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MR. BUCHHEIT: My name is Martin Buchheit. I live in the community of Berkley, a suburb of St. Louis. I've been there since 1960 and I have been involved in some discussions in the past, which I will refer to in my comments. This past Monday, the 17th, the Post Dispatch quoted an environmentalist, and I quote, "To move all this stuff on the railroads and highways of our community -- of our country -- is just irresponsible. These are extremely dangerous materials." That quote has me confused, and I'll get into that.

These are the same environmentalists who have in the past yelled to move all of the contaminated soil out of this area, such as -- you've heard of dioxin soil, Times Beach, the airport site, Latty Avenue and the downtown sites. Now these same people are saying leave the material where it is and store it there. I am confused. Ever since I have been involved I have said leave it where it is, build a storage facility, store it and monitor it. As I said, again, I am confused, but I am glad they're finally seeing it my way.

1 | I don't know if this material can be stored on site or not. If it can, I too would like to see that. But at this stage with the amount of money already spent, maybe it's better if we do move it. Now, how do you move it? It's got to go by rail or highway, so it has to move through cities like ours. I'm sure safety is the number one priority of all involved in the moving. Somewhere along the line you have to trust others, and I'm sure that if moved, all will be concerned and careful. I just wish that the minds of those who want it stored on site now would have had that same feeling when we discussed the above-mentioned sites. Why the change? I am confused. Thank you.