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2 attendance. My name is Karen Johnson, I'm the

Chief of the Ground Water Enforcement Branch of

the Safe Drinking Water Act Program in Philadelphia.

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With me are Steve Platt, our Senior Permit Coordinator, expert in and oil and gas.

Also with me are Dave Rectenwald who is our Inspector that lives in Titusville.

And also Mike Eller, who is a Geologist with EPA. So there are four of us here from EPA this evening.

For those of you who came here out of general environmental interest and concern, I would like to acquaint you with the basic goals of the UIC Program which EPA is administering in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 and its subsequent amendments recognize the importance of safeguarding our nation's drinking water supplies in a number of ways.

One program authorized by the Act is the Public Water System Supervision Program which is designed to ensure that public water supplies delivers safe drinking water to their

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provides the highest level of protection to underground sources of drinking water.

3 Underground sources of drinking water, or USDWs, are basically defined as those 4 aguifers which supply or could supply, drinking 5 water for human consumption. The regulatory 6 7 definition of underground source of drinking water also includes consideration of both the quantity of water available and its quality. It protects all ground water with less than 10,000 10 milligrams per liter total dissolved solids in 11

12 order to allow for future use of this resource. 13 Let me clarify for you that 10,000

14 milligrams total dissolved solids is very protective of your drinking water. Generally, 15 16 the State of Pennsylvania discusses fresh water 17 is less than 1,000 milligrams per liter or tasting salty. So we protect to 10,000 18 milligrams per liter total dissolved solids as 19 20 being protected for future uses. 21

Any and all new injection wells 22 constructed after June of 1984 are required to 23 apply for an EPA permit to ensure compliance with the construction and operational requirements to 24 safeguard our ground water resources. It is our 25

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users. This program is currently being operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental

3 Protection. Congress also recognized at the time

of the law's enactment that our ground water 4

5 resources, which supply approximately half of our

national drinking water resources, also needed 6

protection from potentially harmful practices 7

such as underground injection of fluids. 8

Section 1421 through 1424 of the Safe Drinking Water Act addresses the provisions which authorize the UIC Program and covers the procedures under which EPA must implement a federally administered program in those states, such as Pennsylvania, whenever a state will not or cannot assume primary enforcement for the program.

Since June 25th, 1984, EPA has been enforcing the Federal Underground Injection Control Program in Pennsylvania. The program addresses a variety of different types or classes of injection wells including nearly 1,500 active oil and gas related wells in Pennsylvania.

The objective of the program and permits authorized under it are to ensure that the construction and operation of these wells **BUCKLER & ASSOCIATES** 

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intent to enforce the provisions of the UIC

Program for Pennsylvania, to enhance and protect

the Commonwealth's ground water resources by 3

assuring that injection operations meet

5 protective standards mandated by the UIC Program.

6 I would like to clarify the need 7 for a federal program on this issue and the

relationship to state and local authorities. Existing programs within the state had not 9

historically addressed injection operations in 10

the preventative sense as does the federal 11

program. EPA's program is designed to protect 12

13 ground water resources through stringent

cementing, casing, testing and continuous 14

15 monitoring requirements. It is a program which

seeks to address many of the concerns you have 16

for the prevention of water supply contamination 17

as well as protection of other natural resources. 18

The UIC Program, however, does not 19

address or have jurisdiction to enforce against 20

issues such as noise, air emissions, truck 21

22 traffic, or siting related to residential

buildings, et cetera, that you may also have 23

concerns about. 24

> The UIC permit does contain a **BUCKLER & ASSOCIATES** - AND -

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condition that requires an operator to meet all 1 required local and state laws. A UIC permit does not override local or state regulations.

The purpose of the UIC permitting process for new wells is to control and prevent any injected fluid from endangering underground sources of drinking water. All injection operations must comply with the construction, operation, monitoring, and reporting requirements specified in the UIC regulations.

The specific technical requirements for construction of the well, maximum injection 12 pressure limitations and the corrective action plan in the area of review, which is required to address any unplugged wells which penetrate the injection formulation and which may serve as conduits for fluid migration, are all designed to ensure that injected fluids are contained within the well and the intended injection zone.

The EPA has several mechanisms for identifying noncompliance and has made a commitment to strong enforcement of permit conditions and the overall program provisions. EPA routinely inspects all facilities to assist in evaluating compliance for regulated **BUCKLER & ASSOCIATES** 

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1 Finally, representatives of industry and the regulated community. We will adhere as closely as 4 possible to the order in which you expressed your interest in presenting testimony either by your advanced notice to EPA or by the order you 7 registered for the hearing. 8 If you wish to present testimony 9 today but have not signed the register, please do 10 so now.

11 Is there anybody here who has not 12 signed the register?

MS. LONG: May I check to make sure 13 14 that I put an X in the right box?

MS. JOHNSON: Sure.

COURT REPORTER: Your name, please?

MS. LONG: Stacy Long.

MS. JOHNSON: In presenting oral

19 testimony we ask that you clearly identify yourself and your organization or affiliation of 20 21 anything. Please spell your last name for the

benefit of our stenographer. 22

We also request that you limit your

24 testimony -- we're fine there.

> For those of you who are submitting **BUCKLER & ASSOCIATES** - AND -

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There are penalties for

3 noncompliance. The severity of a penalty will be

based on the seriousness of the violation. 4

Violators of the UIC regulations are subject to 5

either civil or criminal penalties ranging up to

\$7,500 per day for civil penalties and \$16,000 7

per day for criminal penalties per violation.

Parallel state enforcement authorities under the 9

10 Commonwealth's Oil and Gas Regulations may also 11

afford additional protections.

Now having supplied you with a brief overview of the UIC Program and the purpose for this public hearing, I would like to briefly explain the protocol and procedures which govern this hearing.

Persons wishing to testify will be called according to the following order:

Elected officials representing

federal, state or local governments.

Representatives of federal, state

22 or local agencies.

> Private citizens and representatives of public and/or environmental groups.

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written testimony this evening, we ask that you

supply us with a copy of it for the record of the

hearing. And if possible, we would also 3

appreciate a summary of your points.

I stress the fact that this hearing is not a debate or a dialogue. We will not be 6

7 responding to your comments or questions.

Because our purpose for being here is to formally 9

solicit your input on the permit proposal before 10 us.

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Any additional comments that you may care to make after this hearing may be made

in writing no later than one week from today. 13

We'll extend the public comment period until

November 4th. In care of Steven Platt, US EPA

Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia 16

17 Pennsylvania.

> We have already received several questions from residents prior to this hearing and we'll address those during an informal

question and answer session following the public 21 hearing. This will be an opportunity to ask

22 questions and more fully understand the UIC 23

Program and permitting action before us today. 24

With that I'd like to ask, are

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2	federal or local?	2	injection pressure sensor (phonetic). This tells
3	What is your name?	3	us nothing about the time frame of doing the
4		4	monitoring. I can only see the words five years
	MIKE McCOY	5	for an MIT and annually ten years for the life of
	PHILE PICCOT	1	this
0	MD MacCOV, Miller MacCov	6	
7	MR. McCOY: Mike McCoy.	7	MS. JOHNSON: Excuse me, ma'am, car
8	MS. JOHNSON: Would you want to	8	you slow down?
9	make a statement?	9	MS. JUDY WANCHISN: the permit
10	MR. McCOY: Whatever people want, I	10	inspected and reviewed.
11	agree with.	11	So, okay, now, the words, "any
12	MS. JOHNSON: Okay.	12	known faults or fractures," this is very
13	Are there any then with that	13	open-ended and not reassuring. Also the words
14	we'll	14	"does not conclusively demonstrate the absence of
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15	MR. RETENWALD: Mike, what is your	15	whether any faults exist," blah, blah, blah,
16	affiliation?	16	"low." Again, not reassuring.
17	MR. McCOY: Township supervisor.	17	Paragraph 4 of the Statement of
18	MS. JOHNSON: Township supervisor	18	Basis on the injection fluid regarding the
19	of Grant Township?	19	analysis of such fluid, Part 2 Paragraph c.3 of
20	MR. McCOY: Yes.	20	the Draft Permit, this does not exist on my
21	MS. JOHNSON: Okay.	21	Statement of Basis paper. So I don't know what
22	I know some of the sheets were	22	
		1	the analysis of that fluid is. So that's one of
23	slightly out of order when people signed in, but	23	my questions.
24	I think we're in good shape here.	24	I found capital R41760 UIC
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- 2 Mahoning Watershed. Pennsylvania Department of
- **Environment Protection classifies the Little**
- Mahoning as a high quality cold water fishery because of the mussels, the fish, the aquatic
- insects and the Eastern Hellbender Salamander. ø

I contacted Jim Resh of the Indiana

County Conservation District by e-mail and 8

stated -- and he stated that the Little Mahoning 9

Watershed is classified as a high quality 10

watershed with stringent requirements. And that 11

12 the East Run Creek and Mill Run flows into that

13 watershed.

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The Endangered Species Acts.

Section 7, protects the endangered or threatened 15

species. Now, the Eastern Hellbender Salamander 16

lives in a 4.3 mile stretch between Rochester 17

Mills and Nashville on the Little Mahoning and 18

19 beyond. Mill Run and East Run Creek run into

20 that Little Mahoning.

Also, there should be an attachment

22 E in the application which would give a listing

of all the USDW affected and may require 23

evaluation of formation extending some distance, 24

25 which I don't know what that means, from the site **BUCKLER & ASSOCIATES** 

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as well as private wells existing in the search radius. And I'm not sure if it is one-fourth a mile or one mile, we had two different things.

Now, the Eastern Hellbender Salamander is one of nine species to be added to the threatened endangered species list according to a 2013 legal agreement on the protection

8 decision.

May I get my water?

On September 23rd -- wait, I lost

11 track.

On September 23rd, 2013, the

13 US Fish and Wildlife Service agreed to a

binding deadline on a protected decision of the

Eastern -- Eastern Hellbender Salamander and nine 15

other species. And I have the case number, do

you want all of that? 17

MS. JOHNSON: It would be very

helpful if you did turn in your notes, because 19

then we can look up some of these, as well.

MS. JUDY WANCHISN: Well, you can't

read these notes. 22

MR. PLATT: You also have a week,

you know, if you want to summarize.

MS. JUDY WANCHISN: I'll summarize

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the rest of it.

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2 According to this settlement reached on 9/23/13, the Wildlife Service will make a decision about whether to declare such

species to be threatened or endangered.

So I'm requesting that EPA

7 investigate these federal laws to see if they apply. Okay? I won't read my reg flags.

In 1988 the EPA had a landmark 9

10 exemption saying benzene from the fertilizing industry is not considered -- is considered 11

hazardous but when in a gas and oil well, it is not.

There is other stuff that's -- this 14 is very -- I got to read this. Do you mind? 15 MS. JOHNSON: No. 16

MS. JUDY WANCHISN: I will write

18 this up neatly and send it to you.

MS. JOHNSON: That will be fine or 19 just send it as it is, we can probably figure it 20

21 out.

MS. JUDY WANCHISN: No, you can't.

MS. JOHNSON: You haven't seen my

24 writing.

> MS. JUDY WANCHISN: The reason for **BUCKLER & ASSOCIATES** - AND -

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my concern is the primary mission of the EPA UIC

2 Program is to protect our drinking water from

contamination by proper construction, operation,

4 maintenance and closure. And they have the

authority to impose permit conditions on a

case-by-case basis to protect our water. 6

And if this is so, we ask that they do so since we have little protection from DEP

9 due to HR 1950 Act 13. I would like these areas

10 addressed.

> If EPA does not get this permit right, we are left defenseless with very little

12 protection from the State under Act 13 HR 1950, 13

which guides the DEP. This being the case, we

would like clarification of the testing area as 16 to whether it is one-fourth of a mile or one

17 mile.

Now, the Bear Lake and Bittinger 18 19 Wells in Warren County, that was one of the confusion issues on the appeal process. One 20

place it said a quarter-mile and at another place 21 it said one mile. 22

23 Now, the federal laws I just

mentioned, they apply to ensure injection 24 operations do not adversely affect other

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1	important nearby resources and sensitive areas as	1	DODERT HALDIN	
2	in the Little Mahoning Watershed and Eastern	2	ROBERT HALDIN	
3	Hellbender Salamander.	3		
4	I'll skip that.	4	MR. HALDIN: I just Judy pretty	
\	Monitoring of the well head	5	well covered my notes that I had.	
0	pressure cannot detect migration contamination of	6	But, like, this map, why doesn't it	
7	the USDW and only monitors well integrity	7	show faults on it?	
8	problems. Meaning that pollution can leak out	8	I know there are faults within that	
9	undetected if the wells are operated at an unsafe	9	one-mile area. And there has been no definition,	
	·	10	just saying that they've been defined. But where	
10	pressure.		•	•
11	I'm not an expert. And how do we	11	are they defined?	
12	know?	12	I know there's been coal drilling	
13	So we need a geologist to look over	13	on our property. And a neighbor down the road	
14	our permit to see if all attachments, procedures	14	has faults on his, which could be in the same	
15	and requirements for USDW are met.	15	vein. And they're within that one-mile radius.	
16	I'll stop there, because I have so	16	And also these meetings are, I	
17	much stuff that is that all right?	17	don't know how they're you put it in the	
18	Oh, there was one thing. The	18	paper, everybody doesn't get the Indiana paper.	
19	closeness of the Purchase Line School District	19	I think if you're within that radius, you should	
20	and the elementary school, that was a source of	20	be sent a written notice about the meeting and	
21	concern, too.	21	the hearing.	
22	And the fact that we have eight	22	And that's about what I have. Judy	
1	wells in Pennsylvania, five are used, two are	23	pretty well covered everything else.	
23		24	MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.	
24	under appeal, two are plugged, one is shut down	1	Suzanne Watkins.	
25	in Clearfield because the operator failed to	25		
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many of my neighbors, are concerned about safe 2 drinking water. And this is a big issue.

3 In the Draft Injection Control Permit, No. PAS2DO13BIND Authorization To Operate 4 Class II-R Injection Wells, it is noted that the Pennsylvania General Energy Company, L.L.C., has

7 a duty to mitigate. And under this provision 8 permittee shall take all reasonable steps to

9 minimize or correct any adverse impact on the environment resulting from noncompliance with 10

11 this permit.

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Prevention is far better than a cure that may not work and put public health at risk. The cost of such mitigation may bankrupt the PGE. And that in turn will endanger their financial stability. The EPA must be, must be, more proactive in safeguarding our drinking water.

By definition, waste from oil and gas operations are deemed non-hazardous. This is not an excuse for not monitoring them. For example, benzene, a highly toxic agent, is considered hazardous when used in fertilizers for agriculture while non-hazardous as a fracking 25 fluid when disposed of in an injection well.

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I urge you, the EPA, to investigate further the nature and composition of the chemicals emerging from natural gas extraction from the Marcellus Shale, the said fluid that will be put into this well. By paying attention to these substances, the EPA can add further protection to the citizens of this community and their drinking water.

Thank you.

Grant Township has a land area of 27 square miles with a population density of 26 people per square mile. The 2000 census has documented that our township has less than 700 14 residents. There is no public water supply. 15 There is no access to public water. Every resident in Grant Township relies on a well for drinking water. And if a water supply were to become contaminated, there is no Plan B for any resident in Grant Township.

> That is my formal testimony. MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. MS. LONG: You're welcome. (Applause.)

MS. JOHNSON: Next up is Sherene

25 Hess.

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SHERENE HESS

MS. HESS: Good evening, I'm 4 Sherene Hess. I'm president of the League of Women Voters of Indiana County. I am speaking 7 tonight on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania. But I'm also a resident and 9 have been a resident of White Township, Indiana County, for 21 years. 10 11

We are most appreciative of this opportunity to raise concerns and questions as part of the planned discussion of the above mentioned injection well.

What we don't know about injection wells may, in fact, hurt us. While such wells are projected to be safe based on computer models, in reality we do not know what the shortand long-term consequences may be.

In the rush to extract natural gas from the Marcellus Shale, the safe, effective treatment of related waste has not yet been fully explored. The Draft Permit in Indiana County would allow for the conversion of gas production well into a brine disposal well. While there is

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clearly a need for our Commonwealth to cope with the residue of the fracking process, is this the 3 best way and is this site in Indiana County the

4 best place? 5

After reviewing the EPA's Statement of Basis for this permit, we have prepared this detailed statement, a detailed statement which was submitted to Steve Platt. In the interest of time, I am going to share a summary of the key points and questions.

In the area of review section we are concerned that all wells, be they oil, gas or water, are considered, including those that are abandoned. Further, we would like assurance that the zone of endangered influence is both appropriate and adequate.

Following an analysis of the underground sources of drinking water section it appears that bare pipeline exists for about a mile below the aquifer where the casing stops and above the injection zone where additional casing begins. Does this not create increased risk for the rupture or collapse that will potentially impact the water?

We were also unable to determine **BUCKLER & ASSOCIATES** - AND -ASAP COURT REPORTING

- 1 the size of the pipeline and thus the thickness
- 2 of the concrete. The integrity of casings over
- time is further questionable. Given that this is 3
  - a used production well that is being converted to an injection well, degraded and inadequate cement
- casings increase the potential of aquifer 7 contamination.

Will the injection and confining zones be adequate for the storage of millions of gallons of brine?

We have concerns about the properties of the chert layer into which the fluid will be injected. Does it have the capacity to hold the projected volume of liquid? What are the hazards from any fractures that may exist currently or that may result from future fracking into the Utica shale below this well.

Although the EPA does not expect the pressure limitations to meet regulatory criteria, what is the tested compressive and tensile strength of the pipe that is projected to hold fluids at maximum injection pressures of 22 7,000 pounds per square inch over time. Are 24 tolerances high enough that the integrity of the 25 well will be maintained for the foreseeable **BUCKLER & ASSOCIATES** 

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The League commends EPA for its geologic and seismic review of this Class II well. Based on the data from numerous studies, earthquakes pose a significant threat to both the surface disturbances and migration of toxic materials into aquifers.

Although this County is not prone to such seismic activities, the tremors associated with the 2011 earthquake that centered in Virginia rattled this very area. Even students at Indiana University of Pennsylvania evacuated their building. We hope that the EPA has considered this particular event in its analysis.

Three guestions focus on the injection fluid. Although the public has no right to know the composition of the brine, will chemical tracers be added to the wastes. These markers would serve to allow the EPA to more effectively investigate any accidental leaks or spills, rectify those problems and gather data useful into future decision making.

Secondly, will the fluids be tested for radio activity? Recent studies, particularly **BUCKLER & ASSOCIATES** - AND -

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by Duke and this very County, have many concerned about the long-term health implications of

radioactive brine.

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Third, should the nature and composition of injection fluids in the permit list be expanded to include other toxins found in fracking fluid?

8 The testing, monitoring and reporting requirement section needs to be enhanced through comprehensive and ongoing testing by independent agencies.

While the five-year review is helpful, will it be extended in perpetuity? Will the public be informed of the results of all tests and reviews?

Will opportunities be provided for 16 17 public comment concurrent with each review? Given Pennsylvania's legacy of over 18

200,000 abandoned and orphan wells, the League is 19 concerned that injection wells will add to the 20

burden of Pennsylvania taxpayers who may be left 21

to clean up, yet, another private operation. 22 Funding reserves by the 23

24 Pennsylvania General Energy Company, L.L.C., must

be adequate to cover all of the plugging and

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abandonment costs, must reflect inflationary 2 pressures over time and should be held in escrow by the Commonwealth for future use.

4 Will the \$60,000 specified in the permit as a requirement for fiscal responsibility cover those costs?

7 In addition to those areas covered by the Statement of Basis, safeguards need to be put in place to protect waters during transport of the brine from the well pads to the injection 10 well. Vehicles and storing facilities must be 11 regulated and monitored. Emergency personnel 12 require training. Who will assume these 13 14 responsibilities?

In closing, I would like to quote from the statewide position adopted by the League of Women Voters after study and consensus.

The League of Women Voters of 18 Pennsylvania recognizes that natural gas 19 extraction from Marcellus Shale is a finite resource and that its production significantly 21 affects the environment and the economy of the 22 23 Commonwealth. 24

The consensus of the League further addresses the need for adequate oversight and **BUCKLER & ASSOCIATES** 

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2	the state representatives with our because	2	copy of the original drilling permit.
3	it's the e-mail that I got from Mr. Platt	3	And No. 2 is, on your first off,
4	stated that many of my questions had to do with	4	you know, we are a very small township here. And
	state regulations. And so I wondered why the	5	the application for the permit, we had to drive
1 0	State is not present or offering a meeting. Or	6	almost 30 miles to take a look at the
7	if they are, when will that occur so that we can	7	application. I request that all further
8	ask them questions to clarify? As you so	8	programming be sent to the Township. That's
9	eloquently put, the federal law does not	9	ridiculous. I made two trips, my wife made a
10	MS. JOHNSON: Supersede.	10	couple trips in. We finally did get we asked
11	MS. LISA WANSHISN: Thank you.	11	PGE through the Township to send a copy of the
12	State ground rights.	12	application. And they were good enough to do
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	So I feel we're not getting the	13	that except they cut very short the comment
14	full picture as residents and neighbors of this	14	period from Mr. Platt to PGE asking them to
15	new neighbor that we're about to have.	15	upgrade the permit application. This is your
16	I'm sure I could have said some	16	questionnaire to them. And in that questionnaire
17	more, but at this time I'm going to stop and	17	there was a I'll put this in writing and get
18	thank you. I appreciate it.	18	it to you.
19	MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.	19	MR. PLATT: Sure.
20	(Applause.)	20	MR. CARLSON: A part about the area
21	MS. JOHNSON: Are there any	21	of a quarter-mile or one-mile radius.
22	additional folks?	22	Now, in your application that you
23	Sir, you came in late? Do you want	23	have at the library there was a one-mile map.
24	to sign in?	24	But in the application that they give a copy of
25	MR. KUNDLA: Yes, I'll sign in.	25	to the Township, there was no maps of any kind
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   would be allowed on that site?
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   all. Are they allowed to bring in 150,000
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    barrels and store it there until they can pump it
    in? I saw nothing in here that said that
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    they ...
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                And, of course, Judy covered very
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    well my other concerns on this thing.
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                So I thank you very much for coming
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    down and I appreciate it. Thank you very much.
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                MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.
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                    (Applause.)
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                MS. JOHNSON: Is there anybody
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    further who wanted to make a formal comment
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    before we close the hearing.
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                MR. BLYSTONE: I guess, are we
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    allowed to speak?
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                MS. JOHNSON: Well, you need to
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    identify yourself and --
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                MR. BLYSTONE: Vernon Blystone.
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                COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, I can't
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VERNON BLYSTONE MR. BLYSTONE: Vernon Blystone, B-L-Y-S-T-O-N-E. I have a suggestion. Instead of

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putting we citizens at risk for these chemicals being injected into our wells, in our neighborhoods, into the abandoned gas wells, the State owns thousands of acres in Pennsylvania, why couldn't that be suggested they put it in the

11 12 State Game Lands somewhere. Say in the center.

13 There are no homes around those, I've been up

there hunting. And that would only be we the

15 hunters to convince that it's safe. I don't

16 believe these people in here think it's safe. So

17 that way you would only have to convince us 18 hunters it is safe.

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MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Blystone, did you

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MR. BLYSTONE: Yes.

MS. JOHNSON: I can't find you. I

have all five.

Any other comments? Then I'd like to make closing **BUCKLER & ASSOCIATES** 

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remarks.

2 On behalf of the Environmental 3 Protection Agency, I would like to thank you all for your participation here and your well thought out comments on this permit proposal in Indiana County under the Underground Injection Control 7 Program in Pennsylvania.

8 I assure you that all these 9 comments will be given serious attention as we prepare a final permit decision in this permit 11 request.

12 I would also like to remind you 13 that the comment period for this proposal will 14 remain open until November 4th, 2013 if anyone 15 cares to submit written testimony to our 16 attention at EPA.

17 Again, thank you for your interest in this proposal. This concludes the formal part 19 of this hearing. My staff and I will remain 20 available to discuss the issue raised and should 21 desire to answer general questions. 22 (Hearing Exhibit No. 1 entered into

23 the record, attached for reference.) 24 (Whereupon, the proceedings concluded at 7:53 p.m.)

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA SS: COUNTY OF ARMSTRONG

I, TAMELA G. SHEELER, RPR, CLR and Notary Public, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that proceedings 5 were had in the captioned matter at the time and place stated herein; that I was authorized to and 6 did report stenographically said proceedings and testimony, and that the foregoing pages, numbered 1 through 44 inclusive, constitute a true and correct transcription of said proceedings and 8 testimony as had.

WITNESS MY HAND this 5th day of 9 November, 2013, at Kittanning, Armstrong County, 10 Pennsylvania.

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15 16 TAMELA G. SHEELER, RPR, CLR

Notary Public Commonwealth of Pennsylvania My Commission Expires: September 23, 2015

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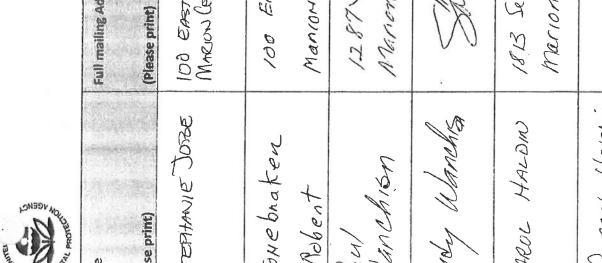
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