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Page 5 PROCEEDINGS THE HEARING OFFICER: -- time out of their busy schedules during this holiday season to The date is Wednesday, December 6, 2023, and join us. we are here this evening to provide the virtual platform for DNREC to hold its public hearing concerning Croda's pending applications for construction permits for their facility located at 315 Cherry Lane, New Castle, Delaware. For those that may not know me, my name And the DNREC Secretary has designated is Lisa Vest. me to serve as hearing officer for tonight's proceedings. I will apologize in advance; I've been dealing with this cold that's going around. So if my throat gives out, like I said, I'll apologize in advance for that. I would ask, Eric, if you could, just for a second, to stop screensharing while we go through some of this stuff. Thank you. Pursuant to DNREC standard hearing protocols, this hearing is being conducted virtually. While there are no physical sign-in sheets to speak of this evening, the Zoom platform does keep track of those who are attending tonight virtually, and it

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1 prepares an attendance sheet so the Department is 2 aware of those who've joined us tonight. And again, I 3 thank you for taking your time to be with us. Before I set the parameters for the 4 5 proceeding tonight, I am going to turn things over for 6 a few minutes to Virginia Jackson. She is an 7 administrative specialist with the Office of the 8 Secretary. Virginia is going to offer some brief 9 instructions on how Zoom works. 10 There's a closed captioning feature, 11 and we want to make sure that if it will make things 12 easier for you to understand what's going on, we want 13 to make sure that you are able to turn that on and use 14 it. 15 So, Virginia, if you would, please take 16 that away. Virginia, I think you're muted. 17 MS. JACKSON: Thank you. Sorry about Thanks, Lisa. 18 that. 19 THE HEARING OFFICER: That's okay. 20 Hello everyone. My name MS. JACKSON: 21 is Virginia Jackson, and I'm the administrative 2.2 specialist with the Office of the Secretary, here to 23 assist the hearing officer tonight. 24 I'd like to make sure everyone is aware that the Zoom platform we're using has the ability for closed captioning in multiple languages. To start closed captioning, if you're using a computer, at the bottom of your screen you should see a "show captions" button. If you do not see the "show captions" button, you may have to select the three dots that says "more."

8 Once you find your "show captions" 9 button, you should click the carrot pointing up, which 10 will bring up your translation options. You can 11 select your preferred language from there. If your 12 preferred language is not listed, you can select 13 "more," and all of the languages will be listed.

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1 captions are not automatically popping up yet, you may need to select "captions" again, and select "show 2 3 captions." Now I'll turn it back over to Hearing 4 Officer Lisa Vest. 5 6 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thanks, Virginia. 7 I'm going to give a few introductory 8 remarks, again, to kind of set the parameters for the 9 meeting tonight. After I get done with that, I will 10 be turning the floor over to representatives from the 11 There's a brief presentation that they're Department. 12 going to offer for inclusion into the record tonight 13 that kind of explains how we got here and all about 14 the permits that are currently pending. 15 After that, I'm going to turn it over 16 very briefly for another presentation that's being 17 offered by Croda themselves this evening. And 18 following that, we will go to those who have 19 pre-registered to offer live comment. 20 I would like to note that both the 21 Department's presentation and the presentation that 2.2 you'll be hearing from Croda have been posted on the 23 hearing webpage that's been designated for this 24 matter. You can find that on the DNREC website by

going to DNREC, and then look for the "admin law" tab.
And under "public hearings," all of our public
hearings are listed chronologically by the date of the
hearing. I think this one is the second or third one
from the top, so feel free.

6 You'll see all of the exhibits that are 7 going to be entered into the record tonight. You'll 8 see both presentations, and you'll also see any 9 comments that come in. And as soon as we get the 10 transcript that will be provided to DNREC by the court reporter, we'll put that up as well. So there is a 11 12 variety of information that is available about this 13 matter on that hearing page, and I would encourage 14 everybody to check that out.

As far as the parameters for tonight, first and foremost, this is a formal legal proceeding. It is not a public information session. It's not a workshop or any other kind of informal event, nor is the purpose of tonight's hearing to advocate for any one side in particular. Not the Department, not members of the public, and not Croda.

This is just to provide the platform for all of the information to be presented and to offer a time and a place for those wishing to offer

1	live comment if they have pre-registered to do so. I
2	should note that while comments are appreciated, all
3	comments that come in for inclusion into the hearing
4	record in this matter, whether they come in tonight at
5	the hearing or whether they come in between now and
6	the time that the hearing record closes, they must be
7	related specifically to the subject matter of the
8	hearing tonight, which again, are the pending permits
9	before the Department from Croda.
10	All public comments made to DNREC
11	regarding this matter all bear the same weight, and
12	they'll all be considered equally by the Secretary
13	prior to his making a decision in this matter. As I
14	mentioned before, as they come in, they will be posted
15	on the hearing webpage dedicated to this matter.
16	I do want to note that it's very
17	important for anybody wishing to offer comment that
18	they specifically send it to me or to the hearing
19	comments email that we'll make sure everybody is aware
20	of before we leave tonight. And make sure that those
21	comments get submitted directly to DNREC. The
22	Department has not partnered with any third-party
23	organization or any other website. So if you want to
24	get your comments in, make sure that you submit them

1 to DNREC directly.

2	For those that pre-registered, and we
3	do have someone that has done so, when we get to that
4	portion, that pre-registrant will be offered three
5	minutes to offer their comment for the record.
6	If the comments are not concluded
7	within the three minutes that are available, members
8	of the public are certainly encouraged to offer
9	supplemental comments, in writing, for the record as
10	long as they are received by the Department prior to
11	the public comment period closing, which in this case
12	will be December 29, 2023. They'll be counted equally
13	just as if they were offered tonight live.
14	And while commenters that offer comment
15	live are limited to three minutes, the ability to
16	offer comment is endless with regard to written
17	comment that's offered subsequent to the hearing. And
18	again, as long as it comes into the Department between
19	now and December 29th, it gets counted just as if it
20	came in tonight.
21	Once again, the presentations that
22	you'll be seeing tonight, along with all other
23	documentation related to this project, are posted on
24	the hearing page.

1	Very briefly now, I want to go over the
2	following protocols that apply to all DNREC public
3	hearings. Number one, as previously mentioned, all
4	comment received must be limited solely to the subject
5	matter of tonight's hearing, which again, are the
6	pending applications submitted by Croda. All comments
7	pertinent to that subject matter will be incorporated
8	into the record and posted on the hearing webpage.
9	Number two, in order to ensure that
10	everyone who wishes to offer comment for the
11	Secretary's consideration is accommodated, the record
12	in this matter is not closing at the conclusion of
13	tonight's proceedings but rather, remains open through
14	December 29th.
15	Number three, there is only one
16	authentic record of these proceedings tonight, and it
17	is the official court reporter's transcript, which
18	again, will be posted to that hearing webpage as soon
19	as it is received by the Department.
20	Number four, the statutory purpose of
21	tonight's hearing is to build the record with regard
22	to the applicant's pending permit applications. A
23	record that consists of the transcript of the hearing
24	tonight, all written comments that may come in between

1 now and December 29th, all the exhibits that will be 2 referenced by the Department's presentation tonight, 3 and eventually the hearing officer's report, will all be reviewed Secretary Garvin. The Secretary will 4 ultimately issue an order following that review 5 6 process, and that order will contain his decision in 7 this matter and his reasons therefor. 8 Number five, and lastly, it is 9 important to note that no decision has been made by 10 the Department, nor will any decision be made tonight regarding these applications. Again, we are here 11 tonight just to simply offer the platform for the 12 13 information to be presented and made available to the 14 public, and for those who pre-registered to offer 15 comment. 16 That being said, I am going to turn it now back over to the Department. 17 18 Eric, you may feel free to share your 19 screen and put your PowerPoint up, and you may begin when ready. 20 21 MR. ROWLAND: Thank you, Lisa. 2.2 My name is Eric Rowland, and I am 23 engineer with the Engineering and Compliance section 24 of the Division of Air Quality. Thank you for joining us today for the public hearing on these two air
 permit applications for Croda.

3 Let me begin with a summary of each project. Croda has submitted a construction permit 4 5 application for two 650-horsepower fire pumps, along with a new 1.2-million-gallon water tank. 6 It should 7 be noted that the water tank requires no air permits. 8 The fire pumps will be permitted for emergency use, 9 but this will include maintenance and testing. The 10 permit number assigned to this application is 11 APC-2023/0041-CONSTRUCTION (NSPS) (FE).

The emissions from the fire pumps combined shall not exceed 1.9 tons per year of nitrogen oxides, 0.04 tons per year of sulfur oxides, 0.59 tons per year of carbon monoxide, 0.04 tons per year of volatile organic compounds, and 0.061 tons per year of particulate matter.

Croda has also submitted a construction permit application for the 110-million-BTU-per-hour boiler, to be fired on Number 2 fuel oil, natural gas, or a blend of natural gas and landfill gas. The boiler will be permitted for unlimited use while fired on natural gas, or natural gas/landfill gas blend. And the boiler will be limited to 1,475 hours per year

1 of operation while fired on Number 2 fuel oil. The 2 permit number assigned to this application is 3 APC-2023/0052-CONSTRUCTION (NSPS) (MNSR) (PTE) (GACT) 4 (FE). 5 That 110-million-BTU-per-hour boiler will be designated as Boiler 6. Emissions from Boiler 6 7 6 shall not exceed 21.7 tons per year of nitrogen 8 oxides, 4.8 tons per year of sulfur oxides, 6.4 tons 9 per year of carbon monoxide, 2.6 tons per year of 10 volatile organic compounds, and 4.46 tons per year of 11 particular matter. 12 I will briefly review the application On December 22, 2022, DNREC received the 13 timeline. 14 permit application for two 650-horsepower fire pumps. 15 On January 18, 2023, DNREC received the permit 16 application for the 110-million-BTU-per-hour boiler, 17 Boiler 6. 18 On June 5, 2023, DNREC received a 19 revised AQM-5 form for the 110-million-BTU-per-hour 20 boiler. On June 9, 2023, DNREC received the second 21 revision of the AQM-5 form for the 2.2 110-million-BTU-per-hour boiler.

On October 29, 2023, DNREC advertised a
combined legal ad for the fire pumps and Boiler 6.

Today, December 6, 2023, the public hearing is held
 for these permit applications. And December 29, 2023,
 is the deadline for public comment on these permit
 applications.

5 Croda's Atlas Point facility is 6 considered a major source, and is subject to our Title 7 V operating permit program. Croda emits greater than 8 the EPA major source threshold for nitrogen oxides.

9 Additionally, the facility is a 10 synthetic minor source for both volatile organic 11 compounds and hazardous air pollutants. This means 12 that the facility has the potential to emit greater 13 than the EPA major source thresholds for these 14 pollutants but has taken federally-enforceable 15 operation limitations in their permit, to maintain 16 emissions below these thresholds.

17 Here we have a table of the EPA major 18 source thresholds, applicable in each of Delaware's 19 As Croda is located in New Castle County, counties. Croda is a major source of nitrogen oxide, since the 20 21 facility's emissions may exceed 25 tons per year. 2.2 As previously mentioned, Croda is a 23 synthetic minor for volatile organic compounds and 24 hazardous air pollutants, since the permit limitations have been taken to maintain emissions below the major
 source thresholds listed.

Let me share a brief overview of our permitting process. When the application is received, it is reviewed for both administrative and technical completeness. If not complete, it will be returned to a facility for correction.

Additional checks are performed to determine if the facility is in the coastal zone, and if so, if the project has been reviewed by DNREC's Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy. Local zoning will be checked to ensure that the project is allowed in the current zoning, or if special-use permits are required.

The application or applications will be publicly advertised, and if requested, a public hearing will be held. However, in this particular case a public hearing was requested by Croda and scheduled in advance.

If the construction permit is issued, the facility will construct the equipment described and will contact the Division of Air Quality prior to operating the equipment for a

24 construction-to-operation permit. Following a

successful construction-to-operation permit, the terms of the construction permit will be incorporated into the company's Title V operating permit.

That concludes the Department's presentation. As you can see, there are a number of exhibits that the Department would like to enter into the record.

8 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you, 9 Eric, for that brief presentation. Just for 10 record-keeping purposes, are the 15 exhibits that are 11 listed on the two slides being displayed now the same 12 as those that were posted on the hearing webpage in 13 this case?

14 Yes, they are. MR. ROWLAND: 15 THE HEARING OFFICER: And have they 16 been changed or altered in any way since that posting? 17 MR. ROWLAND: No, they have not. 18 THE HEARING OFFICER: Excellent. A]] 19 Let the record reflect that DNREC Exhibits 1 right. through 15, as identified just now in the Department's 20 21 presentation, and as identified on the hearing 2.2 webpage, are hereby entered into the record being 23 compiled in this matter, and they will be marked at 24 this time as Department Exhibits 1 through 15.

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1	(Department Exhibit 1 through Exhibit
2	15 were marked for identification.)
3	Eric, does the department have anything
4	further it wishes to offer for the record at this
5	time?
6	MR. ROWLAND: No, it does not.
7	THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Very good.
8	Thank you for that presentation. I would ask that you
9	take down that presentation but have it handy because
10	when we get to the end of tonight's proceedings, I
11	want to put that final slide up when we talk about how
12	people can offer comment. So thank you again for that
13	presentation.
14	At this point, I am going to ask that
15	Croda please share its screen.
16	Josh, whenever you are ready. Once
17	it's up, you may begin your side, or your
18	presentation, rather.
19	MR. DUBE: Okay. Just give me one
20	second to move some things around. There you go. Are
21	you able to see that?
22	THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes. You are
23	full-screen.
24	MR. DUBE: All right. Thank you.

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1 So good evening. I'm Josh Dube, the site director for Croda Atlas Point, here to talk 2 3 about two permits that we applied for with DNREC. We've already discussed the permits; we've been 4 wanting to tell you a little bit about Croda. 5 6 Very proud of the people and the team 7 that we have at Atlas Point keeping the facility 8 operational. We have an experienced team of technical 9 personnel that keeps looking for new ways to make us a 10 better neighbor. Some of those ideas are actually why 11 we're here tonight. 12 We have an exceptional team of union 13 members, union operators, that are performing the 14 daily operations of the plant. Our union was actually 15 recently featured on the United Steelworkers Magazine; this is the cover shot from that, one of our operators 16 17 with some of our equipment in the background. 18 Outside of developing our outstanding 19 team, Croda continually looks at ways to increase our 20 safety on the site. So the photo here in the top 21 right is the water tank that we voluntarily installed 2.2 to maintain a larger volume of water for emergencies. 23 It's the same tank that Eric was just talking about 24 that we added, the 1.2-million-gallon tank. We will

1 talk a little bit more about that when we get to the 2 permit section.

And in sustainability, our site does an excellent job at using sustainable, renewable energy at the site. We currently have two solar fields. This is one of them here in the bottom right-hand corner.

8 We also generate some of our own steam 9 and electricity from waste gas produced from the 10 Cherry Island Landfill. And then the remainder of our 11 electricity is actually purchased from renewable 12 resources. These are all ways that we reduced our 13 carbon footprint in the area.

14 A little bit here on our site. So our 15 facility is located near the Delaware Memorial Bridge that's kind of here in this upper right-hand corner. 16 17 And we're boxed in to the west here by a railroad 18 track. The yellow is actually our site. And then you 19 can see on the east and south side we're boxed in by 20 the Delaware River and then the marshlands that 21 surround us.

Today we manufacture surfactants, which are ingredients that help oil and water combine. And they're used in a lot of everyday products that we all

Page 22 This is done through a team of approximately 230 use. people at the site, half of whom are the United Steelworkers Union I mentioned earlier. The products we make are shipped globally and are used in many household name brands. So you won't see Croda's name on the products in your home or at stores, but our products are in, you know, shampoos, conditioners, make-up, baby products, cleaning supplies. You know, things that you'd find in your home and use on an everyday basis. We also support the food you buy, from helping with seed growth to keeping your apples safe, you know, while they're growing in the field, as examples. Just jumping here to the next slide. Here at Croda we are also taking our responsibility to New Castle community very seriously. We support the local economy in many ways. We partner with Colonial School District. We help a number of non-profits including Rose Hill Community Center, Food Bank of Delaware -- improved safety processes, and at our site

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22 we have installed equipment to help drive down the 23 emissions generated by our operations.

In addition, we do try to share that

1 information with the public on our website, and you 2 can find that by Googling Croda Atlas Point. We can 3 also record timely information on our community information line. 4 So if there's something going on and 5 6 you'd like to know, you know, what's happening at 7 Croda, you can actually call this community info line 8 number, (302) 429-5474. And there's usually a message 9 on there if there's something currently happening that 10 we'll leave so people can call in and listen to that 11 and get an understanding of what's going on. And we also take emails from the 12 13 community at this address here, that's 14 atlaspoint.ce@croda.com. So if you have comments, 15 questions, you can also send communications that way and we'll respond. 16 17 We also participate in the Route 9 18 Corridor Committee meetings, and regularly share 19 information with that group. Mail information to our community, notification siren systems in the 20 21 surrounding area. And we test this system about four 2.2 times a year. 23 We also engage our community advisory 24 council about our current activities. This council is

1	made up of community leaders, educators, first
2	responders, and business and residential neighbors.
3	Council does meet four times a year, and we keep in
4	regular communications about important details of
5	things that are happening with us so that they can
6	hopefully pass it on to the community and keep people,
7	kind of, abreast to what we're doing.
8	In line with that, we actually met with
9	them last night and discussed these same slides that
10	we're going through tonight to, again, just kind of
11	get it out there in the community more so people can,
12	you know, see these things coming and ask questions as
13	they're being developed.
14	So that's just a little bit about
15	Croda. I'll jump back now to, kind of, you know, why
16	we're here tonight. So you do hear from DNREC that we
17	are seeking two permits for equipment improvements.
18	The first is a permit to operate a new
18 19	The first is a permit to operate a new boiler that will look a lot like this photo here. The
19	boiler that will look a lot like this photo here. The
19 20	boiler that will look a lot like this photo here. The new boiler is replacing a boiler that's actually from
19 20 21	boiler that will look a lot like this photo here. The new boiler is replacing a boiler that's actually from the 1940s. So our new model will be more energy

in the New Castle County area here. The new boiler is
 also -- the new boiler equipment, sorry, generates
 steam for our facility, which is needed for many of
 our operations.

5 The reason a permit is required to 6 replace the old boiler is that fuel is used to power 7 the new boiler, and the use of the fuel generates some 8 emissions. In this case, it will generate less 9 emissions than the old, but a permit is still 10 This is a replacement boiler with upgrades required. 11 to help with safety and emissions by using the latest 12 technologies. So we're not just going to do a 13 replacement, kind of, bring back something from the 14 1940s; right? We're going to do better than that. 15 Some of the bullet points here that 16 you can actually see talks about replacing the boiler 17 from the 1940s. It's at the end of its life, so it's 18 time for a new one. It's time for an upgrade. 19 The primary fuels, as mentioned by

Eric, are the natural gas and then landfill gas that's recovered from Cherry Island, and then fuel oil is a possibility up to so many hours, as pointed out by Eric. Our opinion here on site is that we only use fuel oil as a backup when required.

1	So there are points where the natural
2	gas company can call and say, "Well, you can't take
3	more natural gas today," so we basically have to stop
4	using natural gas. And there are some points where
5	Cherry Island Landfill can't supply us enough gas. So
6	on those days, we do switch over to fuel oil as a
7	backup, but it is not something that we purposely try
8	to use.
9	This new boiler, best available control
10	technology for N-O-X, for NOx emissions. It also has
11	a ultra-low NOx burner technology built in, and then a
12	flue gas recirculation. All things to help us bring
13	down our carbon footprint and emissions footprint.
14	Overall emissions for the community
15	will be reduced verse that 1940s boiler that we talked
16	about. And this meets or exceeds the EPA and DNREC
17	regulations moving forward. Let's see. The next
18	that's that's one permit for the boiler.
19	The second one that we're here to talk
20	about is the fire water pumps. So we are applying for
21	two new diesel fire water pumps. We are applying for
22	this permit wholly based on improving safety. So we
23	voluntarily chose to install that second water tank we
24	talked about earlier. You can actually you can now

see it when you're driving across the Delaware
 Memorial Bridge.

This second water tank will allow us to 3 store more water on the property, and we'd like to be 4 5 able to use that for an emergency if needed. So to 6 appropriately use this water for emergencies, we'd 7 like to add these two new 5,000-gallon-per-minute And that will actually increase our emergency 8 pumps. 9 water from 5,000 gallons a minute to 7500 gallons per 10 minute, so a good increase for emergency purposes. Since the pumps are powered by diesel 11 12 and will have emissions if they are used, a permit is 13 required. So again, that's why we're here tonight. 14 I do want to point out that these will 15 only run for emergency purposes and at times of 16 testing and maintaining the system. These will not 17 run on a daily basis. This is not something we're going to turn on and just leave on. 18 19 This is truly -- if we're having an 20 emergency, they're started, and they use the water for 21 emergency purposes and use those pumps for emergency 2.2 purposes. So, again, the bullets here, just to walk

23 through -- so it's two new pumps used for emergencies 24 only; they're not going to run continuous. They are powered by diesel engines, and that meets the NFPA, so the National Fire Protection Association. So as opposed to using electric motors,

4 we've had that question, you know, "Hey, why not use 5 electric and do away with the emissions?" Electric 6 just are not part of what the NFPA says is a proper 7 way to maintain your fire protection, so that's why 8 we're looking at diesel engines. And they also meet 9 the EPA and DNREC regulations.

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10 So those are the two permits that we're 11 requesting from DNREC tonight. We have been working 12 on communicating our plans for these permit 13 applications in the community.

14 Before we submitted the boiler permit, 15 we had presented the proposed plan to the Route 9 16 Monitoring Committee as a part of the County land 17 developments. Presented the information to our 18 Community Advisory Committee, and brought the 19 Community Advisory Council on our site to tour our 20 facility to actually show them where the boiler would 21 be installed.

As for the water tank and pump, we've been discussing and giving updates on that project since, you know, December of 2021, through a lot of

1 the same pathways. Again, just trying to get open 2 discussions going and let people know what we're 3 trying to actively pursue.

Outside of actively discussing these 4 5 permits, we've been promoting the community as well. 6 We enjoy supporting New Castle Senior Center, 7 volunteering with the Junior Achievement of Delaware, 8 and helping put the Narcan kits with the Department of 9 Health and Social Services together, and sponsoring 10 local science fairs and other STEM presentations, and countless other activities in the area that the 11 12 residents kind of identify as being important to them, 13 and that's where we're trying to help.

14 So that's what I have. Thank you, you 15 know, for joining us tonight. And I want to say, 16 we're working hard to be responsive to our neighbors 17 in New Castle, and we did voluntarily request this 18 hearing to share the information about our operations, 19 and I hope it was helpful. Thank you for your interest in listening. Turn it back over DNREC. 20 21 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Josh,

22 for that presentation.

23Again, just a reminder, as I mentioned24previously, we will have -- I think we already do, as

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1	a matter of fact, have the presentation that Croda
2	just did up on the hearing webpage. So you can feel
3	free, if you wish, to check that out, again, at your
4	leisure. Especially if you're planning on offering
5	comments between now and December 29th, it might be a
6	good review and a rehash before you make the comment.
7	And thank you again, Josh, for that
8	presentation.
9	At this point of the proceedings, we
10	are going to turn to the live comment portion. As I
11	mentioned in my opening remarks, DNREC's protocols
12	with regard to live comment at hearings is that those
13	who wish to offer comment at the hearings are free to
14	do so, provided that they pre-register with the
15	Department up until noon of the day of the hearing.
16	So as of noon today, we had one person that has
17	pre-registered to speak. That is Martin Willis.
18	And, Mr. Willis, I believe I saw your
19	name on the attendance list. I think that Virginia is
20	taking care of making sure that your microphone is
21	unmuted.
22	MR. WILLIS: Yes.
23	THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay.
24	Mr. Willis, you know the routine. There are three

1 minutes available to you to offer comment. The clock 2 will start when you do, so fire when ready. 3 MR. WILLIS: My name is Martin Willis, and I'm a Union Boilermaker from New Castle, Delaware. 4 Before I go any further, I have to mention that I have 5 6 been a member of Croda's advisory council since 2019, and have been aware of the boiler replacement project 7 8 for at least the last year and a half. 9 With that said, I've also read Croda's 10 109-page air draft permit, permit for Boiler Number 6, 11 as it appears on DNREC's website. From what I have 12 learned from the advisory council quarterly meetings 13 and a draft permit, Croda would like to replace Boiler 14 Number 3, that was first put into operation after 15 World War II, and replace it with the best available technology steam boiler, Boiler Number 6. 16 17 Common sense and sound judgment, simply 18 based on the fact that a steam boiler, Boiler Number 19 6, that is built in 2023, is going to be more efficient, environmentally regulated, energy 20 21 efficient, and good for the State of Delaware. Ιf 2.2 Croda is allowed to replace Boiler Number 3 with Boiler Number 6, it will show that Croda is committed 23 24 to Atlas Point site well into the next 25 to 50 years

1 with good paying manufacturing jobs.

2	Finally, I have to say that the draft
3	permit is very well written and detailed, and I think
4	that the Secretary of DNREC should approve this
5	permit. That's all I have to say. Thank you.
6	THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr.
7	Willis. And again, your comments, of course, will be
8	incorporated into the court reporter's transcript,
9	which covers everything that we've done tonight. And
10	we usually get that within a week following the
11	hearing, so as soon as we get it from the court
12	reporter, we will post that on the webpage as well.
13	And you all out there that are
14	attending are free to review it, download it, and do
15	what you will with it. It's there for your benefit.
16	At this point, like I said, we only had
17	one person that offered pre-registration, so that
18	concludes the live portion of the comments for this
19	evening.
20	So in conclusion, I just want to draw
21	everyone's attention to the final screen that you're
22	now looking at. This is our thank you, essentially,
23	for joining us this evening. Again, the comment
24	period is open through December 29, 2023. Comments

1	may be submitted in writing, as the slide says, via
2	the DNREC comment form that you can find that is a
3	button right off of the public hearing webpage, via
4	email, to dnrechearingcomments@delaware.gov, or by
5	good old USPS mail to my attention as the hearing
6	officer at DNREC, Office of the Secretary, 89 Kings
7	Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901.
8	And again, at the very bottom of that
9	screen, you will see that there is a URL that will
10	take you directly to the public hearing page. If you
11	forget that or you can't remember that, just look up
12	DNREC. Google it, and when you get the DNREC webpage,
13	look for the little tab that says "admin law, go to
14	public hearings."
15	And, as I said, all of our public
16	hearings are listed chronologically. They do not come
17	down off that webpage. So you can look at this one or
18	any of the ones that are coming up or the ones that
19	have come and gone.
20	And right there you will see the
21	ability to offer the comment and look at all the
22	exhibits and everything that we've done tonight. I
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And again, as I said, in closing, all 4 5 comments, whether they came in as Mr. Willis's did 6 tonight live at the hearing, or whether they come in 7 in writing to us in any of the many ways that you can 8 do it, they all bear the same weight. They'll all be 9 incorporated into the hearing record, and the 10 Secretary will review all of them prior to his making a decision in this matter. 11

Again, this hearing provides the standard mechanism that the Department uses to not only make sure that the public is aware of the pending applications that are before the Department, but also enabling the public to offer comment if they wish to do so.

I want to thank everybody again for taking time out of their busy nights to be here. Have a great holiday season. This hearing is adjourned. (Whereupon, at 6:37 p.m., the proceeding was concluded.)

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