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## PROCEEDINGS

MS. VEST: Good evening. The time is 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2024. And I want to thank everybody for taking the time out of your busy schedules to be here with us this evening.

We are here to provide the formal platform, as you can see on the screen, for the State of Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to conduct this public hearing on the pending permit application submitted by Quarry Walk, LLC.

For those of you that may not recognize me, my name is Lisa Vest; and the DNREC Secretary has designated me to serve as the hearing officer for tonight's proceedings.

We have a couple of minutes of protocol that I just want to go over for those of you that may be unfamiliar with how DNREC conducts its public hearings.

First of all, pursuant to our hearing policy, this hearing is being conducted a hundred percent virtually. While there are no sign-in sheets to speak of as if we were at a physical location, Zoom does generate a list of those that are attending this

evening virtually. And again, I thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to do so.

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Before I walk through the parameters of how this hearing is going to be conducted tonight, I am going to turn the stage, as it were, over to one of our interns that the Department is hosting for the summer. Fred is going to walk you through some basic steps in case you would like to utilize them. Zoom provides a platform for closed captioning. So we just want to make sure that everybody that's attending tonight gets the best experience possible for them.

So, Fred, if you would, please go over the closed captioning protocols for Zoom.

MR. FERRER: Thank you. As Ms. Vest has already said, I am an intern with the Office of the Secretary. And I'm here to assist with the closed captioning. 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 this closed captioning, if you're using a computer, at the bottom of your screen you should see a "show captions" button. If you don't see the "show captions" button, you may have to select the three dots that say "more." Once you find your

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Thank you, everyone. I will now turn it back to Ms. Vest, our hearing officer.

MS. VEST: Thank you, Fred. This is Fred's first hearing, by the way, so nicely done.

At the conclusion of these introductory

remarks, as I mentioned, we will be turning the floor over to representatives from the Department. They have a brief presentation that essentially explains how we got here tonight and how DNREC processes permit applications like this. As an aside, that presentation that you're getting ready to hear will be posted in full on the hearing webpage dedicated to this matter.

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So if you're not already aware, DNREC takes every hearing matter and creates its own dedicated hearing page to that subject. You can find it by going online on DNREC's website. And up at the tabs where you see an Admin. Law section, just click on that, click on Public Hearings, and you can scroll down. And all of our public hearings that we've ever held virtually, and even the ones that we held physically, I think since 2018, they're all out there. We never take them down even when the matter is complete.

So you can go down there; I believe
Quarry Walk is second from the top. And on that page
you'll be able to see the presentations that were
given tonight. You'll be able to see the court
reporter's transcript once that is completed and we

receive it. We'll post it immediately, so folks can take a look at that, especially if they missed attending the meeting tonight. And all of the exhibits and all of the comments that we have received, everything that the Department has about this hearing matter, is on that webpage. There's a wealth of information there. And I would encourage everybody, if they haven't already done so, to check that out.

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Before we go any further into the meat of tonight's proceedings, it's important to set the parameters. As I mentioned, first and foremost, this is a formal legal hearing. It is not a public information session or other some kind of informal workshop, nor is the purpose of tonight's proceeding to offer a determination or any kind of decision on this subject matter. We are here to provide the platform so that members of the public can understand and learn as much as they can about these pending permit applications and to offer comment if they have preregistered to do so.

For those that have preregistered with DNREC to offer live comments tonight, when we get to that portion of tonight's proceedings, once the

Department has gone through all of their stuff and the applicant has said a few words on their own behalf, we will turn the platform over to those who have preregistered.

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I'll be speaking more about what's in store for that when we get to that point. But in brief, each person who is preregistered will have three minutes to offer their comments. Again, all comments bear equal weight whether we've received them in writing or whether they come in live verbally at the hearing tonight.

And to make sure that the public is accommodated, especially if they missed or weren't able to be here tonight, the record is not going to close at the end of tonight's hearing. Rather, it's going to remain open for another 15 days after tonight so that anybody that wishes to offer comment will be able to do so. So the record, the actual date for that, the record will close on July 10, 2024. And again, whether the comments come in writing, whether they come in verbally tonight, or whether they come in on July 10th, they all bear the same weight. They'll all be incorporated into the hearing record. And the Secretary will take all of that into consideration

prior to his making a decision in this matter.

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I do want to go over a couple of the legal parameters for tonight's proceedings. First and foremost, all comment received must be limited solely to the subject matter of tonight's hearing, which, again, are the pending permit applications of Quarry Walk.

Number two, in order to ensure that everyone who wishes to offer comment for the Secretary's consideration is accommodated as I just mentioned, the record is going to remain open for another 15 days following tonight's proceeding. That date for this particular matter will be through July 10, 2024.

Number three, there is only one authentic record of tonight's proceedings, and it is the official court reporter's transcript. It is being prepared as we speak. And as soon as we receive it back from the court reporter, it will be posted on the website on that hearing page that I mentioned. So everybody that wants to reread it and possibly refresh their memory of what was presented tonight, they can certainly do so prior to the comments being offered.

Number four, the statutory purpose of

to this pending permit application matter. The record, which consists of the transcript that will be prepared tonight, all written comments, all exhibits, and eventually the hearing officer's report, will all be compiled together to be reviewed by the Secretary. And then ultimately, he will issue an order that states his decision in this matter, either granting or denying these pending permits. And the order will contain his decisions on the matter and his reasoning therefore.

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Lastly, as I mentioned previously, it's very important to understand that no decision has already been made regarding this matter; and no decision will be made at the conclusion of tonight's hearing. Rather, again, the purpose of tonight is for everybody to be able to tune in, listen to the information, listen to the comments that other people have to offer tonight, and then be aware that they still have another 15 days to offer comments should they wish to do so.

That being said, I am going to turn it over to members of the Department so that the presentation portion of tonight's proceedings can be

begin. I believe that it's going to be done in two
parts on behalf of the Department. And Wen, when
you're ready, you can go ahead and begin your portion
of the presentation.

MS. FAN: Okay. Lisa, can you hear me okay?

MS. VEST: I can hear you fine.

MS. FAN: Okay. So I will just get

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First I would like to introduce myself briefly. My name is Wenjia Fan. I am the engineer currently assigned to the Wastewater Collection and Conveyance System Construction Permit.

We're meeting here today to provide the public an opportunity to comment on Quarry Walk
Wastewater Collection and Conveyance System
Construction and Temporary Holding Tank Permit.

I'll start with the introduction.

Okay. So Quarry Walk, LLC has submitted applications for a Wastewater Collection and Conveyance System

Construction Permit, and also for an On-Site

Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System Temporary

23 Holding Tank Permit to serve the Quarry Walk

24 residential subdivision located at 838 Yorklyn Road,

1 Hockessin, New Castle County.

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The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the application, and if approved, the proposed permits.

I'll start with the Wastewater

Collection and Conveyance System Construction Permit.

So it's required by 7 Delaware Code Chapter 60 and 7

Delaware Admin. Code 7201, Regulations Governing the

Control of Water Pollution of Section 4.0.

The application submitted for authorization to construct approximately 1,713 linear feet of 6-inch diameter sanitary sewer force main and also a pump station. Remember the pump station has a diesel-powered backup system. The application includes construction plans and specifications signed and sealed by a Delaware-registered professional engineer.

The infrastructure will serve the 63-lot Quarry Walk subdivision with 61 townhomes.

The sanitary sewer is gravity flow to the proposed pump station. When constructed, it will be owned and operated by New Castle County and pumped by force main to the New Castle County sewer on Yorklyn Road.

And also, we're going to talk about the draft permit. So the draft permit is going to authorize construction of 1,713 linear feet of force main and a pump station.

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The proposed permit, if approved, will include terms and conditions designed to ensure proper construction, operation, and documentation of all new systems and equipment for the protection of public health and environment.

The draft permit conditions includes:

Notification submitted to the Department prior to the startup of the construction activities; all construction required to be in accordance with Ten States Standards and other applicable local utility construction specifications and standards; authorization for Department staff to perform inspection of records and/or construction activities; submission of an .As Built. set of construction plans for the collection and conveyance system as constructed signed and sealed by a DE registered professional engineer.

Now, I hand it over to my colleague, Derrick, for the rest of the presentation.

MS. VEST: Derrick, if you're talking,

1 | you're on mute. Okay.

MR. CARUTHERS: Yeah. I almost forgot

3 | to put it on. Sorry about that.

MS. VEST: You're okay.

5 | MR. CARUTHERS: Hi, everyone. I'm

6 Derrick Caruthers. I'm an environmental engineer with

7 | the Division of Water, and I've been assigned to the

temporary holding tank permit side of the Quarry Walk

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Section 6.10 of the On-Site Wastewater

11 | Treatment and Disposal Systems regulations require

12 | that a permit be obtained prior to the construction

and operation of a temporary holding tank system. A

temporary holding tank permit application was received

on January 18, 2024, and comments were provided on

16 | February 1, 2024.

17 The application included construction

18 plans and specifications that are signed and sealed by

a Delaware-registered professional engineer.

The revised application was submitted

21 on February 8, 2024. That application included

22 twelve, 1,500-gallon underground tanks to hold up to

23 7,500 gallons-per-day of wastewater from the Quarry

24 | Walk subdivision until the force main and pump station

are constructed and connection to central sewer is completed.

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The application was publicly advertised on February 21, 2024; and a public hearing was requested on March 5, 2024.

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The permit would authorize the installation and use of twelve, 1,500-gallon Infiltrator IM-1530 tanks as a temporary holding tank system until the connection to central sewer is completed.

The proposed permit, if approved, will include terms and conditions designed to protect public health and the environment including: An influent and daily average flow limitation not to exceed 7,500 gallons per day; require that notification be submitted to the Department prior to the installation of the temporary holding tank system; require that a float and alarm system be installed in the temporary holding tanks to provide an indication of when the contents of the tanks are at 75 percent of capacity and ready to be pumped. The system is also designed to be pumped out routinely by a licensed hauler with pump-out reports submitted to the

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Some of the additional permit conditions are: An annual inspection will be performed by Department staff; if the system produces odors that are considered a public nuisance, corrective actions must be designed and incorporated to eliminate these odors; and spill reporting and mitigation shall be required if any overflows occurs; and notification must also be submitted to the Department upon connection to central sewer.

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In conclusion, Quarry Walk, LLC has submitted applications for a Wastewater Collection and Conveyance System Construction Permit and for an On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System

Temporary Holding Tank Permit to serve the Quarry Walk residential subdivision, located at 838 Yorklyn Road in Hockessin in New Castle County.

If approved, the Construction Permit will authorize the construction of 1,713 linear feet of force main and a pump station with terms and conditions that will ensure proper construction, installation, and documentation of all new systems and

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The Temporary Holding Tank Permit will allow the storage of wastewater until construction of force main and pump station is completed. Both permits have the terms and conditions designed to protect public health and the environment.

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And this concludes my presentation, and I offer the following exhibits for reference. Thank you.

MS. VEST: Okay. Thank you, Derrick, for that presentation, as well as Wen for the first part of that.

To do a little housekeeping for the benefit of the record right there, I believe that there are more exhibits. Is there another slide that backs that up? I think it goes -- yeah, there we go.

Derrick and Wen, one of you can answer; it's fine. Just to verify for the benefit of the record, are the exhibits that are displayed right now on this PowerPoint the same as those exhibits that are posted on the hearing page dedicated to this matter?

MR. CARUTHERS: Yes.

MS. VEST: And have they been changed

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MR. OLECK: Good evening, everyone. My name is Mike Oleck, and I am the production manager for the Quarry Walk project. I have a brief statement.

Quarry Walk is a community of 61 townhomes situated off Yorklyn Road in Hockessin, Delaware.

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On behalf of the project, I'd like to thank DNREC for the opportunity to present tonight.

We are here this evening seeking a permit for the installation of a pump station, a force main sewer, and a temporary pump and haul for this project. The pump station and force main will be built by the developer at the developer's cost and turned over to New Castle County. New Castle County will permanently service the sewer needs of the homeowners in this community. The pump and haul will temporarily handle the sewer needs of the community while the pump station is under construction.

I want to thank everyone again for the opportunity to speak tonight, and we looked forward to a successful project. Thank you.

MS. VEST: Thank you, Sir.

Okay. That being said, with the

presentations for both the applicant and for the Department done, we are now going to turn to the matter of those that have preregistered to offer comments this evening.

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Several of you joined in late, so at the risk of sounding repetitive, I'm just going to explain that pursuant to DNREC's public hearing policy, there is the ability for members of the public to offer live comment at our hearings provided that they have preregistered to do so. This evening we have four members of the public that have preregistered, and so we're going to turn our attention to them. They are called simply in the order that they preregistered. There's no level of importance given one over the other. So I would ask that staff behind the curtain, so to speak, go ahead and get the timers set up so it is displayed on the screen. Fred and Janella, if one of you or both of you can work on that while I go through these protocols, that would be awesome.

Briefly stated, the comment must be related to the subject matter of tonight's hearing which, again, are the pending permit applications of Quarry Walk. Each commenter is given the benefit of

three minutes to offer their comments for the record. They will be captured by the court reporter in the transcript that is being produced this evening. Once we get the timer up, you will see that it will show three minutes. The timer will begin when the commenter begins speaking, and the system will automatically remute the mike once the three-minute mark has occurred. The commenter's video does remain off while speaking. And while, of course, I don't believe that we're going to have this issue tonight, but it always unfortunately needs to be said, while the Department appreciates all comments that come in, there is a zero-tolerance policy in effect for any kind of disparaging remarks, bullying, offensive language, or personal attacks. Also there is no sharing or yielding of each person's time. commenter gets three minutes.

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That being said, the first person that I have on my list is Carlos Alejandro. And following Carlos is Maggie Mesinger. Hopefully I did not misspeak or say your names wrong in any way. It's kind of like baseball. I want the next batter up to know that they're up after this. And since we only have four tonight, following Maggie will be Mark

Blake; and following Mark will be Stone Lieberman. So
I will remind people at the end of every comment who's
up next.

But, that being said, Carlos, can you bear me?

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MR. ALEJANDRO: Yup. Can you hear me?
MS. VEST: I can hear you loud and

MR. ALEJANDRO: Great.

MS. VEST: And whoever has the timer, yeah; if we can get rid of that little Ovanti box. Excellent.

All right. Carlos, you are up; and the timer will begin as soon as you start speaking.

MR. ALEJANDRO: I am Carlos Alejandro, and I speak for many in the Yorklyn community that this is not a simple problem, and the history is important.

The symptoms of the problem here are what require a permit. They are, in fact, emblematic of the cause of the problem which is that two distant and unattached parcels of land were added to the Auburn Valley Master Plan without consulting the community in order to circumvent the Unified

Development Code of New Castle County.

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This has been a flawed process and a poorly planned project that benefit a very few people at the expense of many, and at the expense of the quality of life of our community. New Castle County was not ever responsible for the pump station or connector as indicated in the permit request. The builder knew that. DNREC knew that. Yet here we are. The self-imposed hardship of not completing a pump house and a connector is not the community's emergency to solve or allow. The consequences should not be borne by the community for lack of planning or understanding of what was clearly not New Castle County's responsibility.

Also, only after ten acres were cut down, and DNREC was faced with an outraged community, was there a public meeting. There is apparently no traffic study to project what might be the impact of all this be. There is, and will be, more impermeable surfaces over the Hockessin Aquifer. Mitigated flooding may be undone. Is there a study for that?

Ask any resident of Yorklyn who has

tried to subdivide or build when New Castle County is responsible for planning or oversight, how many houses

1 | could be put on their parcel; it is not this number.

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And the details about long-term responsibility for the sewage tanks are also unclear. The consequence of accidents and responsibility is also unclear. So the request for a permit was based on a false statement which DNREC was either not careful enough to vet or ignored. Then DNREC created a fast-track permitting process that did not include a public meeting unless there was a meritorious objection on a very short timeline with little public notice.

This project or process are not in alignment with DNREC's stated mission. It is also not in the community's best interest. We are asking you that this permit be denied.

Thank you.

MS. VEST: Thank you, Carlos. And again, thank you for taking the time to offer your comments this evening.

One thing that I did say that I want to insert here before Ms. Mesinger begins: If for any reason you don't get completely through your comments and you run up against that hard stop at three minutes, by all means I would encourage you -- or even

if you do finish but maybe you think of additional comments that you would like to supplement what you say tonight in writing, by all means. It's not one or the other. So you can offer your comment tonight, and you can offer more comment as long as it's received in writing on or before July 10th. It all comes in, and it all bears equal weight. So I just wanted to reinforce that point.

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Next up is Maggie Mesinger. And as I said previously, following Maggie we'll have Mark Blake.

So, Maggie, can you hear me?

MS. MESINGER: Can you hear me?

MS. VEST: I can hear you. You are loud and clear. The timer will begin as soon as your voice begins. So take it away.

MS. MESINGER: So there are very real concerns here beginning with the inclusion of this parcel of 61 townhomes into the master plan without consultation with the community. The lack of transparency was laid bare when the community's first sign of something happening was the razing of 10 acres of trees. This seems in direct conflict with one of DNREC's missions to engage all stakeholders to ensure

the wise management conservation and enhancement of the State's natural resources.

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We cannot find a traffic study that addressed what this 61-home development will mean for Valley Road and the surrounding neighbors and businesses. This subdivision is completely out of character with surrounding community and will forever alter the small village that Yorklyn is. This seems in direct conflict with one of DNREC's missions to improve the quality of life.

The paperwork seems to indicate that the construction application for the gravity sewer has already been submitted, and a temporary construction permit issued -- don't know. Why would a permit be issued before this hearing was held -- before you received meritorious objections to the original misleading and inaccurate application.

Very concerning is that DNREC put out that legal notice to the public which claimed, and I quote: "The subdivision consists of 61 attached dwelling units to be serviced by a pump station that is to be constructed by New Castle County and connected to the sanitary sewer in Yorklyn Road. Unfortunately, the County's timing for the

construction of the pump station does not coincide with that of the construction of the dwellings by the developer. Therefore, we are requesting permission to install a series of temporary holding tanks until such time that pump station is constructed and functioning."

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Did DNREC not know that Newcastle

County Public Works will operate the wastewater System

once it is completed and accepted by the County?

This is their only involvement in this project.

This is a self-imposed hardship, and the community should not have to bear the consequences of delays in funding issues or whatever the issue is with the construction of this pump house.

So the question became then: Is DNREC this careless about reviewing applications for projects of this magnitude, or were they outright misled? Both are very concerning, particularly since DNREC has obligations to monitor and follow up on this project.

If this project, too, is connected to the State requirement for a wastewater construction permit, it is our understanding that the developer and State Parks are required to obtain that permit. Has

- anyone from State Parks been involved in this permit
  application?
- 3 Lastly, from the very beginning of this 4 project --
- MS. VEST: Okay. Maggie, I'm sorry.

  You hit the three-minute mark. But again, we want to
  hear your comments in full; and I would ask that you
  please submit everything that you just said in writing
  so that it can be incorporated into the hearing
  record. And again, I appreciate your time.
  - Next up is going to be Mark Blake, and after Mr. Blake is done we will have Stone Lieberman with the final comment for tonight.
- So, Mark, can you hear me?
- MR. BLAKE: Yes, I can. Can you hear
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- MS. VEST: You are loud and clear, Sir.
- Okay. The timer is set for three minutes. You may
- 19 begin when ready.
- MR. BLAKE: All right. First, thank
- 21 | you for holding the hearing. My name is Mark Blake.
- 22 I am the president of GHADA. The acronym stands for
- 23 | "Greater Hockessin Area Development Association." We
- 24 are the civic umbrella group for the Greater Hockessin

Area encompassing around 26,200 businesses and residents, and the NVF Master Plan in Yorklyn.

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The first indication that something was going on, of course beyond the State Park Plan, was from back in September of '21 when we first put together -- there was a special DNREC meeting at the Creative Center for Arts.

And then the following month -- or in November the New Castle County report was that the force main work was to begin that month, back in November of '21. And it was because some of the lines that went from Yorklyn up to Hockessin were not in concert with the specs for the County and needed to be relined and replaced and repaired. And there would also be a force main connection required for Quarry Walk, because it is a forced line all the way up from Yorklyn to Hockessin which does cause difficulty.

We've heard some of the issues were that you couldn't get the materials because of COVID and delays. But this has been on our radar since 2020. And we hold meetings the third Monday of every month at seven o'clock at the firehall, except July, August, and December, and have been doing it for over 40 -- excuse me, 58 years. So we are kind of the

voice. We are a nonbinding association, but we try to speak for the betterment of the community.

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GHADA has supported this for the simple reason it was a contaminated site as identified back when the NVF projects were looked at. And whenever you get a developer in, they get to help pay for those clean-up costs and improve the environment.

Most of the trees people talked about were invasive and had things from ash borers to spotted lantern flies. And there were other carcinogens on the site that were determined by DNREC and other agencies to be needing remediation. And the one thing you can get with a residential zoning is complete clean-up to a residential standard. New Castle County knows this. The State knows this. It's how things are done to get the best outcome for everybody.

GHADA has been discussing this since, like I said, 2020. It has been supported. We think that the issue really lies between the disconnect between the County not being able to get the parts and get the work done. They are delayed on a lot of septic sewer issues.

So we support this, and we know that

not everyone is going to agree with that, but we feel
this is the betterment for the community. I always
like to remind people there were almost 3500 to 4,000
homes that could have been built had all of this land
ended up with private developers. And less than 120
will now be the total number of homes because of the
restrictions that were placed due to the donations for
the State Park.

So this is a win-win overall because all of those properties could have easily been turned into multimillion dollar single family homes, and Yorklyn would have had more traffic and more homes.

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MS. VEST: Okay. Thank you, Sir. I appreciate your comments.

Last up for this evening, we have Mr. Stone Lieberman. Once again, Mr. Lieberman, can you hear me?

MR. LIEBERMAN: Yes. Hi, Lisa. Can you hear me?

MS. VEST: I can hear you loud and clear, Sir. The timer is reset at three minutes, and it will begin when you start speaking.

MR. LIEBERMAN: Terrific. Thank you.

The request for the temporary holding
tank permit for Quarry Walk, if approved, would have
drastic environmental consequences for the residents
who already call Yorklyn Road home and for the
proposed new tenants at Quarry Walk.

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The inability of the developer to properly construct the pump station for the sewage line does not mean setting up temporary holding stations should be a solution. All along, the Quarry Walk project has been filled with inconsistencies, but thankfully the community is paying attention now.

Hauling this amount of waste, roughly 15,000 gallons every two days for an indefinite period, is no minor feat. A heavy-duty septic truck is rated at 5,000 gallons. And this will require multiple trips in the two-day span. Essentially this would account for near daily emissions on Yorklyn Road.

In DNREC's 2018 Greenhouse Gas report, the transportation sector, such as these heavy-duty vehicles needed to haul waste, was identified as the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. The Agency is fully aware of the cost of allowing such a request. But who is holding them accountable to their

1 own stated goals?

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Just last year, the Climate Change
Solutions Act of 2023 was passed, which as I quote
from DNREC's website, "The Delaware Climate Change
Solutions Act of 2023 sets our goal for the State to
implement additional greenhouse gas emissions
reduction strategies to ensure that statewide
greenhouse gas emissions are reduced by 50 percent by
2030 and reach net zero by 2050."

In what world does greenhouse gas
emission reduction strategies mean relying on dieselpowered trucks to provide basic human services? Is
the Agency so incompetent that they cannot even
remember their own stated goal, or is this a case of
"do as I say, not as I do"?

If approved, this egregious oversight would smell worse than the proposed holding tanks in this summer heat. The Agency should deny such a request based on the grounds of their own emissions reduction strategy and instead direct the developer to invest in the proper infrastructure required for development of this size.

MS. VEST: Great. Thank you, Mr.

24 Lieberman.

Again, I appreciate each of the commenters taking time out of their busy personal schedules to offer the comments. It's important. DNREC cares about what the communities think when permits come up like this, and your time and your thoughts are greatly appreciated. So, again, I thank you.

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For those who may have just started learning about this or haven't, you know, offered any comments yet but now after you've heard all of this you think you might want to, go to the hearing page. Go to DNREC online, and at the top you'll see a bunch of various tabs. Look for the Admin. Law tab, click on that, go to Public Hearings. I believe Quarry Walk is the second to the top because they're done in chronological order. Click on that. It will take you to the whole page where all the exhibits are. When we get the court reporter's transcript from this evening's proceeding, it'll get posted up there as well. All the comments that come in, we post them on that Hearing page as soon as they are received.

So my suggestion to everyone out there this evening is take some time, go check out that hearing page. And as long as comments come in between

now and July 10th, which is the time that the record closes for additional comment, it'll count just like it was given tonight. It'll be incorporated. It'll get put on the Hearing page. And it'll all be gathered as part of the official hearing record and given for the Secretary to review prior to a decision being made in this matter.

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I do want to note that when you go to the Hearing page, there are a variety of ways by which you can offer comment. Comment can be submitted through a comment link form right on the Hearing webpage. It can also be submitted via email to DNRECHearingComments@delaware.gov. There are links right on the page that will allow you to just click and offer your comment. Or, of course, you can submit it to me via the United States Postal Service -- "snail mail" or whatever you want to call it -- and the address to my office in Dover is on the Hearing page as well.

I should note that written comments to DNREC may not be submitted via standard social media platforms such as X, formerly known as Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, or any type of standardized text messaging.

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| 1  | Again, I want to thank everybody for                   |
| 2  | attending this evening. Hopefully we learned           |
| 3  | something, and again, don't hesitate to offer comment. |
| 4  | Even if you commented tonight, if you want to do       |
| 5  | supplemental, you can certainly do so.                 |
| 6  | Thank you again for tuning in. This                    |
| 7  | hearing is formally adjourned.                         |
| 8  | (Whereupon, the meeting concluded at                   |
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