we usually lay out the grid before we bring the drill rig out.
Q. And when you say defined and determined, would that have been KPRG personnel who define it?
A. In this particular case, I believe, yes, we did. I've also had instances where the client calls up and says, hey, I'd like to you do a 100-foot grid or something. And he tells us in this case, if $I$ remember right, it was at our discretion.
Q. And in this case, do you recall what informed the decision as to how many samples were taken?

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A. That was somewhat judgmental based on the size of the area, professional judgment. Then, as $I$ was reading through here to see if the size of the grid was identified, you know, it's typical of programs where you can have a second phase of sampling.

In this case, we identified an area that was elevated in lead. And to try and get a better definition on that, we went in and did additional sampling on a tighter network closer in to see if we can limit that area within that initial grid to where the exceedance was.
Q. This letter I know discusses outlier concentrations based on ASTM. I'm having trouble finding my quote, and I apologize. But I'll represent that this letter discusses outlier concentrations.

MS. GALE: Objection to the extent she can't find it in the document.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Sustained.
MS. BUGEL: Hearing Officer, may I have a moment to find my quote?

THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes.
MS. BUGEL: Found it.

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BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Looking at the first page of the letter, the third sentence which begins, Although most of the material was statistically determined to meet the established criteria for classification of CCB, one area in the vicinity of geoprobe boring GP-14A, see Figure 1 in summary report dated August 18th, 2005, indicated outlier concentrations of lead and copper based on the neutral leach test utilizing test method ASTM D3987-85; do you see that sentence?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you please explain to me what outlier concentrations are?
A. Sure. So, when we did the initial sampling, we evaluated all of that entire sampling data set statistically. And what we found was that the values at all other locations were fairly similar, but at GP-14A for lead and copper, those values were higher than anywhere else. They were an outlier. And because of those values, the entire data set for lead and copper would not meet the qualifications of

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beneficial reuse.
So, if we removed those elevated concentrations from that volume and then recalculated the volume, we, in fact, would pass and it would be appropriate to be able to use that ash for beneficial reuse. And that's how we focused in on the area to remove. And that then summarizes the removal of that material.
Q. The leach test selected here was ASTM -- I'm sorry. Let me rephrase that.

The leach testing used test method ASTM D3987-85, correct?
A. That is correct, yes.
Q. Did KPRG select test method ASTM D3987-85?
A. No. That is a state requirement in the statutes. This is the leaching test method. It's also called neutral leach, I believe. That is the method that needs to be used if you want to try and qualify for CCB. If you use a different test method, you can't meet the requirement of the regulation.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1329 into the record.

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THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Complainant's
Exhibit 1329 is admitted.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Since October of 2017, have you conducted any sampling and testing such as that performed in the exhibit we just discussed at Joliet to determine whether material may be classified as coal combustion byproduct to facilitate potential beneficial reuse?

MS. GALE: I would object as asked and answered. She just went before this whole process of asking if he had done any soil borings or done any samplings throughout the station and so now we're doing this again.

MS. BUGEL: This is one question about testing for beneficial reuse. It's a different question.

THE HEARING OFFICER: I'll allow it, if you can answer, Mr. Gnat.

THE WITNESS: Not that I remember. At least not KPRG. I don't know if other contractors were asked.

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BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Has KPRG since October of 2017 done any sampling and testing akin to what we just discussed in this exhibit at any other facility of Midwest Generation, in particular Will County, Powerton, and Waukegan, to determine whether material may be classified as coal combustion byproduct to facilitate beneficial reuse?

MS. GALE: Objection; compound. She's asking about four different stations.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah. I think you're going to have to break it down. I know we're trying to move it along.

MS. BUGEL: We'll do it one at a time.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Since October of 2017, has KPRG conducted any sampling or testing similar to what we just discussed with Exhibit 1329 to determine whether material may be classified as coal combustion byproduct to facilitate potential beneficial reuse at Waukegan?
A. At Waukegan, not that I'm aware of, or not that I recall.

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Q. Since October of 2017, has KPRG conducted any sampling or testing similar to that in Exhibit 1329 to determine whether material may be classified as coal combustion byproduct to facilitate the potential beneficial reuse from the Powerton facility?
A. Not that $I$ recall, no.
Q. Since October of 2017, has KPRG conducted any sampling or testing akin to that which we discussed regarding Exhibit 1329 to determine whether material may be classified as coal combustion byproduct to facilitate the potential beneficial reuse from Will County?
A. I believe there was some sampling done. I don't recall if it would be pre or post the date that you're using in 2017.
(WHEREUPON, Exhibit No. 1330
was marked for identification.)
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. All right. We go going to move on to the next exhibit, which has been marked as Exhibit 1330. Leah is now putting that in front of you. The Bates number on the very first page is very, very hard to see.

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So, for the record, the Bates number on the second page of this exhibit is 79494; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. So, presumably the Bates number on the first page is 79493. But, for the record, that is hard to read; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Are you familiar with this document?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. Can you describe what it is?
A. Yes. This is a document that
summarizes a soil grid boring program that KPRG was requested to do in the area to the west of the west ash pond at Waukegan Station.
Q. Looking at the very first page that says sampling grid exhibit, can you describe what this is?
A. Yes. Like I said, usually when you do these, you have your grid established ahead of time. So, we had our surveying firm Ruetigger Tonelli \& Associates lay out the grid for us. And this is a 50-by-50 grid, I believe.

They mark the center point of each

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grid, which was then the basis of our sampling locations. So, then we went in with a drill rig and each of the $X$ is in the middle of the grid box is a boring location where we collected samples.
Q. This shows that there were 40 borings, correct?
A. That is correct, 40 borings.
Q. There would have been a boring at each X on the samples grid exhibit, correct?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you know who decided on the number of borings?
A. That was decided by myself and Tim Stoner who's an engineer with our company. I think this is a 100-foot grid with the grid points in the center at 50-feet and center of each grid.

And that's, you know, somewhat judgmental and somewhat taken from if we were to be very conservative in terms of other programs within the State of Illinois that we would do brownfield sites. Because, quite honestly, outside of the regulated units themselves, the old plants are really no different than any

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other industrial brownfield facility across the state. And there's a very successful program that those are dealt with under, various things, but a lot of them are dealt with under the SRP.
Q. Mr. Gnat, I feel like you've gone very far afield with the question at this point.
A. I'm sorry. I was talking about how we came up with the basis of my grid.

MS. GALE: I would like to ask him to finish his sentence. She asked him why he came up with the basis of the grid --

THE HEARING OFFICER: I agree. He can continue.

MS. GALE: Thank you.
THE WITNESS: And so based on our experience with working with the SRP program, you know, we want it to be very conservative saying, boy, if we're going to do anything, let's do a little bit of overkill.

So, that's how we came up with our
sample grid and 40 samples for 10 acres. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. After the first page on the grid exhibit, are the next 40 pages the boring logs

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## for each one of those samples?

A. That is correct. They are the boring logs. And I specifically was asking the field geologist to identify, you know, obviously any ash materials or whatnot, but also ideally to be able to extend the boring to what looks like native materials; in this case, the fine-to-medium beach type sand.

And also to identify on the borings where possible if wet conditions were encountered. And that, again, being important because that suggests that that's where the saturated ash would start if there was ash. Obviously, in some of these borings, we do have ash.
Q. Okay. Can you please turn to Bates No. 79503.
A. I have it here.
Q. Does this boring log indicate that ash
was found in the boring?
A. Yeah. In the very first description there, we have brown clay topsoil, slight moist six-inch layered gray silt, slightly moist, and ash.

## Q. Does this boring log indicate that

 there was any wet material in the boring?A. At about just under 4 feet, it has above which is saying matrix with some ash in the matrix and then it says wet.

And, again, a person who looks at these things to get an understanding of the system itself, further on down it says very moist. And so, you know, a description of some native material actually, the fine-to-medium sand, beach sand, it says very moist.

So, the water table itself is actually a little bit deeper. Because where we have it, 3-and-a-half feet there where it says wet, if that was the true water table, we would see wet conditions all the way down.

It's the definition of a water table. Everything is saturated beneath it. What this suggests is that we may have some perched water sitting up within this area at about 3-and-a-half feet. Yet, you get passed that area, you're still in moist material. You're not in saturated material. So, you're not at the water table within this boring.

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Q. I would like to turn to Page 79512,
please. Have you found that page?
A. Yes, I have.
Q. Does this boring log indicate that ash was found in the boring?
A. Yes. I'm reading through the description here. At about 4-and-a-half feet or so, it indicates that there's some ash mixed in with that gray silt matrix, that silty sand matrix that was discussed.
Q. Does this boring log indicate that material was wet?
A. Yes. It indicates wet material. And then at 9 feet, which is the start of native material here, there's a fine-to-medium sand, a of black peat layer that's slightly moist. And then it appears to get saturated, probably representative or it could be representative of the water table at that point, at about $10-a n d-a-h a l f, j u s t$ under 11 feet.
Q. You said that occurs at about 10-and-a-half or 11 feet, correct?
A. Yeah. Where it we have as above, which is regarding the native material and wet.

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Q. But then it doesn't go back to moist blow that, correct?
A. That's correct. And if it went back to moist, it would have been noted just like we have here where it went from wet, then it went back to moist, and then wet.

And since we extended the boring to 15 feet, if it came out of that wet zone, that would have been noted on the log.
Q. So at 10-and-a-half to 11 feet, this is not the scenario you discussed of perched water, correct?
A. That is correct. And this is in the native material at this point.
Q. So does that mean the fill is saturated to its deepest extent from 10-and-a-half feet down?

MS. GALE: Objection; mischaracterizes the documents. It's 10-and-a-half feet down because it's native.

THE HEARING OFFICER: He can answer if he's able.

THE WITNESS: That's correct. So, on this boring, the depth of fill ends at about 9 feet

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below surface. And then we start with the description of what's native material. It's a brown-gray fine-to-medium sand, slightly moist, and it's got a little layer of black peat on top that.

And then that native material, this
isn't ash, gets saturated again over
10-and-a-half feet. And I believe since I'm not seeing any designation that loses its saturation, that that's probably the top of the water table at that point. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. I realize the confusion in my question. So just to clarify for the record, starting at between 5 and 5-and-a-half feet, you have fill that is wet, correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And that extends, it would have remained wet until 9 feet, correct?
A. That's what it would appear, yes.
Q. And then starting at about 9 feet, you have native material, correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And then that is wet at about

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10-and-a-half feet, correct?
A. Correct. The native material
originally is logged here as slightly moist and then wet at 10-and-a-half feet, correct.
Q. And then that would have stayed wet until the end of the boring, correct?
A. At 15 feet, yes.
Q. Is there ever an indicator used in boring logs to show when groundwater is encountered?

MS. GALE: Objection; vague.
THE WITNESS: Can you restate your question?
THE HEARING OFFICER: Rephrase that question. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Le me start this a different way then. Looking in the lower left-hand corner of the boring log found at 79512, there's a little box that says groundwater data, correct?
A. Yes.
Q. Under that it has a little black triangle that says depth wall drilling, correct?
A. Correct.
Q. If that little black triangle appeared in the boring log, what would that indicate to

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## you?

A. So that indication we would generally have if we were constructing monitoring wells within this boring. So, let's just say you have a boring, you drill it, and you record saturated conditions, water table where it's saturated from that point below your boring, you would identify that on the boring log at that depth interval with a filled-in triangle.

And then after drilling, you come back two hours later, four hours later, the next day, and see where that water level might have changed. It could have gone up a little bit, maybe down a little bit, but that water level might have changed.

And then you verify that that doesn't, you know -- it basically reaches a static-type water level where it doesn't change. And that you would then indicate on the $\log$ with an open triangle.

These aren't things that you necessarily have on every log for every reason. It's just part of this particular log program that we were using at the time, as you can see,

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an IEPA program.
Q. Let me ask you a couple more questions about this exhibit here.

Were there any leach tests performed on the material from these borings?
A. Yes.
Q. Do those test results appear in this

## exhibit?

A. I would have to go through and see if they are. This does not appear to include the LEAF test data. Our approach here was to go out and do the soil borings, collect the ash samples. We collected two to three samples per borings.

We analyzed those samples for the full set of CCR parameters as they're defined in the federal and state rule, short of turbidity, state rule. Turbidity is a groundwater parameter, not a soil parameter.

And then once we got that data, we took a look at it and chose a subset of three locations based on what we saw as the more elevated concentrations and we tried to get three samples that kind of crossover the whole

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thing instead of maybe having three samples from one-third of the area. We wanted to make sure that the area was covered by what would be the higher total values for the metals.

And then we sent that subset of three samples off to a specialty lab, Test America Lab, I believe, in Tennessee for LEAF test analysis. I do not see the LEAF test analysis in this data package.
Q. Is the LEAF test a leach test?
A. Yes, it is.
Q. Do you know who selected the LEAF test as the leach test to be performed on those samples?
A. That was KPRG's recommendation. That's the LEAF test we also used, as you probably are aware after reviewing our alternate source demonstrations. We used the LEAF test in that as well. And we somewhat did a shift towards the LEAF test, quite honestly, based on some of the previous hearings and so on.

It was clearly a test that appeared to be preferentially preferred by the environmental groups. And, quite honestly, they're good tests

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and they provide a lot of good information. And so we shifted to using LEAF tests.
Q. One more follow-up question about the boring log found at 71912.

Based on your answer to my previous questions about this boring log, the absence of the black triangle groundwater icon does not mean that there is no groundwater appearing in this boring, correct?
A. That is correct. On this boring, as I said, there's a time when $I$ would use those and a time when I wouldn't. And one of the reasons I would is because the purpose of these here is so that you have depth while drilling and depth after drilling.

These are soil borings that go into a sandy material that unless you would leave your augers in the ground or your geoprobe in the ground to keep the hole open, you can't take water levels overtime in the hole. As soon as you pull that out, the boring collapses.

So, in this case, I wouldn't give
you -- I provide a dark triangle, but I wouldn't be able to provide a triangle that's not filled

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in because after drilling, unless I had the equipment sit there for potentially half a day at each boring, you know -- so, you're not providing the information that that's intended for.

If I had to put a solid black triangle on this boring log, it would be at about just past 10-and-a-half feet.

## Q. Understood.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for
Exhibit 1330 into the record.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Complainant's
Exhibit 1330 is admitted.
MS. BUGEL: Just for clarification, we have a document that's Bates 108719. We have not marked this as an exhibit. We are not intending to move it into the record. But we have two copies available should Mr. Gnat need to reference a copy for the questions I'm about to ask him.

And due to the length of this, I only
have two copies. We have excerpts of the pages

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I'm asking.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. We have placed a document in front of you. This has Bates No. 108719. And for the record, this has a title of application for initial operating permit Joliet No. 29

Generating Station; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And KPRG prepared this operating permit application on behalf of Midwest Generation, correct?
A. That's correct. But just to clarify, a very large application package, KPRG was the central point to pull everything together. There are portions of this package that, say, would be prepared by another contractor or consultant of Midwest Generation.

They provide that to us and we were incorporating that into the document as a whole. There are certain portions of this that KPRG prepared in and of itself.
Q. Were you involved in the preparation of this permit application?
A. I was involved in portions of it. One

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of our senior engineers was the hub, if you want to call it, that pulled everything together and helped do the engineering portions of it. I was involved in preparing Section 9 of the application.
Q. This operating permit application pertains to just pond two at Joliet 29 , correct?
A. That is correct, yes.
Q. Part of the operating permit application requires a designation of a closure prioritization category for pond 2, correct?
A. Correct.
Q. One factor that is considered when identifying a closure prioritization category is the proximity to an area of environmental justice concern, correct?

MS. GALE: Objection to the extent of foundation. If he knows.

THE HEARING OFFICER: He can answer, if he's able. Overruled.

THE WITNESS: I'm aware of various
intricacies and the requirements and so on of the engineering portions of the rule. I would have to go back and reference for myself. You

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know, that's associated with a portion of this application that $I$ was not involved with.

And not that I haven't heard that, but
I would have to go back and read the rule if you're going to be asking any specific question about it.

BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. I'm just going to turn to Bates Page 108745. Do you have that page in front of you?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And do you see that Section 20.0 closure priority categorization?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And the first sentence under that heading says, Based on Section 845.700(g), the category designation for pond 2 is Category 3.

The Category 3 designation for pond 2 is based on the following:

Pond 2 is an inactive surface
impoundment; there are no potable wells or setbacks of existing water supply wells down gradient, and as such, Midwest Generation, LLC, MWG, is not aware of any imminent threat to any

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human health or the environment; the Illinois EPA EJ Start tool found at, and then an internet address is given, was used to determine that Pond 2 is located within one mile of an area of environmental justice concern.

Do you see that?
A. Yes. You read what's on the paper
here. I'm familiar that pond 2 is certainly not active at this point. And the potable water well search was part of Section 9, which I was involved with, so I can attest to that.

I did not look up the specific website here that's referenced in regards to evaluating the Illinois EJ Start tool. I was not associated with taking a look at that website.
Q. Do you have any reason to question the accuracy of the material that is included in Section 20.0?

MS. GALE: Objection. He just said he didn't do it.

THE HEARING OFFICER: I agree. Sustained.
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was marked for identification.)
MS. BUGEL: Okay. We can set that aside.

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BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. We are placing in front of you what has been marked as Exhibit 1331. Exhibit 1331 begins at Bates Page 110625. Do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Are you familiar with this document?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. Can you explain for the record what this document is?
A. Sure. Similar to what we just looked at for the Joliet No. 29 station, this is the application for initial operating permit for the Waukegan Generating Station. It's dated October 29th, 2021.
Q. Does this copy of this document appear to be true and accurate, and I realize there are thousands of pages, but just at first glance?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. KPRG prepared this application for Waukegan Generating Station on behalf of Midwest Generation, correct?
A. Correct. Again, in a similar fashion as I talked about for Joliet Station where we were kind of the hub, that certain of these

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sections were developed by other consultants or other contractors for Midwest Generation.

We were the clearinghouse pulling everything together as well as being assigned certain aspects of this package. The engineering side of our house did some of the engineering ones, and I was involved with Section 9 in particular.

But, obviously, the Section 9 requirements in this application are the same ones that there are in the previous ones.

That is, again, the groundwater monitoring information and the hydrogeology/geology part of this application is what $I$ was involved with.
Q. Did KPRG select the contractors that prepared the other parts of the application?
A. No, we did not.
Q. Do you know who selected the contractors?
A. I believe these are all Midwest Generation consultants or contractors with the specific expertise needed.

## Q. This application pertains to both the

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east pond and the west pond at Waukegan
Generating Station, correct?
A. Yes, that is correct.
Q. Can you please turn to Bates

Page 110658.
A. Okay.
Q. Does this section contain the written closure plan for both the east ash pond and the west ash pond?
A. Section 10, yes, is the written closure plan for the east 10.1, east ash pond, 10.2 west ash pond.

MS. GALE: Objection; mischaracterizes the document. It actually says it's included as Attachment 10-1 -- I'm sorry. Is it 10-1? This section isn't actually the plan.

THE HEARING OFFICER: The record will so reflect.

MS. BUGEL: Okay. And I will rephrase the question.

BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Section 10.1, east ash pond, does this indicate that the written closure plan is included as Attachment 10-1?

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A. Yes, it does.
Q. And turning the page to Section 10.2 pertains to the west ash pond, correct?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. Does this section indicate that the written closure plan is included as Attachment 10.2?
A. Correct.
Q. Thank you for the correction.

Turning back to Section 10.1, does this
indicate that the east ash pond will be closed with the CCR remaining in place?

MS. GALE: Objection to the extent it mischaracterizes the document. It's not just remaining in place.

THE WITNESS: The only statement in 10.1, and, again, not being involved in the engineering aspects of the closure design, but this says, a final cover system will be constructed consisting of an HDPE geomembrane infiltration control layer and vegetative earthen erosion control layer.

So without going through and taking a look at the closure plan, I can't verify your

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statement.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Can you look at the very first line? Does this sentence say, The east ash pond will be closed with the CCR remaining in place and constructing a final cover system in accordance with Section 845.750?
A. Yes. I'm sorry. I started with sentence two. But, yes, that is what sentence one says.
Q. Do you have any idea if this is still the current plan for how to close the east ash pond at Waukegan?
A. I'll be honest with you. I know that there have been, based on the public hearing and so on, that there have been some different ideas being badgered around by the engineers, but I do not know what the current status is.
Q. Could you please turn to Page 110661?
A. Okay.
Q. And this contains Section 20.0 closure priority categorization; do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And under that Section 20.1 says east

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ash pond?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you see that the category designation for the east ash pond is Category 3?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And starting with the second sentence under east ash pond, the Category 3 designation for the east ash pond is based on the following, and I realize there are three bullet points, but one of the items, the third bullet point says, Midwest Generation used the Illinois EPA EJ Start tool found at, and a website is given, to determine that the Waukegan Generating Station, 401 East Greenwood Ave, Waukegan, 60087, east ash pond is within one mile of an area of environmental justice concern.

Do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Can you please turn to the next page, Bates Page 110662. Without reading this whole thing into the record again, I'm just going to ask a couple of quick questions.

Do you see that the west ash pond was designated a Category 3 designation?

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A. Yes.

MS. GALE: I'm going to object again. He's just reading from this document. He testified that he only did Section 9, and this is Section 20.

MS. BUGEL: Mr. Hearing Officer, this document, the very page we're looking at, at the bottom says KPRG and Associates.

Mr. Gnat has testified that he is a principal at KPRG and that he was involved in the preparation of this application.

MS. GALE: If I may respond, Mr. Hearing Officer.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes, you may.
MS. GALE: He testified that it was a collective endeavor with other consultants and that his company was the hub of the information. As you can tell, this is a voluminous document requiring many hands to lighten the load.

And so that they collected this information, yes. But whether he personally has information on what is stated on Page 110662 has not been demonstrated.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Your objection is

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noted. The Board will take a look at it and read it accordingly. You may resume.

MS. BUGEL: Thank you.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Mr. Gnat, do you see that the third bullet point indicates that the Category 3 designation for the west ash pond was based in part on Midwest Generation using the Illinois EPA EJ Start tool found at, with a website given, to determine that the Waukegan Generating Station, 401 East Greenwood Avenue, Waukegan, 60087, west ash pond is within one mile of area of environmental justice concern; do you see that?

MS. GALE: Same objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Overruled. You may answer, if you're able.

THE WITNESS: That is in the third bullet, yes.

MS. BUGEL: Complainant's move for the admission of Exhibit 1331 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: We had discussed this exhibit with the Complainant. It is huge. And as we told
you, we didn't think the entire document needed to be admitted as an exhibit, particularly since we talked about three pages.

While KPRG collected this information, this witness for half of this information didn't even know the foundation of it other than reading from the document.

So, we would object to the admission of the entire document.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Well, I guess, No. 1, normally a party objects because the whole document is not in front of them and now you're objecting because the whole document is in front of him.

MS. GALE: I guess my objection is relevance, sir, to be clear.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Ms. Bugel, before I rule.

MS. BUGEL: Yes. We did propose to excerpt the document and introduce it that way and Midwest Generation would not agree to that. So, I agree with the predicament of it's no to the whole and no to part of it as well.

> In addition, Mr. Gnat testified that

KPRG, you know, that the front pages of the application have KPRG on every single page. His firm assisted in the preparation of this application, oversaw it. He also testified that it was Midwest Gen consultants who participated in the other parts.

So, the document is relevant not just for the area of environmental justice concerns that is indicated, but also for the closure plans that are attached at the back and that we did discuss.

We could go page by page through the whole document and establish the relevance of other parts of it. But instead of belaboring that exercise, we are offering it now. This goes to the heart of what's being discussed because it goes to how the ponds are going to be closed and that goes to remedy.

MS. GALE: Mr. Hearing Officer, if I might respond to a couple of things. And maybe there was a miscommunication here. But what Ms. Bugel proposed, as $I$ understood it, was simply to bring only his excerpts. And I had said you need to bring the whole thing to make it

[^36]available for us to look at. I did not suggest that excerpts would not be admissible.

Secondly, as it relates to the closure plan, he specifically testified he did not write the closure plan. And she did not look at attachment 10-1 and 10-2, which are the actual closure plans. It has not been established that that closure plan is relevant, nor the actual foundation available.

Finally, her suggestion that this goes to the heart of this issue, certainly we would agree that Midwest Gen, as we have said before, is following the law. But $I$ would caution everyone to think that the issue of whether they're complying with -- if there is no complaint here that there's any compliance issue under Part 845.

THE HEARING OFFICER: So, would it do any good -- I mean, it sounds like you're troubled by the fact there's more than the fact that you guys didn't -- she didn't take out the excerpts and just submit that.

So if you guys get together and she just takes out the docs that you were talking
about, everything would be fine?
MS. GALE: Yeah. Again, we wanted to know why they wanted this document.

MS. BUGEL: I'm surprised by Midwest Gen's indication that they would agree to excerpts. We had many conversations and e-mails flying back and forth about exhibits, and I always heard that Midwest Gen was dead-set against excerpts. So, I'm very surprised by this today. Secondly, this is obviously a massively document-heavy proceeding. I think we have established relevance. This is a document that's related to closure of the ponds and closure of the ponds is at the heart of the remedy that we're talking about.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Here's my decision. I'm ready to admit it under 101.626 , but if you guys want to get together and pull out the excerpts that you're speaking of and then maybe we can work something out.

But that's my ruling right now unless you want me to forego that for now and maybe you guys can work it out later.

MS. BUGEL: I'm not hopeful as to working it
out, I just have to say.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Over objection, Complainant's Exhibit No. 1331 is admitted.

MS. GALE: Mr. Hearing Officer, if I may suggest, I just thought of this now, so forgive me. When we had this discussion over the Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports in the first hearing, and at that instance, our request was to limit the document to what was to be discussed at the hearing.

Our concern here with this document is that we discussed six pages. And then later on because the whole thing is admitted, Complainants look on a different page and pull something out and we've not had an opportunity with the witness to have a description of what's on there.

And, again, you know, lots of e-mails, much effort, perhaps there's been a miscommunication, but our concern is, well, frankly, a surprise. So, if we have a limitation of what's discussed, that would be acceptable.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah. My suggestion

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is, because it sounds like you were amendable before, Ms. Bugel, just taking out the excerpts. I don't know. Maybe I'm mishearing things. I wasn't privy to the e-mails, discussions, whatever.

But my thought now is to set this aside, maybe you guys can talk about it at a break or get back tomorrow and we can talk about it then.

MS. BUGEL: So, Mr. Hearing Officer, I would be happy to entertain that. Just off the cuff, my concerns are twofold.

First of all, this is a document prepared by Midwest Gen with their consultants. Mr. Gnat testified that the consultants who have prepared other parts of this document were selected by Midwest Gen.

I am baffled that they could have an objection to statements prepared by their consultants for them, their agents with their oversight, with KPRG's oversight.

Second, I'm honestly not prepared today with further questions. So, I feel that I've been taken by surprise, too. Maybe I can get

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prepared overnight or maybe -- our team is working on, you know, to prepare for the next witnesses to come.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. I'm not happy with this at all, again. But $I$ will take it under 101.626. And that's it. I wish you guys could work things out or communicate a little bit beforehand. Thank you.

MS. BUGEL: Mr. Hearing Officer, I'm looking at the time and how long we've been going and I'm wondering if this is a good time for our break.

THE HEARING OFFICER: All right. I don't know how much time you have left, Ms. Bugel. Maybe, again, I misheard. I thought you had a little bit to go or halfway to go and we started at 10:00 o'clock.

MS. BUGEL: I have about five or six pages of questions left.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Looks like we'll just wrap up the direct as adverse today and move on for tomorrow.

MS. BUGEL: Okay.
THE HEARING OFFICER: All right. We're off

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the record.
(WHEREUPON, a discussion was held off the Record.)

THE HEARING OFFICER: We're back on the record at approximately 3:05. We're in the middle of direct. Ms. Bugel.

Before we go on, I still want to note that Vanessa Horton and Essence Brown are still here from the pollution control board.

MS. BUGEL: So returning to our next document, this is another document where we have questions for the witness. We're not making it an exhibit. We have two copies for the witness to refresh his recollection and a copy for opposing counsel. It's really just very short questions about this one.

BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. So, Mr. Gnat, we've placed in front of you document with a Bates No. 117229. Do you have that in front of you?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Are you familiar with this document?
A. This is the Illinois CCR application
for Initial Construction Permit for the Waukegan

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Generating Station dated January 28th, 2022 .
Q. And KPRG prepared this document on behalf of Midwest Generation?
A. Again, similar to the initial construction permit applications, KPRG acted as kind of the central hub. Various other consultants provided input on various sections. We developed various sections as well.

I was personally involved with Section 9 of the construction permit application, which is basically the same as the Section 9 in the initial operating permit.

I was also involved in Section 8, which is a groundwater modeling -- a three-dimensional numerical groundwater modeling that was required as part of support for assisting the engineers to provide the engineering side of the house with the information to help evaluate closure alternatives.
Q. This permit application is dated January 28th, 2022; is that correct?
A. Correct.
Q. Do you know if this was submitted after the operating permit application?

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A. Yes, it was.
Q. Do you know if the plan to close the east pond with CCR remaining in place is consistent with this permit application?

MS. GALE: Objection; foundation.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Jamye, could you read the question back.
(WHEREUPON, said Record was read as requested.)

THE HEARING OFFICER: Overruled. He can answer, if he's able.

THE WITNESS: I wasn't involved in developing that portion. However, I was involved in the groundwater modeling in support of that. And that was certainly one of the alternatives being evaluated.

I was also present at the public meeting presenting the groundwater aspects of the modeling and so on. And that certainly was one of the alternatives presented at the public meeting as well.
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was marked for identification.)
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BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Okay. We can set this aside. We are placing in front of you what has been marked as Exhibit 1332. Do you have this in front of you?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And for the record, it begins with Bates No. 125605. Are you familiar with this document?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. Can you please explain for the record what this is?
A. This is under the state CCR rule, the application for initial operating permit for ponds one north and one south for Will county Generating Station dated March 31st, 2022.
Q. KPRG was involved with the preparation of this document, correct?
A. Again, in a similar fashion as the other ones we talked about, KPRG was kind of the central hub bringing in information and reports, evaluations from other consultants involved, as well as doing several sections ourselves as well.

I was involved with the Section 9, the

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groundwater monitoring, all the geology/hydrogeology aspects of this permit application.
Q. I realize this is a lengthy document, but does this appear to be a true and accurate copy?
A. I believe so.
Q. And this operating permit application pertains to both ponds one north and one south at the Will County Generating Station, correct?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. And in this application, pond one north is referred to as the number 1 and then an $N$, right?
A. Yes.
Q. And in this application, pond one south is referred to as the number 1 and then an $S$, right?
A. Yes.
Q. This operating permit contains the closure plans for both one north and one south, correct?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. Can you please --

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MS. GALE: Objection to the
mischaracterization. I believe it contains the preliminary closure plan as is described in Section 10?

MS. BUGEL: I'm happy to rephrase the question.

BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. This operating permit contains the preliminary closure plans for both ponds one north and one south, correct?
A. Correct. That's the title of Section 10, yes, Preliminary Closure Plan.
Q. Can you please turn to Bates Page 125639.
A. Okay.
Q. Does Section 10.0 appear on this page?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. Does that heading appear Preliminary Closure Plan?
A. Yes. 10.0, Preliminary Closure Plan.
Q. In the very first sentence, does this indicate that both ponds one north and one south will be closed with CCR remaining in place and topped with a final cover system?

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A. Correct. Yes, it does.
Q. Do you know if that is still the
current plan to close ponds one north and one
south?
MS. GALE: Objection; foundation.
THE HEARING OFFICER: If he knows, he can
answer. Overruled.
THE WITNESS: I do know that the final
dhecision -- there's a follow-up document to
construction permits, applications. And within
the context of the construction permit, I was
involved in groundwater modeling in support of
evaluations of various alternatives. And so
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that was certainly one of the alternatives
that's being evaluated.
application for the ponds one north and one
decision? That I do not know.
BY MS. BUGEL:

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know if it was submitted or when the date of that submittal was. I know a public meeting is coming up.
Q. Can you turn to Bates Page 125651.
A. Okay.
Q. This page contains analytical results from groundwater monitoring, correct?
A. That is correct. Table 9-4.
Q. And this contains results from monitoring wells 13,14 and 15, correct?
A. Among other wells, yes, 13, 14 and 15 are on this table, in addition to upgradient wells 1, 2, 3 and 4. And then additional down gradient wells 7, 8 and 9.
Q. Are you familiar with this page of the permit application?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. And were you involved in the preparation of this table for the permit application?
A. Yes, I was.
Q. Do you know if data from wells 13, 14 and 15 is submitted to the Illinois EPA pursuant to the compliance commitment agreement for Will

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A. No. Wells 13, 14 and 15 were installed directly as a result of the passage of the Illinois EPA CCR rule, the state CCR rule. Ponds one north, one south were not part of the federal CCR rule.

And in order for us to maintain compliance with the number of groundwater monitoring requirements under the state rule, we installed these wells. So, well past the start of the CCA monitoring and certainly not part of the CCA monitoring.

## Q. In addition to the table that we're

 looking at, are there other groundwater monitoring results provided as part of this application?A. You know, I don't remember if -- I believe that there might be an attachment because some of these wells do cover an earlier range. Well 9 is also part of, I believe, the monitoring network for the ash ponds 2 south, 3 south, and several of these wells are part of CCA.

So, some of that data might have been

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provided in an appendix just as additional background information to help get a flavor for water quality, but certainly not in any specific interpretations or data comparisons that would be intended to meet the CCR rule itself.
Q. Can you please turn to Page 125681.
A. Okay.
Q. Does this contain further analytical results related to groundwater monitoring at the Will County station?
A. I believe what we have here is a sample of ash that was collected. One of the requirements of the permit, $I$ believe, $I$ don't remember if it's the operating permit or the construction permit or both, is ash chemistry.

And, specifically, we collected a sample of ash from these impoundments. And so this is actually an ash sample as part of background information on the nature of ash relative to the parameters that are used in groundwater monitoring.
Q. And your name appears on the cover sheet of this document, correct?
A. That is correct, yes.

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Q. Do you know if the fall preliminary closure plans are also included as attachments to this permit application?
A. I would have to see what attachments those are.
Q. And just in order to orient you a little bit, do you know if the preliminary closure plan is included as Attachment 10 to the permit application?
A. I'm trying to get to the attachment. Here is Attachment 10. The title page for Attachment 10 Preliminary Closure Plan starts at Bates Page 126011.

Yes, this does appear to be included within this document stamped off by Josh Davenport, who is a senior engineer, Illinois certified engineer out of our Wisconsin office.
Q. Is that out of KPRG's Wisconsin office?
A. Yes.

MS. BUGEL: Complainants move for the admission of Exhibit 1331 into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: Mr. Hearing Officer, we have the same objection to this exhibit. And to clarify

[^41]our objection of relevancy, as we discussed with complainants, our concern is that this is a voluminous document and we've talked about maybe 10 pages and that if it gets admitted into evidence and then a page that was undiscussed is taken out of context and there's no witness here to describe it.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah, I agree. And I'm willing to set this aside, as well as 1331, if the parties can work it out and just submit the excerpts that Mr . Gnat talked about.

This is voluminous. It hasn't been
talked about. I know, Ms. Bugel, I think you said you can go page by page $I$ think and discuss it, but, you know --

MS. BUGEL: Mr. Hearing Officer, what we have tried to do as quickly as possible is ask questions to point in the direction of the relevant parts of this document.

But what I haven't had time to do is confer with my whole team and make sure that I'm hitting everything that we believe is relevant. I think we have. Mr. Gnat is on right now. I can confer with my team, but I'm virtually at

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the very end of my --
THE HEARING OFFICER: Like before, I thought I requested from 1331, you know, I can set that aside, as well as this. And I'm going to be here tomorrow or later on, if you need more time to confer, and then we'll talk further about these two exhibits. But for right now, I'm going to set 1332 aside and I'll wait on both your decisions on what to do with them.

MS. BUGEL: Mr. Hearing Officer, I think you might have admitted the last exhibit.

THE HEARING OFFICER: I know. I can reverse my --

MS. BUGEL: Okay.
THE HEARING OFFICER: I'm just going to leave it status quo and then we can go back and figure that out.

MS. BUGEL: Okay. I want to make sure there won't be an objection to Complainants recalling Mr. Gnat after we've had time to confer.

MS. NIJMAN: That's a whole different thing.
MS. GALE: Well, this hasn't been discussed.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Let's go off the record.

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held off the Record.)
THE HEARING OFFICER: Back on the record.
MS. BUGEL: Changing course.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Mr. Gnat, in the last hearing, we discussed -- and by last hearing, I mean, five years ago -- we discussed an area at Joliet where you conduct walkover inspections; do you remember that?
A. Yes, I do.

MS. GALE: Objection to the extent she said Joliet. I would object to that as vague.

MS. BUGEL: I'll rephrase the question. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Mr. Gnat, at the last hearing five years ago, you discussed conducting walkover inspections at Joliet 29, correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And these walkover inspections at Joliet 29 take place at the former ash burial area on the northeast side of the Joliet 29 property, correct?

MS. GALE: Objection to the extent it

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mischaracterizes the description.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Bugel rephrase.
MS. BUGEL: This is the exact terminology that Mr. Gnat uses in his letter report on the former ash burial area.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: Can we see the report?
MS. BUGEL: I can pull it up electronically, the letters about Mr. Gnat's walkover inspection.

THE HEARING OFFICER: We're still on the record. We can't keep going on and off.

MS. BUGEL: May I ask another question to help establish.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes, you may. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Mr. Gnat, are you familiar with the terminology former ash burial area on the northeast side of Joliet 29 ?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. Is that the terminology that you use in your letters after you conduct a walkover inspection of that area?
A. I don't remember if that's the exact

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wording, if it's ash placement area, something on that order.

My understanding for some background on that is it's based on a figure from a Phase 2 that was performed by ENSR, and they had some areas identified. I do not know what the source of their identification of those areas or what not, but that's the area that's being referred to.
Q. The area where you conduct a walkover inspection is on the northeast side of the Joliet 29 property, correct?
A. Correct.
Q. This walkover inspection is related to compliance with a NPDES permit for Joliet 29, correct?
A. No. My understanding it's for their stormwater inspection annual walkover.
Q. And you do not conduct walkover inspections at any other area at the Joliet 29 property, correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And part of your walkover inspection includes walking the banks of the Des Plaines

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River on the northeast side of the Joliet 29 property, correct?
A. Correct. It starts with the banks of the inlet that comes in off of the Des Plaines River, and then also after the inlet and upstream of that inlet along the Des Plaines River bank, correct.
Q. And you do not walk the bank of the Des Plaines River downstream of the inlet, is that correct, at the Joliet 29 property?
A. That is correct. Along the inlet itself.
Q. You do not conduct walkover inspections at any other Midwest Gen plants besides Joliet 29, correct?

MS. GALE: Objection; compound. There's three other plants.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Sustained.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. You do not conduct walkover inspections at the Waukegan Generating Station, correct?

MS. GALE: Objection to vague; walkover. Are we talking about a stormwater walkover?

THE HEARING OFFICER: Can you clarify,

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Ms. Bugel, please.
MS. BUGEL: Yes. I will lay some foundation.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Do you conduct walking inspections of any area at the Waukegan plant for purposes of CCR groundwater monitoring?
A. When I am at the Waukegan plant and doing -- I don't do the sampling itself at this point. I have more junior people doing the sampling. But if I'm doing anything in support of that, I'm in the vicinity of the impoundments and certainly look around. Am I doing an inspection that's specifically required under a permit? No. I mean, there is no specific requirement.
Q. I'm going to turn to discussion of Powerton. Has KPRG taken any soil borings at Powerton since October of 2017?
A. I know that we installed some additional monitoring wells in support of the state CCR program for the Metals Cleaning Basin. So, those are borings that are then obviously converted to monitoring wells and constructed and completed as monitoring wells.

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Other than that, perhaps collection of some ash samples in support of any LEAF testing or in support of the permit that might have occurred. I'm trying to do it relative to pre or post the date that you said there. Other than that, I'm not sure I'm aware of any.
Q. Okay. What monitoring wells did you install at Powerton? And I think you said in reference to the Metals Cleaning Basin.
A. Wells 21 and 22.
Q. And besides wells 21 and 22, has KPRG taken any soil borings at Powerton since October of 2017?
A. Again, with that date, $I$ know we installed well 19. I don't know the date, was that pre or post. Well 18 was prior to that date. So, if anything, it might have been well 19. But, again, relative to that date, pre or post, I'm not sure.
Q. Aside from monitoring wells 19, 21 and 22, has KPRG taken any soil borings at Powerton since October of 2017?
A. Not soil borings. I know that there was some -- I believe it was post the date

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you're providing there in '17, some additional sediment sampling from the service water basin based on discussions and so on with Illinois EPA. I don't know if there was any other sampling that might have been done by Mr. Davenport from our office in support of that study.
Q. Mr. Gnat, I'm asking just about soil borings. I'm not asking about sediment sampling.

MS. GALE: I would just object to the direction of the witness. He is trying to answer her questions.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah. I agree. I think you got to let Mr. Gnat finish and then you can ask your other question, if there is one.

BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Mr. Gnat, do you understand if there's a distinction between sediment sampling and soil borings?
A. Yes.
Q. I'm going to limit my question to soil borings.

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Has KPRG taken any soil borings besides in relation to the installation of monitoring wells 19, 21 and 22 at Powerton since October of 2017?

MS. GALE: Object to asked and answered. He just answered this prior question, I don't think so, and then he went on to describe other sampling done.

MS. BUGEL: And because of his answer where he was merging sediment sampling with soil borings --

THE HEARING OFFICER: I agree. It was dovetailed.

Mr. Gnat, you can answer, if you're able.

THE WITNESS: Not that I'm aware of.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. I am limiting my question to $C C R$ material outside of ponds. So I just want to make that clarification as I asked this question.

Do you know of any investigation to identify the volume of CCR material outside of ponds in any area at Powerton since October

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of 2017?
A. Not that KPRG was involved with. I do not know if any other contractors might have been asked.
Q. And now since we've discussed alternate source demonstrations at length today, I'm setting those aside.

Aside from alternate source
demonstrations, do you know of any sampling of CCR material that has been done at Powerton since October of 2017?
A. I'm not understanding the distinction previous your previous question and this one. It sounded like the same question to me. I'm sorry.
Q. The previous question was about identifying the volume of CCR material. Now I'm asking about sampling of CCR material.
A. Material in the ponds then -- outside of ponds versus in the ponds this time?
Q. Oh, okay. I'm setting aside alternate source demonstrations because I know there was sampling for alternate source demonstrations. Now I'm asking about CCR material

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generally, whether it's inside or outside a pond.
A. Not that KPRG was involved in, at least not that I'm aware of.
Q. And also setting aside alternate source demonstrations since we've already talked about those, do you know of any testing of leachate from CCR material that has been done at Powerton since October of 2017?
A. Not that I'm aware of.
Q. Have you ever walked the bank of the Illinois River at Powerton looking for CCR seeps?

MS. GALE: Objection; foundation.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Bugel.
MS. BUGEL: I'll rephrase.
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Mr. Gnat, do you ever walk the bank of the Illinois River at Powerton?
A. No. I haven't found the need to, and I can give you the reason for that.
Q. I'm going to move on because I don't want to keep you on the stand longer than necessary.

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Has KPRG ever been involved in sampling of shallow sediments in the Illinois River at Powerton?
A. No, we have not.
Q. I just have a few more questions along the same lines about Waukegan.

Do you know if any new monitoring wells
have been installed at Waukegan since 2017?
A. I don't think so, no. I think those were all installed pre-2017.
Q. We talked about a Waukegan field investigation earlier with those soil borings and the grid patterns.

Setting aside that, do you know if any other soil borings have been taken at Waukegan since 2017?
A. I'm not aware of anything by KPRG. Perhaps another consultant or contractor might have been contracted to do it, but I don't know.
Q. And have you ever walked the shoreline of Lake Michigan at the Waukegan station?
A. Yes, I have.
Q. Have you walked the shoreline of Lake Michigan at the Waukegan station for the purpose

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of looking for CCR seeps?
A. Not for that specific purpose. But as I walked that, if I saw something, I certainly would have noted it.
Q. Has KPRG ever investigated any shallow sediments from Lake Michigan for evidence of CCR contamination at Waukegan?
A. No, we have not.
Q. Now, I have the same line of questions for you, a similar line of questions about Will County.

Do you know if any new monitoring wells have been installed at Will County since October of 2017?
A. Yes, I believe that wells 13, 14 and 15, down gradient of ponds one north, one south, I believe were installed post-2017.
Q. And for what purpose were those wells installed?
A. For meeting the compliance for ponds one north and one south which fell under the jurisdiction of the new Illinois EPA CCR rule that became effective there in 2021.
Q. Do you know when those were installed?

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A. Circa, I want to say February, March, April 2021 time frame, somewhere in there.
Q. And aside from wells 13, 14 and 15, do you know of any other monitoring wells that have been installed at Will County since October of 2017?
A. Not that I'm aware of.
Q. Just to be clear, this next question is about areas outside of ponds.

Do you know if there has been any investigation to identify the volume of $C C R$ in any area outside of the ponds at Will County since October of 2017?
A. Not that $K P R G$ has been involved with, not that I'm aware of.
Q. And since we've discussed alternate source demonstrations a little bit, I'm going to accept that out of the following question.

Aside from any alternate source demonstration, do you know of any sampling of CCR material at Will County since October of 2017?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. What was that?

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A. I believe there was ash sampling done in support of the initial application permits for possibly both ponds, two south, three south, as well as one north and one south. I believe there was ash sampling done.
Q. And aside from ash sampling done in support of permit applications, do you know of any other sampling of CCR material at Will County since October of 2017, and I'm also going to set aside alternate source demonstrations?
A. I wouldn't see a reason -- KPRG has, but I wouldn't see a reason to. The plant's no longer burning coal, not generating ash. Ash has already been sampled and analyzed.
You've collected the same sample,
analyzing the same thing. You're not gaining any additional information.

## Q. Aside from alternate source

 demonstrations, do you know of any testing of CCR material leachate that have been done at Will County since October of 2017?A. No, I haven't. You know, kind of the same answer. We've got leachate data. There's ash no longer being generated. There's no

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specific reason to keep generating leachate data.
Q. Have you walked the banks of the Des Plaines River at Will County Station?
A. Of the Des Plaines River -- the ash ponds that are there along the Des Plaines River, $I$ don't walk it for any specific permit reason like I did there for Joliet 29.

But when $I$ am at the facility, $I$ do walk along where our perimeter walls are and that's right where the embankment is to the Des Plaines River. So, I have visually looked at it and so on, yes.
Q. Have you walked the embankment that you reference looking for CCR seeps?
A. If I would see something, I would certainly make a note of it. I have not seen any seeps in that area, no.
Q. And you said embankment. I want to understand.

When you say embankment, are you
referring to the bank of the Des Plaines River?
A. Correct. So, at the plant where we have our wells along the west side of the ponds,

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which is the down gradient side, right there we have a fence line. And then you've got a drop off, a bank drop off to the Des Plaines River.

There isn't much area there. It's right along the river, yeah. So, it's the bank of the river.
Q. Have you ever inspected any of the shallow sediments from the Des Plaines River at Will County for evidence of CCR contamination?
A. Not KPRG, not that I'm aware of.
Q. I have a few questions for you about the term background.

Are you familiar with the term background as it's used in the context of groundwater monitoring?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. Do you have an understanding of what the term background is in the context of monitoring whether a pond may be leaking or releasing?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. In that context, is knowing background important?
A. Yes, it is.

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Q. Is your definition of background in that context of whether a pond may be leaking or releasing, is your definition of background the chemistry of the water immediately prior to passing the boundary of that unit?

MS. GALE: Objection; vague. She said that unit. I mean, is she talking about in generality?

THE HEARING OFFICER: Can you rephrase that, Ms. Bugel. I know it's getting late in the day. MS. BUGEL: That's okay. BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. In the context of whether a pond may be leaking or releasing, is your definition of background the chemistry of water immediately prior to passing the boundary of the pond?
A. I think that's a little -- let me clarify two issues here.

You've got background of a well that can be constructed in an area that is, you know, certainly well away from the unit and providing as clean water as possible as you can get in, you know, 80-, 90-year old industrial
facilities. But sometimes you do have

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constraints.
But regardless if I, at some point, have to make an evaluation of the leakage of that pond, there's also a background right there at the pond, to know exactly what is the quality of the water, not just background as unimpacted as possible from any type of operations at an industrial facility. It's really to evaluate that pond.

You also need to understand, if possible, the water chemistry, as what you just said, of immediately prior to that water passing under the pond. So, you know, two slightly types of background. The one for the final evaluation is the one closest to the pond itself.
Q. Can you please refer to your deposition transcript. I'm looking at Page 3 of the document, but Page 12 of the actual transcript.

Starting on Page 11, do you remember me asking you this question:

Question. So, let's talk about the CCA monitoring. What is your understanding of the definition of background for that purpose?

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Answer. My definition of background for the CCA monitoring, which my understanding is basically a program to determine to monitor whether or not the ponds may be leaking or releasing.


So, background for that, it's important
to know what is the chemistry of the water immediately prior to passing the boundary of the unit.

MS. GALE: And I would only object as to improper impeachment. Her original question was not about the CCA monitoring.

THE HEARING OFFICER: I agree.
THE WITNESS: My answer is completely
consistent with what you asked. Because under CCR, the CCR rule, which we've been talking both CCA and CCR, there's a very specific definition and you try and meet that definition of background as best as you can at these old industrial facilities.

But then if you do have an SSI and you have to evaluate, is it the impoundment that's causing this SSI? That background value, quite honestly, by the definition of the rule has some

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value but very little value of answering the question, Is a pond leaking. I need to know as much as I can close to the pond.

Under the CCA agreement, there is no background definition that they have in the CCR rule. And that's why I discussed these two different things. The CCA rule, the way I have it discussed here is exactly what $I$ said. If I have to look at the pond itself, this unit, I need to know what the quality of water is immediately upgradient to the pond, which is exactly consistent with what $I$ just told you.

My distinction was with the fact that we're constantly crossing CCR rule versus CCA monitoring, two totally different programs, totally different programs. My answer was consistent with my deposition.

BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Mr. Gnat, do you agree that it is important to have a representative background?

MS. GALE: Objection. Vague; foundation; misstates.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Bugel.
MS. BUGEL: I'll withdraw the question.

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THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.
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was marked for identification.)
BY MS. BUGEL:
Q. Last exhibit, 1333. We are placing in front of you what has been marked as

Exhibit 1333. And for the record, this begins Bates No. 116241. Do you see that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Are you familiar with this document?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. It was prepared by KPRG?
A. Yes, it was.
Q. It was prepared for Midwest Generation?
A. Yes, it was.
Q. This is another alternate source demonstration, correct?
A. That is correct, yes.
Q. Can you please explain further what this document is.
A. Sure. If I remember correctly, earlier today we had looked at the report prior to this one where we identified during our detection monitoring, this is under the federal CCR rule,

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that we had a potential statistically
significant increase for chloride specifically at down gradient monitoring well MW11.

The recommendation was to do an
alternate source demonstration to evaluate the nature of that potential SSI exceedance. And so this is the alternate source demonstration that was completed in regards to the chloride in MW11.

The conclusion was that the exceedance may, in fact, be associated with a potential release from, I believe, it was pond $2 S$ as we evaluated the data. And so we recommended, therefore, to shift from detection monitoring to assessment monitoring in accordance with the requirements of the federal rule.
Q. And this also has your signature on Bates Page 116245?
A. Yes, it does.
Q. Can you please turn to Page 116244?
A. Okay.
Q. Bear with me while I get there. This page has a heading Conclusion/Recommendations; do you see that?

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A. Yes.
Q. Looking at the first sentence under Conclusions/Recommendations, do you see where it says, quote, based on the discussions provided above, it is not believed that pond $3 S$ is the source of down gradient chloride impacts at monitoring well MW11; however, the data relative to the pond 2 S does not allow for that conclusion to be reached based on the following. Do you see where it says that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Then it goes on to provide a couple of bullet points?
A. Yes.
Q. And the site shifted to assessment monitoring, correct?
A. Yes, it did.
Q. And the ASD could not rule out pond $2 S$ as the source of down gradient chloride impacts, right?
A. That is correct, yes.

MS. BUGEL: Thank you. I have no further questions for this witness.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Ms. Bugel.

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MS. BUGEL: Wait. I'm sorry, Mr. Hearing Officer. My colleague and I are ready to discuss questions about the lengthy applications today. We actually don't need to wait until after.

So right now I want to go back and just move for Exhibit 1333 to be admitted into the record.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: No objection.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.
MR. WANNIER: Complainant's Exhibit 1333 is admitted into evidence.

MS. BUGEL: And if my colleague and I can have a moment to confer, then $I$ think I can be prepared with questions on the two long applications that we had reserved.

THE HEARING OFFICER: We're off the record. (WHEREUPON, a discussion was held off the Record.)

THE HEARING OFFICER: Back on the record. It's approximately 4:05. Mr. Russ is going to ask Mr. Gnat some questions on direct as adverse.

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You may proceed, Mr. Russ.
MR. RUSS: Thank you.
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BY MR. RUSS:
Q. Hello, Mr. Gnat.

Can you look at Exhibit 1331 again. I want to first try to establish how long it is. The Bates number on the very first page is 110625, right?
A. Yes.
Q. And the Bates number on the very last page is 111264, right?
A. Yes, it is.
Q. And on the pdf I'm looking at, that makes it a 640-page document; does that sound about right?
A. Sounds about right; didn't do the math.
Q. Could you flip to the table of contents, which I believe begins on Bates Page 110634.
A. Yes.
Q. And I believe you said earlier that

KPRG was responsible for being the hub compiling the document, but also specifically for putting

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## together Section 9?

A. I was involved with Section 9. Other engineers in our office were involved in various other sections. And then there were other engineering firms assigned to other, you know, aspects of this as well.
Q. Okay.
A. And then Josh Davenport, our senior engineer in my office, was kind of the clearinghouse and hub, bringing everything together and pulling the permit together itself.
Q. Okay. Thanks.

So just looking at the table of contents, do you remember which sections other KPRG staff might have been responsible for?
A. I'm sure I don't remember all of them. I would imagine we were involved with the history of construction, the type of CCR and surface impoundment.
Q. So that's Section 1?
A. Yeah. Parts of Section 1. Then there are parts of Section 1 that we weren't involved with. The area capacity curve, spillway diversion capacities and calculations,

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surveillance maintenance repair construction specifications, record of structural -- I do not believe we were involved in any of those.

Section 2, we probably were involved with that. I'm not sure on the location standards. We may have been involved in part of it. But, for example, seismic impact zones, we do not have a structural engineer to do any seismic-type evaluations.

Section 6, the slow protection documentation. Again, that goes back, I believe, to a structural engineering evaluation. We were involved with the emergency action plan, fugitive dust control plan. Obviously, Section 9 there.

Section 10, or at least parts of Section 10 and 11. I'm not sure about 12. We probably did the summary on Section 13. So, 14 through 19 are certainly something that would be provided to us to pull together. Again, structural stability assessment, we do not have a structural engineer on staff. So on and so forth.

And then we probably had some

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involvement on that closure priority
characterization. We talked about that. I knew at least on the first two bullets, but $I$ wasn't involved in looking up on the website.
Q. Okay. Thank you.

And then at the bottom of that page
that you were just looking at, it starts to list the tables and figures, right?
A. Correct.
Q. Those all, except for figures 11 and 12, all of the tables and all of the figures are nine-dash something, correct?
A. Right. There's a Table 2, but then everything else is tables and figures in support of Section 9, or Attachment 9, which is the groundwater aspects of it.
Q. And does Attachment 9 go with your Section 9?
A. Yes.
Q. Scrolling down to page, flipping in your case, I'm going to try to go where tables and figures start. I don't think there's a page number in the table of contents, but it might actually be easier for you than for me. It

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looks like the tables start at 110663; is that right?
A. Yes, they do.
Q. And flipping to the end of the figures.
A. Figures or tables?
Q. Figures. Going right through the tables and also the figures, that brings us to Page 110689; is that right?
A. The last figure would be on page -- the page after that is 110690 , so $I$ really can't make out the number on the figure, but that would be sequential, yes.
Q. So then the tables and figures appear to take up from 663 to 689, 26 pages.
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. Thanks. Can you now flip to the beginning of Attachment 9 .
A. Okay.
Q. I believe that's on Bates Page 110854?
A. Yes, it is.
Q. Now, can you flip to the beginning of Attachment 10 just to establish where Attachment 9 ends.
A. Yes.

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Q. I believe that's on Bates Page 111161?
A. That is correct.
Q. So, subtracting, if I'm doing the math in my head, and I'm not doing it very successfully --
A. Plus or minus 300 pages.
Q. Yeah. Plus or minus 300 pages. Thank you. Okay. So I guess what I'm getting at, of this document, KPRG was responsible for Section 9 of the text, bits and pieces of the other sections of the text, 26 pages of tables and figures, and over 300 pages in one attachment.

That's the majority of the document, which we could excerpt, but it seems to me to be more reasonable to just take the exhibit as it is rather than try to excerpt 350 pages of a 600-page document out of order.

We would have to include the front
matter, of course, so that's, like, another 10 pages of, you know, the title page and the contents and all of that.

MS. NIJMAN: Is this argument now?
MR. RUSS: No. I'm moving to admit

Exhibit 1331 again, renewing the motion to admit this document. And I think it's logistically much more responsible to admit the document in its entirety since we're going to be excerpting the majority of it otherwise, if you see what $I$ mean.

MS. GALE: Mr. Hearing Officer, if I could respond. His exercise of going through the pages did not resolve the issue that I described earlier, relevancy and potential surprise. Mr. Gnat has fully admitted that he wrote Attachment 9 and he was fully involved.

They haven't asked a single question about that attachment. So we would continue to object to the admission of this document, not because it's authentic, not because he wasn't involved, not because they used over 50 percent, but because they haven't demonstrated how they want to use this document.

And our concern is, which we've said repeatedly, is surprise. And that this whole document gets in and then it's used in some manner that we cannot counter later.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Are you planning to ask

Mr. Gnat questions on 300 pages or whatever the total was that Mr. Gnat --

MR. RUSS: So, I could. There's certainly relevant information in most of the attachments, certainly in all the tables and figures.

It seems like an inefficient use of our time and resources. It seems unusual to me to require demonstration of relevance for every page in a document that's facially relevant.

Most of the documents in this matter we've established relevance by looking at a few of the key pages as being emblematic of the rest of the content. I think this is a similar situation.

Attachment 9 is all about groundwater and geology and hydrology, which goes to the characterization of the site, where the coal ash is, where the groundwater is, how the groundwater flows, all of that type of information that would be relevant to a remedy. I could go through page by page. I don't believe that it's necessary.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: We have never suggested they go
through each page by page. And the other documents that we've had no objection to admission, they've pointed out specific paragraphs or specific sentences on one page of the document. And that is because, you know, it is one document with one writer.

In this instance, it is a collection of documents by various writers. And if he wants to ask certain questions about Attachment 9 to Mr. Gnat, then we can see if the whole thing can get in. But I've never suggested that we would go page by page.

My suggestion is that this document is huge written by multiple writers. Again, our issue is what he talks about is how this is relevant. That is our concern.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Russ.
MR. WANNIER: Two points. One, yeah, I'm absolutely happy to go through page by page if that's what we want to do.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Well, not page by page. Specifically, I think Attachment 9, which I haven't been to yet.

MR. RUSS: So the problem is Attachment 9 is

[^49]actually a series of Attachment 9-1, 9-2, and I'm worried about getting another objection about we only asked questions about 9-1. There's multiple subsections of Attachment 9.

The tables and figures, I just don't know what to anticipate in terms of an objection. I don't know how much they're asking us to go through.

The second point $I$ want to make is the only other way for us to establish authenticity or relevance of the rest of the document is to bring in all the other authors to try and figure who wrote what section, find out who those people are, get them all in.

I think there are a lot of documents in this case presumably that were compiled by one consultant that had multiple people working on them either within the firm or from outside the firm. This hasn't come up before. We are feeling, you know, frustration and a lot of surprise because we tried to talk about this in the form of excerpts and that was rebuffed.

So, we brought the whole thing, we've brought it all out. It was a logistical
nightmare. And here we are trying to do what they thought they wanted us to do and it's not working and it is very frustrating.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: Mr. Hearing Officer, a few things. We are entitled to know why they think this document is relevant. And that is our issue here.

Mr. Russ has just said there's a whole bunch of information that they would find useful for their analysis and for their conclusions. And we have a right to understand why they find that useful so we can rebut that information.

Now, I agree. We've had discussions about this document and we were very clear to them that we objected to the use in this -- we actually had no idea why they were using this document.

This document has an application submitted pursuant to an entirely different program that is not in the complaint. They didn't make clear why they wanted this
information. But our issue, again, I'm repeating myself, and they have yet to address
is, why do they want this information and how are they going to use it which would give us an opportunity to rebut what they may use it for. THE HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Russ.

MR. RUSS: My understanding is that we have raised many of the specific issues that we want to talk about in this document with opposing counsel. I also disagree with the idea that we're obligated to establish how we're going to use every page of the document before we introduce it. So I find that objectionable as well.

What we can do is ask questions
about -- I don't really see a path forward except to ask questions about the tables, the figures, the texts, the attachment, to establish -- I mean, I don't really believe that we're obligated to establish how we're going to use every section or every page of the document, but to establish relevance, happy to do it.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Gale.
MS. GALE: I don't understand what he was proposing. But to establish relevance, we argue that Mr. Gnat's testimony and the case law is
pretty clear that --
THE HEARING OFFICER: Again, I let 1331 in under a relaxed standard, but 600 pages versus what really was discussed, $I$ just don't think it's fair maybe to the Board or to Midwest just to give this -- how many pages are both of them, I don't know -- to sort through. And some of them weren't even written by Mr. Gnat. So, I don't know.

MS. GALE: One last thing. We did make it clear that we objected to the relevancy of this document. This is not a surprise to them. In fact, it's on the thing that we filed with you in May 3rd.

MR. RUSS: I think in response to what you said, Mr. Hearing Officer, I do think we know which part Mr. Gnat wrote. So we would move to introduce the whole document. I know there would be an objection and you would deny it. We would then move to admit an excerpt of the pieces that he wrote. That would still be 300-something pages.

THE HEARING OFFICER: It's better than it is now from my part. Okay. Ms. Gale.

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MS. GALE: If they were to talk about it with him, that's something we can work with.

THE HEARING OFFICER: But they're not going to talk about each and every page.

MS. GALE: Agreed. I'm not suggesting and we have never suggested each and every page. So I just want to clarify that mischaracterization of what we suggested.

MS. NIJMAN: If I can just add that I think the law is quite clear that a witness can testify. The testimony itself is not irrelevant. They can ask the question. It's whether the document comes in with all the extra stuff.

THE HEARING OFFICER: I understand, Ms. Nijman. Thank you. I think we did that yesterday.

MS. WACHSPRESS: Mr. Hearing Officer, if I may, in their opening statements, Respondents made much of their compliance with the Illinois and federal regulations. Now their objection to this is on the basis of relevance on the argument that because this has to do with the 845 regulatory scheme, it's irrelevant to the

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question of the violations and the potential remedy.

THE HEARING OFFICER: That's opening statement. It's not evidence.

MS. WACHSPRESS: Thank you.
THE HEARING OFFICER: I think we're going to have to ask some general questions on the sections that you want in, but we're not going to do it today. It's about 4:28 I think. Our clock is a little slow. We can start tomorrow with your questions.

To let this whole thing in is not really fair to anybody, you know, with just the minimal amount of questions you've asked so far.

MR. RUSS: That's fine.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Anybody have any housekeeping matters other than to tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. I'm going to reserve my rulings on 1332, and I could revise my ruling on 1331.

You all have a good evening. Thank you.

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