

BEFORE THE
REGIONAL WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
OF
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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IN RE: PENNSYLVANIA STATE WATER PLAN
PRESENTATION

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BEFORE: CAROL R. COLLIER, Chair
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Hartmann, Richard Raab,
Richard Burke, Mike
Grossmann, Richard McNutt,
Al Siess

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIR:

We'd like to get started with the hearing portion of tonight's meeting. Would everyone take their seats, please? Okay. Let's take our seats, please.

I'd like to open the hearing. This is the Delaware Regional Water Resources Committee hearing. It's the State Water Planning and Regional Committee input on the state water plan.

I'd like to welcome you this evening to the Water Resources public hearing to solicit input on the draft state plan.

My name is Carol Collier, and I represent the Committee, the Delaware Regional Water Resources

1 Committee. I am Chair and
2 Jeffrey Featherstone in the
3 front row is Vice Chair.

4 With us are members of
5 the Committee and if you were
6 here during the meeting, you've
7 met them, and also the staff of
8 the DEP, Pennsylvania DEP.

9 The purpose of this
10 hearing is to solicit input in
11 the draft state water plan.
12 This hearing satisfies the
13 requirements of the Water
14 Resources Planning Act and
15 notice of this meeting was
16 published in the Pennsylvania
17 Bulletin on August 23rd, 2008.

18 The meeting was also
19 advertised in several area
20 papers. In order to give
21 everyone an equal opportunity
22 to comment this evening, I'd
23 like to have the following
24 ground rules.

25 I will first call upon

1 witnesses who have
2 pre-registered to testify, and
3 are included on the schedule.
4 After hearing from these
5 witnesses, I will provide any
6 other interested parties with
7 the opportunity to testify.

8 Oral testimony is
9 limited to ten minutes for each
10 witness. Organizations are
11 requested to designate one
12 witness to provide testimony on
13 its behalf. Each witness is
14 asked to submit three written
15 copies of his or her testimony
16 to aid in the transcribing of
17 the hearing.

18 And we do have an
19 official reporter tonight, so
20 please state your name and
21 address for the record prior to
22 starting your testimony.

23 We'd also appreciate
24 help in spelling names and
25 terms that may be generally

1 unfamiliar.

2 So with that, I do have
3 a list of witnesses that have
4 already signed up. The first
5 is Ken Kerstner.

6 MR. KERSTNER:

7 Good evening. First
8 off, my name is Ken Kerstner,
9 K-E-R-S-T-N-E-R. I'm a well
10 driller and pump installer from
11 Easton, Pennsylvania. I have
12 my own company. And I'm a
13 member of the Pennsylvania
14 Ground Water Association. I'm
15 also a member of the National
16 Ground Water Association, with
17 a master ground water
18 contractor certification. And
19 I also am certified in
20 geothermal drilling for the
21 geothermal industry. And I'd
22 like to thank all our people up
23 front here that have put many
24 hours in, I'm sure, on this
25 state water plan. Sitting here

1 listening tonight, it's really
2 a large project. And I
3 appreciate all the time that
4 you have put in on this.

5 Okay. I'm going to
6 touch on ground water. That's
7 my business. That's where I do
8 my thing. I have for 47 years.
9 And on the ground water issue,
10 I'm going to address a little
11 bit on quality, why the quality
12 should be addressed, and taken
13 particular attention to.

14 Because what surface
15 waters you were talking about
16 quality also. That's part of
17 the issue. The definition ---
18 I'm going to talk about wells
19 primarily. How many people ---
20 I'd like to ask a question.
21 How many people here tonight on
22 public water are on surface
23 water --- public water; do any
24 of you know?

25 Okay, small number. How

1 many of you on public water are
2 on well water that you know of?
3 About the same. How many of
4 you are on private systems with
5 wells? I would say that's a
6 majority. I just wanted to
7 know. That's why I'm
8 addressing the ground water.

9 My definition of a well
10 is any boring greater in depth
11 than diameter. It can be a
12 water well, a monitoring well,
13 an environmental test well, a
14 geothermal well. And what I
15 want to address about this is
16 during the construction of
17 these borings, we are cutting
18 through nature's filter, which
19 is our top soils, our subsoils.
20 And in these soils we have our
21 microbes and the sands and the
22 clays which help purify our
23 water.

24 Now, when there's
25 surface water precipitating

1 down through or when the water
2 is being discharged, et cetera,
3 anyway, rain water, it all goes
4 through our soils. And when we
5 drill any of these borings
6 which I mentioned previously,
7 we interrupt that. And we
8 interface with bedrock and also
9 with our ground waters.

10 And my issue is to bring
11 attention to this and it is
12 addressed. There is a
13 construction part in the state
14 water plan on page 53. It's
15 very brief and that's just
16 where I'm going to concentrate
17 tonight, to bring attention to
18 that.

19 The important part of
20 the borings is to have them
21 sealed. When the borings is
22 complete, to have those borings
23 sealed from whatever point at
24 the end of that and depth to
25 the ground surface. Now, this

1 will naturally put back our
2 filter, which is on the ground
3 back to its original state.

4 And this is what we're
5 missing. We only have ---
6 Pennsylvania is only two of the
7 states in our nation that do
8 not have construction standards
9 for residential drilling. I
10 think that's pretty bad. The
11 other states have just run away
12 with it and have good results
13 as far as keeping their ground
14 water from drillings in a high
15 state of call.

16 I believe we need
17 regulation, we need
18 certification of our drillers,
19 we need inspectors to make sure
20 that it's done correctly, and I
21 think it should be a priority.
22 I think that should be maybe
23 our number four priority on our
24 list of three-part areas we had
25 listed earlier tonight.

1 I won't go into any of
2 the particulars of it because
3 that would be later coming.
4 But I just want to bring the
5 attention of that. It's an
6 important part for quality;
7 it's going to impact a lot of
8 people. It impacts a majority
9 of people here tonight.

10 And I thank you for your
11 time and all your effort that
12 you're putting into this.
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIR:

15 Thank you. Our next
16 speaker is Jim Hartmann.

17 MR. HARTMANN:

18 Good evening and thank
19 you very much. I'd like to
20 thank the Committee again for
21 having given us the opportunity
22 to comment on this statewide
23 plan. My name is Jim Hartmann,
24 H-A-R-T-M-A-N-N. I'm from
25 Jamison, Pennsylvania, Warwick

1 Township.

2 I work for Franklin
3 Electric, who is one of the
4 world's largest manufacturers
5 of submersible pumps and
6 motors. My position there is a
7 Regional Service Manager, so I
8 cover most of the surrounding
9 states including Pennsylvania
10 in a service capacity.

11 I'm a member of the
12 Pennsylvania Ground Water
13 Association, in addition to the
14 National Ground Water
15 Association, and Water Systems
16 Counsel. My comment tonight
17 was to just make everyone aware
18 of the importance of ground
19 water.

20 Ken's question before
21 about how many people depend on
22 ground water here, one of the
23 comments was made earlier, or I
24 should say one of the
25 observations was about the

1 water quantity and how quality
2 will be addressed.

3 I think we need to bring
4 quality to the front foremost,
5 because we can have a lot of
6 water, but if it's not potable
7 we've got a problem. Thirty-
8 seven (37) percent of
9 Pennsylvanians depend on ground
10 water for their potable water.
11 It's got to be good quality
12 water.

13 It's estimated that over
14 15,000 new wells go in
15 Pennsylvania every year. We
16 need --- we must ensure that
17 they're properly constructed by
18 qualified certified
19 individuals. Many of our
20 townships, municipalities and
21 counties have already created
22 their own regulations because
23 they've recognized the need to
24 have minimum standards.

25 I think it's imperative

1 on us for a statewide
2 initiative to have minimum
3 standards implemented and as I
4 said as a priority rather than
5 just a recommendation.

6 In closing, I would just
7 like to say I would like to see
8 this plan again with all the
9 other good points contained in
10 the plan to be proactive rather
11 than reactive to a situation
12 that needs to be corrected.

13 Thank you again for your
14 time and your consideration.

15 CHAIR:

16 Thank you, sir. Our
17 next speaker is Dick Raab.

18 MR. RAAB:

19 Good evening. My name
20 is Richard Raab, R-A-A-B. I'm
21 a driller. I've been in the
22 drilling business for over 50
23 years, well over 50 years.
24 We're a third generation
25 drilling family. Currently my

1 son has taken over the
2 operation. I'm also a member
3 of the Pennsylvania Ground
4 Water Association. The
5 Pennsylvania Ground Water
6 Association consists of well
7 drillers, scientists,
8 suppliers, manufacturers of
9 well equipment.

10 The Committee has come
11 up with three major points. I
12 think they are excellent points
13 and I would like to commend the
14 Committee on the work they have
15 done to arrive at this point.
16 I know it takes a lot of work.

17 I'd like you to consider
18 a fourth point, ground water.
19 To echo a little bit of what
20 the other two gentlemen said,
21 we're very concerned in
22 protecting our ground water.
23 There's only two states that do
24 not have any regulations at all
25 for ground water and

1 Pennsylvania happens to be one
2 of the two, which I don't think
3 is very good.

4 There's three counties
5 in the state that have some
6 regulations; Chester,
7 Montgomery and Bucks just
8 recently put in regulations,
9 which I happened to be in Bucks
10 County and helped to do that.

11 We need statewide
12 regulations on well locations,
13 on well head protection, casing
14 grouting, license to drillers
15 and we need continuing
16 education for the drillers.
17 Pennsylvania Ground Water
18 currently provides that
19 continuing education. We also
20 need water quality and water
21 quantity to be monitored from
22 these wells.

23 I do a lot of inspection
24 of wells for real estate
25 transactions, and these

1 inspections I found a lot of
2 very poor conditions. Casings
3 buried below ground, casings in
4 the pits with water running,
5 surface water running in. Some
6 don't have any well seals on,
7 some just have the concrete
8 over top of them. A lot of
9 them we pulled the caps off,
10 the caps aren't sealed
11 properly, and they're loaded
12 with spiders and other bugs
13 inside the wells. So we very
14 desperately need regulations
15 for these wells.

16 Thank you for your time,
17 and for the work that you've
18 done.

19 CHAIR:

20 Thank you, sir. Our
21 fourth speaker is Dick Burke.

22 MR. BURKE:

23 Good evening. My name
24 is Richard Burke, B-U-R-K-E. I
25 am from Schnecksville,

1 Pennsylvania, which is in
2 Lehigh County, North Whitehall
3 Township. I am owner and
4 President of a company called
5 Yorgey, Y-O-R-G-E-Y, Supply.
6 We are wholesale distributors
7 of water systems equipment and
8 water treatment equipment.

9 I am a member of the
10 National Ground Water
11 Association and a former Vice
12 President of the National
13 Ground Water Association. I'm
14 also a member of the
15 Pennsylvania Ground Water
16 Association and a sitting Board
17 member.

18 Let me begin by saying
19 thank you to the members of
20 this Committee and of the
21 statewide committee for all the
22 time and efforts you have put
23 into developing the state plan.
24 It certainly is needed and I
25 commend you on all the hard

1 work. And I can only imagine
2 the hours you have put into
3 that, and I say thank you.

4 Let me say although
5 there are many facets of the
6 new state water plan, I would
7 like to address the subject of
8 residential water wells, and in
9 particular the lack of
10 construction standards for
11 residential water wells and of
12 the certification of water well
13 drillers in Pennsylvania.

14 Four and a half million
15 Pennsylvanians rely on ground
16 water for their potable water
17 source, yet there are no
18 statewide regulations for the
19 construction of residential
20 water wells and for the
21 certification of water well
22 drillers. Improperly
23 constructed water wells are a
24 danger to the health, safety
25 and welfare of all Pennsylvania

1 citizens using ground water.

2 More than 15,000 new
3 wells are drilled every year in
4 Pennsylvania, and that means
5 15,000 new holes penetrating
6 the aquifers of Pennsylvania's
7 valuable resource, its ground
8 water. The lack of residential
9 well construction standards
10 allows the improper
11 construction and threatens the
12 quality of Pennsylvania's
13 ground water and again the
14 health and safety of
15 Pennsylvania residents.

16 Pennsylvania has the
17 second highest number of
18 residential wells in the
19 nation. And clearly this
20 resource and Pennsylvania
21 families must be protected. As
22 was stated before, Pennsylvania
23 is only one of two states in
24 the entire nation who do not
25 have residential water well

1 construction standards. And
2 I'm ashamed of that.

3 I have been in the
4 ground water industry for 32
5 years, and I've seen some
6 horrible conditions on what
7 people call wells. In
8 Pennsylvania, you must be
9 trained, certified and adhere
10 to state standards in order to
11 be in the business of a
12 hairdresser.

13 Yet in Pennsylvania,
14 anyone can drill a well to any
15 standard, whether he puts
16 casing in it or not. There is
17 no one there to say you're
18 doing something wrong. And
19 there's no one there to protect
20 the health and safety and
21 welfare of the family that is
22 going to use that water.
23 Improperly constructed
24 residential water wells have
25 been identified as potential

1 threats to ground water within
2 the source water protection
3 areas of public water supply
4 wells.

5 There are documented
6 cases of improperly constructed
7 residential water wells
8 providing a pathway for the
9 surface and subsurface
10 contamination of Pennsylvania's
11 ground water. Many public
12 water systems use ground water
13 as their source. Pennsylvania
14 requires all public water wells
15 to be properly constructed to
16 protect the quality of the
17 ground water and the health and
18 safety of the families who use
19 that ground water. Why not
20 residential wells?

21 We, those involved in
22 the ground water industry and
23 you, members of this Committee,
24 have a responsibility to the
25 residents in Pennsylvania. It

1 is our job to enact legislation
2 to protect the health and
3 safety of Pennsylvania's
4 families using ground water and
5 to protect the ground water
6 resource itself.

7 Pennsylvania residents
8 have a right to expect clean,
9 safe drinking water. And we
10 have a responsibility to see
11 that they get it. How can we
12 accomplish this? I have a
13 recommendation for a revision
14 to the water plan document and
15 I ask for your support.

16 The draft water plan
17 principle document of the
18 Pennsylvania state water plan
19 should be revised to elevate
20 recommendation two in its water
21 quality section to become its
22 new fourth priority in its
23 draft list of three principle
24 priorities.

25 Water quality

1 recommendation two states the
2 Commonwealth should enact
3 legislation for the
4 certification of well drillers
5 and the establishment of
6 private residential water well
7 construction standards.

8 This Committee, by
9 adopting this recommendation
10 and supporting the Pennsylvania
11 Ground Water Association's
12 efforts to enact legislation
13 for the certification of well
14 drillers and the establishment
15 of private residential water
16 well construction standards
17 will be fulfilling its
18 responsibility to protect the
19 health and safety of
20 Pennsylvania families using
21 ground water, and will protect
22 Pennsylvania's ground water
23 resources.

24 Thank you.

25 CHAIR:

1 Thank you, sir. Next I
2 have a representative of Upper
3 Pottsboro Township. You would
4 like to speak? No? All right.
5 Then moving on, I have Mr. Mike
6 Grossman.

7 MR. GROSSMANN:

8 Good evening. My name
9 is Mike Grossmann,
10 G-R-O-S-S-M-A-N-N. I'm from
11 White Township, New Jersey, but
12 I'm also a landowner up in
13 Wayne County in the upper area
14 around Starrucca. And I'm here
15 tonight just to bring some
16 awareness.

17 I was very glad to hear
18 the fact that there was some
19 addressing of the gas leasing
20 opportunity in the Marcella
21 shale. I'm a member of two
22 groups in the area,
23 Susquehanna-Wayne Oil & Gas
24 Group, and the Northern Wayne
25 Property Owners' Association.

1 Now basically these two
2 groups are nonprofit citizen
3 organizations that have banded
4 together in an alliance to try
5 to ensure that not only do
6 property owners in the
7 northeastern portion of the
8 state receive an economic
9 benefit, and try to promote the
10 use of natural gas to alleviate
11 our reliance on foreign oil
12 dependence, but we also want to
13 see strong addendum added to
14 our gas leases that protect
15 this pristine area so that
16 there will not be any
17 repercussions from the drilling
18 operation, and that once the
19 natural gas drillers are
20 complete in their operation,
21 that we will still have a
22 pristine watershed supplying
23 both the Susquehanna, which I'm
24 sure this group on the 17th
25 will hear many more members

1 testimony and the Upper
2 Delaware region.

3 I'm glad to see that
4 there is an ongoing movement,
5 because as of six months ago as
6 it was stated earlier, there
7 really was no mention of the
8 drilling operation. This is a
9 very fast-moving and
10 economically beneficial
11 operation to the northeastern
12 portion of our state.

13 Natural gas's help is
14 going to be a boon to the
15 entire metropolitan area.
16 There are pipelines under
17 construction right now that
18 will feed the entire
19 northeastern, New York, New
20 Jersey, Pennsylvania area from
21 this. And we're looking also
22 to promote any recycling of
23 water from treatment plants
24 that can be used in the
25 hydraulic tracking of the water

1 of these wells. And we just
2 hope that the Planning
3 Commission is taking this all
4 in as quickly as possible and
5 will be planning for
6 the safe alleviation of any
7 problems from drilling, but
8 also at the same time trying to
9 promote the economic benefits
10 so well deserved of the
11 citizens in this area.

12 Thank you very much for
13 your time.

14 CHAIR:

15 Thank you, sir. Our
16 next speaker is Richard McNutt.

17 MR. MCNUTT:

18 My name is Richard
19 McNutt, and I'm the President
20 of Tidewaters Gateway
21 Partnership, and I also want to
22 thank the state for all your
23 hard work. And I particularly
24 want to thank the DRBC for
25 special protection waters and

1 Maya Von Rossum for riding herd
2 on that for four years or five
3 years, whatever it's been,
4 patiently and persistently to
5 make sure that we got it, and
6 the 10,000 people for the 35
7 years before that.

8 We have water protection
9 in the Delaware River forever,
10 special protection waters from
11 Hancock, New York to Trenton,
12 New Jersey, the entire
13 freshwater section as a result
14 of this kind of work. And I
15 just want to acknowledge
16 everybody for doing it.

17 I am from Pipersville,
18 Pennsylvania, and I also own a
19 property on the Susquehanna
20 River up in Athens,
21 Pennsylvania in Bradford
22 County. My interest is sort of
23 going to drop out of the bottom
24 a little bit, tidewaters. It's
25 the continuation of that 45

1 years of effort to clean up the
2 Delaware River. It's not
3 finished yet. We need to clean
4 it up from Trenton to the
5 ocean.

6 The Pennsylvania portion
7 of that river is significant.
8 We're talking Morrisville down
9 to Chester, includes
10 Philadelphia, Morrisville,
11 Bristol, Chester, the airport,
12 the industrial highways down
13 below Philadelphia, all having
14 a major impact on the
15 tidewaters section of the
16 river.

17 And in the data analysis
18 and the reference to sound
19 science, I'm a member of the
20 Union of Concerned Scientists.
21 In fact, I'm one of the
22 founding members, I'm very
23 encouraged to hear that I'm
24 going to join the unintentional
25 parade of people speaking for

1 water quality as being high up
2 in the hierarchy of that plan.
3 And I understand that you're
4 still working on it, but I
5 would be among the numbers of
6 people here tonight to
7 encourage that as that work
8 continues, that water quality
9 creeps up towards the top.

10 Referencing --- if you
11 look at the map, on this map
12 we're talking about from here
13 to here (indicating) in
14 Pennsylvania; basically Trenton
15 to Chester, Morrisville,
16 Pennsylvania to Chester, down
17 below the airport. The impact
18 is significant from here and
19 it's important that specific
20 focus be placed on toxics
21 removal and control.

22 Now that we have special
23 protection waters up in the
24 upper reach from Hancock down
25 to Trenton, it's even more

1 urgent because the dumpers are
2 going to be quite happy now to
3 not risk themselves in special
4 protection waters. They're
5 going to come down below
6 Trenton and they're going to
7 dump their stuff down there, so
8 we need to be aware of that.

9 EPA, the upper river
10 from Hancock down to Trenton is
11 recognized by the United States
12 Department of Interior National
13 Park Service, wild and scenic
14 designated areas. That was
15 necessary to get to the special
16 protection waters.

17 Down in the lower
18 section, there is a federal
19 designation. A lot of people
20 don't know about it, but it's
21 an EPA designation, a different
22 department, which causes a
23 complication, because sometimes
24 the EPA and the Department of
25 Interior don't get along real

1 well with each other.

2 But in this point we
3 have an EPA designation already
4 as in nationally important
5 gateway estuary. That's the
6 tidewater section. I suggest
7 that an MOA be established by
8 the Governors of Pennsylvania,
9 New Jersey and Delaware focused
10 on water quality and most
11 importantly toxic control and
12 removal.

13 This MOA would become an
14 Act of Congress to complete the
15 federal protection of the
16 entire watershed from Hancock,
17 New York to the ocean. This
18 Act of Congress would establish
19 permanent protection from
20 Trenton to the ocean, extending
21 federal designation below the
22 wild and scenic sections for
23 the complete Delaware River
24 protective designation.

25 An urgency exists for

1 this focus due to rapid
2 declines in the lower bay
3 fisheries. Other impacted
4 species such as red knot, shore
5 birds, Horseshoe crabs, blue
6 claw crabs, oysters, et cetera,
7 are also in decline suddenly.
8 The collapsed fishery which is
9 in process as I speak, not only
10 destroys the economy, it
11 destroys families in multi-
12 generational water people.

13 My roots are in
14 Wildwood, New Jersey. I'm an
15 esteemed member of the Sunset
16 Beach Sportsmen's Club down
17 where the ocean and the bay
18 come together, so all of it's
19 real to me. Even though I live
20 in Bucks County now, the smell
21 of the low tide is still
22 perfume to me, different from
23 most people.

24 So thank you very much
25 for --- thank everybody else

1 very much for everything that
2 you're going, too, especially
3 the people that are saying
4 water quality.

5 CHAIR:

6 Thank you. And our next
7 speaker is Al Siess.

8 AL SIESS:

9 My name is Al Siess,
10 6460 Blue Church Road,
11 Coopersburg, Upper Saucon
12 Township. I will just
13 introduce my background a
14 little bit. I'm a civil
15 engineer. I've been practicing
16 civil engineering for over 50
17 years. I moved to Upper Saucon
18 Township and have been drinking
19 well water for the last 40
20 years. And I view water
21 quality and availability as
22 probably --- not only probably,
23 definitely, our most important
24 environmental resource.

25 I noted that thermal

1 electric uses a preponderance
2 of water in the State of
3 Pennsylvania, and I venture to
4 guess that nuclear power plants
5 are the largest proportion of
6 the thermal electric users of
7 water.

8 From an economic
9 standpoint, all manmade
10 pollution can be defined as an
11 externalized product cost, the
12 cost of doing business. It's
13 simply unacceptable to allow
14 anybody to profit at the
15 expense of our environment.
16 Nuclear power plants not only
17 do not --- are not an
18 innovative technology that we
19 should be encouraging, but they
20 are a wasteful damaging
21 technology that should be
22 discouraged. I only learned of
23 this meeting this morning when
24 I read the Morning Call
25 newspaper. I'm sorry if I

1 missed it in earlier
2 announcements. If it was not
3 announced earlier, I urge that
4 in the future you make an
5 effort to make sure that people
6 are aware when you're having a
7 hearing like this. Because I
8 only learned of it this
9 morning, I have not taken the
10 time to come up with any
11 particular written testimony.
12 I have recognized, though, with
13 my past 40 years living in the
14 area that --- and I was for a
15 time on the Board of
16 Supervisors in Upper Saucon
17 Township. I have always
18 recognized that land use
19 decisions have a very important
20 impact on water quality and
21 water use. I would just
22 encourage the planning of our
23 water use to take into account
24 the pollution, the polluters
25 and in particular nuclear power

1 plants.

2 PPL right now is

3 proceeding on a reckless course

4 of trying to build another

5 nuclear power plant at Berwick.

6 This is not economically

7 feasible. PPL's chairman under

8 questioning has stated that

9 they would not build that plant

10 if it was not subsidized by the

11 public. I can't think of

12 anything stupider than the

13 public allowing somebody to go

14 ahead with a wasteful dangerous

15 technology that they wouldn't

16 do unless we, the taxpayer,

17 subsidized the generation of

18 it. So the bottom line is

19 water is our most important

20 resource. Let's protect it

21 from the polluters and from all

22 damages that we can.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR:

25 Thank you, sir. That

1 concludes the speakers that
2 pre-registered. Is there
3 anyone else on the audience
4 that would like to speak at
5 this time? No?

6 In that case, I'd like
7 to close the hearing. And
8 thank you very much for coming
9 out tonight. We really
10 appreciate your comments.
11 Please remember that the
12 comment period is open until
13 September 30th, and there's
14 information out there on how to
15 send comments in either by mail
16 or e-mail to DEP.

17 And this is the first
18 step, so we really are looking
19 forward to working with you as
20 this plan implementation moves
21 forward. Thank you.

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24 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9:00 P.M.
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I hereby certify that the
foregoing proceeding 9/11 DEP
was reported by me, that I have read this
transcript on 9/23/09, and I attest
that this transcript is a true and
accurate record of the proceeding.

Keri A. Hean
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