

1 that they say they are implementing, because they're
2 implementing portions, but I didn't see that as a
3 concern. Did I address your question?

4 MS. MIRINGU: Yes. The forth item
5 on the document, as a community member, how do I keep
6 from hearing these things on implementing, yet I
7 don't have the confidence that they're doing what
8 they should have done for a very long time, so how --
9 how are you, as a panel, insuring that the community
10 develop confidence?

11 MS. LIPA: Well, that's a good
12 question, too, and that's part of the reasons why
13 we're having these meetings here in this community.
14 Other plants in the past, they had some near Chicago,
15 some near the headquarters from here. We're trying
16 to have most of them here because we understand it's
17 important to the local community.

18 The other thing is we're going with a daytime
19 meeting and evening meeting to try to catch whoever
20 is interested that can't come during the day because
21 they're working, I know, so this way they have two
22 choices. We're trying to continue to have them
23 ongoing. We have information available on our
24 website. We're trying to do as much interaction
25 with the Licensee out in the public so you can follow

1 along with what we're doing, but you probably won't
2 see much submitted from the Licensee's side other
3 than what's on our website that they have submitted
4 as far as initial correspondence. That's all on our
5 website, and a lot of this is stuff they're doing and
6 stuff we're looking at, so there won't be a lot of
7 results for you to independently check. Do you want
8 to answer that?

9 MR. DEAN: Not at this point.

10 MS. LIPA: Eventually, we will be
11 doing our inspection. We'll document those reports.
12 There will be published results. There just hasn't
13 been much yet, I understand that.

14 MS. MIRINGU: The other thing is to
15 inform the public about these meetings. We need
16 time, two weeks at least to know that a meeting is
17 coming up, so I would ask that this panel make sure
18 that communities have enough time from the time there
19 meetings are announced to the time when they actually
20 take place.

21 MS. LIPA: Well, and our policy is
22 to put a meeting notice out 10 days ahead of time.

23 MR. DEAN: At least.

24 MS. LIPA: At least, and I know
25 that for each of the meetings we have had pretty

1 widespread, at least through the Press, that they
2 have been aware of our -- the dates for our next
3 meeting. Our plan is to put on our website the date
4 of the next meeting -- we don't have it yet, but as
5 soon as we have that firmed up, we try to get that
6 information out to the public.

7 MS. MIRINGU: Thank you.

8 MS. LIPA: Does anybody else have
9 anything?

10 MR. HELD: My question is, what
11 assurance do we have that after all this monkey
12 business is gone through and you do get the thing
13 working again, what assurance do we have that you
14 won't do it again? That's all I have to ask.

15 MR. DEAN: Sir, can we -- just
16 for the purposes of the record --

17 MR. HELD: Pardon me? I'm hard
18 of hearing.

19 THE REPORTER: Your name?

20 MR. DEAN: Could you provide your
21 name in the microphone?

22 MS. LIPA: Yeah, can we get you
23 to state your name?

24 MR. HELD: I've got it written
25 down.

1 MS. LIPA: Yeah, but just state
2 it and spell it for us.
3 THE REPORTER: Just tell me your
4 name.
5 MR. HELD: Pardon me?
6 THE REPORTER: Your name?
7 MR. HELD: My name?
8 THE REPORTER: Yes.
9 MR. HELD: Russ Held.
10 THE REPORTER: Okay.
11 MR. HELD: Okay?
12 THE REPORTER: Thank you.
13 MR. HELD: Thank you.
14 MS. LIPA: Well, and that's a
15 good question, and I know we talked a bit today
16 about -- the Licensee talked about they recognized
17 the importance of putting into place corrective
18 actions that are lasting corrective actions, and,
19 certainly, it's our intent to really understand what
20 the root causes were, and if we really have a good
21 understanding of what the root causes are, then we
22 can understand how the corrective actions match the
23 root causes and whether that's really going to
24 correct the problem, so that's the challenge that we
25 have as a panel is to assess that.

1 THEREUPON, Mr. Jacobson conferred with Ms.
2 Lipa.

3 MS. LIPA: Yeah, the other part
4 is we do have a -- the Agency has a task force that
5 was established in April or May, and they are doing
6 an independent look at the Agency's activities over
7 the years and what we have done and what we need to
8 do, if there is anything we can learn from this
9 condition to alter our inspection plans going
10 forward, so that's another piece to the puzzle.

11 Did anybody else want to add anything?

12 That's a good question.

13 MR. DEAN: One thing I'd like to
14 offer and -- and I think Howard was kind of hitting
15 on this a little bit earlier in terms of, okay, there
16 was this event, a Licensee is -- is extending a lot
17 of effort and money and resources and trying to
18 understand and correct the issues and so on, so
19 forth. The NRC has reacted pretty aggressively
20 because of the fact that you have this thing that
21 perhaps somebody somewhere should have put together
22 and, you know, there's a piece of the NRC regulation
23 and a big piece, you know, of not understanding and
24 being able to tumble through this issue before it
25 got to where it did, and so we're spending a lot of

1 efforts and the Task Force is trying to help us
2 figure what can we do better, you know, what mistakes
3 do we as a regulator make, and so attitude and
4 response on the part of the Agency, I think, is
5 helpful. Okay? Mistakes may have been made, and
6 so we have to figure out what those mistakes were and
7 why were they made so that we can improve our
8 processes or we can improve our training or whatever
9 needs to be improved to assure that something like
10 this doesn't happen again.

11 Now, is that a guarantee that there's not
12 going to be an event somewhere -- somewhere else?
13 That's not a guarantee of that, but it does -- I
14 think it should at least provide you some confidence
15 that we, as a regulator, and we, as the organization,
16 is responsible for assuring public health and safety
17 relative to operation of our power plants are trying
18 to take an aggressive self-powerful look at ourselves
19 so that something like this doesn't happen, so -- we
20 can at least provide you with that insight, and I
21 will say, you know, there are real people on this
22 stage, okay, and are people that have dedicated their
23 career here at the NRC to assuring public health and
24 safety, and I can assure you that we take it as a
25 very, very serious responsibility. I mean, Scott

1 Thomas, Senior Resident Inspector, who lives in the
2 vicinity of the plant; John, down at Perry, he lives
3 in the same area of the plant. He certainly was
4 planning to operate safely, and that's why we have,
5 you know, inspectors and inspection programs and why
6 we have resident inspectors at the sites to monitor
7 what the Licensee does on a daily basis and why we
8 have the overall inspection program that inspects the
9 plant operations and engineering to insure ourselves
10 that the plant is -- that the plants are doing the
11 things they're supposed to, to maintain public health
12 and safety, so it would be great if we had a larger
13 budget and more people and, you know, could watch
14 everything that the Licensee does 24 hours a day, but
15 we don't have the capability to do that so we have to
16 be smart in the way we do that oversight, and that's
17 why something like this in our efforts to try to
18 understand why did this happen will help us do a
19 better job of regulating the future.

20 MR. WHITCOMB: Howard Whitcomb,
21 again. Miss Miringu raised an issue I would like to
22 at least make a comment. I'm not a computer whiz,
23 but I do hire a computer whiz. In accessing the NRC
24 database, apparently is a science in and of itself.
25 I am of the old guard where we used to have public

1 document rooms that no longer exist. Perfect
2 example is the transcript from the June 12th meeting.
3 I understand it's in the system, but it's almost
4 impossible to download, okay, so access to that
5 information, you folks make believe that us, the
6 public have access, immediate access to that is not
7 true, and that needs to be carried back. I have
8 tried and I contacted the -- I guess the main PDR for
9 the NRC in Washington. Those folks are helpful, but
10 they're also extremely frustrated because they are
11 having the same types of problems that the users,
12 apparent users, are having out in the field, so I
13 think it is important to know that the public
14 document rooms used to have a lot more correspondence
15 between the NRC and the Licensee, in fact, all of the
16 docketing correspondence was maintained in the PDR.
17 It's not accessible on the website, so there is a
18 much more limited access to that information. I'd
19 ask you to bring that back to your folks, see if
20 there is some way we can somehow manage that
21 information better.

22 MR. PICKETT: Howard, just make sure
23 I understand, the transcripts should be available on
24 our website.

25 MR. WHITCOMB: Yes.

1 MR. PICKETT: If you're trying to
2 click on the website and download?

3 MR. WHITCOMB: They won't download.
4 You can't get them to print out.

5 MR. PICKETT: Okay. I have read the
6 transcript, it's 256 pages, and I can imagine it's a
7 bear to try to download that, and this is the first
8 I've heard that the public can't quite get to it. We
9 made it available to the public and if you can't get
10 to it --

11 MR. WHITCOMB: I understand -- I
12 understand that that's what the frustration is. I
13 don't know that too many -- I mean, for instance, in
14 public -- or, in Oak Harbor we have the public
15 library. We have a number of facilities, a number of
16 the computer stations, but to sit down and read the
17 document in its entirety is going to exceed all of
18 their time limits for the users, okay, so I mean
19 downloading it and printing it out, I think is what
20 most reasonable people would do. They don't charge
21 very much. It's only a nickel a copy or a page or
22 something of that nature, so you could get it
23 relatively cheaply, but you can't sit there and read
24 256 pages all at one sitting without bumping into
25 their time limits, so what I'm saying is from a

1 practical standpoint while you have it on the
2 Internet, on the website, it isn't really practical.

3 MR. PICKETT: You can't get it to.

4 MR. WHITCOMB: Right, exactly.

5 MR. MENDIOLA: Even if you can get
6 to it you can't print it.

7 MR. WHITCOMB: Well, that's what my
8 experience has been with that particular document, is
9 I haven't been able to print it out.

10 MR. MENDIOLA: I would estimate that
11 the one we have from this afternoon would be as long,
12 if not longer.

13 MR. WHITCOMB: Probably longer.

14 MR. MENDIOLA: And probably just as
15 difficult to print it. We'll take a look at that and
16 see if we can do anything with it, but we're limited
17 by the technology that we have and we're victims of
18 the same technology. Maybe we can make it in
19 smaller files.

20 MR. WHITCOMB: Well, I don't know.
21 Is it the ADAMS system, is that what the acronym is?

22 MR. MENDIOLA: Yes.

23 MR. WHITCOMB: It ain't working?

24 MR. MENDIOLA: Well, I'm sorry,
25 you're talking about the ADAMS system?

1 MR. WHITCOMB: I'm saying the ADAMS
2 system generally, is that the system that you
3 maintain all of your documentation --

4 MR. MENDIOLA: Right, ADAMS is our
5 document system, but the transcript I'm told is only
6 on the website right now.

7 MR. WHITCOMB: Right. Now, I
8 understand, but that's two separate issues, but, I
9 mean, the other is just trying to access just the
10 regular documentation that normally is communicated
11 between the site and the NRC which is open to the
12 public, I'm not talking about any proprietary
13 information. I'm talking about correspondence that
14 typically would be open and available as part of the
15 Licensee.

16 MR. DEAN: Yeah, I would offer
17 in that regard, Howard, first of all, interact with
18 the public document room is good and hopefully, they
19 can direct you if you're having some issues. I
20 would think on ADAMS, if you were to search on ADAMS
21 for, you know, Davis-Besse you ought to be able to
22 get a list of documents that have Davis-Besse title,
23 which would at least give you a start. I mean, I'm
24 not very good at ADAM searches either.

25 MR. WHITCOMB: Well, unfortunately,

1 you have to use docketing numbers, which most of the
2 public doesn't have --

3 MR. DEAN: This gentleman behind
4 you was -- did you have another -- you were
5 frustrated the same way?

6 MR. YOUNG: The PDF file,
7 whatever it means, versus the text file if you can
8 deliver it in TXT you might have efficiency base
9 server as well.

10 MR. DEAN: Okay.

11 MR. YOUNG: And that's primitive
12 enough to handle just about any computer out there.

13 MR. DEAN: Okay. Anybody else
14 like to offer a comment or observation or question or
15 issue?

16 MR. YOUNG: My name is Richard
17 Young. Everybody knows what happened also in 1992
18 where they had a study of manpower levels at the
19 station conducted by Tim Martin. They reduced the
20 manpower significantly, and I didn't see many changes
21 improving that many advantages where the same level
22 of efficiency and much detail being maintained, so my
23 question is on the root cause the staffing versus
24 workload considered as a major factor in increasing
25 the likelihood of making inappropriate choices,

1 decisions or actions such as multiple simultaneity
2 improprieties, that kind of thing. Are they too
3 busy between '92 and now, it may have been a factor.
4 I don't know if they have identified that one or not.

5 MR. DEAN: We're doing that as
6 management and human performance and
7 organizational --

8 MR. YOUNG: It's too early to
9 ask, but I thought it might be a prompt.

10 MR. DEAN: I mean, certainly
11 that's a potential factor --

12 MR. YOUNG: About the study.

13 MR. DEAN: -- that we would look
14 for when the Licensee completes their root cause.
15 They haven't got to that level of detail, I think,
16 but that's something --

17 MR. YOUNG: I'll be watching.

18 MR. DEAN: Keep your eyes open.

19 MR. YOUNG: Thank you very much.

20 MR. DEAN: Yes, ma'am? I saw
21 you edging up. There you go.

22 MS. KOCHER: Yes, I'm Cheryl
23 Kocher. I'm from Port Clinton, and I was here two
24 meetings ago, and I questioned you about the
25 particles that were taken on the workers because the

1 monitors weren't working correctly at Davis-Besse,
2 and I -- I'm asking this because I'm a health
3 professional, and I work -- I'm a dental hygienist,
4 and I have a degree to teach dental hygiene also, and
5 I'm questioning a change in a lot of my patients'
6 thyroid medication in the last couple of years.
7 Probably 10 to 20% per day when I'm doing med
8 history -- I have to take medical histories of their
9 medicines and see if they have changed, you know,
10 before we can work, and so I'm very interested in
11 this, and what I was questioning is, when I came to
12 you, I was wondering why no one has checked to see if
13 other workers that were also working in that same
14 containment area were notified that these particles
15 could have gone to their homes? I don't understand
16 why someone, and I assume -- I don't know -- I went
17 to you once. I don't know who is the governing body
18 that should be following this up because no one knows
19 if there were 400 particles walked out the door, we
20 don't know, and there are people in this community
21 that very well could have taken them into their
22 homes.
23 Someone and not Davis-Besse -- I don't want
24 First Energy to be monitoring this, but I don't know
25 who it is that would go in and check this, and I

1 don't know if it's you.

2 MR. DEAN: Okay. Let me --

3 actually, I'm going to ask you, Christine, or, Scott,
4 maybe to address the issue about monitoring. My
5 understanding is that after some of these issues came
6 to light, the Licensee went back and evaluated a
7 number of people that had the potential to be
8 exposed, to check, you know, their occupational of
9 the age of the exposure on the order of 40 or 50
10 people.

11 MS. KOCHER: Well, interesting,
12 because I have a 20 year old patient that came in and
13 he's now working at a marina, and I asked him where
14 do you work -- he said, well, I'm working at a marina
15 now.

16 I used to work at Davis-Besse, and I got laid
17 off and now I'm working here, and so I was
18 questioning this way they check you in and out, and
19 he explained there were two times that they
20 supposedly checked you, and they would brush it off,
21 and then they could leave, is this correct? This is
22 what he said to me, flick it off --

23 MR. DEAN: No.

24 MS. KOCHER: I didn't understand
25 what he meant, but maybe it never happened, I don't

1 know, but, anyway, point being, he never was -- I
2 said, well, did you realize -- and he was working
3 there when this all happened, and I said did you
4 realize -- I mean when the workers went in, I said,
5 did you ever realize that the monitors weren't
6 working, and he goes, what? And I said has anyone
7 contacted you that -- you know, there were particles
8 that were taken out that people didn't know about,
9 and he didn't know -- and this is another point that
10 is real big to me. You wonder why people aren't here
11 from our community, we don't get much information,
12 and looking back through -- thank goodness we have
13 the website to go to, and for local people, Howard, I
14 don't know if this is for you, to go to [Googles.com](http://Google.com)
15 and type in Davis-Besse, and you can get The New York
16 Times articles, you can get The Wall Street Journal
17 articles, you can get pictures. I mean, there's a
18 lot there, but our local television stations and
19 newspapers, the headlines sometimes, you know, for
20 something this big that happened in our community, to
21 me, it should have been this big (indicating) in our
22 newspaper, and it was usually like down here and the
23 principal was up here, which was a big thing to us,
24 but this is huge. This was a huge thing, and that's
25 why -- don't judge what's going on. Remember,

1 there's a lot of people that when we talk about this
2 out in the open, I mean, just in someone's home, they
3 just don't know to be here, and then they get -- I
4 mean, they would be concerned, so we have to rely on
5 you. You're our only link. First Energy isn't
6 here, and if OSHA would come into our dental office
7 and see that our autoplate wasn't working, but we
8 could say to them, well, you know, in two months
9 we're going on vacation, so if it's okay, can we fix
10 it then? You know, they'd close us up in a second,
11 and none of you that get work done would, I mean,
12 you'd be really upset if you ever found out that a
13 Government agency could be pushed. You should be
14 doing your job. That's why you're here, and if you
15 have to tell them they are doing something wrong,
16 please do it. This is all we're asking. Thank
17 you.

18 THEREUPON, there was an applause by the
19 audience.

20 MR. DEAN: Let me just take the
21 opportunity, though, to share with you -- you can go
22 ahead and sit down. Yesterday I went through the
23 containment with Scott and John, walked through the
24 containment, looked at the damage to the reactor
25 vessel head and looking at what they are doing

1 relative to trying to identify some of the things in
2 the containment and just trying to get a good sense
3 of, you know, what did it look like, what were they
4 doing, what do they still have left to do, so on, so
5 forth, and I just want to spend like maybe two or
6 three minutes describing the process that I had to go
7 through relative to radiation protection. Okay?

8 The first thing I had to do was I had to go
9 to an administrative building and get what's called a
10 whole body -- you stand inside this monitoring device
11 and basically what they are trying to get a sense of
12 -- well, before you even go into the plant what is
13 your base line, you know, radioactive composition
14 basically in your body, so I did that, and then to
15 get into the particle plant where you do have
16 radiation protection, first of all, I had to dress
17 out in bleak anti-contamination clothing, so -- it's
18 a full yellow suit with booties on both shoes, two
19 sets of gloves, rubber boots on each foot, and that
20 was just to walk through the general containment.

21 MR. THOMAS: Bill, you forgot
22 the --

23 MR. DEAN: That's right, Scott.
24 Thank you. I had to stop and get two forms of
25 dosimeter. I had to get a dosimeter that you put

1 into a machine to ascertain how much radiation you
2 were exposed to, but also one that reads out
3 continuously so I can monitor the whole time I'm in
4 there whether I'm getting any undue exposure, okay,
5 so -- so that's the part going into the plant --
6 yeah, that's the part going into the plant. So now
7 I'm in the plant. I'm almost out. I've got my
8 dosimeter and we're walking around. We spent about
9 an hour walking around the containment, going up and
10 down ladders, looking at all sorts of things inside
11 the containment, so now, I have to come out of
12 containment. Well, they have this huge control point
13 and they have all these drums of where you take off
14 all the clothing, special clothing that you put on,
15 you put the gloves and booties in here and your hood
16 and overalls in here, and then you step out and then
17 you monitor yourself, go on these special monitors
18 where they read your -- you know, do you have any
19 contamination on your body now that you've taken all
20 this clothing off, and you have to go through several
21 sets of that before you even exit the building, so I
22 was monitored two or three times before I even was
23 allowed to leave that area of the plant where I could
24 go back on the clean side, so to speak, so --
25 MS. KOCHER: But if it showed up

1 on a worker's clothing in South Carolina, but, you
2 know, I'm just -- what I was wondering was who was --
3 I was going to check who is going to check this, I
4 mean, is this your job to go back --

5 MR. DEAN: Well, one of the
6 issues we had with the Licensee when this issue came
7 to light the fact that somehow these minute particles
8 got off site, okay, and what happens was they were
9 monitoring like I described my monitoring, they found
10 that they had contamination. They took all of their
11 clothes off, okay?

12 MS. LIPA: Most of them.

13 MR. DEAN: Most of them, and
14 then they marched them over to the building where
15 they got the whole body count and they tried to
16 assess did they have intake 'cause their concern was
17 did I breath in something, did I ingest something,
18 and, if so, you know, they could do some things to
19 flush it out, so on, so forth, and so that's the
20 process that they went through, and, I think, if I'm
21 not mistaken, the Licensee might have made in this
22 regard was that they assumed the individuals had
23 internal acquisition; is that right?

24 MS. LIPA: Right, so it masked.

25 MR. DEAN: So it masked the fact

1 that they might have had some small minute particles
2 on their shoes or something, so that's kind of how
3 these few particles got off site.

4 MS. KOCHER: But how do you know
5 how few?

6 MR. DEAN: Well, you have to go
7 back and do an assessment, and this is been part of
8 what the challenge is, you know, when these things
9 were finally discovered, they were finally discovered
10 when these individuals went to work at another plant
11 and they went through the same process I described,
12 and they found, hey, you have contamination, and
13 that's when the word got back to the Licensee and
14 that's where we had some challenges in trying to
15 convince Davis-Besse that this might have been their
16 issue, and so, but when you take a look at what was
17 remaining -- so this was like a month later, what was
18 the composition of these particles, what was the
19 intensity of them, and then you can make some
20 judgment working backwards as to what actually was --
21 escaped the plant and our assessment to this point
22 was, we haven't completed our analysis, but our
23 assessment to this point was that very, very small
24 levels, levels to the degree that even if all of the
25 material was -- if somebody, for example, laid in the

1 bed that this one guy laid in and breathed in all the
2 material that it would be extremely minimal exposure,
3 well below -- I think below the limits, so -- but
4 there's a challenge of doing that analysis and that's
5 kind of what we're trying to work with the region in
6 trying to find out how bad could that have been
7 knowing all that. Okay?

8 MR. THOMAS: If you have another
9 question, please ask it.

10 MR. DEAN: Yeah, please don't
11 hesitate to ask a question if you have one.

12 MR. THOMAS: If I could add just
13 one thing, I believe one of your questions was, how
14 can we determine the number of people that may
15 have -- well, as part of the inspection, it appears
16 that due to the type of contamination they can
17 isolate it to a specific activity, and, based on
18 that, they can narrow who they followed up on, so I
19 don't know if that helps at all.

20 MS. LIPA: Yeah, let me just add a
21 couple things, because I think I spoke with you in
22 May, Cheryl, and at that time I told you that I had
23 been in containment before this whole thing was
24 identified, and based on my understanding of the
25 problem, it's kind of like the people past -- they

1 went to monitor No. 1, and monitor No. 1 said there
2 maybe was a problem, so then they went to monitor No.
3 2, and monitor No. 2 was where the issue was where it
4 wasn't working properly, but everybody who got
5 through monitor No. 1 said you were clean, you were
6 clean, so I knew I had been through monitor 1 and I
7 was clean, so the issue is more with these people who
8 had potentially internally something in their nose,
9 like Scott said, they were able to tell from the
10 characterization of the particles, it was people
11 working on this particular job, so I'm pretty sure
12 when they went back and pieced it altogether, they
13 figured out what was the potential scope of people
14 affected, but I think, based on my understanding I'm
15 not concerned that everybody who passed through
16 monitor No. 1 is a potential particle carrier. It's
17 more the people who set off monitor No. 1 and how
18 thoroughly were they assessed when they went over and
19 had this more extensive assessment. I don't know if
20 that helps?

21 MS. KOCHER: I'm just saying that
22 most of the workers walked through the monitor --

23 MS. LIPA: You had to go through
24 monitor -- even back then, you had to go through
25 monitor No. 1, everybody does. If you set off

1 monitor No. 1, set off that alarm, they would send
2 you somewhere else, and there's a small number of
3 people that fell into that category.

4 MR. DEAN: Okay. And, Cheryl,
5 if you're interested in chatting some more when we're
6 done here, we'll be more than happy.

7 Is there anybody else that would like to chat
8 with us?

9 MR. LODGE: Terry Lodge, again.

10 I have a question that the Union of Concerned
11 Scientist's letter, dated the 15th of July, I don't
12 know if you've seen it, mentions the possibility of
13 microbes and the fact that water has penetrated
14 the bifold barrier. I'm curious to know if the
15 ground water is going to be the ground water in the
16 vicinity of containment is monitored for the presence
17 of radiation, and, if not, is it going to be, and I'd
18 also like to know what -- what can be done about the
19 seepage problem? As I understand it, it is -- it is
20 a rather endemic problem when you have concrete types
21 of porous materials and that it isn't necessarily
22 going to be easily resolved. It is something that is
23 rather widespread in the industry, a cracked reactor
24 agent.

25 MR. DEAN: Let me take a shot

1 first at the issue of the hyperorganism induced
2 corrosion --

3 MR. LODGE: Correct.

4 MR. DEAN: Okay, and this issue
5 was raised with the Licensee today in the meeting and
6 they assured us that they have -- they are testing
7 and evaluating the ground water that does exist
8 around the containment for that particular issue, so
9 we'll wait and see what their test show, and on the
10 second issue, I guess is more of a generic issue of
11 ground water. I guess, first of all, I think most
12 sights, if not all have smaller wells that are dug,
13 the various parts so they can sample the ground water
14 surrounding the plant, ascertain it if there is some
15 radiation if that's perhaps being leached in the
16 ground water, and that's true of all the plants.

17 MR. THOMAS: That's true.

18 MR. DEAN: So that -- relative
19 to your question about radioactive to ground water,
20 that's something that has to be monitored through the
21 Licensee and probably by the monitoring program.

22 Relative to the issue of ground water and
23 impact on concrete basemats, things like that, I
24 guess I'm not -- I'm not knowledgeable too much about
25 that other than the fact that I was involved at

1 Millstone several years ago when they had that
2 question about basemat, and my understanding was that
3 issue was -- was resolved to the satisfaction of our
4 technical staff, though, it did -- it was a difficult
5 question to answer.

6 MR. LODGE: How was it resolved
7 at Millstone?

8 MR. DEAN: I can't remember. I
9 think the Licensee, you know, they had to provide us
10 some information regarding, for example,
11 concentration of the aggregate or whatever was in the
12 concrete in the basemat, and, you know, take samples
13 of the surrounding area and provide us some
14 engineering analysis relative to, you know, what did
15 that mean in terms of percent degradation on the
16 basis of capacity and certain level of degradation,
17 being able to stand -- etc., etc., but, other than
18 that, I mean, I'm just -- that's -- you've plumbed
19 the depth of my knowledge on this one.

20 MS. LIPA: I did have a question
21 for you, though. Earlier, and I meant to ask this
22 then, you raised a couple of questions, I don't know
23 if we answered all of them, but one of them you
24 referred to was, you said something to the effect
25 that the Utility or, you know, NRC, I'm not sure

1 which, had been deferring maintenance or cancelling
2 inspections -- can you repeat that question or that
3 statement?

4 MR. LODGE: I don't know if I can
5 repeat the statement. What I was talking about was,
6 as I understand it, as early as the 1990's, the
7 Utility was talking about removing the installation
8 and did not for cost reasons and was also going to
9 cut larger view holes in that structure.

10 MS. LIPA: Right.

11 MR. LODGE: And did not.

12 MS. LIPA: Okay. Yeah, those
13 are the modifications, and you're right, we got into
14 that on the AIT inspection on April 5th where they
15 were -- Scott showed you the small mouse holes, five
16 by seven and three by five --

17 MR. LODGE: Right.

18 MS. LIPA: -- and the Licensee
19 had it on the books to cut larger openings and do a
20 more thorough inspection and more thorough cleaning,
21 and that mod had been deferred, but that was the
22 Licensee's decision. It was their own internal
23 process. It had nothing to do with NRC, and I didn't
24 know if your question was talking about NRC or the
25 Licensee.

1 MR. LODGE: But if the Utility
2 indicates the Agency is going to do something like
3 that --

4 MS. LIPA: But they --

5 MR. LODGE: -- and then does
6 not --

7 MS. LIPA: But they didn't
8 even -- but we weren't part of that process. It was
9 an initiative that they were considering, and they
10 had some basis for doing it and apparently through
11 the mod review, they decided not to do it and that's
12 one of our issues, you know, if you seen the AIT
13 report which is published, we call that missed
14 opportunities in there and why that mod was deferred.

15 MR. LODGE: Okay, thank you.

16 MS. LIPA: Thank you.

17 MR. DEAN: Anybody else?

18 What time does the fair close down?

19 (Laughter).

20 Okay. If there's nobody else, the panel
21 members will certainly loiter in the area. If
22 anybody has any particular questions that they'd like
23 to ask anybody personally.

24 We appreciate you coming out tonight and
25 sharing your time with us. Hopefully we're able to

1 provide some information to you and give you a sense
2 of our dedication and desire to assure you have
3 confidence in the regulatory. Thank you very much.

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7 THEREUPON, the hearing was adjourned.

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