

PUBLIC HEARING
BANNISTER FEDERAL COMPLEX

MAY 17, 2017
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Before: Mr. Ray Bosch, Hearing Officer

REPORTED BY:

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1 (On the record at 6:30 p.m.)

2 MR. BOSCH: Okay. If you could move back
3 toward your seat, we're going to get ready to start.

4 Okay. In the interest of time, we're
5 going to go ahead and get started. I'm now calling
6 the public meeting to order. My name is Ray Bosch
7 and I work for the United States Environmental
8 Protection Agency Region Seven. My role in tonight's
9 public hearing is to serve as the moderator.

10 First I'd like to thank everybody who
11 came tonight. The fact that you gave up your busy
12 time and your evening to be here really shows your
13 concern for the community and it is much appreciated.

14 The public hear-- this public hearing is
15 being held Wednesday, May 17, 2017, according to
16 Chapter 260 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and
17 Title 10, Division 25, Chapter 8 of the Code of State
18 Regulations. The reason for this hearing is to give
19 the public an opportunity to provide verbal comments
20 about the contingent proposed remedy and permit
21 modifications for the Bannister Federal Complex.

22 The court reporter, off here to my left,
23 is here to record all verbal comments and prepare a
24 transcript of tonight's hearing. All comments
25 received will become part of the official record.

1 Questions will not be answered during the hearing as
2 was mentioned earlier, but all comments will be
3 responded to in writing along with any written
4 comments submitted during the public comment period.

5 A public meeting was held before this
6 hearing, as many of you know, as an opportunity for
7 the public to ask questions, share information, and
8 discuss issues with representatives from Department
9 of Energy and NNSA, the GSA, the Missouri Department
10 of Natural Resources, and the EPA.

11 If time allows, these groups will be
12 available after the public hearing to answer any
13 additional questions you may have.

14 As far as the speakers who have -- who've
15 written -- signed up to speak tonight, we do have
16 some guidelines. First of all, only one person may
17 speak at a time. The court reporter specifically
18 asked for this as well because she can only take down
19 the transcript of one person at a time. As the
20 moderator I will call the name of each speaker from
21 the each speaker sign-up list. If you did not sign
22 up to speak and decide during the hearing that you
23 would like to give comments, you may speak at the end
24 of the hearing, provided there is enough time.

25 As I call your name, please come up to

1 the podium which is in the center. The stenographer
2 will be transcribing your testimony, so in the
3 interest of assuring that your statements are
4 accurately recorded, we ask you to please remain at
5 the podium and speak directly into the microphone
6 when delivering your comments.

7 Before you provide your comments, please
8 state your name and address as well as the name of
9 any business or organization that you happen to be
10 representing. If you are legally representing any
11 party, please identify that as well. If you have a
12 business card, please kindly give one to the court
13 reporter to assist with the recording of your
14 information accurately.

15 Your comments are more effective if they
16 point out legal or technical issues or provide
17 information that is not part of the official record.

18 As I mentioned, we do have somewhat of a
19 time constraint. The school would like us to vacate
20 I think by eight o'clock, which means we have to
21 break down, and so we're only going to have this
22 meeting go until 7:30. So in order to assure that
23 everyone who wishes to speak has an opportunity to
24 comment, each speaker will be given three minutes to
25 provide comments. And Ms. Rice will be here as the

1 timekeeper so please keep an eye on her; she'll raise
2 her hand when you've got one minute left. Okay. If
3 you need more time, please feel free to submit
4 additional comments in writing to the Missouri
5 Department of Natural Resources before the end of the
6 public comment period which is June 19, 2017.

7 If you would like to provide written
8 comments this evening, there are comment forms
9 located on the information table at the back of the
10 room -- or the front of the room. You may put your
11 completed form in the comment box which is also
12 located on the information table or you can mail or
13 fax your comment form to the Missouri Department of
14 Natural Resources on or before June 19, 2017.

15 At the end of the public comment period,
16 the Missouri Department of Natural Resources will
17 review all written comments submitted during the
18 public comment period and all verbal comments given
19 at the public hearing. Written and verbal comments
20 are treated with equal consideration.

21 The Department can change the contingent
22 proposed remedy and permit modifications based on
23 technical or legal issues brought up by the comments.
24 The Department will write a summary and response to
25 all comments and explain how each was addressed in

1 the making of the final decision regarding a
2 contingent proposed remedy and permit modifications.
3 The Department will send notice of the decision to
4 anyone who provided a written or verbal comment or
5 requested notice.

6 So with that being said, let's go ahead
7 and start with our speakers. We're going to begin
8 tonight with -- is this Walker Smith?

9 MR. WALTER SMITH: Walter.

10 MR. BOSCH: Walter Smith. Okay.

11 Mr. Smith, would you go ahead and go to the podium.
12 Thank you.

13 MR. SMITH: Thank you for allowing me to
14 be first. Is this on?

15 I'd like to -- the question that I'd like
16 to ask you is -- first of all, my name is Walter
17 Smith; I represent all construction workers that
18 worked at the building site known as DOE, Honeywell,
19 Allied, Allied Synergy, or any of those names,
20 including GE, but most of them are dead. Bottom line
21 is these people have not gotten all of their claims
22 resolved to the point where that if we tear down the
23 DOE site, which is evidence -- I do have the list of
24 the toxics that was there -- are they going to still
25 be covered? Are they going to still be able to have

1 their physicals taken?

2 We know that inadvertently everything
3 that they was promised, they got. An individual
4 could go into the DOE site at age 20, because of the
5 latency period which could be up to 40 years, that's
6 how long it takes for, sometimes, for the chemical
7 imbalance to show up. Are these people going to be
8 covered? I need to know that.

9 And I'd also like to know for the
10 contractors that's going to be basically deleting
11 this building, how many other DOE sites, which
12 there's 26, have they worked at and done this type of
13 work before? And are they the only contractors
14 that's bidding on this particular development or has
15 there been other people? And I'd like to know, do
16 they already own the building? Thank you.

17 MR. BOSCH: Thank you, Mr. -- thank you,
18 Mr. Smith.

19 Mr. Beebe is the next speaker.

20 MR. GUY BEEBE: Thank you. I'm Guy
21 Beebe, 16601 East 29th Terrace South, Independence,
22 Missouri. I represent my own website,
23 Answersbannistercomplex.com, and I would just like to
24 make a few statements.

25 In 1987, the original EPA survey of the

1 Bannister Federal Complex site found 1,173 known
2 toxic contaminates. They were everything from
3 volatile organic compounds like acetone, hy-chloric
4 acetylene, benzene, toluene to heavy metals like
5 cadmium, lead, arsenic, and nickel. There have been
6 persistent and continued rumors of polonium,
7 plutonium, and uranium as well.

8 The only single time that the National
9 Nuclear Emergency Response team was ever called to a
10 site was to the Bannister Federal Complex in 1987.
11 And I looked at the report and called it a comedy of
12 errors. That would have been true as long as it
13 remained in the -- in the realm of corruption and
14 ineptitude, but since we've got 30-plus years now of
15 cover ups, it's gone into criminal conspiracy time.

16 Mary Ruwwe was the sole point of control
17 of all information going to the Missouri Department
18 of Natural Resources. They only reviewed her work
19 plans, not what actually happened. They only
20 reviewed her data, not the actual -- were never
21 allowed to actually go on site and collect samples.
22 Her action plan consisted of pumping untreated
23 contaminated wastewater into Indian Creek and Blue
24 River Valley system for decades.

25 Mandatory congressional oversight

1 required annual reports of EPA for the Superfund site
2 designation. Fifteen years of that data disappeared.
3 She claims the Library of Congress lost it. She --
4 she was found in contempt of Congress during
5 testimony to both the Senate and the House. Okay.
6 Until you get that woman indicted, you will not get
7 to the bottom of this. Thank you.

8 MR. BOSCH: Thank you, Mr. Beebe. Next
9 we'll hear from Mr. David Blackwell. Okay. Then
10 let's move on to Mr. Mike Murphy.

11 MR. MIKE MURPHY: Hi. Good evening. My
12 name is Mike Murphy, 201 West 38th Street, Kansas
13 City, Missouri. And I'm with 90.1 FM, KKFI, Kansas
14 City Community Radio.

15 We were at a press conference the other
16 day in the downtown by various sectors in the city
17 with someone from the NAACP, there was a
18 pediatrician, there was an attorney, and mayor pro
19 tem Scott Wagner also was one of the speakers. And
20 his talk was this -- the purpose of this press
21 conference was concern for cuts to the EPA and how it
22 would affect Kansas City. And his -- his talk was
23 framed around Brownfields, how the EPA has been vital
24 in helping return Brownfields. And he mentioned
25 another federal complex over at Hardesty and

1 Independence. And he mentioned, you know, a couple
2 places here and there, like on Prospect and Troost,
3 old dry cleaners and stuff.

4 And then he mentioned the Bannister
5 Federal Complex. And he said, We're trying to turn
6 Bannister Federal Complex into a vibrant community,
7 and we cannot do that without EPA funding.

8 So I'm wondering is all this moot, is all
9 this contingent upon how deep the cuts are going with
10 the EPA. That's -- I'll restrict my comment to that.
11 Thanks.

12 MR. BOSCH: Thank you. Mr. Ed Kail.
13 Mr. Kail, did I get that right?

14 MR. ED KAIL: Not quite. My family held
15 out for the German pronunciation. It's Kail,
16 K-a-i-l. 414 Northwest 72nd Terrace. And I'm here
17 as a mem-- also a member of the Metro Organization
18 for Racial and Economic Equity, known by its acronym,
19 MORE Squared.

20 Our concerns as an interfaith,
21 interracial group is to detect where systemic and
22 cultural racism and class discriminations take place.
23 And I guess I'm here mostly just to say that we are
24 watching, you know. We're wanting to see how this
25 proceeds. There's very little in history to give us

1 great assurance that there won't be some form of
2 environmental racism, neglected cancer clusters, if
3 there will be some neglect of the future workers who
4 move into this place and are assured that everything
5 is all right as former workers have been and then
6 discover that they're picking up occupational
7 illnesses from exposure.

8 So we want to be part of the community
9 that is keeping an eye on this process and
10 particularly through that lens of racial and economic
11 equity for all people in the Kansas City metro area.

12 MR. BOSCH: Thank you very much. Next,
13 Jan Martinette.

14 MS. JAN MARTINETTE: Thank you. It's Jan
15 Martinette from Grandview, 6601 East 129th Street.

16 My husband worked in that plant for 40
17 years and in all those 40 years there was never any
18 solution to the exposure that all of these employees,
19 sometimes as many as 7,000 people in that building,
20 never a solution as to how you keep them safe. And
21 how many -- wish I had a number; we probably couldn't
22 figure out what it says -- have been exposed, died,
23 vegetables, the whole thing because they were doing
24 their duty to their country, okay.

25 How now do you think you're going to do

1 anything in that territory that's not going to expose
2 some human being to something that has been there for
3 over 40 years and has never been solved? I don't
4 want one more people -- one more person be exposed
5 and go through what my husband had. He had four
6 cancers, four different cancers, and the Department
7 of Labor, the caseworkers will not accept any one of
8 those as being caused by the chemicals or causing his
9 death.

10 Now, how are you going to keep that from
11 happening to even one more person? That's too many.

12 And the government is spending all this
13 money to do this, but they're not giving out the
14 claims to the families. I have not gotten one penny
15 in 10 years and 5,300 pages of claim forms. It's
16 been ten years of torture. I think I'm going to
17 write a book, and that's going to be the title.

18 The caseworkers that have to look over my
19 submissions were never cleared for the kind of things
20 my husband did. He had the highest clearance. They
21 don't know anything about what he did because
22 they've never been cleared for it. One of my -- the
23 gal that was supposed to run the -- excuse me --
24 the -- a federal official hearing for his case
25 thought that he -- what his group did was molded

1 plastic foam to keep the parts from rattling when
2 they shipped them and rattling in the bomb. She came
3 in and thought we were talking about bread molds.

4 And she was the one -- I asked her, I
5 said, Who is making the decision on my case here.
6 Oh, well, I am. Well, of course I got a denial.
7 She -- they -- none of them understood it. They were
8 never cleared to understand it, but they're making
9 the decisions, and they still are.

10 And I'm probably running out of time, but
11 I just -- I cannot imagine why any of us would want
12 one more person exposed. And I'm -- my solution is
13 seal up that building, make it a memorial to those
14 thousands and thousands and thousands of people who
15 have been hurt and lived in that building. Seal it
16 up. Make it a memorial like Washington has. Put the
17 names on the walls and let's -- let's remember these
18 people for the warriors they really were. Thank you.

19 MR. BOSCH: Thank you very much,
20 Ms. Martinette. Next we have Daniel Karam.

21 MR. DANIEL KARAM: Karam.

22 MR. BOSCH: Karam.

23 MR. KARAM: Daniel Karam; I'm at 14810
24 White Avenue. I'm about a mile away from the new
25 plant out there on Botts Road.

1 Well, first of all, I haven't really done
2 my homework, but my hat's off to the people who have
3 done their homework. And what I want to say -- and I
4 give thanks for an opportunity to make the comment --
5 and if we're going to have a remedy to the cleaning
6 up past military efforts, we're going to have to do
7 something with that money that's going into future
8 military efforts. I mean, we have a trillion dollars
9 that's scheduled for the next 30 years to revamp all
10 these nuclear weapons. And it just seems like, wow,
11 maybe we could use that money for something better.
12 Don't we have other problems?

13 I mean, they're taking money out of
14 helping people and they're putting money into
15 military things that are going to be destructive to
16 people someplace on this planet. And I'm just
17 saying, Can't we do better? You know, we get these
18 attitudes and the attitudes interfere with knowledge.
19 We have to sometimes change our attitudes. That's
20 about all I have to say for now.

21 MR. BOSCH: Thank you very much. Next,
22 Mr. Marlon Smith.

23 MR. MARLON SMITH: Hi. How you doing.
24 My name's Marlon Smith. I live at 3525 North 63rd
25 Street, Kansas City, Kansas. I'm a roofer for

1 Local 20, outside contractor. My number for the
2 government is 80571 now, all right.

3 I'm terminally ill, what they exposed me,
4 but they need to step up before they start taking
5 care of this plant and they need to take care of the
6 people that's sick here before they even start even
7 spending money that they've been spending on this
8 plant to take care of the people and the process.
9 And that ain't right about these claims examiners.
10 Why don't they put out a report on what they're
11 qualified to do? I think everybody needs to put a
12 report out on what they're qualified to do.

13 And there's over 3,000 chemicals there.
14 They need to put out an MSD sheet on who is qualified
15 to cover that demolition and tear it off. I don't
16 think anybody's qualified that could even pass that
17 database of 3,000-some toxins unless they studied
18 about six months.

19 You know, I was abatement. All they gave
20 me was a plastic mask just to put on. Not even 30
21 yards from me they had a tent set up, these guys were
22 fully suited out, but I'm okay, you know. I accept
23 that I'm terminally ill because of that. But this
24 company needs to stand up and take responsibility.
25 Instead of spending all this money on this plant,

1 take care of the people that's sick. Thank you.

2 MR. BOSCH: Thank you. Next, Mr. Maurice
3 Copelano [sic].

4 MR. MAURICE COPELAND: Copeland.

5 MR. BOSCH: I'm sorry, sir.

6 MR. COPELAND: Okay. That's okay. First
7 of all -- oh, Maurice Copeland. I don't like giving
8 out my address because some of these people here
9 don't like me. 6227 Agnes. 6227 Agnes.

10 My first -- first question is to the
11 Missouri Division of Natural Resources, anybody --
12 anybody concern that's here for them. I understand
13 that we're going to monitor the fish, we're going to
14 make sure that the raccoons and the squirrels are
15 healthy. We're going to make sure that the trees and
16 nothing's bothered. And then today I heard that
17 they're going to have responsibility for the people.
18 That's the first time I heard that.

19 What I want to know is what they're going
20 to do. And I have a suggestion. Do a baseline
21 screening of anybody in the area of radius of their
22 health. Because if my daughter comes in and says she
23 has berylliosis, somebody's going to be in trouble,
24 okay. Because I'm old and I don't care. Okay.

25 Another thing that I want to know, the

1 modification process. I've been a part of a lot of
2 this that's going on; it's been going on for a long
3 time. But I think it's a -- I would like to know in
4 plain English, modification process, was it done so
5 that we could handle the whole thing in one package
6 and give it to someone? Someone's already asked
7 about who all bid for the thing and where were
8 they. I was on the CAP panel. The only -- the only
9 concern that I've seen is CenterPoint. This is a
10 made deal. That's -- that's what the people think.
11 Convince me that it's not.

12 Another thing that I want to do, that I
13 want to say is -- one minute. Damn. Okay. Okay.
14 Okay. Don't take my time, you all. There was an
15 estimate, and I think it's been mentioned before.
16 MMDR, EPA were all involved. Eight hundred million
17 dollars back in the '80s to clean up this place. And
18 now you've got a real estate developer that's going
19 to come and do it for 275 million. That does not --
20 that is not American math and time. That has to be
21 explained to the people a little bit better. Okay.

22 One more thing. One more thing. That
23 place is evidence for people's claims. There's no
24 doubt. It's evidence. People are dying, and I want
25 you all to know, all these people that are concerned,

1 that are NNSA and everyone else, if you put out a
2 list in the SIMS of 900 chemicals that lasted -- I
3 heard somebody say something about a thousand; I'm
4 glad to hear that, because that first estimate that
5 was done was done on more than what they had
6 originally said the chemicals that we had. Nine
7 hundred chemicals lasted all the way up until 2015,
8 people, that they reported. And this is what they
9 judge these claims by, the -- what's in the SIMS,
10 these chemicals and these toxic substances.

11 2016 they notified us that they had made
12 a mistake. How many mistakes can you make? The GSA
13 says that we lied to federal investigators when they
14 came in to assess the plant. We lied to the IG -- or
15 the CDC --

16 MR. BOSCH: Mr. Copeland. Thank you.

17 MR. COPELAND: Okay. You get the gist of
18 it. Let's get this thing done right and think about
19 the people. Flesh and blood issues here.

20 MR. BOSCH: Thank you very much, sir.

21 Next, Mr. John Sharp.

22 MR. JOHN SHARP: I'll just submit written
23 comments.

24 MR. BOSCH: Next, Ms. Stephanie Carr.

25 MS. STEPHANIE CARR: I would like to

1 submit written comments.

2 MR. BOSCH: K.B. Winterond.

3 MR. K.B. WINTEROND: K.B. Winterond, 9400
4 Madison. It's about 18 blocks from here to the west.
5 Fortunately most winds prevail easterly out of my
6 house. I'm glad that I'm -- that I don't think that
7 much has drifted into my property.

8 My mother and father both worked in these
9 plants at different -- different points and times in
10 their young lives, but at age 81 I'm here to say I'm
11 really sorry that I have been to about 20-some-odd
12 different meetings like here and we're not getting to
13 the bottom of the real problem.

14 Number one, for some reason or other we
15 just keep putting the people, who we'll call the
16 legacy group, we keep putting them off. I'm not
17 happy about that as a neighbor, as an American
18 citizen, as someone who knows we have issues here.

19 I'm not happy about the fact that there's
20 been a number of different attempts to grab -- to
21 grab and to grant. I think the grabbing should be
22 over with. We need to get the cleanup started. We
23 need to get it enclosed, capped, do whatever.

24 But I was really kind of shocked last --
25 two weeks ago or last week maybe it was when I

1 realized is that we're only going down so far. We
2 aren't going to bedrock. And if we did go to
3 bedrock, it would probably be pervious materials,
4 which means that there's more materials that's
5 permanently stored there that can't be moved out. I
6 think -- I don't have very much faith and trust in
7 what the people who give out money in Washington are
8 going to do for us.

9 But I am deeply concerned and I'm really
10 sorry that we haven't really got in hand a real plan
11 that will deal for the existing human needs for those
12 people who already passed away and for my neighbors
13 who are going to continue to have the vapors and the
14 radiants coming up out of the ground. I don't think
15 that 45 feet is -- in the dirt is deep enough. If --
16 down below that is limestone; I know it's going to
17 keep that for a long, long time.

18 But I have concerns and I just want to
19 say that I'm sorry that I don't hear a real good
20 solution after about 25 different meetings.

21 MR. BOSCH: Thank you, sir. Next we have
22 Evan Smalley.

23 MR. EVAN SMALLEY: Howdy. My name is
24 Evan Smalley. My address is 3200 East 91st Street.

25 I'm -- I am actually the Missouri

1 Department of Natural Resources Stream Team 1682. My
2 property is the trib-- main source of the tributary
3 that is the first tributary that is downstream from
4 Bannister -- from the Prospect Bridge flap gate into
5 the Blue River. So what I want to say is that I
6 really appreciate all the work that's being done in
7 order to remediate this property. It's a tough job.
8 But I do want to say that I have every plan of making
9 sure that the property is as well-remediated as
10 possible. That means excavation, clean backfill, the
11 clay cap, all the things that have been discussed.

12 I want everybody to know that I started a
13 Facebook page called Bannister Federal Complex Water
14 Testing. So you can get water testing results on
15 Facebook. And I've got quite a few documents. I'll
16 put a lot more on, there's probably about ten now,
17 but I'll put a lot more. So if you want to get water
18 testing results, you can get them at Bannister
19 Federal Complex Water Testing on Facebook.

20 And I want to ask as a question. What is
21 the URL? What is the website location where the
22 company that is coming to do the remediation, what is
23 the website that they will be posting water quality
24 testing results that are immediately downstream from
25 the Bannister Complex, especially the Bannister flap

1 gate at Prospect?

2 The current testing that's being done
3 that is available from the EPA, which I was able to
4 get ahold of, it's being done in Liberty, Missouri,
5 ten miles downstream from where the Blue River joins
6 the Missouri. I don't think that's a very good place
7 to test water for the Bannister Federal Complex.

8 So I just want to say, we really are
9 serious about making sure that the property is
10 properly remediated and that there will be public
11 water testing quality results available on a website
12 for everybody. So please be sure to let us know what
13 is the location where we can find those water quality
14 testing results. Thanks a bunch.

15 MR. BOSCH: Thank you very much,
16 Mr. Smalley.

17 That's the final speaker that's signed up
18 officially. Is there anyone else here who did not
19 sign up and would like to make a verbal comment? If
20 so, please go to the podium.

21 MR. WAYNE KNOX: Thank you. My name is
22 Wayne Knox. I'm an outsider. I'm from the sovereign
23 state of Georgia in Atlanta.

24 MR. BOSCH: Excuse me, sir. Would you
25 mind spelling your name for the court reporter.

1 MR. KNOX: It's Wayne as in John Wayne,
2 Knox as in Fort Knox. It belonged to an uncle of
3 mine.

4 MR. MURPHY: Sorry for the help.

5 MR. KNOX: I'm a professional.

6 MR. MURPHY: Mic check.

7 MS. RICE: Thank you.

8 MR. BOSCH: Okay. Mr. Knox, go ahead.

9 THE WITNESS: Just fundamentally I
10 believe the site should be torn down and a health and
11 safety facility should be erected on top of the ashes
12 of that facility.

13 MS. RICE: Could you just --

14 MR. BOSCH: You can hold the microphone
15 if you like.

16 MR. KNOX: I'm not a speaker. I'm a
17 dirty hands guy. I'm a nuclear engineer, an
18 operational health physicist. I've worked in these
19 facilities. I've served on the DOE Tiger Team
20 evaluating facilities. I have participated in
21 writing, as a project manager, all of the procedures
22 necessary in order to quote, quote, safely decon and
23 decommission facilities. I've worked at several DOE
24 facilities, again in health and safety.

25 There are a lot of things that we need to

1 consider and I could spend an hour up here talking to
2 you about it, but my most pressing concern is the
3 workers and the people that work and live around the
4 site and what's going to happen to them when we start
5 tearing into this facility. I am not convinced -- of
6 course I have not gone through all of your data, but
7 I'm not convinced that you have truly characterized
8 the source term.

9 I hear you talking about what you've done
10 around the outside of the facility, but when you
11 start tearing into a facility like this, you have to
12 start with the source term. What's your worst case
13 scenario? Your worst case scenario is contaminants
14 inside of that facility. Have you torn into all of
15 the ductwork? Have you taken good samples from
16 inside of the facility?

17 MR. BOSCH: That means one minute.

18 MR. KNOX: Oh, okay. Okay. The bottom
19 line is we need to have a comprehensive plan for
20 tearing into this facility. We need to have a
21 long-term surveillance plan. Keep in mind, you had
22 beryllium in that facility. It has gotten out. And
23 the latency period for beryllium can be up to 40
24 years. How do we know, what assurances do we have
25 that you are analyzing beryllium and other

1 contaminants that will be released from the facility?

2 There's a lot of work that has to be done
3 in order to do it the right way. And every -- every
4 job that I have done in my whole career, there have
5 always been things that went bump in the night and we
6 had to make corrections to it in order to protect the
7 workers and the public.

8 I wish you well, but I want you to
9 remember that what you're doing in principle is
10 destroying a crime scene, and that facility was the
11 source of a lot of exposure to people that was
12 performed without their knowledge or consent. And
13 the U.S. Congress actually said that in its findings.
14 We workers, me too, were exposed without our
15 knowledge or consent.

16 I would like to know what really went on
17 in the facility. I would like to be able to go in
18 the facility myself as someone that's qualified and
19 take samples and be able to characterize the workers'
20 exposure that went on inside of the facility and use
21 that source term as a way of projecting what's going
22 to happen outside. Thank you.

23 MR. BOSCH: Thank you very much.

24 Is there anyone else who hasn't had an
25 opportunity to make a verbal comment that would like

1 to do so? If so, they can do so at this time.

2 MR. BEEBE: I say that this whole process
3 needs to be stopped. I say go fish. There is no
4 reason to rush development, redevelopment of this
5 site. There is no advantage.

6 MR. BOSCH: Thank you very much. Is
7 there anyone who hasn't had an opportunity to speak
8 that would like to do so at this time. Please step
9 to the podium.

10 MR. DAN FRITTS: Hi. My name's Dan
11 Fritts. My --

12 MR. BOSCH: Would you mind spelling your
13 name?

14 MR. FRITTS: It's Daniel Fritts,
15 F-r-i-t-t-s. We spell it the way it's supposed to be
16 spelled, not F-r-i-t-z like those other people.

17 My parents built their house about three
18 miles from Bannister Federal Complex in 1964, lived
19 there for 48 years. I worked at Bendix in the '80s
20 and then I left for about 20 years and came back in
21 the 2000s. So a lot of roots around this site.

22 And I guess I'm a -- I'm a voice of
23 affirmation and support. I think there's been a lot
24 of issues at the site. I think that's what people
25 are dwelling on. It was also an incredible economic

1 boom to that section of town. It provided a lot of
2 high-paying jobs for generations of people. That is
3 now a blight on that part of town.

4 And I think we're losing, in the midst of
5 all this, the fact that having a three million square
6 foot decaying building in a portion of town that
7 needs development and needs jobs and needs a better
8 use for that site than just decay I think is
9 important also. And we're balancing a lots of things
10 here, but I think in the long run, cleaning it up --
11 I think the due diligence that's been done on this
12 has been epic, went way beyond what's typically done
13 because I think the government and the developer
14 recognize the sensitivity of this site. And so I
15 think they went above and beyond on the due diligence
16 piece.

17 And so in the midst of all this in the
18 long term, the best thing for the community is to
19 have that site be something other than a decaying
20 building falling down.

21 MR. BOSCH: Thank you. Is there anyone
22 else who would like to speak that has not had an
23 opportunity to do so?

24 Yes, we seem to have a gentleman. Could
25 you please approach the podium. Please state your

1 name and address for the court reporter.

2 MR. BILL McKAY: My name is Bill McKay,
3 M-c-K-a-y. My address is 11139 Grand Avenue, Kansas
4 City, Missouri.

5 The question I have is that every time
6 somebody has filed a claim, they analyze that against
7 disease clusters. My understanding is those clusters
8 have been formulated from all of the claims that have
9 been filed. It seems to me if we're to do due
10 diligence for everybody that worked there, Honeywell
11 would send out a health questionnaire to everybody
12 that worked there and find out what illnesses they
13 have or what they died from. To me that's paramount
14 before you tear the building down.

15 MR. BOSCH: Thank you. Is there anyone
16 else who's not yet had an opportunity to speak who
17 would like to offer a verbal comment?

18 MR. SMITH: I'd like to add one more.

19 MR. BOSCH: I'm sorry?

20 MR. SMITH: Can I have one more?

21 MR. BOSCH: Okay. Come on up.

22 MS. RICE: Three minutes.

23 MR. SMITH: I worked at this plant --

24 MR. BOSCH: Could you go up to the podium
25 so can make this an official comment. Okay. Once

1 again, please state your name and --

2 MR. SMITH: My name is Marlon J.
3 Smith. I worked at the plant two different
4 times, 2005 -- 2000, 2004.

5 Okay. I've worked a total of ten months,
6 and here's my prognosis. You know, I was on the
7 roof. I wasn't working inside the place. It says,
8 Terminally ill. See this? I was there just a short
9 period of time and this is what I got, okay. I was a
10 roofer for 17 years. I wanted to fulfill my 30 years
11 and retire. No. I just got disability. Okay.
12 That's what I got from this, you know.

13 I don't think it's fair to any of these
14 people, being exposed to this, not being taking care
15 of before this dang process gets through and before
16 this place gets tore down. Simple. Thank you.

17 MR. BOSCH: Thank you. Is there anyone
18 else -- and I think we're running out of time soon --
19 that -- so let's -- so let's -- if possible, is there
20 anybody who's not yet had the chance to make a
21 comment? Is there anyone who would like to, at this
22 time, make a verbal comment?

23 And could you restate your name again
24 when you approach the podium? Thank you very much.

25 MR. COPELAND: Maurice Copeland. I'm not

1 giving my address this time.

2 So that everyone will know, it's already
3 been announced and it was announced by the man
4 himself to show people that you're going to be
5 affected by whatever they do out here on this -- at
6 this plant. The people that worked at that plant
7 took their self home to their families. They took
8 their family -- illness home. I hold the place
9 responsible for killing my wife. You all don't know
10 that. You all don't know that. But I'm telling you
11 now. You do not have to go in that plant to get sick
12 from the -- from the elements in that plant.

13 Russ Bukowski, everybody knows Russ
14 Bukowski announced to these people that he has been
15 diagnosed beryllium sensitive. Russ Bukowski did not
16 work at that plant. Russ Bukowski did news
17 broadcasts from that plant.

18 There has been people that have sued
19 Honey-- that have attempted to sue Honeywell because
20 they -- their husbands brought this stuff home, and
21 they have settled. This place has years of dealing
22 with sick workers, but they did not know to tell the
23 people, because they went with the settlement, okay.
24 This is true.

25 I told these people years ago, All you

1 have to do to shut me up -- it's easy; wouldn't you
2 want to shut me up -- all you have to do is release
3 the retire-- the disability retirement records at
4 that plant and you will see disease clusters.

5 And as far as on that property, there's
6 three ladies that had to leave that property that
7 were blind. They went blind in one of the buildings
8 that some of you -- your people going to go in. They
9 went blind and they were under the age of 30. Okay.

10 You all don't know what you think you
11 know. Just like they -- you were misled. A lot of
12 times it's not what you say, it's what you don't say.
13 And we have not heard anything. We have not heard
14 anything from NNSA.

15 We haven't heard about the MOCA explosion
16 from Missouri Division of Natural Resources. Ask
17 them about the MOCA explosion and the cleanup of the
18 MOCA explosion. I would like to see the documents on
19 that, and they should have a list of who did it.
20 Look them up and see where they are.

21 MR. BOSCH: Thank you. Okay. Is there
22 anyone else who hasn't had an opportunity to speak
23 who at this time would like to offer verbal comments?

24 All right. I would like to remind
25 everyone that just because you didn't offer a verbal

1 comment, you may offer a written comment. The sheets
2 are over there at the sign-in table. And you can
3 make them tonight if you like, or, as we
4 mentioned before, you can send them in to the
5 Missouri Department of Natural Resources prior to
6 June 19, 2017. My understanding is that
7 representatives from all of the agencies will remain
8 here for a little while to further answer questions.

9 All right. Okay. So having given the
10 opportunity for public comment and there being no one
11 present and offering more comments, this meeting is
12 now adjourned.

13 (Off the record at 7:18 p.m.)

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