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MR. SUELTENFUSS: Let's go ahead and begin, if we could. Welcome everyone. Good evening, and welcome to the Clark's Marsh Interim Remedial Action Proposed Plan Public Meeting. This meeting relates to environmental cleanup of the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

My name is Tim Sueltenfuss, with contractor Galen Driscoll, and I'll serve as facilitator for tonight's meeting.

If we can move to the next slide, please.

Our court reporter is on the line to capture a verbatim transcript of tonight's meeting. This online meeting is also being recorded, so we ask that you hold questions until the end of presentation.

During the informal Q & A session, please let us know if you have a question by raising your hand electronically. I'll call on you to pose your question. We ask that microphones be muted when you're not speaking. This will minimize any background noise that we have.

During the formal comment session toward the end of tonight's meeting the court reporter will record your comment word for word. The

Page 4 Air Force will not respond to your comments 1 2 Instead the Air Force will respond to 3 comments within the responsiveness summary prepared after the end of the 30-day public comment period. 4 5 Slide three, if we could. 6 So after brief introductions, we'll move 7 into the technical presentation. The major 8 elements of the presentation are displayed here. 9 We'll then have an informal question and answer 10 session. 11 Finally, you will have the opportunity to make formal comments, and we will conclude this 12 13 meeting by 7 o'clock p.m. I'd like to now introduce Dr. Catharine 14 15 Varley, the base realignment and closure environmental coordinator for the former Wurtsmith 16 17 Air Force Base. Over to you, Dr. Varley. 18 DR. VARLEY: Hi. I am Dr. Catharine Varley, 19 20 the Wurtsmith program manager and environmental 21 coordinator. I would like to welcome you all 22 today. Thank you for joining us for the Clark's 23 Marsh Interim Remedial Action Public Meeting. 24 As our moderator just said, a

court reporter will be capturing our meeting today. This meeting will take part in three parts. First, the Air Force will begin with an overview of the proposed plan.

Then we will have our open question and answer discussion. This replaces the conversations we would usually have at a poster session. When this portion occurs, we ask that you virtually raise your hand and wait for the moderator to call on you and, then, state your name before you ask your question.

The third and final portion of this meeting will be verbal formal comments. And, again, we ask that you raise your hand and wait to be called on before submitting your comment. And as Tim, our moderator, just mentioned, those comments will not be answered on the spot. There first will take time to actually consider each of those comments with all the comments that are submitted through the formal comment process, which can be e-mails or through the U.S. Postal Service to me.

And as has been stated before, the proposed plan is as the name suggests, it is

Page 6 It is the best that we have been able to 1 proposed. 2 come up with based on information that we have had 3 available. So your reviews matter, and we will consider each formal comment before any final 4 5 decisions are made. 6 So what we will do today is we will view, discuss and capture comments on the proposed plan 7 8 for Clark's Marsh Interim Remedial Action. 9 now like to introduce you to the person who has 10 been actively communicating this project throughout ECT and RAO updates, Ms. Paula Bond. 11 Thanks, Catharine, and thanks 12 MS. BOND: 13 everyone for joining us this evening. So like Catharine said, I am going to give 14 15 you the proposed plan that has been posted to the 16 Air Force administrative record and placed in the information repository at the library. So I am 17 going to run through that. 18 19 So, Gina, the next slide, please. So the Clark's Marsh Interim Remedial 20 21 Action that we are looking at and the proposed plan 22 for that action, why are we looking at even doing

It's to reduce the volume of PFOS and PFOA

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impacted groundwater entering Clark's Marsh. We are building on the successes of the fire training area, FT002 treatment system, that's already there, while we are continuing to determine the nature and extent of the groundwater plume there.

And I just want to remind everyone that this is an early interim action that's being conducted before the remedial investigation and the feasibility study have been completed. So the proposed plan that we are looking at today is just that, the proposed plan.

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So this is a slide that if you attended the RAO meeting back in January, this is the same slide that we presented there. And this just kind of gives you an overview of the interim remedial action process. You know, we started with the IRA scoping. That portion of the project has been completed. The remedial design and the proposed plan, which is the phase that we had just completed. And the gray circle, the 30-day public comment, is what we are in right now. And that's, of course, the reason for the public meeting tonight.

So that will be followed by the interim record of decision, the interim remedial action work plan and, then, finally implementing the actual interim remedial action.

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So just to give everybody some information before we get started on where you can access the proposed plan and how to submit those comments. The proposed plan is available for review at the Air Force Administrative Record electronically, and the website is shown on the presentation where you can go download that.

There is a hard copy in the information repository at the Robert J. Parks Public Library. And we have listed the library times here on the slide for you.

The 30-day public comment period is

March 18th through April the 17th, 2021. And what
that means is you have, the public has, until

April 17th to submit their questions to Dr. Varley
through the e-mail or through the regular mail.

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Page 9 Air Force Administrative Record, on the last page of the proposed plan is a comment form. print that off, you can write your comments on the It's you just fold it, tri-fold it, and there is a place for a stamp, and you just drop it in the mail. So I just want to let everybody know Okay. Next slide, please. So, like I said, the Air Force will accept written comments through April 17th. And, then, I have already talked about the comment letters being post marked by April 17th and submitted to Dr. Varley. Her address is here and, then, her e-mail address is, also, if you would rather e-mail her your comments.

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So the Clark's Marsh Proposed Plan presents background information and the rationale for the interim remedial action that's being proposed. It explains the remedial alternatives that were considered by the Air Force for the IRA. It presents the preferred alternative that the Air Force has -- believes is the best alternative. It explains how the public can participate in the

Page 10 1 decision making process. So that information is all included. 2 3 Next slide, please. So just a little bit of background on the 4 5 fire training area FT002. It's located in the 6 southwest corner of the former Wurtsmith Air Force It operated as a fire training area from 7 Base. 8 1958 to 1991. Aqueous film-forming foam was used 9 at the fire training area between 1970 and 1991. And AFFF containing PFOS and PFOA were released 10 11 during those fire training exercises to the soil where it leached into groundwater and where it has 12 13 migrated into groundwater and, then, on into Clark's Marsh. 14 15 PFOS and PFOA concentrations in the 16 groundwater at FT002 and Clark's Marsh exceed 17 Michigan's Part 201 groundwater cleanup criteria. 18 Next slide, please. 19 So, again, if you attended the RAO meeting 20 in January and October, actually last October, 21 these figures were presented. The figure on the 22 left shows just the location of the fire training 23 area, and hopefully you guys can see that on your

And, then, you can see the fire training

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screens.

area is kind of in the north central portion of the figure. And, then, as you move south, you can see Clark's Marsh and the wildlife area. And the blue represents one of the ponds within the marsh there.

The figure on the right shows the combined PFOS and PFOA groundwater plume as we understand it today, and it also shows the location of the proposed extraction wells for the interim remedial action. And, then, it also identifies where the current FT002 groundwater pump and treat system is actually located. So this is just to kind of orient you as we go through the summary.

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So there is an existing pump and treat system at FT002. It was installed in 2014 and 2015 as a time-critical removal action to reduce the migration of PFOS and PFOA into Clark's Marsh. Groundwater is pumped from those seven existing extraction wells that are approximately 241 gallons per minute, and the extracted groundwater is treated by granular activated carbon adsorption before it is discharged into groundwater infiltration galleries. FT002 has reduced PFOS and PFOA concentrations at locations down gradient of

the extraction wells bells by up to 90 percent since startup.

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The objective, the interim remedial action objective, or RAO, is to increase the amount of contaminated groundwater that the fire training area FT002 treatment system captures and treats, reducing the migration of groundwater containing PFOS and PFOA into Clark's Marsh.

The remedial remediation alternatives that were evaluated to do this included no action, expanded hydraulic control using pump and treat with ion exchange and expanded hydraulic control using pump and treat with GAC.

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So the alternatives that we evaluated in the proposed plan started with no action. This is required by CERCLA that we evaluate the no action alternative, and we use that as a baseline against which all other alternatives are compared. Under this alternative, no actions are taken, including monitoring, and obviously the cost is zero. Under this scenario no additional work would be done, but the existing FT002 treatment system would continue

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Page 13 1 to operate. So we are not considering that the 2 existing system is there. We are just looking at 3 the RAO for this particular interim remedial action. 4 5 Next slide, please. 6 The second remedial alternative that we 7 evaluated was expanded hydraulic control using pump 8 and treat with ion exchange resin. Under this 9 remedy it increases hydraulic control by adding five new extraction wells. It increases the 10 groundwater extraction capacity by 40 percent. 11 Ιt would use ion exchange resin to treat the extracted 12 13 groundwater. It does require a new treatment 14 facility to be constructed to house the ion 15 exchange system. It will continue to discharge the 16 treated effluent to groundwater into a new infiltration gallery. The existing GAC system 17 18 would also continue to operate under this alternative and, then, the estimated total cost 19 20 including operations and maintenance is 11.8 million. 21 22 Next slide, please. 23 So the third alternative is expanded 24 hydraulic control using pump and treat with GAC.

Under this alternative, we would increase the hydraulic control by adding again five new extraction wells, increasing the groundwater extraction capacity by 40 percent. We would use GAC to treat the extracted groundwater. It does require the expansion of the existing treatment facility to increase the GAC treatment capacity. It would continue to discharge treated effluent to groundwater with a new infiltration gallery. And the estimated cost, including 0 & M, is 9.9 million.

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So each remediation alternative, the three alternatives, were evaluated against nine CERCLA criteria. So under the CERCLA process, we are required to look at these nine criteria to evaluate each alternative and compare them to one another.

So the nine criteria are listed here on the slide: Overall protectiveness of human health and environment; compliance with ARARs; long-term effectiveness; does the remedy reduce the toxicity or mobility or volume through treatment; short-term effectiveness; implementability; cost; support agency acceptance; and community acceptance.

So each of these criteria are looked at with regard to each remedial alternative.

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So I put together a table just to kind of show you the evaluation criteria. Each of the remedial -- the nine CERCLA criteria. Each of the alternatives one, two and three. And, then, just kind of some notes over to the side for each one.

So under No. 1, protection of human health and the environment, obviously, no action would do nothing to protect human health and the environment other than the treatment system that's already there. Pump and treat with ion exchange is protective of the environment, as well as GAC, alternative three. So two and three reduce migration of PFOS and PFOA INTO Clark's Marsh, and alternative No. 1 does not.

Complies with ARARs. No action does not comply with the ARARs. Alternatives 2 and 3 do comply with our ARAR and both would meet the substantive discharge requirement limits under the SRDs that we currently have for the fire training area.

Long-term effectiveness. No action does

- 1 | not meet that criteria for long term effectiveness.
- 2 | Two and three are effective in the long term with
- 3 | continued routine O & M of the system components.
- 4 You know, change out of the ion exchange resin and
- 5 | the GAC as you move forward. So that would be a
- 6 | long term.
- 7 Reduction of toxicity and mobility or
- 8 | volume through treatment. No action does not
- 9 | reduce toxicity or mobility or volume.
- 10 | Alternatives 2 and 3 would both reduce mobility via
- 11 | hydraulic control and absorption either through GAC
- 12 or ion exchange resin.
- 13 Under short-term effectiveness, no action
- 14 | is not effective in the short term. Both
- 15 | Alternative 2 and 3 are effective in the short term
- 16 | and would not adversely affect workers or nearby
- 17 | residents or impacts to the environment would be
- 18 | mitigated. And under the short-term effectiveness,
- 19 | those are some of the criteria that we look at
- 20 | under that category is how the construction of the
- 21 | remedy would affect local workers and residents in
- 22 | the environment.
- 23 Under implementability, No. 6, this
- 24 | category looks at is the remedy implementable. Are

Page 17 1 there other infrastructure in the way that would 2 prevent or preclude the remedy from being 3 implemented. So those are the kind of things that we look at under this category. And under no 4 5 action, yes, that is equally implementable, as well 6 as Alternative 2 and 3. Both of those are implementable. 7 8 No. 7, cost. No action is zero dollars. 9 Pump and treat with ion exchange is 11.8, and pump and treat with GAC is 9.9. 10 11 Support agency acceptance. The EGLE has 12 reviewed the proposed plan, and they have not 13 objected to either Alternative 2 or 3 as an interim remedial action. 14 15 No. 9, community acceptance. 16 categories are all listed as to be determined, and 17 that would be based on comments received during the 18 proposed plan comment period. 19 Next slide, please. The Air Force has -- the Air Force 20 21 preferred IRA, interim remedial action, is 22 Alternative No. 3, expanded hydraulic control using 23 pump and treat with GAC. This alternative meets 24 the interim remedial action objective of reducing

Page 18 the migration of PFOS and PFOA into Clark's Marsh. 1 2 It is protective of human health and the 3 environment. It does comply with the ARARs. It's effective in both the short and long term. It does 4 reduce the mobility of PFOS and PFOA through 5 6 treatment. And it's implementable and it is more cost effective than Alternative 2. 7 8 Next slide, please. 9 So Alternative 3, the key elements of the proposed FT002 expansion under Alternative 3 10 11 includes installing five new groundwater extraction wells and one additional infiltration gallery. 12 13 increases the groundwater extraction capacity by 14 40 percent. It increases the backwash capability 15 with additional settling tanks. We would install 16 three 6-foot diameter media beds, each containing of 5,000 pounds of GAC. It includes pre-treatment 17 18 to reduce treatment system fouling. And it would 19 expand the existing FT002 treatment system building 20 to add the new treatment components. 21 Next slide, please. 22 Did you skip one there, Gina? 23 So what you see on the slide in front of

you now is the conceptual layout for how the

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expansion of the existing FT002 building. So the area in blue on the top is the existing treatment system and, then, kind of the brown shaded area on the bottom part of the slide are the components that would be add under the Alternative 3 with GAC.

So you can see that the three new carbon vessels, three new GAC vessels, would be slightly smaller than the existing vessels. We would add two additional settling tanks under this system scenario. And, then, the influent water would come into the existing equalization tank. It will be routed through the new carbon tank and, then, through the existing carbon tank and, then, back out through the infiltration galleries.

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So a written summary of significant comments and new relevant information submitted during the public comment period and the Air Force's response will be in the responsiveness summary, which is included in the Clark's Marsh interim record of decision. The Clark's Marsh interim ROD will be developed following the public comment period. Once we receive all the comments and address those, the ROD will be developed.

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So I am going to turn this back over to Tim. This will be the informal question and Air Force response session. As Dr. Varley had mentioned, if we were there in person, it would be great, and folks would be walked through the session and informally asking questions and talking. So that's what this portion of the meeting is for. And, then, formal comments will come after this session.

So like Tim had mentioned, if folks could raise your hand, and we'll unmute you as you raise your hand and Tim calls on you, and I will just go ahead and turn that over to Tim.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Great. All right. Well, thank you very much, Paula. We appreciate that.

So, again, we are moving now into that second segment of tonight's agenda, the informal Q & A portion. So as Paula just mentioned, if you have a question, please raise your hand electronically using that small button that looks like a hand there. And when I call on you, then Gina will bring you off mute. Please start off by stating your name and asking your question. And,

Page 21 1 then, I'd also ask any of those who may respond to your question to start by stating their name and, 2 3 then, responding. So I noticed that Mr. Mike Munson of the 4 5 Oscoda Wurtsmith Air Force Authority had his hand 6 raised for a question. So we'll go to you, Mr. Munson. 7 8 MR. MUNSON: Yes, this is Mike Munson. Can you 9 hear me okay? 10 MR. SUELTENFUSS: We can, sir. Go ahead. 11 MR. MUNSON: All right. I think this is a good 12 plan. However, I do not see even a tentative date 13 to implement some of these actions. I think that's 14 important for the community to understand that this 15 isn't like when I plan to take my kids to 16 Disney World, and they ask me, I said soon. 17 what does soon me? Give us an idea. 18 MS. BOND: Thank you, Mike. We have right now 19 our schedule shows that we are going to be 20 mobilizing to the field to start the IRA in July, 21 pending the approval of the record of decision. So 22 that document needs to be prepared and go through 23 review. So we are hopeful right now that this summer or early July we will be moving to the field 24

1 | to start the IRA.

MR. MUNSON: Okay. So that's the investigation part of it. And, then, once the investigation, which knowing the government takes a year, we are probably talking a year or two before we see any really action on this, on this plan, if, it comes true, correct?

MS. BOND: No. I think you're misunder -- or confusing the investigation with the interim remedial action. So the IRA for Clark's Marsh that we are talking about here, we will be moving to the field in July to actually start that interim remedial action.

MR. MUNSON: So is what you're saying that you will be putting the wells in then, correct, if that's the plan we go with?

MS. BOND: Right. Yes. So let's -- we'll assume at this point if this is the -- in the end if this is the preferred alternative or whatever the alternative is, we will start construction in July based on the current schedule. Again pending --

MR. MUNSON: Okay. Thank you for that. I think that's the other shoe that needs to get

Page 23 1 dropped to give people some idea this is not 2 something that's going to be five or six years down 3 the road. This is something that's going to start That's important for I think all of our 4 in July. 5 folks that are really concerned about this to know. 6 Thank you very much. MR. SUELTENFUSS: 7 Great. Thank you very much, 8 Mike. I appreciate that. 9 I see Jeff Moss has his hand raised, so 10 we'll go to Jeff Moss. Go ahead, Jeff. 11 MR. MOSS: Hello. MR. SUELTENFUSS: Go ahead, Jeff. We can hear 12 13 you now. Okav. Thanks. So with the diagram 14 MR. MOSS: 15 it appears that there are going to be some new 16 extraction wells at FT002, correct? 17 MS. BOND: That is correct, yes. 18 MR. MOSS: Okay. So the existing water that's 19 coming out of Clark's Marsh currently and headed 20 into the river flowing out into Lake Huron, and if 21 it's going to be July or a year for it to be 22 effected, how is that -- what's being done to go in 23 to effect the actual PFOS and PFOA going into the river now and in the long term future? 24 So you're

Page 24 1 going to be effecting the groundwater, but what 2 about the surface water inside of this plan? 3 MS. BOND: Okay. That's a great guestion. So this interim remedial action is addressing the goal 4 5 that we talked about is to reduce PFOS and PFOA 6 from going into Clark's Marsh. MR. MOSS: 7 Right. MS. BOND: 8 We know the groundwater moves 9 through the marsh, and that's part of the remedial 10 investigation is to trying to determine where and 11 how that groundwater makes its way to the surface. We know that in the pond that we show in the figure 12 13 that there is seeping there. We know that there are surface water seeps that come from groundwater. 14 15 And we have to understand that before we can move 16 to a remedy for the river. 17 So this interim remedial action is focused on reducing the amount of PFOS and PFOA entering 18 19 Clark's Marsh. Okay. Well, it's coming from FT002, 20 MR. MOSS: 21 and the data that we have clearly states that.

the issue for the community is is that the surface

water is contaminating the river and the big lake,

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Page 25 understanding was is that the surface water was part of the investigation and the remedial action the surface water was going to be part of the program, but I don't -- it's clearly not in there. DR. VARLEY: This is Dr. Catharine Varley. So I think you're mixing two projects. We have the remedial investigation. That's not what this meeting is for. MR. FOSS: Right. DR. VARLEY: The remedial investigation is This is an interim remedial action. separate. goal is to implement the interim remedial action as soon as possible with the goal that we have hydraulic capture so that we are not continuing to have that effect that you are stating. MR. MOSS: And I think that it's a -- what you're doing is to extend the curtain from of FT002 leaching into the marsh. And I think that's a great action. I guess the community would like to hear if there is additional actions that can be

taken for the water that's leaching into the river

taken to be included in this project to reduce the

high levels of toxins that are leaching into the

from the surface water and actions that can be

1 | river system now.

DR. VARLEY: Absolutely, and this is the reason why you have this public comment period so that you can submit those questions to me and provide your constructive criticism, because I believe you actually have some ideas on how to do that, right?

MR. MOSS: There have been ideas presented by Mr. Henry, and this question has been ongoing for three years that I am aware of. But if that's the next process, then that's the next process. So we will address that through the public comment period.

DR. VARLEY: Correct. And, yes, it's very, very, important that we do get your comments, because your comments actually help us make decisions. So I appreciate you bringing that to the table.

MR. MOSS: Thank you.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Well, thank you. This is
Tim Sueltenfuss again. Let me jump in and mention
the sequence of questions that I will move to. In
just a moment we will go to Mark Henry. Then we'll
go to Matt Baltusis, to Tess Nelkie, then
Tony Spaniola, then Jacob Bennett. And I'll keep a

Page 27 1 running list of those who raise hands, as well. So let's move to Mr. Mark Henry now. 2 3 Mark. I am sorry, I must have put my hand 4 MR. HENRY: 5 up by mistake. 6 MR. SUELTENFUSS: You were just stretching, I 7 think. 8 MR. HENRY: No. I just noticed that my hand 9 was up, and I must have hit that while messing with 10 the screen. I apologize. I don't have a comment. 11 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Let's move, then, to Matt Baltusis. 12 13 Let's see. Mr. Baltusis. Gina, if you can ensure that Matt Baltusis is off of mute. 14 15 Okay. We will come back to Mr. Baltusis. 16 Let's go to Tess Nelkie. 17 MS. NELKIE: I was wondering -- I was looking 18 at the conceptual layout that you have for FT002, 19 and I wondered why would you install smaller carbon 20 tanks, rather than the two large tanks like that 21 are there right now, and would the two larger tanks 22 possibly process more water. That space looks like 23 it could handle the bigger tanks rather than three small tanks. 24

MS. BOND: Okay. That's a great question. So the drawing is a conceptual drawing, so it's not to scale. So it's not possibly as large as it looks. But the reason that we are doing three smaller tanks instead of larger tanks is because of the processing of that water.

And when we do our 0 & M and our maintenance and we backwash those tanks, we need to have -- we wanted to use smaller tanks, three smaller ones, so that we can get a much better backwash of those tanks. And, then, because that backwash water will go into those two settling tanks that you see drawn on the right.

So if we use smaller tanks, we can do a better job of O & M, which will result in a more efficient treatment system if we can do a better backwash on those smaller tanks.

So that was the reason for going with three smaller tanks than doing one larger tank.

The volume of water is the same that will be processed, but it will make it more efficient to do O & M on the system with the smaller ones.

MS. NELKIE: And O & M means?

24 MS. BOND: Oh, I'm sorry. Operations and

Page 29 1 maintenance. 2 MS. NELKIE: Okay. Thank you. 3 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you, ma'am. 4 Let's go now to Mr. Tony Spaniola. Tony. 5 MR. SPANIOLA: Can you hear me? 6 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Yes, I can. 7 MR. SPANIOLA: Thank you, Tim. I have two 8 questions. First, the plan is very clear in that 9 the Air Force does not intend to comply with 10 Michigan law in either the groundwater cleanup standards or the Rule 57 GSI standard. 11 And so my first question is that in March 12 13 of 2017 the Air Force in writing notified the 14 Michigan Senate that -- and gave its assurance that 15 the Air Force is working, and I am quoting, with 16 the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to 17 ensure compliance with applicable Michigan 18 promulgated surface water standards for PFOA and 19 PFOS in groundwater entering Clark's Marsh. 20 That's specifically the GSI standard. 21 is the Air Force not living up to that promise? 22 DR. VARLEY: This is Catharine Varley. So we 23 are following CERCLA. This is a CERCLA process. We are trying to get interim remedial action in 24

place right now while we are still conducting the RI, then the FS, then the proposed plan, and that's where the ARARs come into play. So we are following the law. And with that we are doing our best to protect the area, protect the environment, protect the people.

MR. SPANIOLA: So and this will lead into my second question. So in effect the Air Force is going to be pumping treating water and then pumping it back into the ground in excess of what's allowable under Michigan law at least for the time being.

The second question that I have is that as we all know there are several plumes and maybe more continuous one depicted on the small map that was shown on the proposal. I am concerned about the lack of context there because there is a lot more involved at the marsh. And I am concerned because we often hear from the Air Force that Congress doesn't give them enough money. And unless we let Congress know how big the problem is, we are never going to get enough money.

But my question is that under CERCLA interim actions are called for when there is an

Page 31 imminent and substantial threat to human health or 1 2 the environment. And I didn't see anywhere in the 3 plan how that's delineated. What are the threats? Where do they exist? And, then, how does the plan 4 5 propose to address those specific risks? Not just 6 by popping in three or four wells -- I am not trying to diminish the fact that that's being done, 7 8 but there is no real context given or rationale for 9 measuring success against the CERCLA standard. Can 10 you explain why that's not in the plan? 11 DR. VARLEY: So, sir, let's back it up a little 12 bit. I am going to ask Ms. Sharon Vriesenga to go 13 ahead and address your legal questions first and, 14 then, we will go ahead and continue on. 15 MS. VRIESENGA: Hi, this is Sharon Vriesenga. 16 I am an attorney with the Air Force. I have worked 17 in the restoration program. Back to your first question about why 18 there aren't ARARs in this interim remedial action 19 that take in the state standards. This is, as 20 21 Catharine said, an interim action, and it's 22 building on an existing system that's in place. 23 The existing system is governed by state

substantive requirements documents which set

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standards for what we can have in our discharge from that system for PFOA and PFOS.

Since we are building on an existing system, it makes sense that in the interim while we are trying to figure out what the final answer is going to be at the end of the remedial investigation feasibility study, the final record of decision.

Until we get there and we are building on an existing system, the standards governing that existing system hasn't changed. So those are, as we explained in the proposed plan, those are the standards this interim action will meet. But we were very clear in the proposed plan that when we get to a final action that the state's groundwater cleanup criteria or any other state standards that qualify as applicable or relevant requirements, which is what ARAR stands for, for those in the presentation who may not have known what that acronym was, we are going to comply with those when we get to that point.

Rule 57 is surface water only. We are talking about groundwater and the groundwater surface water interface. So the 12 parts per

trillion for the groundwater surface water interface.

The other groundwater cleanup criteria, if those apply, are applicable, are relevant and appropriate when we get to the final action, which I quite frankly fully expect they will be, then they are going to be chosen as ARARs at that time. They just aren't ARARs for this interim action that's building on an existing system.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Great. Thank you, Sharon.

And, Mr. Spaniola, do you mind just restating that second question, then, so Dr. Varley can respond?

MR. SPANIOLA: Yes. The second question is under CERCLA interim remedial measures are called for when there is an imminent and substantial threat to human health and the environment. In this plan there is no delineation of the threats and no correlation stated as to how those threats are going to be addressed by the plan. In other words, how widespread are the problems.

My personal opinion is that they are much wider than what is shown in this plan given all the other plumes there, or any other basis then for measuring success. So I guess my question is why

1 | that omission?

DR. VARLEY: Ms. Vriesenga, will you take this one, as well?

MS. VRIESENGA: Yes, this is Sharon Vriesenga again. When you talk about the imminent and substantial endangerment, that is something we use as a measure when we are taking a removal action, which as you know we have done several removal actions at the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base to address PFOA and PFOS, particularly if we were worried about it being in drinking water.

This is an interim remedial action, which is a little different than that. So it's not that we have identified another imminent and substantial endangerment right now where there is a pathway that to somebody's drinking water that we have to stop.

This is taking a system that exists. And while we are trying to evaluate through the remedial investigation and the rest of the CERCLA process what the holistic answer will be either for Wurtsmith as a whole or for Clark's Marsh as a whole, we are looking at what can we do in the interim literally to improve on the system that was

put in place under a removal action.

So it's a different sort of analysis than what we do in a removal action. And this is just optimizing a system that's in place to do as much as we can until we have the data that we need to come up with a final answer.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Okay. Thank you very much.

This is Tim Sueltenfuss again. Mr. Spaniola, did

you have any further question, or can we move on to

Mr. Bennett?

MR. SPANIOLA: Just one more. And that's there is no delineation of any of the groundwater cleanup standards for any of the other constituents, other than PFOA and PFOS. I have been under the impression that that information was going to at least be provided. Could you explain?

DR. VARLEY: So the expansion hydraulic control of PFOS and PFOA by optimizing the way that we have modeled and that we have planned, but I do expect critiques, and I do expect questions to come in to me on this. And we should get the capture of all of the constituents by modeling for those two.

Paula, would you like to go ahead and further explain that?

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MS. BOND: Yeah. And, again, under this interim remedial action we were looking at PFOS and PFOA. The other PFAS that Michigan has established groundwater cleanup project or are in the process of doing that but have MCOs for will be addressed in the remedial investigation. So that is part number one.

In the figure that you see that has the PFOS and PFOA plume, this area of the fire training that we are showing in this figure, you know, are some of the higher concentrations that we have.

And that's the goal of this remedy is to reduce the volume of that material that's moving into Clark's Marsh, PFOS and PFOA.

Even though the other PFAS may be within this plume, as well, it's just not depicted. Those concentrations are not depicted on that map, because it just -- it kind of gets too busy in just that one figure. But we are capturing everything that's in the water. We are not just capturing PFOS and PFOA. But this is the focus of this action is PFOS and PFOA.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you, Paula. This is Tim Sueltenfuss again. Let me move on to our

Page 37 additional folks that have their hands raised. 1 This is the order I will go in. Jacob Bennett, 2 then Matt Baltusis, Tim Cummings, Donna Tinley and, 3 then, Mark Henry. 4 5 So, first to Jacob Bennett. 6 MR. BENNETT: This is Jake Bennett from 7 Congressman Kildee's office. I just have two kind 8 of technical questions, because I wasn't sure. 9 So when you're looking at the different 10 plans and are they in compliance with ARAR levels, what is that? What's that goal level in parts per 11 trillion for PFOS that you're judging by the ARAR? 12 13 And the other question I had is out of those two options, the ion and the GAC one, are one 14 15 of them better? Do they filter the PFOS at a lower 16 rate than just over the other? I am just wondering 17 because I thought they said they are both in compliance with the ARAR, but is one of them better 18 than the other? 19 20 MS. BOND: I'll start with the ion exchange and 21 carbon question first. 22 They are -- they are both absorption 23 technology. So as the water moves through there,

the PFOS and PFOA will absorb onto either the ion

Page 38 1 exchange resin or the GAC. They are both very 2 efficient. The difference really becomes in the 3 quality of the water entering the system to for the ion exchange resin to be the most effective. 4 5 quality of that water has to be much better so that 6 we don't have biofalling in those tanks. So there would be additional pretreatment to remove bacteria 7 8 and different things like that. So that's kind of 9 what makes the difference there. They are both 10 very effective. It just depends on the quality of the water coming through. 11 We know the biotraining area that the 12 13 conditions there would require some substantial 14 pretreatment for the use of ion exchange resin. 15 But once you take care of that, then they are both 16 effective at absorbing the PFOS and PFOA. 17 So on the second question, I don't know, 18 Sharon, if you want to answer that question. 19 MS. VRIESENGA: Hi, this is Sharon Vriesenga 20 I think, Mr. Bennett, you're asking about 21 the ARARs for this particular interim remedial 22 action, is that correct? 23 MR. BENNETT: Yes.

MS. VRIESENGA: Okay. And, Paula, I am trying

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1	to remember the exact discharge requirements in the
2	substantive requirements document. Is it 15 and 40
3	or 20 and 40?
4	MS. BOND: It's 15 and 40.
5	MS. VRIESENGA: And 15 is for PFOS?
6	MS. BOND: I'm sorry, Sharon. It's 20 and 40.
7	20 is PFOS and 40 is PFOA.
8	MS. VRIESENGA: So it's 20 parts per trillion
9	for PFOS and 40 parts per trillion for PFOA. Those
LO	are the limits that we can't discharge any more
11	than those.
12	MR. BENNETT: Okay. And both options are
13	equally as efficient as getting it down to that
L4	level is your understanding?
15	MS. BOND: Yes, both alternatives would meet
16	those levels.
17	MR. BENNETT: Okay, because I know in some of
18	the other options other things they were saying it
19	was even quite a bit lower, so that's why I didn't
20	know if you had a number what do you expect the
21	levels to be when they come out of this unit,
22	whether it's a GAC or the ion.
23	MS. BOND: Well, I will say realistically, you
24	know, the fire training area that's operating there

Page 40 1 now, they are achieving even non-detect levels 2 while they are discharging at this point. 3 you know as absorption sites get taken up, of course the concentrations that are making their way 4 5 through increase. So that's when we did the O & M 6 to change out those media bids. So but currently the fire training area is achieving in some cases 7 8 non-detect levels of those going through. 9 MR. BENNETT: Okay. So, I guess, theoretically 10 it could meet the 12 parts per trillion, if that was the level, then, I am guessing? 11 12 MS. BOND: Correct, yes. That's just when 13 you're looking at numbers lower, as you go lower in 14 concentration, it just increases your 0 & M, I'll 15 say, but they are both effective. 16 MR. BENNETT: Okay. That's all I had. Thanks. 17 MR. SUELTENFUSS: All right. Thank you, 18 Mr. Bennett. 19 Let's now move to Mr. Matt Baltusis. 20 Matt, that looks like you're self muted. 21 If you would like to take yourself off mute. 22 We will come back. Okay. 23 Let's now move to Mr. Tim Cummings, then. 24 Sir.

Page 41 Hi, this is Tim Cummings from 1 MR. CUMMINGS: 2 Oscoda Township Board of Trustees. I am interested 3 in following up on Mr. Bennett's question regarding efficiency. So just like the fact that the second 4 5 option meets additional pre-treatment, I am curious 6 to know if there is anything you can provide regarding rates of cleanup in something like 7 8 gallons per hour or gallons per day, because, you 9 know, even though there may be some additional pre-treatment required, is it possible we can get 10 11 more cleanup done faster with the second option, or is the third option the better choice? 12 13 I was going to say that the gallons per minute that we'll be treating will be the same 14 15 for both options. So we are adding five extraction 16 wells, which will increase the capacity of the 17 treatment system by 40 percent. So both of those 18 options will achieve that. 19 MR. CUMMINGS: Thank you. 20 And, Dr. Varley, did you also MR. SUELTENFUSS: 21 have a response? 22 DR. VARLEY: Yes. Just from a technical 23 standpoint, the big problem with ion exchange and

why I am a little bit worried that being able to

Page 42 provide the capture that is needed for this project 1 2 is that it doesn't work well when you have high 3 microbial growth. And we have already been seeing biofalling in the area and the biofalling coming 4 5 from microbial growth, and the excretion of the 6 polysaccharide-like film that they could produce could actually mean less treatment than if we just 7 8 do a GAC system that would not have that microbial 9 problem. 10 MR. CUMMINGS: Thank you. 11 MR. SUELTENFUSS: All right. Thank you, 12 Mr. Cummings. 13 And, again, Tim Sueltenfuss here. order that we'll go in now is Donna Tinley, then 14 15 Mark Henry, then A.J. Birkbeck, then Tony Spaniola, 16 then Greq Cole. 17 So we'll turn to Donna Tinley. 18 MS. TINLEY: Hello. Actually, my questions 19 have already been answered. I was going to ask 20 about the two different systems and how the current 21 GAC was working, what the levels were coming out of 22 there, but I think it's all been answered. 23 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Great. Well, thank you. 24 MS. TINLEY: Thank you.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: I appreciate that. Let's see. Looks see like Mark Henry has a question. Go ahead, Mark.

MR. DELANEY: Hi. I think this is Bob Delaney that you're supposed to be getting. I think that somehow I am under Mark's name, because you called on me before, unmuted me, and Mark stepped in. So, can you hear me?

MR. SUELTENFUSS: I can hear you, yes. For some reason we have two Mark Henry names listed here, but go ahead.

MR. DELANEY: It's supposed to be Bob Delaney.

So one of the things that occurs to me from listening in on the public's questions and comments is that they don't know the true conceptual model of what's going on at the Clark's Marsh.

There are essentially five or maybe six plumes that flow into Clark's Marsh, not just FT002. Just not that one that we are talking about right now. And one of the very huge plume that's flowing into it is coming from the wastewater treatment lagoons and the old infiltration beds that the Air Force used. And that that is coming

into Clark's Marsh and it is also going into the swamps to the west of Clark's Marsh.

The other thing the public doesn't understand, and I don't know if the Air Force does, too, but there are plumes in groundwater that go past Clark's Marsh, they don't discharge into Clark's Marsh, rather they discharge into the Au Sable River directly. And the concern that the public isn't told or shown these things, and it's really impossible for them to evaluate how good this remedy is.

So when people are talking about, well, you're going to do this, but what about the water in the Clark's Marsh, that water is not going to clean up because FT002 is no longer discharging. There is still going to be other plumes coming into Clark's Marsh. The water will continue to be contaminated and continue to move into the Au Sable River. Plus the groundwater -- the plumes will continue to go, too.

So my questions really are these. What documents is the conceptual site model for Clark's Marsh and that the Air Force has produced, where is it in the administrative record so we can look at

Page 45 1 that? 2 And, then, is there currently a physical 3 -- demonstration of physical capture by the current system? By that I mean showing flow lines and 4 5 monitoring results that show that, yeah, indeed, 6 the extraction system is capturing the whole plume. And if that's -- there should be cross-sections and 7 8 there should be flow maps that show that. 9 then, also, where would I look to find 10 cross-sections of the plume in this area? 11 And, then, the last thing I wanted to also 12 say for the public's understanding is that the 13 Air Force isn't showing all the different 14 contaminants that's out there on their maps, in 15 their diagrams, in nothing. So you really don't 16 understand the magnitude of the problem out in 17 Clark's Marsh. 18 They are also not talking about how much sediment contamination is that will continue to 19 20 bleed off for years and years and years. 21 Those are important things for the public 22 to know, and I would like to know that the 23 Air Force is going to be presenting that stuff.

MS. BOND: Okay. Well, thank you for your

questions, and I will try to keep them in order as we go through.

So I think the first question was all of the documents that have — that have been produced that are related to the investigations of Clark's Marsh, the fire training area, are all available on the Air Force administrative record electronically or in the information repository at the library. So there are multiple documents. The site inspection report is there. The expanded site inspection report, the expanded site inspection report addendum. All of those documents are in those two locations.

So there are many documents to look at.

There are annual groundwater marsh reports from the fire training area that are also available that show the concentrations of the groundwater results, the potentiometric maps or the groundwater flow maps for the area. So all of that information is available in the AR -- administrative record and the information repository.

The conceptual site model that we are currently working on that will be presented in the remedial investigation work plan or the UFP plan

for the remedial investigation, that is under development, and that will be available when the remedial investigation report is produced and gone final. So that information, a more refined site conceptual model is being produced there, but all the other information that has been collected to date are in those two locations.

Now you're going to have to remind me the other questions. Sorry.

MR. DELANEY: Okay. Where would I find the physical -- a demonstration of physical capture? You said the annual reports you have got maps with flow lines on them. So I assume that area you're pointing me to on those and, then, obviously the results would be there, also.

MS. BOND: Yes, the capture of the -- are you talking about the capture of the existing FT002 treatment system?

MR. DELANEY: Yes. That system you see how it's functioning currently, because we had some questions on engineering, but those are too detailed to bring up in a public meeting. We are just wanting to know about the, you know, bring up the big picture stuff for here.

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One of the things I am concerned about is in those site inspection reports you never reported any of the state data. And so those site inspection reports don't show all the information that's available and people won't see the plumes discharging into -- into the Au Sable River directly.

So, anyway, I just would like to see a better job done as far as explaining to people what the situation is as we know it right now, because whenever we see these kind of things, if I hadn't worked on this site for so long, nobody out here, except for maybe Mark Henry, would be able to actually evaluate whether this interim remedial action is a good idea or not. So, anyway, my point is that there needs to be a lot more exchange in information with the public.

MS. BOND: All right. All those the documents that you are -- like I said, they are either on the ARARS, the annual groundwater sampling reports for FT002 are out there that show the concentrations of the current plume capture of the treatment system, those O & M reports are there, so I think that's the best place to go to look for that information.

1 | It's available in those locations.

MR. DELANEY: Okay. Thank you.

DR. VARLEY: And Mr. Delaney, this is
Catharine Varley again. So EGLE did evaluate this
proposed plan as well as the flora surface. So we
have given our best shot at it. We look forward to
your comments. I hope that you do provide
something new that we haven't thought of and give
us recommendations as to how you would see us
moving forward. And hopefully, you know, you are
talking about Wurtsmith contamination, not the
township's wastewater treatment plans or something
else, because our modeling is all based on
Wurtsmith and our sites on base.

MR. DELANEY: Yes, the wastewater treatment plant that is on the former base was transferred over to the township, but the old fire training area, the disc that everybody is familiar with, the drainage from that was directed out into the wastewater treatment plant for many, many years, and so that went -- the treatment plant did not touch that contamination and deposited it directly into the infiltration beds. So there is an enormous plume generated from those infiltration

Page 50 1 beds. 2 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Okay. And, Mr. Delaney, this 3 is Tim Sueltenfuss. Let me just jump in real quick. Know we have a number of folks who want to 4 5 ask questions. We have about 15 minutes left in our informal Q & A session before we go to formal 6 7 comments. 8 Let me just check to see if Mark Henry had 9 a question that he would like to pose. 10 Okay. Well, let's move to A.J. Birkbeck. 11 And, Gina, if you could --MR. BIRKBECK: Hello. Can you hear me? 12 13 I can. Yes, sir. Go ahead. MR. SUELTENFUSS: MR. BIRKBECK: Fantastic. Sorry about that. 14 15 am A.J. Birkbeck with the PFOS. I wanted to follow 16 up on a question that Tony posed, which was a very 17 good one, regarding ARARs. And, you know, for 18 those that aren't familiar with the CERCLA system, 19 CERCLA contains federal law and what you need to do under federal law. And as we know federal law is 20 21 lacking with respect to PFOS. So you need to turn 22 to state law. 23 And the way that works itself into the

federal paradigm under the NCP for a cleanup is

through ARARs. And I heard mention that we don't need to look at all the ARARs at this point. We need to look at them for the final remedy. And I agree we need to look at them for the final remedy, but there was reference to an existing system, and because we don't have an existing system, we are not going to be needing all those ARARs.

Under my understanding, ARARs for interim actions should be every bit as stringent as for final remedy, unless there is a waiver or some other real legitimate reason that they should not be followed. And certainly the Part 201 cleanup standards for seven different PFOS compounds should be considered ARARs for the interim system that's being proposed.

You know, whether or not it can meet them, there are physical limitations on what can be met, but, you know, I am hearing that discharges are going to be at very low levels. And I am just wondering what is your basis for not including all seven cleanup criteria as ARARs for the IRM.

MS. VRIESENGA: This is Sharon Vriesenga with the Air Force.

Again, we are building off an existing

system that has state requirements already put on that system for what we have to do discharging from that system. So if you're expanding an existing system, you don't -- you stay with the limits that have already been put on that system.

In the proposed plan, I am sure you already read it, but I'll just give you the page reference, it's on Page 11. We quote the CERCLA provision that says if the remedial action selected is only part of a total remedial action that will attain such level or standard of control when completed, then the interim action doesn't have to meet all of those ARARs that will apply to the formal final action.

And that's what we are doing here. This is a piece of the bigger puzzle. And we are working just on this one piece right now. And this one piece is trying to optimize a system that's already in place so that we can increase the amount of PFOA and PFOS that we pull out of the groundwater from this existing plant.

So as Paula already said, in many cases the levels we are pulling out are going to be lower than the levels that are set in the substantive

Page 53 1 requirements document. But when you're trying to 2 develop a plan that builds off an existing system, 3 you stick with the limits that have already been 4 put on that existing system. 5 Okay. So what you're saying, MR. BIRKBECK: 6 then, is the state would need to adjust those limits if we wanted something that approached the 7 8 state standards that you're just proceeding under 9 an existing -- under an existing permit then from 10 the state? 11 MS. VRIESENGA: It's not a permit because 12 legally the state cannot issue a permit to the 13 Air Force for an on-site discharge kind of action. 14 That's in CERCLA. They have issued us a 15 substantive requirements document which is similar. 16 The Air Force would be complying with discharge 17 limits. We would be talking to them about that. 18 This is what they set for us is 20 for PFOS and 40 for PFOA. 19 20 Okay. So the substantive MR. BIRKBECK: 21 requirements document is your basis for not meeting 22 the Part 201 cleanup standards as an ARAR, is that 23 what you're saying? MS. VRIESENGA: I think that's twisting it a 24

Page 54 little bit. What we are saying is we are looking 1 2 at the system that we are optimizing and looking at 3 what is the appropriate ARARs -- are the appropriate ARARs for the system that we are 4 5 optimizing. And for that we are using the 6 standards that have been put on that system by the state. 8 And the proposed plan also talks about 9 there will be some other ARARs having to do with solid waste disposal requirements and things like 10 that about the construction of the extraction 11 But as far as the discharge to groundwater, 12 wells. those requirements are coming from the substantive 13 14 requirements document. 15 MR. BIRKBECK: Okay. I don't want to use up 16 any more of the time. I would posit that the 17 Part 201 cleanup standards should be ARARs 18 governing this IRM more than they do, but thank 19 you. 20 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you, Mr. Birkbeck. We 21 appreciate that. 22

The sequence of questions we have now is Tony Spaniola, then Greg Cole, then Mike Munson and Arnie Leriche.

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So we will go to Mr. Spaniola.

MR. SPANIOLA: Thank you. In light of the comments that we have had tonight about the both from Mr. Moss and Mr. Delaney about other things that could and maybe should be addressed here, we have been presented with really two alternatives, which is the installation of some monitoring wells and it's pick one technology or the other.

Will the Air Force consider comments suggesting that the capture zone or capture zones be extended or expanded in light of some of the comments we have heard tonight?

DR. VARLEY: This is Catharine Varley. We will consider all comments as we make our path forward. That's why it's important that you submit your comments, that you make sure they are thoughtful, that you make sure that you know what you're asking and we actually know what you're asking, if that makes sense. So I encourage you to submit your comments.

And if you believe that another well is needed, then say so. However, we have done our modeling, and we'll need to consider what you're saying with respect to the modeling. EGLE's

Page 56 1 reviews or service reviews and everything else. 2 Everything works together to come up with a final 3 moving point or a final decision. MR. SUELTENFUSS: Okay. Thank you, Dr. Varley. 4 5 And I appreciate the question, Mr. Spaniola. 6 Let's go to Mr. Greg Cole. MR. COLE: Yes, Greg Cole, member of the NOW, 7 8 Need Our Water, group here in Oscoda. 9 My question is, we have two different 10 technologies on the base right now. I understand that we are doing ion resin exchange. And what my 11 question is, if that's true, will you be 12 13 eliminating the ion process to use what you're 14 saying is a more effective and cost saving GAC 15 technology? 16 MS. BOND: We're -- I guess --17 DR. VARLEY: This is Catharine Varley. Let me 18 answer that. That's a programatic question, Paula. 19 So right now we are at the beginning We are at the RI. So our final treatment 20 stages. systems have not been determined for what we will 21 22 actually do to take care of the PFOS and PFOA. 23 This is an interim remedial action building on the 24 system that we already have in place. The current

Page 57 ion exchange system, without doing another IRA or 1 2 another process to change it out, it doesn't make sense to change it out at this point in time. 3 already functioning. It might be dealing with some 4 5 microbial population growth that reduces its 6 efficiency, but that can all be overcome by the pre-treatment that's currently in place. And we 7 8 don't know what we are going to be putting in 9 there. 10 As the proposed plan, not the interim 11 proposed plan, like where we are currently at, we are doing a proposed plan for intermediary action 12 13 right now, but the proposed plan that will reach 14 the record decision for the actual technology that 15 will be employed at the site. 16 So there is a lot of moving parts. 17 is a lot to be considered. But this is only one 18 small piece of the puzzle. And the whole reason for this interim remedial action is to gain 19 20 hydraulic capture. It does not affect any other 21 interim remedial action. 22 MR. COLE: Okay. Thank you.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Okay. Well, thank you very

much. We appreciate that.

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We have five more minutes for informal Q & A, and so we will go to Mike Munson. Go ahead, Mike.

MR. MUNSON: I had a hard time unmuting. I am sorry. My question was answered between the two attorneys. It appears that the Air Force is sticking to their guns in regards to higher contamination levels, but I guess that will all work itself out hopefully in the future when our congress people get involved. Thank you very much.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you very much.

DR. VARLEY: This is Catharine Varley. I would like to comment on that. We are putting a new treatment system or new GAC in place, and that new system should provide non-detect. So whether or not we are currently saying we are adhering to the SRD in place, the decision document or the substantive requirement document that's actually in place, we are still expecting to get non-detect from this system.

So I want to be clear. We are still expecting non-detect. We are still expecting to be below the Michigan levels when we install this system or install a system because it can still

1 | change.

2 MR. MUNSON: Okay. Thank you for that clarity.
3 I appreciate it. Mike Munson out.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you very much, sir.

Last question most likely here in the informal

Q & A session is to Mr. Arnie Leriche. Go ahead,

Arnie.

And, Gina, if you can go ahead and unmute Arnie Leriche.

And, then, Arnie, you will have to unmute yourself, as well. And, Arnie, yes, I see you. Go ahead.

MR. LERICHE: Sorry. Okay. Regarding the SRD quasi permit that the state issued in 2014, I think it was, and, then, in '15 when it was put in place, the first FT002 GAC, that was based on technology based standard and SRD requirements. Even the Air Force did not have much experience with GACs. I believe it was the first the Air Force installed maybe in the DOD. We are six years beyond that with technology.

I strongly request that the Air Force review all of the GACs, all of the ionic exchange units that have been installed in the last four to

five years, and update and offer to the state a new -- new limits for the SRD to be modified.

It is not fair because the CERCLA, you're right the person who said this, CERCLA on site does — prohibits the state from issuing or requiring a permit. However, the Air Force under the interim remedial action and any technology review that you do implementing CERCLA, you can offer your experience at other sites. And as a matter of fact you just stated a few minutes ago that you're meeting non-detect. So why not bring that standard down?

And, secondly, as far as the two, ionic exchange versus GAC, why isn't the Air Force looking at a pilot study on that pre-treatment of the biology, the biologic issue and blinding of ionic exchange, and use the system, put in a biologic control as a pre-treatment as a pilot study, because you may not be able to meet the Hexanesulfonate, which is a lower chain, smaller chain. But at least you will have that data to use in your IR later on. If you can address the first question, I would appreciate it.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Arnie, I think we are trying

Page 61 1 to figure out exactly how to approach that first 2 question. Could you just re-summarize what that 3 first question is? MR. LERICHE: The first question is the SRD 4 5 that the state issued to or negotiated with the 6 Air Force in 2014 was a technology-based standard that is a long time ago and it was a lot more 7 8 technology. I believe the Air Force has new 9 information that they can offer a better standard 10 and design for their system to meet. And why isn't the Air Force offering that newer technology limit 11 in the SRD for this new interim remedial action? 12 13 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Okay. Thank you. I 14 appreciate that. Any responses for Mr. Leriche? 15 DR. VARLEY: Yes, this is Catharine Varley. 16 The key things right here that we are talking about 17 is that this is an interim remedial action to 18 obtain hydraulic capture. It is not the final 19 remedy, sir. And we will address that as we move 20 through the CERCLA process. We are doing our best 21 with what we have right now. 22 And, honestly, we do need that remedial 23 investigation data to really truly understand where

the plumes are, how their extent, their sole

Page 62 1 strength, and that's a different project, but we 2 will get to that, okay? Right now we are focused 3 on the interim remedial action, which builds upon a current system, and that's where we are at. 4 5 MR. LERICHE: Well, other sites have done pilot 6 studies like these in 2015 and '16 based on the knowledge that was developed at Wurtsmith. 7 8 DR. VARLEY: Oh, trust me, Arnie. 9 advocating for pilot studies. I have been 10 advocating since I came on board. I put in 11 numerous pilot studies over my Air Force career, and before my Air Force career. So, trust me, I am 12 working on it, okay? 13 Okay. Well, hopefully, you have 14 MR. LERICHE: 15 got the money, because there was 13 million 16 originally given to you last -- to the Air Force 17 Thank you. last year. 18 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you very much, 19 Mr. Leriche. I appreciate that. Now I wanted to ask Gina to move us to 20 21 Slide 23. So I appreciate your questions, and I do 22 want to make sure that we have enough time reserved 23 for the formal public comment period. So we are now transitioning out of that second segment of the 24

agenda, the informal Q & A session, and into the final segment of the agenda, the formal public comment portion of tonight's meeting.

MS. BOND: Tim, this is Paula. I want to ask
Gina to advance to the next slide, if she could.
The next slide, it has Dr. Varley's contact
information. I just want to leave that slide up so
that as folks listen to the comments being made,
they can jot down this information if they need to
have it.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you. So this is

Tim Sueltenfuss again. If you would like to make a comment tonight, please raise your hand electronically. We will use the same procedure as we used before. When I call on you, please state your name and make your comment. Please make it as succinctly as you can so that we have time to hear from others, as well.

Just as a reminder, the court reporter will record your comment word for word. The Air Force will not respond to your comment tonight. Instead, the Air Force will respond to comments within a responsiveness summary prepared at the end of the 30-day public comment period. So as you can

Page 64 1 see here, this slide indicates other ways that you 2 can submit formal comments throughout this entire 3 30-day public comment period, as well. So I have just continued with the names 4 5 that were on the list. I'll check to see. 6 DR. VARLEY: Hey, Tim, this is Catharine Varley. So this is where the AR is 7 8 located. Can you go back to the slide that has my 9 contact information on it, or Gina? Can you go back to the Slide 7, I believe? I want to make 10 11 sure everybody has my e-mail address and my 12 address. Thank you. 13 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Okay. Thank you very much. I'm just checking to see those who have hands 14 15 raised. I think Mark Henry has his hand raised, so 16 we'll go to Mark Henry. 17 And, Gina, that's the first one. 18 MR. HENRY: Okay. Sorry I didn't get to the 19 microphone fast enough during the public discussion section. I did take a look at the administrative 20 21 record for Wurtsmith Air Force Base because I have 22 been frustrated by not being able to find documents

recent documents. And in looking through them over

related to the fire training area, or at least

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Page 65 the last ten minutes, there is very little there 1 2 about fire training area. And when you do a 3 search, there is nothing there since 2018. So there doesn't seem to be any mechanism to be able 4 5 to -- for the public to be able to look at the 6 details of the plume there and be able to provide rational arguments for positions that might be 7 8 made. 9 And I would request that if those 10 documents are there, and I am missing them for the 11 past two years, that the AR numbers be provided to 12 us, and I will share them with everybody that would have an interest, because I am not seeing them 13 14 there. 15 MR. SUELTENFUSS: All right. Thank you very 16 much, Mr. Henry. We appreciate that. 17 Gina, I see that the entry also labeled 18 Mark Henry, but the second entry, I think that may 19 be Bob Delaney, so let's go ahead and unmute that. 20 And, Mr. Delaney, go ahead. 21 MR. DELANEY: Yes, this is Robert Delaney or 22 Bob Delaney, and I will be making my comments for

the most part in written form, but I did want to

say one of the things that the Air Force needs to

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Page 66 do is to develop a base line ecological impact out 1 there, determine what's out there as far as the 2 3 fish and mouse and other things, and that may be being done in conjunction with the forest service 4 5 or with the state of Michigan, which is all fine. 6 But, you know, one of the things as you guys reduce contamination and do various things, seeing the 7 8 effect on wildlife is really critical, because 9 that's the pathway to people. And so I would just 10 encourage that to be done in the near future to get a really good baseline of the impacts on the 11 wetlands and the wildlife there. 12 That's it. Thank 13 you. Okay, thank you very much, 14 MR. SUELTENFUSS: 15 Mr. Delaney. I appreciate that. 16 Looks like next on the list is Jeff Moss. 17 So go ahead, Mr. Moss. 18 MR. MOSS: Thank you. I quess my confusion 19 throughout this whole conversation is a remedial action for Clark's Marsh, and what seems to be 20 21 happening is is that you have identified that you 22 have an existing treatment plant at FT002, which is 23 on base, that has direct plume that you have identified and you're looking to contain it 24

further, but what's the remediation in Clark's Marsh?

So there is a lot of money that you're talking, 10 to \$12 million to remediate FT002, which is phenomenal, a site which has been identified for a myriad of time that we want an extension of wells in that area, but I am wondering what is the consideration of spending that \$10 million to affect the surface water that's being contaminated at thousands of parts per trillion currently and ongoingly in Clark's Marsh.

So I am thrilled that the detection levels at FT002 coming from the GAC are near non-detect. But that's not the case of the water flowing at Clark's Marsh from the surface water, not the Aquifer. And what we are talking about remediation of Clark's Marsh is not FT002. And I don't quite understand how you're calling this action a remediation in Clark's Marsh, because what you're doing is extending the curtain at FT002, which affects Clark's Marsh.

And as a community member of Oscoda and

Au Sable Township, we are seeing the ramifications

of that Au Sable Township to where we don't know

Page 68 where we are getting the contamination from, 1 because it can't be identified, because of the 2 dilution levels and the foam in the river and the 3 foam in the lake and everything being addressed. 4 5 The big lake and the river at the mouth is not 6 attributed to Clark's Marsh, which is exactly the 7 point source of where it's all coming from. 8 So I would really like to know where that 9 \$10 million can be spent where we can see some action taken in the marsh itself along with 10 addressing extending the curtain at FT002. 11 12 you. 13 Thank you very much for your MR. SUELTENFUSS: comment, Mr. Moss. I appreciate that. 14 15 We'll next turn to Mr. Mark Munson for a 16 comment. 17 MR. MUNSON: No, I raised my hand by mistake. 18 I am all set. Thank you, much. Mark Munson out. MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you, sir. I appreciate 19 20 that. 21 I see David Winn had a hand raised, as 22 well. David. 23 Can you hear me now? MR. WINN:

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Yes, sir.

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MR. WINN: A statement was made earlier relative to the fact that the state of Michigan and the forestry service had reviewed this proposal and provided their comments back to the Air Force. It would sure be nice to understand what those comments were and hope that the state of Michigan and the forestry service's comments were incorporated as part of this proposal.

As I understand those comments were only put together in the last probably one to two weeks that were presented. So I sure hope that this proposal that was presented tonight had included the state of Michigan's and the forestry service comments.

The other question or the other comment that I would like to make is that I noticed on one of the slides that it stated that the data used most recently monitor data for the extraction wells was dated 2012 to 2019. And I am wondering and I am hoping that current data -- that that data could be updated and used as part of the proposal going forward. Thank you.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

I see Greg Chaffin had a comment, as well. So, Greg.

MR. CHAFFIN: Thank you. This is Greg Chaffin from Representative Slotkin's office, and I was hoping to make this comment and question during the informal session, but unfortunately I didn't make it on the wire.

I wanted to go back to a comment that was made earlier about commitments the Air Force made to Michigan state legislature in 2017 and, then, referencing statements about, you know, getting down to a non-detect standard.

Given the commitments that the Air Force made, I am curious as to why if the plan is to get to a non-detect standard that why those commitments can't be upheld and sort of what happens in the intervening period between when those commitments were made and now. So thank you for that.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: All right. Thank you very much, sir. I appreciate that.

Tony Spaniola has a comment. Go ahead, Mr. Spaniola.

MR. SPANIOLA: Thank you, Tim. I would just like to say in light of the questions that were

raised earlier tonight, it's even more clear, and this issue has been percolating for several weeks now, that it would have been far more efficient and appropriate for these comments to have been and questions to have been taken, received and thought about much earlier in this process, not after two alternatives have been pointed to and presented.

This process by which this proposal has been developed has been conducted in secret and has not involved a single soul from Oscoda. There is nothing in CERCLA that says the Air Force and the state agencies are to conduct this review in secret. There is nothing in anywhere that would have prevented the Air Force from contacting the community when this went up on the administrative record on March 1st. We had to find out from the news media.

And I think that many of these questions could have been addressed and incorporated in this plan, and we would be much further along in the process. I suspect that the plan might also be far more comprehensive because it's much too narrow.

And I hope that the Air Force will take this into consideration on the Van Etten Lake plan

that's being developed, include people much more earlier in the process.

Secondly, I want to point out that I keep hearing that because this is an interim remedial action that somehow we can do or the Air Force can do something less than what should be done in the end. That is a poor use and poor management of taxpayer dollars. Do it right and do it right now.

And I go back again to the fact that the Air Force made a promise to the state of Michigan that it was working in 2017, four years ago, to comply with the GSI at Clark's Marsh. Again, there is nothing in CERCLA, nothing, that prohibits the Air Force from fulfilling that commitment.

And to say that the Air Force is going to wait for another so many years and do some more studies really undercuts the veracity and the integrity of that promise that was made to the state of Michigan and to our community.

We are looking for the Air Force to be a partner. And by those comments and the way that this process has been handled, we really are treated more as an outsider and almost as the enemy in this. I see we have an unclassified document

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1	here on the slides. Before tonight everything was
2	classified as if somehow we are the enemy. That
3	needs to change. Thank you.
4	MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you, Mr. Spaniola. I
5	appreciate your comment, sir.
6	I see Jeff Moss you have your hand up
7	still. Would you like to make a comment, sir?
8	MR. MOSS: No, thank you. I am all set. Thank
9	you.
LO	MR. SUELTENFUSS: All right. Thank you, sir.
11	I see Alyssa Stewart has a comment. So go
12	ahead, Alyssa.
13	MS. STEWART: Hi, my name is Alyssa Stewart. I
L4	am a NOW member. I'm also the varsity swim coach
15	in our area. And, first of all, I want to say
16	thank you for the work that you have put in, but we
L7	need to continue to push for that. There
18	definitely needs to be more done at Clark March.
19	As someone who is involved in aquatics in the area,
20	it is extremely important to us.
21	And as I'm a clean water ambassador for
22	the state of Michigan, as well, so if you were
23	interested in getting a committee of Oscodains put
24	together so that we can be more in contact and know

Page 74 more of what's going on, I would be happy to do so. 1 2 MR. SUELTENFUSS: All right. Thank you very 3 much, Ms. Stewart. We appreciate your comments. Let's see. Are there other comments? 4 5 Just indicate by raising your hand electronically, 6 if you would, and we will record those comments 7 word for word. 8 I see Mr. Arnie Leriche has a comment, so 9 Mr. Leriche we'll go to you. 10 MR. LERICHE: Hi, Tim. Can you hear me? MR. SUELTENFUSS: Yes, sir. 11 MR. LERICHE: On Page 20 of your -- of the 12 13 presentation, there's a diagram of the new 14 conceptual layout. Does the plumbing of that new 15 system allow for a better increased uptime of the 16 pumping of the well fields? Because of change out 17 of the old GAC versus the new GAC, can you make 18 sure that there is always 100 percent of the water flowing from the capturing, including a power 19 backup? So we increase the -- to increase the 20 21 uptime and capture time above the 95 percent or 22 have better assurance that you will do that. Thank 23 you. MR. SUELTENFUSS: All right.

Thank you very

much, Mr. Leriche. We appreciate that.

I see that Christina Coulon is attempting to make a comment or has before. Looks like a PIN needs to be entered, so Gina let me just see if you can connect with Christina and try to sort that out.

While that occurs, are there other comments, other folks who would like to make comments?

I see Shannon Abbott would like to make a comment. So, Ms. Abbott, your way.

MS. ABBOTT: Here we go. Hi, my name is Shannon Abbott. I work within the environmental nonprofit world, but I am actually leaving a comment on behalf of myself tonight. I wasn't planning on doing that. I just wanted to echo something Tony said earlier. And that is we continuously are hearing in this conversation tonight that you are meeting the minimums with this IRA and that you don't have to do better than you are with it.

And I just want to say that we need to as the Air Force and as a community and as a state and as a federal government, we all need to do better

Page 76 1 and not just put forth the bare minimum. We need 2 to do better and know that it's going to benefit us 3 It's going to save us money, time, in the long run, but it's also going to impact our health 4 5 and the safety of all of our community members if 6 we do the work now and take the extra step now. That's all I have to say. 7 8 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you, Ms. Abbott. 9 appreciate that. This is Tim Sueltenfuss again. And do we have others who would like to make a 10 11 comment? I see Rex Vaughn has raised his hand. 12 So we'll turn to you, Mr. Vaughn. Go ahead, Rex. 13 Rex, it looks like you just need to take 14 15 yourself off mute, and we should be good to go. 16 Okay. So, Rex, when you have the 17 opportunity, just click that mute button to take 18 yourself off mute and we'll come your way. Let's see. As that technical issue is 19 20 being worked through, please let me see if anyone 21 else would like to make a comment. 22 I see Jennifer Hill has a hand up, so 23 we'll turn to Jennifer Hill. And, Jennifer, if you can just click off of mute, and we should be able 24

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1	to hear you.
2	MS. HILL: Hi. Can you hear me?
3	MR. SUELTENFUSS: I can, yes. Go ahead.
4	MS. HILL: Okay. Thank you. Yes, this is
5	Jennifer Hill from National Wildlife Federation,
6	and I
7	MR. SUELTENFUSS: Jennifer, we may have lost
8	you there. Are you with us?
9	And do we have Jennifer Hill with us?
10	Okay. While Jennifer works with the mute
11	button, let's see if anyone else has a comment to
12	make.
13	Rex Vaughn I see your hand is up. Would
14	you like to make a comment?
15	MR. VAUGHN: Can you hear me now?
16	MR. SUELTENFUSS: I can, yes, sir.
17	MR. VAUGHN: All right. Sorry for the
18	technological faux pas earlier trying to unmute
19	myself.
20	MR. SUELTENFUSS: Go ahead.
21	MR. VAUGHN: During tonight's discussion
22	related to the differences between the SRD at
23	20/40, and the current state regulations at much
24	lower levels, which will probably be in effect at

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1	the time that you go to final solution, it seems to
2	be an unwise and really inefficient approach to
3	spend \$10 million on a system that will only do
4	20/40, when if you drop in a couple of more carbon
5	tanks and maybe change a couple more pumps, you
6	could be in the position that that system would be
7	ready to meet those requirements down the road
8	without spending another nickel.
9	So I think it's an unwise use of taxpayer
_0	money to restrict that system to a 20/40 condition,
1	when you know right now that you're going to have
_2	to do a lot better in a couple of years. Thank you
_3	very much.
4	MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. I
_5	appreciate your comment.
. 6	Let's check in with Jennifer Hill to see
L7	if Jennifer is with us.
-8	Okay. And, Jennifer, if you are free, go
_9	ahead and take yourself off mute.
20	Thank you all for your patience with the
21	technology we have all had to learn to deal with
22	over this last year or more.
23	And, Jennifer, go ahead.
24	MS. HILL: Can you hear me?

Page 79 1 MR. SUELTENFUSS: I can. Go ahead. 2 MS. HILL: Okay. I am so sorry. Technological 3 difficulties. Okay. Yes. So I was in the middle of 4 5 saying that, you know, I just wanted to echo a lot 6 of the comments that were heard tonight. And, you know, there are a lot of concerns being raised, and 7 8 I really hope that the sentiment that I heard 9 tonight from the Air Force that you all are really 10 going to thoughtfully take these --11 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Okay. And, Jennifer, we have lost audio on you. We will come back your way and 12 13 see if you're able to reconnect. But, of course, 14 as displayed here there are various other ways to 15 get comments in during this 30-day public comment 16 period here. So please continue to work on that. 17 And if not, you can use one of those other methods. 18 We'll go now to Mr. Paul Rekowski for 19 comment. Over to you, Mr. Rekowski. MR. REKOWSKI: How is that? 20 21 MR. SUELTENFUSS: I can hear you, sir. 22 ahead. 23 MR. REKOWSKI: Okay. Good. I just wanted to speak up and congratulate the Air Force with the 24

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1	job they are doing, and I think they are going
2	above and beyond what might be necessary, and I
3	commend them for wanting to take an approach where
4	they have all the data that they need to gather
5	during the RI before they make a decision on the
6	final remedy. I think that's the right approach.
7	That's all I got. Thanks.
8	MR. SUELTENFUSS: All right. Thank you very
9	much, sir. I appreciate that.
LO	And let's see. Do we have Jennifer Hill
11	back with us just yet?
12	Okay. I see Rex Vaughn has a hand raised.
13	Rex, do you have an additional comment you would
L4	like to make for the record?
15	MR. VAUGHN: No, I do not. Let me make sure
16	it's shut off.
17	MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you very much, sir. I
18	appreciate that.
L9	And do we have other comments from folks?
20	This is a good opportunity for a quick commercial.
21	As you see the slide displayed here, there are a
22	variety of other ways to submit comments during
23	this public comment period, as well.
24	T am just continuing to check if hands are

Page 81 1 raised. I see Arnie Leriche has a comment, so 2 let's go to Mr. Leriche. 3 MR. LERICHE: Can you hear me? MR. SUELTENFUSS: Yes, sir. Yes, we can. 4 5 MR. LERICHE: Is this interim remedial action 6 dictated by technology and analysis, or is it 7 limited by budget? And the point that I want to 8 bring into this question is that there was 13 and a 9 half million dollars authorized by Congress FY 21 to bring interim actions to Wurtsmith, and 10 11 Congressman Kildee spoke to that on two occasions. So I would like an answer for the record 12 13 on that. Thank you. Thank you very much. 14 MR. SUELTENFUSS: 15 appreciate that. And, as indicated, the Air Force 16 will be gathering comments and responding to those 17 in a responsiveness summary at the conclusion of 18 that 30-day public comment period. And this is one 19 way to submit those in. Are there other comments that folks would 20 21 like to make? I see A.J. Birkbeck would like to 22 make a comment. Go ahead. 23 MR. BIRKBECK: Again, I would just like to repeat that I believe that the seven Part 201 24

groundwater cleanup criteria should all be considered as ARARs in spite of the fact that the state did issue some guidance some time ago before those were put into place to the Air Force for discharges from their system.

So I guess my question would be what is the basis for not including those as ARARs at this interim action.

Again, those are targets, and I don't see why we shouldn't be aiming towards targets that are, in fact, existing here in Michigan. That's the whole purpose of ARAR system is to incorporate state standards that may be more stringent than federal. Thank you.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

Are there other comments? And as I was indicating previously, so written summary of comments and information submitted during the public comment period and the Air Force response would be in the responsiveness summary included in the Clark's Marsh Interim ROD.

Dr. Varley, let me just make sure that that is accurately relayed by me.

Page 83 1 DR. VARLEY: Yes, sir, you are correct. 2 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you. 3 Okay. Do we have other comments to include? 4 5 I see Jennifer Hill is with us. Go ahead, 6 Jennifer. Hello. This is Jennifer Hill 7 MS. HILL: Okay. 8 with National Wildlife Federation. I'll just start 9 over. 10 So I really, you know, there are a lot of 11 I think concerning comments that came up tonight 12 about the scope and the stringency of the plans and 13 the standards that are being talked about to be met 14 for these plans. And, you know, I was glad to hear 15 it, and I just really encourage the Air Force to 16 follow through on the commitment to thoughtfully 17 consider comments from the community about what 18 needs to happen to make these plans meet the needs 19 that are being expressed by the community. 20 And I would just say and reiterate this point has been made many times, but that the, you 21 22 know, while there may be minimum standards that 23 need to be met, you know, the longer we wait to

address problems, the more costly the solutions are

and the more impacts we have to people, wildlife, and to the economy in Oscoda.

So I encourage you to meet the strongest standards that you're able to meet. And it sounds like those are able to be met at this time. And I encourage the Air Force to look at that again and think about doing that. Thanks so much.

MR. SUELTENFUSS: Great. And thank you very much for your patience. We appreciate your persistence, as well, Ms. Hill.

Are there other comments?

And just as a reminder, we are in that final section of the agenda, the formal public comment portion of the agenda. And comments are being recorded by a court reporter, as well.

Rex Vaughn has a hand up. Mr. Vaughn.

MR. VAUGHN: Thank you, Tim. A follow-up comment I would like to make is if economic technology exists that would allow the effluent discharge off the FT002 system that would allow it to meet the Part 201 standards, it would be economically foolish not to deploy them at this time, because the cost to go back in and change that system again to comply with the ARARs that are

Page 85 1 going to come out of this whole process at the end 2 of the RI and the feasibility study would be a 3 classic case of government waste of taxpayer monies. 4 5 There was a congressman years ago that 6 used to issue a Golden Fleece Award to where he thought wasteful spending took place in government, 7 8 and I would nominate the decision not to meet the Part 201 as a potential candidate for the Golden 9 10 Fleece Award if the Air Force doesn't change their 11 position. So in the public or in their comments to 12 13 the response of these formal comments, I would like 14 to have the Air Force do a much better job of 15 explaining why they wouldn't want to meet those 16 standards today, instead of doing it all over again 17 a few years down the road. Thank you very much. 18 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. 19 appreciate that. 20 I see Bentley Johnson has a hand raised, so we'll turn to Bentley Johnson. 21 22 Thank you. Can you hear me MR. JOHNSON: Hi. 23 all right? MR. SUELTENFUSS: Yes, sir. Go ahead. 24

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MR. JOHNSON: All right. Thank you. I'll keep my comments quick because I think I will follow up with written comments, or rather my organization, Michigan League Conservation Voters, will follow up with some specific, you know, comments, technical comments, probably join some other groups on written comments, as well.

But I wanted to emphasize a couple things. First, I think transparency needs to be at the forefront. And not only just transparency, but as I listen to some of the back and forth and some of the challenges of local elected officials, local residents, you know, non-governmental organization groups, there seems to be a challenge in getting information.

And with presumably everyone with the -with similar goals of protecting public health,
cleaning up this mess, I think it's really vital
that we have -- that we are working off of the same
information and that those inputs from really
knowledgeable experts, some of whom have been
working on this for years, really be brought in,
because I am worried about the big picture and
about different plumes and different areas being

missed because of a piecemeal approach and not making whether it's underlying data or maps available and making it clear about where and how you can access that information. So that's one piece.

And, then, I would echo -- I would just associate my comments with folks that went before me about cleaning up to the state standard and really re-evaluating, you know, best available technology along the way to make sure that we can do that. And that will -- and as people said before, that not only most importantly will help save lives and help prevent exposure and health impacts, but it will help use taxpayer dollars wisely.

And I guess I'll stop there, because I think I am eager to continue to hear from a variety of experts about some of the technical aspects of this plan. From what I have heard so far, you know, it seems like there could be more monitoring, it seems like there are some — there is some analysis about the location of different extraction wells. And I want to make sure that, you know, this particular plan and future remedial actions

Page 88 1 and remedial investigation is done in the way that 2 we can get the most bang for our buck and 3 prevention. 4 So thanks for the opportunity to comment, 5 and you can expect to hear more from Michigan 6 League of Conservation Voters and our members. Thank you. 7 8 MR. SUELTENFUSS: Thank you very much, 9 Mr. Johnson. I appreciate that. 10 Looks like we have time for maybe one more I see Arnie Leriche has his hand raised. 11 comment. 12 so Arnie your way. 13 MR. LERICHE: Before 2015 when the original FT002 GAC unit was installed, the Air Force in my 14 15 opinion was doing a pretty good job listening to 16 the state DEO on that action needed to be taken. 17 And they put that GAC unit in not knowing all the 18 information that they would have liked. But they took a chance on it. 19 Since 2014 and '15 and '16 with the new 20 21 EPA drinking water standards, the Air Force, in my 22 opinion, has backed away and not been innovative,

not been thinking about what could be done, but

only what someone at a higher level has been

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Page 89 1 dictating the budget will be or the criteria will 2 be set. And I am addressing this to the higher 3 managers of the Air Force and the department of 4 5 defense. And there has to be a change. And I want 6 to end with that. Thank you. MR. SUELTENFUSS: All right. 7 Thank you very 8 much, Mr. Leriche, I appreciate that. 9 And I think we are coming rapidly on the end of the time that we have allotted here for the 10 public meeting tonight. I would like to thank 11 everyone for their participation and turn to 12 13 Dr. Varley. Do you have any closing comments you would like to share? 14 15 DR. VARLEY: Yes. I would just like to thank 16 everybody for making this meeting and putting time 17 into their schedules to be able to provide 18 constructive criticism into the process. We look 19 forward to getting additional comments and 20 hopefully providing action at the space where we 21 know that action has been asked for and we want to 22 provide it. Thank you.

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