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8 PUBLIC HEARING

9 RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE
10 PROPOSED PHASE II MODIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION PROJECTS

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FOR TRC:

Jeff Brandt
Elizabeth Saxton
John Durrance

1 PROCEEDINGS

2 MR. TOMASI: Hello, everybody. I wanted
3 to thank everybody for coming tonight. And I'm sure
4 everyone already knows, but this is the Draft Comment
5 Meeting for the Freeport LNG Liquefaction Project, Phase
6 2 Modification Project.

7 My name is Eric Tomasi. I'm the project
8 manager with the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission.
9 We are the lead federal agency, and we're the ones who
10 developed this document.

11 I'm not alone here tonight. I also have
12 several --

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Chief, we can hardly
14 here you back here.

15 MR. TOMASI: Want me to speak up? I'm
16 sorry.

17 As I said, my name is Eric Tomasi, and I am
18 with the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission, and this
19 is the Draft Comment Meeting for the Freeport LNG
20 Liquefaction Project and Phase 2 Modification Project.

21 I have several people with me HERE tonight.
22 One is my project manager on the contractor side who
23 works for TRC. That's Jeff Brandt right there.

24 I also have a couple other people with TRC.
25 John, want to go ahead and -- John is not here. John is

1 in the back. John and Elizabeth Saxton, right there.

2 And we have Ken Warn here, also with FERC.

3 Now, tonight -- the purpose of tonight's
4 meeting is, again, to get comments from the public on
5 this document. Effectively, we want to hear from you on
6 what you think of this document, be it good, be it bad.
7 That's our purpose here tonight.

8 This project has been going on for some time.
9 The application was filed by Freeport August 31st of --
10 the end of August in 2012 and this document came out on
11 March 14th of this year. The comment period ends on
12 March 5th -- sorry, not March, May 5th of this year.
13 Now tonight, just to give you an idea of how this is
14 going to progress, I'm going to go ahead and tell you a
15 little bit more about the document and how things are
16 going to go with FERC and the process, then I'm going to
17 invite people to come up and speak and give their
18 comments on this document.

19 Now that this document's out and we're at this
20 meeting, where are we going to go from here? As I said,
21 the project is pretty much in its -- in its -- near its
22 mid to end phase of basically going through our review
23 process.

24 This -- as I say, this is just a draft
25 document. There will be a final document, the Final

1 Environmental Impact Statement. We have a scheduling
2 notice that states that that will be issued on
3 June 16th, 2014 of this year.

4 Now, Freeport has asked -- has indicated, I
5 should specify, that they want to start construction in
6 August of this year. You know, there is -- there is a
7 possibility for the Commission to vote on this at their
8 July 17th commission meeting. So that's -- that's the
9 way the process is going to work out from now until
10 then.

11 Now, to explain to you what this document is
12 and what it isn't. This is not a decision document.
13 This document is our recommendations, the staff of
14 FERC's recommendations to the Commissioners on what we
15 think it would -- on what -- the environmental impact of
16 this project, and we include in this document mitigation
17 to minimize it to the extent practicable.

18 Okay? So this in no way is a done deal, or the
19 final document may not look like this at all. A lot
20 of -- that's one of the reasons why we're here tonight,
21 is to get an idea from you of what might improve this
22 document. Okay?

23 Now, a lot of people put a lot of work in this
24 document, and we really want to hear from you and
25 understand what your concerns are.

1 Now, I've heard from a lot of members of the
2 community, you know, over the past couple years to
3 really get a good feel of what your concerns are, and I
4 feel that we -- we did a good job addressing a lot of
5 your concerns.

6 Now, obviously, you know, that's my opinion.
7 That's the document that I put out. I'm going to stand
8 behind it, but that's why, you know, we came down here
9 to hear from you.

10 So there will be -- after the speakers, there
11 will be a time for question and answers. And if this --
12 if the meeting goes on, you know, up to about 8 o'clock,
13 I will be calling a break at about 8 p.m. for about 10
14 or 15 minutes to let everybody go to the bathroom, rest
15 up and we can continue onward.

16 Now, when you guys came in, you guys probably
17 saw all the documents in the front. I wanted to
18 reiterate again that if you guys have not received a
19 Draft EIS either in CD or hard copy form, please come up
20 to the front table before you leave tonight to make sure
21 you get your name on the mailing list so you do get the
22 Final EIS.

23 Also I would appreciate, and it would help you,
24 I'm sure, if you wanted to indicate on there whether you
25 wanted a hard copy or whether you're okay with a CD,

1 because by default, we send out CD copies. But we -- in
2 this case, I made a decision early on in this project to
3 make sure that anyone who commented on this project got
4 a hard copy. So if you want -- so if you want a hard
5 copy, put a comment in with your address and I'll make
6 sure that you get a hard copy of the Final EIS.

7 Also, like I said, there was a speakers list up
8 there, and before you leave, if you were not comfortable
9 speaking here tonight, there's always -- you could go
10 ahead and go onto our e-library system and comment
11 electronically on the docket. In addition, you can go
12 ahead and grab the sheet up front, which will have an
13 explanation on how you go ahead and comment.

14 I think lastly, before I move on to the part
15 where we can start getting comments is, I will be doing
16 some site visits tomorrow. Tomorrow morning at
17 8 o'clock, I'm going to be over at Hide-a-Way. I'm
18 going to meet there at 8 o'clock in the morning, and I'm
19 going to be going over to the pretreatment site --
20 location of the pretreatment site.

21 At 11 a.m., I'm going to be over on Quintana
22 Island, right on 8th and -- basically meet at the corner
23 of 8th and Lamar at 11 a.m., and we're going to walk
24 along the island and look at locations along there, try
25 to hear a little bit more and understand a little bit

1 more about people's concerns.

2 Now, you know, we do have a court reporter
3 tonight. You probably see her in the front. When
4 people -- when you come up to go ahead and give your
5 comments, please state your name clearly and spell it so
6 she can get it into the record properly.

7 Also, just to be cordial to everybody who wants
8 to speak, please put your phones on vibrate so we're not
9 interrupting when people are trying to speak.

10 Lastly, try not to interrupt other speakers.
11 Everyone -- I want to make sure that everyone has their
12 opportunity to speak, and I will stay here as long as it
13 takes to make sure that everybody gets the opportunity
14 to speak.

15 Right now, we have a good amount of speakers --
16 a good number of speakers on the list right now. So I
17 believe right now, I would like to try to see whether
18 you could limit your comments to 4 minutes per person so
19 we can get through -- get through the list initially.
20 You can always come back up later. You know, I just
21 want to make sure that everybody gets the opportunity to
22 speak, because right now, just going through the list
23 right now, we'll be here for about an hour and a half
24 before -- before everybody finishes speaking.

25 So with that, can I get the speakers list,

1 then?

2 Okay. We have 19 people on the -- on the
3 speakers list. It is our general policy to make sure
4 that when somebody from local government does sign up to
5 speak, that they're allowed to go ahead and speak first,
6 because they represent a constituency. So I'm going to
7 go ahead and call up Kelly Smith first to go ahead with
8 Brazoria County, and she can go ahead and give her
9 comments. I'm going to go ahead and move this around a
10 little bit.

11 MS. SMITH: Thank you. Good evening. My
12 name is Kelly Smith. I'm Chief Administrator for
13 Commissioner Dude Payne, Brazoria County Precinct 1 --

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We can't hear all this.

15 MS. SMITH: My name is Kelly Smith. I'm
16 Chief Administrator for Commissioner Dude Payne,
17 Brazoria County Precinct 1. On behalf of Commissioner
18 Payne, I would like to say we support this project. We
19 feel this project will have a significant economic
20 impact for our county and will also bring good-paying
21 jobs, both construction and permanent, to Brazoria
22 County. Freeport LNG has been a good corporate
23 neighbor. They have been and continue to be extremely
24 focused on safety and environmental issues.

25 Thank you.

1 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much. I'd
2 like to speak -- I'd like to go ahead and call up Teresa
3 Cornelison.

4 MS. CORNELISON: I'm Teresa Cornelison.
5 Do you want me to spell it?

6 MR. TOMASI: Please.

7 MS. CORNELISON: T-E-R-E-S-A.
8 C-O-R-N-E-L-I-S-O-N.

9 I am a resident on Quintana. Not too happy
10 with that book. It seems like you did more research on
11 the birds and the fish than the residents. I am less
12 than 1,500 feet from the dock. As late as -- as late as
13 Thanksgiving, there was a ship in. It was very loud. I
14 contacted LNG. One kept telling me it was real quiet,
15 and Robert called me the next morning and said, yes, it
16 was loud and, you know, apologized for it.

17 So if they can't control the noise and the
18 vibration on what they have now, they shouldn't have
19 another ship in.

20 The dust that it says in the book how much --
21 on the EIS, how much dust is going to be there, I have
22 grandchildren that come and visit, I have a leukemia
23 survivor daughter that comes and visits. So all of that
24 health and safety, it's already too much of a risk.
25 They shouldn't have another -- we shouldn't have more

1 risk.

2 I'll let somebody else speak, thanks.

3 MR. TOMASI: Thanks very much, Teresa.

4 The next person, Miss Susan Massey?

5 MS. MASSEY: I am Susan Massey. I'm going
6 to have Diana read this for me.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: This comment is from
8 Susan Massey, M-A-S-S-E-Y, homeowner in Oyster Creek
9 Estates.

10 "I have been battling throat cancer 5 times
11 over the span of 18 years. And in 2004, they had to
12 take my voicebox out, so I'm now a neck breather. What
13 that means is that I no longer breathe through my nose
14 like most people. I breathe through a hole in my neck.
15 This has taken away my sense of smell.

16 "As a neck breather, I am very concerned with
17 the close proximity of the FLNG plant that will be
18 constructed if they get their permit.

19 "The prevailing winds are my concern, because
20 as the crow flies, I believe we are less than two miles
21 from the proposed plant. My fear is that since I cannot
22 smell and there are no air monitors or warning systems,
23 what do I do if there is a leak? As a neck breather, I
24 can't put on a face mask. Also, my husband and I are
25 about to retire, which is why we bought a home in Oyster

1 Creek Estates in 2010. That was prior to learning about
2 FLNG's plans to build a pretreatment plant and
3 liquefaction facility.

4 "In closing, I request that FLNG be required to
5 put in air monitor systems and alarms loud enough that
6 we would be able to hear in our homes if there was a
7 leak."

8 And I would like to add to that, or some sort
9 of incident that causes an explosion.

10 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much. I'd
11 like to call Christopher Kall.

12 MR. KALL: Thank you. My name is
13 Christopher Kall, K-A-L-L.

14 I'm a resident of Quintana Island. I purchased
15 a house there in 1997, so I've been there for quite some
16 time. I didn't spend a lot of time on the island during
17 the first project, I was traveling a little bit. And
18 quite honestly, it didn't really have an impact on me.
19 And it doesn't have an impact on me today.

20 I hear everybody bragging about how great a
21 neighbor they are and what a wonderful safety record
22 they have, and I would hope they have a wonderful safety
23 record. They basically operate an idle plant right now.
24 There's not a whole lot of natural gas exporting going
25 on right now.

1 So it's -- it does concern me that we're
2 looking at their safety record with what's going on
3 there now -- even though they did have one release --
4 and using that to determine how this next plant that's
5 going to be significantly more congested and busy is
6 going to be run.

7 I've got many concerns. Obviously, safety is
8 one of them. We've only got one way on and one way off
9 of the island. We're about to bring 4,000 construction
10 workers onto that island. I don't -- I don't see how
11 that's going to work. It's going to have a horrible
12 impact on my quality of life.

13 And the people -- and I did -- I have been
14 appointed to city council, so I am speaking for some
15 other people as well. It's going to affect us greatly,
16 and I don't think -- I don't see how we're going to be
17 able to mitigate that.

18 We were offered \$5,000 a year to put up with
19 this nuisance. That came in lieu -- that, and
20 purchasing houses, came in lieu of some mitigation items
21 that we brought to their attention that we were kicking
22 around, like raising the berm to help mitigate the sight
23 pollution, the noise pollution, the air pollution.

24 And we were told, "No, we're not doing that.
25 We're either going to buy your house or we will raise

1 the berm, but we're not going to do both."

2 I explained that that's -- that's being a poor
3 neighbor, because what you're doing now is you're
4 pitting us against each other. There's a faction of
5 people on the island that have come to -- they've made
6 verbal agreements with LNG to sell their house to them.

7 I don't see anywhere on their portfolio of
8 services where they're a residential real estate
9 management company. They've already torn down several
10 houses, and some, I assume, after the construction
11 project and all the construction workers that lived in
12 the houses they bought, they will tear those down, too.
13 And then we will see the end of existence of Quintana
14 Island, which is one of the oldest establishments in the
15 State of Texas. It's got a very, very broad historic
16 past that it's going to be a shame when it becomes an
17 industrial site.

18 The other thing is: We've got people that are
19 writing letters, myself included. The difference
20 between mine and some of the other ones is I haven't
21 been coerced by a verbal agreement to purchase my house.
22 And the only way that purchase will take place is if
23 they get their permits. That's been made very clear to
24 all the people that they have verbal agreements with:
25 "The only way we buy your house for the dollar amount

1 that we're giving you is we have to get our permits."

2 And there's pressure on them for that.

3 They wanted to start construction in the first
4 quarter, and that hasn't happened. Now I'm hearing
5 August, and I hope that doesn't happen. But I see we're
6 heading that direction, and I'd much rather see the
7 three trains here get added to the seven trains in
8 Sabine Pass and let's export the LNG from there.

9 The thing that concerns me above and beyond all
10 of that is your book -- and I'm assuming LNG wrote most
11 of it -- is -- it's FLNG, is that it talks about the
12 impact, and it always uses Brazoria County as the
13 recipient of all the benefits or the impact.

14 This plant's on Quintana Island. It's a very
15 small island. We're going to feel the impact, and there
16 is zero benefit. They're not hiring people from the
17 island to work in the plant. They're not hiring people
18 from the island to be the construction workers. The
19 only thing they're going to do from a socioeconomic
20 impact is destroy the island.

21 If I don't sell my house now for what they
22 claim is fair market value -- which is based solely on
23 the value of property they deemed on Quintana Island --
24 if you compare the market value of our houses versus
25 Surfside, where they're actually building homes and

1 prices are rising, it's -- it's two totally different
2 economies of scale right now. They've already destroyed
3 the value of the houses there.

4 I just built another house. I'm about to lose
5 a half million dollars' worth of real estate that I've
6 worked very hard to achieve in my lifetime. And it's
7 all going to go away because I'm not -- I'm not selling
8 out, as people will say.

9 And it's a shame to see that it's going on and
10 that kind of pressure is allowable, that they can
11 purchase houses from council members, from mayors, from
12 whoever it might be in exchange for getting permits.
13 And I think that needs to be taken into consideration
14 when letters are read and people are talking, and
15 everybody understands exactly what's going on. A lot of
16 people are promoting this project that will no longer be
17 there in the future.

18 I'm not. I plan on staying there. And I'm
19 very fearful of how this project is going to impact that
20 island, and I hope that's taken into consideration.
21 Thank you.

22 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much. The
23 next person is Robert Pratt.

24 MR. PRATT: Thank you. My name is Robert
25 Pratt. I live at 705 Center Way. I also own property

1 and plan to retire at 320 Galloway in Turtle Cove.

2 As you explained in the beginning, this is a
3 lot of book. This is a lot of information. I cannot
4 possibly address the points I want to do in 4 minutes,
5 so if you want me to go to a certain point and stop and
6 then come back, I'll be happy to do that.

7 MR. TOMASI: (Nodding.)

8 MR. PRATT: Okay. I really feel for the
9 folks out at Quintana. I realize what has happened to
10 them, and I understand that they expect it's going to
11 get worse. I'm not here to talk about the export
12 facility. I'm here to talk about the pretreatment
13 facility.

14 This pretreatment facility is going to, in a
15 very easy fashion, ruin far more lives than the export
16 facility on Quintana.

17 There are more people in my small subdivision
18 of Turtle Cove than there are in the whole island.
19 Hide-a-Way is three times the size of my subdivision,
20 Oyster Creek Estates, the community of Oyster Creek and
21 other areas there, we're looking at somewhere in the
22 neighborhood of 1,100 to 1,200 residences. This is far
23 more impact than what's happening out on Quintana. I'm
24 sorry for those folks.

25 A little bit about myself. I am 35 years in

1 the petrochemical industry. I am not a chemical
2 engineer, although some people seem to think I am
3 because I talk about processes a lot. I'm an I&T
4 specialist in the project management of these huge
5 facilities. I know how they work. My job is to power,
6 instrument and control them.

7 I know a lot about how they work because I
8 built them. I'm building one right now that's
9 referenced in this document.

10 One of the things I noticed in here, it's not a
11 point I'm going to address, but it -- it is a concern to
12 me: The air quality is going to be addressed by some
13 other folks, but the thing that concerns me in the
14 document is there's a lot of talk about whether we're --
15 whether the discussion is going to be in regards to 49
16 CFR 192 or 49 CFR 193.

17 The entire duration of this effort that has
18 been going on to try to deal with FLNG, they continue to
19 talk to us about a pipeline, how safe pipelines are, how
20 wonderful pipelines are, how we don't have to worry
21 about pipelines. And I have repeatedly explained I'm
22 not worried about the pipeline. I've pumped a lot of
23 stuff into pipelines. I feel very secure with
24 pipelines.

25 But I also know very clearly that when that

1 pipeline hits the property limit and it goes into that
2 pretreatment facility, there's going to be a steak break
3 change (phonetic). It's going to become a processing
4 unit. It's not going to be covered by 193, because 193
5 specifically states that 2001 B 2, this does not apply
6 to pretreatment facilities.

7 All the numbers that I'm sure FLNG has provided
8 to you for their fugitive emissions, I have no earthly
9 idea what they could have based those on. If they use
10 pipeline quality valves, Double Seal bolt tight,
11 Enviroseal valves, sure, the numbers are going to be
12 really low. If they go hire a chemical company, a
13 chemical place that builds them to come build the plant,
14 they're not going to build it with pipeline-quality
15 valves. It's going to be general industry valving. The
16 leakage rates are going to be higher, the emission
17 numbers are not going to be correct in here, so I'll let
18 them worry about that.

19 The first one I'd like to address is the siting
20 of the pretreatment facility. I understand that FLNG
21 has had a lot of trouble finding a place to put this.
22 It would have been great if it would have been able to
23 go out somewhere in the middle of nowhere where it had
24 no impact on a lot of people. They've had to go through
25 a variety of hurdles to try to pick a spot. But the

1 pretense in here about where they're putting it is not
2 correct.

3 Okay. This site that, in this document, is
4 referenced as an "industrial area" is a sand pit. All
5 right? We don't live by an industrial area. If you
6 look at a map, an aerial, a Google Earth map or whatever
7 of the Brazosport area -- not Brazoria County, but
8 Brazosport area -- and you look at where BASF, Galalini
9 Oaks (phonetic) and all the other companies are located,
10 and you look at Brazosport, as far away from them as you
11 can get, you will find Turtle Cove, Hide-a-Way, Oyster
12 Creek Estates and associated areas.

13 We live here. We've lived here a long time.
14 We know the area. We knew where we were going. We were
15 going away from the plants and the noise. In the
16 building of any facility, everyone knows that you don't
17 allow people to move in around you because there are
18 risks, there are threats, there are concerns. So most
19 companies buy a buffer.

20 We had all the buffer we wanted, and Freeport
21 LNG has come and taken it away from us. They're moving
22 into -- on top of us. We did not move in on top of
23 them.

24 Why do I care about that? The siting of the
25 facility is going to significantly impact the noise, the

1 property values, much greater than what I feel is
2 presented in this document.

3 On the subject of noise: There were numerous
4 sites picked to look at what the background noise is
5 today. The ones that were related to the pretreatment
6 facility were over on Johnson Drive, Duncan Drive and
7 then out at the property line on north end. That's the
8 best I could get from the description in here, okay,
9 because it's the only one that fit the dimension in here
10 from the facility. Whether it's north or south, it says
11 2,000 feet -- 2,700 feet away at the property line, and
12 the site looks like that must have been the north edge.

13 Okay. The noise numbers that were used on
14 Johnson Drive was 51 dba, 42 at night, 51 combined. And
15 then the ones that were used on the property line were
16 39, 42.

17 Okay. The principal noise-producers that
18 affect the community of Oyster Creek, which would be the
19 numbers that would be seen on Johnson Drive, are
20 primarily that vent valve on the top of Air Liquide's
21 facility; a 150-pound steam vent over in light
22 hydrocarbon A over in Oyster Creek; and the chemical
23 plants that are all located in the Oyster Creek division
24 and along 523.

25 That noise is there. Okay? It's been there.

1 I don't hear it. I don't hear it because I live
2 cross-wind, twice as far away as the numbers that are
3 reflected here for the Johnson Drive. If you looked at
4 the numbers that were reported, the property line shows
5 39, 42, very nice numbers. I'm even further away than
6 that.

7 Okay. So in here, the noise increase was
8 reflected against site 3, which is the one over on
9 Johnson Drive with a background number of 51, and the
10 noise from the pretreatment facility is only going to
11 increase it to, you know, 56. So it's a 4.6 increase.
12 Well, you know, people that don't understand sound
13 measurement, it doesn't sound like much.

14 4.6 increase in sound level, well, if they made
15 it to 6, it would be one and a half times the amount of
16 noise. Okay? That would be in a place that's already
17 noisy.

18 We're in a place that is not noisy. When I
19 stand -- sit on my deck, if the wind is wrong, I can
20 hear that vent valve over there. Most of the time, what
21 I hear on my deck is the surf down at Surfside, the
22 birds out in the yard, the fish popping in the canal;
23 and during the middle of the day, I got to admit there's
24 a boat yard over there, they got a vent fan running.
25 But they turn it off. They start up about 8, 9 o'clock

1 in the morning; they turn it off about 5. We don't have
2 to listen to it continuously.

3 Because of -- let me finish the noise, and then
4 I'll stop, okay? Because of the fact that we are
5 already much quieter, the location that this
6 pretreatment facility is going to go to is much closer
7 to us, the impact and the noise change for us is going
8 it be far greater than this 4.6 number. It could
9 probably go easily to 10 dba increase, which is doubling
10 the sound level.

11 Doubling the sound level at our homes, at our
12 recreation place, at our place of solitude that we chose
13 to be away from the noise is not friendly and not
14 acceptable to those of us who live out there. So I'll
15 stop at noise and come back later. Thank you.

16 MR. TOMASI: Thank you. Thank you. Next
17 is Louise Stohr, Stohr?

18 MS. STOHR: My name is Louise Stohr. It's
19 S-T-O-H-R.

20 When I moved to this area about 30-some-odd
21 years ago, my husband and I were looking for a place
22 that was quiet that we could spend our aging years, and
23 we bought in Turtle Cove. And that's been 28 years ago.
24 I've made it my home, and it's also a place where I
25 work. I work outside, and my thoughts are for my

1 grandchildren, who will probably get my home. What are
2 they going to have to put up with with this Freeport LNG
3 plant just right down the road? The levy is -- they're
4 going to have roads off the levy. They're going to have
5 traffic. When you get -- the plant is shutting down
6 like at 5 o'clock, and you've got the beach traffic on
7 332, they may decide to go past our house, and that just
8 makes more traffic on the levy.

9 I don't want to see it come. And I'm sure
10 there's plenty of other places for it to go. Why does
11 it have to be in a populated area? That's my question.
12 If they -- from what I understand, they could build on
13 523 down where they have the other plant. The pipeline
14 goes way down there. There's not -- and not only that,
15 we get a south wind during the summer. They're just
16 south of us, so we're going to get the sound and we're
17 going to get the smell even more than what's normal,
18 because during the wintertime, we get the north wind and
19 we get the smell of the dump.

20 So I don't know. I just -- I think we ought to
21 really try to get it not being built there. Thank you.

22 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much. Next is
23 Mr. Harold Doty.

24 MR. DOTY: Hello. Can you hear me all
25 right? My name is Harold Doty. That's D-O-T-Y. And I

1 filed as an intervenor in this case and have been asking
2 questions for several years ever since they started the
3 pre-filing process.

4 I know that I've probably made a lot of people
5 a little bit nervous with some of the questions I've
6 asked, because my primary concern is for the safety of
7 our residents in Quintana after the facility was built.

8 And originally, they planned to build this
9 facility on the north end of the island in the
10 industrial district in the pre-filing. Now, they say
11 they don't have enough space, but I don't know whether
12 that's a matter of greed or what, but they said the
13 reason that they want to build on top of the dredge
14 spoils that were recently placed there by the Port
15 Authority is because that would provide them with enough
16 space to build their plant.

17 Well, the Environmental Impact Statement also
18 states that alternative sites were considered, but it
19 doesn't mention any. So I guess they didn't consider,
20 to begin with, any -- the original placement in the
21 actual industrial district, which is behind a large berm
22 that's already built. In the first phase of their
23 plant, they built a very large dike all the way down,
24 across the end into where the ships come in. And where
25 they were planning to build to begin with wouldn't

1 really have been much of a problem for the residents of
2 our town. We wouldn't see much of it, we wouldn't hear
3 much of it, and if they have an explosion -- you know,
4 God help us -- we wouldn't get blown up. Our houses
5 would be okay because of that dike.

6 When they've decided to move it up on top of
7 those dredge spoils, they're trying to do something that
8 I believe has never been done before. I have never,
9 ever heard of a chemical process plant being built on
10 top of silt and dredge spoils, and I've worked -- I
11 guess I need a little background here.

12 I'm a professional chemical engineer. I went
13 to Cornell University so that I could learn how to
14 design these sorts of plants. So when I ask questions
15 about the safety in here, I'm really serious about this.
16 It's questions that I have to answer in my ordinary work
17 every day. And I have some real big concerns about what
18 they're planning to do when they're wanting to put this
19 plant on top of the dredge spoils and not build a berm.

20 The berm that's around the dredge spoils is
21 made of dredge material. That's -- that's the reason
22 why it would be much cheaper for them to just buy
23 everybody out than it is to actually make the plant safe
24 for the residents at Quintana.

25 And I wouldn't disagree with them. That's

1 right. It is cheaper. Is it the right thing to do? I
2 don't think so.

3 I heard Quintana referred to as one of the
4 oldest towns in Texas. I think that I should state
5 right now that Quintana is the oldest town in Texas. It
6 was founded in 1532. That's 40 years after Columbus.
7 There's been people living there continuously ever
8 since.

9 Now, I really have a problem with allowing the
10 town to just disappear. I mean, it doesn't matter that
11 there's only a few of us out there to begin with. It is
12 a really hard place to replace. I mean, the fact that
13 we have so few people means that our beaches are very
14 clear and uncluttered. They're very natural. We pride
15 ourselves on a natural beach.

16 Since Hurricane Ike -- I don't know if you
17 heard much about it; you're from quite a ways off -- but
18 it made some pretty severe erosion all along the beach
19 front. Our beach actually is about 400 yards wider
20 today than it was right after the hurricane. The reason
21 for that is because we did nothing. We allow the
22 seaweed to wash in, we allow the seaweed to catch the
23 sand, the sand builds up, it becomes a beach. No
24 problem.

25 I wonder what -- normally, with these dredge

1 spoils, they become part of the beach themselves, too,
2 after a while. The normal cycle with the dredge spoils
3 is you pile the water and the dirt up there and you
4 allow the water to go over a weir, drain out back into
5 the canal, and let the dirt sit there for 20 or 30
6 years. And oftentimes, when it's close to the sea, they
7 don't even worry about the fact that the wall is eroding
8 out.

9 And I'll be happy to show you tomorrow a dredge
10 spoil where the walls are eroded out. I can show you a
11 dredge spoil where you won't even recognize it as a
12 dredge spoil. There's a wall that eroded out years ago,
13 and basically, the contents have been washing on the
14 beach for years.

15 That's normally what happens with dredge
16 spoils, not process plants.

17 This particular process plant, my understanding
18 is that they plan to build things that are about 75-foot
19 tall on top of the dredge spoils, which is already like
20 23-foot tall. That stuff's going to stick way up in the
21 air. They're also going to have a refrigerant that's
22 under high compression that's made out of gases, mainly
23 propane and ethylene, that are heavier than air.

24 Now, what happens when the foundation starts to
25 settle? What -- do you think there's going to be piping

1 stresses on these compressors? It's almost certain that
2 something will happen and there will be a leak.

3 I have made comments on that because they made
4 some pretty astounding claims in this -- one of the
5 documents that they filed. This report from Gexcon
6 (phonetic) 13P65586. We have drawings in here showing
7 the gas releases that drift to the vapor fences -- the
8 vapor barrier fences, which my understanding is, it's a
9 hurricane fence 20-foot tall with a tarp on it.
10 However, there's a flare right in the middle of the
11 cloud, but mysteriously, these clouds doesn't go
12 anywhere near the flare. They go all around it but they
13 don't touch it.

14 I asked that question. I mean, I filed a
15 question, and the question was carefully avoided in the
16 response. They did not respond. They just said, "Oh,
17 well, the cloud is only half of the flammable vapor
18 limit," was their response. And when you kindly took my
19 questions and turned it around and asked them, "Okay.
20 What are your plans for this?" And that, unfortunately,
21 has been the way it has been for us all along.

22 MR. TOMASI: Do you have a -- you're
23 significantly over your time. Do you mind coming back
24 afterwards and continuing your comments?

25 MR. DOTY: Sure.

1 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much.

2 And I would like to point out, Mr. Doty, that
3 I've been very impressed with your comments over the
4 last years, and it's been very insightful and it
5 actually did help us in the response. So again, thank
6 you.

7 Next commenter will be Melanie Oldham.

8 MS. OLDHAM: Hello. Good evening. My
9 name is Melanie Oldham, O-L-D-H-A-M. I'm a resident of
10 Freeport, Texas. In fact, I live about 6 miles from the
11 proposed Freeport LNG Pretreatment Plant. Also, I've
12 been a healthcare professional for 31 years. I am also
13 a public health environmental advocate, and I'm a member
14 of the National Sierra Club.

15 Brazoria County is a great county, and we're
16 over 300,000 people in population, but we're also a
17 severe non-attainment for ozone. And this affects us as
18 citizens and our beautiful wildlife here.

19 Some of the best kept secrets is -- for
20 instance, in the last three years, we've -- Brazoria
21 County has had the highest ozone reading in the state;
22 and in Manvel, Texas, and Pearland, so they also get a
23 lot of this ozone pollution.

24 Brazoria County, we have 23 EPA-regulated
25 facilities. Twenty-three. We have Dow Chemical, BASF,

1 Chevron Phillips; and at this time in your book, you
2 mention there's probably going to be close to 50
3 projects that could be going on about the same time as
4 this Freeport LNG expansion will be going on.

5 So I ask, again, if y'all will look at the
6 cumulative effects, because it's not just going to be
7 the greenhouse gases, non-greenhouse gases from the
8 construction and operation of plant, but all these other
9 plants have ongoing projects now.

10 Brazoria County, the American Lung Association
11 in their State of the Air 2013 report ranked Brazoria
12 County in the 25 most ozone-polluted counties in the
13 country. On that list of 25, Brazoria County is number
14 20, Dallas is 23. So we do have some definite ozone
15 issues.

16 Also, we have very high particulate pollution
17 in the area, but unfortunately, we have not a single
18 monitor, so we have no data. And lot of times in our
19 county, we have the motto, "If we don't monitor, we
20 don't know exactly what it is." And to me as a public
21 health advocate, that's very frightening.

22 So that is leading to the reason why that we,
23 as citizens, demand -- look to you to give us BACT. We
24 need to have the Best Available Control Technology.
25 There's a lot of new technology out there. And I keep

1 hearing there's technology achievable and there's
2 economically achievable. What criteria did Freeport LNG
3 use to choose the BACT that they propose?

4 And as you know, the pretreatment plant for
5 treatment of LNG will be a major source for greenhouse
6 gas emissions.

7 I would like to just address the BACT as far as
8 carbon capture sequestration. I know you probably have
9 read the report by Nathan Matthews from the National
10 Sierra Club. It's a 50-page report on carbon capture
11 that they sent to EPA. And there are -- they're made up
12 of Sierra Club scientists, engineers, and they looked at
13 this matter carefully. But the issue is, early on, I
14 understood that the -- the Freeport LNG was looking at
15 carbon capture because it will put out so much CO2. And
16 the idea was to pipe it to the Danbury pipeline, which
17 is up near Pearland.

18 Now we're hearing that it's just too expensive
19 to pipe it up to -- through the -- the CO2 up to
20 Danbury. And I'd like to -- you know, for Freeport LNG
21 to explain that to me and other people.

22 Just to mention, down the road, quarter of a
23 mile from the proposed pretreatment plant, Dow is
24 building an ethylene cracker plant, the world's largest.
25 And when they talked about carbon capture and piping it,

1 Dow stated, "However, if a pipeline was constructed,
2 Danbury Resources owns and operates the CO2 pipeline
3 that has a terminus point at Hasting Fields in Pearland,
4 and is in" -- "and is in a reasonable proximity for a
5 tie-in to Dow Freeport.

6 "The Danbury Green pipeline crosses the
7 Galveston Bay and is located about 60 miles from
8 Freeport in the Hasting Field.

9 "This site is approximately 47 miles from Dow;
10 however, there is no existing connection to the pipeline
11 for Hastings Field."

12 So basically, they're saying that this is a
13 good option, you know -- of course, there would be cost
14 to it, but there could be a 47-mile pipeline put to the
15 Danbury pipeline.

16 And my question is -- and I actually asked
17 Mr. Mallett, who is one of the lead engineers -- have
18 they even talked to Dow? Have they looked at sharing
19 the cost of -- to put the CO2 in the air, first
20 degree -- no, actually piping it to Danbury where they
21 can use it for oil recovery.

22 So that -- you know, I feel that needs to be
23 looked at more closely. And the estimates of what they
24 feel it will cost per ton to do it right, \$24 per ton,
25 what Sierra Club estimated 14 is, there's a big

1 difference.

2 So finally, I -- as a citizen, you know, who
3 will be living 6 miles from this pretreatment plant, I
4 request that, for one thing, we need a better
5 air-monitoring system. We only have three TCEQ air
6 monitors in the whole area. We only have a new SO2
7 monitor in Freeport that's been there two years, so they
8 say they have no data from it.

9 We also plead that you ask Freeport LNG to
10 protect our health and our wildlife and use BACT; that
11 is, the best, not just what they think they can afford.

12 In our area, Brazoria County, we do have --
13 it's a great county, we have a lot of growth going on.
14 We have jobs, but I think most of us here would also
15 like to say we also want quality of life and we want our
16 public health protected, so we're asking that you please
17 protect us. Thank you.

18 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much. The
19 next person on the list is Mr. David Cole.

20 MR. COLE: Hi, my name is David Cole,
21 C-O-L-E. I read a lot of what y'all read into the
22 docket about requiring Freeport LNG to have additional
23 information for that. I appreciate that, because
24 anything we know really comes from y'all. Y'all are the
25 ones that ask the questions; they have to provide the

1 answers. This is the only Draft EIS I've ever looked
2 at. So my questions will be rudimentary and my comments
3 will be the same.

4 I don't have -- in the NEPA policy, statements
5 in EIS should include not just a purpose, but a need.
6 And I have yet to see on any page why this -- there is a
7 need for this project. But I -- you know, but I'm --
8 I'm still learning and I'm still reading, so if anybody
9 wants to guide me to that page, I'd like to go to it.
10 Because I basically don't see a need as far as the
11 region: There are temporary jobs already here. You can
12 already see the effects of the economics. They're
13 already here. What you don't see is the cumulative
14 impact that you have on this -- in this draft.

15 It doesn't mention what about the secondary
16 impact or how big was this study area? Was it all of
17 the county or does it include parts of the county? Did
18 it -- when you included the impact, the assessment, not
19 only was it property value, what about the landscape,
20 the land usage?

21 You know, there's another effect. It's an
22 indirect effect. Lake Jackson will swell, people will
23 stop at restaurants, gasoline, sporting goods, because
24 they're on their way to the beach. You've got boaters,
25 you've got fishermen, surfers. Those people don't be

1 accounted for (sic) and they're not even going to be in
2 here because they won't be even -- they won't even
3 consider them significant because they only show up on
4 the weekends or when it's time for there (sic) to have a
5 vacation.

6 So when I see this impact statement, I'm
7 wondering how far in advance did you look at your impact
8 statement, also? We're looking at maybe 25 years that
9 this is going to last, but impact 25 years from now,
10 it's going to be much different.

11 The U.S. Census Bureau and the Corps of
12 Engineers predicts in the next 30 years, this population
13 of Brazoria will increase 40 percent. That's another
14 100,000 people.

15 Where do they live? Where do they recreate?
16 Was that included in your statements as far as when
17 they -- when you did an impact study?

18 And I don't know. You said we could do
19 question-and-answer period, and I didn't know if I stop
20 and you give me an answer or we do this later?

21 MR. TOMASI: If I can just interrupt real
22 quick. I was thinking, you know, about halfway through
23 the list, I could go ahead and comment on some of the
24 things that were asked. I'm marking down some of the
25 questions that I think I can answer a couple of those.

1 MR. COLE: Okay. What was impacted was
2 water bodies. And you have something like 5 acres.
3 There's tidal movement, there's pollution. Those toxins
4 hit water bodies, they don't stand still. The tide
5 takes them out, brings them in. Can't just stay at
6 5 acres.

7 When you say it's a roughly 25 acres of land
8 that's impacted of the wetlands, the toxins don't stop
9 at a property line. They don't know where to go.

10 And you talk about air quality in here, and you
11 mention -- y'all don't -- you don't see -- "We conclude
12 that impact on air quality will not be significant."
13 How do we know that? We've never seen any modeling. In
14 other words, I know what wind speed is and I know what
15 those toxins are. So can you tell me how far those
16 toxins travel, 10 miles an hour? Can you -- can anybody
17 tell me that?

18 Can they tell me -- the people that are making
19 the decisions tell the people that are going to be
20 living with the toxins how much are they going to have
21 to breathe in?

22 One of the things about a NEPA policy is that
23 it's supposed to be well-thought-out, thorough. I still
24 see areas where this modeling has never been shown to
25 the public as far as I know.

1 And I'm just going to say, I don't see -- you
2 talk about, in here, meeting with the Texas Parks and
3 Wildlife about all the different animals. Well, there's
4 a -- there's also a revenue factor involved. Texas
5 Parks and Wildlife sold \$11 million worth of saltwater
6 fishing licenses in these four counties just so people
7 can have the right to come down here. They doesn't even
8 include all the sporting goods, tags, the boat ramps,
9 the bait camps. I mean, they're -- when they're talking
10 about -- you talking about -- you looked at the
11 endangered species and the number of animals, what
12 about -- that's a renewable revenue for the State of
13 Texas. That's all I got.

14 MR. TOMASI: Thank you, Mr. Cole.

15 Next commenter is William Lowry.

16 MR. LOWRY: I wrote down no.

17 MR. TOMASI: That's fine. Next commenter
18 is Larry Davidson.

19 MR. DAVIDSON: I don't really need a
20 microphone. I just think it's a very bad location.
21 It's right in my backyard and don't do it.

22 MR. TOMASI: Well, thank you very much.
23 We're about halfway through the -- little over halfway
24 of the commenters.

25 There are a few things which I believe I can

1 discuss a little bit to -- maybe "clear up" may not be
2 the best term, but to answer at least a couple of
3 concerns that people had.

4 One of the -- we heard a couple times; people
5 had also commented during the scoping process -- what I
6 mean by "scoping," I mean the process when we came down
7 before and had a couple of meetings about air quality
8 issues, specifically wanting additional monitoring.

9 Typically, air monitoring is done by the EPA
10 and for the state. You know, we don't have a lot of
11 authority to require air monitoring. That's why, when
12 we went ahead and did do the air analysis -- and I'll
13 talk about that a little bit here -- we actually did go
14 probably farther than anybody else usually does for
15 these sort of projects.

16 The State of Texas, in their PSD permit for the
17 combined facilities, required an air quality modeling
18 for the national ambient air quality standards. We used
19 that modeling, but we also added in the ship emissions,
20 which we also looked at the ship emissions that the
21 company gave us and decided that they didn't meet the
22 EPA's current guidelines. So we redid the ship
23 emissions, recalculated them and used those additional
24 ship emissions in our model, which we included in it --
25 in the document, both in the air quality section as well

1 as the appendix -- I think it's Appendix F, which is a
2 detailed description of how we did that. You won't find
3 many of the documents that pretty much any other agency
4 does that looks at that.

5 Now, people mentioned an issue of toxic
6 versus -- now, air toxics are a very separate thing. We
7 typically do not do an air toxic analysis, which are
8 what you call the hazardous air pollutants.

9 In here, you'll see the total numbers, but
10 those were not modeled. It's not something that we
11 typically will do. But we will do the modeling of the
12 national ambient air quality standards as -- typically
13 like NOX -- well, for ozone, for sulfur dioxide, for
14 particulate matter, you know, those sort of things. So
15 that's how we did it when we -- when it came to the air
16 quality issues.

17 We also discussed deposition, which -- and
18 there's some concerns about wildlife issues. We did
19 have a lot of discussions with both EPA and NOAA,
20 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
21 specifically National Marine Fisheries Service on the
22 impacts on deposition emissions on species. And we have
23 a writeup of that in the biology section.

24 So we did look at a lot of these things where
25 we typically did not go to that length because of the

1 concerns that the public had. Now, obviously, you know,
2 there seems to be a lot more concern, so keep your
3 comments coming and we can decide what more we could
4 look at here.

5 There's another question. I think it was
6 Mr. -- maybe it was Mr. Doty, Harold -- question about
7 need. Now, I think I described this when I was down
8 here last time, and it's laid out a little bit in the
9 section 1.

10 Now, when it comes to the overall project, we
11 are delegated authority to the siting by the Department
12 of Energy. The Department of Energy does what's called
13 a commodity determination. They decide whether the
14 actual -- the LNG is in the economic interest of the
15 United States to be exported.

16 So we effectively defer that decision to the
17 Department of Energy, and we did the analysis for the
18 purpose and for the siting itself, to look at the
19 impacts of that, of the project. So that might have
20 been a little bit of the confusion.

21 Now, you know, if anyone has any concerns
22 about, well, what does that analysis entail for the
23 Department of Energy? We do have the docket number in
24 there for the Department of Energy's determinations,
25 which you could go ahead and read through if you so

1 desire.

2 If anybody has any questions, they can give me
3 a call and I can point them in the right direction.

4 There was another question about Section 49,
5 192 versus 49 CFR 193. Now, I am not an LNG engineer,
6 I'm not an expert in that, but there was a determination
7 made early on, and it's outlined in the safety section,
8 that the pretreat facility was not -- did not have to --
9 was not -- 192 -- 193 regulations regarding LNG was not
10 applicable because there was no LNG at the pre-
11 treatment facility, so only the 192 rules apply, which
12 deal with pipeline issues.

13 Now, your comment regarding, you know, will
14 they actually meet these regulations? That's something
15 that our LNG engineers take pretty seriously. We do do
16 inspections of these facilities routinely during
17 construction, routinely. And we do these inspections --
18 the LNG engineers do the inspections at -- basically for
19 the life of the facility. So it's -- that's something
20 we don't just -- on the safety side, our engineers will
21 keep coming back to look at these facilities and be
22 looking for things like subsidence, you know, any other
23 safety issues that could happen at these facilities.
24 So -- and that's outlined in the document; but again,
25 it's a very thick document, and there's a lot of -- as I

1 put it, engineerese in the -- in some of the sections.

2 Now, you had some really good comments about
3 noise, and that's something we could look at again, but
4 I would like to stress that although we're -- we always
5 look at, well, what is the -- what is the change in
6 noise impact from, you know, the ambient to what is --
7 what the facility -- what is the anticipated noise
8 impact?

9 Ultimately, we are usually restricted by -- you
10 know, going what we always go with, which is the 55 dba
11 FLM DBA (phonetic), which is, we don't allow the
12 facility to have an impact of more than 55 dba at homes
13 nearby. You know, it's something that we can look at
14 and we'll look at again, because I know there's some
15 concerns about that, about the impact to Turtle Cove and
16 other folks -- other houses nearby.

17 Okay. Seems like some of the main comments.
18 We're going to continue the comments, and I will
19 again -- I'll answer some more at the end. And of
20 course, we'll have some time for question and answers as
21 well, but I wanted to go ahead and get some answers now.
22 I didn't want to forget some of the comments that people
23 had.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is there any way, with
25 all the speaking, that the FLNG is not going to get

1 through?

2 MR. TOMASI: The question was, is there --
3 to paraphrase, if you don't mind: Is there any way that
4 the project is not going to go through? And -- you
5 know, I explained this a little bit to some people as I
6 was walking in, but I want to explain this again. And I
7 think I explained at the beginning: My job is to
8 prepare this document and actually address the impacts.
9 I don't have any control over whether the Commissioners
10 at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission vote yes or
11 vote no. That is purely their decision.

12 This document is a recommendation to them on if
13 they choose to do this, what we could consider
14 mitigation to minimize the -- the environmental impacts.
15 So I don't -- I can't say yes or no to that question at
16 all because I simply have no idea. It's their -- it's
17 completely their decision.

18 Now, there is a -- there has been instances
19 where an LNG facility has not been approved, so it is --
20 it is particularly rare for that to happen, for any
21 project to not get approved.

22 Okay. We're going to call the next commenter,
23 Mr. Casale, Casale?

24 MR. CASALE: Close enough.

25 MR. TOMASI: I apologize.

1 MR. CASALE: My name is Bobby Joe Casale
2 from the Bridge Harbor Subdivision. Have you guys heard
3 about the Bridge Harbor subdivision, by any chance? If
4 you haven't, that's okay. Bridge Harbor is one of --
5 maybe one of the elite subdivisions just south of the
6 proposed plant off the levy road. They've got a
7 multi-million-dollar facility there for boats. It's a
8 residential area, also, okay. I've had lived there
9 since about 1982, and I've had a lot of experience with
10 dealing with chemical plants and barge-cleaning
11 facilities and so on for a long period of time.

12 Anyway, today, one of the major problems that
13 we have is notification. If it wasn't for Melanie back
14 here, I would not know of this meeting today. And I've
15 represented lot of people down there for many, many
16 years.

17 Jeff Pynes, our -- our city manager in
18 Freeport, if it wasn't for Melanie, he wouldn't know
19 about it. He represents 10,000 people, okay? So we
20 need to have -- for the future, if we use the news
21 media, this meeting should have been announced several
22 days ago, and we'd probably have another hundred people
23 in here, at least, okay? Very important. We've got to
24 notify our individual --

25 MR. TOMASI: I'm going to take a second to

1 actually respond to that. This was, you know, we --
2 this document went out to -- I put it in every single
3 news media I could find in the local area, made sure to
4 get copy of this document to everyone -- every single
5 member of the Council of Quintana Island, the Mayor of
6 Freeport, pretty much every basically local counsel
7 members or anything that I could find. I wanted to make
8 sure everybody got it.

9 Now, for some reason, if we missed people. I
10 apologize. My intention was to make sure that anyone
11 who could possibly be interested in this would be
12 getting it.

13 I mean, we did send it to the local press, but
14 I did not get a single -- I got very few inquiries. It
15 was all mainly national press, got the only inquiries.
16 We did not get a single local inquiry at all, even
17 though it was sent to them.

18 So again, I apologize if you felt we were not
19 giving you enough information. Typically, though, the
20 actual notice is usually only about a half a mile in
21 diameter. Now, for this project, we went out -- we went
22 actually much further than that, and we included
23 everyone who was -- was within a half mile of any of the
24 alternative sites, and also even people that were
25 outside. And I made sure to make sure everybody like in

1 separate subdivisions, even though they're outside the
2 radius, we made sure it went to them as well.

3 So, again, I want to apologize. I did not
4 realize you didn't get notification.

5 MR. CASALE: You don't have to apologize,
6 believe me. Many people, probably 90 percent, wouldn't
7 understand what's in that document if you give it them.
8 It takes a pro to appreciate and have the knowledge to
9 understand that.

10 But anyway, in general, this would be an impact
11 with the whole area, Lake Jackson, you know -- maybe not
12 Angleton unless you had a big upset, okay? But in the
13 future, if you can, you know, contact the local news
14 media and make sure that we're, you know, apprised of
15 whatever is going on way ahead of time, not the last
16 minute, okay?

17 One other thing about safety. I did concur
18 with everything that everyone has said, okay, but
19 anyway, last summer, we had a -- a certain incident on
20 the beach of Surfside, okay, whereby law enforcement had
21 to remove maybe 10,000 people -- or whatever, but a
22 whole lot of people -- okay? But anyway, the problem we
23 have, the only exit from Surfside would be Galveston,
24 which is a paid toll, one-lane exit going from -- to
25 Galveston to Houston.

1 Okay. So if you have a major upset at the
2 corner of 332 and the Levy Road, we would be in trouble.
3 Okay? We're talking about, you know, many thousands of
4 people over a weekend going to Surfside.

5 So going back again, location, you know, is
6 real important. I know y'all have -- not y'all, but LNG
7 had a previous proposed location which was totally
8 wrong. The County approved it. Totally wrong. Then
9 they just moved out down the street, which is no better
10 than the previous location. Okay?

11 So anyway, safety again, monitoring is very
12 important. Without that, we know nothing. It's like a
13 newspaper: We can get all the education we need in the
14 world, but if you can't share it, you might as well dump
15 it down the toilet, okay? So notification.

16 And, of course, safety is a very strong issue.
17 I don't want to speak anymore, you know, tonight, but we
18 want, you know, you guys to consider everything that
19 these people are saying out here. All right? Thank
20 you.

21 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much. The
22 next commenter I have is Mr. Jim Martin?

23 MR. MARTIN: I'm Jim Martin, M-A-R-T-I-N.
24 I live on Quintana Island and have resided out there
25 from '98 on. And one of my deepest concerns out there

1 is safety. Whenever the first portion of that plant was
2 built, I did do a regional walk-on and I was asked
3 directly by a lot of people in a position to answer
4 anything, what -- what are you going to do far as
5 safety-wise? On the original pipeline, I was concerned
6 every so often, every so many feet, with the LNG gas
7 they're putting out, how often that's going to be
8 monitored. It was very well-explained, and I accepted
9 that.

10 I need to know more about the safety of this
11 facility, number one. Number two, I know you did a
12 baseline on the noise that you spoke of. I've never
13 heard what that baseline -- what LNG is operating at
14 now, but I do know that it's 55 to 57, you know,
15 projected now in the baseline. Am I right or wrong or
16 am I reading something wrong?

17 MR. TOMASI: The document itself actually
18 lists the actual impact of the current facility and then
19 the -- the -- I guess the change in the impact would be
20 from the addition of the impact on Quintana Island, then
21 of course on the side over by the treatment facility, it
22 lists the impacts over there, which is completely
23 different because they don't --

24 (Reporter requests repeat.)

25 MR. TOMASI: We did impacts for both the

1 treatment facility and for the existing, and basically,
2 the new facility, the liquefaction site.

3 You know, we have the -- on the liquefaction
4 site, we have the existing noise, and then the change in
5 noise, which that will happen. Then at the pretreatment
6 plant, we simply say, okay, this is going to be the
7 noise from this facility, and then check the walls that
8 show the original -- basically, the baseline.

9 There will be an increase in noise on Quintana
10 Island, and we lay that out in there.

11 So we're -- you know, we're very up-front about
12 the fact that noise will be increased.

13 MR. MARTIN: Right. You already said
14 that.

15 MR. TOMASI: Yes. So...

16 MR. MARTIN: I just wanted to know the
17 difference in the baseline and the projected noise, the
18 dba difference.

19 MR. TOMASI: I'd have to pull up the
20 document. At the end, we can talk about it.

21 MR. MARTIN: Okay. That's open question.

22 MR. TOMASI: Okay.

23 MR. MARTIN: In other words, one of the
24 things I was wanting to comment on is that a lot of
25 the -- most of the people that live out there at

1 Quintana are kind of wondering if something does happen
2 with this new facility, how are we going to get off the
3 island?

4 And I understand, I've been -- we've all been
5 told that that's been mitigated and all this, but I have
6 yet to see a hard written plan of how we're going to get
7 off this place. I mean, there's one road in and one
8 road out.

9 I live at the far end of the beach, as far as
10 you can go just short of the County Park, and there's
11 other people that live further than I do that are
12 concerned with that. So I -- I've yet to see an actual
13 mitigated plan in writing how we're going to get out of
14 there and what's going to occur. A, B, C it for us.
15 You know, this -- again, it's a safety issue for us.

16 And then, you know, at night, you have to go to
17 sleep -- you know, I have grandchildren that come out
18 there. I want to be sure that my grandkids are well
19 taken care of. I mean, otherwise, I wouldn't be here.

20 One of the other things I was going to ask --
21 question that I had to ask is -- is about the smells,
22 what kind of -- I know they're bringing in gas. What's
23 going to happen with the smell issue? Am I going to
24 stink out there? You know, things of that nature. But
25 that's an additional question I thought of.

1 On the bright side of it, I've toured LNG out
2 there, had great tour. That place is clean enough you
3 can eat off the ground. I think it's a spotless
4 facility. They been an excellent neighbor. They
5 continue to support the community and I'm sure they will
6 continue to do so in the future.

7 I'm sure this will eventually go through. I
8 hate to say it. Somebody might throw a shoe or rock at
9 me. I believe we'll get our permits and the building
10 will occur to come to full fruition.

11 And I just would like to honestly ask LNG just
12 to keep up the good work and safety first. That's the
13 whole deal. Take care of our community. We're sitting
14 on top of you. We have to trust in that. So I expect
15 that to go above and beyond, and I think that it has.
16 Thank you.

17 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much.

18 The next commenter is Connie Perlander?

19 MS. PERLANDER: That's Connie Perlander,
20 P-E-R-L-A-N-D-E-R. Hi. I live on Quintana. I've been
21 on Quintana since the early '80's, on and off, and I did
22 not sell out to Quintana (sic).

23 I also have my daughter and a one-year-old and
24 two-year old granddaughters that live with me. And I
25 knew for a fact when that bridge was built, something

1 was going to happen to Quintana. And I feel that when
2 they started Phase 1, everybody eventually knew there
3 would be a Phase 2 and I believe there will be a Phase
4 2I.

5 You've created jobs for the residents, even a
6 resident on Quintana worked during Phase 1. They're
7 giving resources for our future. I mean, we've had oil
8 shortages, we've had this shortage, we've had that
9 shortage, you know. I mean, this is to ensure that
10 maybe my grandchildren -- great, great, great
11 grandchildren are warm one night because we've run out
12 of the other resources.

13 You know, I don't think it's a bad thing.
14 They've been a good neighbor. They've -- I live on the
15 end where the ships come in. And, yes, we did have one
16 ship that came in that was loud, and we let LNG know
17 about it and the ship was never brought back in.

18 Sometimes I don't even know a ship is there.
19 Like, it will not be there, and then I'll be inside, and
20 you know, two hours later, I go outside and there's a
21 ship. You know, I didn't hear that ship come in.

22 You know. And I feel that this is going to be
23 built no matter how much anybody complains, and I feel
24 that LNG has been safe. They've been up front with us,
25 you know.

1 It was asked in a meeting that was there going
2 to be Phase 2I, and they said, "We can't guarantee
3 that." So they didn't lie and say, no.

4 You know, I have daughter that has asthma.
5 We -- we've had no attacks, you know, with LNG. And our
6 birds are still migrating, you know. I really think
7 that -- I'm confident that they're going to make a
8 smooth transition.

9 Yes, it is a lot of people to work on the
10 island, but I think that they are going to figure out
11 how to make it doable. You know. And if we have a
12 problem with it, I think they're going to try to work
13 with us, you know.

14 And I don't plan on leaving Quintana, I plan on
15 dying on Quintana. You know. And -- but I know that
16 the future is coming, you know, and we need resources
17 for the future. You know, so they've been a good
18 neighbor to me. And like I said, when we did complain
19 about the one ship, they got rid of that ship.

20 I was there when they built the -- the half on
21 my end of the island. You know, I was rested assured
22 that that was not going to be everything, because I live
23 in reality, and I knew when that bridge was built that
24 something was coming to take over Quintana.

25 But that's just my opinion. And, you know, I'm

1 told they're going to work with us. And, you know, I
2 feel safe to be out there. I'm not scared. I wouldn't
3 have brought my grandchildren out there if I was afraid.
4 You know. And thank you.

5 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much. The
6 next commenter on the list is Miss Laura Jones.

7 MS. JONES: My name is Laura Jones. And I
8 am from Hide-a-Way on the Gulf. I'm a core member of
9 Save our Subdivisions. We have been in quite the epic
10 situation of trying to assure things are done right,
11 done well, and our people are taken care of.

12 I've kind of -- I probably will run over, so if
13 I need to stop at a point, I will, but I do represent a
14 lot of people.

15 Our subdivision is going to be smack dab in
16 the -- surrounding this chemical plant. It is a
17 chemical plant. It is not just a facility, it is a
18 chemical plant. It's going to be producing something,
19 stripping impurities out for export to countries that
20 have no free trade agreements with us.

21 In other words, we're going to be shipping our
22 natural resources overseas so they can produce items to
23 sell unfairly back to us without free trade and doing
24 it -- trying to do it at cheaper value than we can.

25 The concern of mine is -- one concern is -- I'm

1 going outside my notes right now, so -- is that the jobs
2 that are going to be produced here pale in comparison to
3 what manufacturing here in these United States could
4 produce with low-cost natural gas. We could become back
5 to our greatness.

6 I think this an illogical situation, and our
7 government has got it backwards. We have embraced with
8 the -- fracking gases. If we choose to achieve the
9 level that we have been in the past, we can do that with
10 this natural resource staying here and not for export.

11 One of the things that kind of got me from the
12 very beginning of the very first page, yes, I -- one
13 page -- was the purpose of the EIS is to inform the FERC
14 decision-makers, the public and the permitting agencies
15 about the potential adverse and the beneficial
16 environmental impacts. I don't know one beneficial
17 environmental impact that Freeport LNG is going to have
18 on our communities. I see them producing tons --
19 87 tons of particulate each year that are going to be
20 dumped on our community.

21 We are right -- per windrose, right in the
22 pattern a predominant amount of the time. Most of our
23 residents out there are retirees. A lot of us have
24 worked in the chemical industry. Some of us have
25 already respiratory systems that have been compromised.

1 As you get older, your lungs become older. This is
2 going to be compounded, compounded, compounded with
3 this -- just complete onslaught of these emissions
4 constantly, constantly.

5 And there again, we've been there for 50 years,
6 Hide-a-Way on the Gulf has been there 50 years. Between
7 Bridge Harbor and Hide-a-Way, Turtle Cove, Oyster Creek
8 Estates, Bridge Point, we have over 500 homes. That's
9 not counting the City of Oyster Creek, which has a
10 very -- there's a very poor population. There's like
11 20 percent of them are below the poverty level. They
12 have no way and no means to move away from this that
13 will do damage to their lungs and cause premature heart
14 attacks.

15 We are -- I know you said about the testing.
16 We want to put on record that we have asked TCEQ, we've
17 repeatedly, and we are putting it on the record here:
18 We want air monitors in place. If this plant goes
19 forward and moving in smack dab between all of our
20 neighborhoods, it's like the bull's eye on the target in
21 the middle of our neighborhoods. If this plant goes in
22 there -- this chemical plant goes in there, we need to
23 know what we're breathing and we need to know a
24 baseline-to-baseline measurement to begin with.

25 Now, I'm going to start going through some of

1 my notes here.

2 The -- on one page -- on page 3-8. On page
3 3-8, there is a graph here that says that -- listing the
4 sites that were available that the proposed industrial
5 use was compatible with the existing surrounding. It's
6 not. As you said before, that's a sand pit. It's not a
7 24/7 noise-producing, chemical plant producing stuff.
8 That was a thing occasionally, we may need sand, we'll
9 operate during the day; you shut down. This is going to
10 be, until the foreseeable future, running,
11 contaminating, pumping out noise that's going to bother
12 our neighborhoods -- because I can hear a wrench drop
13 four blocks away in my subdivision when it hits
14 somebody's driveway. I can hear conversations from four
15 houses down. We have a very quiet neighborhood. This
16 is going to be a complete change in our lives now.

17 So we are not an industrial area. And the
18 ambient light, we're very concerned about that. Our
19 houses are elevated. We're not on the ground. So we're
20 going to be up high and be able to see this. Some of us
21 are 12 to 20 foot above the ground on stilts. We're
22 going to see it. It's going to be a visual impact.

23 And there was -- it also says in this report
24 that there was suitable road access on 792 at the time.
25 And I'm just shocked at that, that that would be

1 considered when it's one way in and one way out on our
2 road moving forward.

3 There was an error in there. You have the
4 site -- site E -- let me see. Yeah, site E was on 690.
5 It's on 792. So that's a correction that needs to be
6 made in there.

7 I want to address something about the ambient
8 air monitors that are here, and with the TCEQ. There
9 are -- there was one included that was a historic
10 ambient air monitor and it was moved after two years of
11 the highest readings of anywhere in the United States
12 for ozone; and as I understand it, TCEQ could no longer
13 fund that monitor, and Dow agreed to take over funding
14 it, but decided to move it north and west of town, south
15 of the integrated plant systems; and magically, the
16 numbers came down, sometimes into compliance.

17 That is not -- a shell game is not what we want
18 played with our lives and our safety on any -- on any
19 level.

20 And I noticed on 4-204, you were talking about
21 monitoring and stuff during -- during construction, but
22 what monitors will be there to monitor the air? Are
23 there going to be mobile units there? You're requiring
24 them to be monitored during construction. Obviously,
25 the plant is not constructed. There will be no

1 physical, you know, structures for the plant itself to
2 be monitoring, so how will that be monitored? Will you
3 bring in separate mobile operating systems? I was just
4 curious about that.

5 And just the fact that, again, that there's
6 going to be a chemical plant in the middle of 500 homes
7 that have been here, some of them, up to 50 years.

8 Another question, is, page 4-207, it was
9 talking about emission offsets. How does an offset help
10 me with the air that I breathe at my house? How does
11 that -- how does that help me when it's supposedly
12 some -- on the -- market that you buy just so that you
13 can produce more pollution here, and you offset it off
14 somewhere else? How does that help me, and all my
15 neighbors, with our respiratory issues as we age and
16 everything else? That's just a question I have.

17 The employment. As I said, the employment
18 would pale in comparison as to what we could do here in
19 the county and in the United States if this gas did not
20 go overseas, if it stayed here in our chemical plants.
21 Our production plants, our other facilities could run
22 and become a competitor in the world market again.

23 And I -- I just don't see on page 4-119, how
24 does -- how does a chemical plant not reduce the value
25 of our properties and our homes? We're going to see, we

1 are going to hear, we are going to smell, in cases.
2 That chemical plant is going to be visible from our
3 homes. It is going to impact the value of our homes.
4 Who of you would even come down and buy a home if you
5 could see a chemical plant from -- that's not why we're
6 here. We moved there because we were out of the
7 chemical plants. That stays -- that's always stayed on
8 the other side of 332 for the most part. All the
9 production plants: Dow, BASF. It's been the unspoken
10 rule. Now that the iron maiden lines are coming in,
11 power lines are coming in, the pipelines are in, we
12 think it opens the floodgates for more industry to move
13 into these areas where established neighborhoods are.

14 MR. TOMASI: Laura, I've given you about
15 ten or so minutes. I know you represent multiple
16 people. How much longer do you have?

17 MS. JONES: I'm almost through. I've only
18 got three more topics.

19 MR. TOMASI: Why don't you go ahead and
20 continue, that's fine.

21 MS. JONES: Okay. Emergency response: We
22 had -- I have belong to also a group sponsored by
23 Freeport LNG that's called the Community Outreach Forum.
24 I have been there, am one of the few -- Bob Rents
25 (phonetic) and I are one of the few original members,

1 but we have been asking, day one, for a safety plan from
2 them. Just at our last meeting -- it's been over a year
3 we've been asking. They finally gave us one, but it
4 offers up more questions than answers. They're just
5 saying the first responders will take care of us, and
6 the Coast Guard will round up some boats and come pick
7 us up if there's an incident. There's no plan as where
8 do you congregate, how do you handle this. It's just,
9 well, and then CARE -- CARE will take care of it.

10 We want a true plan. We want to know there's
11 dedicated things in place and ready to go for us. It's
12 a life-and-death matter. There might not be anything
13 left of us if we have an explosion; I don't know.
14 But -- if we have one, because that's, you know, where
15 are those things happen. We are the -- the dirty plant
16 is where we are. It's the dirty plant. It's where all
17 the emissions are going to be produced. It is where the
18 gas is coming out of the line and they're doing --
19 stripping the impurities. There's so many places and
20 valves that leak can occur, and accidents happen.

21 And if -- I said if they plan to drill, we
22 wouldn't even know where to go or how to do anything
23 else. If you have public meetings, why can't you have a
24 public meeting (sic)? We can't we have drills where you
25 include the citizens that are going to be impacted to

1 know what to do? I think it would be an excellent plan.

2 And I did discuss the population that it is,
3 it's -- 19.2 percent are below the poverty line, and
4 they have no way of moving. But in our situation, as I
5 said, it's not -- we -- we've heard time and time again
6 from Freeport LNG, well, we're not a chemical plant, and
7 you don't really have neighborhoods.

8 We have 500 -- over 500 homes where this plant
9 is going to move in the middle of it. And we -- we're
10 not happy about that. But we need air monitors, we need
11 a safety plan in place; and if these permits are going
12 to go through, that is what we need to protect our
13 people. We need to know what we're breathing.

14 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much, Laura.

15 MS. JONES: Thank you.

16 MR. TOMASI: We're going to go ahead --
17 it's a little bit after 8 o'clock right now. We're
18 going to go ahead and take a ten-minute break. We're
19 going to go ahead and restart at 8:15 so everyone can
20 stretch their legs.

21 We have four more speakers on the list, then
22 I'll take questions.

23 (Short break 8:06 to 8:17 p.m.)

24 MR. TOMASI: We're going to go ahead and
25 start for the next commenter. And also, we magically

1 got two more commenters during the break. So we're
2 going to go ahead and start with Diana Stokes. Diana?

3 MS. STOKES: My name is Diana Stokes,
4 S-T-O-K-E-S, and I'm a resident of Hide-a-Way on the
5 Gulf. And I'd like to start tonight with a quote that I
6 found: "No matter how good your equipment, no matter
7 how tight your maintenance and training programs, no
8 matter how carefully you operate, when you operate
9 equipment, you will have spills and leaks."

10 That quote is attributed to Freeport FLNG,
11 right off their official website.

12 Even though FLNG admits there's a real
13 possibility for accidents in their plants, and as we
14 have seen recently in Plymouth, Washington, explosions
15 in LNG facilities do occur. The blast in Washington
16 state seriously burned one worker, injured four others
17 and forced the evacuation of residents within a 2-mile
18 radius of the plant.

19 While the exact cause of the accident has not
20 been determined, it's clear an explosion and fire in a
21 gas pipeline occurred and this caused a chain reaction.

22 This illustrates the potential for a
23 catastrophic event in LNG plants. Some experts who
24 helped develop the LNG hazard models for the federal
25 regulators now admit the risk of locating these plants

1 near populated areas.

2 This scenario is alarming for those of us
3 residing in the neighborhoods of Hide-a-Way on the Gulf,
4 Oyster Creek Estates, Turtle Cove, Bridge Point, Bridge
5 Harbor and the City of Oyster Creek. These are the
6 communities and neighborhoods surrounding the Freeport
7 FLNG pretreatment plant, and all are well within a 2-
8 mile radius of the proposed location.

9 According to U.S. census data, Oyster Creek,
10 Texas, has a population of 1,139 residents with 277 of
11 its citizens living below the poverty level. The
12 unincorporated neighborhoods of Hide-a-Way, Oyster Creek
13 Estates, Bridge Point, Turtle Cove and Bridge Harbor
14 contain approximately 500 homes and hundreds of
15 residents. Many of us are elderly, retired and living
16 on fixed incomes.

17 Freeport LNG's initial application stated that
18 the land required for their project for the pretreatment
19 plant would be located in an industrial area. This is
20 not the case. The land they acquired for the
21 pretreatment plant is in a largely residential area.

22 While there's industry down the road, it's not
23 located in the middle of our neighborhoods like FLNG's
24 proposed plant.

25 Freeport's choices for a pretreatment plant

1 pose a threat to our health, our safety and the welfare
2 of hundreds of south Brazoria County residents.

3 While many of us in Hide-a-Way and Oyster Creek
4 Estates felt great relief when the initial site was
5 changed and located to County Road 690 just because it's
6 going to be less unsightly for us, does not mean that
7 it's going to be less dangerous. In reality, this is a
8 chemical plant located about one and a half miles away
9 from the last street in Hide-a-Way and it's much, much
10 closer to Turtle Cove and the City of Oyster Creek.

11 Natural gas will arrive at this pretreatment
12 plant via a 42-inch high-pressure pipeline. It will
13 undergo a process stripping it of impurities. The
14 impurities will then be released into the air that we
15 breathe or stored for later disposal. After the
16 stripping, it will then be streamed to Quintana in the
17 continuing 42-inch pipeline for further processing.

18 All of this is occurring in the middle of
19 neighborhoods established long before Freeport FLNG.
20 Recent events that shown us explosions can occur at LNG
21 plants. Freeport FLNG even concedes that safety
22 measures and training cannot prevent all accidents. If
23 this is the case, then why did Freeport FLNG even
24 consider constructing the facility in the middle of
25 residential neighborhoods? And why would our local

1 elected officials turn a blind eye to the constituents
2 who could become potential victims? And why would you,
3 FERC, permit a company to build a potentially lethal
4 plant in the middle of where U.S. citizens live?

5 Freeport FLNG officials will not even
6 acknowledge that the nearby residents live in
7 neighborhoods. They also would not acknowledge that
8 they need a means to warn us of potential danger or that
9 they have a responsibility to develop a specific
10 evacuation plan to ensure our safety.

11 According to Mark Mallett, Freeport FLNG vice-
12 president, if we're worried about notification during
13 plant emergency, then we need to preregister our phone
14 numbers with the local CARE agency and wait for the
15 phone call.

16 Their claims of state-of-the-art equipment and
17 construction techniques using the latest industry
18 modeling theories are just that, theoretical. We, the
19 residents of the surrounding neighborhoods, are not
20 theoretical people. We are real, flesh-and-blood people
21 living in real-time. To protect the health, safety and
22 welfare of hundreds of local residents, I urge FERC to
23 reject FLNG's permit to construct a pretreatment plant
24 at its current location.

25 Now, in closing, I'd like to share with you

1 some words from my favorite author: Although Mark Twain
2 has been dead for over a hundred years now, he was
3 apparently well-acquainted with the forefathers of
4 today's corporate leaders. He wrote, "There are three
5 kinds of lies: Lies, damn lies and statistics."

6 I don't think Twain would object to my adding
7 "theoretical models" to the list. Thank you.

8 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much. The
9 next commenter is Susan Luycx; is that?

10 MS. LUYCX: Luycx (Lux).

11 Hi, my name is Susan Luycx, L-U-Y-C-X, and I
12 had a prepared speech, but my neighbors have done such
13 an excellent, excellent job, I'm not going to be
14 redundant and bore everyone, but I did want to say this:
15 I know that our elected officials are in support of this
16 facility whether you're at Quintana or at the
17 pretreatment plant, and I understand why: Do I like it?
18 Absolutely not. Do I understand the economic value of
19 having these plants? Absolutely. But the purpose of
20 our government is to find a -- a balance between what is
21 good for industry and what is good for the citizens.

22 And again, I just wanted to throw that out
23 there because I do have a concern about this. But I
24 think there needs to be a balance.

25 And we need the air monitors. It is critical,

1 critical to the economic value. So I mean, you have
2 your industry, then you have your residential areas.
3 And then there's got to be a way that they can coexist
4 together with reasonability. I just hope that all
5 parties can understand that and come to some happy
6 medium that can make every -- so that we can live with
7 the outcome. I would hate to see southern Brazoria
8 County, to be quite honest with you, come to slums,
9 because I think that's what will happen down the road.
10 And then we lose our value, our property values, and
11 that is a -- a big concern.

12 Unlike some of the residents, I have not been a
13 lifelong resident of southern Brazoria County. I
14 married into southern Brazoria County, so -- but this is
15 home to me, and I want to -- I want to die here like the
16 rest of the long-time residents.

17 But there has to be a happy medium that we find
18 here, and I don't know if what the Commission is going
19 to do or what the recommendations from you guys are
20 going to be, or if everything in this report -- because
21 to be quite honest, a lot of that in that report is over
22 my head, and I'm not going to B.S. you into any other
23 thing; it's over my head. But I do know people, I do
24 know business, and I do know elected officials. There
25 has to be a balance. And that's all I'm going to ask.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much. I have
3 a Mr. John Hoss on my list.

4 MR. HOSS: I'll keep this short. My
5 name's John Hoss, spelling H-O-S-S. I'm a business
6 owner in the City of Freeport and an elected
7 Commissioner for the Port of Freeport. I serve
8 currently as Chairman of the Board.

9 As a Freeport native, I'm very much aware of
10 Freeport LNG's presence in Brazoria County. They have
11 acted as a responsible neighbor in the past and I'm
12 confident that they will work hard to mitigate the
13 impacts of the construction traffic or dust during
14 construction.

15 As an elected public representative, I can say
16 that Freeport LNG has demonstrated a concern for the
17 public and any impact this expansion project may have on
18 the local environment. Freeport LNG's efforts to
19 support our community through various charitable
20 donations, the funding of public improvement projects
21 and the community events is well documented. Freeport
22 LNG's support of the community will continue to grow as
23 this company grows with the addition of the liquefaction
24 project. This expansion of their existing facility will
25 have more than a significant impact on the local and

1 regional Texas and U.S. economy.

2 Currently, Port Freeport impacts the Texas
3 economy by nearly \$18 billion annually. Freeport's --
4 Freeport LNG's export facility will increase that
5 number. This project brings jobs to our community, more
6 than 3500 workers will be employed during the four- to
7 five-year construction period; and over 160 new
8 full-time employees will be hired to manage, operate and
9 maintain the expanded facilities. Those will be local
10 people.

11 Many local residents have significant ties to
12 and in appreciation for manufacturing in the oil and gas
13 industry in this area and in this region. Various local
14 residents work in and rely upon the economic development
15 generated by these local industries.

16 Port Freeport is partnering with all of the
17 industries in the region to promote job growth while
18 being good stewards of the environment. We're very
19 sensitive to this.

20 I personally support Freeport LNG's project. I
21 thank the citizens for taking an interest in their
22 community and showing up tonight and voicing their
23 opinions to you. And I thank you for accepting the
24 comments. Thank you.

25 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much. The

1 next commenter on the list is Mr. Roy Marsh.

2 MR. MARSH: Good evening. My name is Roy
3 Marsh, R-O-Y, M-A-R-S-H. Just three things tonight: In
4 looking through the document, I did not see the lighting
5 effect on the nesting and migratory birds; and with the
6 Brazoria Wildlife Preserve adjacent to it, I think that
7 needs to be addressed.

8 I did disagree with your paragraph 4.8.21
9 regarding property values. Property values in the
10 Hide-a-Way area will decrease once the plant is under
11 construction.

12 But the main point that I wanted to make is
13 that the EPA has raised concerns of what the export of
14 LNG may mean to the aggregate production of greenhouse
15 gases, and the EPA has recommended that FERC review the
16 proposed simpler energy export project to determine
17 potential environmental impacts, effects of more natural
18 gas drilling, specifically requests that FERC take those
19 restrictions from EPA and apply them to their
20 Environmental Impact Study. Thank you.

21 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much. Next
22 commenter is Mr. Dean Walder?

23 MR. WALDER: I'm Dean Walder. I have a
24 place at Turtle Cove. I'm opposed to the plant that you
25 want to build off of County Road 690. I want to know

1 if -- I don't know if you have physically been there and
2 seen the site. You have? Okay.

3 MR. TOMASI: Yes, I have been at the site
4 more than once. But I will also be there tomorrow
5 again. I'll meet over -- again, I want to announce I'll
6 meet at Hide-a-Way, but will be going over to the site
7 again.

8 MR. WALDER: Very good. Thank you.

9 MR. TOMASI: The next commenter is Miss
10 Colleen Weaver.

11 MS. WEAVER: Colleen Weaver.

12 C-O-L-L-E-E-N, W-E-A-V-E-R.

13 Hi, I live in Turtle Cove and my house backs up
14 to County Road 690. We call it Levy Road. And I was
15 the person who got the petition asking them not to run
16 the power lines along Levy Road, and I don't know if
17 they even considered it or not, but they actually --
18 from what I can tell, they chose 332 as the route to run
19 the power for this plant. I don't know if that's
20 finalized or not.

21 But when I was gathering the 189 signatures
22 that I gathered for that, many of the people who signed
23 that don't live here. They just come to the beach
24 because they like the beach. It's one of their
25 recreational spots. And many of the people who signed

1 that expressed the wish that they didn't feel that the
2 liquefaction plant is right there at all. And I'm of
3 that opinion. I would prefer that it not be built off
4 County Road 690 or 7 -- whatever it was, the 792 or
5 whatever.

6 But there were a few issues that I wanted to
7 just basically question, because when they built the
8 42-inch pipeline that's existing, I believe it was first
9 a 36 proposed, and then when that was approved, then it
10 jumped up to a 42, got that approved. And I talked to
11 the foreman who was building that, and he didn't really
12 want to tell me where he was from at first, because he
13 wasn't from the State of Texas, and his crew wasn't from
14 the state of Texas. So I'm thinking that, sure, that it
15 will bring jobs to the area, but not necessarily to
16 Brazoria County residents. It will bring people who
17 will work, but primarily, they will be from other
18 states.

19 Also, the noise pollution, the light pollution
20 and the chemical pollution is a concern for me since I
21 live so close. I mean, I could actually walk to it
22 pretty quickly.

23 And then also, the pipeline runs right behind
24 my house in the water there, little slough, and I'm
25 wondering -- from what I read, I didn't understand most

1 of it, but I -- from what I read in the book, it said
2 that there were at least four or five different
3 pipelines that were going to need to be run, and I'm
4 wondering that could possibly take my home, because you
5 can't live within -- I understand 15 feet of a pipeline,
6 and there's not a whole lot of space down there. So
7 unless they have some way of stacking it or whatever,
8 I'm concerned that they might eminent domain because
9 they stack them and keep stacking them side by side, and
10 then here we go, our houses are gone.

11 MR. TOMASI: Let me address the eminent
12 domain issue right now. This pipeline will not have the
13 ability to do eminent domain. It's a legal reason.
14 It's a Section 3 pipeline as opposed to a Section 7
15 pipeline. Section 3 pipelines do not have the ability
16 for eminent domain. In addition, the pipeline will be
17 run in the same pipeline corridor that's there now. So
18 it may still be closer to your home, but it won't --
19 they will not have any right of eminent domain on the
20 federal level that a --

21 MS. WEAVER: At this time, but --

22 MR. TOMASI: No, no, not at this time. I
23 mean, this type of pipe simply does not have -- does not
24 give them legal ability to try to obtain eminent domain
25 of any -- you know, on the federal level. So that just

1 simply can't happen due to the federal rules.

2 MS. WEAVER: Well, that's good to know.

3 MR. TOMASI: I wanted to clear that up.

4 It had come up before. I just wanted to make sure that
5 that was clear. Like I said, the five pipelines will be
6 in the existing corridor that's there. Some of it will
7 be in the same trench. Some of it is like -- not
8 electric lines, but communication lines, too, so.

9 Thank you.

10 MS. WEAVER: Well, I am concerned because
11 I don't -- I live on stilts, and I can see -- you know,
12 that's a beautiful sunset. That's a nice westerly
13 sunset. The birds, you know, migrating birds and stuff
14 come through that there, you know. It's a really lovely
15 place to live. I mean, there's alligators in the water
16 and stuff like that, and fish, and it's a variety of
17 bird life that people -- you know, you've seen them on
18 the levy, stop, and I've asked them, "What are you
19 doing?"

20 "Oh, we're looking for such-and-such a bird."

21 You know, we're getting -- you know, birders
22 come down there. It's a really beautiful place, and I
23 hope that the FLNG doesn't destroy that. Thank you.

24 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much.

25 The next commenter is Mr. Gilbert Muir.

1 MR. MUIR: That's M-U-I-R. I am here to
2 tell you I'm very opposed to this thing being built
3 right here. I think it's a very, very bad place to
4 build one. I own two houses in Turtle Cove, one is in
5 the planning stage right now of being built as my
6 retirement home, where I'm going to bring my kids and
7 grandkids down there. I have enough land to build
8 another house.

9 After y'all build this site, my property value
10 will go down, and the dust is going to be terrible.
11 Instead of looking at the moon, I'll look at a flare.
12 Instead of listening to a dog barking, I'll listen to a
13 pop-off valve reset and everything else like that.

14 So I am very opposed to what y'all are doing
15 right now. Very bad place to put it.

16 MR. TOMASI: Okay. Well, we've reached
17 the end of the speaker list, so I wanted to go ahead and
18 see Mr. -- I think the first one was Mr. Doty? Was --
19 do you want to --

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: There was somebody else.

21 MR. TOMASI: Mr. Pratt, were you first?

22 MR. PRATT: Harold, go on. I don't care.

23 MR. DOTY: I'll be brief.

24 MR. TOMASI: Okay.

25 MR. DOTY: I don't want to go through this

1 and totally pick it apart. The City of Quintana has
2 hired some legal experts in these -- in environmental
3 studies who hopefully will be filing some responses to
4 this on our behalf. But I do kind of wonder about the
5 general validity of the document when I read in the
6 first part that -- in the executive summary -- let me
7 see if I can quote that directly.

8 That they received a bunch of petitions --

9 MR. TOMASI: I think I know what you're
10 going to say. There is a mistake in the document in
11 there. That will be fixed.

12 MR. DOTY: Right. The second letter
13 disavowing the petitions --

14 MR. TOMASI: That was actually a reference
15 more to -- and that was a mistake on our part. And
16 again, I -- you know, where I think the City of Quintana
17 actually filed some letters and some opposing -- and
18 there were several landowners had filed letters
19 basically saying that, no, this does not represent our
20 opinions.

21 And unfortunately, that got conflated to the
22 other -- the other petition, and again, that's a mistake
23 which we'll fix, and I realize that.

24 MR. DOTY: And the other thing is just
25 kind of a general overall feel to this, that in the

1 document -- and I know you modeled it quite a bit after
2 one FLNG filing -- they filed lots and lots and lots of
3 paperwork, so there was lots to choose from.

4 But basically, any benefits and any impact
5 is -- always seems to start off with taking Brazoria
6 County as a whole. Well, Quintana is an island, is a
7 town on an island. And basically, this plant is going
8 to be right in the middle of our town surrounded by
9 three -- on three sides by our town, the other side
10 being the Intercoastal Canal.

11 I mean, you're basically taking over the whole
12 town. I mean, it is the idea. And I don't know how you
13 can ignore that as an environmental impact. I mean, it
14 may -- it may not have much impact to the County
15 Commissioner's Court in Angleton. What do they care?
16 "Hey, we're bringing some money in. We got trailer
17 parks full." You know, this is wonderful. Everybody's
18 happy with making money.

19 But basically, Quintana's going to be destroyed
20 in the process. I don't know how you can ignore that as
21 an impact. I'd like to see a lot more about the actual
22 impact of this on the town of Quintana, which I remind
23 you again, is the oldest city in Texas. It is the
24 original settlement. Thank you.

25 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much,

1 Mr. Doty. Mr. Pratt?

2 MR. PRATT: Okay. Thank you. I didn't
3 explain earlier, I'm Robert Pratt. I'm also the
4 Property Owner Association President for Turtle Cove.
5 So I am trying to speak for more than just myself. They
6 like for me to talk because I talk a lot.

7 The first two points I talked about was the
8 siting and the noise. Third point I'd like to talk
9 about is the view. It's specifically addressed in the
10 appendix, what this facility is going to look like back
11 on -- back on the theoretical views of figure E-11.

12 Nobody drives to the end of Stringfellow Road
13 and looks out there. Stringfellow Road is -- there's
14 nothing out there. As you can see in this figure 11,
15 that is a very large facility. It's a very tall
16 facility. If you -- if you've got the picture, right
17 behind that bulldozer, between the pipe rack in the
18 back, you can see the levy back there. It's very
19 clearly obvious this facility is far taller than the
20 levy. The levy's elevation is supposed to be 18 feet.
21 Many of these vessels are going to be 70, 80 feet tall,
22 just looking at comparative scale that we've got here in
23 this picture.

24 But if you turn to the next page, it's blank.
25 The view from the other side of the levy is going to be

1 considerably different now. A lot of us see that view
2 every day. When I sit on my deck and look over to the
3 right to see the Martin house and see what's going on
4 down at the pool, I'm going to see the plant. That view
5 is going to significantly change for me.

6 Which leads us to the next point is: What does
7 it do -- oh, wait a minute. In the document, there is
8 also the comparison of this facility, the pretreatment
9 facility and FLNG, with all the other ongoing work in
10 the area. This is a big project. It's a very large
11 project. There are many large projects going on in the
12 area. Every one of the large projects going on in the
13 area are being built at existing facilities. They're
14 being built in existing plant sites. They're being
15 built in areas where they're not having immediate
16 detrimental impact on the people nearby.

17 This is moving to totally new ground, which
18 leads me to the point about what it's going to end up
19 doing to your property values. For us, it -- related to
20 the pretreatment facility, there's no doubt that what
21 people might have thought of us before as a nice little
22 community way out in the boonies and on the waterfront
23 where they could bring their boats, that was really cool
24 till there's a plant right next door.

25 I know folks at Hide-a-Way have much more

1 expensive homes than we have over at Turtle Cove, but
2 I'll promise you, it's all I've got. And the people
3 that live there, it's all they've got. It might be
4 their retirement home. Gilbert's talking about he wants
5 to build another home. I'm pouring my life into an area
6 that is now going to very easily be reduced in value by
7 the siting of this facility right next door.

8 Another part that has not been addressed by
9 anybody that I've heard -- so I'm going to skip the ones
10 that have been addressed -- is in this document. It
11 says we're going to have 200 ships a year. For Bridge
12 Harbor, for Turtle Cove, for Hide-a-Way, for Kirby
13 Marina, for everyone that lives on the waterfront, 200
14 ships a year is going to kill us.

15 I don't know if any of you have ever been in a
16 boat trying to leave a harbor -- we've only this happen
17 a few times because they never really got any ships --
18 but when it did happen, what happened is our entire
19 harbor shuts down. The Coast Guard comes running out in
20 their little fast patrol boats that were subsidized by
21 LNG in the beginning. They blow the boat sideways in
22 front of you and point an M-16 machine gun at you. Have
23 you ever had that happen? It's really ugly. I'm a
24 captain. I'm a licensed captain operating a flagged
25 U.S. vessel, and when a foreign ship comes into the

1 port, the U.S. Coast Guard throws themselves sideways in
2 front of me and points a machine gun at me.

3 How many people are going to continue to come
4 here to go fishing if 200 out of the 360 days year that
5 they have an opportunity to go fishing, somebody comes
6 and points a machine gun at them? This is totally bad
7 for the fishing industry here. Freeport may not be
8 Miami Beach, but it is a sport fishing community
9 compared to some of the other areas along the Texas
10 coast.

11 And that reflects in the property values, also.
12 Why would anybody want waterfront property in an area
13 where you can't use your boat without people hassling
14 you every time you go?

15 Another point here in the book that really
16 concerns me is the water. We at Turtle Cove, if you
17 average out our peak during the winter versus our peak
18 during the summer, the 68 properties there use about
19 10,000 gallons a day.

20 Hide-a-Way is twice as large, 2 and a half
21 times as large. They're probably going to be using
22 about the same.

23 The City of Oyster Creek -- the well sites are
24 all in there. You saw where they are.

25 The thing that's made very clear in here is

1 that we're all going to be pulling off of the same
2 aquifer.

3 And some people have the impression that an
4 aquifer is a lake underground. It's not a lake
5 underground, it's a big sponge, all right? And whoever
6 sucks on the sponge the hardest is going to get the
7 water.

8 We have small wells, we have small communities.
9 We're doing the best we can with the wells we've got,
10 and Freeport LNG is wanting to come in and suck more
11 water for their plant operation in a day than all of our
12 communities combined.

13 Their backup plan is they're going to get water
14 from Dow. It's very obvious with what's going on with
15 Dow, they're having to build reservoirs to have enough
16 water to take care of themselves. I don't know how they
17 think they're going to get water from somebody who's
18 already having trouble getting water for themselves. So
19 that's not a viable backup plan for water. And the
20 ability to suck the water out of our aquifer that's
21 going to knock us trying to fight against a huge
22 capacity well is going to be adverse to our water
23 supply.

24 In the document, there's also the discussions
25 of workforce and housing. I run the two of those

1 together, because I'm currently working on one of these
2 mega-projects here. Right now, we're headed to 3,500
3 people, also. Right now, we're at 1,200. It's not real
4 big yet. There's no place to live. In here, there are
5 statements about the available houses and the number of
6 houses available, and oh, somebody's building an 85-room
7 hotel.

8 I'm working with guys every day that are
9 begging me -- because I'm a local -- to tell them,
10 "Where can I find a place to live?" All the RV parks
11 are filled up. All the rental properties are filled up.
12 There's people telling me that right now, the best they
13 can find of anyplace to live is a little fleabag,
14 one-bedroom place for \$250 a week. I have had guys
15 coming to me and asking me where they can find a place
16 to live. They are commuting from an RV park almost in
17 Bellville because the RV parks all the way up the road
18 are filled up.

19 There's no place left to build RV parks right
20 now. There's plenty of people out looking. There's
21 people trying. But you don't just pop up an RV park --
22 and I'm sorry, those aren't really great additions to
23 the community. That forces an extremely large amount of
24 long-distance commuting, which is bad for our traffic.

25 In the document, it makes a comment that it

1 should not adversely impact traffic. We have the
2 workforce right now trying to park over at the end of
3 Dixie Drive that's about 1,200 people -- 11, 1,200
4 people. The guys are telling me every day it takes an
5 hour to get out of the parking lot. That's one site
6 with a thousand. That site's going to grow to 3,500.
7 This site's going to grow another 3,500, with the idea
8 that they're going to pull 50 percent of their workforce
9 from the general public of our existing area.

10 It's not going happen. The workforce is not
11 there. All of this workforce -- not 100 percent,
12 obviously -- easily 70, 80 percent of this workforce is
13 going to have to come from somewhere else. There's no
14 work force available here.

15 I work out there. I've been in construction
16 management for 18 years now. I know the guys that work.
17 They're all working. All the workforce that comes in to
18 build this is going to have to be new workforce from the
19 outside. It is going to add a burden to our traffic, it
20 is going to add a burden to our facilities and area,
21 it's going to add a burden to our traffic patterns and
22 our schools.

23 This says we can handle it. Document says they
24 believe we can handle it. I -- I wonder if that's been
25 verified with BISD, the real numbers that's going to

1 occur from this influx.

2 The last point is one that was very disturbing
3 to me. All along through this process, county
4 officials, city officials, various people have gone on
5 and on about how much they appreciate the fact that
6 Freeport LNG is going to drive all their prime movers
7 with electric engines -- with electric motors.

8 I personally thought that sounded great, too.
9 I just got through doing some big compressor projects,
10 and when you drive them with an electric motor, they're
11 a lot quieter. Nobody hardly knows what's going on.
12 It's really good.

13 But now, there's gas-powered turbine cogen in
14 here. It's the first time I heard about it when I saw
15 it in here. That -- that hadn't -- no one has talked
16 about a turbine installation until this document came
17 out.

18 It's -- I'm sure you know where it is. It's
19 back here in appendix F. It says one combustion
20 turbine. If you go back over in the core of the
21 document, it explains the cogen -- it doesn't say
22 "cogen." It says, "We're going to have a combustion
23 turbine heat recovery system." Okay?

24 We have been told all along all the drivers
25 were going to be electric. Electric's a lot quieter.

1 The sound is different from an electric driver.
2 Turbines are very hard to quiet. And that gets back to
3 the noise.

4 Basically, I'd like to summarize -- I know
5 you're probably ready for me to summarize. I'd like to
6 summarize that I can't say whether or not we should or
7 shouldn't export LNG. I kind of think it seems wrong,
8 but it's not what I'm here to talk about.

9 This pretreatment facility is going -- is
10 proposed to be in a place it shouldn't be. I realize
11 they're having trouble getting property. I'm sorry.
12 Just because it made it easier for Freeport LNG, it
13 doesn't make it easier on the many people that are going
14 to be adversely impacted. I'm strongly against it.

15 I've been on the COF, I've been to the
16 meetings, I've talked to Freeport LNG as much as
17 possible. I have repeatedly expressed my concern about
18 the pretreatment facility. It was made very clear to me
19 last week that I really need to get used to it, because
20 it's going there unless somebody tells them not to put
21 it there.

22 What gets put into this document and what goes
23 to the -- to the DOE is going to decide whether or not
24 it gets put there. I want -- I would hope that you
25 understand this document needs to express the full

1 impact on the community and why it is not the correct
2 place to put the pretreatment facility. Thank you.

3 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much,
4 Mr. Pratt. That -- does anyone else have any? Yes.

5 MR. KALL: I'm sorry, I just want to make
6 one more comment if I could. The lady over here brought
7 up a very valid point.

8 MR. TOMASI: Could you repeat your name
9 again for the court reporter?

10 MR. KALL: My name is Chris Kall. I live
11 on Deep Sea Drive in Quintana. And I -- I'm kind of
12 ashamed I didn't mention it earlier when we were talking
13 about the safety aspect of this with -- with regards to
14 Quintana. We have -- we have two public beaches there.
15 You have Quintana Beach and you have Bryan Beach. So
16 within a 2-mile radius of this plant that they're
17 building in the middle of our town is approximately
18 3 miles of public beach that has only one way in and one
19 way out. I don't know how you could put together a
20 viable evacuation plan for that many people should
21 something happen.

22 I can't, in my wildest dreams, understand. We
23 had a simple fight took place in Surfside and it was a
24 disaster. If something goes wrong in this plant, how do
25 you evacuate that many public people? So it not only

1 affects the folks there in Quintana, it affects anybody
2 that's coming down 288 with all the growth that's
3 happening on 288, that's their public beach. That's
4 where they go for recreation.

5 If something happens at this plant, how could
6 you possibly have a viable evacuation plan for that many
7 people?

8 I just wanted to make sure that I mentioned
9 that. Thank you.

10 MR. TOMASI: Do we have any other people
11 who wish to comment on the record?

12 MS. LUYCX: I do. I have one more
13 comment, please.

14 MR. TOMASI: Yes. Come on up.

15 MS. LUYCX: Again, my name is Susan Luycx,
16 L-U-Y-C-X. What I failed to mention earlier was it is
17 my understanding that the current Levy Road does not
18 meet current standards. I'm not an expert in this. I
19 can -- I have read some articles on it in the past.
20 If -- if it doesn't meet the current standards, when
21 will the levy be raised or increased or meet the federal
22 guidelines? And then what impact is that going to have
23 during construction? That's my question.

24 MR. TOMASI: To answer, I don't know.
25 It's something we'll have to look into. Thank you. One

1 more comment?

2 MS. JONES: Laura Jones, J-O-N-E-S. One
3 thing I forgot to mention: Talking about property
4 values, one thing I wanted to stress, I did say that a
5 lot of our people are retirees that live out there,
6 they've worked all their lives to achieve to have a home
7 on the water where they can live their last days and
8 fish and bring their grandkids and to have the best
9 memories of anything in the world. And everything
10 they've worked for, in a lot of cases, is invested in
11 that home.

12 They look at that home as a nest egg, because
13 if something happens with them, if they can no longer
14 live there or whatever, they've always been able to get
15 their money out of their home to finish their lives off
16 living in a decent manner. With our property values
17 going down when this plant comes in, it's going to
18 happen. What's going to happen to these people's nest
19 eggs just because they bought in an area of
20 neighborhoods that has historically been there up to 50
21 years and somebody who's not been here before --
22 Freeport hasn't. Yes, they had the import facility, but
23 that was -- they're short-timers. They haven't been
24 here. These other people have -- some people have been
25 living out there at Hide-a-Way for 30 and 40 years.

1 That is their nest egg and it is going to be destroyed
2 and their safety net will be gone. So property values
3 will affect the rest of their lives.

4 And that's all I got to say.

5 MR. TOMASI: Thank you. Do we have any
6 other commenters before I answer some questions? Take
7 some questions as well? Okay.

8 There are a few points that came up, and I can
9 try to answer a few of them. One of the -- some of the
10 issues about the whole evacuation, both of Quintana
11 Island and from the area around the pretreatment plant,
12 perhaps we haven't included enough of that in our
13 document. It's something which we're going to have to
14 look at a little more, and I would just like to thank
15 everybody for bringing that up again.

16 In addition, we did -- to talk about something
17 slightly different: On traffic issues, we did put in
18 there that they have to provide a traffic mitigation
19 plan -- well, transportation mitigation plan, I said.

20 And we did talk a little bit about, you know,
21 the housing availability and the stock availability.
22 You know, it -- we're -- this is only as good as the
23 data that we have. So it's really good that, you know,
24 we have real people who are able to tell us what's
25 actually happening here and are able to tell us maybe

1 the data that we have is not currently accurate.

2 So we're going to go back and look at that a
3 little more and see, well, is the data we have right; is
4 there better data we can get to really figure out --
5 well, you know, is -- you know, is, you know, is the
6 traffic going to be worse than we had originally
7 anticipated? That sort of thing. And we're going to
8 take a look at that. We take that pretty seriously, as
9 well as the housing availability.

10 And even just coming down -- I haven't been
11 down here for about two years. But -- and it has --
12 coming down 288, it's dramatically different than when I
13 was here last time. So you can tell that the region is
14 growing pretty, pretty dramatically. And you know, I
15 see some places going up, some new apartments being
16 built, I don't know what other -- you know, how many are
17 being built, whether it's going to be enough
18 availability, so we're going to look at this a little
19 more for you.

20 You know, we still have the issue with the
21 water with Dow. But something -- whether it be obtained
22 from Dow or another source, something we're still
23 looking into and we're going to provide that information
24 in the final document. So we're still looking into
25 that.

1 That's pretty much all I can really comment on
2 right now -- well, I can comment a little bit. Somebody
3 brought up the issue about the Washington -- about the
4 incident at the LNG peak-shaving facility in Washington
5 state. Obviously, it just happened. You know, our
6 engineers are in consultation with both DOT and -- well,
7 mainly with the companies to find out exactly what
8 happened.

9 It's in the very preliminary stages, but I did
10 want to point out that we have the ability, once an
11 investigation is done, to make sure that whatever was
12 the cause or if there was a -- if there was a fault in
13 the design of that facility and if there is a design in
14 other facilities, the same sort of design, we can go
15 back and basically ensure that those are fixed, those
16 flaws are fixed in newer facilities.

17 So whatever the results of this investigation,
18 however it comes out, you know, we could use that to
19 sort of try to -- as much as possible, make the
20 facilities there that are in existence, that that flaw
21 doesn't happen again. So just a little bit there.

22 Now, anyone have any questions? So what I'm
23 going to do is who gets to -- someone gets to take a --
24 take this out to people.

25 Jeff, want to do that?

1 MR. KALL: You mentioned several plans and
2 document that have been put together that you -- that
3 are in the document right now that you're waiting for
4 more information on. My understanding is, this is the
5 comment period.

6 MR. TOMASI: Yes.

7 MR. KALL: It would be nice to have all
8 that information to be able to make the comments on.

9 MR. TOMASI: The response was we have
10 several conditions in the Draft EIS that basically said
11 prior to the end of the comment period, provide this
12 information. And I understand there's some concern that
13 if it's provided by the end of the comment period, well,
14 does the public have the ability to comment on that?

15 And ultimately, although it is the formal end
16 of the comment period, just like I said during the
17 scoping period, we will be taking comments until the
18 very, very last second. Basically, just -- we're going
19 to be looking at comments until like a day or two before
20 it goes to print.

21 So the public does have the ability to comment
22 even after the 5th of May once we get those things in
23 the record, when the company files those.

24 But you know, we have -- we wanted to make sure
25 that at least they were in the record so that we have

1 the ability to analyze them for the final document.

2 Okay?

3 MR. KALL: Thank you.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Will you reevaluate

5 the --

6 MR. TOMASI: Hold on one second. Jeff,

7 could you take it over there?

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Will you reevaluate the

9 vapor dispersion models? What I've read from LNG

10 experts who create some of these, that a lot of these

11 worst-case scenarios have not been involved.

12 MR. TOMASI: Okay. Again, I'm not an

13 expert in LNG modeling at all. I just wanted to point

14 that out. My specialty is air quality and noise, that

15 is my specialty.

16 However, you know, our engineers will be

17 looking at this; and if there's something that -- that

18 could affect it, we'll take a look at it and analyze it.

19 But ultimately, the people who approve the models are

20 the U.S. DOT. We use the models, but the approved

21 models are those done by the Department of

22 Transportation, and specifically --

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. Where is the

24 information from the models coming from?

25 MR. TOMASI: The information from the

1 models is provided basically -- again, I am not an
2 expert --

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: They come from Freeport
4 LNG.

5 MR. TOMASI: The Freeport LNG provides
6 that information to us, based upon -- previously based
7 on --

8 (Simultaneous speaking.)

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- doesn't actually do
10 any modeling, they just look at the numbers.

11 MR. TOMASI: What the question was, DOT
12 doesn't actually do the modeling, they look at the
13 numbers.

14 Basically, DOT and Freeport worked to look --
15 to basically negotiate and basically determine whether
16 the -- the modeling scenarios that Freeport provided
17 were acceptable to the U.S. DOT.

18 The U.S. DOT said, "Yes, these are acceptable."
19 Thus, we took the data they looked at and basically
20 looked at all the modeling scenarios and provided that
21 in our document.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So it would be like the
23 auto industry creating their own crash studies.

24 MR. TOMASI: Well, I mean, they do have to
25 speak with the U.S. DOT. The DOT is the one who

1 approves the modeling. We -- you know, they approve the
2 models that are done and we basically look at the data
3 and make sure that they were done properly.

4 Okay? Any other questions? Yes.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I don't need the mic if
6 you can hear me. You mentioned earlier --

7 MR. TOMASI: Could you repeat your name,
8 then, sir?

9 MR. CASALE: Bobby Joe Casale again, from
10 Bridge Harbor.

11 You mentioned earlier, a lady did, about the
12 government encouraging export -- in favor of exporting
13 all of our oil to other countries, or LNG. But does the
14 government set any -- does the government specify where,
15 like, an LNG plant should be located? Is there any
16 criteria there that don't put it, like, downtown Lake
17 Jackson, you put it where it's going now?

18 MR. TOMASI: The DOT does have siting
19 criteria, and that's what we use when we're doing the
20 analysis, because the -- as I stated earlier, the
21 Department of Energy has the -- basically, the overall
22 authority for approving whether the facility can
23 actually export LNG. We -- they've delegated to us the
24 siting authority, so we have siting, yes. There is -- I
25 don't know all the specific details of where it can and

1 can't be sited. That's -- the LNG engineers did look at
2 that. But there's very specific siting requirements,
3 and that's what we use. And those requirements, again,
4 are from the U.S. DOT, so...

5 MR. CASALE: But in this case, it doesn't
6 look like any requirements were examined or -- I mean,
7 the point I'm getting at is, you just don't put any type
8 plant anywhere. With all the arguments that I hear
9 about this particular situation, nobody looked at the
10 location and the environment or the houses and people
11 living around the facility. That's what --

12 MR. TOMASI: Well, I mean, depends where
13 you're talking about. The liquefaction plant has very
14 specific standards under 193. 192 has different
15 standards, but there's no LNG involved. It's simply
16 considered, you know, basically a pipeline -- incident
17 to pipeline transportation.

18 So I mean, we do look at -- well, we do do a
19 hazard analysis of the pretreatment facility, and we did
20 do that. And we look at, you know, are there homes
21 nearby and that sort of stuff. But again, you know,
22 that's something that if you have additional concerns
23 about it, please, you know, I mean, you've already --

24 MR. CASALE: The point I was trying to
25 make is that we wouldn't be here if the plant -- if the

1 government, you know, specified where the plant could be
2 or where it couldn't. We wouldn't have to be here. So
3 apparently the government's not doing that good of a
4 job.

5 MR. TOMASI: Well, again, I don't have
6 any -- we don't have any -- we don't actually write the
7 siting regulations. We just basically just site the
8 enforcement effectively. So there's nothing I can do
9 about that. I mean, I apologize.

10 MR. CASALE: That criteria should be set
11 previously so that we wouldn't have to sit here and
12 argue about this point.

13 MR. TOMASI: Okay. Well --

14 MR. CASALE: The location.

15 MR. TOMASI: Thank you. I think over here
16 had a comment?

17 MR. DOTY: Harold Doty again. One last
18 comment. It was kind of a response to your statement
19 that if anything should occur after this plant was
20 built, that your investigators could decide, you know
21 what was done wrong and make recommendations to correct
22 it; is that right?

23 MR. TOMASI: That is -- I mean, I spoke
24 with our -- the LNG -- the head of the LNG; and after
25 this investigation is over, we do have that authority,

1 you know.

2 MR. DOTY: So if -- if you -- we have an
3 explosion out at the Quintana and the root cause is
4 discovered to be that they built the plant in the middle
5 of town, would you shut it down?

6 MR. TOMASI: I can't really comment on
7 something like that.

8 MR. DOTY: That's a valid question.

9 MR. TOMASI: Right, I understand. It's
10 not something I can -- I can really answer in any sort
11 of meaningful way.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Did you look at any
13 other LNG sites that are in a non-attainment area?

14 MR. TOMASI: Yeah, we have numerous --
15 there's a couple other facilities. I think Sabine Pass
16 was one. We're right near a non-attainment area, so we
17 did pretty significant ozone modeling in that area.
18 Also Corpus Christi, an LNG facility down there will be
19 built in a non-attainment area as well, assuming it's
20 approved. It's currently proposed.

21 Those are two off the top of my head. Cove
22 Point is also a non-attainment area. There are several
23 others that were for actually import that were built --
24 were approved but never constructed that were in
25 non-attainment areas as well.

1 So typically, we'll have to do what's called a
2 general conformity analysis for everything that's in a
3 non-attainment area. As you can see in the document,
4 that's still an ongoing process.

5 Is any other comments? Questions? Yes.

6 MS. JONES: When you look at the comments
7 and you -- when you look at the comments and -- Laura
8 Jones -- and you start to weigh what people are saying,
9 when you see people who are actually in the affected
10 area versus some of the supporters who have simply read
11 form letters or a basic skeleton of a big form letter
12 that was sent out in support of all this and wording's
13 all the same and they don't live in the affected areas,
14 who carries the most weight in that?

15 MR. TOMASI: We take into account the fact
16 that people nearby, they will be impacted more than
17 people that live farther away. There's no doubt about
18 that.

19 MS. JONES: Well, just know that I have
20 not seen one form letter in support of this project, and
21 at the expense of our SOS people in there.

22 MR. TOMASI: Okay.

23 MS. JONES: These people that have put in
24 these mega things that they've done through the Chamber
25 of Commerce or whoever did it, the swift approval of

1 these things, as far as I know, none of them lived down
2 at Hide-a-Way or Turtle Cove. You can see -- our
3 residents, as you can see, are very vocal, and I just
4 want to make sure that they're getting the weight that
5 they deserve on this issue.

6 MR. TOMASI: Right. I'm trying to make
7 sure that we communicate, you know, with your
8 organization and with the people in Quintana Island as
9 well to make sure that they're aware of where we are in
10 the process. And we take them into account. In fact,
11 you know, there was some concern about that we didn't
12 really look at the true impacts on the people of
13 Quintana Island. And you know, we did specifically say
14 it in our document. There will be a significant and
15 unavoidable impact to the residents of Quintana during
16 construction.

17 We do not normally -- it's very rare for us to
18 state that in any document, to be perfectly honest,
19 because we recognize the fact that, you know, the
20 construction will be a very long; there will be a lot of
21 traffic onto -- onto the island, even with the busing;
22 and -- because of just construction traffic. And
23 there's a the lot of workers coming -- even though they
24 will not be driving onto the island, they'll be right
25 outside the island, right outside. So we understand

1 that there will be impacts, significant impacts during
2 construction.

3 MS. JONES: And --

4 MR. TOMASI: And then we are -- and I know
5 there's a lot of concerns, you know, over Turtle Creek
6 and with -- you know, with Hideaway-on-the-Gulf and the
7 other Oyster Creek people over there. And, you know,
8 we're going to maybe take a second look at that.
9 Because we talked a little bit about the traffic, we
10 talked a little bit about the number of workers. So
11 we're going to take a harder look at that to make sure
12 that -- you know, we -- we are really making sure that
13 our analysis is done properly.

14 MS. JONES: Just as an example of the
15 construction already impacting me, when I come from Lake
16 Jackson, come down 332 to go home, anytime between 4:30
17 and 6, it takes me seven to eight cycles sometimes to
18 get through the light so I can turn left. That's quite
19 a bit of time. That's lot of idling. I'm not the only
20 one sitting there. The traffic is backed up. That's
21 right now with what's going on, and it's going to get --
22 as you heard from Bob Pratt -- is going to get much
23 worse. Seven cycles of a light for me to get through
24 sometimes. That is not a good traffic pattern.

25 That's all I have to say.

1 MR. TOMASI: Thank you. Thank you, Laura.

2 Any other questions?

3 (None heard.)

4 MR. TOMASI: Okay. Well, at this point,
5 we're going to go ahead and conclude this meeting. I
6 want to go ahead and thank everybody for coming tonight
7 and everyone have a safe drive home. Thank you.

8 (Off the record at 9:23 p.m.)

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