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          MR. VAN SLYKE: Everyone, thank you so much
    for joining. We're going to go ahead and get
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    started. Go to the next slide.
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                   So thank you all. Right here are
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    some directions for Zoom. You know, if you need
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    you can select Spanish, and you'll be directed to
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                   And with that, I'm going to turn it
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    over to Mike Frisch from the Mayor's office who's
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    going to walk us through the program this evening.
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          MR. FRISCH: Hi, everybody. Can everyone
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    hear me? A thumbs up would be great.
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                   Okay. Great. Thank you.
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                   So my name is Mike Frisch. I work
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    for -- here in the Mayor's office, and I'm just
    going to briefly give an agenda of what we're going
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    to go over today and talk about how today's hearing
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    will proceed.
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   provide an overview of the events that led us here
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then turn it over to each -- to a representative of 1 each of the departments that have proposed rules 2 around demolition by implosion. And then there'll 3 be an opportunity for you all -- for members of the public to provide comments and ask questions to us. 6 So if we could go to the next slide. 7 So first of all, I should say that, you know, we really are happy that you're here. 8 We welcome your feedback and your input in this process. This is an unusually -- you know, unusual 10 11 time. Obviously we'd prefer to be having this 12 meeting in person and getting to meet each and 13 every one of you and having a more open back-andforth discourse about the rules. But unfortunately 14 15 we're constrained by the current pandemic. But in 16 any event, we're happy that you're here, and that 17 we -- we really value your input. 18 So the reason that these rules were initially proposed had to do the demolition of the 19 2.0 smokestack over at the Hilco site in Little Village 21 that was owned by Hilco Development Partners. 22 Following that event, which led to 23 a plume of dust, you know, in the air and led to

significant community outcry, the City Council of

- 1 Chicago passed an ordinance that required further
- 2 regulation by the City of Chicago on demolitions by
- 3 | implosions. So what the ordinance required is that
- 4 | it added a new chapter titled Multiagency
- 5 Regulation of Implosions and a new section that
- 6 provided for additional requirements for licenses
- 7 to use explosives when demolishing existing
- 8 | buildings and structures.
- 9 So probably the most important thing
- 10 | that the ordinance did is that it required -- or it
- 11 authorized different departments to propose rules
- 12 | that would specify in great detail how demolitions
- 13 by implosions with the use of explosives and
- 14 | implosions would happen.
- So pursuant to that new ordinance,
- 16 | we have now proposed and posted rules from the
- 17 | following departments: The Department of
- 18 | Buildings, the Department of Business Affairs and
- 19 | Consumer Protection, the Fire Commissioner -- the
- 20 | Chicago Fire Department, rather, the Department of
- 21 Public Health, the Department of Transportation,
- 22 the Department of Water Management, and the Office
- 23 of Emergency Management and Communications.
- These rules, as they were intended

- 1 to do, speak to each other and they work together
  2 to ensure that they're there's a multiagency, whole
- 3 | City approach to making sure that any demolitions
- 4 by implosion that occur in the future are subject
- 5 to a robust process of preapproval, community
- 6 notice and engagement, and monitoring on the day
- 7 before, during, and after. So it's a very, very
- 8 robust process.
- 9 The rules were posted on the City of
- 10 | Chicago's website for rulemaking titled Rules
- 11 | Concerning Demolition by Implosion, and they are
- 12 available for public comment until February 18th,
- 13 | 2021. You -- we will send the link around if you
- 14 don't have it already.
- There's two ways to make a public
- 16 comment on the rules. One is to go to the website
- 17 | and fill out a simple form where you can make a
- 18 public comment. The other way is tonight to tell
- 19 us orally at this meeting what you think, if you
- 20 recommend any changes to the rules.
- 21 Once we receive all the public
- 22 | comments, each of the commissioners, we are all
- 23 going to sit down and decide if the rules should
- 24 change or not. And in any case, we will provide a

written response to each of the comments that we 1 That way, the public knows that we heard 2 receive. them and that we considered their input. 3 The final rules will take effect 4 5 after the Corporation Counsel, the head lawyer for 6 the City of Chicago, looks at them and posts them publicly. So that's an overview of the rule-8 making process. 10 If we can go to the next slide. 11 I'll now turn it over to a series of 12 representatives from each of the departments that 13 promulgated rules. They're going to give an 14 overview of the rules from their department. And 15 by the end, you should have a pretty good sense of 16 what the rules -- proposed rules say and how they 17 work together. So I'll first start with the 18 19 Department of Buildings, and I believe we have 2.0 Commissioner Matt Beaudet. 21 Thanks, Mike. And thank you, MR. BEAUDET: 22 everybody. Please welcome tonight. I'm Matt 23 Beaudet, the Building Commissioner. I was

confirmed by the Council in October of 2020 of last

- year. And I welcome the opportunity to strengthen 1 our process here. I'm grateful to the Mayor and 2 3 the City Council and to the community for giving us the opportunity to make our processes better for 5 everybody. 6 So for the Department of Buildings, what we are going to require under our rules is 7 supplemental permit application for a demolition by 8 implosion. That's going to require a signed report 10 by a licensed architect or structural engineer 11 detailing the composition of the building 12 structure; for example, brick masonry, concrete 13 masonry, steel, iron, timber. That helps to 14 determine the best method of demolishing the 15 building. 16 Color photos detailing the ground 17 impact to the area. That's important because this is going to have to hit the ground, and we need to 18 know what the ground is. 19 2.0 Detailed computer-generated 21 simulation -- simulated color photos showing the 2.2 disbursement area of materials and debris on and
  - Aerial drone footage of the building

from the ground impact area.

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and structure, ground impact area, the entirety of 1 the lot, and 1,000 feet in each direction from the 2 3 property lot where the implosion will occur. includes interior footage if it's a smokestack or a 5 silo to see what's inside. The name and 24/7 contact 6 7 information of the demolition contractor and any subcontractors that are involved in the actual 8 implosion. 10 The number of on-site personnel 11 for the demolition contractor and subcontractors involved in the implosion and the roles, duties, 12 13 and responsibilities of each. 14 Next slide, please. 15 And also a demolition by implosion 16 permit from the Department of Buildings will not be issued unless DOB receives written notification 17 from the Executive Director of the Office of 18 Emergency Management and Communications, OEMC, that 19 2.0 all permits, certificates, and approvals from all 21 City departments involved in the regulation of a 22 demolition by implosion have been duly issued. 23 The above City agencies, as Mike

mentioned, include the Department of Business

- 1 | Affairs and Consumer Protection, Fire, Public
- 2 | Health, Streets and Sanitation, Transportation,
- 3 and Water Management.
- The Department of Buildings also
- 5 reserves the right to suspend or revoke a demolition
- 6 permit by implosion for violation of the new
- 7 | Chapter 2-30, Multiagency Regulation of Implosions
- 8 | that Mike mentioned, and these and any rules
- 9 | promulgated under Chapter 2-30. So the rules we're
- 10 | discussing tonight and here and put on to those
- 11 rules. And that would include noncompliance with
- 12 any community notification requirement imposed by
- 13 OEMC.
- 14 Finally, DOB inspectors will be part
- 15 of the City's pre-implosion walkthrough, be at the
- 16 implosion command center, and be part of any post
- 17 | inclusion -- sorry, post-implosion walkthroughs.
- 18 | Apologize.
- 19 Look forward to the comment and
- 20 | question segment.
- 21 And I'll turn this back to Mike.
- 22 | Thank you.
- 23 MR. FRISCH: Thank you, Commissioner. I
- 24 | appreciate that. Thanks for the overview of what

you propose and the Department of Buildings were 1 2. all would be in implosions going forward. The next -- next we'll hear from 3 Deputy Commissioner Matthew Allee from the 4 5 Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. 6 7 MR. ALLEE: Thank you, Michael. Again, Matthew Allee with the Department of Business 8 Affairs and Consumer Protection. I am the Deputy Commissioner for business licenses and permits. 10 BACP's role in this process is the 11 12 issuance of an explosives business license for the 13 business activity of demolition by implosion. The 14 proposed rules would dictate that BACP can only 15 issue such license if the following requirements are satisfied: 16 17 First, that BACP receives proof of compliance with the written notice requirement. 18 19 This stipulates that the mailed notice needs to go 2.0 to the local alderman, owners and occupants of all buildings located within a thousand feet of the 21 2.2 property lines, a design lot where explosives will 23 be used, these to include a description of the

intended use of explosives, the date, time, and

1 location of the required public meeting, and provide an emergency contact. 2 Second, BACP needs to receive proof 3 of compliance with the posted notice requirement. 4 5 This needs to be in a location that is visible and legible from the public way. The signage needs to 6 be at least four feet tall, eight feet wide with lettering at least six inches tall, and include a 8 description, again, of the intended use of explosives, the date, time, and location of the 10 11 required public meeting, and an emergency contact. 12 Such signage needs to remain in place until the 13 completion of the use of explosives. 14 Third, BACP needs to receive proof 15 of compliance with the required public meeting. 16 The public meeting needs to allow for attendees to 17 have at least two hours to ask questions. public meeting needs to be held no less than 30 18 days and no more than 60 days after the submission 19 2.0 of the license application with BACP. Needs to be held at a location within two miles of the 21 22 demolition site in a space large enough to 23 accommodate at least 50 attendees. And if the date

and time of the meeting changes, then a new license

1 application would need to be submitted. 2. Lastly, BACP needs to receive 3 written communication from -- or written notification from the Office of Emergency Management and Communications indicating that all requisite permits, certificates, and approvals have 6 been issued for such demolition. The rules would also provide BACP 8 authority to revoke such business license for violation of any code provisions, these rules or 10 11 other rules promulgated, including noncompliance 12 with any community notification requirement. 13 And lastly, the rules require that 14 any application materials or supporting documents 15 received by BACP be submitted to OEMC in order to 16 facilitate multi-department coordination and review. 17 I look forward to any questions and comments at the end. And, Michael, I turn it back 18 19 over to you. 2.0 MR. FRISCH: Thank you, Matthew. 21 Next up we'll have an overview by 22 Aaron DeCamp, general counsel of the Fire 23 Department, who will give an overview of what the 24 Fire Department's role would be under their

proposed rules in any future demolitions by 1 implosion. 2 MR. DeCAMP: Thank you, Mike. I appreciate it. 4 5 Once again, my name is Aaron DeCamp. I'm the general counsel here at the Chicago Fire 6 Department. I'm here speaking on behalf of the Fire Commissioner. 8 In order for any implosion rules to go -- permit to go forward, we require and propose 10 11 that the Fire Commissioner approve a plan or permit 12 which would include the following things: 13 The applicant's qualifications for 14 and methods of implosion. 15 The application must include a fire 16 prevention and evacuation plan. 17 The proposal must include a first aid and emergency services -- medical services 18 19 plan. 2.0 It must also include a plan for 21 proper disposal of hazardous materials consistent 22 with the rules promulgated by the Commissioner of 23 the Department of Public Health, which you'll see 24 later.

1 Similarly, a dust mitigation plan consistent with the rules promulgated by the 2 3 Department of Public Health. Confirmation that a demolition 4 5 company must use privately owned water tank truck vehicles to properly soak and saturate the affected 6 7 areas. 8 And a plan to monitor wind speed and 9 air quality before, during, and after the implosion. 10 Lastly, a fire response team will be 11 standing by for any implosion, and the cost of that standby will be borne by the applicant. 12 13 I look forward to addressing any 14 questions or comments you may have after this. 15 Thank you. MR. FRISCH: Okay. Thanks very much, Aaron. 16 Next we're going to have Assistant 17 Commissioner David Graham from the Department of 18 Public Health to give an overview of what CDPH's --19 2.0 or Department of Public Health's role would be 21 under their proposed rules for demolition by 22 implosion. 23 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Michael. And good 24 evening.

1 So the proposed plans we've put -or rules we've put together are intended to make 2 sure that prior to any implosion that all the 3 necessary information and planning is in place. 4 5 One of the things that we will require is that there is an evaluation of the soil 6 that is on the property and could be kicked up by any falling building or structure. Ahead of time, we want to make sure also that during -- prior to an implosion, all materials, such as lead, 10 11 asbestos, and universal waste, we have confirmation that it's all been removed prior to moving forward. 12 13 Also as part of the planning, an air dispersion model will -- is required so that we can 14 15 place air monitors around the site and a dust plan 16 to help generate a -- or create a dust plan to 17 handle potential issues and a site cleanup plan if required. 18 19 All of this information must be 2.0 provided to us and approved within a very detailed 21 dust mitigation plan. 22 Surface soil sampling -- surface 23 soil sampling prior to the implosion, that falls 24 into the first bullet point of environmental site

assessment, what was there and what is present. 1 2. Also we are looking at a noise and 3 vibration assessment that occur -- that could occur during the time of an implosion. 5 Also, there is going to be a 6 requirement in real-time weather monitoring and also air monitoring for particulate matter that could be leaving the site. 8 As part of all this planning as well, we will also require a contractor to provide 10 11 adequate information that -- for when the privately 12 owned water trucks come to the site and water down 13 the site that it's -- it is enough so that we will 14 not have dust that would migrate if a structure 15 were to fall onto it. And ahead of time, we want 16 to have a contingency plan if there is an issue 17 with that, that quickly controlling dust and including mitigation and sampling procedures. 18 19 And lastly, we will -- we will also 2.0 request the plan ahead of time so that if there is 21 any dust or debris, we want to make sure that the 22 local community has cleanup done for them. 23 Look forward to your questions.

Back to you, Mike.

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   Department of Transportation, Deputy Commissioner
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   Mike Simon.
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          MR. SIMON: Thank you, Michael.
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                   My name is Mike Simon. I'm the
   Deputy Commissioner for the Division of
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   Infrastructure Management for the Chicago
   Department of Transportation.
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                   We manage the public right of way
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    from permitting to inspection to underground
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   place is that the applicant needs to go through the
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    information retrieval process in the Office of
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   Underground Coordination. That submittal is a
    30-day submittal where all the 29 members of the
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    impacts in the impacted area. Then after that
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   protection and a deep excavation review.
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   is not impacted by the demo -- by the implosion,
   they will move to the next phase of issuance.
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   provided 30 days prior to the implosion identifying
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   Authority to make sure that all buses are
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   then we also work with other agencies if there is
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the county highway system. If there's any waterway 1 impacts, our Division of Engineering will review 2 3 those impacts. And we -- once we receive the -those type of approvals from those agencies, we move forward to the necessary permits for the right 6 of way. 7 And then we also have other permits necessary -- if it's necessary, is the overweight, 8 oversize truck permits, and that's with anything over 80,000 pounds they'll have to obtain oversize, 10 11 overweight permits with the Department of 12 Transportation as well. 13 Thank you. 14 MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much, Mike. 15 Now on to the Department of Water 16 Management. And we're going to hear from -- I want 17 to get your title right -- Deputy Commissioner 18 Bulent Agar. MR. AGAR: Yes. Thank you. Good evening. 19 2.0 This is Bulent Agar, Deputy Commissioner of Water 21 Management, Engineering Section, representing 22 Department of Water Management tonight. 23 I'd like to go through some of the

requirements that we have for proposing -- starting

with the review and approval of the comprehensive 2 plan. 3 All demolition by implosion plans, regardless of being on private or public property, 4 must be submitted to our department for review, 6 analysis, and approval. 7 And, again, all applications for demolition by implosion projects should be 8 submitted to the OUC, just as Mike Simon mentioned, for existing facility protection and review because 10 11 we'd like to take a look at the project as a whole 12 and make sure that we collect comments back to the 13 applicant. And going to the protection of 14 15 facilities -- water facility prerequisites, we 16 are requiring before and after demolition water 17 facility leak service to be completed by the 18 department at the owner's sole cost and expense, 19 and the owner shall be responsible at their cost 2.0 and expense for all leaks and breaks that happen 21 in connection to the demolition by implosion. 2.2 The owners will also be responsible 23 for all costs and expenses for the termination of

services at all water mains that happen because of

the demolition by implosion prior to or after such 1 2. demolition. 3 The department is also requiring monitoring, including vibration monitoring, of 4 5 the proposed demolition by implosion site and 6 surrounding adjacent areas that is located within a 600-foot radius of any water facility as determined through the OUC review. 8 9 Next slide. 10 Continue with sewers. Sewers within 11 one block of the proposed demolition by implosion 12 site or anticipated plume must (a) be televised for 13 conditions before and after implosion. The owner, 14 at their sole cost and expense, shall be 15 responsible for any damage to any City 16 infrastructure attributed to blasting operations. 17 And (b) have perforated lids covered with filter fabric to prevent dust and debris from entering the 18 19 City's sewer system.

Before any demolition by implosion operations are undertaken, the owner shall be responsible to cap and -- or plug and cover with mortar or concrete all on-site private drains at the right of way line or, if applicable, at private

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- sewer mains. The terminated sewer drains must be inspected by the department prior to back-fill in accordance with the sewer seal permit.

  The owner shall provide and
- 5 implement a plan for monitoring and recording 6 ground vibration using seismic and other types of 7 monitoring equipment.
- This is all for Department of Water
  Management. Mike, back to you.
- 10 MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much, Deputy
  11 Commissioner.
- You heard a lot from the various

  technical departments, and you might wonder whose

  job it is to coordinate all this. So, last, but

  not least, from the Office of Emergency Management

  and Communications, manager of Emergency Management

  Services, Chris Pettineo.
- MR. PETTINEO: Hello. Can everybody hear me?

  19 Very good.
- So the Office of Emergency

  Management and Communications, OEMC, we are going

  to be the coordinating entity to review and approve

  a comprehensive plan. So OEMC will convene a

  meeting between the applicant and all relevant City

departments and sister agencies to review the 1 applicant's plan. Essentially we call this a City 2 3 services meeting. Departments will provide written 4 5 approval of the plan to OEMC -- hello. I'll 6 continue. Departments will provide written approval of the plan to OEMC within 30 days of the 8 meeting. MR. FRISCH: Sounds like we may be having a technical issue. 10 11 MR. PETTINEO: Mike, can you hear me? 12 MR. FRISCH: I can hear you. It sounds like 13 the interpreter --14 THE INTERPRETER: Can you hear me? 15 MR. FRISCH: Let's just pause for one moment 16 while we sort this out. 17 (Brief pause.) 18 MR. FRISCH: Are we all set, Haleigh? 19 MS. HOSKINS: We should be, yes. 2.0 MR. FRISCH: Okay. Great. Thanks. 21 Okay. This is Chris, sorry, MR. PETTINEO: 22 manager of Emergency Management Services, Office of 23 Emergency Management and Communications. I'll just 24 finish up with the last sentence under the review

and approval of the comprehensive plan. 1 2. Essentially all of the departments that are involved, those on this call and otherwise, 3 will provide written approval of the plan to OEMC within 30 days of the meeting. Also, we will designate and operate 6 an incident command post. So the OEMC will coordinate the incident command post on the date 8 explosives will be used, which shall have representatives at a minimum from the OEMC, Chicago 10 11 Fire Department, Chicago Police Department, and any 12 other relevant departments. 13 When it comes to coordination and 14 transparency, we will -- under community 15 notifications, the applicant shall provide 16 additional written notification of the date, time, 17 and location of the demolition to the alderman of the ward in which the implosion is to occur and to 18 19 residents in the implosion's vicinity. 2.0 I look forward to any questions at 21 the end of this session. Thank you. 2.2 MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much. 23 J.D., is this the time when I kick 24 it over to you?

1 MR. VAN SLYKE: Yes. Thanks so much, Mike. We're now going to begin the verbal 2. 3 public comment portion of tonight's program. But remember that you can submit public comment on the website until February 18th. We'll drop the website in the chat one more time. We are not 6 going to be responding to comments tonight, but we are going to be taking notes and providing written 8 responses at a later date. But we will try to 10 answer any questions to the best of our ability. 11 Folks are going to have two minutes 12 to speak, and I'll give a 30-second wrap-it-up 13 warning, after which we'll move on to the next 14 speaker. 15 We're going to start by folks that 16 indicated that they wanted to participate in public 17 comment on that registration, but if you are interested in speaking, you can raise your hand or, 18 if you're on the phone, you can send an email to 19 2.0 communityengagement@cityofchicago.org. Just be 21 sure to include your phone number in that so we 22 know who to unmute and promote to presenter. 23 So with that --24 MR. FRISCH: One more request. I'm sorry.

If you could indicate which rule you intend to offer a comment about before you speak, that would 2 be very helpful. Or if you want to make a general comment about all the rules, that's fine too. Just let us know what you're trying to do. Thanks. 6 Sorry, J.D. 7 MR. VAN SLYKE: No. That's great. Thanks, Mike. 8 Okay. With that, let's go ahead and 10 get started. 11 Do we have Gloria Talamantes? 12 Haleigh, do you see if Gloria's on? 13 MS. HOSKINS: Gloria, I do not see that she's 14 on. 15 MR. VAN SLYKE: Okay. Next we'll hear from Monique Jackson. Monique. 16 MS. HOSKINS: I do not see that Monique is on. 17 MR. VAN SLYKE: Okay. Next I have Mike 18 Hartnett. Is Mike on? 19 2.0 MS. HOSKINS: I do not see that Mike is on. 21 MR. VAN SLYKE: Okay. Next I have Damon 22 Watson. 23 MS. HOSKINS: Damon's on. 24 Damon, you should be free to speak.

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          MR. VAN SLYKE: Damon, are you there?
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                   Okay. We'll do another call.
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          MS. HOSKINS: Tom is not on.
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          MR. VAN SLYKE: Okay. Do we have Leonard
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   McGee?
          MS. HOSKINS: Leonard is not on.
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          MR. VAN SLYKE: Do we have Edith Tovar?
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          MS. HOSKINS: Edith is on.
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          MR. VAN SLYKE: Go ahead, Edith.
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          MS. TOVAR: Hello, everyone. Can folks hear
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   me?
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          MR. VAN SLYKE: Yes. Thanks.
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          MS. TOVAR: Perfect.
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                   Good evening. As stated, my name
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    is Edith Tovar. I am a lifelong resident of the
    Little Village community. And for transparency
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    purposes, I also work with the Little Village
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    Environmental Justice Organization.
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                   I'm really glad that the City is
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    taking these extra steps and precautions to make
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    sure that residents of not only in Little Village
   but the City of Chicago as a whole are notified in
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- $1 \mid a$  timely manner about a demolition by implosion.
- 2 | I know that in the previous meeting they said that
- 3 | this type of method is not regularly used, but
- 4 | folks -- you know, it is important for folks to
- 5 know what is happening in their community. But the
- 6 reality is that these steps in our case are too
- 7 | little too late.
- 8 The lack of oversight regarding the
- 9 demolition of Crawford, if I'm not mistaken, the
- 10 | first coal plant to be redeveloped within city
- 11 | boundaries, our concerns were dismissed. When we
- $12 \mid$ asked for air monitors, we were told that the law
- 13 did not require Hilco nor the City to install, but
- 14 to close our windows if we saw dust.
- 15 A resident and construction worker
- 16 | fell to his death on -- at the site. We did not
- 17 get any real answers, and no investigation report
- 18 | was ever shared with community residents.
- 19 We demanded an emergency protocol
- 20 | from Hilco to be shared with residents, and, again,
- 21 | nothing was shared with us.
- 22 What we have been receiving from
- 23 | Hilco are flyers greenwashing the Exchange 55
- 24 development and promise of hundreds of jobs, but no

real information about what is happening on the 1 site. They set up a website --2 MR. VAN SLYKE: 30 seconds, Edith. 3 4 MS. TOVAR: Thank you. 5 We -- they set up a website, but, 6 remember, not everyone has the means to have Internet at home. A recommendation that I'm thinking of is to add information through a 8 public repository like in local libraries. 10 I'll end my comment by stating that 11 Little Village residents are traumatized by the 12 Hilco botched implosion. I attended a virtual 13 meeting by the Cook County Department of 14 Corrections last week as they are planning to 15 demolish two buildings this summer, and residents 16 on the call kept asking if it was going to be by 17 implosion. I'll say that Hilco has definitely left 18 a scar in our community. 19 Thank you. 2.0 MR. VAN SLYKE: Thank you, Edith. 21 Next up we have Pablo Granados. 22 Pablo, are you on? 23 MS. HOSKINS: Pablo is not on. 24 MR. VAN SLYKE: Okay. It looks like perhaps

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we have one attendee that's raised their hand.
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         MS. HOSKINS: We have Kimberly Wasserman who
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   was on the list.
         MR. VAN SLYKE: Go ahead, Kimberly.
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         MS. WASSERMAN: Hi. Can you all hear me?
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         MR. VAN SLYKE:
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         MS. WASSERMAN: Perfect. And I apologize.
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   making dinner.
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                   Thank you for the opportunity today
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   to speak, and thank you for this presentation.
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                   To Edith's point, I just really
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   would like to reiterate that I think it says a
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   lot on behalf of City departments to host a
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   presentation and ask for the trust of our community
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   members when nobody has apologized yet about what
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   has happened and why the City needs to take these
   steps. We understand the reasoning, but the simple
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    fact that not a single Commissioner or a City
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   department person has once said, We're sorry that
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   this happened to your neighborhood. I think it's
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   very telling.
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   that part of accountability is to acknowledge the
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1 crime that has been done. And so I really encourage the City to think about how to simply 2 3 apologize to the community of Little Village and beyond around what happened. 4 5 To that point, as to the question of trust, I wonder in particular if somebody could 6 speak to how we can actually trust that the City, particularly the Chicago Department of Public 8 Health, is actually going to use the correct 10 science and the correct technology in executing 11 these procedures. As Dave Graham himself stated, 12 they weren't prepared for this, and, in fact, they 13 used the wrong equipment, they used the wrong type 14 of sampling. Actually they did sampling 15 incorrectly. So I would like to know how it is 16 that we can trust that the City will do this 17 properly. 18 And secondly, soil sampling has still not happened in the public way after the 19 2.0 implosion. And so how are you all thinking, if at 21 all, about testing the current soil after the 22 implosion in April given that that's not -- has not 23 been part of your conversation as of yet? 24 Thank you very much.

1 MR. VAN SLYKE: Thank you. You know what? Do we have answers 2. 3 to any of the questions that have been posed? MR. FRISCH: You know, I don't -- thank you 4 5 very much for your comments, Kimberly. The speakers on this call -- at 6 least I'll speak for myself. You know, I'm really not an expert in what happened at the Hilco site. 8 My role has been formulating, you know, policy for the next demolition by implosion whenever it should 10 11 happen, and that's really what we're here today to discuss, the rules that we promulgated. 12 13 So, you know, I think most of your 14 questions, if not all of your questions pertained 15 specifically to the Hilco implosion, and, you know, 16 unfortunately, I don't have any of those answers. 17 But, again, we're happy to answer questions about the rules that we proposed and certainly to 18 19 entertain questions or comments about the rules 2.0 that we proposed. You know, what happened at the 21 Hilco site, what we're doing today is broader, 22 talking about setting forth a process, you know, 23 going forward. 24 Are there any other public speakers,

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          MR. VAN SLYKE: Yes. Next up we have
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    Caroline Wooten.
                   Go ahead, Caroline.
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          MS. WOOTEN: Can you hear me?
          MR. VAN SLYKE: We can. Go ahead.
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          MS. WOOTEN: My name is Caroline. I'm the
    organizing director for the Illinois Sierra Club.
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    We're here just to reecho what Edith and Kim said.
                   Mr. Frisch, I heard you saying
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    you're not an expert in what happened at the Hilco
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    site and that it's about moving forward, but I feel
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    like what happened at the Hilco site, everything
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    went wrong, and we need to learn about all the
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    things that went wrong there in order to formulate
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    the correct rules.
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                   We'd like to state that I agree with
    what Edith said about making sure that information
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    is available in public libraries, making sure the
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    alderperson is obliged to communicate out about
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    what is being planned. Also making sure that
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    the -- you know, the company has to update the
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    website and that they're fined if they don't update
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    the website.
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    everything folks from Little Village are saying and
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    say that we need to look at everything that went
    wrong with Hilco and build this off of everything
    that went wrong, and then go even further because
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    it was really, really unacceptable.
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                   Thank you.
          MR. VAN SLYKE: Thank you. Next we'll hear
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    from Drake Fitzsimmons.
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          MR. FITZSIMMONS: Hello. Can you hear me?
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          MR. VAN SLYKE: We can. Go ahead.
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          MR. FITZSIMMONS: Hi. My name's Drake
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    Fitzsimmons. I'm a resident of Chicago. And just
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    listening in, I have a couple of guestions.
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                   So the Fire Department talked about
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    monitoring wind speed and air quality during an
    implosion. And the Chicago -- CDH -- CDPH talked
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    about monitoring of weather and air quality,
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    particularly particulate matter.
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                   I wanted to know -- I mean,
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    monitoring is all good. But are there thresholds
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    for when to stop an implosion or when to alert the
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    community of problems? Because if it's just
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    monitoring, that's not really going to help anybody
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if there isn't action taken with those monitors. 1 2. And then my other question is for 3 the Department of Buildings. They talked about a detailed computer-generated simulated color photos of dispersion. I wanted to know if there is 5 6 particular air modeling software that's going to be used, or is it up to the discretion of the folks that are doing the implosion? Because I just want 8 to know particularly what you guys are envisioning for that, for those color photos of dispersions, 10 11 and in particular that they're scientific and 12 accurate and can be audited. 13 So those are my questions to you. 14 MR. FRISCH: Thank you for those questions, 15 Mr. Fitzsimmons. And I think there are folks on 16 this call who should be able to hopefully provide 17 answers to those. 18 One of your questions was will -- I 19 think it involved whether somebody on site has the 2.0 authority to stop a demolition if wind speed or 21 environmental conditions are inappropriate. And 2.2 the answer -- the clear answer to that is yes. 23 OEMC has the authority on the day of the planned

demolition to stop it for any reason whatsoever.

1 But I think the specific questions about wind speed and air quality should best be 2 3 answered by CDPH and the Fire Department. MR. GRAHAM: This is Dave Graham with CDPH. 4 5 As we're going through the rules, there's a little bit of overlap on what people are 6 doing. And so, you know, as far as vibration analysis with buildings, dust modeling, since we 8 originally put together these rules, we're looking 10 at other ways to evaluate potential dust 11 dispersion. So there are engineers, specialists 12 who -- that we've seen examples of how the modeling 13 works. So there are models available that take into account the weight of a building or the weight 14 15 of a smokestack. They can model and determine how they think structurally a stack may snap before it 16 17 hits the ground. There are ways to evaluate once it hits the ground, depending on what the moisture 18 content of the soil is, what the expected plume 19 2.0 would be. So based on what, unfortunately, 21 22 happened, I think there are numerous ways that we 23 can better look at what we could -- what to expect 24 and how to mitigate those -- how to mitigate those

issues. And if you look at what we've put together 1 and -- with the other departments, the intent is 2 that we're -- we are going to make sure that 3 everything that we're asking for is in place and has been evaluated and shared with the -- shared with folks before things move forward. 6 7 Thank you. MR. VAN SLYKE: At this point it doesn't look 8 like anybody -- oh, was there another answer? MR. DeCAMP: Yeah. This is Aaron DeCamp from 10 11 the Fire Department. I just want to quickly 12 address the question that was addressed to us. 13 These are things -- it's an 14 excellent question. Under the rules, just to be 15 more specific, the plan -- in order for the Fire 16 Commissioner to approve the permit, the plan must 17 have a baseline that wind speeds over a certain amount would delay the demolition by implosion. 18 19 Obviously each implosion's going to be unique and 2.0 different. And, obviously, that's going to be 21 something that the Fire Department's going to work 22 with its sister departments to make sure what the 23 appropriate level of wind speed is, and only at 24 that point would we approve the permit. So that is

directly addressed in the proposed rules. 1 MR. FRISCH: Go ahead, Chris. 2 3 MR. PETTINEO: Yes. I just want to reiterate 4 what the other two departments mentioned, that the purpose of the incident command post is to have face-to-face communication in real-time with all 6 relevant entities. It's what we call unified command so that anybody in the room has a voice, 8 and if there are any issues, they are brought up 10 then and there so that they can be mitigated. 11 Thank you. 12 MR. VAN SLYKE: Great. At this point we 13 don't have anything on the Community Engagement inbox. I don't see anybody with their hands up. 14 15 We'll do one last call. If you'd like to speak, 16 please raise your hand on the Zoom using the icon 17 at the bottom of the screen. 18 MR. FRISCH: I'll just add that, you know, 19 the rules that we proposed and posted on the public 2.0 website, you know, they can be dense and technical, 21 so luckily, you know, there's still plenty of time 22 for folks to take a close look and think about each 23 rule individually and how they fit together. Those

on this call and the City departments spent a lot

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of time thinking about how can we best -- how we
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   make this process best in class, how can we be sure
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   we don't miss anything, how can we make sure that,
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    you know, we're doing it right on a going forward
    basis, you know, should there be another demolition
   by implosion in the near -- in the future.
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                   So take your time. As we said
    earlier, the public comment period remains open,
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    and we look forward to any feedback you have. We
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    want to get these rules right.
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          MR. VAN SLYKE: Thank you, everyone.
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          MS. HOSKINS: Interpreters, you may exit the
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             Thanks so much.
    meeting.
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                         6:48 p.m.)
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