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2	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	
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- 1 MR. OKEREKE: Good evening, everyone. Sorry
- 2 we are running a little late today, but I think we
- 3 are going to get started.
- 4 This is the Citizens Review Committee meeting. My
- 5 name is Victor Okereke. I'm the engineering services
- 6 manager for the Solid Waste Division.
- 7 This is Dean Voelker, who you probably met already,
- 8 who is the assistant operations manager for the Solid
- 9 Waste Division.
- 10 And Donald is our court reporter today. So I hope
- 11 you've been able to sign in on the sign-in sheet so
- 12 we can get a good record of those who are here today.

- 13 To enable Donald to actually have a good record, we
- 14 would sort of like to introduce ourselves by name;
- 15 and then, also, when we speak, I'll suggest that
- 16 we speak in an orderly fashion to enable him to
- 17 have an accurate record of what we did today.
- 18 If anybody is interested in getting a record of the
- 19 meeting, just let us know at the end. It usually
- 20 takes a while for the record to be ready after the
- 21 meeting is done. It takes about ten days. And we'll
- 22 be able to get anybody who wants to get a record of
- the meeting a copy.
- 24 So if you look at the agenda -- I know that most of
- 25 you went on the tour with Dean. We'll give you the

- 1 opportunity to share any observations that were
- 2 interesting to you or something you would like us to
- 3 take a note of going forward. We'd like to hear that
- 4 as we go.
- 5 So before we continue -- like I said, I'm Victor
- 6 Okereke, engineering services manager --
- 7 MR. VOELKER: And I'm Dean Voelker.
- 8 MR. OKEREKE: -- we can just go around and
- 9 say what our name is.
- 10 MR. SORENSON: I am Lars Sorenson.
- 11 MRS. SORENSON: Victoria Sorensen.
- 12 MR. KRONBERG: Sean Kronberg.

- 13 MS. HAWKINS: Debra Hawkins.
- 14 MS. KELLEY: Frecia Kelley.
- 15 MR. NIEMAN: Richard Nieman.
- 16 MR. KRZYCKI: Mike Krzycki.
- 17 MR. ALEX HOGANSON: Alex Hoganson.
- 18 MR. PRICE: Tommy Price.
- 19 MS. MORGAN: Leslie Morgan.
- 20 MR. LARRY HOGANSON: Larry Hoganson.
- 21 MS. ANNALESE HOGANSON: Annalese Hoganson.
- 22 MS. MADISON HURLOCKER: Madison Hurlocker.
- 23 MR. BECK: Bill Beck.
- 24 MS. MORRISON: Virginia Morrison.
- 25 MS. MONTE: Rachel Monte.

- 1 MS. BRIGHTON: Kim Brighton.
- 2 MR. DAVIS: Ed Davis.
- 3 MR. BLUME: Mark Blume.
- 4 MS. ERBENICK: Connie Erbenick.
- 5 MR. BATTERSON: J.T. Batterson.
- 6 MR. OKEREKE: Did we get it all?
- 7 All right. Thank you, very much.
- 8 You were given a copy of the agenda. Is there any
- 9 interesting observations from those of you who took
- 10 the tour that you would like to share? I don't know
- 11 if the drawing on the board came from the tour or
- 12 not. But anybody want to share any interesting

- 13 observations or something they would like some
- 14 answers to from the tour, those who took the tour
- 15 with Dean today?
- 16 MR. LARRY HOGANSON: I thought the tour was
- 17 fantastic. I was very impressed with how clean
- 18 everything is and how well organized it is. But I
- 19 have a lot of questions about the new gas facility
- 20 and how that's going to work in the future, if it's
- 21 full speed right now and those type of things. We
- didn't really get to that on the tour. That's my
- 23 main concern.
- 24 MR. OKEREKE: So I think we have that as
- agenda item No. 5. Maybe when we get to that, we'll

- 1 be able to share whatever we can about that. All
- 2 right? Thank you.
- 3 Yes, Sean?
- 4 MR. KRONBERG: I don't have an observation
- 5 about the tour, but I'd like an answer to my question
- 6 real quick. Can you give a background of the CRC,
- 7 who is on the CRC, what its make-up is, what its
- 8 requirements are, where it came from. That would be
- 9 helpful, I think, at some point.
- 10 MR. OKEREKE: Sure. If you don't mind,
- 11 could we do that as agenda item No. 6? Will that
- 12 work?

- 13 MR. KRONBERG: If there is time?
- 14 MR. OKEREKE: Yes, we'll make sure there is
- 15 time.
- 16 MR. KRONBERG: I think it's relevant,
- 17 actually, to the whole meeting, because it's
- 18 something that I think most of us here don't know.
- 19 So if we knew what the requirements were from the '85
- 20 court decision, et cetera, et cetera, maybe this
- 21 would be better put in context. Does that make sense?
- 22 MR. OKEREKE: Now, is that something a lot
- 23 of you are interested in learning today?
- 24 MR. LARRY HOGANSON: Yes.
- 25 MS. BRIGHTON: I don't know what he's

- 1 talking about.
- 2 MR. OKEREKE: Well, I think Sean is talking
- 3 about the origins of this committee and how
- 4 we came about and what it's about and things like
- 5 that. Is that correct, Sean?
- 6 MR. KRONBERG: Yes. Origins, who is on the
- 7 committee, what are the requirements of the committee.
- 8 MR. OKEREKE: Right. This is what I'll
- 9 suggest, because --
- 10 MR. KRONBERG: I mean, if you want to take
- 11 like two minutes and just give us a quick overview,
- 12 that would be helpful, I think.

- 13 MR. OKEREKE: Right. I think we can give a
- 14 quick overview, but I'm not sure that the level of
- 15 detail you seem to be alluding to, that I would be
- 16 able to get to it today. But I think it would be a
- 17 good agenda item for a future meeting.
- 18 Yes?
- 19 MS. MORGAN: I agree. That was actually
- 20 going to be one of my questions was who is on the
- 21 committee, like names and numbers. I would like that
- answered like within the next few days actually.
- 23 MR. OKEREKE: Absolutely.
- 24 MS. MORGAN: If we could get a list of the
- 25 people, who they represent, how they're represented,

- 1 that type of thing.
- 2 MR. OKEREKE: Very good.
- 3 So before I go on to giving that quick summary,
- 4 anything anybody wants to add to that question?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 MR. OKEREKE: So I will assume that the
- 7 preponderance of opinion is to provide a summary of
- 8 the CRC. Is that okay? All right.
- 9 MR. KRZYCKI: So the Cedar Hills Citizen
- 10 Review Committee, how do they notify the neighbors?
- 11 Who gets these and how do they do that? Because
- 12 people on 230th didn't know about it until I made my

- 13 own copy and put it on my road.
- 14 MR. OKEREKE: Please say your name and any
- 15 affiliations so he can have a good record.
- 16 Now, there is a suggestion to Sean that this become
- 17 a future agenda item to give us an opportunity to
- 18 gather all the information necessary to actually
- 19 provide you the level of information that you'll find
- 20 very useful. But beyond that, what I can tell you is
- 21 that the CRC came about -- and this was before my
- time -- it came about in 1986. And this was as a
- result of some agreement that was reached with a few
- 24 people in the community. I don't have the exact
- 25 number in my head. I would say five to seven people.

- 1 That such a committee was necessary to enable us, the
- 2 Solid Waste Division, to provide ongoing information
- 3 to the community about what is essentially going on
- 4 with the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, update that
- 5 group of new activities, ongoing activities, related
- 6 to the site; and also to meet periodically to provide
- 7 such updates, including providing the tours that Dean
- 8 just provided today. So those are some of the things
- 9 I could remember about how this came about.
- 10 Now, the original list, like I said, was made up
- 11 of, I would say, six to seven people. What I know is
- 12 that of those people, I don't think that most of them

- 13 are around anymore, but that needs confirmation.
- 14 That's why I didn't want to get into too much detail.
- 15 In looking at the names, I don't know all the names
- 16 of the people who are here; but I've been to this
- 17 meeting before, and it looks to me like most of the
- 18 people -- and there are very few, not up to ten
- 19 people, in the original committee -- are actually
- 20 either not in this area anymore or they don't attend
- 21 the meetings, like you said, ma'am. I can get that
- 22 information going forward.
- 23 So that is all I can say at this time,
- 24 Sean.
- 25 MR. KRONBERG: So I guess the gist of my

- 1 question is -- I read the settlement agreement --
- 2 MR. OKEREKE: The Hanni?
- 3 MR. KRONBERG: Yes.
- 4 -- from 1985, and it talked about having a
- 5 committee of people, not necessarily the people that
- 6 were listed in the settlement agreement, but having a
- 7 committee of people having a chair, having this,
- 8 that, and the other; certain requirements of the
- 9 Solid Waste Division, such as reporting biannually on
- 10 the results of water tests, which I don't ever
- 11 remember hearing the results of water tests at the
- 12 meetings.

- 13 So it just seems like there are certain things that
- 14 have kind of gone away, which may be okay, and may be
- 15 okay with this group of people who attend the
- 16 meetings, that we don't need a formal committee,
- 17 itself, et cetera, et cetera; but it seems that
- 18 nothing formal has done away with those other pieces,
- 19 like the water test results being presented at these
- 20 meetings or other requirements that are in the
- 21 settlement agreement.
- 22 So it would be great if the Solid Waste Division
- 23 could look at that, examine it in the next month or
- 24 two or whatever, before the next meeting, and try and
- 25 formulate some ideas of what this group is all about

- 1 going forward. Maybe this is it; maybe it's not. I
- 2 don't know. I have ideas. But I just want to bring
- 3 that up to this group, because I think there is
- 4 probably some great ideas in the group.
- 5 MR. OKEREKE: I agree with you, Sean.
- 6 That's why I was suggesting that -- by the way, one
- 7 of the things I wanted us to sort of visit later on
- 8 in the meeting is when our next meeting is going to
- 9 be. So we can identify items for the agenda that
- 10 you'll be interested in hearing, and this is one of
- 11 them. If I had heard about it a little bit earlier,
- 12 then maybe I would have been prepared with more

- 13 details, with some more of the information that I'm
- 14 sure you'll be interested in hearing and bringing to
- 15 this meeting. I don't have that information for this
- 16 meeting, the information related to the details
- 17 you're talking about, the original names and all the
- 18 information related to reporting, all those kinds of
- 19 things. I'm sure we have it in the file downtown and
- 20 I could have reviewed it and get all that information.
- 21 MR. KRONBERG: I didn't hear about the
- 22 meeting until Mike called me.
- 23 MR. OKEREKE: Lunderstand. Lmean, it's an
- 24 important point. But I think it will be better for
- 25 the group if we are better prepared to discuss it.

- 1 And I'll suggest that we put it on the agenda for the
- 2 next meeting, which we should agree as to when we
- 3 should have that, in the next few months. Does that
- 4 work? Is that okay?
- 5 MR. BECK: Victor, I think you're correct
- 6 that the people who were originally part of the CRC,
- 7 there is either two or three from the County, two or
- 8 three from the citizen group.
- 9 MR. OKEREKE: Right.
- 10 MR. BECK: I've been attending these
- 11 meetings for a long time, because I used to be in the
- 12 Maple Valley Area Council. I lived closer to the

- 13 landfill. I kept track of what was going on. I
- 14 think the CRC was set up as part of a court
- 15 settlement. The people were appointed. We used to
- 16 meet monthly. One of the people who was part of this
- 17 group that I remember was Kathy Garrison. She's a
- 18 bus driver for Issaquah. We used to meet down at the
- 19 Issaquah bus garage. In fact, I got locked in there
- 20 one night when I didn't leave the meeting.
- 21 But you're right, Victor, this goes back a long
- 22 time. And I think everyone who was part of the
- 23 original, I think has probably either moved away from
- 24 the area, sold, retired. Shirley Jurgenson, I think
- was one of them.

- 1 MR. OKEREKE: Shirley was our primary
- 2 representative and she's retired.
- 3 MR. BECK: And Kevin even may have been. I
- 4 don't know.
- 5 MR. OKEREKE: Kevin was not in the original
- 6 group. It was Shirley Jurgenson.
- 7 MR. BECK: Like I say, I don't recall who
- 8 the originals were.
- 9 MS. MORGAN: Leslie Morgan. So that was my
- 10 question, is who is responsible to make sure that
- 11 there are people from the community on the CRC group
- 12 and who are the current CRC people from the County.

- 13 MR. OKEREKE: Right.
- 14 MS. MORGAN: Like I say, if possible, I'd
- 15 like to get those names fairly soon, probably not
- 16 waiting until the next meeting, since we've got the
- 17 EIS moving along.
- 18 MR. OKEREKE: I think I can tell you what I
- 19 know and then we can move forward.
- 20 The meeting started with this original CRC in the
- 21 '80s, 1986, like I said, as a result of the Hanni
- 22 lawsuit. Now, since then, like Mr. Beck -- right?
- 23 MR. BECK: (Nods head in the affirmative).
- 24 MR. OKEREKE: Like you said, started
- 25 monthly; and because of lack of attendance, then it

- 1 was sort of -- it was not occurring monthly. Then it
- 2 went on and became every six months. In my own
- 3 experience, this is the largest group I've ever seen
- 4 in this meeting.
- 5 So I am not sure, but I will verify, that the
- 6 original names have actually not been formally changed.
- 7 I don't believe so. These are some of the things I
- 8 would like to verify for our next meeting.
- 9 So again, what I suggest is that by the time we do
- 10 our next meeting, it gives us some time to actually
- 11 assemble all the necessary information required.
- 12 As far as those that we notify for this meeting, as

- 13 the question you raised, what we've been doing is
- 14 notifying those who have been coming to the
- 15 meeting. But for this particular meeting, we decided
- 16 to expand the list to include those who provided
- 17 comments on the final Environmental Impact Statement.
- 18 Now, based on what I'm hearing today, I think we're
- 19 going to revisit the scope of notification for those
- 20 who we invite to the meeting. Again, that is
- 21 different from those who actually constitute the
- 22 committee. All right? So there are two different
- things there. So I think I would like to go back and
- think about it, look at information we have, and put
- it on the next agenda. And I think we'll be able to

- 1 respond to you on the specific question about who was
- 2 on the original committee. That one, we can do.
- 3 MS. MORGAN: Leslie Morgan. That's not
- 4 really my question is who the original ones were. My
- 5 question is, whose responsibility is it to make sure
- 6 that there are people on the CRC from the community?
- 7 So when those people left -- and what that process
- 8 is. Like is it people volunteering to be on the CRC
- 9 committee? You know, how they go through that
- 10 process to be elected to be on that committee.
- 11 Because if we don't have somebody in the community
- 12 right now on that CRC committee, I think we need to.

- 13 MR. OKEREKE: All right.
- 14 MS. MORGAN: But I don't know what the
- 15 process is in order to do that. I was sort of hoping
- 16 to have that information before our next meeting. So
- 17 if that's possible --
- 18 MR. OKEREKE: I would look through our
- 19 documents and see what we can get you, and then
- 20 communicate it -- if that's not what you're looking
- 21 for, then that will give us a better idea about what
- 22 actually to look for to prepare for the next meeting.
- 23 MR. KRONBERG: Victor, it sounds like we're
- 24 having a committee meeting without a committee.
- 25 There is no one on the committee, yet we're having a

- 1 committee meeting.
- 2 MR. OKEREKE: I couldn't verify that to you
- 3 today. That's what I was saying. I need to look at
- 4 the names and try to match it up --
- 5 MR. KRONBERG: Good enough.
- 6 MR. OKEREKE: We'll verify that. All right?
- 7 Okay. Very interesting.
- 8 MR. BECK: Victor, a question. This is the
- 9 first meeting I recall being at where we didn't have
- 10 a court reporter.
- 11 MR. OKEREKE: No, we do have a court
- 12 reporter.

- 13 MR. BECK: Oh, we do have one.
- 14 MR. OKEREKE: Yes.
- 15 MR. BECK: Oh, you're doing that.
- 16 MR. OKEREKE: Right.
- 17 MR. BECK: Oh, okay.
- 18 MR. OKEREKE: All right. Thank you, very
- 19 much, Sean, for that interesting question. We're
- 20 going to try to provide as much information as we can
- 21 on that. All right.
- 22 MR. KRONBERG: I guess, we don't want you to
- 23 provide information. We wanted to like figure it
- 24 out, the process, the procedure, who is on the
- 25 committee, et cetera, et cetera. It's great to like

- 1 just respond with information, but I'd like to get a
- 2 process put in place to figure that stuff out. If
- 3 that needs to be done at the next meeting, great.
- 4 But I don't think we just want names and numbers of
- 5 20- or 30-year-old people who aren't on the committee.
- 6 It's more like procedure going forward to figure this
- 7 stuff out.
- 8 MR. OKEREKE: I got that. I think that
- 9 requires sort of a group discussion. So that will be
- 10 on the next agenda.
- 11 MR. KRONBERG: Okay.
- 12 MR. OKEREKE: All right. Any more questions

- 13 on that particular topic before we move forward?
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 MR. OKEREKE: All right. So the next thing
- 16 we'd like to talk about is -- Dean is going to
- 17 provide some updates on current activities on the
- 18 site.
- 19 MR. VOELKER: Well, for those of you that
- 20 went around with me on the tour, you kind of got to
- 21 see what really was going on. As you see now (pointing to a Map), we're
- in Area 7. We just started down in there fully as of
- 23 Monday. So we just finished Area 6. And there is a
- 24 map out there. I'll hold one right here. Hopefully,
- 25 everybody can see. On the tour, I kind of drove

- 1 around the landfill. We kind of started from the
- 2 administration area and we drove up to Area 6. I
- 3 don't know if we can see here. But this area right
- 4 here -- there should be one down right there in front
- 5 of you -- it's going to be right -- if you were to
- 6 move into this area -- thank you, Ed -- I'll walk up
- 7 and show you this one here -- this is Area 6. That's
- 8 the area that we just moved out of. Right here would
- 9 be Area 6. Can you guys see that? All right.
- 10 So what we're doing this summer or the end of this
- 11 summer is we're actually doing an interim closure on
- 12 this Area 6 area. So we are now out of it, meaning

- 13 that the full operation is now into the new cell,
- 14 Area 7, which is located -- we don't have a new
- 15 picture of that -- but right next door to it, to the
- 16 west side of Area 6.
- 17 What we've got is we have two final closures on
- 18 that portion of the landfill in Area 6. So what that
- 19 means is for the top lift, the last lift that's on
- 20 there right now, is a 30-foot lift over the entire
- 21 footprint, which is actually closed with soil at this
- 22 particular time. Within that soil, though, or in the
- 23 refuse area is landfill gas and leachate collection
- systems in place and operable. So we do operate that
- 25 system just like we would any other area.

- 1 What we're doing is cleaning it up now from the
- 2 operation being in there, as of last week or up until
- 3 Sunday. We'll come back in and we'll strip all of
- 4 the soil that's on the top right now that contains
- 5 rock and other debris inside of it, we'll strip that
- 6 down, we'll clean it up, reuse the rock that is in
- 7 place, and we'll bring that down to Area 7. And then
- 8 we'll put a soil layer over the top of Area 6 as well
- 9 as install a gas system over the top as well. So we
- 10 will have full landfill gas collection in there.
- 11 As we continue to move on, then we'll go -- as
- 12 we're moving now into Area 6, we're starting at the

- 13 very bottom layer. So that's the first layer, which
- 14 is really the layer we really pay attention to is on
- 15 the drainage, the drain rock down there. I think I
- 16 explained to you how the bottom layer is constructed.
- 17 So again, it's a hole that's excavated down into the
- 18 soil, into the native area. That is then lined with
- 19 an HDPE liner. And then there is a select soil,
- 20 impervious soil, that is placed over the top of that
- 21 liner, the HDPE flexible membrane. And then there is
- a leachate system installed in that. And then there
- is 24 inches of drain layer rock that's installed
- 24 over the top of that liner system. And within that,
- there are landfill gas collection pipes that are

- 1 installed in that.
- 2 And in your picture that you have down there, you
- 3 can see it completely graveled. That's the graveled
- 4 area. And then we start the placement of refuse. So
- 5 the first layer, which is the first eight feet in
- 6 height over that entire footprint, is what we call
- 7 select refuse. That's municipal solid waste, good
- 8 municipal stuff that comes out of the homes and
- 9 doesn't have the big metal or would have any woody
- 10 debris or things like poles that would puncture or
- 11 even compromise the bottom layer, so it would mean
- 12 the drain layer and/or the liner system.

- 13 So we lay that first layer out, and then we start
- 14 the process of putting regular old -- just our solid
- 15 waste that comes in, our day-to-day solid waste that
- 16 comes in from all of our transfer stations, on top of
- 17 that. So we really try to protect the bottom layer.
- 18 So that's what we're doing right now.
- 19 Some of you see that we have a new process where
- 20 we're using mattresses to line the edges of the
- 21 landfill. So that would be the refuse that's in
- 22 place. The reason for that is we spent a lot of
- 23 money on that drain layer. And during the course of
- 24 land filling, our daily cover that we put over the
- 25 top of the in-place refuse is six inches of soil over

- 1 the top. What we didn't want to have happen was the
- 2 rainwater hit that or any of that soil get washed
- 3 down into the drain layer and have the potential to
- 4 plug it. So we got with the Department of Ecology
- 5 and health department, and we actually started using
- 6 some of the mattresses that come into the landfill to
- 7 us from various vendors -- not vendors, but various
- 8 people that deliver us the mattresses for disposal,
- 9 and decided to put that down first. So we put the
- 10 drain layer, mattresses, then the soil. So we have
- 11 about eight foot of separation between the refuse and
- 12 the soil.

- 13 So now we can come back in, pick up the mattresses,
- 14 pick up the dirt, and then put garbage over the top
- 15 of that or refuse, bury that back onto the drain
- 16 layer. So there is really very little potential to
- 17 plug up the drain rock system. It's a very nice
- 18 system that we've done this year. We thank the
- 19 health department for allowing us to do that. It is
- 20 a good use for mattresses.
- 21 There are some other uses for those mattresses that
- are going into a facility up north and they are
- 23 recycling them. But for the ones that are supposed
- to be disposed of, rather than mixing them in with
- 25 the regular refuse that comes into the facility,

- 1 we're using them for a filter system. So we'll
- 2 continue that and build our way up through Area 7
- 3 until its completion.
- 4 So that's pretty much the update of what we're
- 5 really doing here. Unless you have any questions.
- 6 Oh, talk about the summer stabilization. It is the
- 7 end of summer right now. So what are we going to do
- 8 with Area 6? During the tour, we talked about what
- 9 we are going to do. So we took some of the stockpile
- 10 material. What we did was we screened that soil out.
- 11 We took the big cobbles out, the big stone. And we
- 12 have a one-foot layer of that material that we're

- 13 going to place around all of the slopes of the
- 14 landfill that is exposed. There is a portion of it
- 15 that has a final closure on it, and that has the
- 16 liner on it, the liner for the cap.
- 17 So the soil layer that I showed you when we were
- 18 driving up -- I know, Leslie, you didn't make it --
- 19 there may be a few other people that didn't make it
- 20 up to the landfill -- but you've seen a soil section
- 21 up there. That is a select soil that we made here on
- site with our screen plant. We placed it over the
- already in place six inches of daily cover that was
- 24 over the refuse. So now it's a little bit over a
- 25 foot thick right now. What we'll do is we'll roll

- 1 that in, track walk it and hydroseed it.
- 2 Again, on the top, what we're going to do is clean
- 3 that off, recover all of the rock material that was
- 4 on there from the driving surface that we had to
- 5 build. And rather than have new rock brought in from
- 6 a quarry, we'll pick that rock up, screen it, to
- 7 reuse it in Area 7. So we're going to put an interim
- 8 closure on top of that as well with the landfill gas
- 9 system installed.
- 10 MS. HAWKINS: I just have a question. Debra
- 11 Hawkins. You talked about interim cap and then the
- 12 cap that you welded onto the top. Is there a length

- 13 of time that you can keep the interim cap on there?
- 14 Are you waiting for it to sink so that you can refill
- 15 the interim? I guess I don't understand why you
- 16 don't just put the final cap on when you're done, why
- 17 it takes a couple years or --
- 18 MR. VOELKER: What we're trying to do is
- 19 extend the life of the landfill. One of the ways of
- 20 extending the life of the landfill, which you're
- 21 going to cover later --
- 22 MR. OKEREKE: Yeah, but go ahead.
- 23 MR. VOELKER: What we're doing, instead of
- 24 putting a final cap over it, we can put a soil cap
- 25 over it and maintain compliance, which we're still

- 1 required to be in compliance with the clean air laws, which
- 2 is fugitive emissions. So the soil layer is an
- 3 interim cover which is not permanent. A permanent
- 4 one would be the HDPE welded and seamed over the top
- 5 of it. It's less expensive to use a soil cap than it
- 6 is to use an HDPE cap. So we could allow for
- 7 settlement and come back in and strip it off and then
- 8 refill.
- 9 MS. HAWKINS: Okay. And my second question
- 10 was, what system is in place in case something does
- 11 break that bottom barrier? What system is in place
- 12 that you could know that, that maybe if something did

- 13 puncture that liner?
- 14 MR. OKEREKE: Let me back up a little bit to
- 15 add to what Dean was saying. There are two types of
- 16 things we do. The regulations require us to cover
- 17 waste that -- let's see -- with six inches of soil,
- 18 for example. Did you take the tour?
- 19 MS. HAWKINS: Um-hmm.
- 20 MR. OKEREKE: So as we fill, we sort of move
- 21 away from one area, and then we have to come back and
- fill the area. If we're not going to come back to an
- area within six months, the regulations require us to
- 24 protect that area from rodents and -- so that it
- doesn't erode, it doesn't sort of mess up over a

- 1 period of time. So that is what we are doing this
- 2 summer. We call it summer cover. We also call it
- 3 interim cover.
- 4 Now, there are certain areas, like Area 5, which is
- 5 a little bit further north, that we left in -- 2000?
- 6 2000. Right? Or 2005?
- 7 MR. VOELKER: 2005.
- 8 MR. OKEREKE: -- 2005, where we are trying
- 9 to accomplish what Dean was talking about, where we
- 10 placed interim cover. We also call it interim cap.
- 11 That is interim cover made up of soil. The idea
- 12 being that we want the area to settle a little bit so

- 13 that we can get the most out of the space there. So
- 14 that's one.
- 15 So to your second question which has to do with --
- 16 I assume you're referring to the bottom liner.
- 17 Right? That actually protects the groundwater? Is
- 18 that what you're referring to?
- 19 MS. HAWKINS: Right. How do you know --
- 20 MR. OKEREKE: So that is way down there.
- 21 It's about 200 feet or so down below. How we know is
- 22 that we have monitoring systems, monitoring systems
- 23 where we are monitoring to check the integrity of our
- 24 control facilities which the liner is part of. So if
- there is anything that is leaking or anything of that

- 1 nature, we'll have early warning stations where we
- 2 can make detections of such a thing. I think that's
- 3 sort of what Sean was referring to, monitoring
- 4 results. So we do monitor those things periodically,
- 5 and then we actually publish the results, which I
- 6 will talk about in a minute. So I don't know if that
- 7 answers your question or not.
- 8 Just more information. We have a cover, the cap,
- 9 then we have a bottom liner. So there are two
- 10 protections for the garbage. One prevents water from
- 11 getting into it so that things don't mess up inside,
- 12 we don't generate a lot of leachate, wastewater, and

- 13 the other one protects things from getting into the
- 14 groundwater. And we do have lots of monitoring wells
- 15 around to check for any problems that may be imminent
- 16 in the system.
- 17 MS. HAWKINS: I have a well and I have it
- 18 tested. But it's just of interest to me to know what
- 19 you do.
- 20 MR. OKEREKE: That's what we do.
- 21 MS. HAWKINS: Okay.
- 22 MR. OKEREKE: So I just want to pull up a
- 23 little bit on that. Sean, you mentioned something
- 24 about reporting on our monitoring.
- 25 MR. KRONBERG: I said specifically to the

- 1 CRC. The settlement requires water test results to
- 2 be provided.
- 3 MR. OKEREKE: Correct. So I just want to
- 4 provide some information -- I'm not saying that that
- 5 answers your question necessarily. The results -- we
- 6 do quarterly reporting and annual reporting on our
- 7 monitoring program, our environmental monitoring
- 8 program, which includes groundwater monitoring,
- 9 surface water monitoring, landfill gas monitoring,
- 10 and wastewater monitoring. So those results are
- 11 actually published, sent to the library. It goes to
- 12 the Bellevue library.

- 13 MR. KRONBERG: Can I say something?
- 14 MR. OKEREKE: Just one more thing.
- 15 Also, we've started putting this on line, I think
- 16 based on the requests we got from the committee.
- 17 So those results are also on line. I will give the
- 18 court reporter the address of the on-line location
- 19 where those reports can be accessed. So that's just
- 20 information.
- 21 Yes, Sean?
- 22 MR. KRONBERG: I spent a number of hours
- reading those reports. They're about that thick
- 24 (indicating) every quarter. Okay? I think what most
- 25 of us would want -- it's kind of like going to Sears

- 1 and ordering a lawnmower from their catalog. I just
- 2 want to order a lawnmower from the catalog from
- 3 Sears. I don't want to learn their manufacturing
- 4 techniques, their ordering techniques, their this,
- 5 their that. It's too much. Okay?
- 6 So this could be squeezed down to a page or two,
- 7 executive summary, that could be provided on your
- 8 website, to say, hey, yeah, we had a couple of hits
- 9 on this, that, or the other, it's explained by --
- 10 it's a historical thing, we didn't have any other
- 11 anomalies, et cetera, period, done. To ask us to go
- 12 to the library and look through a book this thick, I

- 13 think is beyond most of us. It's beyond me. I've
- 14 tried.
- 15 MR. OKEREKE: Point well taken.
- 16 MR. KRONBERG: So maybe in the future, we
- 17 can have that on your website, not 60 pdfs that are
- 18 four megabytes each. That's what that report looks
- 19 like.
- 20 MR. OKEREKE: Point well made. Executive
- 21 summary. Very good.
- 22 Any more questions on that? Otherwise we'll move
- 23 on.
- 24 (No response.)
- 25 MR. OKEREKE: The next item on our agenda is

- 1 the engineering and planned construction activities.
- 2 So what we're trying to do there is sort of update
- 3 you on things we plan to do related to major
- 4 construction activities.
- 5 Now, interestingly enough, there isn't a lot of
- 6 things that we plan to do this year or next year for
- 7 that matter. The primary thing that we plan to do is
- 8 what Dean has already talked about, interim
- 9 closure of Area 6, the current active area.
- 10 What that entails is our consultants are actually
- 11 going to design a system that is going to be put in
- 12 place by a contractor. So that system would include

- 13 leachate collection system, gas collection system.
- 14 It would include what we call a cap that is made up
- 15 of aggregates, soil, high-density polyethylene or
- 16 HDPE.
- 17 The HDPE is usually placed on the side slopes of the
- 18 area. The top of the area is still going to be soil.
- 19 And the reason we do that is to enable the enhancement
- 20 of settlement and to enable us to ultimately utilize
- 21 the capacity available in the area over a period of
- 22 time.
- 23 So, construction activity is going to start next year --
- the next stage -- we did some this year. We just
- finished one. So we'll do that in stages every year.

- 1 So the next one is going to happen next year. So
- 2 you're going to see major construction in that area
- 3 next year. So that's one.
- 4 The other thing we plan to do next year
- 5 construction-wise, is -- we have a pipeline that
- 6 carries the wastewater generated on this site all the
- 7 way to the Renton treatment plant, several miles of
- 8 pipeline. So we are going to be replacing some of
- 9 the clean-outs along that pipeline that runs along
- 10 Cedar Grove Road through Maple Valley Highway, all
- 11 the way to Renton.
- 12 So that construction is going to involve

- 13 minimal construction activity. It's going to happen
- 14 sometime next year, between spring and summer. But
- 15 when the construction is imminent, there will be a
- 16 notification so that people are aware that it's
- 17 coming. This is just giving you a heads up that these
- 18 things are planned.
- 19 So those are the two main things that we plan to do
- 20 that potentially you may be aware of, you could see
- 21 happening.
- 22 There are other minor things that we are doing on
- 23 site. This year, we've installed several landfill
- 24 gas extraction wells. Every year,
- 25 we review the performance of our system, of our

- 1 environmental control system, which includes
- 2 groundwater monitoring wells, landfill gas monitoring
- 3 wells, surface water collection and transmission
- 4 systems, and so on. And then we determine whether we
- 5 need to add more, replace some that maybe are
- 6 not as effective as they should be. So we do that
- 7 every year.
- 8 This year, we completed some replacement of some of the
- 9 existing systems we had and also added some more. So
- 10 those are the things that happen inside the landfill
- 11 that you may not necessarily be aware of. So those
- 12 have been completed.

- 13 So, construction-wise, those are the only
- 14 activities planned in the next couple of years. In
- 15 future meetings, we'll talk about what's going to
- 16 happen in 2012 and beyond.
- 17 Question.
- 18 MR. KRONBERG: You mentioned the pipeline
- 19 that takes all the leachate from this site. Is that
- 20 also the pipeline that takes the leachate from the
- 21 Cedar Grove Compost?
- 22 MR. OKEREKE: That's the same pipeline. The
- 23 Cedar Grove Compost ties into the same pipeline.
- 24 MR. KRONBERG: Another question.
- 25 MR. OKEREKE: Sure.

- 1 MR. KRONBERG: At the last meeting, we
- 2 talked about some wells that were drilled in the
- 3 eastern buffer.
- 4 MR. OKEREKE: Um-hmm.
- 5 MR. KRONBERG: What's the status of those
- 6 wells and what are they -- are they just water
- 7 monitoring or are they gas extraction? Are they in
- 8 use? Are they gas extraction wells? Are they water
- 9 monitoring wells, et cetera?
- 10 MR. OKEREKE: Yeah. I think the wells
- 11 you're talking about are groundwater monitoring wells
- 12 that we put in previously.

- 13 MR. KRONBERG: They were discussed at the
- 14 last meeting.
- 15 MR. OKEREKE: By Laura Belt.
- 16 MR. KRONBERG: By Laura Belt, yeah.
- 17 MR. OKEREKE: She was going to be here, then
- 18 she couldn't make it.
- 19 Those are just part of our groundwater monitoring
- 20 system network.
- 21 MR. KRONBERG: Are they in use now?
- 22 MR. OKEREKE: They are in use. So like I
- 23 said, we'll review what is going on every year. We
- 24 decommission some wells, we add new wells, or we
- 25 modify some wells. So those are in use.

- 1 MS. MORGAN: What are the results right now?
- 2 MR. OKEREKE: Of the particular -- the
- 3 overall results?
- 4 MS. MORGAN: Yes. The overall results of
- 5 the eastern -- the new wells that you put in.
- 6 MR. OKEREKE: As far as I know, if we have
- 7 detections, the regulations require that we report
- 8 it to the regulators. So there is nothing that I'm
- 9 aware of where we've detected something unusual.
- 10 That's all I can say. To give you more details on
- 11 the individual elements and what the levels are, I
- 12 actually need to see a report. But the regulation

- 13 requires us to report detections over the allowable
- 14 levels. And we provide such reports, like I said,
- 15 quarterly and annually. So there is nothing beyond
- 16 the ordinary, that I'm aware of, that has occurred in
- 17 those new wells. And if we know different, we'll let
- 18 you know. Okay.
- 19 Any other questions on agenda item No. 3?
- 20 (No response.)
- 21 MR. OKEREKE: All right.
- 22 MR. KRZYCKI: One quick one. Mike Krzycki.
- 23 So King County hasn't decided on their plan on the
- 24 expansion yet. That's not going to happen until
- 25 after 2012. Is that what I'm hearing?

- 1 MR. OKEREKE: That's the next agenda item.
- 2 MR. KRZYCKI: Oh, it is? I don't have one
- 3 of those in front of me.
- 4 MR. OKEREKE: Oh, sorry. So is there
- 5 anybody else who needs an agenda? Anybody?
- 6 (No response.)
- 7 MR. OKEREKE: Our next agenda item is the
- 8 status of the site development plan. So what I
- 9 wanted to accomplish here today to give
- 10 you an update as to where we are in the process and
- 11 not necessarily to go through the whole process and
- 12 the detailed plan. Now, if you need more detailed

- 13 information, then that's something we can provide
- 14 you. You can let me know outside the meeting. I
- 15 will try to get you as much information as we can.
- 16 Okay? All right.
- 17 As a result of council mandate, we have to look at
- 18 how to maximize capacity of the Cedar Hills Regional
- 19 Landfill. That's what started us into this process.
- 20 That process involved looking at various alternatives.
- 21 Then we narrowed those down into five alternatives.
- 22 Then we had a scoping meeting. I think it was either
- 23 in Renton or in Issaquah. I forget exactly where
- 24 that was. Where was that, Sean?
- 25 MR. KRONBERG: Maple Valley.

- 1 MR. OKEREKE: Maple Valley.
- 2 So we had a scoping meeting in Maple Valley. So as
- 3 a result of the comments we received, we added to the
- 4 scope of the environmental analysis we were going to
- 5 complete.
- 6 So the next step after that is that we completed a
- 7 draft EIS, a draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- 8 This is in compliance with state law, the State
- 9 Environmental Policy Act, SEPA as it's commonly
- 10 known. Then we had a public hearing where we
- 11 listened to you, heard your concerns, and then we
- 12 moved forward to completing the final Environmental

- 13 Impact Statement.
- 14 So that part of the Environmental Impact Statement
- 15 is a compilation of all the analysis that we performed,
- 16 related to looking at the potential environmental
- 17 impact of all the five alternatives that we
- 18 identified as viable alternatives related to the
- 19 further development of Cedar Hills. We issued that
- 20 final Environmental Impact Statement on, I think,
- 21 July 27th. I don't have the dates in
- 22 my head. So that was issued.
- 23
- 24 So from a state law point of view, SEPA point of
- 25 view, the environmental review process is completed.

- 1 So, as indicated in the final EIS, the Environmental
- 2 Impact Statement, we recommended what we call as
- 3 alternative two. The alternative two that we're
- 4 recommending to council involves the construction of
- 5 a landfill area in this area (pointing to a Map). So when you did the
- 6 tour, you saw these two ponds. So, pending approval,
- 7 we are going to be developing this area. Okay? This
- 8 area that has these ponds, and the soil stockpile.
- 9 Yes?
- 10 MS. MORGAN: Leslie Morgan. So you're going
- 11 to have to relocate the ponds, then?
- 12 MR. OKEREKE: That will be part of the

- 13 construction process, yes, when we get to that.
- 14 MS. MORGAN: Okay.
- 15 MR. OKEREKE: So that report, what we call a
- 16 project program plan, which is a council-required
- 17 document, has been transmitted to council. So, once
- 18 council takes action on the plan, then that will
- 19 enable us to move forward with the other elements of
- 20 implementation. The way the schedule falls out now
- 21 is that we intend to -- pending approval of our
- 22 proposal -- the design will start sometime in 2014,
- 23 design and construction, which includes the
- 24 relocation of the ponds that we just talked about.
- 25 Then the overall

- 1 construction is currently scheduled to be completed
- 2 sometime in 2018, which coincides with our current
- 3 projection about when Area 7 and the current site is
- 4 going to run out of capacity. So that is the update
- 5 as far as where we are as it relates to the site
- 6 development plan.
- 7 One other thing I want to mention is that we are
- 8 going to prepare what is called a site development
- 9 plan, which is similar to what you may be familiar
- 10 with called a facility master plan, which basically
- 11 lays out in detail how the process of site decvelopment is
- 12 going to happen. So that is scheduled to be

- 13 completed sometime next year, pending council action
- 14 on the project program plan.
- 15 A little bit convoluted, but does that make sense,
- 16 the sequence of events?
- 17 All right. Any questions? Yes?
- 18 MS. MORGAN: Leslie Morgan. So where are
- 19 you going to relocate the ponds?
- 20 MR. OKEREKE: Good question. So right now,
- 21 this area is what we call the south solid waste area.
- 22 It's this area. The garbage in this area varies from
- eight feet to 20 feet deep, and it was started in the
- 24 early '60s, '70s.
- 25 So this solid waste area actually extended into

- 1 here (pointing to a Map). We did excavate this piece of it in 2004 when
- 2 we were building Area 6. So the plan calls for these
- 3 ponds to be relocated down here. We'll remove the
- 4 waste here and put the ponds down there. So that's
- 5 sort of the conceptual plan, what it calls for.
- 6 Now, when we actually get to the design, there
- 7 might be a little tweaking of that concept. That
- 8 usually happens in the engineering design process.
- 9 MS. MORGAN: So you don't think there is
- 10 going to be any odor issues with removing garbage
- 11 that's been in that area?
- 12 MR. OKEREKE: Well, I can only tell you from

- 13 my own experience -- and that experience is varied --
- 14 both at Bow Lake and at Cedar Hills and from visiting
- 15 other sites within the United States. Like I said,
- 16 the refuse in that area is very shallow. I was very
- 17 much involved when we did the excavation in 2004. If
- 18 I didn't tell you, you wouldn't even know that there
- 19 was excavation of garbage in that area.
- 20 So I wouldn't say there wouldn't be any odor. What
- 21 I can say is that we have experience planning to do
- this type of work. So what will happen is that as
- 23 part of the design package, there will be a plan
- about how to mitigate any odors, and we'll submit
- that to the permitting authority, which is the

- 1 regulators. Once they approve it, we'll move forward
- 2 with construction.
- 3 So I'm not going to guarantee you there will not be
- 4 any odor. What I can promise is that if there is any
- 5 odor, it will be controlled so that you will not
- 6 notice it.
- 7 MS. MORGAN: Does that mean that you're not
- 8 encroaching in the buffer with anything if you go
- 9 with alternative No. 2?
- 10 MR. OKEREKE: That's one of the attractions
- 11 of alternative two.
- 12 MR. VOELKER: The buffer remains the same.

- 13 MR. OKEREKE: We will not be encroaching
- 14 into the buffer.
- 15 MR. VOELKER: We do have a lot of experience
- 16 in moving old waste. We did that at Shoreline as
- 17 well. In the First Northeast, we turned -- our old
- 18 transfer station, which was previously called First
- 19 Northeast, which is now Shoreline, that was an old
- 20 landfill. We excavated that landfill up and brought
- 21 it to Cedar Hills.
- 22 MR. OKEREKE: And we did the same thing at
- Bow Lake.
- 24 MR. VOELKER: We did the same thing at Bow
- 25 Lake as well last year.

- 1 MR. OKEREKE: Right now, we are doing some
- 2 upgrades at the Houghton transfer station. We've
- 3 also excavated garbage there, old garbage.
- 4 MR. VOELKER: The majority of it is soil,
- 5 bottles and tires. That's what you see. And
- 6 newspapers. Of course, that you can legibly read.
- 7 MR. OKEREKE: More questions.
- 8 MS. MONTE: Rachel Monte. This alternative
- 9 two that is recommended, who is the one that's going
- 10 to give the approval that you can do alternative two
- 11 and when will that take place?
- 12 MR. OKEREKE: Like I said earlier, we

- 13 submitted our recommendation to the King County
- 14 council. They are the ones who are going to approve
- 15 the proposal.
- 16 MS. MONTE: Are they the ones that chose
- 17 alternative two as the one --
- 18 MR. OKEREKE: No.
- 19 MS. MONTE: -- or did you guys do that?
- 20 MR. OKEREKE: We are the ones who chose and
- 21 recommended it to the council.
- 22 MS. MONTE: Now the council will go through
- a review, and when are they going to do that?
- 24 MR. OKEREKE: It's difficult to predict when
- 25 the council is going to do something. But what I

- 1 could say is that we expect the council to take
- 2 action between now and early next year.
- 3 MS. MONTE: Let's say they decide to say no.
- 4 Then what?
- 5 MR. OKEREKE: It is the
- 6 council that asked us to begin to look at this in the
- 7 first place. So the council has ultimate authority.
- 8 MR. BATTERSON: So can the council say,
- 9 "Well, No. 2 looks nice, but we really want No. 5"?
- 10 MR. VOELKER: They could.
- 11 MR. OKEREKE: That could be the council's opinion.
- 12 MR. BATTERSON: That's kind of what I

- 13 thought.
- 14 MR. OKEREKE: What I can tell you is that in
- 15 the report presented to the council, the impetus, the
- 16 reasons why we're recommending alternative two is
- 17 what is documented in there. So there is no backup
- 18 information about alternative five or alternative
- 19 four.
- 20 MR. BATTERSON: Yeah, but they know about
- 21 it. I mean, they know about all the alternatives.
- 22 MR. OKEREKE: They know the description.
- 23 They don't know all the details. They have a lot of
- 24 information about the reasons why we identified
- alternative two as the preferred alternative. But

- 1 you're right, they could call for more information
- 2 about the other alternatives. That's quite possible.
- 3 MS. MONTE: Are we going to, as a community,
- 4 know when the council makes that decision? Is there
- 5 any way of us knowing other than going to the library
- 6 and looking through stacks of paper?
- 7 MR. OKEREKE: I think that one thing we
- 8 could do is -- the way the council works is that
- 9 right now, the document is with the main council. It
- 10 has not come up on the agenda yet. So one thing we
- 11 could do as part of -- in the information we are
- 12 sharing with the CRC is sort of keep you informed

- 13 about how things are moving. Because the way the
- 14 council works is that the council -- once it comes up
- 15 on the agenda, they're going to refer it to a
- 16 committee. The committee is the one that actually
- 17 does the detailed review. Then they write up a
- 18 report. Then they send it back to the council,
- 19 before the council takes action. So there is some
- 20 kind of -- a little bit of process there involved.
- 21 What we could do, if that's of interest, is -- I
- think by our next meeting -- Sean, we do SWAC. We
- 23 could provide update through SWAC. Would that work?
- 24 Because this meeting does not occur every month.
- 25 There is a little bit of a lag.

- 1 MR. KRONBERG: Do you know the legislative
- 2 number? 2010 dash --
- 3 MR. OKEREKE: There is no number yet until
- 4 it comes up on the agenda. That's the thing. We
- 5 just submitted it.
- 6 MR. KRONBERG: Like yesterday?
- 7 MR. OKEREKE: Last month.
- 8 MR. KRONBERG: Last month?
- 9 MR. OKEREKE: August.
- 10 MR. KRONBERG: Oh, it will have a number
- 11 now.
- 12 MR. OKEREKE: All right.

- 13 MR. KRONBERG: You don't know the number,
- 14 though?
- 15 MR. OKEREKE: I don't know the number.
- 16 MR. KRONBERG: I'll dig it out. There is an
- 17 easy way to find it.
- 18 MR. OKEREKE: Yeah. I think in summary --
- 19 we have a website, by the way. So what we could do
- 20 is provide you the address of the website.
- 21 Then we are going to update our website with current
- 22 information about what's going on.
- 23 MS. MONTE: Yeah, because I would like to
- know. I mean, I don't want to be surprised all of a
- sudden.

- 1 MR. OKEREKE: Sure. Would that work for
- 2 you, if we provide the address of the website?
- 3 MS. MONTE: Yes.
- 4 MR. OKEREKE: So we'll do that.
- 5 MS. MONTE: Where is that going to be
- 6 provided? On something that he's doing?
- 7 MR. OKEREKE: I think I can get your name
- 8 and provide it to you or we can provide it in meeting
- 9 notes or we can provide it to Sean.
- 10 Yes?
- 11 MR. KRZYCKI: Mike Krzycki. I think what
- 12 everybody is looking for is something that they can

- 13 take home tonight and go look up.
- 14 MR. OKEREKE: On the website address?
- 15 MR. KRZYCKI: Yes.
- 16 MR. OKEREKE: Once we're done, I'll look in
- 17 my pile here.
- 18 MR. KRZYCKI: Somebody has got to know a
- 19 website that we can go to without having to search
- 20 all over. I mean, obviously, this is a meeting and
- 21 people are spending time out of their own night.
- 22 Give us some direction here is I think what everybody
- is looking for.
- 24 MR. OKEREKE: There is a website address.
- 25 Maybe I'll write it on the board.

- 1 MR. KRZYCKI: That would be a start.
- 2 MR. OKEREKE: Thanks for jogging my memory.
- 3 Appreciate it.
- 4 Again, what I was saying is that we'll update the
- 5 website so that there is current information on
- 6 there. So http colon double forward slash your
- 7 period King County dot --
- 8 MR. BECK: You have to write bigger than
- 9 that, Victor.
- 10 MR. KRZYCKI: It's getting smaller and
- 11 smaller.
- 12 MR. OKEREKE: Http colon double forward

- 13 slash your period King County dot gov forward slash
- 14 solid waste forward slash facilities forward slash
- 15 Cedar Hills --
- 16 MR. KRONBERG: I have a better way.
- 17 MR. OKEREKE: -- slash development dot asp.
- 18 All right.
- 19 MR. KRONBERG: I have a better way.
- 20 MR. OKEREKE: If you have access to the SWAC
- 21 website, which I don't have the address --
- 22 MR. KRONBERG: Can I say something here?
- 23 MR. OKEREKE: Sure.
- 24 MR. KRONBERG: If you go to King County dot
- 25 gov forward slash solid waste -- that's it -- King

- 1 County dot gov forward slash solid waste -- that's
- 2 it -- at the top, you'll see a link to facilities.
- 3 If you go to facilities, you'll see a link to Cedar
- 4 Hills Landfill. Under Cedar Hills Landfill, there
- 5 will be a link to the site development plan. That's
- 6 the page he's sending you to.
- 7 MR. OKEREKE: So, Sean, what you're saying,
- 8 if you do that (indicating) --
- 9 MR. KRONBERG: No, not the your. Just King
- 10 County dot gov forward slash solid waste.
- 11 MR. OKEREKE: All right. Thank you, very
- 12 much, Sean. All right.

- 13 More questions on the site development plan?
- 14 MR. NIEMAN: Yes. Richard Nieman. When is
- 15 this facility going to close? We bought property in
- 16 1985. At the time, the word floating around was it
- 17 was going to be closed in about five or six years.
- 18 Then, in year 2000, they say, well, they're looking
- 19 at 2012 when it's going to close. Now you're talking
- 20 '18. When the hell is it going to close?
- 21 MR. OKEREKE: Let me explain it this way:
- 22 The existing site, based on the 2009 tonnage, our
- 23 projection was that we were going to run out of air
- 24 space in 2018 --
- 25 MR. NIEMAN: That's time to move.

- 1 MR. OKEREKE: -- as I explained at the
- 2 beginning. So we had a mandate to look at options to
- 3 maximize the capacity of the site, which is what we
- 4 did. Now, if the recommendation that I was just
- 5 talking about is accepted by council, the alternative
- 6 two that I just talked about would add about five to
- 7 six years to the life of the site, which would take
- 8 it to about 2023, '24.
- 9 MR. BECK: Victor, can I try to respond to
- 10 his question?
- 11 MR. OKEREKE: Sure.
- 12 MR. BECK: Originally, the closure dates

- 13 were based on some things that just don't apply now.
- 14 For example, the City of Seattle was bringing all of
- 15 its solid waste out here.
- 16 MR. NIEMAN: Oh, yeah.
- 17 MR. BECK: Seattle opted out of that and now
- 18 is freighting it to Eastern Washington.
- 19 Another thing that's happened is that the
- 20 efficiency of recycling -- the percentage of solid
- 21 waste that's recycling has continued to increase.
- 22 So, therefore, the amount of solid waste going into
- the landfill has reduced.
- Another thing that's happened in the last couple of
- 25 years is due to the economic recession, the amount of

- 1 solid waste being generated is down like eight
- 2 percent per year. So that's another thing.
- 3 The other thing is that the county council and the
- 4 county executive is interested in retaining Cedar
- 5 Hills as an operational disposal site as long as
- 6 possible, because it is less costly to dispose of
- 7 solid waste here than alternatives, which the basic
- 8 alternative was to haul it by train to Eastern
- 9 Washington.
- 10 The other thing that's happening is that ongoing
- 11 technologies are developing ways to convert more and
- 12 more solid waste into useful by-products, gas,

- 13 whatever. There is a lot of this going on in Europe.
- 14 And some of that is being looked at hard as a way of
- 15 maybe reducing the overall cost to the taxpayer,
- 16 which is the bottom line that the county council is
- 17 interested in. How do we keep the cost to the
- 18 taxpayer down of waste disposal? And they're looking
- 19 at all possible ways of extending the life of Cedar
- 20 Hills. That's why it's going out and out and out and
- 21 out. And I know exactly what you're talking about.
- 22 MR. NIEMAN: It just keeps going up and up.
- 23 You're trying to build another Mount Rainier here.
- 24 MR. BECK: No, they've got a limit on the
- amount of waste they can put in. There is a height

- 1 limit. They can't go above -- I forgot what the
- 2 number is.
- 3 MR. VOELKER: There is a view corridor of
- 4 788.
- 5 MR. NIEMAN: It's like there is no end to it.
- 6 MR. OKEREKE: No, there is an end to it.
- 7 MR. NIEMAN: Well, what is the end to it,
- 8 then, if there is?
- 9 MR. OKEREKE: Thank you for that explanation.
- 10 Appreciate it.
- 11 Does that help answer your question?
- 12 MR. NIEMAN: Well, I realize some of that --

- 13 what he's talking about is true, that Seattle pulled
- 14 out of it, but they're still hauling it in here and
- 15 you're still building higher and higher.
- 16 MR. OKEREKE: Let me address two things.
- 17 The first thing is that we have a limit to how high
- 18 we can go. So we are not going any higher. We have
- a limited height based on regulatory constraints.
- 20 As far as whether we're going to go on forever, the
- 21 site does not have unlimited capacity. In other
- 22 words, the site has limited capacity. I think
- 23 Mr. Beck has explained the reason why the life of the
- 24 landfill has sort of been extended. Some of it is
- 25 due to all the factors that he has very articulately

- 1 described.
- 2 When the landfill was permitted in the '60s, there
- 3 is an area that was permitted for land filling. We
- 4 cannot go beyond that area. So there are a variety
- 5 of reasons, some of them economic, some of them
- 6 natural, some of them efficiency related, some of
- 7 them engineering, why we tend to get more out of an
- 8 area than we thought we're going to.
- 9 So that at some time, we're going to be able
- 10 to fill in all the area that was permitted for land
- 11 filling.
- 12 So I think what Mr. Beck was talking about is that

- 13 one of the reasons the County asked us to look at
- 14 maximizing the capacity of the landfill is because
- 15 the county council is interested in providing a
- 16 landfill disposal alternative that makes it possible
- 17 for the disposal rates to remain at a reasonable
- 18 level for the community. There are pluses and
- 19 minuses to closing the site, and those are some of
- 20 the things that we take into consideration.
- 21 Yes, ma'am?
- 22 MS. MORGAN: Leslie Morgan. I just have a
- 23 comment. I guess what I would like to say to King
- 24 County Solid Waste is I am very pleased that this
- alternative does not encroach into the buffer.

- 1 Because I think that is something that, quite
- 2 frankly, the citizens would not tolerate. So I have
- 3 to say I am pleasantly pleased. I was not
- 4 anticipating actually this to be your choice. So I
- 5 would like to thank King County Solid Waste for
- 6 really doing the right thing and not touching or
- 7 encroaching into the buffer.
- 8 MR. BECK: That's a good point. Because
- 9 some of the alternatives did, in fact, intrude into
- 10 this 1000-foot buffer. And a lot of these
- 11 recommendations were made by organizations --
- 12 R.W. Beck, for example -- that were not aware of the

- 13 background, the lawsuit and some of the agreements
- 14 that were part of that. So rather than stir up that
- 15 whole hornets nest, they accepted, I think, a
- 16 quadrant and, I think, the right alternative.
- 17 MR. KRONBERG: It also affords Solid Waste
- 18 Division to go back in five or six years and do all
- 19 this whole process over again and look at five or six
- 20 alternatives, some of which won't encroach on the
- 21 buffer, some of which will. So that is in our future.
- 22 MR. NIEMAN: This buffer zone is going to
- 23 come back up again. It may not come up in the next
- 24 couple years, but it will be back.
- 25 MR. BECK: I think the County realizes that

- 1 they don't want to open up that can of worms that the
- 2 lawsuit settled. That's one of the reasons why they
- 3 didn't intrude in the 1000-foot buffer in the
- 4 alternative that was selected.
- 5 MR. OKEREKE: All right. Thank you, very
- 6 much. Any more questions on this topic?
- 7 (No response.)
- 8 MR. OKEREKE: All right. Thank you, very
- 9 much, for your questions. And thank you, Mr. Beck,
- 10 for helping out there with the answers.
- 11 The next item on our agenda is just providing some
- 12 progress status on the landfill gas-to-energy plant.

- 13 I will just make a couple of points. I think, Dean,
- 14 you can add to that. We are not the owners of that
- 15 facility. We sort of interact with them. Because
- 16 our responsibility is to provide Bio Energy
- 17 Washington, which is the name of the owners of the
- 18 facility, the gas that they need to convert to make
- 19 natural gas. So the advantages and benefits of the
- 20 facility, I think we've discussed it in previous
- 21 meetings. I think that is without debate.
- 22 What we do know is that the facility -- they've
- been working on sort of ramping up the operating
- 24 capacity. Dean can talk more about where they are in
- terms of operationally. But they have made

- 1 significant progress in terms of mitigating certain
- 2 impact that has been identified by the public in the
- 3 past, and they are continuing to work on improving
- 4 things as they go.
- 5 It's a unique facility, one of its kind in the
- 6 Northwest. So, as things come up, they've indicated
- 7 they are going to continue to work on it. They've
- 8 established a website where people can provide
- 9 comment. I think we provided the address of that
- 10 website in the past and we can provide that again.
- 11 So that if somebody needed to contact them, they
- 12 can do so, either through a telephone call or sort of

- 13 through the website.
- 14 So that's essentially what I wanted to say. Dean,
- 15 you can talk about where they are operationally.
- 16 MR. VOELKER: On the tour, we talked about
- 17 the amount of methane that can be generated here on
- 18 this facility in a day. We're at a point now --
- 19 we're sitting at about 9,500 cubic feet per minute is
- 20 what this landfill is generating right now. BEW has
- 21 been through various stages of this purification
- 22 process where they're constantly improving the
- 23 process as they're going along. They started out
- taking, oh, around 1500 cubic feet per minute of
- 25 methane on a 24-hour basis. That system kind of was

- 1 up and down for a while as they were trying to
- 2 improve this process. Right now, currently today,
- 3 they were at a point and have been at a point,
- 4 probably more often than not, at 100 percent
- 5 capacity. So they're pretty close to fine tuning it
- 6 and getting it right where it needs to be.
- 7 Like I said, it's a very difficult process. It's a
- 8 one of its kind. It's huge. It's big. They do
- 9 other processes that are close to this, but not
- 10 similar to this. So it's a little different process
- 11 than what's being done around the country. It's a
- 12 very large, complex operation that's going on out

- 13 there.
- 14 So in order to take this low BTU or medium BTU gas
- 15 and turn it into a high BTU gas, it's a slow process.
- 16 They're perfecting it as they're going. They have
- 17 all the elements in place. They're getting better
- 18 and better. As situations come up, they try to
- 19 correct them. So they're pretty close to running at
- 20 full capacity right now, and they have been doing so
- 21 today.
- 22 So today when I looked on the SCADA system, which
- is our system where we can actually monitor the
- 24 progress of what's going on with the amount of gas
- that we are producing in the landfill and pushing to

- 1 BEW, we were supplying them 100 percent of the gas.
- 2 So the idea behind this is to, back at the north
- 3 flare station, where we're operating, where we have a
- 4 flare facility, where we're incinerating the landfill
- 5 gas, is to shut that off and have that only there as
- 6 a backup process.
- 7 So while BEW is performing their task and they get
- 8 it up to speed, they should be taking 100 percent of
- 9 the gas. If they cannot, one of the questions when
- 10 we were on the tour, what's going to happen when they
- 11 can't take all the gas? Well, the north flare
- 12 station is set up to where they can automatically

- 13 start the system up so that we can maintain 100
- 14 percent collection on the landfill.
- 15 So what we don't want to do is this process and our
- 16 process back here with the flare system, we want them
- 17 to take it all. If they're not taking it, we'll be
- 18 taking it. So we do not want to compromise the
- 19 environmental control systems that are in place right
- 20 now. So there needs to be 100 percent collection.
- 21 So we either burn it or it's being processed or it's
- doing one or the other. So we have these systems in
- 23 place.
- 24 MS. MONTE: Rachel Monte. Is there a reason
- 25 why a representative from the plant wasn't here at

- 1 the meeting -- because there was somebody at the last
- 2 meeting -- to just answer questions? Because I'm
- 3 sure a lot of people would like to ask questions
- 4 about what's going on, just like we're asking
- 5 questions about the landfill.
- 6 MR. OKEREKE: That's something we could ask
- 7 them, if they would be willing to participate on an
- 8 ongoing basis at these meetings. I looked through
- 9 the meeting notes from the last meeting. It looks
- 10 like there was a lot of detailed discussion about
- 11 what they were doing. So what I'm hearing you say is
- 12 that you say it will be necessary to maybe invite

- 13 them.
- 14 MS. MONTE: It would be nice. Even though
- 15 you guys are separate, you're working with each
- 16 other. And we're here, hearing you. And this is
- 17 going on. We'd like to know --
- 18 MR. OKEREKE: We'll talk to them about
- 19 participating in these meetings on an ongoing
- 20 basis as long as the facility is there. That's what
- 21 I hear you say. Right?
- 22 MS. MONTE: Right.
- 23 MR. KRZYCKI: I'd like to second that
- 24 comment. Mike Krzycki.
- 25 MR. BLUME: Mark Blume. When was the last

- 1 meeting? Was that a year ago?
- 2 MR. OKEREKE: I think there was one -- it
- 3 was not a year ago -- it could have been a year ago,
- 4 you're right. I think it was in the middle of last
- 5 year, like September, August, thereabouts. You're
- 6 right. About a year ago.
- 7 Yes?
- 8 MS. MORGAN: Leslie Morgan. One of the
- 9 things that we were told, because I had great concern
- 10 about having an energy plant here, was that King
- 11 County Solid Waste said, "You don't have to worry,
- 12 because we'll own the land, they'll be leasing the

- 13 land from us." So, basically, King County Solid
- 14 Waste is the landlord.
- 15 This facility is incredibly loud and really, really
- 16 awful to live around. And I feel like this community
- 17 is always on the cutting edge of everything, whether
- 18 it be the compost or this gas-to-energy plant. And
- 19 the last few days, this noise has been ridiculous. I
- 20 mean, it's really gotten bad.
- 21 So I really feel like at some point, if this energy
- 22 plant cannot get it more liveable to be around, not
- 23 only are they going to be held responsible, but the
- 24 landlord is going to be held responsible as well.
- 25 This isn't what we were led to believe it was going

- 1 to be. All we got from King County Solid Waste is,
- 2 isn't this green, isn't this wonderful, and it has
- 3 become a nightmare for a lot of people. Like I say,
- 4 the last week or so, this noise is really, really
- 5 loud.
- 6 MR. OKEREKE: All right. Comment well
- 7 taken. I will talk to the Plant management staff about
- 8 participation in future meetings so they can provide
- 9 up-to-date information about what they are doing to
- 10 actually monitor what's going on.
- 11 I couldn't comment a lot about the noise levels.
- 12 What I can say is that part of their permit

- 13 requirement is to monitor noise and provide noise
- 14 level information to ensure compliance.
- 15 MR. KRONBERG: To who?
- 16 MR. OKEREKE: They provide information to
- 17 King County.
- 18 MR. KRONBERG: King County Solid Waste?
- 19 MR. OKEREKE: King County Solid Waste
- 20 Division.
- 21 One other thing I just want to clarify. The land
- 22 was not leased by King County Solid Waste Division.
- 23 It's actually King County. So we don't have control
- 24 over lease. So just minor clarification.
- 25 MR. KRONBERG: Victor, noise information

- 1 being provided to King County Solid Waste, what's the
- 2 noise levels of that? I mean, if not you, then who
- 3 would know?
- 4 MR. OKEREKE: Well, it's provided to my
- 5 section now. It's a very interesting thing, if you
- 6 look at a noise code. There are thresholds. so
- 7 there could be intermittent --
- 8 MR. KRONBERG: That wasn't my question. Who
- 9 is it being provided to?
- 10 MR. OKEREKE: It's provided to King County
- 11 Solid Waste Division.
- 12 MR. KRONBERG: So who would know, if not

- 13 you, what the levels are?
- 14 MR. OKEREKE: My staff would know.
- 15 MS. MONTE: Rachel Monte. I just kind of am
- 16 frustrated -- I know a lot of you probably are
- 17 frustrated, too -- with the noise. And as of the
- 18 17th of this month, I kind of got really angry,
- 19 because I was awakened early in the morning by this
- 20 noise that was just -- (indicating) -- I mean, I
- 21 don't know how else to describe it. I got on the
- 22 phone, called here, wasn't us; called Stoneway,
- 23 wasn't us; called compost, wasn't us; e-mailed the
- gas, wasn't us. So everybody is not us, not us, not
- 25 us, but yet you can't deny what we're hearing. I'm

- 1 not the only one hearing it.
- 2 So you may not have the answers, but my question
- 3 is, where is it coming from? Who is the culprit?
- 4 And what is it? Because it's rumbling in my house.
- 5 I can hear it when my head is on the pillow.
- 6 Sometimes it's louder in my house than it is outside.
- 7 I know sound does weird stuff. But I get frustrated
- 8 over trying to find the culprit, calling all these
- 9 entities and everybody is saying, "It's not us, it's
- 10 not us, it's not us." So I don't know if you have an
- 11 answer for that or what. I don't know if I need to
- 12 come on the property late at night. It's just a joke.

- 13 MR. OKEREKE: I'm sorry. But I do not
- 14 understand your question. When you called our
- 15 landfill, somebody said, "It wasn't us," is that the
- 16 only response you got?
- 17 MS. MONTE: I was wanting to speak to Brad
- 18 Bell.
- 19 MR. OKEREKE: What I can tell you is that it
- 20 is -- if you're living in the neighborhood, obviously
- 21 it is difficult to find out where the noise is coming
- from. But what we do is that if we get a call,
- 23 complaining about noise, we do investigate to try to
- 24 find out as much information --
- 25 MS. MONTE: That's why I asked you (referring to Dean) in the

- 1 truck -- you said you were down at Area 6 last
- 2 Sunday, and I asked you, were you doing anything up
- 3 there this morning, and you said no. The noise is
- 4 still going on. And I talked to Wally Grant, and he
- 5 said, "Oh, it's probably because we're covering
- 6 Area 6." Well, I heard the same noise this morning,
- 7 and you said you weren't up there doing anything on
- 8 Area 6. So somewhere this noise is affecting my
- 9 neighborhood. I don't know about you guys over on
- 10 this side. But no one seems to be able to say where
- 11 it's really coming from.
- 12 MR. BATTERSON: I don't hear anything; do

- 13 you?
- 14 MR. OKEREKE: Have you been able to call
- 15 BEW, their number, their contact, and actually speak
- 16 to their plant manager?
- 17 MS. MONTE: Lactually have been talking
- 18 with Chuck Pacard. Also, he's put me in an e-mail
- 19 with Jeff somebody.
- 20 MR. VOELKER: Jeff Brown is the manager.
- 21 MR. OKEREKE: And he doesn't know either?
- 22 MS. MONTE: Well, they're not saying.
- 23 They're just, you know -- I get tired -- it's like a
- runaround. Compost, "Oh, we're not doing anything
- 25 different than what we've always been doing." Well,

- 1 somebody is doing something.
- 2 MR. BATTERSON: Every 52 seconds, there is a
- 3 pretty good whistle that comes out of that thing.
- 4 MS. KELLEY: Is that the bio energy?
- 5 MR. BLUME: Yes.
- 6 MR. OKEREKE: All right, ma'am. Thank you.
- 7 MS. MONTE: That's just my frustration for
- 8 the night.
- 9 MR. KRONBERG: Victor, probably eight months
- 10 ago, I kind of hounded Kevin about this repeatedly.
- 11 Us citizens shouldn't have to be the innovators. We
- 12 shouldn't have to go to Solid Waste, we shouldn't

- 13 have to go to BEW, we shouldn't have to go to the
- 14 people working on this site. It's not our job to go
- 15 to BEW and report it to them. I would say if we go
- 16 report it to you -- Solid Waste, like you said, is
- 17 getting reports on these sounds, these noises. Are
- 18 you the regulatory agency of those sounds, then, if
- 19 you're getting the reports? I mean, who is it that
- 20 is responsible for the noise and the exceedances of
- 21 those noises surrounding the landfill and the
- 22 complaints that are coming in? Who receives those
- 23 complaints and who can be the coordinator, the
- 24 quarterback of that whole effort? Because we can't be.
- 25 MR. OKEREKE: Lunderstand. Lget your

- 1 point. You are next.
- 2 MR. LARRY HOGANSON: I hate to interrupt,
- 3 but I've got to get these kids home. So I have to
- 4 leave. This is the part of the meeting --
- 5 MR. OKEREKE: Do you have a question before
- 6 you leave?
- 7 MR. LARRY HOGANSON: I don't. This is the
- 8 subject I wanted to talk about, though, the noise
- 9 levels and exactly the progress that's being made.
- 10 You said it's at 100 percent now. So is this what we
- 11 get, or is it going to continue --
- 12 MR. OKEREKE: Before you go, what we're

- 13 going to do, like I said earlier, is that we'll be
- 14 talking to the management of the company, and try to
- 15 integrate them into future meetings so they can help
- 16 answer some of those questions.
- 17 MR. LARRY HOGANSON: So my question then is,
- 18 is the state of this plant at the moment -- you said
- 19 it's up and running about 100 percent or close to it.
- 20 MR. VOELKER: It was today.
- 21 MR. LARRY HOGANSON: It was today.
- 22 MR. VOELKER: It's variable.
- 23 MR. LARRY HOGANSON: So the noise that we're
- 24 hearing right at this moment is going to continue.
- 25 Correct? Or are there other steps that they're going

- 1 to take to reduce the noise?
- 2 MR. OKEREKE: There is not going to be zero
- 3 noise. It's a plant.
- 4 MR. LARRY HOGANSON: Understood.
- 5 MR. OKEREKE: There won't be zero noise. So
- 6 we'll invite them in the future to participate in
- 7 these meetings so they can provide ongoing
- 8 information.
- 9 What I wanted to say is that -- Sean talked about
- 10 integration.
- 11 MR. KRONBERG: That wasn't his question.
- 12 His question was, is the noise being reduced further?

- 13 MR. OKEREKE: No, no, no. I want to
- 14 integrate your question to his and try to see if we
- 15 can answer both of them.
- 16 They are the ones who can provide up-to-date
- 17 information about what's going on at their plant.
- 18 MR. KRONBERG: They don't have a 24-hour
- 19 number, though; you do.
- 20 MR. OKEREKE: Well, they're supposed to
- 21 have. Those are some of the things we will talk to them
- about. They're supposed to have a number.
- 23 MR. KRONBERG: Again, we're not supposed to
- figure out what's going on up here. We call the
- 25 landfill and we call BEW. It's crazy.

- 1 MR. OKEREKE: What I can say on our behalf
- 2 is that if we do receive a call, we'll facilitate a
- 3 response, which means we'll provide you the right
- 4 number or investigate the source as much as we can if
- 5 we get a call. But we will talk to them if you don't
- 6 have their number. They have a website, which we've
- 7 provided the website address before. They've
- 8 indicated that they're putting their telephone number
- 9 on their website for contact, a local telephone
- 10 number. So those are the things that we will check
- 11 on if that hasn't happened. Because they are the
- 12 ones who can provide you the up-to-date details about

- 13 what's going on.
- 14 MR. LARRY HOGANSON: Kids, let's go. Thank
- 15 you, very much, everybody. Appreciate all your
- 16 participation.
- 17 MR. BATTERSON: I think Sean's point is that
- 18 you should provide a facility that doesn't warrant
- 19 phone calls. I mean --
- 20 MR. OKEREKE: Point well taken.
- 21 MS. MONTE: Not only that, but when you call
- and make a complaint -- like when I called the
- 23 landfill, I actually spoke to Annette, the
- 24 receptionist. She had to take my complaint. So
- 25 where does my complaint go? Do you just log it on

- 1 paper and stick it in a complaint box? Does anything
- 2 ever become of that complaint? Do you wait until you
- 3 get five or 25 before you respond? What is the
- 4 process?
- 5 MR. OKEREKE: I thought Dean can explain how
- 6 we work the complaints.
- 7 MR. VOELKER: All complaints that come into
- 8 this front desk or even through our hotline, all get
- 9 investigated, every one of them. Each one of those
- 10 is logged and documented. So there isn't a complaint
- 11 that comes into the Solid Waste Division, this
- 12 facility, that is not logged and tracked.

- 13 MR. KRONBERG: There is a couple this month
- 14 that I've logged with Solid Waste that weren't
- 15 tracked and logged. I followed up yesterday about
- 16 it. So it's not always true. I got a call from
- 17 Wally today about it. He said, "I have no record of
- 18 this."
- 19 MR. VOELKER: It may or may not be true.
- 20 MR. KRONBERG: I just want you to know that
- 21 what you're saying is not particularly --
- 22 MR. VOELKER: I am aware of your latest
- 23 complaint and it is being tracked and it is logged.
- 24 It is a place. It is stored. We may not get 100
- 25 percent of them, but we get 99 percent of them. We

- 1 try to investigate every single complaint. We have
- 2 people that will go out into the community, we'll
- 3 travel around the landfill, document the process,
- 4 check all of the conditions around the landfill, and
- 5 it is documented in a database.
- 6 MS. MORGAN: Leslie Morgan. Just one more
- 7 comment. On the last lawsuit that we had, what
- 8 really helped in that lawsuit was people writing down
- 9 on your calendar when you called. Because if they
- 10 don't have record of it, at least you have record of
- 11 it. And I think basically what -- we're getting to
- 12 that point again. The citizens are getting

- 13 incredibly frustrated. I'm not going to go through
- 14 five more years of meetings. I did that last time.
- 15 I just want King County to understand they are the
- 16 landlord, they're going to be held just as
- 17 responsible as this energy plant for taking away our
- right to enjoy our life and property. So I just want
- 19 King County to take this very, very seriously. You
- 20 allowed this energy plant on this site. You're as
- 21 responsible as they are. So I want to see you 100
- 22 percent committed. This noise is not acceptable.
- 23 MR. OKEREKE: All right. Thank you for the
- comment.
- 25 So we're going to try to wrap up the meeting. Are

- 1 there any more questions?
- 2 MR. KRZYCKI: I just wanted to put a comment
- 3 on the record. The last meeting we had in Maple
- 4 Valley at the community center, there was a huge
- 5 comment on just this plant, itself.
- 6 MR. OKEREKE: Right.
- 7 MR. KRZYCKI: So my comment is if you
- 8 already know that you've got that many people who
- 9 want that information and want to speak to somebody,
- 10 and you have another meeting and you don't have
- 11 somebody from the plant available to answer those
- 12 questions, that's poor meeting planning on King

- 13 County's part. I just want that down in writing so
- 14 somebody can look at it. The same thing with having
- 15 to look for a website, the same thing with having to
- 16 look for a 24-hour phone number. You guys should
- 17 provide that stuff for us.
- 18 MR. OKEREKE: A 24-hour phone number --
- 19 MR. KRZYCKI: For complaint lines for BEW.
- 20 I don't need a comment from you. It's a statement.
- 21 MR. OKEREKE: I have to make a comment. You
- 22 made a comment, I have to make a comment. Some of
- 23 the reasons the information you're talking about is
- 24 not provided at this meeting is because they've been
- 25 provided before. That's the reason.

- 1 MR. KRZYCKI: To who?
- 2 MR. OKEREKE: They've been provided --
- 3 MR. KRZYCKI: To the same people who are
- 4 here?
- 5 MR. BATTERSON: I've been to almost every
- 6 meeting.
- 7 MR. OKEREKE: Your comment is well taken.
- 8 We'll make sure that we provide this on an ongoing
- 9 basis. That's what I can promise you.
- 10 MR. KRZYCKI: I've been dealing with King
- 11 County for many years, and their response to the
- 12 citizens in this area is poor. I've been on record

- 13 many times stating that over the years. It's like
- 14 it's always got to be the residents' problem to go
- 15 try to find out who is making the noise rather than
- 16 being a little bit more accessible. King County is
- 17 very standoffish about that, about being able to get
- 18 answers. Oh, I don't know, this isn't -- perfect
- 19 example is this meeting. I want to know about that
- 20 plant. Oh, we don't have anybody here from there.
- 21 That's stupid. Plain and simple. Just want it down
- on record.
- 23 MR. OKEREKE: Okay. Any more comments?
- 24 Thank you for your comment.
- 25 All right. Well, I think just if I could summarize

- 1 quickly, related to the committee process,
- 2 membership, I think there is interest in sort of
- 3 finding out what is going on now with the CRC, what
- 4 the past was, and how it's currently constituted
- 5 moving forward. That's what I heard from you. And
- 6 what I believe we agreed to -- correct me if my
- 7 understanding is wrong -- is that we would gather as
- 8 much information as we can related to this matter and
- 9 then table it for the next meeting. All right.
- 10 So that sort of leads me to when you would like to
- 11 have the next meeting. We originally planned to have
- 12 the meetings every six months, but we could have one

- 13 before the year ends, if that will work for you.
- 14 MS. KELLEY: Frecia Kelley. I just want to
- 15 make a comment. If you wait six months to have
- 16 another meeting where we get some more information,
- 17 you're going to have a revolt on your hands.
- 18 MR. OKEREKE: I agree. That's why I was
- saying, normally we wait six months, but we can have
- 20 one before the year ends. That's what I said.
- 21 MS. KELLEY: I would do that.
- 22 MR. OKEREKE: I'm asking for your preferred
- 23 time. Is there a preference? So this is September.
- 24 MR. KRZYCKI: I think you should have one
- 25 within the month.

- 1 MR. OKEREKE: Within the month. Okay. Like
- 2 in October or in September? Late September?
- 3 MR. KRZYCKI: I'd say late September. Mail
- 4 some stuff out to the local residents. You're going
- 5 to get more people showing up.
- 6 MR. OKEREKE: Right.
- 7 MR. KRZYCKI: You can get more people
- 8 commenting. It's hard to take everybody's comment at
- 9 a meeting like this. But if you've got a different
- 10 forum, like a website they could go comment on and
- 11 make that available to everybody, you can start
- 12 getting more information.

- 13 MR. OKEREKE: Like a CRC website?
- 14 MR. KRZYCKI: A CRC website. You could
- 15 Google CRC. What does it mean? Nothing pops up.
- 16 MR. OKEREKE: Point well taken.
- 17 MR. KRONBERG: As far as timing goes, the
- 18 last meeting was July 30th, 2009. This is what,
- 19 September 1st -- August 31st -- September 1st. So
- 20 we're over a year.
- 21 MR. OKEREKE: Yes.
- 22 MR. KRONBERG: Why is that? What happened?
- 23 MR. OKEREKE: I mean, I'd like to apologize
- 24 for that. I think it had something to do with
- changes in our staffing basically, that's what

- 1 happened. Because the last meeting was -- Brad did
- 2 it. We should have had one
- 3 before now. We did not. So we'll try to have
- 4 another one before the year ends.
- 5 Okay. So that's one thing. The other thing I had
- 6 is --
- 7 MR. KRONBERG: So he made a comment on
- 8 October or he made a comment on September for the
- 9 next meeting.
- 10 MR. OKEREKE: About having a meeting within
- 11 a month.
- 12 MR. KRONBERG: You keep repeating, by the

- 13 end of the year.
- 14 MR. OKEREKE: No, no.
- 15 MR. KRONBERG: I just want to clarify, while
- 16 we're talking about scheduled dates --
- 17 MR. OKEREKE: I asked for preferred dates.
- 18 So I heard him say within a month. And that seems to
- 19 be a concurrence that that's what is preferred.
- 20 Unless you have a different opinion.
- 21 MR. KRONBERG: I just wanted to clarify
- that. You said again, before the end of the year.
- 23 MS. HAWKINS: Can't we just pick a date
- right now? Pick a date and put it on the calendar?
- 25 MR. OKEREKE: No. I think because of

- 1 scheduling and -- one other thing I had was -- I
- 2 think you made a point about who should get
- 3 notifications. So what we are thinking is sort of
- 4 defining -- like whenever we do public notice, maybe
- 5 about 500 square -- 500 feet radius around the
- 6 landfill. So I'd like to think about that, who gets
- 7 notification. Because I see that's identified as an
- 8 issue. Before the next meeting, that's something we
- 9 have to resolve, figure out who is within that area,
- 10 get their names, make sure we -- there are some
- 11 logistics we have to sort out.
- 12 MR. KRONBERG: You already know that. Who

- 13 was notified for the site development plan? What
- 14 radius? Was it five miles? Was it one mile? Ten
- 15 miles? So you already had names.
- 16 MR. OKEREKE: So you're suggesting --
- 17 MR. KRONBERG: It won't take long. I talked
- 18 to Paula yesterday. She can get that information.
- 19 MS. MONTE: You've got like a 24-hour
- 20 hotline -- I know you're running out of time -- that
- 21 somebody can call in case they want to report
- 22 something?
- 23 MR. OKEREKE: You mean our own 24-hour
- 24 hotline?
- 25 MS. KELLEY: Yeah.

- 1 MR. OKEREKE: We do have one.
- 2 MS. KELLEY: So what is the number? We've
- 3 been asking.
- 4 MR. VOELKER: I don't have it. It is on our
- 5 website.
- 6 MR. OKEREKE: We do have one. It's the same
- 7 number to the site. 296-4490.
- 8 MR. VOELKER: 296-4490 should reach you
- 9 to --
- 10 MR. OKEREKE: The number to the facility.
- 11 MR. VOELKER: -- who actually answers and
- 12 monitors it.

- 13 MR. NIEMAN: Get somebody out of bed.
- 14 MR. OKEREKE: Sean, I didn't get the
- 15 question -- that there was a pending question on
- 16 24-hour hotline. I didn't know there was a pending
- 17 question.
- 18 MS. MONTE: She was wanting to know.
- 19 MS. KELLEY: You see, I figure if I can't
- 20 sleep because of the noise, you shouldn't either.
- 21 Got it?
- 22 MR. OKEREKE: All right.
- 23 MS. MONTE: Well, you're not going to be
- calling him directly.
- 25 MS. KELLEY: Give me a home phone number.

- 1 MR. OKEREKE: That's okay.
- 2 One other thing I was saying, which we're going to
- 3 provide to you, when we have our next meeting -- I
- 4 think that's the point you were making -- is the
- 5 telephone number for BEW.
- 6 MR. NIEMAN: The County, also.
- 7 MS. MONTE: All of them.
- 8 MR. OKEREKE: All right. Trying to wrap up
- 9 the meeting. I understand the high frustration with
- 10 the landfill gas-to-energy facility. What I can say
- 11 and promise to do is to invite the operators of the
- 12 facility to future meetings. That's what I can say.

- 13 Now, as it relates to our responsibility as King
- 14 County, as landlord, I will take that information
- 15 back and we'll think about it.
- 16 As far as the site development plan, I heard that
- 17 there is interest in sort of following the process as
- 18 it goes through the council.
- 19 MS. MONTE: Yeah.
- 20 MR. OKEREKE: All right. And I said that
- 21 we'll provide that information on our website. When
- 22 we have the next meeting -- what's your name, sir?
- 23 MR. KRZYCKI: Mike Krzycki.
- 24 MR. OKEREKE: Mike, your criticism is well
- 25 taken. All right. So next meeting, we'll have all

- 1 this information on hand. Okay. All right?
- 2 MR. VOELKER: To clarify one more time that
- 3 I do not have their number. We will get their number
- 4 next time. But our number for King County -- did
- 5 everyone get that? 296-4490.
- 6 MR. OKEREKE: It's at the bottom of the
- 7 agenda.
- 8 MR. VOELKER: Twenty-four hours.
- 9 MR. OKEREKE: Thank you, very much, for
- 10 coming. Thank you, very much, for coming to the
- 11 meeting. I look forward to seeing you at the next
- 12 meeting.

- MS. HAWKINS: How will we know when the next
- meeting is dated?
- MR. OKEREKE: There will be a notification.
- What I did get from this meeting is we want to have
- it within a month.
- (Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.)

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