IN THE MATTER OF:)
REVISED AIR POLLUTION)
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT/PSD APPROVAL)
FOR VULCAN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS)
FOR A LIME PLANT LOCATED ON AN)
EXISTING LIMESTONE QUARRY SOUTH OF)
MANTENO)

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the hearing of the above-entitled matter, held at the Manteno High School, Manteno, Illinois, on the 4th day of June, A.D., 2009, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

MR. DEAN STUDER,
Hearing Officer, Illinois
Environmental Protection Agency;

MR. CHRISTOPHER P. ROMAINE,
Manager, Construction Unit,
Illinois Environmental Protection
Agency;

MR. MINESH V. PATEL,
Environmental Protection Engineer,
Bureau of Air, Illinois
Environmental Protection Agency.

MR. STUDER: Good evening. My name is Dean Studer. And I'm the hearing officer for Illinois EPA. Before we start, I'd like to make an announcement about cell phones. Please if you have them with you, put them on silent.

I'm the hearing officer for Illinois EPA. On behalf of Doug Scott, I'd like to welcome all of you to tonight's hearing. My purpose tonight is to insure that these

07:03PM proceedings run properly and according to rules.

This is an informal hearing before the Illinois EPA in the matter of a revised air pollution construction permit and PSD approval for Vulcan Construction Materials for a lime plant located on an existing limestone quarry south of Manteno.

Vulcan has applied for a revised permit to allow the plant which is currently idle to resume operation. Vulcan proposes to enhance

07:03PM the emission control system for the lime kiln at this plant by installing a dry scrubber system to control emissions of sulfur dioxide. Vulcan has also requested other revisions to the original construction permit for the plant to increase the

1 permitted emissions of particulate matter for
2 material handling operations.
3 The lime plant is a major source of
4 sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, nitrogen
5 oxides and carbon monoxide under the federal
6 rules for the Prevention of Significant
7 Deterioration otherwise known as PSD under 40 CFR
8 section 52.21 as emissions of these pollutants
9 would be above the significant emission
07:04PM 10 thresholds established in those federal regulations.
11 Illinois EPA has made a preliminary
12 determination that the project meets requirements
13 for obtaining a permit for the project and has
14 prepared a draft permit for the review.
15 The Illinois EPA is holding this
16 hearing for the purpose of explaining the draft
17 permit, responding to questions and accepting
18 comments from the public on the proposed issuance
19 of a permit for this project prior to actually
07:05PM 20 making a decision on the application.
21 The public hearing is being held
22 under the provisions of Illinois EPA's procedures
23 for permit and closure plan hearings and these
24 can be found at 35 Illinois Administrative Code

part 166 subpart A.

Copies of these procedures can be obtained from me upon request or they can be accessed on the website for the Illinois Pollution Control Board at www.ipcb.state.il.us.

An information public hearing is simply that. It means that this is strictly an informational hearing. It is an opportunity for the Illinois EPA to provide you with information concerning the permit. There's also an opportunity for you to provide information to the Illinois EPA concerning the permit. This is not a contested case hearing.

I'd like to explain to you tonight how things are going to run. First we will have the Illinois EPA staff introduce themselves and identify their responsibilities within the agency. Then we will have some representatives from Vulcan Construction Materials introduce themselves and they'll be making a brief presentation this evening.

Following this overview, I will allow the public to ask questions and provide comments. You are not required to provide your comments

orally. Written comments are given the same consideration and may be submitted to the Illinois EPA at any time during the comment period which ends at midnight July 6, 2009.

All comments submitted by mail must be postmarked no later than July 6, 2009. Although we will accept comments through that date, tonight is the only time that we will accept oral comments.

07:07PM The tentative target date for a final decision in this matter is early September, however the actual decision date will depend upon the number of comments received, the substantive content of those comments as well as a number of other factors.

Any person who wants to make oral comment may do so as long as the statements are relevant to the issues at hand and they have indicated on the registration card that they

07:07PM would like to comment.

If you have not signed a registration card, at this point please see Brad Frost who is sitting back at the registration table back by the door and he will provide you a comment card.

You may also indicate that you would like to receive a copy of the summary tonight's hearing. If you have lengthy comments this evening or lengthy questions, it may be helpful to submit them to me in writing before the end of the comment period and I will ensure that they're included in the record as exhibits.

Please keep your comments and questions relevant to the issues at hand. If
07:08PM your comments fall outside the scope of this hearing, I may ask you to proceed to another issue.

All speakers have the option of directing questions to either the Illinois EPA panel or they may make general comments or they can do both.

The permit applicant, Vulcan Construction Materials, LC, is also free to answer questions if it is willing to do so. But
07:08PM I am not in a position to require them to answer questions.

Our panel members will make every attempt to answer the questions presented, but I will not allow the speakers to argue or to engage

in lengthy or prolonged dialogue with our panel.

For the purpose of allowing everyone to have a chance to comment, I'm going to ask that organizations and associations keep their questions and comments to no longer than 15 minutes and individuals keep their comments and questions to five minutes. This should allow everyone who desires to speak that opportunity.

In addition, I'd like to stress that
07:09PM we want to avoid unnecessary repetition. If anyone before you has already presented testimony that is contained in your written or oral comments, please skip over those issues when you speak.

Please remember all written comments, whether or not they are said, they will become part of the official record in this matter and I will give them due consideration.

After everyone has had an opportunity
07:09PM to speak, and provided the time permits, we will allow those who ran out of time during their initial comments -- or excuse me -- we will allow those that have had -- ran out of time during their initial comments or who had additional

comments, we will allow them to speak at that time.

On the registration card, you may ask to receive a summary of the public hearing. The Illinois EPA responsiveness summary will attempt to answer all relevant and significant questions that were raised at this hearing or were submitted to me prior to the close of the comment period.

The written record in this matter
07:10PM will close July 6, 2009. I will accept written comments as long as they're postmarked no later than July 6, 2009.

While the record is open, all relevant comments and documents or data will be placed into the hearing record as exhibits. Please send all written comments to my attention. You can send them to Dean Studer, hearing officer, office of community relations, Illinois EPA, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Post Office
07:10PM Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794.

This address is also listed on the public notice for this hearing tonight.

For anyone wishing to make a comment or ask questions, I would like to remind you that

we have a court reporter here who will be taking a record of these proceedings for the purpose of putting together our administrative record. Therefore for the benefit of the court reporter, please keep the general background noise in this room to a minimum so that we can hear everything that is said.

Please keep in mind that any comments from someone other than the person who is up
07:11PM front may not be recorded by the court reporter. If you speak over someone else, the court reporter will not be able to take down everyone's comments.

The same rule applies to the members of the audience as well as to the panel members here at Illinois EPA and to Vulcan.

When it is your turn to speak, please state your name, and if applicable, any governmental body, organization or association
07:11PM that you represent.

If you do not represent any governmental body, organization or association, simply state that you are a concerned citizen. For the benefit of the court reporter, we also

ask that you spell your last name.

People who have requested to speak will be called upon in the order that I have laid out based upon the cards that I have before me. After I have gone through the cards and assuming that there is time, if anyone else wishes to comment, he may do so at that time.

I have marked the following exhibits. We have the public hearing notice which is
07:12PM Exhibit 1. We have the project summary for the pollution control permit application which is Exhibit 2. And we have the draft air pollution control construction permit which is Exhibit 3. I'll also be adding two more exhibits shortly.

I would like to now ask the Illinois EPA staff here to introduce themselves. And if they would like to make a short opening statement, you may do so at this time. Please after you say your name, would you spell your
07:12PM last name for the benefit of the court reporter.

MR. ROMAINE: Good evening. My name is Chris Romaine. I am manager of the construction unit in the air permit section. And Romaine is spelled R-o-m-a-i-n-e.

MR. PATEL: Good evening. My name is Minesh Patel. The last name is spelled P-a-t-e-l.

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to this evening's hearing. My name Minesh Patel. And I am a permit engineer with the bureau of air. I will be giving you a brief description of the project.

Vulcan Material has requested a revised construction permit for its Manteno lime
07:13PM plant. While Vulcan Material has been operating its Manteno limestone quarry, the limestone plant -- lime plant has not been operating for a number of years. As part of restarting the lime plant, Vulcan Material has proposed to enhance the emission control system for the lime kiln by installing a spray dryer absorber. Other changes proposed in the revised permit includes shortening length of the kiln, new preheater tower, several new small baghouses replacing
07:14PM central baghouse and reconfiguring of certain fugitive dusting units and roadways associated with the lime plant.

Vulcan's Manteno lime plant was originally subject to federal regulation of

Prevention of Significant Deterioration of air quality, PSD. This is because the emission of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide were greater than 100 tons her year.

The plant was also subject to PSD for particulate matter emissions as those were more than significant rates.

The issuance of construction permit for the plant also triggers a need for review of
07:15PM the BACT determination previously made by -- made for emissions of pollutants other than sulfur dioxide.

The BACT control technology for particulate emissions from kiln continues to be a fabric filter baghouse. This is because they are still generally considered the most effective control technology for particulate matter emissions from the kiln.

The BACT control technology for
07:15PM nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide emissions from kiln continues to be combustion controls with conventional burner technology and good combustion practices respectively. However, facility has proposed to upgrade the lime kiln

1 combustion control by the equipment for blending
2 the coal and coke fuel, fuel pulverizers and
3 alteration to the kiln burner.
4 The revised draft permit also
5 appropriately limits the emissions for the lime
6 plant which may be subject to downward adjustment
7 as on evaluation of actual operation of the kiln
8 with improvement.
9 The permit that Illinois EPA is
07:16PM 10 proposing to issue for the plant would include a
11 variety of written requirements to ensure that
12 the lime plant is properly constructed and operated.
13 The proposed permit establishes
14 appropriate testing, monitoring, recordkeeping
15 and reporting requirements. It also includes
16 requirements for continuous emission monitoring
17 for continuous emissions of sulfur dioxide,
18 nitrogen oxide, carbon monoxide and opacity.
19 These activities would be overseen by
07:17PM 20 Illinois EPA which will review the various
21 reports that the plant must submit and
22 periodically conduct on-site inspection for the
23 plant.
24 We look forward to your questions or

comments on this proposed permit. And once again thanks for attending the hearing.

MR. STUDER: Thank you, Mr. Patel, Mr. Romaine.

I believe that we have a representative from Vulcan that is going to make a short presentation before we start taking questions and comments.

MR. FORSYTH: Good evening. I am
07:17PM Lamar Forsyth. I'm the director of finance for Vulcan Materials Midwest Division. F-o-r-s-y-t-h. And I'm here to talk about our new plant for Manteno Lime.

I would like to recognize some of the Vulcan employees that are with me tonight. It includes staff from the plant, from our engineering and environmental sales and other operations departments. I appreciate their attendance.

07:18PM I'd also like to recognize some of the team members who helped us put this permit together. Dr. John Richards, air control techniques, and Ken Schwiegert of Penta Engineering. Thank you gentlemen for also being

here.

In early April, we mailed about 5,000 letters to all residents in the Manteno zip code inviting them to an open house wherein we talked about our new plant for Manteno Lime. We've also briefed stakeholders and launched a website on this project. In fact we requested this evening's hearing as well with the IEPA.

We took these actions to help educate
07:18PM the community about our new plant for Manteno Lime.

In the next few minutes, I want to give you a quick overview of our plans. This is a $30 million make-over of the projection facility which will create a state of the art facility and also be a positive economic engine for the Kankakee County area.

Let's start with the Manteno quarry. As you can see in this map, if you can see the
07:19PM map, the green shaded area is the Manteno quarry. It's located about three miles south of Manteno just east of Route 50. There's another quarry in the area. It's shaded in yellow here. That quarry is located southwest of here, just west of

Interstate 57. That facility is owned and operated by Prairie Materials. That's not us. There's been confusion about the ownership of that facility. And I wanted to clarify that point.

At Manteno, we produce about a million tons of aggregates a year. We have a full line of construction aggregates and our products are used in a wide range of construction projects from local roads of course to the

07:19PM Wal-Mart in Bradley and the Culver's that was built in Bourbonnais.

Manteno quarry is a nationally-recognized award-winning operation. You can see some of the safety awards and community relation awards here on the screen. Our local team has really worked hard to establish Manteno as a national leader. And we do our very best to support local schools and community and events. In fact we support the

07:20PM Manteno October Fest which is a highlight of our effort in this area.

Turning to the lime operations. We made a promise back in 2003. You can see it here on the screen. While it's taken more than six

1 years and a lot of hard work, we believe the new
2 plan for Manteno fulfills our commitments that we
3 made back then.
4 This new plant is a comprehensive
5 solution with more than 17 specific improvement
6 areas that not only addresses the issues of the
7 past but also makes Manteno Lime a leader in its
8 industry.
9 Additionally it will be a positive
07:20PM 10 economic engine for the Manteno area and Kankakee
11 County. Regarding the investment, Dr. Daake at
12 Olivet University has estimated that the spending
13 will generate a local benefit in excess of
14 $3 million.
15 Let me talk about each of these five
16 key improvement areas if I could.
17 No. 1, we will bring new technology
18 and environmental controls to the plant. Here
19 you see a picture of a spray dryer absorber.
07:21PM 20 This is a device -- piece of environmental
21 equipment that captures sulfur in the exhaust
22 emissions. In addition, we will also be adding
23 expanded baghouses, loading chutes and a wheel
24 wash to the plant all with an eye to address the

1 dust controls within the facility.
2 Both the spray dryer and the
3 baghouses will address the odor and the dust
4 issues that the plant experienced at one time.
5 Beyond this environmental equipment,
6 we're also improving operating practices within
7 the facility. These practices touch on all
8 elements of the plant including the temperature,
9 pressures and feed rates that are used to operate
07:21PM 10 the facility.
11 Operating practices provide for an
12 efficient and well-run facility.
13 A couple of examples. I want to
14 point out the second bullet there. The old plant
15 was designed to start up on diesel fuel. The new
16 plant will start up on cleaner burning LPG or
17 natural gas.
18 We will also be adding a computerized
19 preventative maintenance system to track the
07:22PM 20 repairs that are made to the facility and
21 establish new recordkeeping to ensure our
22 compliance with the permit.
23 Everybody's interested in protecting
24 the environment and Vulcan is no different. To

accomplish this, we've designed this plant with a preheater. This is an expensive piece of equipment that basically recycles hot air to warm the stone before it begins the production process.

We estimate that this equipment will reduce our fuel consumption and emissions between 28 and 38 percent. And any time you can reduce fuel emissions by that rate, that's a good thing.

I brought a couple of slides here

07:22PM just to show you the improvements in the plant. This is the first drawing that shows the facility as it is today. The red stars here are the system monitors. The green stars are the continuous emission monitors.

The system monitors are the devices that capture information about the plant, again feed rates, temperature, et cetera. And that information is captured and helps the plant operator to run the plant.

07:23PM In total, there were 11 monitors that were included in the original design. This is the new design. And if you can see the improvement areas, they're highlighted in yellow here on the screen. There's a lot of yellow on

that screen.

Of course, the number of new stars here is notable. There are 28 monitors in this design versus 11 in the original plan.

Beyond 24-7 data capture of these monitors, all data is fed into the plant's computer system where the performance can be monitored by highly skilled plant operators. Of course, the data is also used to report to the

07:23PM IEPA who monitors our compliance with the permit.

The fourth area of improvement is beautification efforts. And if you've driven by the quarry recently, you probably noticed these. The beautification efforts actually began last year based on a recommendation that was made by the Manteno Quarry Community Advisory Council.

Last year, we regraded and seeded a significant portion of the berm. This year, we reseeded. We planted some additional trees and

07:24PM some shrubs. The next and last step will be to install some gates at the entrance and that will take place within the next few weeks.

Ultimately, the plan will be to move the berm all the way to our north boundary line

as depicted in this picture.

Lastly and most importantly, the new job -- the new plan creates new jobs and sustains existing jobs in the area. The quarry itself has about 11 full-time positions. This plan will create an additional 6 jobs in the quarry operations and 24 jobs in the lime plant itself.

As you can see in this screen, these are highly-skilled jobs. We will need

07:24PM highly-skilled employees at this facility to monitor, operate and to maintain the facility and to comply with the recordkeeping and reporting obligations of the permit.

Again Dr. Daake has analyzed this and provides support that this project will provide an additional 18 jobs in the community beyond those in the plant itself. That's a total of nearly 50 jobs relating to this project.

That's it for the presentation. In

07:25PM closing, let me summarize. No. 1, the new plant for Manteno Lime will fully address the dust and odor issues of the past.

Second, it's a multi-million dollar plan that will make the Manteno plant a state of

the art facility and national leader within our industry.

Lastly, the Manteno facility will become a positive economic contributor to the local community. 30 jobs directly affiliated with the lime plant and an additional 18 or more for the area.

If you'd like additional information of course you can find it at our website, New Plan For Manteno Lime Dot Com. We also have a toll free number, 1-877-Manteno. You are welcome to call us on that number as well.

MR. STUDER: I've also been given a copy of the slides that I'll be entering them into the record as Exhibit No. 4. And I have a letter that was sent from Vulcan to the community that is dated April 17, 2009. I will be entering that into the record as Exhibit No. 5.

We're going to begin with questions and comments from the public. When I call your name, if you would please come forward. I ask when you come forward to speak into the mike clearly so we can hear you. Just state your name and again spell your last name for the benefit of

1 the court reporter.
2 If I call your name and you are no
3 longer interested in making a comment or
4 question, please just indicate so and I'll go on
5 to the next name.
6 We will go through. Again I limit
7 organizations to no more than 15 minutes. And if
8 individuals could keep their questions and
9 comments to five until we go through the first
07:26PM 10 round. And then if time permits, we will come
11 back to those of you who have additional
12 questions or comments that you would like to make.
13 First person is Dan Gallagher.
14 MR. GALLAGHER: Gallagher. Good
15 evening. Dan Gallagher, G A-l-l-a-g-h-e-r. I'm
16 with Gallagher Asphalt. We've had a business
17 relationship with Vulcan for 30, 40 years. I
18 just want to come out and give them support
19 tonight that my experience with them has been
07:27PM 20 nothing but professional. They've conducted
21 themselves with professionalism in every aspect
22 that we've dealt with them.
23 On a national level, I've sat on
24 boards with members of Vulcan. And they're

leaders in the industry throughout the country. So I just ask that everyone support them in this effort.

I think it's a great opportunity to bring jobs to Manteno. They do a lot for the community as anyone that's been around for a while have seen. And I look forward to seeing them continue doing that. Thank you.

MR. STUDER: Thank you, Mr. Gallagher.

07:28PM We have Mr. -- is it Shah. Ruben Shah.

MR. SHAH: My name is Ruben Shah, S-h-a-h. I'm with Gierczyk Constructors, G-i-e-r-c-z-y-k, Constructors, Inc. And we are one of the customers for Vulcan Materials. We buy considerable amount of aggregates delivered by them for our parking lots of the projects. And as a part of the construction industry, I'm looking for a way to get this project off the ground in today's economic time when the money

07:29PM has been spent by the development and not by industry, and I'm looking forward for Vulcan Material spending this kind of money in our community to put up this project. Thank you.

MR. STUDER: Thank you, Mr. Shah.

Dan Hassett. I'm sorry. John Hassett. Excuse me.

MR. HASSETT: My name is John Hassett, H-a-s-s-e-t-t. And I'm just a concerned citizen. And I was wondering if any of the before and after levels of chemicals in the groundwater or the surface waters were going to be monitored pre and post the construction to see if there's any affect on the possible emissions

07:29PM into the water.

MR. ROMAINE: This is an air hearing. Issues of groundwater contamination are not a subject of the hearing.

Historically to my knowledge we have not had difficulties with contamination of the soil from lime kiln. The problem with contamination comes from direct spills of material when somebody ruptures a fuel tank or chemical storage tank or a truck leaks or there's

07:30PM a manufacturing operation that has chemicals and those chemicals are not contained or allowed to escape from dripping containers, pipes, things of that sort.

MR. HASSETT: Thank you.

MR. STUDER: Thank you, Mr. Hassett. We have Lou Ann Harvell.

MS. HARVELL: I'm Lou Ann Harvell, H-a-r-v-e-l-l, a neighbor. And I just kind of address the question. My question was on the drainage that -- if there is anything in place for the drainage problem that they seem to have now.

MR. ROMAINE: Could you further

07:31PM describe the drainage problem that you are experiencing?

MS. HARVELL: The fields are full of water and it stays there quite some time. And it seems like it's -- it never used to be that way. And it's in the area where they are planning to mine for this lime is my understanding.

MR. ROMAINE: I'm not familiar with those circumstances. If Vulcan would like to discuss this.

07:32PM MR. LEEMON: Good evening, everybody. I'm D.J. Leemon with Vulcan Materials. I'm a district operations manager. That's spelled L-e-e-m-o-n. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions or concerns that anybody --

1 questions anybody has about the water around our
2 quarry, in the spirit of staying focused, on the
3 air permit, I'll meet with anybody that would
4 like to talk to me afterwards.
5 MS. HARVELL: I have one other. My
6 other question is I understand that the plan --
7 all the equipment that they're putting in is not
8 in place at any other plant, that is new
9 technology. If there's any problems or things
07:33PM 10 aren't working right, do we have any recourse or
11 once this permit is issued is it --
12 MR. ROMAINE: I'd first say that the
13 technology is used elsewhere. It isn't commonly
14 used on lime plants, but it is commonly used on
15 other similar operations, in particular cold
16 fired boilers, so the technology is not
17 experimental in that sense. Likewise preheater
18 towers are a common feature on new lime kilns.
19 If there are difficulties and the
07:33PM 20 plant can't comply with the limits that have been
21 established, it can't operate properly, there are
22 certainly recourse. Our preferred approach would
23 be to take the necessary measures to get the
24 equipment to be working properly. It's been

1 described -- there's surely enough
2 instrumentation now to figure out what's going
3 wrong. In the extraordinary case where that
4 isn't possible, which we in no way expect, then
5 we would have to get into a situation where the
6 lime kiln ceases operation.
7 MS. HARVELL: Thank you.
8 MR. STUDER: Thank you, Miss Harvell.
9 Gloria Gillespie.
07:34PM 10 MS. GILLESPIE: No comment.
11 MR. STUDER: No comment.
12 Harold Gillespie.
13 MR. GILLESPIE: No comment.
14 MR. STUDER: No comment.
15 Rusty Tobey. Did I say that correct?
16 MR. TOBEY: That's close. Good
17 evening. Rusty Tobey. T-o-b-e-y. I'm with
18 Tobey Construction. And I'm here to urge your
19 support for Vulcan's investment in our community.
07:34PM 20 At this point in time we can all use the jobs.
21 Over the last 25 to 30 years, I've
22 come to know this company very well inside and
23 out. Their commitment to the communities that
24 they're involved in, their commitment to the

employees is unmatched. And we can't afford to let this one go.

The construction investment alone is somewhere between 3 and $4 million. And just outside of what they'll generate for the plant employees as well as what they'll generate for all of our employees.

With that, I have nothing else. Thank you.

07:35PM MR. STUDER: Thank you, Mr. Tobey.

Henry O'Reilly.

MR. O'REILLY: Thank you. My name is Henry Irish O'Reilly, O-R-e-i-l-l-y. I'm here as a private citizen but also here representing a group known as Save Our Golf Course, Incorporated, which is a local non-for-profit organization that's managing the Manteno Golf and Learning Center which is just a couple of miles from the quarry and so kind of like neighbors.

07:36PM Also I moved to this community about 31 years ago and felt it was really something that was really unique and nice out in the middle of nowhere. We've grown from a little town of 20 some hundred up over the 10,000 area right now.

And one of my big concerns was green space and taking care of the green space. And sometimes we get lost in what we're doing, but I've been impressed since Vulcan has moved into the area, their concern for the environment has been very impressive. I want to be very transparent too though that as the golf course out there and our non-for-profit organization, Vulcan has been good to us also with donations as they have done with
07:36PM the school district and, excuse me, and the October fest and the like.

I'm not a bought voice or a bought vote, those people that know me. I like to study things, know things. By no means am I an engineer or otherwise, but I have sat in on your sessions. I think you've been quite forward with everything that you are going do. And I agree with the people in the business and industry. This area needs a shot in the arm. And so
07:37PM definitely the kind of dollars you're talking for building and the jobs, the kind of people that it's going to bring into the area I think benefits and behooves all of us.

And again not being an expert, the

1 question on water, one of the things I would
2 mention because the golf course -- we have
3 suffered greatly. This has been our worst year
4 water wise, talking land water, but it's also --
5 if we look at the weather record since 1928, this
6 is the most rain we've ever had.
7 We also had the opportunity because
8 we're having some problems with our well in the
9 last two years to have a person come out and they
07:38PM 10 told us our well goes down 144 feet and we're
11 within 10 foot of the top. And a year or two
12 years ago, we weren't even halfway to the top.
13 So definitely we are moving a lot
14 more water in the neighboring area, but I would
15 hope from your environmental people you would
16 keep a close eye on the water and what's
17 happening both with the water above ground and
18 the aquifer under ground to it too.
19 So again as a citizen, a
07:38PM 20 representative to Save Our Golf Course, we would
21 like to go on record as being positive for the
22 project, for the community, and thank you for
23 expressing an interest in investing more in our
24 community so we can all grow.

One last thing. I love your beautification thing you're doing, but if you can find a way to get more trees in. We need a lot more trees here. I'm a tree person too. And we got to plant a lot more around this area. So thank you.

MR. STUDER: Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly.

Nicholas Allen.

MR. ALLEN: Good evening. Nick
07:39PM Allen. It's A-l-l-e-n. And I am the regional director for this area for Congress Woman Debbie Halvorson. The congress woman obviously could not be here this evening but drafted a letter and asked that I read it here on her behalf.

To whom it may concern. I am writing on behalf of the 11th Congressional District of Illinois to express my support for the Vulcan Materials Company's new plan for the Manteno Lime.

Many of my constituents are feeling
07:39PM the harsh effects of the national recession and as a member of congress I am committed to working hard for job creation and retention throughout our region. Encouraging local businesses to expand and continue investing in our communities

is critical to our local economic recovery and the quality of life for our residents.

Vulcan is prepared to invest $30 million to renovate a facility that put people back to work. By creating an additional 30 new jobs while also sustaining existing jobs, Manteno Lime stands to provide a much needed boost for the local economy.

In addition, the new plant implements
07:40PM an extensive array of monitoring technologies to ensure the facility performs to the highest environmental standards.

From the information I've been provided, this is a sound plan that is not only beneficial for our community but is both socially and environmentally responsible.

With quarries in Kankakee and Manteno, Vulcan Materials Company has proven itself to be a job creator and good corporate
07:40PM citizen in our local communities.

By making a significant investment in the manufacturing sector with a new plan for Manteno Lime, I trust Vulcan to continue that tradition.

Thank you for your consideration of my support. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at 202-225-3635.

Sincerely, Debbie Halvorson, member of congress.

MR. STUDER: Thank you, Mr. Allen.

Dawn Russert.

MS. RUSSERT: Good evening. My name
07:41PM is Dawn Russert, R-u-s-s-e-r-t. I'm the superintendent of Manteno Community School District No. 5. I'm here to say that Vulcan Materials has been a good partner for education having provided tours to the quarry for our students. They've also been in the adopt a school program providing support for concrete, rocks and minerals, rock tumblers and also additional field trip opportunities for classrooms.

They've also been a good partner in
07:42PM the community, with the village, with the October Fest. And with the transportation center for the school district not too far away from the quarry, we do also appreciate how they've kept Route 50 clean, cleaning and sweeping it regularly which

has helped to keep our busses clean as well.

They've been a good sponsor and a good citizen of this community. So on behalf of the school district, we support the project.

MR. STUDER: Thank you, Miss Russert.

David Hinderliter.

MR. HINDERLITER: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is as long as the trip down here. So it's H-i-n-d-e-r-l-i-t-e-r. X Y Z. Just checking you.

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Anyway I'm here on behalf of the Kankakee Regional Chamber of Commerce. My office is actually within a mile of this facility. And I can tell you that we're excited about this project coming our way after seeing that site sit idle for a number of years.

We've had an extensive partnership with Vulcan over the past 10 or 15 years and I can tell you that they're good citizens, good corporate citizens, good friends in the community. And as I have looked at this project and they brought me into the picture to show me the work that they've put into it, the time and effort that they've expended, I can tell you it's

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probably one of the most premier projects that we've seen in this area from a planning and presentation and I think the fact that they have you here tonight is an example of that very thing. They didn't have to do this, but they chose to do because they want to be transparent. In this time and age, I think that's very, very important.

I have been conducting my own surveys
07:44PM around the community to find out what people think about it. I'm not an aggregate person myself although I do use them regularly for many reasons. I can't tell you why, but I know I use it all the time. Many reasons. And, you know, nobody seems to have a problem with what the project looks like. And they have said that, you know, as long as it's clean and safe, environmentally sound, there's not dirt everywhere. There could have been in the past or
07:44PM problems. They're excited about this opportunity.

And so I would say on behalf of the chamber of commerce, the business community in general, we're delighted to have this opportunity

to have a tremendous project like this in our community when it could be somewhere else in the nation, could be somewhere else in Illinois, but let's just hope that the proper sketches come down and we can get this done in the very near future. Thank you very much.

MR. STUDER: Thank you, Mr. Hinderliter.

That concludes the first round of going through those that have registered and want to speak tonight.

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So now I'm going to ask if there are people that have not spoken and would like to do so or if there are people that have already spoken but have additional comments or questions that they would like to make.

MR. WALTERS: My name is Jim Walters, W-a-l-t-e-r-s. I with the Ozinga Ready Mix. And we have a great partnership, working partnership with Vulcan. We have several of our plants on their quarries. And this year we buy all of our stone for our concrete from Vulcan Materials.

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We've also had a great relationship working with them in this community. I've also lived in this community all my life. I was born

and raised in the Kankakee County. So I strongly support this. I would like to see the jobs that come here.

And I know Vulcan is very aware of things in the community. They do not try to hide from anything. If anybody has a question, they're the first ones to be able to stand up and give you somebody to talk to to be able to work the problem through. So I support this 100 percent.

07:46PM MR. STUDER: Thank you, Mr. Walters.

Is there anyone else?

MS. BARBER: Good evening. My name is Ruth Barber, B-a-r-b-e-r. I'm the county board district rep for District 8. I've been on the county board for -- this is my 7th year. I've never received a phone call where somebody was calling me to tell me what a great job anyone in the community is doing. My phone rings with complaints. So after reviewing Vulcan Materials 07:47PM compliance and audit systems, I feel very confident in supporting Vulcan Materials in terms of the end result of my phone not ringing. And if it should ring, I'm very confident that we will have a quick resolution to whatever the

issue be at hand. But most importantly, we're talking about 30 jobs plus. And that's very encouraging. Thank you.

MR. STUDER: Thank you. Is there anyone else?

MR. RUSSERT: Good evening. Paul Russert, R-u-s-s-e-r-t. And first of all I come here -- I'm a member of this community, Manteno. And I've worked with Vulcan on -- in a number of various capacities. I'm the principal of Manteno High School here. And I have been involved with Vulcan Materials on numerous projects. They've come into our school. They've helped us. We formed a wonderful partnership.

I'm also the secretary of the Manteno Chamber of Commerce. And I've worked with Vulcan Materials in that capacity as well.

I also serve as a member of the Community Outreach Vulcan Committee and have worked with them in that capacity too. And I have to say that everything that I've done with Vulcan has been first class. And everything that they say they're going to do they follow through with it. And I am pleased to support this

project as well. So thank you.

MR. STUDER: Thank you, Mr. Russert.

DR. DAAKE: Good evening. I'm Dr. Don Daake, D-a-a-k-e. I'm speaking as a private citizen, but I am a professor at Olivet Nazarene University and did some of the research looking at jobs.

I'm very impressed by the quality of jobs and how -- in looking at the 48 jobs, beyond
07:50PM the 30, from an economic standpoint, we use very various multipliers. And so the 18 are jobs created by the jobs spending of the people who work at Vulcan.

In fact, the conservative method that we use probably understates the additional jobs. So very likely the 30 jobs could create more than 18.

It's important that you know that we're very conservative, but jobs aren't just
07:50PM jobs. Quality jobs, manufacturing and mining jobs tend to have higher multipliers than say retail, so it's a very impressive project. Thank you.

MR. STUDER: Thank you. Do we have

anyone else that would like to speak tonight?

Okay. With that, I will go ahead and close this hearing. I would like to remind everyone here that the record is open until July 6, 2009. If you would like to make written comments, please feel free to do so. You'll find that information on the notice of this hearing.

It is now approximately 10 minutes before 8 o'clock. We're going to call this
07:51PM hearing to a close. I would like to thank everyone for coming tonight.

On behalf of Director Scott, thank you for your attendance here. I have given you a lot of latitude to speak and I appreciate your comments and the questions that have been raised tonight. Thank you again for coming.

(WHEREUPON, the hearing adjourned at 7:51 p.m.)

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