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5	CLEAN CONSTRUCTION OR )
6	DEMOLITION DEBRIS FILL ) R12-9
7	OPERATIONS (CCDD) ) (Rulemaking-Land)
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1 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Good morning. My
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- 2 name is Marie Tipsord, and I have been appointed
- 3 by the Board to serve as hearing officer in this
- 4 proceeding entitled, Proposed Amendments to
- 5 Clean Construction or Demolition Debris Fill
- 6 Operations (CCDD) Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill.
- 7 Admin Code 1100, R12-9.
- 8 With me today to my immediate right is
- 9 Board Member Deanna Glosser, the presiding board
- 10 member, and to my immediate left is Board Member
- 11 Thomas Johnson. To Dr. Glosser's right is Anand
- 12 Rao and Alisa Liu from our technical unit.
- 13 BOARD MEMBER GLOSSER: Thank you. I just
- 14 want to very briefly welcome everyone, but I
- 15 particularly want to thank everyone for
- 16 participating in this rulemaking process,
- 17 because that's what makes a good rule is to have
- 18 a lot of people sharing their thoughts, and with
- 19 that, I think we just go on.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: The purpose of
- 21 today's hearing is two-fold. First, we will
- 22 hear the pre-filed testimony from the
- 23 participants. The second purpose of today's
- 24 hearing is to satisfy the requirements of

- 1 Section 27B of the Environmental Protection Act,
- which requires the Board to request that the
- 3 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity,
- 4 DCEO, conduct an economic impact study on
- 5 certain proposed rules prior to the adoption of
- 6 the rule.
- 7 If DCEO choses to conduct the economic
- 8 impact study, DCEO has 30 to 45 days after such
- 9 a request to produce a study of economic impact
- of the proposed rule. The Board must then make
- 11 the economic impact study or DCEO's explanation
- for not conducting the study available to the
- 13 public at least 20 days before a public hearing
- on the economic impact of the proposed rule.
- 15 In accordance with Section 27B of the
- 16 act, the Board requested by a letter dated
- 17 August 4th, 2011 that DCEO conduct an economic
- 18 impact study for the above referenced
- 19 rulemaking.
- 20 On September 28th, 2011, the Board
- 21 received a response from DCEO indicating that no
- 22 EcIS would be performed. A copy of DCEO's
- 23 letter is available at the back of the room and
- as well as the Board's request that they perform

- 1 one.
- 2 Some of you have already commented at a
- 3 prior hearing and in your pre-filed testimony,
- 4 but we will accept additional comment on DCEO's
- 5 decision at the end of the hearing tomorrow.
- 6 The order of today's hearing will be and begin
- 7 with the IEPA, followed by Steven Gobelman from
- 8 IDOT, and then the Illinois Attorney General's
- 9 Office. We will then turn to the Illinois
- 10 Aggregate Producers witnesses, followed by Pat
- 11 Metz and then James Huff and Dr. Fernandez,
- 12 Fabian Fernandez. Kenneth Liss will be next,
- 13 and then we will conclude tomorrow with Dr.
- 14 William Roy and Claire Manning.
- 15 And after you are sworn in, the
- 16 pre-filed testimony will be marked as an exhibit
- 17 and taken as if read. We will then go to
- 18 questions. As there have been no pre-filed
- 19 questions other than those the Board presented,
- 20 if you have a series of questions for a witness,
- 21 please let me know and you can move up here to
- 22 the front so that we can better hear you.
- 23 Anyone may ask a question. However, I
- do ask that you raise your hand and wait for me

1 to acknowledge you. After I have acknowledged

- you, please state your name and who you
- 3 represent before you begin your question.
- 4 Please speak one at a time. If you are speaking
- 5 over each other, the court reporter will not be
- 6 able to get your questions on the record.
- 7 Please note that any questions asked by
- 8 a Board member or staff are intended to help
- 9 build a complete record for the Board's decision
- 10 and not to express any preconceived notion or
- 11 bias.
- 12 Are there any questions on how we will
- 13 proceed today?
- 14 Seeing none, we will start with the
- 15 Agency. Mr. Wight.
- 16 MR. WIGHT: Good morning. My name is Mark
- 17 Wight, and I am Assistant Counsel with the
- 18 Illinois EPA. Also with me today are the
- 19 earlier participants in this proceeding, with a
- 20 couple exceptions. And I will go through and
- 21 introduce everyone individually so we can
- 22 identify who the witnesses are.
- 23 Stephanie Flowers with the Illinois
- 24 Division of Legal Counsel is also with me, and

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1 we have Kim Geving in the front row, also from
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- 2 the Division of Legal Counsel. Doug Clay, to my
- 3 immediate left, is the manager of the Bureau of
- 4 Land, Division of Land Pollution Control.
- We have from the Bureau of Land, Permit
- 6 Section, Steve Nightingale, Chris Liebman, and
- 7 Terri Myers. Steve is the manager of the Permit
- 8 Section. Chris Liebman manages the Solid Waste
- 9 Unit and Terri manages the Groundwater Unit for
- 10 the BOL Permit Section.
- 11 We have Paul Purseglove, also from the
- Bureau of Land. He is the manager of the Bureau
- of Land's Field Operations section, which would
- 14 be our field inspectors, among other things.
- 15 And we have Heather NiFong in the front row who
- is from the BOL Bureau of Chief's Office.
- 17 Also we have today Les Morrow. Les is
- 18 from the Agency's Toxicology Unit. Les
- 19 presented pre-filed testimony at the first
- 20 hearing on September 26th, 2011 and also
- 21 provided oral testimony at that hearing. He was
- 22 not able to attend the October hearings in
- 23 Chicago and Dr. Hornshaw attended those hearings
- in Les' place, but Les is back with us today.

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1 And we have a new member of the panel,
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- 2 Rick Cobb, Deputy Manager of the Agency's
- 3 Division of Public Water Supplies, and Rick is
- 4 on my immediate right.
- 5 So those are the folks from the Agency.
- 6 We would like to start with Rick Cobb's
- 7 pre-filed testimony.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Can we have the
- 9 witnesses sworn in first.
- 10 MR. WIGHT: Sure.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: And we will swear
- in the entire panel in case any of you want to
- 13 add to anything.
- 14 (Whereupon, the witness was duly
- sworn.)
- 16 MR. WIGHT: I have Rick Cobb's pre-filed
- 17 testimony.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: If there is no
- objection, we will mark the pre-filed testimony
- of Richard P. Cobb as Exhibit 26.
- 21 Seeing none, it is Exhibit 26.
- 22 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 26 was
- 23 marked for identification.)
- MR. WIGHT: Along with Rick's pre-filed

- 1 testimony, we have six county maps that
- 2 encompass the counties of Will, Cook, Kane,
- 3 Kendall, Lake, and McHenry County. And Rick
- 4 will be -- Rick has an enlarged example which we
- 5 will try to set up so he can explain what these
- 6 maps are intended to demonstrate. Rick's
- 7 example is based on Will County. So I would
- 8 like to start with that as the first exhibit.
- 9 And we do have extra copies of these.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: And you have copies
- 11 at the back of the room, too.
- 12 MR. WIGHT: Yes.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: All right. If
- 14 there is no objection, we will mark the CCDD and
- 15 USFO Sites in Relation to the Potential For
- 16 Aquifer Recharge Within Will County as Exhibit
- 17 No. 27.
- Seeing none, it's Exhibit 27.
- 19 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 27 was
- 20 marked for identification.)
- 21 MR. WIGHT: The next example is for Cook
- 22 County.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: If there is no
- objection, we will mark the same type of map for

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      Cook County as Exhibit 28.
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               Seeing none, it's Exhibit 28.
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                      (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 28 was
                       marked for identification.)
          MR. WIGHT: The third is for Kane County.
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          HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: If there is no
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      objection, we will mark the Kane County map as
      Exhibit 29.
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               Seeing none, it's Exhibit 29.
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                      (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 29 was
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                       marked for identification.)
          MR. WIGHT: The fourth is for Kendall County.
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          HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: If there is no
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      objection, we will mark the map for Kendall
      County as Exhibit 30.
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               Seeing none, it's Exhibit 30.
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                      (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 30 was
                       marked for identification.)
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          MR. WIGHT: The fifth is for Lake County.
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          HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: If there is no
      objection, we will mark the Lake County map as
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      Exhibit 31.
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               Seeing none, it's Exhibit 31.
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                      (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 31 was
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                       marked for identification.)
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          MR. WIGHT: And the sixth is for McHenry
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     County.
          HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: If there is no
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      objection, we will mark the McHenry County map
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      as Exhibit 32.
               Seeing none, it is Exhibit 32.
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                      (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 32 was
                       marked for identification.)
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          MR. WIGHT: And the last exhibit we have is
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      the pre-filed testimony of Douglas W. Clay.
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          HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: If there is no
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      objection, we will mark the pre-filed testimony
      of Douglas Clay as Exhibit 33.
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               Seeing none, it is Exhibit 33.
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                      (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 33 was
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                       marked for identification.)
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          MR. WIGHT: We would like to start then with
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      a brief presentation from Rick Cobb on the -- he
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     has a bit of oral testimony and then an
      explanation of the maps. At this point we have
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      an enlarged version of the map I'm not sure
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where we will be able -- on the wall. So maybe

- 1 that will be sufficient.
- 2 MR. COBB: Okay. Good morning, everyone.
- 3 And I just wanted to provide a brief
- 4 synopsis between my pre-filed testimony and the
- 5 exhibits that you have for the six counties that
- 6 we developed those maps for in northeastern
- 7 Illinois. Basically the existing and potential
- 8 locations of many of the fill operations covered
- 9 under the proposed Part 1100 are in some of the
- 10 most geologically susceptible areas of the State
- 11 of Illinois.
- 12 And moreover, the importance of
- 13 groundwater as a fresh water source within the
- 14 Chicago metropolitan area really can hardly be
- 15 overstated. Northeastern Illinois could be
- 16 facing a future shortage of supplies, and really
- 17 the biggest driver of the water use is
- 18 population. In the year 2000, there were about
- 19 8.6 million people in Illinois' northeastern
- 20 region, and that number could grow to 12 million
- 21 by the year 2050.
- 22 And based on growth trends, the
- 23 metropolitan area may need as much as 50 percent
- 24 more water within the next 40 years. And I will

- 1 refer you to the water study done by the
- 2 northeastern regional water supply and/or demand
- 3 study that was done by the Chicago Metropolitan
- 4 Agency for Planning. And that was published in
- 5 March of 2010.
- 6 The other thing of note is that the
- 7 deeper aquifer systems are not sustainable.
- 8 They are not being replenished via recharge by
- 9 surface precipitation, and also, they are high
- in radionuclides. Further, the region's use of
- 11 Lake Michigan, although there is plentiful water
- out there, is restricted as approved by the
- 13 Supreme Court under the Lake Michigan Allocation
- 14 Act.
- Therefore, really, the sand and --
- shallow sand and gravel and the Silurian
- 17 Dolomite aquifer systems will be the primary
- 18 source of drinking water in northeastern
- 19 Illinois. The future availability of clean and
- 20 adequate sources of groundwater will be vital to
- 21 the Illinois population and the economy.
- 22 And just before getting into the maps,
- 23 I just want to talk a little bit about the term
- 24 recharge. The water infiltrating to the soil

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1 is -- either evaporates or is used by plants and
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- 2 can be transpired. The remainder of it migrates
- downward through the pore spaces in soil or rock
- 4 and eventually reaching a zone where all the
- 5 pore spaces are saturated. And water that moves
- 6 into the saturated zone and flows downwards away
- 7 from the water table is recharge. So that's
- 8 what this map is all about.
- 9 Generally, only a portion of recharge
- 10 will reach an aquifer and the overall recharge
- 11 rate is affected by several factors, including
- the intensity and amount of precipitation,
- 13 surface evaporation, vegetative cover, plant,
- 14 water demand, land use, soil moisture content,
- depth and shape of the water table and distance
- and direction to the stream and the hydraulic
- 17 conductivity of the soil and geologic materials.
- 18 The Illinois Potential for Aquifer
- 19 Recharge Map, which I use as the base line --
- 20 base line map behind the maps that you have was
- 21 developed pursuant to Section 17.A of the
- 22 Illinois Environmental Protection Act
- 23 specifically for -- to design the priority
- 24 groundwater protection planning areas for the

- 1 State of Illinois. Those are the highest areas
- 2 for groundwater protection. The map itself is
- 3 based on the probability of precipitation
- 4 reaching the uppermost aquifer using a
- 5 simplified function of depth to the aquifer, the
- 6 occurrence of principal aquifers -- I will
- 7 define that in a section -- and the potential
- 8 infiltration rate of the soil.
- 9 A principal aquifer is one that's
- 10 been defined by the State Water and Geologic
- 11 Surveys as one that will produce at least one
- 12 hundred thousand gallons per day per square
- foot over at least a 50 square mile area. So
- 14 those are the components of that map.
- 15 And now I will just go to the enlarged
- 16 map. I am still not sure the Board can see this
- 17 very well, but we could pass it around, and I
- 18 will walk through it for the audience.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Mr. Cobb, just to
- 20 be sure, this is the exact same --
- 21 MR. COBB: This is Will County.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Right. It's an
- 23 enlargement of what is Exhibit 27. So when you
- point to it, we are looking at Exhibit 27.

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1 MR. COBB: Thank you. Okay. So we have an
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- 2 enlargement of Exhibit 27 for Will County, and
- 3 basically, the map illustrates, No. 1, the
- 4 potential for recharge, or you can also think of
- 5 that as the geologic susceptibility to
- 6 contamination.
- 7 We have digitized the CCDD sites that
- 8 -- the clean construction and demolition debris
- 9 sites and the uncontaminated soil fill sites,
- 10 digitized those and then buffered each of those
- 11 locations with a 2500-foot radius. The CCDD
- 12 sites, the clean construction and demolition
- debris fill sites, we actually have the
- 14 digitized polygon area; whereas, the -- for the
- 15 USFO sites we just have a point with that
- 16 buffered zone around it.
- 17 And then within that 2500-foot radius
- 18 what we have done is an estimate of the number
- of potential private, public non-community and
- 20 public water supply wells within that 2500-foot
- 21 radius. So it -- like this particular site
- here, here's the site. Here's the radius, and
- 23 then we have a legend for the different types of
- 24 wells. The community wells are blue.

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1 Non-community public wells are green. The
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- 2 potential private wells are grey. And then next
- 3 to the site, we have cross-referenced --
- 4 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Excuse me. Could
- 5 you tell us which site you are looking at
- 6 specifically.
- 7 MR. COBB: That's what I'm getting to.
- 8 Next to the site which has been labeled
- 9 as No. 1, then you go over to the table, and
- 10 that will tell you that that's the Elmhurst
- 11 Chicago Stone Company. So the numbers next to
- 12 the site on the map then come over and
- cross-reference this table, which tells you the
- 14 name of the site, and it tells you the number
- and the different types of potential potable
- water supply wells within that 2500-foot
- 17 distance.
- 18 And then it also gives the total for
- 19 the nine CCDDs in Will County. And, you know,
- 20 we have 398 potential private wells, 31 public
- 21 non-community wells and 12 community water
- 22 supply wells within those -- relative to those
- 23 buffered areas around these sites.
- 24 Further, what we did is we -- for the

- 1 county itself, we determined the number of
- 2 community water systems that use groundwater in
- 3 Will County, and we have associated the
- 4 populations served by each of those community
- 5 water supplies and then provided a total for
- 6 Will County. So about -- almost 350,000 people
- 7 are served by groundwater supplies for community
- 8 wells in Will County.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: And just to
- 10 clarify, when you are talking about the
- 11 groundwater sources, there are ten sites listed
- 12 here, but there are -- only nine of those are
- 13 CCDDs.
- Which one of those is a soil fill?
- MR. COBB: USFO, you should be able to
- determine by the white symbol. I'm sorry. The
- 17 yellow triangle is the --
- 18 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Which is Site No.
- 19 10.
- 20 MR. COBB: It is a USFO site. Thank you. I
- 21 skipped over that. Thanks.
- So, in conclusion, what I just want to
- 23 emphasize is we are not suggesting with these
- 24 maps that any of these individual facilities are

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1 currently or will become sources of groundwater
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- 2 contamination. Again, the Agency's larger point
- 3 is because of imperfect certification and
- screening procedures that are just inherent in
- 5 screening procedures of any type and the strong
- 6 likelihood of maybe an imperfect performance of
- 7 certification in the screening procedures -- I
- 8 mean, even with certified public water supply
- 9 operators we have enforcement cases and other
- 10 sorts of things. There is no certification
- 11 process that's absolutely perfect.
- 12 And with the acceptance of large
- 13 quantities of soil over time, and nearly the
- 14 complete absence of any technical control such
- as liners to prevent any contamination, and the
- location of such facilities in these extremely
- 17 highly sensitive geological areas with heavy
- 18 reliance on groundwater as not only a current
- 19 and future source of fresh water, we really
- 20 think that for the CCDD and uncontaminated soil
- 21 fill operations, that we must -- that the Board
- 22 should consider the potential to cause
- groundwater contamination, and not just be
- thinking about contamination that's been caused

- 1 and allowed.
- We emphasize that, because really the
- 3 State's policy of preventing groundwater
- 4 contamination is to prevent and protect
- 5 groundwater resources from -- for current and
- future beneficial uses. And we believe that's
- 7 the potential reason enough to justify
- 8 groundwater monitoring in fill operations. This
- 9 policy and the importance of the groundwater
- 10 resource requires that any uncertainties really
- 11 be resolved in favor of groundwater monitoring.
- 12 That's all I have.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Thank you.
- 14 Anything further.
- 15 MR. WIGHT: I don't think he has an
- 16 additional statement. So we will just go with
- 17 the pre-filed testimony for Mr. Clay, and we
- 18 will be ready to move to the next step.
- 19 MS. TIPSORD: Thank you, Mr. Wight. Are
- there any questions for the IEPA?
- 21 MS. LIU: I have a question.
- 22 Good morning, Mr. Cobb. I do have one
- 23 question.
- 24 Under the Illinois Groundwater

1 Protection Act I think it's in the Section 14 of

- 2 the Environmental Protection Act or it's dealing
- 3 with the water well setbacks.
- 4 Would the CCDD or fill sites be
- 5 considered primary potential sources or
- 6 secondary sources?
- 7 MR. COBB: Under the CCDD legislation itself,
- 8 it just referenced back the setbacks that were
- 9 defined under section -- under the definitions
- 10 of the Environmental Protection Act under
- 11 Section 14.1, and so that Section 14.1 is not --
- or not the potential source definitions. They
- 13 are the well setbacks. So, for example, all
- 14 private, non-community and semi-private wells
- 15 would have a 200-foot setback, and all -- and
- 16 community wells could vary between either a 200
- or a 400-foot minimum setback based on the
- 18 geologic susceptibility and the requirements
- 19 under Section 14.1 of the Environmental
- 20 Protection Act.
- 21 MS. LIU: Thank you.
- MR. COBB: You're welcome.
- 23 MR. RAO: I guess my question was whether
- 24 CCDD or these USFO sites fall under the

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definition of a potential primary source or
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- 2 potential secondary source under the act?
- 3 MR. COBB: The answer is no, but they were
- 4 defined as being set back relative to the well
- 5 setbacks under the CCDD.
- 6 MR. RAO: All right. I think we had
- 7 pre-filed some questions to the part of a
- 8 hearing officer order for Mr. Clay, and I will
- 9 start with the first question.
- 10 On Pages 2 through 4 you state that the
- 11 Board's first notice proposal certification
- requirement under Section 1100.205(a)(1)(A)
- would be overly burdensome to source site owners
- 14 and operators. That's your pre-filed testimony
- on Page 2. You maintain that the definition of
- 16 potentially impacted property along with an
- incorporation by reference to ASTM standards is
- a more reasonable and effective approach than to
- 19 what the Board took.
- Question 1, please comment on whether
- 21 the Agency considered strengthening the
- 22 definition of potentially impacted property by
- 23 including any additional elements from the ASTM
- 24 due diligence standards. If so, what elements

- of the due diligence standards should be
- 2 included in the definition of potentially
- 3 impacted property?
- 4 MR. CLAY: Doug Clay with the Illinois IEPA.
- 5 Potentially impacted property is
- 6 defined as property on which historical or
- 7 current use or contaminant migration from a
- 8 proximate site increase the presence or
- 9 potential presence of contamination at the
- 10 source site. The Agency believes this
- 11 definition identifies key elements that should
- 12 be considered. We do not want to pick and
- 13 choose investigation techniques as identified in
- 14 ASTM due diligence standards.
- 15 So we believe the definition should
- 16 remain as the Agency proposed.
- 17 MR. RAO: The second part of the question is,
- 18 would you please comment on whether it would be
- 19 acceptable to the Agency if the definition of
- 20 PIPs amended to include the ASTM due diligence
- 21 standard as a guidance rather than a required
- 22 standard under Section 1100.205(a)(1)(A).
- MR. CLAY: Yes. It would be acceptable to
- 24 the Agency to include the ASTM standard as

1 guidance, as long as it is not the only guidance

- 2 that would be acceptable.
- 3 MR. RAO: Okay. When you say it's not the
- 4 only guidance, if someone wants to use some
- 5 other guidance documents like IDOT or an
- 6 Illinois Tollway document, should any other
- 7 equivalent guidance -- should it be approved by
- 8 the Agency or, you know, under what context will
- 9 the Agency, you know, review the guidance used?
- 10 MR. CLAY: Well, I don't believe it should
- 11 be required that it be approved by the Agency.
- 12 I think it's up to the professional that's
- 13 utilizing that document to determine whether or
- 14 not it's appropriate.
- 15 MR. RAO: Thank you.
- 16 MS. LIU: Good morning, Mr. Clay.
- 17 MR. CLAY: Good morning.
- 18 MS. LIU: Question No. 3. On Page 3 of your
- 19 pre-filed testimony, you note the cost of
- 20 purchasing the ASTM documents and the complexity
- of following the technical documents may force
- 22 owners or operators to hire environmental
- 23 professionals, increasing costs to site owners
- and operators beyond what is economically

- 1 reasonable.
- 2 Question A, would you please provide a
- 3 range of cost estimates for a site owner or
- 4 operator to hire a technical consultant, not
- 5 necessarily a PE or a PG, to assist the owner or
- 6 operator in making the determination in
- 7 accordance with ASTM E1528-06 including the cost
- 8 of purchasing the document under proposed
- 9 Section 1100.205(a)(1)(A)?
- 10 MR. CLAY: The cost of the ASTM document is
- 11 \$57 a copy, and there are discounts available
- for purchases of a larger number of documents.
- The cost to hire a technical consultant
- 14 could vary greatly based on the individual you
- 15 hire, complexity of the site, the size of the
- site, the surrounding properties and their use,
- 17 et cetera. I assume this work will be billed on
- an hourly basis and could range from several
- 19 hundred dollars to several thousand dollars per
- 20 site.
- 21 MS. LIU: In that regard, if any
- 22 environmental professionals want to comment on
- 23 the same question, you are more than welcome.
- Question B. Please comment on the

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- 2 site owners or operators across the state; two,
- 3 also, would you be able to estimate the
- 4 percentage of such certifications versus the
- 5 PE/PG certifications that might be expected for
- 6 a typical CCDD fill site?
- 7 MR. CLAY: The Agency does not receive these
- 8 certifications. These certifications are kept
- 9 on record at the fill site and would be reviewed
- 10 as part of an inspection. So we do not know the
- 11 number of certifications or the breakdown of
- these certifications from the owner/operator
- 13 certifications versus the PE/PG certifications.
- 14 It might be more appropriate if the
- 15 fill sites -- for the fill sites to provide
- 16 these numbers and comments.
- 17 MS. LIU: And I will echo that. If anyone
- 18 would like to do that, we would be more than
- 19 happy to hear that information.
- 20 Question C. Would you please compare
- 21 your estimated cumulative costs of the site
- 22 owner/operator certifications with the expected
- 23 groundwater monitoring costs at a typical CCDD
- 24 fill site on an annual basis? From this

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- ton or a per cubic yard cost for IEPA's proposed
- 3 groundwater monitoring versus the first notice
- 4 proposal for the ASTM certifications?
- 5 MR. CLAY: The cost of groundwater monitoring
- 6 is going to vary from site to site and depends
- 7 on the professional's judgment as to the number
- 8 of wells, depth and location of wells, size of
- 9 the fill site, the geology, et cetera.
- 10 The Agency will provide in comments
- 11 cost for groundwater monitoring for an example
- 12 site. This example in no way should be
- interpreted as what the Agency believes is
- 14 appropriate for other sites. That needs to be
- determined on a site specific basis by the
- 16 environmental professional, PE or PG.
- 17 With regard to the cumulative costs of
- 18 the site owner and operator certification, as I
- 19 stated previously, each certification could
- 20 range from several hundred dollars to several
- 21 thousand dollars. The number of different owner
- 22 and operator certifications at a given fill site
- is not known to the Agency.
- Once again, these numbers should be

- 1 readily available from the fill site, and it
- 2 might be more appropriate for them to provide
- 3 this information.
- 4 MS. LIU: Question D. Would you please
- 5 comment on alternatives to groundwater
- 6 monitoring to address the language in Section
- 7 22.51(f)(1) of the Environmental Protection Act?
- 8 In particular, would you please address
- 9 financial assurance, post-closures, land use
- 10 controls and mechanisms used in 35 Illinois
- 11 Administrative Code Part 811 Subpart B for inert
- 12 waste landfills?
- 13 MR. CLAY: The Agency does not believe that
- 14 financial assurance and post-closure land use
- 15 controls are alternatives to groundwater
- 16 monitoring, but rather something that is used
- 17 after groundwater has been contaminated.
- 18 The Agency did look at all of the
- 19 requirements for inert waste landfills,
- 20 including leachate monitoring. We did not
- 21 believe that leachate monitoring was practical
- 22 because of the material being placed in the fill
- 23 sites and the probability that the wells would
- 24 be damaged during placing this material.

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1 Also, as a side note, it should be
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- 2 noted that there are no permitted inert waste
- 3 landfills in Illinois.
- 4 MS. GLOSSER: Mr. Clay, on Pages 4 and 5 you
- 5 state that the proposed revisions to Section
- 6 1100.205(a)(1)(B) to require analytical cell
- 7 testing results to show compliance with the MACs
- 8 (maximum allowable concentrations) suggest that
- 9 the entire list of contaminants on the MAC table
- 10 must be sampled. The proposed requirement at
- 11 Section 1100.205(a)(1)(b) specifically requires
- 12 compliance with MACs established pursuant to
- 13 Subpart F.
- 14 As noted by you, Section 1100.610(a)
- 15 Subpart F allows a PE or PG to narrow the list
- 16 to contaminates of concern. Please clarify
- whether any other provisions in Subpart F
- 18 conflicts with Section 1100.610(a) or requires
- 19 the analysis of all chemical constituents listed
- in the MAC table.
- 21 MR. CLAY: We don't believe there are any
- other conflicts with Subpart F. However, we
- 23 are -- we were confused a little bit about the
- 24 question and whether or not the Board is

- 1 proposing changes because of the confusion we
- 2 raised in the -- in our question and in our
- 3 testimony or if the Board believes that the
- 4 current draft doesn't require any additional
- 5 changes.
- 6 MS. GLOSSER: I don't know that we know the
- 7 answer to that question.
- 8 MR. RAO: Yeah. I guess we were trying to
- 9 understand your concern there, because we didn't
- 10 see anywhere it said that a PE or a PG could not
- 11 narrow down the list. So we were trying to
- 12 figure out where -- if there is any other thing
- 13 that was causing the confusion.
- MR. CLAY: Yes. I think the issue was that
- in one spot it appeared to say that all
- 16 constituents in the MAC table needed to be
- sampled, and you're comparing to the MAC table,
- 18 and then I believe in Subpart F then it
- identified that the PE or PG could determine
- that fewer constituents would be sampled.
- 21 So we just thought it was confusing.
- MR. RAO: Because I think the proposed
- 23 language said the analysis shall be -- it's --
- let me see.

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1 Yeah. It's Section 1100.205(a)(1)(b)
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- 2 specifically requires compliance with MAC in
- 3 accordance with the Subpart F. So whatever the
- 4 requirements under the Subpart F, which was
- 5 originally proposed by IEPA, were retained in
- 6 the Board proposal.
- 7 MR. CLAY: Okay. Let us look at that again,
- 8 and we will provide a response and comments.
- 9 MR. RAO: Thank you.
- We are going to Question 5. On Page 5
- 11 you recommended that it would be clearer and
- more prudent to provide the ASTM standard as a
- 13 guidance.
- 14 In this regard, could you please
- comment on the revisions proposed by Mr. Huff to
- 16 Section 1100.205(a) to include the use of
- 17 alternate standards, whether that language is
- 18 acceptable to the Agency?
- 19 MR. CLAY: The Agency believes that ASTM
- 20 standards should only be used as guidance, and
- 21 that other guidance may also be used as well.
- We do not believe that Mr. Huff's revisions
- would be appropriate.
- 24 Furthermore, we do not believe that the

1 ASTM standard or any portion of that standard

- 2 should be referred to specifically in the
- 3 certification statement.
- 4 MR. RAO: Question 6. The Illinois
- 5 Association of Aggregate Producer members and
- 6 Mr. James Huff recommended that MACs for pH
- 7 dependent chemical constituents be based on a pH
- 8 range of 6.25 to 6.64 with a pH floor of 6.25
- 9 for uncontaminated soil.
- 10 Question A. Have you reviewed the pH
- 11 data submitted by the IAAP members?
- 12 MR. CLAY: If I may, can I respond to all
- three questions at the same time?
- MR. RAO: That will be easy for us.
- MR. CLAY: First, I believe in C, of the
- 16 first notice draft, the Agency does not believe
- 17 the pH determination is required. And I think
- 18 that's kind of implied in the question.
- 19 Having said that, the Agency has
- 20 reviewed the testimony and data submitted as
- 21 part of these proceedings. I believe there have
- been some good arguments made regarding the
- 23 appropriate pH values to use in developing the
- 24 MAC table. The Agency would like to take

- 1 additional time to further evaluate the pH data
- 2 and testimony and will provide comments during
- 3 the comment period as set by the Board.
- 4 MR. RAO: Thank you very much.
- 5 MS. GLOSSER: Question No. 7. The Agency
- 6 submitted a document entitled, A Summary of
- 7 Illinois Soil pH Values, during the October 26th
- 8 hearing that was entered into the record as
- 9 Exhibit 25. The Agency noted that the summary
- 10 presents pH values statewide by county for soil
- 11 depths up to 80 inches.
- 12 Please provide a narrative to the
- 13 summary of Illinois pH values to explain the
- 14 following: The percentages and pH ranges
- included for each county, how specifically this
- data is relevant to potential soil accepted at
- 17 CCDD or uncontaminated soil fill sites and how
- 18 the pH ranges for each percentage can vary so
- 19 widely particularly in comparison to other data
- 20 presented.
- 21 MR. WIGHT: Mr. Less Morrow, we would like
- 22 him to respond to this, and he covered this in
- 23 his original testimony.
- MR. MORROW: First of all, I would like to

- 1 apologize for that table. It wasn't very
- 2 intuitive. It was prepared for our work group,
- 3 and only at the last minute was it decided we
- 4 would submit it as an exhibit.
- 5 We have a preliminary response. We
- 6 could go through that, or we could answer in
- 7 post-hearing comments.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: I think it would be
- 9 helpful if you could answer, and we'd get at
- 10 least a preliminary answer.
- 11 MR. MORROW: Yes. To the first point, we did
- 12 present a narrative in the October hearing that
- 13 was presented by Dr. Hornshaw. I could reread
- 14 that into the record, if you would like.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: I don't think --
- MR. RAO: I think we were looking for a
- 17 little bit more detailed explanation.
- 18 MR. MORROW: It is very detailed.
- 19 MR. RAO: I guess it would be helpful if you
- 20 can add anything to it at this point or maybe
- 21 your comments will be --
- MR. MORROW: Well, off the top of my head --
- 23 I will misspeak, but I will try.
- MR. WIGHT: We said these were preliminary,

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and we certainly would be happy to provide more
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- 2 detail at the comment stage, but understanding
- 3 that we might have to revise his remarks later,
- 4 if it would be helpful, I would say go ahead.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Well, I think it
- 6 would be very helpful, since we have several
- 7 witnesses who are going to continue to talk
- 8 about this pH issue. I think we need to know a
- 9 little bit more where the Agency's position is
- 10 coming from, which the Board agreed with at
- 11 first notice, but we need to have a little bit
- 12 more detail.
- MS. GLOSSER: Yes. Particularly the
- 14 questions under A. I mean, how this -- and he
- 15 may have addressed it in his testimony. I
- 16 apologize for not having that in front of me,
- but how that relates to what we are talking
- about now and specifically the ranges of the pH
- 19 under each of these.
- I mean, they vary quite widely compared
- 21 to what we have seen from data from soil
- 22 testing. So I'm not really quite sure I
- 23 understand how that goes.
- 24 And then there is the S data sets, is

- 1 that correct?
- 2 MR. MORROW: That's correct.
- 3 MS. GLOSSER: I'm not really quite sure how
- 4 NRCS comes up with these pH ranges, and so I
- 5 don't understand the comparison between the data
- 6 we have seen and this.
- 7 MR. MORROW: I'm not sure I can answer that
- 8 question, how NRCS comes up with this
- 9 information, but they do physical samples in
- 10 agricultural fields across every county and
- 11 every state. We identify 24 counties in
- 12 Illinois that we are going to target with the
- 13 STATSGO database, and that was based upon the
- 14 presence of a CCDD fill site or an
- 15 uncontaminated soil fill site.
- 16 That was probably a little naive.
- 17 There were comments at the time that the
- 18 surrounding area of these sites would impact the
- 19 fill material. So there was some kind of a
- 20 neutralizing. So we targeted those sites. I
- 21 went into the STATSGO database for 24 counties.
- I looked at the soil types in a each county, and
- using Will County as an example, there were 155
- 24 soil types. The majority of these were under

- 1 one percent.
- 2 So I -- looking through the data, I
- 3 identified as many soil types as necessary to
- 4 come up with about a third of the coverage for
- 5 each county. In Will County it only took three
- 6 soil types. In other counties it took a dozen
- 7 soil types.
- 8 So do you have copies of that table?
- 9 MS. GLOSSER: Yes, I do. Exhibit 25.
- 10 MR. MORROW: If you look at Will County, you
- 11 will see that there are three soil types, and
- 12 the percentage associated with that is the
- percentage of coverage for the county; 15.5,
- 14 13.2 and 5.3. And so for that soil type, I
- 15 looked at the pH results, and for all of these
- 16 types there were several levels, five, six
- 17 levels up to 80 inches, and they were ranges, 0
- to 7 inches, 0 to 12 inches usually to begin
- 19 with, and the range through all the levels I
- 20 took the lowest pH and the highest pH. So
- 21 sometimes it's from surface to 60 inches and
- 22 sometimes it's surface to 80 inches. And that's
- what the range for pHs represents.
- Does that explain the table?

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1 MS. GLOSSER: Well, sort of. Not completely.
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- 2 I'm not really quite sure I understand the
- 3 percentages. Again, would you -- I'm sorry I'm
- 4 not getting it, but explain again. Like, for
- 5 Will County, 15.5 percent equals pH 5.6 to 8.4,
- and then 13.2 percent equals 5.6 to 8.4.
- 7 Are you reflecting the depth?
- 8 MR. MORROW: Generally it's through all the
- 9 depth levels that were presented. The five,
- 10 six, seven results based on depth. Generally,
- 11 the higher pH, the more acidic soils were at the
- 12 surface, and as you go deeper it became more
- 13 alkaline. So that range or pH is across all the
- 14 depths, the lowest to the highest.
- 15 I'm advised that the 15.5 percent, that
- is for one soil type. That's the coverage for
- 17 that county.
- 18 MS. GLOSSER: Oh, I see. So that's -- the
- 19 15.5 percent is for a soil type?
- MR. MORROW: Yes.
- 21 MS. GLOSSER: Okay. That's what I wanted to
- 22 know, what these percentages applied to, and it
- 23 wasn't clear.
- MR. MORROW: Yes, that's what it is.

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1 And you will see other counties had
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- 2 much more soil types to get to the 30 percent.
- 3 MS. GLOSSER: Thank you.
- 4 MR. MORROW: Champaign County being unique in
- 5 that they only had two. One soil type was
- 6 40 percent coverage in Champaign County.
- 7 And I probably should mention, too,
- 8 that it was organized by geographical area;
- 9 north, central and south. The 23 counties, we
- 10 had 14 from the northern part, 7 from the
- 11 central part, and 2 from the south.
- MS. GLOSSER: Do you know why the pH ranges
- are so different than what we have reported from
- 14 other sources? Like, for example, this data --
- and I know NRCS's data goes as high as 8.4, but
- in other data sets we have seen the pHs are at
- 17 10 and 11.1, I believe was the highest.
- 18 MR. MORROW: I'm at a loss. I can't explain
- 19 it. I do know there is a lot of variation
- 20 across the state. I don't know why the -- we
- 21 don't see the lower pHs and the values that were
- 22 presented by the other people testifying.
- MS. GLOSSER: Thank you.
- MR. RAO: We will appreciate anything you can

1 add to this in your comments very much.

- 2 MR. MORROW: Okay.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Are there any other
- 4 questions for the Agency?
- 5 Please identify yourself for the court
- 6 reporter.
- 7 MR. HUFF: James Huff, Huff and Huff,
- 8 Incorporated.
- 9 I just have a brief question for Mr.
- 10 Cobb. On Page 13 of your testimony, you talk
- 11 about the groundwater impacts where elevated
- 12 levels of lead and cadmium were detected and
- 13 enforcement action ensued that resulted in an
- order requiring groundwater monitoring.
- 15 Can you provide any results of that
- 16 groundwater monitoring that was required under
- 17 the enforcement act?
- 18 MR. WIGHT: This was originally from Mr.
- 19 Purseglove's testimony. So we just incorporated
- 20 that information into Mr. Cobb's testimony since
- 21 it was already on the record.
- 22 So the question is probably more
- 23 precisely directed to Mr. Purseglove, but I'm
- 24 not sure that he will have the answer for you

- 1 without a chance to look it up.
- 2 MR. PURSEGLOVE: Yeah. I think you are
- 3 right.
- 4 MR. HUFF: Well, could I ask that if the
- 5 Agency has any groundwater data as a result of
- 6 enforcements that they provide that in the
- 7 record?
- 8 MR. WIGHT: You certainly may, and we would
- 9 be happy to do that.
- 10 MR. HUFF: And then I have one follow-up
- 11 question. Mr. Sylvester gives some results of
- 12 lead and cadmium.
- 13 Is that going to be the exact same
- 14 site?
- MR. PURSEGLOVE: Probably.
- 16 MR. HUFF: Thank you. And I have questions I
- 17 will save for Mr. Sylvester that will probably
- 18 come back to the Agency as well.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Thank you. Any
- 20 other questions for the Agency.
- 21 Again, identify yourself for the court
- 22 reporter.
- 23 MR. GOBELMAN: Yes. Steve Gobelman, Illinois
- 24 Department of Transportation.

1 You said that you were going to

- 2 reevaluate the pH values for statewide that's
- 3 been submitted.
- 4 Would you be willing to take other pH
- 5 values that would be provided to you for
- 6 statewide in your evaluations?
- 7 MR. CLAY: Certainly. I think they should be
- 8 submitted as part of the proceedings, but, yeah,
- 9 if you could get those to us right away. I
- 10 don't know how much time we are going to have
- 11 before the comment period ends, but, yes, we
- 12 would take those into account, too.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Anything else for
- 14 the Agency? Okay.
- 15 MR. WIGHT: If we might just take a moment,
- 16 Mr. Cobb would like to elaborate on his earlier
- answer to Ms. Liu and Mr. Rao's question. He
- 18 had a few --
- 19 MR. COBB: Yeah. I just wanted to follow-up
- on your question, and I don't want you to think
- 21 that the potential sources that are identified
- 22 in the act that are prohibited within certain
- land use areas are the only types of threats to
- 24 groundwater, because they are not.

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When we are talking about threat, we
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- 2 are talking, for example, of maybe 35 Illinois
- 3 Administrative Code Part 620.301 of the Board's
- 4 groundwater quality standards where it says, No
- 5 person shall cause, threaten or allow release of
- 6 any contaminant, and any contaminant isn't --
- 7 not every contaminant is covered by those
- 8 potential source definitions relative to
- 9 setbacks.
- 10 Those were negotiated during the
- 11 legislative process, and that's what we could --
- 12 I just wanted in that just to further emphasize
- then that portion in 620.301 threat is the same
- 14 as Section 12A of the Environmental Protection
- 15 Act threat, and that's what we were talking
- about when we were talking about the range of
- 17 potential sources. So I just wanted to clarify
- 18 that.
- 19 MR. RAO: Thank you for the clarification,
- 20 yes.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Anything further?
- Okay.
- Then we will move on to Mr. Gobelman
- 24 and IDOT.

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          HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: If there is no
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      objection, we will mark the pre-filed testimony
      of Steven Gobelman as Exhibit 34.
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               Seeing none, it's Exhibit 34.
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                       marked for identification.)
          MS. TIPSORD: Go ahead. Do you want to do a
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      little summary?
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          MR. GOBELMAN: I'm good.
          HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Are there any
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      questions for Mr. Gobelman?
          MR. RAO: Mr. Gobelman, on Page 1 of your
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We can have him sworn in.

19 Could you please comment on IDOT's

pre-filed testimony, you suggested IDOT's

proposed language for Section 1100.205 in

- 20 position regarding the alternate language
- 21 suggested by James Huff from the Illinois
- 22 Transportation as follows and for Section
- 23 1100.205(a)(1)(B) on Page 8 and 9 of his
- 24 pre-filed supplemental testimony?

Attachments 2 and 3.

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1 MR. GOBELMAN: Yeah. Mr. Huff suggested a
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- 2 language change of -- for policies developed by
- 3 the Illinois Department of Transportation and
- 4 Illinois' Tollway consistent with ASTM 1327-05,
- and in a note that the Department's policies can
- 6 be found in Chapter 27 of the Department's
- 7 Bureau of Design and Environment manual.
- 8 Chapter 27 does lay out the procedures
- 9 that all State highway projects and local road
- 10 projects on State right of way or requiring
- 11 state right of way in the name of the State must
- 12 follow. However, all projects that go through
- 13 Chapter 27 procedures can either be screened out
- 14 by the Department's district environmental staff
- or are sent into the Illinois State Geological
- 16 Survey to complete an equivalent ASTM E1527-05
- 17 standard.
- 18 Mr. Huff's proposed language change to
- 19 Section 1100.205(a)(1)(B) would be acceptable to
- 20 the Department. However, the Department would
- 21 suggest that a similar language change be
- included as such in the 1100.205(a)(1)(A), which
- would be in accordance to the ASTM E1528-06
- 24 standard practices for a limited environmental

- 1 due diligence transaction screening process
- 2 incorporated by reference at Section 1100.104
- 3 and then added in or the policies developed by
- 4 the Illinois Department of Transportation and
- 5 Illinois Tollways consistent with ASTM E1528-06,
- 6 and is presumed to be uncontaminated soil.
- 7 This adjusted language change would
- 8 also need to be included in the certification
- 9 language of Section 1100.205(a)(2)(A) and
- 10 Section 1100.205(a)(2)(B).
- 11 MR. RAO: Thank you.
- 12 MR. LIU: Good morning, Mr. Gobelman.
- 13 Your pre-filed testimony suggested that
- 14 an approved alternative was what you included as
- 15 Attachment 4, and we were wondering about Mr.
- 16 Huff's Chapter 27 reference.
- 17 Would either one or both of those be
- 18 appropriate as incorporations by reference in
- 19 the rules?
- MR. GOBELMAN: Both proposed changes would be
- 21 appropriate, but as stated in my previous
- 22 response to the previous question, similar
- 23 language would have to be included in Section
- 24 1100.205(a)(1)(A) in addition to certification

- language in Section 1100.205(a)(2)(A) and
- 2 Section 1100.205(a)(2)(B) would need to be
- 3 modified to incorporate Mr. Huff's proposed
- 4 language change.
- 5 MS. LIU: Thank you.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Mr. Gobelman, I
- 7 have a couple of questions just because as a
- 8 lawyer I felt left out.
- 9 My question is, the manuals that we are
- 10 talking about, the IDOT manuals, how are those
- 11 adopted? Are they adopted as rules under the
- 12 Administrative Procedure Act? Are they
- 13 developed pursuant to --
- MR. GOBELMAN: The Chapter 27, our
- policies on -- the BDA manual in Chapter 27?
- 16 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Yeah.
- 17 MR. GOBELMAN: They are just policies that
- 18 the Department approves. So they are not
- 19 incorporated by any legal, I guess, statute or
- 20 anything like that.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay. And then
- what is Attachment 4 to your testimony; a manual
- 23 conducting preliminary environmental site
- 24 assessments for IDOT infrastructure project.

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1 Again, I see here that it was developed
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- 2 under contract by the Prairie Research
- 3 Institute?
- 4 MR. GOBELMAN: I think they have a contract,
- 5 but ISGS is under contract with the Department
- of Transportation to do all our Phase 1
- 7 preliminary environmental investigations on any
- 8 property that we are doing within highways.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: So when they
- 10 develop these manuals, do they offer those up
- 11 for comment? Are they based on the actual
- 12 practices.
- MR. GOBELMAN: Yes. They are developed based
- 14 upon the procedures that IDOT -- that they do
- for IDOT under IDOT's direction, and then this
- is the second version of it that they published.
- 17 It's a published document based upon how IDOT
- does business and IDOT wants the forms, and then
- it's published so other people can use it.
- 20 And then the first edition was also
- 21 approved by the Agency as an approved
- 22 alternative under the SRP program, because the
- 23 SRP language allows for -- to use ASTM in
- devaluating contaminated property owner-approved

- 1 alternatives.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Any other questions
- 3 for Mr. Gobelman.
- 4 MR. HUFF: James Huff again.
- 5 Mr. Gobelman, just a point of
- 6 clarification. The manual you reference is
- 7 specifically the Illinois State Geological
- 8 Survey Procedure Manual, and they are not the
- 9 only ones in the State that does preliminary
- 10 environmental site assessments; is that correct?
- 11 MR. GOBELMAN: That's correct. They are our
- 12 contract to do work with the State with right of
- ways.
- 14 MR. HUFF: Right. But local roads, counties,
- 15 they also follow the IDOT, but they do not use
- 16 the Illinois State Geological Survey.
- 17 MR. GOBELMAN: Local roads that are not -- do
- 18 conducting work on State right of ways or
- 19 proposed State right of ways or property being
- 20 held in the name of the State are what -- are
- 21 free under the local rules policy to conduct
- their environmental investigation any way they
- 23 see fit.
- MR. HUFF: Thank you.

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1 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Anything else.
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- 2 MR. WIGHT: Mark Wight. Illinois EPA.
- 3 Mr. Gobelman, just to clarify, your
- 4 testimony also stated that IDOT would find a
- 5 return to the Agency's initially proposed
- 6 language acceptable as well?
- 7 MR. GOBELMAN: Correct. I believe the
- 8 original language gave flexibility to allow the
- 9 State -- the Department of Transportation to use
- 10 its current practices to do this work.
- MR. WIGHT: Would you say that the Agency's
- 12 language is probably even more flexible than
- incorporating the specific IDOT document that
- 14 would serve your needs, but not necessarily the
- 15 needs of others?
- 16 MR. GOBELMAN: I think any proposed change
- 17 and the way -- the reason why I drafted my
- 18 testimony the way I did is because I didn't know
- 19 exactly how the Board was leaning towards this
- 20 process. I proposed two options, and one was
- 21 that the Agency's proposed language change back
- 22 to the original gives us equal flexibility in
- 23 allowing us to do the work that we do currently.
- 24 And if the Board is looking to create a

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1 language change that is tied to an ASTM, then
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- 2 there was really two other options that are on
- 3 the table that need to be incorporated. One was
- 4 how it was proposed in here, that if you're
- 5 wanting to tie this to an ATSM standard, then
- 6 there has to be an ability to do something that
- 7 is an equivalent alternative. The only other
- 8 option is that it has to be an equivalent
- 9 approved by the Agency.
- 10 If the Agency does not necessarily have
- 11 the staff or the time to go through this, or if
- 12 you were just able to -- the equivalent
- 13 alternative is technically in place already in
- 14 -- and through the SRP program that you can
- submit that through the SRP program and have
- 16 your equivalent alternative approved as an ASTM
- 17 alternative.
- I did not -- the Department didn't want
- 19 to propose an additional workload on the Agency
- 20 to do an approval process. So both alternatives
- 21 as far as the State is concerned are equally --
- the flexibility to be able to do what we need to
- 23 do.
- MR. WIGHT: Okay.

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1 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Anything further?
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- 2 Thank you very much. We will move on
- 3 to the people.
- 4 (Whereupon, the witnesses were
- 5 duly sworn.)
- 6 MS. TIPSORD: If there is no objection, we
- 7 will mark the pre-filed testimony presented by
- 8 Steven Sylvester on behalf of the People of the
- 9 State of Illinois as Exhibit 35.
- Seeing none, it's Exhibit 35.
- 11 Did you want to give a brief summary?
- 12 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 35 was
- marked for identification.)
- 14 MR. SYLVESTER: Just briefly. One thing I
- did want to point out in case it got lost in our
- 16 filing is that we did concur in Mr. Cobb's
- 17 pre-filed testimony regarding groundwater and
- 18 the substance of our -- I guess more of a
- 19 comment than a lot of testimony -- but is
- 20 focused on the decision to remove the
- 21 groundwater monitoring requirement from the
- 22 proposed Part 1100 regulations.
- The theme that I would like to
- 24 highlight is that in Section 2B of the

- 1 Environmental Protection Act, the purpose of the
- 2 Environmental Protection Act when it was created
- 3 was to restore, protect and enhance with the
- 4 emphasis on enhance the environment, and the
- 5 legislature also did the same for groundwater of
- 6 the State of Illinois in Section 2B of the
- 7 Groundwater Protection Act where they had the
- 8 same language, but specifically directed towards
- 9 groundwater for the State of Illinois.
- 10 And that -- like I said, that's kind of
- 11 the theme that is something that, you know, I
- don't think should be lost in what we are doing
- 13 here. There is a lot of detail. There is a lot
- of technical information that's required. There
- is an awful lot of expertise in this room and
- 16 throughout this proceeding, but the overarching
- 17 purpose of the act is something I wanted to
- 18 highlight.
- 19 Also, in connection with the -- with
- 20 our testimony was, you know, the landfills or
- 21 specifically nonhazardous landfills are
- 22 obviously the most highly regulated waste
- 23 disposal sites in Illinois, and we provided a
- few examples where even these types of

1 facilities were unable to keep hazardous waste

- 2 from being disposed at their facilities.
- 3 And also along that line, since the
- 4 Part 1100 regulations have been adopted, there
- 5 is -- we cited to 11 cases, seven in front of
- 6 the Pollution Control Board and another four
- 7 that were filed in circuit court throughout the
- 8 counties where the owners/operators were either
- 9 not following the procedures or actually, in
- 10 fact, accepted waste at the facilities.
- 11 And the last point I wanted to touch
- 12 upon was there was a statement in the Board's
- 13 February 2nd opinion where basically -- well,
- 14 verbatim, the Board came out and said, CCDD and
- 15 uncontaminated soil are not classified as waste
- and accordingly did not require the stringent
- 17 rules that exist for nonhazardous waste
- 18 landfills.
- In our testimony we touched on several
- 20 areas where that's simply not the case, and, in
- fact, I would say it's the opposite, that CCDD
- is always considered waste unless somebody can
- 23 meet the exceptions that are set forth in
- Section 3.160(b) of the act, and in the People

- 1 versus Lincoln, Limited, a case which I was
- 2 personally involved in as a trial attorney, the
- 3 First District Court of Appeals says that it's
- 4 incumbent upon the defendant to show that they
- 5 meet those exceptions.
- Now, of course, in 2010 it was amended
- 7 to say that you have to meet the requirements of
- 8 the 22.51 CCDD fill operation, which didn't
- 9 exist prior. And also, there was an instance
- 10 that I'm sure the Board is very familiar with in
- 11 the Administrative -- as well as the Illinois
- 12 EPA, the administrative citation procedure there
- is 21 that -- in which is the open dumping of
- 14 clean construction or demolition debris waste or
- what is categorically defined as waste. That's
- 16 it.
- 17 Questions?
- 18 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Would you agree
- 19 that the CCDD and uncontaminated soil that we
- 20 are dealing with under this rule, though,
- 21 specifically meets the exception to the
- 22 definition of waste.
- 23 MR. SYLVESTER: In theory. I would -- you
- 24 know, of course the reason we are here is the

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1 proof is in the pudding. I mean, not always
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- 2 does the CCDD material that -- get to a fill
- 3 operation does it meet the requirements of CCDD,
- 4 but the theory behind it is, yes, that it's
- 5 clean, and it can be used below grade to the
- 6 extend permitted by federal law.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Because I would
- 8 note that it was repeated often at the prior
- 9 hearings that CCDD is not waste, and that was
- 10 some of the stuff the Agency has put out,
- 11 because I do believe we are all talking about
- 12 what it's dealing with under this rulemaking.
- I just wanted to be sure that we were
- on the same page, that we agree that this
- 15 rulemaking -- under this rulemaking CCDD and
- 16 uncontaminated soil are specifically defined to
- 17 meet the definition in the act.
- 18 MR. SYLVESTER: Correct. And just to follow
- 19 up on that, one thing I would point out, and we
- 20 did it -- stated it in our testimony is that
- 21 depending on where the CCDD is placed, sometimes
- it's waste, and sometimes the General Assembly
- 23 decided it wasn't. I guess our point in the
- 24 groundwater testimony is, is if in certain

- 1 incidences that the General Assembly considered
- 2 it to be waste, then it should be -- it's not
- 3 what the actual definition is. It's the
- 4 properties of the material that should be more
- 5 focused on in determining whether or not
- 6 groundwater monitoring is appropriate.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Any other
- 8 questions.
- 9 MR. HUFF: Mr. Sylvester, on Page 24 you
- 10 present some very interesting analytical results
- 11 from groundwater at this unpermitted site.
- 12 What's not included in here is what kind of
- 13 turbidity was measured in that well at the time
- of sampling. That data was omitted from here.
- MR. SYLVESTER: Well, first of all, just to
- 16 get the foundation right, at the time that this
- information was taken, permits weren't required
- 18 for these facilities. This was in 2000 that the
- 19 data was taken. So I do not have the
- 20 information on the turbidity.
- 21 The data that was presented was
- 22 presented at trial subject to cross-examination
- 23 by an engineer from Consoer Townsend Envirodyne,
- 24 and I don't know that that was -- came out in

- 1 testimony.
- 2 MR. HUFF: Can you introduce his report into
- 3 the record as well?
- 4 MR. SYLVESTER: Well, there was some strange
- 5 circumstances around the reporting. Just to
- 6 give you a little background on it, there was --
- 7 this data came from a Phase 2 environmental
- 8 assessment. The defendants in this case had
- 9 attempted to gift the property to a public
- 10 entity and prior to that eliminated Phase 2 -- I
- 11 guess the Phase 2 was aborted prior to final
- 12 reports. So not all the information that would
- 13 normally be done in a Phase 2 that was brought
- 14 to completion was included in it.
- There was analytical data, some boring
- logs and the usual chain of custody information,
- 17 but it wasn't a final report.
- 18 MR. HUFF: So you don't know with any degree
- of certainty if those wells were even properly
- 20 developed before they were sampled?
- 21 MR. SYLVESTER: Well, I didn't testify at it.
- I can certainly provide the information and the
- 23 testimony.
- MR. HUFF: Well, do you know if they ran

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1 dissolved metals or they were just total metals?
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- 2 MR. SYLVESTER: Once again, I'm not an
- 3 engineer like yourself, but I certainly can
- 4 provide that information and the testimony that
- 5 was developed by the engineer to supplement the
- 6 record.
- 7 MR. HUFF: That would be very helpful.
- 8 And then moving to Page 25 you present
- 9 some additional data on a bunch of polynuclear
- 10 aromatic hydrocarbons as well as lead from a
- 11 Phase 2 report.
- 12 Can you provide the complete report on
- 13 that as well? Was there any conclusion in there
- 14 as to the source of the polynuclear aromatic
- 15 compounds?
- MR. SYLVESTER: There was not. Just a little
- 17 bit further background, this site was originally
- 18 a sand pit mine for about 40 feet below the --
- 19 below grade back at that time and now the
- 20 highest adjacent point, and that was filled in,
- 21 which at the time that it was done, it was
- 22 lawful to fill in to grade, and then they
- 23 continued to fill another 100 feet above and
- 24 then -- so the filling continued after this was

done. So that information at this point is not

- 2 available.
- 3 Did you have another question?
- 4 MR. HUFF: No. I thought -- so there is no
- 5 report that has that data in there that you have
- 6 present here?
- 7 MR. SYLVESTER: No. I didn't say that, but
- 8 you were -- the specifics about the --
- 9 MR. HUFF: Yeah, the origin of those PNAs,
- 10 because reclaimed asphalt pavement is an
- 11 acceptable material and could be well the source
- of those PNAs.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Anyone else.
- MR. SYLVESTER: Can I follow-up on that?
- MS. TIPSORD: Yes, go ahead.
- 16 MR. SYLVESTER: Earlier, Mr. Huff, you had
- 17 asked about any groundwater monitoring that was
- 18 going on currently. I just want to follow up on
- 19 that.
- 20 We are currently in the approval
- 21 process for the groundwater monitoring plant.
- 22 So it has not, in fact, begun yet.
- 23 MS. MANNING: Claire Manning, Public Building
- 24 Commission of Chicago.

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1 Mr. Sylvester, I just wanted to
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- 2 clarify. In all of the cases that you cited in
- 3 enforcement cases, none of them involved a
- 4 finding of violation of the Groundwater Act; is
- 5 that correct?
- 6 MR. SYLVESTER: Groundwater Act?
- 7 MS. MANNING: Yes. The Groundwater
- 8 Protection Act.
- 9 MR. SYLVESTER: No.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Anything else.
- 11 Okay. Thank you Mr. Sylvester.
- 12 It's 12:15. Our next group is the
- 13 Aggregate Producers. I said we were going to go
- 14 until about 12:30, but this might be a good time
- 15 to break so we can move around. We will start
- 16 -- we will do 30 minutes. We will start back
- 17 with the Aggregate Producers when we get back
- 18 from lunch. Thank you.
- 19 (Whereupon, a short break was
- 20 taken.)
- 21 (Whereupon, the witness was duly
- 22 sworn.)
- 23 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: And you have copies
- of their testimony?

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MR. HENRIKSEN: Yes, I do.
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          HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: We will go ahead
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      and get those entered.
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          MR. HENRIKSEN: Would you like them all at
      once?
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          MS. TIPSORD: Yes.
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               If there is no objection, we will mark
      the pre-filed testimony of Brett Hall as
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      Exhibit 36.
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               Seeing none, it's Exhibit 36.
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                       marked for identification.)
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          MS. TIPSORD: If there is no objection, we
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      will enter the pre-filed testimony of Annick
      Maenhout as Exhibit 37.
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               Seeing none, it's Exhibit 37.
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                      (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 37 was
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          MS. TIPSORD: And then Gregory Wilcox's
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      pre-filed testimony will be Exhibit 38 if there
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      is no objection.
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          MS. TIPSORD: And finally, the testimony of
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      John Hock. If there is no objection, that will
     be Exhibit 39.
               Seeing none, it's Exhibit 39.
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                      (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 39 was
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                       marked for identification.)
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          MS. TIPSORD: Mr. Henriksen, did you want to
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      make an opening statement, or do any of them
      when to summarize their testimony?
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          MR. HENRIKSEN: Yes. Our thought would be
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      each would summarize their testimony at the
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      close of each of their summaries. It's my
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      understanding that the Board had some questions
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      regarding recalculating the pH values in
      conformance with Dr. Roy's concept. So each
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      would be able to answer that question, and we
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      prepared evidence to put in the record of the
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recalculated pHs pursuant to his formula.

Hanson Material Service as manager of CCDD

go ahead and begin with Mr. Hall.

HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay. Then let's

MR. HALL: My name is Brett Hall. I work for

(Whereupon, Exhibit No. 38 was

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1 operations. I manage two permitted CCDD
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- 2 facilities and two registered uncontaminated
- 3 soil fill facilities in the Chicagoland area.
- 4 In the course of my duties, I primarily
- 5 perform due diligence on construction sites. So
- 6 I have done that for approximately -- well, I
- 7 can't say approximately, but several thousand
- 8 construction sites over the last 12 years, which
- 9 is how long I have worked for the company. I
- 10 have been involved in the rulemaking process
- 11 actively, and I have also previous to Public Act
- 12 96-1416 have been involved in industry best
- management practices developing and implementing
- 14 them for CCDD.
- I'm here today. I would like to
- 16 present for the Board's consideration a
- 17 compilation of analytical pH data for several
- 18 sites throughout the Chicagoland area that I
- 19 have gathered since July of 2010 through January
- 20 of 2012.
- 21 I received this information as
- 22 attachments to the IEPA soil certification
- 23 forms, LPC 663 in particular, and these are
- forms that CCDD and USF operators are required

1 to collect from construction site owners or

- 2 operators.
- 3 The pH data represents 53 separate
- 4 construction projects that we have received or
- 5 considered accepting material from throughout
- 6 the Chicagoland area. They range from the
- 7 northern suburbs like Wheeling to central in
- 8 Hodgkins; south, Oak Lawn; west, Naperville and
- 9 east in downtown Chicago. The average pH values
- 10 from this data was 8.3.
- 11 From my experience and with regards to
- 12 CCDD generation, Chicago area soils tend to be
- either pH neutral to pH alkaline, and I believe
- 14 that using the maximum level concentrations
- based on the most acidic TACO pH based clean-up
- 16 objectives is unrealistic and not indicative of
- 17 soil material generated from construction
- 18 projects in northeastern Illinois. Thank you.
- 19 MR. HENRIKSEN: If you would like to ask your
- question regarding the pH.
- 21 MS. LIU: Good afternoon. The pre-filed
- 22 testimonies of Brett Hall, Annick Maenhout and
- 23 Gregory Wilcox presented pH data along with
- 24 average pH values.

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1 We were wondering if you could please
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- 2 comment on recalculating those values in the
- 3 manner that Mr. Wilcox had presented?
- 4 MR. HALL: Yes. John Hock was actually able
- 5 to recalculate these pH values, and what he came
- 6 up with was an average of 7.6 using the
- 7 logarithmic pH scale.
- 8 MR. HENRIKSEN: And Mr. Hall, if you would,
- 9 would you identify this document I'm handing you
- 10 and tell me if that is the recalculated pH
- 11 values that were produced by Mr. Hock following
- 12 Dr. Roy's methodology?
- MR. HALL: Yes. Yes, that's correct.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: If there is no
- objection, we will mark this and enter it as
- 16 a -- Table, Dates July 2010 through
- January 2012, Project Location, Data Points,
- 18 Data Points and Units of pH superscript Plus Ion
- 19 Concentrations.
- We will mark this as Exhibit 40.
- 21 Seeing none, it's Exhibit 40.
- 22 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 40 was
- 23 marked for identification.)
- MS. LIU: Mr. Hall, is this for your pH data

- only, or for the rest of --
- 2 MR. HALL: That one is just for Hanson
- 3 Material Service data, correct.
- 4 MS. LIU: Thank you.
- 5 MS. GLOSSER: I have a question that I would
- 6 actually ask all four based on your data.
- 7 I am trying to understand the
- 8 difference in the pH values between what's being
- 9 reported from the STATSGO database in the
- 10 summary of Illinois soil pH values that IEPA
- 11 presented as Exhibit 25 where they show
- 12 values -- I can't remember how many counties
- were in here; 25 counties were represented?
- MR. MORROW: Twenty-four.
- MS. GLOSSER: And they show a pH range from
- 16 this data set as low as 3.6 to the maximum of
- 17 8.4 with low numbers being 4.5 and 5.1 and in
- 18 that range, and yet the data that has been
- 19 presented here shows data points at a much more
- 20 neutral and/or alkaline levels, and I'm
- 21 wondering, can you explain the difference
- 22 between the NRCS STATSGO data being so much
- lower in pH than what you are seeing from your
- 24 actual soil samples?

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1 MR. HALL: Well, I have an idea. But did you
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- want to speak to that, Greg or John?
- 3 MR. WILCOX: I have a theory on it.
- 4 MS. GLOSSER: Okay, good.
- 5 MR. WILCOX: I'm Gregory Wilcox with Winston
- 6 Engineering. I do consulting work for two
- 7 quarries in the Chicagoland area, Bluff City
- 8 Materials and Reliable Materials in Lyons.
- 9 We also -- I also do consulting work
- 10 for a lot of contractors, and one of the things
- 11 that we did notice is the type of soil coming to
- 12 the site is not black soil or top soil. We
- don't get the organic soils, which typically
- 14 tend to have a lower pH, and I think Dr. Roy is
- going to testify to some of that to maybe help
- 16 clear that up. One of the reasons we don't see
- 17 that is that it is very expensive for
- 18 contractors to haul topsoil and dispose of it at
- 19 a CCDD site when generally they need that
- 20 topsoil in their construction project to restore
- 21 the site.
- The other thing that we caution all of
- 23 our customers when they come to the sites is
- that organic soils will set off the PID meter.

- 1 The organic content will give us a false
- 2 reading. That's one of our major sources of
- 3 false readings, and per the law, if the PID
- 4 meter does go off, it is not accepted as a CCDD
- 5 site, which causes tremendous problems for the
- 6 contractor, because now he is hauling this
- 7 material back to his site and trying to figure
- 8 out what to do with it.
- 9 So that's my one theory that I offer to
- 10 you. I can't verify that 100 percent, but I do
- 11 know that Dr. Roy's testimony will say that
- organic soils or the very topsoil will have a --
- 13 can have a lower pH, and that's something I have
- 14 not seen on our sites.
- 15 Should I go ahead and put my testimony
- 16 in?
- MS. TIPSORD: Sure.
- MR. WILCOX: Just to supplement my testimony,
- 19 again, I do -- I am a registered environmental
- 20 engineer in the State of Illinois.
- I have looked at 218 separate project
- 22 sites and went to both the sites that I do
- 23 review work for. That represents over 767 pH
- analyses. Typically, we see ranges between 7.7

- and 8.8. We did have a couple that did go below
- 2 7. Out of that 767, we had two, one at 6.7 and
- 3 one at 6.88.
- 4 So it's my opinion that at a CCDD site
- 5 it is very rare that we would see anything below
- 6 7.0 come into the site. In addition to that, we
- 7 did recalculate it -- John Hock did that for
- 8 us -- doing the averaging. And again, the data
- 9 I presented was an average of results and not an
- 10 average of a cumulative result, but John did
- 11 recalculate that, and at the two sites, the
- 12 average was 7.8 and 7.77, which is really right
- in line with what we see as typical data there.
- 14 And I have that.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: Mr. Wilcox, I have a document
- 16 I want to hand you.
- 17 Is this the recalculated pH values
- 18 pursuant to Dr. Roy's methodology?
- 19 MR. WILCOX: Yes, it is.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: From your two sites?
- 21 MR. WILCOX: Yes.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: Part of the record.
- 23 MS. TIPSORD: Thank you very much. If there
- is no objection we will mark this. This is

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1 another table. Across the top is REF, location
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- 2 city, number of data, range, average, minimum
- 3 and minimum value H plus ion concentration.
- 4 We will mark this as Exhibit 41 if
- 5 there is no objection.
- 6 Seeing none, it's Exhibit 41.
- 7 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 41 was
- 8 marked for identification.)
- 9 MR. HENRIKSEN: Thank you. I will then move
- 10 to Annick Maenhout.
- 11 MS. MAENHOUT: My name is Annick Maenhout. I
- work for VCNA Prairie as the land manager. I
- 13 have been working with CCDD facilities since
- 14 1998 in a variety of facets.
- The information that we gathered was pH
- data submitted as part of the LPC 663 form.
- 17 Each 663 that the data was pulled from was
- 18 signed by either a professional engineer or a
- 19 professional geologist. We have 103 data
- points, with the lowest pH value being 7.19.
- I apologize. I'm going to back up for
- 22 a second. We operate four CCDD sites in the
- 23 Chicagoland area; McHenry County, two in Kane
- 24 County and one in Kankakee County. So we also

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1 run a pretty vast range across the Chicago area.
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- 2 The average of that -- of the 103 data
- 3 points was 8.3. Per Dr. Roy's testimony and
- 4 request by the Board to do -- to redo the
- 5 averages in a logarithmic fashion, the pH
- 6 average was altered to 7.97 from the original
- 7 8.3.
- 8 MR. HENRIKSEN: Ms. Maenhout, is this a copy
- 9 I am showing you of the revised pHs from Prairie
- through Dr. Roy's methodology?
- MS. MAENHOUT: Yes.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Thank you very
- 13 much.
- 14 If there is no objection, we will admit
- another table, Sample Data, Sample Data in H
- 16 Plus Ion Concentrations as Exhibit 42.
- 17 Seeing none, it's Exhibit 42.
- 18 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 42 was
- marked for identification.)
- 20 MR. HENRIKSEN: The last witness will be Mr.
- John Hock.
- MR. HOCK: My name is John Hock. I work for
- 23 Civil and Environmental Consultants, and I was
- 24 asked to review the data from Hanson, from Bluff

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1 City, Reliable Materials and Prairie relative --
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- 2 and evaluate it in addition to the previous
- 3 testimony and the previous data we had provided
- 4 relative to the maximum allowable concentrations
- 5 for specific parameters of pH dependent values.
- 6 As each one of the previous witnesses
- 7 indicated, all of the data was neutral to
- 8 alkaline. I would like to just kind of clarify.
- 9 In terms of how we recalculated the averages,
- 10 basically, per the suggestion, we converted the
- 11 pH values to the hydrogen ion concentrations and
- 12 averaged those and then reconverted back to an
- 13 average pH. In general it did -- it lowered, as
- it will, lowered the pH slightly, but not
- 15 significantly relative to our conclusion that it
- 16 was still a neutral or in the alkaline range.
- 17 The other quick clarification is that
- 18 the data conversion that we did for Reliable
- 19 Materials in Bluff City is actually a
- 20 conservative calculation. For Hanson and for
- 21 Prairie we had every data point. So we were
- 22 able to convert each one individually and
- 23 re-average them. For Reliable Materials in
- 24 Bluff City, there was quite a bit more data, and

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1 they had only provided a range. So when we
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- 2 converted, we actually used the lowest. So, for
- 3 example, for some of the locations there may
- 4 have been five data points. We didn't have each
- of the five. We had the range, the lowest and
- 6 the highest. So we used the lowest just to be
- 7 conservative.
- 8 We used that, converted it, and again
- 9 averaged all the locations and came up with the
- 10 revised number. So I just wanted to point out
- 11 that the data for those two sites was a
- 12 conservative calculation.
- 13 This data is very consistent with the
- 14 previous data that we had reviewed and provided
- 15 upon testimony. The previous data, just to
- 16 quickly recap, was boring data. There was 44
- 17 borings from four different facilities. Again,
- they had an average pH of 7.3. It generally
- 19 ranged higher than that.
- 20 We also reviewed data from First
- 21 Environmental Laboratories who does a large
- amount of soil analyticals in and around the
- 23 Chicagoland area. All of that data is not
- 24 material that went to CCDD facilities, but just

1 soil for various purposes. And again, that data

- 2 also indicated neutral to alkaline pHs.
- 3 So based on all of that, my conclusion
- 4 was that, you know, basing the maximum allowable
- 5 contaminant levels for the chemical specific pH
- 6 dependent parameters is overly conservative and
- 7 completely inappropriate. What we suggested and
- 8 what I believe is appropriate is using a low
- 9 value that's in that 6.25 range and above, and
- 10 that that's what the MAC for those chemical
- 11 specific pH dependent values should be.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Are there any other
- 13 questions for Aggregate Producers.
- 14 MS. LIU: Mr. Henriksen, earlier this morning
- we had asked Mr. Clay of the Illinois
- 16 Environmental Protection Agency Question No. 3
- of our hearing officer order questions. And on
- 18 Part B and Part C he suggested that the industry
- 19 might be able to better provide answers to those
- 20 questions.
- I was wondering whether or not the
- 22 Illinois Association of Aggregate Producer
- 23 members would be interested in looking over
- those questions and perhaps providing the Board

- 1 with some information on that.
- 2 MR. HENRIKSEN: We would be happy to, and
- 3 we'd submit it as post-hearing comments.
- 4 MS. LIU: We appreciate that. Thank you very
- 5 much.
- 6 MS. TIPSORD: Mr. Wight, you had a question.
- 7 MR. WIGHT: Yes. It's just a question or two
- 8 to clarify a couple things.
- 9 Mr. Hock, in your brief statement just
- 10 now you suggested starting with the range in the
- 11 6.25 and above that for establishing MACs for pH
- 12 sensitive constituents. So just to clarify a
- 13 little bit, are you talking about -- are you
- 14 familiar with the Table C and the TACO rules
- 15 which those values are based on? They -- it
- ranges from about 4.75 up to 9, the entire
- table, and we had suggested using the most
- 18 conservative values on either end of the table.
- 19 MR. HOCK: I am familiar with the table, yes.
- 20 MR. WIGHT: So is your suggestion that you
- 21 would use a truncated version of the table from
- 22 6.25 and above, or are you suggesting just using
- the one column of the table based on the 6.25
- 24 range and selecting the values within that

- 1 single column as the MACs?
- 2 MR. HOCK: I am suggesting a truncated
- 3 version of the table. So it would be the lowest
- 4 value starting from the 6.25 on the low end
- 5 value; so whatever the lowest value is in all of
- 6 those ranges.
- 7 MR. WIGHT: All right. I also have a
- 8 question for each of the other witnesses; Mr.
- 9 Hall, Mr. Wilcox and Ms. Maenhout. It's just a
- 10 little clarification on your data so we are
- 11 clear about that.
- 12 Mr. Hall, your testimony -- and I
- 13 believe you repeated this as part of your oral
- 14 testimony -- suggests that your data were
- received from July 2010 through January 2012?
- MR. HALL: That's correct.
- MR. WIGHT: And that it comes from
- 18 attachments to the IEPA soil certification
- 19 forms, which would be the 663 forms?
- MR. HALL: That's correct.
- MR. WIGHT: And then the data represents 53
- 22 separate construction project locations?
- MR. HALL: That's correct.
- MR. WIGHT: My question is, is that the

- 1 entire selection of data that you had within
- 2 that time period, or are these data a subset of
- 3 all of the 663s that you received during that
- 4 time frame?
- 5 MR. HALL: That is the entirety of the 663
- forms that we received during that time period.
- 7 MR. WIGHT: And my question for Mr. Wilcox
- 8 and Ms. Maenhout would be the same.
- 9 Are those all the -- summarize all the
- 10 663 forms received during the time period or
- 11 some subset of those?
- MS. MAENHOUT: That is every 663 that had
- analytical data with pH analyzed for attached
- 14 during that time period.
- MR. WILCOX: It's the same for me also,
- 16 except I actually -- I think when I looked back,
- 17 we did go into February a little bit. So it's
- 18 not January 2012. It's -- we had some data
- 19 points in February of 2012.
- 20 MR. WIGHT: Fine, thank you. That's all I
- 21 have.
- MR. HALL: I guess I should clarify that,
- 23 too. It was the 663 forms for which we did have
- 24 data, that we had pH data.

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1 MR. WIGHT: Thank you very much.
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- 2 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Anything else for
- 3 the Aggregate Producers.
- 4 Thank you very much. We will move on
- 5 to the CWLP. We will have Mr. Metz sworn in.
- 6 (Whereupon, the witness was duly
- 7 sworn.)
- 8 MS. TIPSORD: It if there is no objection, we
- 9 will mark the pre-filed testimony of Mr. Pat
- 10 Metz as Exhibit 43.
- 11 Seeing none, it's Exhibit 43.
- 12 Mr. Metz, did you want to give a brief
- 13 summary or just go right to questions?
- 14 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 43 was
- marked for identification.)
- 16 MR. METZ: Sure. I appreciate that.
- 17 Thanks for the opportunity to listen to
- 18 my comments. I do have an additional document
- 19 that I would like to enter into the record, if
- 20 that would be okay, and this is a copy of the
- 21 actual text that I have prepared that I
- 22 referenced in my pretrial comments for the
- 23 proposed rule.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Mr. Metz has handed

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1 me Suggested Amendments to Section 1100-205, Pat
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- 2 Metz, City of Springfield, City Water Light and
- 3 Power March 13, 2012.
- 4 If there are no objections, we will
- 5 mark that as Exhibit 44.
- 6 Seeing none, it's Exhibit 44.
- 7 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 44 was
- 8 marked for identification.)
- 9 MR. METZ: I will have additional copies for
- 10 anybody that's interested.
- 11 My name is Pat Metz, and I am a
- 12 licensed professional engineer with City Water
- 13 Light and Power, which is a municipal utility in
- 14 Springfield serving the Springfield residents
- with electricity and water. And one of my
- 16 responsibilities is to enforce the waste
- 17 regulations for the utility.
- 18 And in reviewing the proposed
- 19 regulations, it's my belief that they are very
- 20 impractical for the type of CCDD material that
- 21 we generate in the course of excavating for
- 22 water lines and electric lines.
- 23 And to briefly summarize my testimony,
- 24 I think it's impractical for a number of

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1 reasons. One, the proposed ASTM standard has
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- 2 basically 39 items that a person would need to
- 3 complete, and that's, I believe, unwarranted and
- 4 an unnecessary expense. Based on the nature of
- 5 what we are generating, which is material that's
- 6 in the ground already, and assumed not to be
- 7 contaminated and would not be dug up if it
- 8 weren't for the water line or the electric line,
- 9 the expense to our utility alone represents a
- 10 cost of \$170,000 annually, and this is based on
- generating 8,000 tons a year of CCDD material.
- 12 While we do recycle the concrete and
- the asphalt, there is quite a bit of material
- 14 that we are unable to find a proper home to, and
- prior to the law that was passed in 2010, we
- 16 were disposing of this material in a licensed
- 17 IEPA quarry.
- And this in my mind was a very
- 19 environmental and proper thing to do with this
- 20 material, and it's my hope that after the
- 21 rulemaking we will be able to continue to do
- 22 this. One of the problems in the event that we
- 23 would have to sample the material is the fact
- that in addition to the cost of an estimated

- 1 \$1,500 to sample the material, is the fact that
- 2 it's going to take two weeks to actually have
- 3 that material analyzed.
- 4 In a typical year we have 80
- 5 excavations, and a typical excavation may
- 6 generate three or four truck loads of material.
- 7 In this two-week period when we are having the
- 8 material analyzed, we have to find a home for
- 9 the material that meets IEPA regulations.
- 10 That's a concern for us.
- 11 Since 2006 the material that we take to
- 12 the quarry has been checked with a
- 13 photoionization detector, which we feel is an
- 14 additional safeguard that's appropriate and
- 15 certainly warranted, but we feel that that has
- been adequate, because I personally am not aware
- of any environmental situations that have been
- 18 created as a result of taking our CCDD material
- 19 to a particular quarry.
- 20 One of the suggestions in the proposed
- 21 language that I also suggested was language that
- 22 would allow a utility representative sign off on
- 23 the excavation site as being uncontaminated CCD
- 24 material as opposed to the property owner,

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1 because in most cases of utilities, the occupant
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- 2 or the owner of the street is not the person
- 3 that's actually digging the excavation.
- 4 So I am thinking that some legal issues
- 5 could be resolved by authorizing the utility
- 6 representative to certify that the soil is
- 7 uncontaminated. And maybe one of the most
- 8 important aspects or concerns that I have over
- 9 this whole issue is the environmental impact
- 10 that I feel that this legislation and
- 11 corresponding rulemaking will have on our
- 12 landfills.
- 13 As I indicated right now, we are
- 14 annually taking about 8,000 tons of CCD material
- to a landfill, because we cannot comply with the
- 16 requirements that are in existence. And this to
- 17 me is contrary to the environmental hierarchy of
- 18 reduce, reuse and recycle. I know EPA's latest
- 19 landfill report indicated that by the year 2035
- 20 our landfill space will be used up.
- 21 So I would appreciate appropriate
- 22 consideration to this issue and consideration
- 23 for it, an exemption for utility operations such
- 24 as City Water Light and Power. Thank you.

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1 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Thank you very
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- 2 much.
- 3 Does the Agency have a copy of the
- 4 suggested language? And there are additional
- 5 copies of the suggested language if anyone would
- 6 like them.
- 7 MS. GLOSSER: Mr. Metz, I have a question.
- 8 On Page 4 of your pre-filed testimony,
- 9 you indicate and it seems to be confirmed in
- 10 your handout that you have here, that you would
- 11 like to incorporate an exclusion for CCDD
- 12 material generated in association with water and
- 13 electrical utility maintenance and repair when
- 14 no condition exists that presents an
- 15 environmental risk.
- I guess my question is, does your
- 17 utility have protocols and review processes in
- 18 place that get at some of the same questions
- 19 that are being asked by ASTM standards? If not,
- 20 how would you come to that determination that
- 21 there is nothing that presents an environmental
- 22 risk?
- MR. METZ: Actually, I have no problem with
- the ASTM standards being used as a guidance, and

- 1 that's what we basically train our crews, too,
- 2 as far as looking at the material and looking at
- 3 the environment around it and smelling for
- 4 gasoline, diesel fuel, looking for sewage, well,
- 5 using their senses.
- 6 So I don't have a problem using that as
- 7 a guidance, that particular standard.
- 8 MR. RAO: I have a question, Mr. Metz.
- 9 With a certification from a utility
- 10 company, who signs off on the certification? Is
- 11 that you as a professional engineer, or is it a
- 12 staff member who certifies it?
- 13 MR. METZ: Of course, this is just proposed.
- 14 So it would be a management type person. It
- wouldn't necessarily be the backhoe operator,
- 16 but it would be -- it might not be a
- 17 professional engineer, but it would be the
- 18 supervisor of the crew.
- 19 MR. SYLVESTER: Steve Sylvester with the
- 20 Illinois Attorney General's Office.
- I haven't had a chance to look at your
- 22 proposed amendment, but one point of curiosity.
- 23 With the certifications you said that the
- 24 personnel would be able to do visual, you know,

- 1 observations.
- What do you propose for inorganic
- 3 metals, to be able to certify those?
- 4 MR. METZ: I guess my position would be that
- for, you know, several years we have not had any
- 6 standards at all for this. And the chance that
- 7 there could be inorganic metals, in my mind, is
- 8 slight based on my experience from -- based on
- 9 my experience.
- 10 So, you know, it's possible that there
- 11 could be, but I think the over regulation of
- this material is going to be detrimental to the
- 13 environment by using up landfill space that --
- 14 you know, just to make sure that this material
- is 99.9 percent uncontaminated in the first
- 16 place. You know, it does not contain, you know,
- inorganic metals to the extent allowable.
- 18 MR. SYLVESTER: Just a follow-up question.
- 19 Just based on your experience, has the
- 20 company done testing for inorganic metals and --
- MR. METZ: No, we haven't.
- 22 MS. TIPSORD: Mr. Wight.
- 23 MR. WIGHT: Yes. Mr. Metz, I appreciate that
- 24 you have submitted some suggested language to

- 1 the Board, but you also, I believe, suggested in
- 2 your testimony that you were comfortable with
- 3 the language, as originally proposed by the
- 4 Agency, following the amendment to the concept
- of potentially impacted property and leaving the
- 6 general certification to the discretion of the
- 7 professional.
- 8 So you would also be happy then if the
- 9 Board adopted the Agency's proposed language as
- 10 well as the language you have just proposed
- 11 today?
- MR. METZ: Yeah. My preference would be the
- 13 language that I proposed today.
- MR. WIGHT: Okay.
- MR. RAO: Just as a follow-up, under the
- 16 Agency's proposal in typical excavations that
- 17 you come across with your utility will a
- 18 certification -- you said since you -- in most
- 19 cases you will not be the owner of the property,
- 20 then will a certification be done by a PE or a
- 21 PG under the Agency's proposal?
- MR. METZ: As far as not being the owner of
- 23 the property? I mean, in our case with City
- 24 Water Light and Power we are the owner of the

- 1 property. I mean, the city owns the property,
- 2 and our utility is owned by the city. So it's
- 3 one and the same.
- 4 So your question is whether a PE would
- 5 necessarily have to sign off on that?
- 6 MR. RAO: Yes.
- 7 MR. METZ: My answer would be that's not
- 8 required under my proposal, as it has not been
- 9 in the past.
- 10 MS. GLOSSER: Can I ask a question of Mr.
- 11 Wight?
- MS. TIPSORD: You can ask a question, but as
- an attorney, he may not want to answer. He may
- just defer to someone else.
- MS. GLOSSER: My question is, are you
- 16 concerned about the variability of
- 17 certifications from the source sites, source
- operator or owner if you don't provide specific
- 19 standards for what to review by? I mean, if you
- leave it up to the professional, are you
- 21 concerned about the variability and what kind of
- 22 responses you may get?
- 23 Vulcan, for example, I believe in
- testimony from last fall reported a high degree

of variability in what they were seeing in soil

- 2 certification responses; various degrees of
- 3 professionalism and accuracy. If you don't give
- 4 people guidance to say, this is kind of what we
- 5 are looking for in your assessment, is there any
- 6 concern at all that you would get one that would
- 7 be really good and then one that would say, oh,
- 8 yeah, this is fine, it looks fine to me, and
- 9 then just sign off on it?
- 10 MR. CLAY: Doug Clay with the Illinois EPA.
- 11 There is going to be some variability,
- and it is based on professional judgement. So
- one professional may require three
- 14 representative samples, and one may require one
- and one may do a review of the use of the
- 16 property and have more constituents that they
- 17 sample for than others.
- 18 So there is some variability, but
- 19 again, we are relying on the professionals,
- which we do in a number of areas regarding
- 21 environmental laws. So we are comfortable with
- 22 that. I might add that with regard to Mr.
- 23 Metz's testimony, Mr. Rao, what we would
- 24 normally see from a utility is if they were

- doing a water main and had an easement across
- 2 three properties and were doing that, we would
- 3 normally see the 662 form, which is the property
- 4 owner certification for those three properties
- 5 from the property owner.
- 6 So that's what we would normally see.
- 7 They wouldn't have to have a professional in
- 8 there, but the property owner then could just
- 9 certify that it's not a potentially impacted
- 10 property based on the definition that we had
- 11 proposed.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Any other questions
- 13 for Mr. Metz.
- MS. MANNING: For purposes of enforcement,
- what is the Agency going to look at to insure
- that they are relying and they signed off on the
- 17 judgment of the LE and the LG? In other words,
- what enforcement standards will the Agency look
- 19 for to determine that everything was done
- 20 according to the rules?
- 21 MR. CLAY: I mean, if we saw a pattern from,
- for example, the professional engineer or
- 23 professional geologist certifying things that
- were either rejected by the facility or that we

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1 actually went out there and sampled for and
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- 2 compared to the MAC table, then that may result
- 3 in a referral to the Department of Professional
- 4 Regulation with what used to be -- the
- 5 Department of Financial and Professional
- 6 Regulation, we may consider a referral to them.
- 7 The mere fact if we go out and take a
- 8 sample of soil that was certified, it doesn't
- 9 mean that the consultant did anything wrong or
- 10 there is any improper certification there. It
- just means that the sample we took did not pass,
- 12 and that would then have to be removed.
- Does that answer your question?
- MS. MANNING: I think it does partially.
- The Agency would go behind potentially
- an LG certification, but only if they had reason
- 17 to be suspect as to that particular professional
- 18 judgment and not on the basis of testing
- 19 necessarily or -- and if a licensed professional
- 20 engineer or geologist were to follow ASTM
- 21 guidance or ASTM, that kind of thing, the Agency
- doesn't plan to go behind that judgment on the
- 23 certification?
- MR. CLAY: No. We do not plan on

1 second-guessing the professionals. If we took a

- 2 sample, though, ultimately I guess it would fall
- 3 to the fill operation to be responsible for
- 4 that.
- 5 MS. MANNING: Thank you.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Any other questions
- 7 for Mr. Metz.
- 8 MR. METZ: I guess I may have one question
- 9 maybe for the Agency, and in reviewing the
- 10 testimony during the discussion of Senate Bill
- 3721, one of the supporting arguments was that
- 90 to 95 percent of the quarries in the State
- are not registered with the EPA.
- And so that to me served as a basis for
- passing this law back in 2010, and I guess my
- question is, is there going to be an effort to
- increase the enforcement of these noncompliant
- 18 CCDD facilities?
- 19 MR. CLAY: Whose testimony were you referring
- 20 to?
- 21 MR. METZ: I don't have the particular
- 22 representative or senator, I should say that --
- 23 but that's in the -- it wasn't a sponsor, but
- 24 somebody that would cosponsor the -- of the

- 1 bill. I can get you that information.
- 2 MR. CLAY: Yeah. I'm not familiar with those
- 3 figures. I mean, all CCDD facilities were
- 4 permitted, and as we would come across one that
- 5 was not permitted, you know, that would be a
- 6 violation.
- 7 What the 2010 law does is bring in the
- 8 facilities that are only accepting soil and not
- 9 the rubble and the debris. So those we didn't
- 10 know how many they were, but that's part of what
- 11 this -- the legislation and subsequent rules
- 12 require is the notification.
- 13 So I'm not sure where the figures that
- 14 you talked about came from.
- 15 MR. PURSEGLOVE: I might add to that -- this
- is Paul Purseglove -- that one of the questions
- 17 that the field inspectors will ask when we are
- doing inspections at the sites that are
- 19 permitted or that have filed registrations is,
- 20 are you aware of any location near you that is
- 21 accepting this material? Because it is a -- you
- 22 know, the business interests for the people who
- 23 have obtained permits or who have filed their
- 24 registrations are such that they don't want

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1 unregistered unpermitted sites operating.
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- 2 So we gather some intelligence during
- 3 our inspections, and if we are aware of a site
- 4 that's operating without a license, without the
- 5 permit or without their required notification,
- 6 that would prompt a field inspection to that
- 7 site and an enforcement if it was necessary.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Anything further?
- 9 Thank you very much, Mr. Metz.
- 10 We will move on then to Mr. Huff and
- 11 Dr. Fernandez.
- 12 (Whereupon, the witness was duly
- 13 sworn.)
- MS. TIPSORD: If there is no objection, we
- will mark the pre-filed testimony of James Huff
- 16 as Exhibit 45.
- 17 Seeing none, it's Exhibit 45.
- 18 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 45 was
- marked for identification.)
- 20 MS. TIPSORD: And then Mr. Huff also handed
- 21 me copies of two of the manuals in response to
- the Board's pre-filed questions that we put out
- 23 on March 9th. The first is Chapter 27
- 24 Environmental Surveys Bureau of Design and

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1 Environment Manual. If there is no objection,
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- 2 we will mark that as Exhibit 46.
- And seeing none, it's Exhibit 46.
- 4 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 46 was
- 5 marked for identification.)
- 6 MS. TIPSORD: And then the other manual is
- 7 Environmental Studies Manual Illinois Tollway,
- 8 Prepared For the Illinois State Tollway
- 9 Authority, July 2001, by Consoer Townsend
- 10 Envirodyne Engineering, Inc.
- 11 If there is no objection, we will mark
- 12 that as Exhibit 47.
- Seeing none, it's Exhibit 47.
- 14 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 47 was
- marked for identification.)
- MS. TIPSORD: And then Mr. Huff, did you want
- 17 to give us a brief summary.
- 18 MR. HUFF: If I could, please.
- 19 Thank you, I am here today with Dr.
- 20 Fernandez representing a group of government
- 21 agencies basically that are involved in the
- transportation that I have referred to as the
- 23 Illinois Transportation Coalition, which
- includes the tollway, all of the counties except

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1 for Cook County and the Chicagoland area, and
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- 2 approximately ten cities and communities.
- 3 I'd just first start and say that we
- 4 support the Board's removal of the proposed
- 5 groundwater monitoring requirements on CCDD fill
- 6 operations. I think this is a significant
- 7 relief to the industry and more importantly, it
- 8 will result in this remaining an active industry
- 9 in Illinois. But the sole remaining large issue
- in my mind is the use of the pH from 4.5 to 4.74
- in setting the maximum allowable concentration
- or MAC for the inorganics and ionized organics.
- 13 My fear is that as John Hock has
- 14 testified, that 82 percent of the samples that
- 15 he took failed the current proposed MACs inside
- 16 these CCDD facilities and also further indicated
- 17 he thought those were representative of what
- 18 historically is generated in that industry.
- 19 So the good news is we are going to
- 20 maintain this industry. The bad news is they
- 21 are going to lose -- 82 percent of their market
- is going to have to go somewhere else, and
- 23 that's a concern. We talked at the last hearing
- about the economic impact. My client said, we

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1 really need to address this. The Agency was
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- 2 kind enough to provide me with how much CCDD
- 3 material went in 2011, and that was 3.4 million
- 4 cubic yards of CCDD and uncontaminated soil.
- 5 I quarried my clients, and \$3.50 per
- 6 cubic yard was a typical range that's being
- 7 charged today in the industry, and so you can
- 8 multiply that 3.50 by the 3.4 million pounds,
- 9 and this industry is generating about \$12
- 10 million of revenue a year.
- 11 If you then take the -- Mr. Hock's
- 12 82 percent of this, just on the metals alone,
- and that is redirected to the landfills, that's
- 14 going to cost \$80 million a year for that
- 15 82 percent to go.
- So the incremental cost on just the
- 17 disposals, approximately \$71 million per year --
- we have fewer landfills up here than we do CCDD
- 19 facilities. So there will be more trucking
- 20 costs, plus the additional analytical. You are
- looking at on the order of \$100 million a year
- 22 economic impact as the regulations are proposed
- 23 today with a low minimum pH.
- 24 And using the Elgin O'Hare Expressway

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- dollars over ten years, which is the equivalent
- 3 of lost jobs in the construction industry and
- 4 21,600 man years of jobs or 2160 a year. That's
- 5 very significant to the Illinois economy.
- 6 I'd point out too that up until the
- 7 last hearing I don't think the regulated
- 8 community understood that the MAC was to be
- 9 based on this minimum pH, and the standard
- 10 practice was to measure the pH of the soil at
- 11 the time we collected samples and then compare
- those to TACO. So it was only in late 2011 that
- 13 the industry understood what the intent was in
- 14 the proposal that we were always to use that low
- 15 pH instead of the actual pH of those samples.
- 16 Looking at the record on that pH and
- 17 how that was established, you heard some
- 18 testimony today. I think, on the Agency's part
- 19 they are going to go back and look at that,
- 20 which I would strongly encourage. When we run
- 21 across these low pHs, they tend to be associated
- 22 with a bog. Volo bog is a good example up here
- 23 and then down in Southern Illinois you've got
- some swamps down there, and typically they are

- 1 attributed to where you've had the nutrient
- 2 leaching and the production of the volatile
- 3 organic acids that happen.
- 4 And we don't necessarily see that in
- 5 the wetlands up here. It's more truly in the
- 6 bog type areas where you see these pHs. And all
- of these bogs, much like the swamps, they are
- 8 highly protected deemed irreplaceable resources
- 9 to the State and to the federal government. The
- 10 U.S. Corp of Engineers would never issue a
- 11 permit for the removal of that kind of material.
- 12 So the base -- a MAC on a soil that basically is
- deemed irreplaceable is technically, I believe,
- 14 an over simplistic and flawed approach.
- We have talked a little today also
- about the logarithm scale of the soil pH,
- 17 because it's just not a matter of if you have a
- 18 low pH it's going to stay there, and there is
- 19 clearly buffering capacity in these quarries
- just by the nature of those, and Dr. Fernandez
- 21 will talk a little more about that.
- 22 And John Hock talked about the alkaline
- 23 pH side. We just heard testimony on that from a
- 24 number of the quarries that we have had here as

- 1 well. So if you go back and you compare these
- 2 MAC proposed versus what would be acceptable in
- 3 your backyard, it leads in my mind to a very
- 4 troublesome kind of conclusion.
- If you had a pH in your backyard that's
- 6 between 6.25 and 6.64, you could have 5.2
- 7 milligrams per kilogram of cadmium, but to put
- 8 that same soil on a CCDD, that cadmium has to be
- 9 at one milligram per kilogram, and the same with
- 10 lead where 107 would be acceptable in your yard
- versus 23 to go into a CCDD facility based on
- 12 that low pH. And then mercury, you would be
- able to have 0.89 milligrams per kilogram in
- 14 your backyard and that would be deemed safe for
- 15 residential use, but to take that into the
- quarry at that low pH, and it comes out at 0.01.
- So there you've got a dichotomy between
- 18 what we deem as safe for a backyard. It's 89
- 19 times higher than what we think is acceptable in
- 20 a quarry type material. So I would encourage
- 21 that just with this economic impact and from a
- technical perspective that the Board really go
- 23 back and look at the technical justification
- 24 behind the minimum pH.

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      was on the -- if we are getting pH data on the
      form 663 -- not in all cases if the professional
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      engineer or geologist has signed off, but on a
      lot of those it would be pretty simple to run a
      pH test. Whether the generator of that material
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      is required to run that or the quarry would run
      that is not a big deal, and you could let the
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      the due diligence, and as it was noted in some
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      of the questions that the ASTM procedures --
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      that are historically done as part of the due
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      diligence. So I would encourage the Board to
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      narrow the requirements on the due diligence
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- include the historical.
- 2 And then finally, the grab versus
- 3 composite sample, I testified on this before.
- 4 The Board noted that to be conservative they
- felt that the grab samples were important,
- 6 what -- and where we have potentially impacted
- 7 properties maybe grab samples are appropriate.
- 8 My concern is that in the marketplace
- 9 today there are a lot of quarries who have said,
- 10 I don't care if you have a Form 662 or 663. I
- 11 want analytical, and those are the ones that --
- we heard in Springfield where they found it too
- 13 costly to really go through all the analytical
- 14 testing.
- What's pretty standard practice is that
- 16 all the public works departments, the gas
- 17 utilities, the electric utilities, they bring
- 18 that back to their yards. Then when they have a
- 19 pile depending on how much area they have, it
- 20 could be 100 cubic yards or 600 cubic yards. We
- 21 segregate those for residential from the
- industrial/commercial, but even on the
- 23 residential then, we have to test that pile.
- 24 And it makes no technical sense to me to take a

- 1 single grab sample out of a pile instead of a
- 2 representative composite sample of ground in the
- 3 pile.
- 4 So maybe for PIPs grab samples are
- okay, but I would encourage the Board to put in
- 6 the language that where you don't have
- 7 potentially impacted properties it would be
- 8 appropriate to utilize composite samples. It
- 9 would help everybody in the industry. That
- 10 completes my summary.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: We will go ahead
- 12 with Dr. Fernandez and then take questions from
- 13 the panel.
- DR. FERNANDEZ: Okay. Very good. So my
- 15 employer is the University of Illinois. I am an
- 16 assistant professor there. My area of expertise
- is soil fertility and plant nutrition. And the
- 18 testimony that I filed is regarding mostly the
- 19 pH issue. And I really question the validity of
- 20 this approach of using the lowest pH found in
- 21 Illinois to the determine what will be a maximum
- 22 allowable concentration.
- 23 And the reason for that is basically
- twofold. One is the potential of finding those

- 1 low PHs is pretty limited as has been described
- 2 today. In addition, I -- in my testimony I
- 3 mentioned a study that we conducted -- that I
- 4 conducted in the last few years looking at
- 5 agricultural soil specifically, looking at the
- 6 top seven inches of the soil. These were
- 7 basically corn fields across Illinois. We took
- 8 samples from 51 different counties. There was a
- 9 total of 567 samples, and these were random
- 10 fields so we weren't biased in results in any
- 11 way.
- We were just collecting these samples
- for a fertility determination, and one of the
- 14 parameters that we looked at was the soil pH,
- and out of those 567 samples we found only one
- sample that had a pH of 4.74. That was the
- 17 lowest value. The next two values were 4 --
- let's see and find it here -- 4.96 and a 5.14.
- 19 Those were the next few lowest values.
- 20 And then when we looked at the mean and
- 21 the median, the mean was 6.72 and the median
- value was .6.71. Now these fields where we
- 23 sampled were basically random fields. We are
- 24 pretty confident this is a pretty good

- 1 representation of what the pH of the soils in
- 2 Illinois would be for agricultural purposes.
- 3 And we have about 23 million acres of
- 4 agricultural land in the State.
- 5 So if we take that one sample that
- 6 would fall within the range that the Agency is
- 7 proposing for these maximum allowable
- 8 concentrations, it would represent 0.18 percent
- 9 of the agricultural land surface area in
- 10 Illinois. So you can see that it's a very
- 11 limited amount. The other concern that I
- 12 have -- and by the way, these samples were from
- 13 the top seven inches of the soil, which if we
- 14 looked at an excavation, it will be biased in
- the results towards very acidic pHs, because in
- 16 Illinois as you go down in the soil profile, the
- 17 pH is increased because of the carbonate
- 18 presence in the soil.
- We were discussing today earlier the
- 20 issue of variability, and one of the reasons why
- 21 there is so much variability -- I mean, there is
- 22 a lot of inherent variability in soils, but it
- 23 has to do with the formation, the process that
- 24 the soil forms. As you move west in Illinois --

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1 as you move west, the depth to carbonate
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- 2 increases. This is because during the formation
- 3 of many of the soils here in Illinois, materials
- 4 from the Mississippi River were blown to -- on
- 5 top of the these carbonates, okay, and so as we
- 6 move east, that depth to carbonates decreases.
- 7 So basically in this area of the State, Cook
- 8 County and eastern parts of the State, the depth
- 9 to carbonate is much lower. And carbonate is
- 10 basically what buffers the pH of the soil.
- 11 Okay. So again, if we take only a
- seven-inch depth sample or a shallow sample, we
- will be biased in results towards more acidic
- 14 pHs than the actual when we go deeper.
- The other reason I question the
- 16 approach of using these lowest pH levels found
- in the State is that we are not accounting for
- 18 the buffering capacity of the these CCDD
- 19 facilities. These facilities were basically
- 20 created by excavating materials that are used in
- 21 agriculture for the most part or a large part of
- it to maintain adequate pHs for crop production.
- 23 And so we have a lot of carbonate presence in
- these materials and mostly calcium carbonate or

- 1 calcium magnesium carbonate. And the
- 2 equilibrium pH of carbonate is 8.2.
- 3 So we have a huge amount of these
- 4 carbonates present in these facilities, that
- 5 even if we put a soil that has a somewhat acidic
- 6 pH, the buffering capacity of these materials
- 7 will basically -- even if something gets -- a
- 8 metal gets diluted or dissolved, I mean, once it
- 9 reaches an area where there is carbonate, the pH
- 10 will be increased, and that material will
- 11 basically precipitate.
- 12 So it will not stay in the solution.
- 13 Let's see. That's -- yes. That's all regarding
- 14 the pH conditions.
- I think, again, that using an approach
- of looking at the pH of 6.25 or higher would be
- 17 a more appropriate label of -- for these
- 18 materials, because again, it will -- it will be
- more representative of the soils that we have in
- 20 Illinois, and we also need to consider the
- 21 buffer pH in these facilities.
- The other point I would like to testify
- or talk about as I mention in my testimony is
- 24 these grab versus composite samples and any --

- and I'm talking from an agricultural background.
- 2 Any person that goes out to a field to take a
- 3 sample knows that collecting one sample with few
- 4 composites will be more variable than collecting
- fewer samples with more composites.
- 6 Okay. When we reduce the number of
- 7 composites in a sample, we increase the
- 8 variability. Basically what we do is we reduce
- 9 our -- our confidence that that value is
- 10 representative of what we are looking at. So
- 11 while I believe that a grab sample may be useful
- in some situations to determine the variability
- of pH or other constituents and may be
- 14 appropriate in some situations, for the purposes
- of disposing of some of these materials, I don't
- see the benefits, because what we are interested
- in is to see if this materials will have an
- 18 impact. Are they going to be impacting in water
- 19 quality.
- 20 So as I mentioned earlier, we are not
- 21 so concerned about the specific pH of a small
- fraction or a fraction of the soil, but we are
- 23 more interested in the pH as a whole, because
- the water that will maybe dissolve some of these

- 1 metals as it moves through and encounters pHs
- 2 that are higher than where it was low enough to
- 3 dissolve a metal, it will basically precipitate
- 4 that metal.
- 5 So I think it's more important for us
- 6 to understand the pH of the soil or that
- 7 material as a whole rather than being focused on
- 8 a small fraction of the soil, which is what you
- 9 would want to do if you go and do a grab sample
- 10 approach.
- 11 Then, let's see. I believe that's all
- 12 I have to say.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Thank you, Dr.
- 14 Fernandez.
- 15 If there is no objection, we will mark
- 16 the pre-filed testimony of Dr. Fernandez as
- 17 Exhibit 48.
- 18 Seeing none, it's Exhibit 48.
- 19 (Whereupon, Exhibit No. 48 was
- 20 marked for identification.)
- 21 MS. TIPSORD: And with that, are there any
- 22 questions for Mr. Huff or Dr. Fernandez?
- 23 Go ahead. State your name and who you
- 24 represent.

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1 MR. QUINN: Josh Quinn from Vulcan Materials.
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- 2 Mr. Huff, I am referring to Page 7 on
- 3 your pre-filed testimony in the last paragraph.
- 4 It reads, A simple solution to the Board's
- 5 concern is to require pH testing of soil brought
- 6 into these facilities. This is a simple test
- 7 that could even be conducted at the facilities
- 8 as Vulcan does on it as it places the material.
- 9 Can you describe a frequency of that
- 10 particular testing method that you are
- 11 proposing?
- 12 MR. HUFF: I would say it would be exactly
- 13 the same as when you accept material in. So if
- it's a professional engineer or professional
- 15 geologist that has signed off, he would take
- 16 whatever he deems to be an appropriate number of
- samples, whether that's one sample, that would
- 18 approve that site, and if you are doing it at
- 19 the receiving facility, I would say the same
- 20 thing. You would want to check one of the first
- 21 loads that came in from that construction
- 22 project.
- MR. COBB: I have a question.
- Mr. Fernandez, Dr. Fernandez, most of

- 1 your testimony was regarding soils that evolved
- 2 from underlying carbonate bedrock conditions.
- 3 Based on the information from our field manager
- 4 or regional field offices, many of these sites
- 5 are not necessarily in dolomitic or limestone
- 6 quarries. We are looking at sand and gravel
- 7 quarries. So, therefore, the soils that were
- 8 developed from the underlying conditions are not
- 9 derived from carbonate materials.
- 10 So I just wanted to bring up that as a
- 11 question to you. Your testimony was primarily
- in relation to carbonate environments.
- DR. FERNANDEZ: That's correct. And while
- 14 there are some sites that have sand deposits,
- those are again, not extremely common in
- 16 Illinois. Most of the soil that in developed
- 17 Illinois --
- 18 MR. COBB: These six counties that I showed
- where these principal aquifers are primarily
- 20 overlain by sand and gravel deposits --
- 21 MR. FERNANDEZ: Yes. And the gravel will
- 22 have a pretty high pH as well. So you will have
- 23 quite a bit of a buffering capacity just like we
- 24 would have in a guarry with calcium carbonate.

- 1 MR. COBB: Coming from sand and gravel?
- DR. FERNANDEZ: From the gravel, mostly, and
- 3 not so much the sand.
- 4 MR. COBB: And from sand?
- DR. FERNANDEZ: The sand doesn't have very
- 6 much buffering capacity.
- 7 MR. COBB: The sand is composed of silicon
- 8 dioxide. So you really wouldn't have any
- 9 calcium carbonate in a very sandy environment.
- DR. FERNANDEZ: Not very much, but my point
- in that would be that if we bring materials that
- 12 have -- the pH of the materials that are
- typically disposed of have higher pHs than the
- 14 soil that was originally there that was
- 15 excavated out of those sites.
- MR. MORROW: Both witnesses -- I want to make
- 17 a clarification, if I can.
- 18 Both witnesses indicated that the
- 19 Agency selected the lowest pH as the criterion
- 20 for determining the MAC. That's incorrect.
- 21 We could not find a summary pH that we
- 22 could use for the State of Illinois. We saw too
- 23 much variation. So we -- in Part 1100.605 we
- indicated that you use the lowest value on that

- 1 table in Appendix B, Table C, and that would be
- on the high pH range, or it could be on the low.
- 3 For all the ionizing organics, they are on the
- 4 high end, and for two of the inorganics they are
- 5 on the high end. Everything else is on the very
- 6 low.
- 7 MR. HUFF: So noted.
- 8 MS. TIPSORD: Other questions?
- 9 MR. WILT: Dennis Wilt from Waste Management.
- 10 We now have a couple of different sets of data.
- 11 Based on prior submissions from the Agency, the
- 12 Board's opinion on Page 69 -- and I will read
- 13 this to set this up. In contrast, the summary
- of statewide pH data submitted by the IEPA
- indicates a much wider pH range for the State's
- 16 soils. IEPA's data indicates soil pH ranges
- from 5.1 to 8.4 in the northern and central
- 18 counties, while soil pH in southern counties
- range from 4.5 to 7.3. That's one set of data.
- The testimony that we just heard from
- 21 Mr. Hall and Mr. Wilcox and Ms. Maenhout are --
- 22 indicates an adjusted average of, I believe I
- have, at 7.8. I may be wrong. It may be 7.7 or
- 7.8. The record will show what it is. You just

- 1 indicated, Doctor, that your study shows an
- 2 average in agricultural property of 6.7. So we
- 3 have three different areas.
- 4 And my question is, isn't there at
- 5 least one other set of data that should be
- 6 looked at, and that is the pH level in the soils
- 7 that have been land filled over the past few
- 8 years? And wouldn't that -- those four data
- 9 points give us the best set of information
- 10 available?
- DR. FERNANDEZ: With the -- I believe that if
- we were to look at the pH in landfills, it would
- definitely be a good data point or points to
- 14 have in addition to what has been already
- presented. And, in fact, I present this as my
- opinion, that if we were to send the same soil
- 17 to a landfill facility versus sending it to a
- 18 quarry, we might have more issues with
- 19 contaminants than we would have in the -- in the
- 20 quarry.
- 21 The reason for this is because in
- landfills, the pH of the soil tends to be lower
- 23 because of all the decomposition that takes
- 24 place in these landfills. There is a lot of

- 1 acidic acid that is produced that lowers the pH
- 2 and makes metals more soluble. And you don't
- 3 have the buffering capacity that you would have
- 4 naturally in a lot of these other quarries.
- 5 MR. WILT: I understand that. I think my
- 6 question is the data regarding the pH level of
- 7 the soil before it is land filled that ends up
- 8 being land filled, and that is data that it
- 9 sounds like you believe should be considered
- 10 anyways.
- 11 MR. HUFF: If I could just -- is this
- 12 uncontaminated soil we are talking about, or is
- this contaminated soil?
- MR. WILT: I supposed -- today you testified,
- 15 Mr. Huff, that your information is it was
- 16 3.4 million yards or tons -- you said yards of
- 17 contaminated soil that went into CCDD and soil
- 18 fill sites.
- 19 Do you know how much soil went into
- 20 landfills, whether it was contaminated or not?
- 21 MR. HUFF: I do not.
- MR. WILT: If I told you that it could be an
- 23 equal amount, would you dispute that?
- MR. HUFF: No, sir.

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1 MR. WILT: If it's an equal amount, then you
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- 2 are only looking at the pH data from 50 percent
- 3 of the soil that's been managed for disposal
- 4 purposes. It seems to me you are missing
- 5 50 percent. That's the only point I'm making.
- 6 I don't even know what the numbers are going to
- 7 show and what we are going to get them to.
- 8 MR. HUFF: Well, I guess I would say, you
- 9 know, if we have got 50 percent of the data
- 10 statistically, what -- you have seen three
- 11 different independent data sets that all had
- 12 similar pHs, and they were consistent with what
- 13 Mr. Hock found. So we have had four studies
- 14 that have all been consistent.
- 15 My only reservation with your proposal
- is how much of this is hazardous waste or
- 17 contaminated waste or special waste that you are
- trying to represent as a pH for uncontaminated
- 19 soil. That you have to take out of your
- 20 database.
- 21 MR. WILT: If one of your clients has been
- 22 able to take soil that it needs to dispose of to
- 23 a CCDD facility, wouldn't it have done so over
- the past few years instead of incurring the cost

- 1 differential that you put at about \$24 a ton?
- 2 MR. HUFF: You know, we just turned a
- 3 gentleman from Springfield -- explained exactly
- 4 why it goes to a landfill today. So in a
- 5 perfect world it should be going to a CCDD
- 6 facility, but there is so much confusion right
- 7 now and regulatory blocks that are set up that
- 8 there is a large amount of this material I
- 9 believe that is not only going into landfills,
- 10 but it's going into Wisconsin and Indiana. Mr
- 11 Hock had testified -- or it's going out on the
- 12 farmland.
- MR. WILT: I will move onto another question,
- 14 because I don't want to get into a dialogue and
- 15 an argument here.
- 16 You have clearly indicated, Mr. Huff,
- in your testimony the importance of the pH level
- that will be considered for the approached pH by
- 19 this Board. And you indicate on Page 1 of your
- 20 testimony that the pH range used has devastating
- 21 economic implications. If the wrong pH level is
- 22 used, considering that the soil may go into
- 23 unlined facilities perhaps without groundwater
- 24 monitoring, no site specific standards, aren't

- 1 there also devastating environmental impacts
- 2 given your testimony that the pH level
- 3 difference of two points could result in 89
- 4 times the amount of mercury going in, than would
- 5 otherwise be able to go? So aren't there --
- 6 isn't there equally potentially important
- 7 environmental considerations as well as
- 8 important economic consideration with respect to
- 9 pH?
- 10 MR. HUFF: Well, I think there are absolutely
- 11 environmental implications. I think you are
- 12 going to hear Dr. Roy tomorrow talk about this
- 13 hysteresis that the leaching of these metals at
- lower pH is not as complete as what's on there.
- 15 It's a very incomplete absorption. So the
- assumptions on that pH table don't assume that
- only part of that is going to leach off at that
- 18 high pH.
- 19 MR. WILT: Let's try to clarify. Is it your
- 20 proposal that the Board consider job specific pH
- 21 testing similar to the Vulcan where you would
- test every load coming into a CCDD facility?
- 23 MR. HUFF: I think there was a concern
- 24 expressed by the Board and the Agency that if we

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1 go at a pH, say, of 6.25 to 6.64, and it's the
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- lower one, and recognizing you've got the higher
- 3 limit, what if lower pH material came in there?
- 4 And I think what Dr. Fernandez was
- 5 trying to say was that there is enough buffering
- 6 capacity that it really wouldn't pose an
- 7 environmental threat, but to address that
- 8 concern, the amount of pH soil that's going to
- 9 be below 6.25 is so small and the cost of
- 10 running a PH test is something that we could do
- 11 and just reject that.
- 12 So that's exactly my proposal was if
- 13 you are really concerned we are going to take
- 14 this stuff in, and if you are really concerned
- that it's going to pose an environmental threat
- 16 by mobilizing metals, just say nothing can come
- into these facilities with a pH less than 6.25.
- 18 MR. WILT: And just so I understand it, your
- 19 proposal is different than the proposal that's
- 20 been advanced by Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Hock and
- others; am I correct there? Your proposal is
- testing on a per load basis. If it's above a
- 23 certain pH, it can come in. If it's below, it
- 24 can't come in. Is that --

- 1 MR. HUFF: I don't think there is any
- 2 discrepancy between what the Aggregate
- 3 Association has supported with the same pH
- 4 range. I was trying to take this a step farther
- 5 and answer a concern that came up, what if this
- 6 material came in? So frankly I don't know where
- 7 the aggregate industry stands on whether they
- 8 would be amenable to a pH testing. That would
- 9 be an appropriate question for them.
- 10 MR. WILT: But your proposal would be, as you
- indicated, a simple test could be conducted
- 12 on -- as Vulcan has done on every load that
- 13 comes in?
- 14 MR. HUFF: Well, I wasn't proposing every
- 15 load. Every construction site. They have
- 16 testing on some 663 now. If there is a PIP,
- 17 there will be analytical test results, and that
- 18 test result should be representative then of
- 19 whatever has been asked for approval to come
- 20 into the site.
- 21 MR. WILT: And this would be another test
- result that would be based on the professional
- 23 engineer's judgment as to how many and where to
- 24 take the test results from?

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1 MR. HUFF: Or the quarry itself, because now
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- 2 we are going to open this up to non-PIP sites.
- 3 So a 662 form that comes in, one may be
- 4 concerned about that there might be low pH
- 5 there. So then a quarry has got to decide --
- 6 okay, are we just going to -- every time we
- 7 accept a job site, run a soil pH on that, or
- 8 they can go back to the applicant and say, we
- 9 will accept that subject to on the first day you
- 10 are going to run a soil pH and give us that
- 11 data.
- 12 Let the marketplace decide.
- 13 MR. WILT: Those would be standards that
- 14 would be set by the generator or generators and
- 15 consultants and the quarry and not be set
- 16 pursuant to the Public Act or these rules?
- 17 MR. HUFF: Well, I think these rules -- what
- 18 I would envision is that if you are concerned
- 19 about mobilization of metals at a low pH, put in
- 20 there as I put in my testimony that no soil can
- 21 be accepted if it has a pH of less than 6.25.
- MR. WILT: Thank you.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Anything further.
- MR. MORROW: Can I make a clarification?

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I referred to a pH table. I should
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- 2 have specified that's part of TACO, Part 742.
- 3 Appendix B, Table C.
- 4 MS. LIU: Good afternoon, Mr. Huff.
- 5 As proposed in the first notice
- 6 proposal, soil testing wouldn't be required for
- 7 soil that was certified by the owner or the
- 8 operator. Would you please clarify whether you
- 9 are now recommending that soil testing be
- 10 required for the owner/operator certification?
- 11 MR. HUFF: I was referring, and I think you
- are, too, specifically to the pH issue, and for
- 13 pH, I think if the Board's rules have a minimum
- 14 pH that could be accepted in, then the
- 15 marketplace can decide how they want to make
- 16 sure that they are compliant with that. So the
- 17 quarry could run the pH themselves, or they
- 18 could require a 662 applicant to run the soil pH
- 19 on the first day of excavation.
- 20 MS. LIU: Could you refresh my memory? Do we
- 21 have costs of how much a pH soil test would be?
- MR. HUFF: Well, if you were to drive it to a
- laboratory, they would be on the order of \$15
- for a test. You just need a calibrated pH

- 1 meter, and that's it. So if you have got a
- 2 calibrated pH meter, you could run that on site.
- 3 MS. LIU: Your recommendation of a soil pH of
- 4 6.25, it didn't specify an upper limit.
- 5 MR. HUFF: Well, I think as Mr. Morrow
- 6 pointed out, they are some of the ionizing
- 7 metals that are also on the upper end. I'm okay
- 8 with those. I focused on that minimum pH,
- 9 because that's where the hardships are created
- 10 with the proposal as written.
- 11 MS. LIU: Earlier this morning I asked Mr.
- 12 Clay a question that was No. 3A on our hearing
- officer order, and I was wondering if in your
- 14 capacity with the Illinois Transportation
- 15 Coalition, to the extent that they obtain
- owner/operator certifications on projects, if
- 17 maybe perhaps you could provide some sort of a
- 18 cost estimate of how much an owner/operator
- 19 might have to spend to get a certification if
- 20 they were to follow the ASTM standards or some
- 21 subset of those.
- MR. HUFF: If you were to do a full Phase 1
- 23 environmental site assessment today, you are
- looking on the order of \$3,000. If it's a

- 1 complex industrial, it could be 5,000. If it's
- an apartment building, maybe it would be 2,000;
- 3 so between 2,000 and \$5,000.
- 4 MS. LIU: Thank you.
- 5 MR. RAO: Any ideas about doing the ASTM due
- 6 diligence?
- 7 MR. HUFF: Well, I think the same answer. If
- 8 you are doing the full ASTM, there are two
- 9 problems; one, of course, is the cost, but if
- 10 you are a highway project, and you are going
- 11 adjacent to one of these properties, how do you
- 12 get access in to go through the inside of the
- building that's required? How do you get the
- owner to fill out a questionnaire, which is
- 15 required under ASTM?
- 16 So the record search you can do. The
- 17 site reconnaissance you can do. It's the other
- 18 steps that unless you have ownership of that
- 19 property or have agreed to a price for that, you
- are not going to be able to complete those other
- 21 tests. You go along one of these busy streets,
- 22 and there literally could be several hundred
- properties that you would have to do a Phase 1
- 24 environment site assessment on.

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1 MR. RAO: And as a part of your suggested
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- 2 changes to the Board rules, you had chosen, I
- 3 think, two components of the ASTM standards; the
- 4 records search and the site reconnaissance as
- 5 something that could be included in the rules
- 6 along with the IDOT and Illinois Tollway policy.
- Were you suggesting that these apply
- 8 only to linear projects or are generally
- 9 applicable to any excavation?
- 10 MR. HUFF: Well, clearly my focus is on the
- linear projects, but I have no reservations to
- 12 applying that to all projects.
- 13 MR. RAO: Thank you very much.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Anything else at
- 15 all for Mr. Huff or Dr. Fernandez? Thank you
- 16 very much.
- 17 We are ready to move on to Mr. Liss for
- 18 Waste Management.
- 19 (Whereupon, the witness was duly
- 20 sworn.)
- 21 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: If there is no
- 22 objection, we will mark the pre-filed testimony
- of Kenneth Liss as Exhibit No. 49.
- Seeing none, it's Exhibit 49.

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                       marked for identification.)
          MS. TIPSORD: Mr. Liss, would you like to
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      give a brief summary or go right to questions?
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          MR. LISS: Let's go right to questions.
          MS. TIPSORD: Okay. Do we have any questions
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      for Mr. Liss?
               I see no questions for Mr. Liss. Okay.
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          MR. WIGHT: Before you dismiss him, maybe
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      just one. You had testified with regard to the
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      cost of annual sampling if the groundwater
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      monitoring requirements were part of the rules
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      and extrapolated from those annual costs for
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      sampling to a cost per ton or a cost per cubic
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      yard, and I thought that was fairly
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      straightforward depending on the quantities of
      soil that were taken at the various facilities
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      and so on.
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               I was wondering if you had any opinion
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      beyond your testimony with regard to the design
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      and installation of groundwater monitoring
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      systems, and, you know, perhaps in your
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      professional career you have had some experience
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with that and the costs that would be involved

- 1 in that portion of the groundwater monitoring
- 2 requirement.
- 3 And if you could prepare a -- realizing
- 4 there are potentially a lot of site specific
- 5 differences, but for some sort of a simple
- 6 system, very basic system, and a very basic
- 7 groundwater monitoring system, would you have
- 8 any idea on the same type of cost extrapolations
- 9 so that you could reduce that to a cost per ton
- or a cost per yard, you know, just as sort of a
- 11 baseline and not to cover the entire gamut of
- 12 possibilities, but a basic reference point for a
- 13 simple system in an uncomplicated facility.
- 14 Maybe that's not even realistic, but
- 15 I'm just asking if that's possible.
- 16 MR. LISS: Would you like us to submit that
- in the comment period? That would probably be a
- 18 little easier.
- 19 MR. WIGHT: Yes. I agree. That would be
- 20 very helpful if you could present even the
- 21 simplest form of that information.
- 22 MR. LISS: And I will boil it down similar to
- 23 Point 6 on Page 2 of my testimony, because
- that's just what you referred to.

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1 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Any other questions
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- for Mr. Liss? Thank you very much.
- I do have -- I want to back up. Mr.
- 4 Metz, if I could ask you a question, and you may
- 5 not be able to answer this given -- I know your
- 6 testimony about how much of what is CCDD or
- 7 uncontaminated soil you now landfill rather than
- 8 send to the quarry near you. Does the proximity
- 9 of the quarry affect that? I mean, for example,
- 10 let's say you had to send it farther away.
- 11 Would that impact how much you would
- send to a CCDD, do you think, or is the cost
- 13 significantly enough different that you would
- 14 still ship to a CCDD?
- MR. METZ: We actually only have one option
- for a quarry, one reasonable option, and that's
- 17 within ten miles. Your question of that was,
- for example, within 60 miles, would we landfill
- 19 the material as opposed to sending it to a CCDD?
- 20 The answer would probably be that based
- 21 on the cost analysis, if it's cheaper to
- landfill it than to drive it the 60 miles, then,
- yeah, we would probably landfill it.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Thank you. Okay.

- 1 With that, I think we are done with the
- 2 witnesses that we have for today.
- 3 We will do Claire Manning and Dr. Roy
- 4 tomorrow morning. My hearing officer order had
- 5 said we would start at 9:00 a.m., but given that
- 6 we only have the two witnesses tomorrow, I think
- 7 we can easily get them done in a couple of
- 8 hours. So how about we start at 10:00 instead
- 9 of 9:00. I will be down here for anybody who
- 10 might come down here at 9:00 and let them know
- 11 we're going to wait until 10:00.
- I do want to ask, though, for people
- 13 that are here today. You picked up the DCEO
- 14 letters and the Board statements. Does anyone
- want to comment today on DCEO's decision not to
- 16 do an economic impact study?
- 17 Okay. I will make that offer again
- 18 tomorrow then. With that, we will -- Mr.
- 19 Sylvester.
- 20 MR. SYLVESTER: Just one point. I don't know
- 21 whether it's better addressed during the comment
- 22 period, but you had asked me a question during
- 23 the testimony and I just wanted to clarify it.
- 24 It had stuck in my head after we had closed, and

- 1 I -- it's very brief.
- 2 You had asked about -- when we were
- 3 talking about the CCDD and we were talking about
- 4 in some contexts it was considered waste, and
- 5 you said for purposes of the Board rulemaking
- 6 that we were talking about using it below grade,
- 7 and I just wanted to clarify that our position
- 8 is laid out in our testimony and is to the
- 9 extent permitted by federal law. And I don't
- 10 have an answer to that question. We are not
- aware of the Board or any court of competent
- 12 jurisdiction in Illinois making a decision on
- 13 that issue.
- 14 And that's what I wanted to clarify. I
- don't know whether it kind of got lost in the
- 16 translation. Initially I thought you were just
- 17 talking about this one specific use of CCDD, but
- 18 I just wanted to put that caveat in there that's
- 19 in the statute.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER TIPSORD: Okay, thank you.
- 21 With that we are adjourned today. I will see
- 22 you all tomorrow at 10:00.
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