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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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The above-entitled cause came in for a  
Hearing at the St. John the Baptist Parish  
Council Chambers at 1801 West Airline  
Highway, LaPlace, Louisiana 70068, on  
Thursday, November 2, 2006, commencing at  
6:00 p.m.

REPORTED BY: TARA TORRES  
CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER IN  
AND FOR THE STATE OF  
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1                   MS. BRYANT:

2                                 My name i s Carolyn Bryant. I am

3                                 employed wi th the Loui si ana

4                                 Department of Envi ronmental Quali ty.

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5 I will be serving as the Hearing  
6 Officer this evening, Thursday,  
7 November 2, 2006.

8 This hearing is scheduled to  
9 accept public comments concerning  
10 the proposed Part 70 Air Operating  
11 Permits, the proposed Prevention of  
12 Significant Deterioration Permit,  
13 the associated Environmental  
14 Assessment Statement and the  
15 proposed First Revised Consent  
16 Decree for Marathon Petroleum  
17 Company, LLC, Louisiana Refining  
18 Division, Garyville, St. John the  
19 Baptist Parish, Louisiana, for the  
20 Garyville Major Expansion Project.

21 The Agency Interest Number for  
22 the facility is 3165 and the Permit  
23 Numbers and Activity Numbers are as  
24 follows: For the Garyville Major  
25 Expansion Project (GME) 3039-V0.

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1 Activity Number PER20060012. Combustion  
2 Sources 2893-V3, PER20060008. Volume 1  
3 Storage Tanks 2891-V4, PER20060009.  
4 Fugitive Miscellaneous Equipment 2887-V3,  
5 PER20060010. For the Coker GDU NDHT, those  
6 are the process units, 2640-V5,  
7 PER20060011. PSD GME Project PSD-LA-719,

8 PER20060013.

9 The facility is located at 4663  
10 West Airline Highway, Garyville, St.  
11 John the Baptist Parish. Marathon  
12 Petroleum Company, LLC is a fully  
13 integrated petroleum refinery. The  
14 refinery processes both foreign and  
15 domestic crude oil into a variety of  
16 products.

17 Marathon Petroleum Company, LLC  
18 has requested to increase the  
19 capacity of the existing facility by  
20 approximately 180,000 barrels per  
21 calendar day. In order to achieve  
22 this goal Marathon Petroleum  
23 Company, LLC will install new  
24 process units and new equipment, and  
25 modify the existing process units

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1 and equipment which will be affected  
2 by the expansion.

3 Refining operations typically  
4 involve the following four  
5 categories: storage, separation,  
6 conversion, and blending. The  
7 modification will be issued on its  
8 own merits and will affect existing  
9 equipment and therefore Part 70  
10 Permit Numbers 2891-V3, Storage

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Tanks, 2893, Combustion Sources,  
12                   2887-V2, Fugitives and Miscellaneous  
13                   Sources, and 2640-V4, Coker Unit,  
14                   GDU and NDHT.

15                   The construction on the GME  
16                   Project is expected to start in July  
17                   2007; however, the startup of the  
18                   project is expected in September  
19                   2009.

20                   During this hearing comments  
21                   will be received for 5 Proposed Part  
22                   70 Air Operating Permits, a  
23                   Prevention of Significant  
24                   Deterioration Permit, the Associated  
25                   Environment Assessment Statement and

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1                   the Proposed First Revised Consent  
2                   Decree.

3                   These permits will incorporate  
4                   all the applicable requirements of  
5                   the First Revised Consent Decree. A  
6                   New Source review Global Settlement  
7                   at Civil Action Number 01-CV-40119-  
8                   PVG between US EPA and Marathon  
9                   Ashland Petroleum, date of entry  
10                   November 17, 2005.

11                   The Environment Assessment  
12                   Statement submitted by the applicant  
13                   addresses avoidance of potential and

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14           real environmental effects,  
15           balancing of social and economic  
16           benefits against environmental  
17           impact costs, and alternative sites,  
18           projects and mitigative measures.

19                   The Part 70 Air Operating  
20           Permits and Prevention of  
21           Significant deterioration Permit  
22           were processes as expedited permits  
23           in accordance with LAC 33:1, Chapter  
24           18.

25                   This hearing is not being

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1                   conducted in a question and answer  
2           format. Please remember that the  
3           purpose of this public hearing is  
4           for DEQ to receive your comments  
5           concerning the proposed Part 70 Air  
6           Operating Permits, the proposed PSD  
7           Permit, associated Environmental  
8           Assessment Statement and proposed  
9           First Revised Consent Decree.

10                   This hearing is to provide all  
11           individuals a chance to be heard,  
12           regardless of their position on the  
13           proposed Part 70 Air Operating  
14           Permits, proposed PSD Permit,  
15           associated Environmental Assessment  
16           Statement and proposed First Revised



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A copy of the proposed Part 70  
21 Air Operating Permits, proposed PSD  
22 Permit, associated Environmental  
23 Assessment Statement and proposed  
24 First Revised Consent Decree is  
25 available for inspection and review

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1 at the LDEQ, Public Records Center,  
2 Room 127, 602 North 5th Street,  
3 Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Viewing  
4 hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
5 Monday through Friday, except  
6 holidays.

7 Additional copies may be  
8 reviewed at the St. John the Baptist  
9 Parish Library Headquarters, 2920  
10 New Highway 51, LaPlace, Louisiana.  
11 And the St. John the Baptist Parish  
12 Library, Frazee-Harris Memorial  
13 Branch 493 Historic Main Street,  
14 Garyville, Louisiana.

15 In addition, copies of the  
16 public notice were mailed to  
17 individuals who have requested to be  
18 placed on the mailing list  
19 maintained by the Office of  
20 Environmental Services on September  
21 28, 2006.

22 In accordance with Louisiana



1 that the presiding officer may give  
2 preference to a public official to  
3 speak at any time during the  
4 hearing. However, any time limit  
5 set for citizen testimony shall  
6 apply to public officials.

7 The Department must provide up  
8 to 30 minutes to the permit  
9 applicant for an introductory  
10 presentation. Thereafter,  
11 preference for speaking up to one  
12 hour is given as follows: For the  
13 first hour, to those citizens who  
14 live within a 2-mile radius of the  
15 location of the facility.

16 For the second hour, for those  
17 citizens who work within a 2-mile  
18 radius of the facility. And for the  
19 third hour, to those citizens who  
20 live within the parish of the  
21 locations of the facility.

22 Thereafter, each hour of the  
23 hearing shall alternate between  
24 those who are in support of the  
25 proposed Part 70 Air Operating

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1 Permits, proposed PSD Permit,  
2 associated Environmental Assessment  
3 Statement and proposed First Revised  
4 Consent Decree and those who are  
5 opposed to the proposed Part 70 Air  
6 Operating Permits, proposed PSD  
7 Permit, associated Environmental  
8 Assessment Statement and proposed  
9 First Revised Consent Decree.

10 The order of tonight's hearing  
11 will be based on the information  
12 provided by the speaker on the  
13 registration form. Anyone who  
14 registered to speak, but did not  
15 provide the necessary information  
16 will be given the opportunity to  
17 speak. However, they will be called  
18 last in the order of registration.

19 This hearing is being  
20 transcribed. Therefore, I will ask  
21 that each speaker begin by stating  
22 for the Record their name, address  
23 and any organization he or she may  
24 represent.

25 I would like to remind you to

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1 please turn off all cell phones.

2 Thank you.

3 At this time I would like to ask

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4 the permit applicant's  
5 representative to come forward and  
6 make their introductory  
7 presentation.

8 MR. BADEL:

9 Good evening. My name is Rich  
10 Badel. I'm the manager of the  
11 Marathon Petroleum Garyville  
12 Refinery. I would like to enter in  
13 to the Record a few comments about  
14 Marathon and Garyville's major  
15 expansion. And also to request that  
16 the Department of Environmental  
17 Quality approve our permit  
18 application for this project.

19 Marathon Petroleum is the  
20 nation's fifth largest petroleum  
21 refinery with 974,000 barrels a day  
22 of capacity. The Garyville  
23 refinery, which began operations in  
24 1976, is the newest grass roots  
25 refinery in the United States. The

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1 refinery currently has the capacity  
2 of 245,000 barrels a day.

3 Marathon is in the process of  
4 completing the front end engineering  
5 and design in costing phase of a  
6 major expansion that would increase

7 Garyville's crude capacity by  
8 180,000 barrels a day bringing its  
9 total to 425,000 barrels per day.

10 The Garyville expansion  
11 represents a capital investment of  
12 more than 3 billion dollars. It  
13 will help meet our country's growing  
14 energy needs and provide substantial  
15 economic benefits to the community,  
16 St. John Parish and the State of  
17 Louisiana.

18 National leaders have urged  
19 investment of domestic refining  
20 capacity. The Garyville expansion  
21 is a response to that call. It will  
22 add over 7 million gallons a day of  
23 clean transportation fuels to our  
24 nation's fuel supply.

25 The refinery expansion needs new

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1 jobs. We estimate that the  
2 completed expansion will add  
3 approximately 180 to 200 full-time  
4 Marathon employees, and another 60  
5 to 70 full-time contractor  
6 employees.

7 The construction phase will  
8 require an average of 2,000  
9 construction workers, with peaks as

10 high as 4,000 during certain  
11 periods. The expansion project will  
12 also result in additional tax  
13 revenue. St. John the Baptist  
14 Parish will receive between 40 and  
15 50 million dollars in sales and use  
16 taxes during the project.

17 In addition, the economic impact  
18 study indicates that millions of  
19 dollars in taxes will prove both  
20 State and the Parish from economic  
21 activity associated with the project  
22 and from overall expansion of  
23 refinery operations.

24 Marathon is committed to  
25 operating in a manner that protects

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1 our employees, our community and the  
2 environment. This new project will  
3 incorporate state of the art safety  
4 and environmental control  
5 technologies, including engineered  
6 controls, continuous emission  
7 monitors and real-time computerized  
8 controls that ensure units operate  
9 within permit limits.

10 Currently, St. John the Baptist  
11 Parish meets all air quality  
12 standards. The refinery expansion

13 will not change the status. The  
14 Garyville refinery has a well -  
15 trained and dedicated workforce with  
16 a culture of commitment to safety  
17 and environmental stewardship.

18 Our acceptance into both OSHA  
19 and EPA's elite programs  
20 demonstrates our outstanding safety  
21 and environmental performance. The  
22 Garyville refinery is the first and  
23 the only refinery ever accepted into  
24 EPA's environmental performance  
25 track program. And is one of only

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1 57 facilities nationwide that is a  
2 member of both OSHA VPP, voluntary  
3 protection plan, and EPA's elite  
4 environmental performance track  
5 program.

6 Just recently OSHA presented  
7 Garyville with a Star Among Star  
8 Awards, which signifies our OSHA  
9 injury incorporated less than  
10 industry average. Community  
11 outreach is also important to  
12 Marathon.

13 In fact, this Summer we held two  
14 community open houses, one in  
15 Garyville and one in Reserve to

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16 provide information and to answer  
17 questions about this project.

18 Marathon plays an active role in  
19 this community and supports efforts  
20 to enhance education and improve  
21 overall quality of life. Each year  
22 Marathon donates thousands of  
23 dollars and our employees volunteer  
24 a lot of their time to support  
25 charities, the schools, and the

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1 United Way. We're committed to  
2 being good neighbors.

3 In summary, the Garyville  
4 expansion will help our country meet  
5 its growing energy needs and benefit  
6 Louisiana's economy at a time when  
7 it is most needed. We're committed  
8 to operating a safe, clean refinery  
9 and keeping the community informed  
10 as we move forward.

11 On behalf of Marathon, I  
12 respectfully request the LDEQ  
13 approve our permit applications.  
14 Thank you for your time.

15 MS. BRYANT:

16 Thank you. I will now begin by  
17 allowing all persons who have signed  
18 up to speak, to present their

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19 comments. Each of you will have  
20 seven minutes. I have two public  
21 officials who have signed up. Julia  
22 Remondet, will you come forward.  
23 Alan St. Pierre, will you come  
24 forward, please?

25 MR. ST. PIERRE:

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1 Good evening. My name is Alan  
2 St. Pierre, councilman for St. John  
3 the Baptist Parish. I reside on  
4 Highway 44, Garyville, Louisiana.  
5 My comment is I'm in full support of  
6 the permit application.

7 I feel that Marathon has been a  
8 very important company with the  
9 neighbors to the west and the  
10 neighbors to the east. They've  
11 helped several organizations and up  
12 to their limits of what the  
13 organizations have asked for with  
14 the schools, the recreational  
15 facilities.

16 Marathon runs a very clean  
17 refinery. They receive a lot of  
18 OSHA and awards from the  
19 environmental quality, The  
20 Department of Environmental Quality.  
21 My concern is that besides a real,

22 good, clean and safety company our  
23 concern is very much of an impact to  
24 the parish. Marathon is one, if not  
25 the largest, of tax payers in St.

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1 John the Baptist Parish.

2 And as long as they run a clean  
3 and safe refinery, and for the  
4 benefits of all the personnel that  
5 lives in the parameters to the east  
6 and the west, I think that for those  
7 purposes that I think I'm in full  
8 support of the permit. Thank you.

9 MR. BRYANT:

10 Thank you very much. Now, Ms.  
11 Remondet.

12 MS. REMONDET:

13 My name is Julia Remondet. I'm  
14 the Director of Economic Development  
15 for St. John Parish and a resident  
16 of Reserve, 238 West First Street in  
17 Reserve. I wanted to start by  
18 saying Marathon Petroleum Company  
19 has been a good corporate neighbor  
20 in our community. By their  
21 environmental safety practices over  
22 the years.

23 In 2002 Garyville became the  
24 first and only oil refinery in the

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US to be accepted as a member of the

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1 EPA's national and environmental  
2 performance track. Which is  
3 designed to recognize and encourage  
4 top environmental performers.  
5 Marathon's corporate office also  
6 implemented the President's Award  
7 for responsible care in 2000 as a  
8 means to reward superior achievement  
9 at the operations level.

10 This award recognizes past years  
11 results as well as forward thinking  
12 initiatives that promise a positive  
13 impact on the overall health  
14 environmental and safety  
15 performance. And the Garyville  
16 office has won this award several  
17 times.

18 Marathon over the years has  
19 worked closely with our technical  
20 college in promoting education with  
21 an open house event each year to  
22 encourage students to look at the  
23 technical college as a source of  
24 continued education. And they bring  
25 students in from across the area to

1 see what the courses are available  
2 there. And they bring in employees  
3 and show how this is relevant to  
4 their jobs there at Marathon and  
5 also other jobs throughout the area.

6 We feel that Marathon has a  
7 positive presence in St. John and we  
8 feel that they impacted our  
9 community in a very positive way.

10 So as Director of Economic  
11 Development, I wholeheartedly  
12 support this project and the  
13 expansion they propose.

14 MS. BRYANT:

15 I have one additional public  
16 official. Natalie Robottom, is that  
17 the correct pronunciation? Please  
18 come forward.

19 MS. ROBOTTOM:

20 My name is Natalie Robottom,  
21 Chief Administrative Officer  
22 representing Parish President Monica  
23 who is ill tonight. I reside at 364  
24 St. Andrews Boulevard in LaPlace.  
25 And on behalf of Parish President

1 Monica I'm speaking in full support

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of the permit and the expansion.

3 Marathon has been a very good  
4 neighbor for St. John and a  
5 participant and partner with the  
6 school systems, specifically East  
7 St. John Elementary, as well as  
8 parish recreation the Ezekiel  
9 Jackson Park.

10 They've also maintained safety  
11 standards stat as well as attempted  
12 to exceed those and working closely  
13 with the residents in parish  
14 administration and council. We  
15 anticipate growth and an increase in  
16 the number of jobs and support for  
17 the parish, which is greatly needed  
18 at this time.

19 And again, on behalf of Parish  
20 President Monica, we support the  
21 permit as well as the expansion.

22 MS. BRYANT:

23 Okay. Thank you. Let me just  
24 add that anyone who needs more than  
25 the seven minutes allowed, you will

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1 be able to finish your comments  
2 after all the registered speakers  
3 have had an opportunity to speak.

4 The next group of speakers will

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5 be those who live within a 2-mile  
6 radius of a location of a facility.  
7 Brunette Burl, come forward please.  
8 Carl Monica?

9 MR. MONICA:

10 My name is Carl Monica. I live  
11 at 425 Historic Main Street,  
12 Garyville, Louisiana. I'm a  
13 lifelong resident of Garyville. I  
14 live 2,500 feet from the Marathon  
15 property line. And I'm sure that  
16 what I'm going to say tonight has  
17 been said many of times before.  
18 Rich is probably tired of hearing  
19 the same old record, but I'm going  
20 to say it again.

21 The first handout that I have  
22 here, I'm sorry that I don't have a  
23 projector to do this. If I would've  
24 had enough time I could have done  
25 that. I don't have enough copies

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1 for everyone, if you could just  
2 share a little bit.

3 The first page in Section 1,  
4 Roman Numeral I is in 1973 it's a  
5 Corps of Engineers map that I have.  
6 The Corps of Engineers puts out a  
7 hydrological map every so often.

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8 This is 1973. And as you can see  
9 the Garyville/Mt. Airy area is  
10 virtually free of all industry. The  
11 only thing you'll see on this map is  
12 a very small area from Kaiser  
13 Aluminum on this map. To the left,  
14 which is right on the border of St.  
15 John Parish itself.

16 If you take the next page,  
17 Section II, 1993 the Corps of  
18 Engineers put out another map, a  
19 hydrological map and I don't have  
20 anything more recent than that. But  
21 on this you can see the very  
22 dramatic change in the area going  
23 from all residential to heavily  
24 industrial. Then in only 20 years  
25 the explosion is this great.

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1 Kaiser Aluminum has expanded  
2 into Mt. Airy, the very massive  
3 holding ponds. Mt. Airy Oil built a  
4 tank farm along River Road in Mt.  
5 Airy. Nalco Chemical built a plant  
6 between Nalco and Mt. Airy.  
7 Marathon oil, actually Marathon did  
8 not construct this, ECOL, Engine  
9 Corporates of Louisiana constructed  
10 a massive plant, which was later



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that was given to us.

15                   So even the Parish still thinks  
16                   it's residential zoned by that. It  
17                   was changed to heavy industrial.  
18                   Part Number 5 shows, I did this by  
19                   hand, I just took the actual map and  
20                   I colored the part that was  
21                   industrial and it shows 8,000 acres  
22                   of industrial. 8,000 acres of  
23                   industrial between Mt. Airy and  
24                   Garyville.  
25                   The green part shows you the

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1                   residential. Now, the ratio is  
2                   easy. Divide 1,500 into 8,000.  
3                   It's a ratio of 5 to 1. It's 5 to 1  
4                   industrial to residential in this  
5                   area. That's phenomenal.

6                   It's important to note that the  
7                   Garyville/Mt. Airy was already  
8                   excessively zoned industrial when  
9                   this Aristech property, which is a  
10                  proposed tank farm, was proposed on  
11                  this thing at this present time.  
12                  And even though it was residential,  
13                  it was changed over.

14                  The last two maps I have on here  
15                  shows before construction. This is  
16                  a recent zoning map that I had. And

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18           if you notice all of the industries  
19           in the area, Pinnacle Polymers,  
20           Marathon Oil, Nalco Chemical,  
21           Degussa Stockhausen, Mt. Airy Oil,  
22           Kaiser, Gramercy Alumina, if you  
23           look at the distances on this map  
24           you will see that from property line  
25           to property line in the industrial  
                  areas the longest distance we have

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1                   is a mile and a quarter. It's not a  
2                   very long distance at all.

3                   And nobody in the Garyville  
4                   areas lives more than a half a mile  
5                   from an industrial area. Nobody.  
6                   No resident. And if you look at Mt.  
7                   Airy, it's a little bit misprint  
8                   right there. It says 1,200 feet,  
9                   there's roughly 1,200 feet between  
10                  the Mt. Airy between the two  
11                  industrial areas. Nobody in Mt.  
12                  Airy lives more than 600 feet. In  
13                  fact, many people live right on the  
14                  bounty line of industrial area.

15                  If you look at the last Section  
16                  Number 7 this is prior to new  
17                  construction, the one you just had,  
18                  after the new construction I have  
19                  overlaid the Marathon expansion on



23 St. Charles says the same thing,  
24 but it goes further, it says to  
25 protect the health, safety and

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1 welfare of the public. They were  
2 really concerned about that.

3 I asked two councilmen who voted  
4 for this proposal, which you see I  
5 got this side of the zoning map,  
6 which is in the present zoning that  
7 they supposedly voted ironically in  
8 1988, right before the Aristech  
9 Plant came in to do this ordinance  
10 right here.

11 If you look at Number 1 it says,  
12 "Garyville, extent the I1 District  
13 adjacent to the Nalco Chemical Plant  
14 a width of 600 feet between the two  
15 railroad tracks." Now, think about  
16 that. If you go and look at the  
17 zoning map of 1988, you will not see  
18 any light industrial in Nalco. How  
19 can you extend an Industrial 1  
20 District? Industrial 1 means light  
21 district.

22 This is one of our problems.  
23 They did not have it in 1989, in  
24 fact, between the two railroad  
25 tracks, guess what's between the two

1 railroad tracks? Plantation Oaks.

2 So this is conflicting by the  
3 ordinances. And I see we have three  
4 councilmen here tonight and I'll  
5 talk about that in a second. There  
6 is a Section 33:173 says, "Appeal of  
7 conflicting ordinances." This  
8 ordinance effectively makes  
9 Plantation Oaks Light Industrial.

10 The second part of the  
11 ordinance, Number 2 says, "Parish  
12 wide where an Industrial 3 District  
13 abuts an R1 District an area 600  
14 feet wide from R1 shall be rezoned  
15 I1." All right. There's no word of  
16 any buffer here. This simply says  
17 you make I1 next to I3 if you have  
18 an R1.

19 Well, guess what? That makes  
20 the Grain Elevator in Reserve a  
21 Light Industrial District. So  
22 that's conflicting legislation.  
23 Okay? Number 3, you see that part  
24 about LaPlace? It brings up  
25 LaPlace, it mentions things about

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1 what it does in LaPlace and the  
2 commercial and things like that.

3 MS. BRYANT:

4 I'm sorry, Mr. Monica. You're  
5 time, if you'd wind it up.

6 MR. MONICA:

7 I just want to say one thing,  
8 and that is that these are three  
9 conflicting ordinances. I'm asking  
10 my councilmen here tonight to please  
11 have a workshop on this so that the  
12 public can get together and discuss  
13 this and get this cleared up once  
14 and for all. The ordinance is 2,000  
15 feet. Please do this for us. For  
16 public info.

17 MS. MOODY:

18 Good evening to you all. My  
19 name is Flavia Moody. I'm a  
20 resident of 368 Daffodil Street, Mt.  
21 Airy, Louisiana. And I'm here  
22 tonight to express my concern about  
23 the expansion of the Marathon. I  
24 work in the law firm which have  
25 access - some of our clients have

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1 been directly effected with the  
2 Murphy Oil spill in Chalmette,  
3 Louisiana. And I can't help to

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4 compare how similar our situation  
5 is.

6 On a map that Mr. Carl Monica  
7 gave you, you can show that the area  
8 between the residential area and  
9 industrial area where the oil tanks  
10 of Murphy Oil is 1,000 feet away  
11 from a residential area. In  
12 Garyville is less than 1,000 feet  
13 from our community. That concerns  
14 me greatly. From my experience in  
15 dealing with our clients with the  
16 Murphy it's sadly to see the soil  
17 contamination is so great that  
18 people have to wear special gear in  
19 order to remove the debris from  
20 their homes.

21 I would also like to point out  
22 that the Louisiana Department of  
23 Health and Hospitals have developed  
24 a fact sheet how extra precautions  
25 for entry in contaminated properties

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1 in St. Bernard Parish. Which  
2 basically is guidelines for safety  
3 in order to remove the debris from  
4 your home, which is already a year  
5 ago Katrina passed by us and it's  
6 still a community that have not been

7 revied. Nothing have been done in  
8 Chal mette so far. And that concerns  
9 me as a resident of Mt. Ai ry.

10 Presently we have a neighborhood  
11 of 72 to 76 oil tanks in our  
12 communi ty among Marathon and Mt.  
13 Ai ry Oil. Wi th that proposal and  
14 wi th the recently development of  
15 Angelina Tank Farm that number is  
16 going to go up to 77 more oil tanks  
17 in our communi ty. That doubles the  
18 amount of oil tanks that we have  
19 surrounding our area.

20 That's also concerns me and my  
21 fami ly and my fri ends and my  
22 nei ghbors. Accordi ng to the  
23 distri ct search done in August 2005  
24 by US Publ ic Interest Research Group  
25 it poi nts out Marathon Ashl and in

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1 Garyville is listed as among the  
2 refi neries using or stori ng  
3 hydrochl ori c aci d on si te.

4 Those not fami liar wi th  
5 hydrochl ori c aci d, i t's extremel y  
6 toxi c chemi cal. Even a sol id  
7 contact wi ll cause heal th probl ems.  
8 The exposure of hydrochl ori c aci d  
9 coul d resul t in severe ski n and deep

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10 tissue burns. The exposure may not  
11 appear up to 24 hours after you're  
12 exposed. Cause a problem cause you  
13 might not be able to seek proper  
14 help in time.

15 Another concern of mine is that  
16 it is a safer way to do refinery, to  
17 transport crude oil. And Marathon  
18 is aware of that technology.  
19 Actually, there's a chemical called  
20 sulphuric acid, which is a safer  
21 chemical which can be used which can  
22 be safer because it does not form an  
23 aerosol or toxic cloud immediately  
24 after release.

25 It saddens me that Marathon

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1 Ashland already have access and  
2 already utilize this chemical in  
3 another facility and it concerns me  
4 that it happened so far on our  
5 community indicates a disregard for  
6 our health and a disregard for our  
7 community.

8 And if you're interested in more  
9 facts of research you can go to  
10 [www.pirg.org](http://www.pirg.org) and get all the facts.  
11 And I appreciate you time. Thank  
12 you very much.

13 MS. BRYANT:

14 Thank you. Ms. Burl.

15 MS. BURL:

16 My name is Burnette Burl. I  
17 reside at 139 Chestnut Street in Mt.  
18 Airy. I'm here to discuss the  
19 impact that Marathon and the other  
20 industries in our area have on our  
21 environment, our community. We get  
22 state studies of regions in our area  
23 that have been impacted, but we  
24 don't get a direct study of what's  
25 happening in the area where we live

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1 and the area of Mt. Airy and  
2 Garyville and Reserve.

3 We are impacted more than the  
4 regional area is by the oil  
5 refineries and other chemical  
6 facilities. And so we don't get the  
7 right data on what happens to people  
8 in these areas.

9 Now, the communities that exist  
10 and what is called the vulnerability  
11 zone of Marathon Petroleum Oil  
12 Refinery. These are the community  
13 where there is a estimate of how far  
14 a chemical could travel off site and  
15 still maintain toxic concentration

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16 in certain weather conditions and  
17 the number of people living in that  
18 distance.

19 And you heard Flavia say we are  
20 no more than like a mile and a half,  
21 we not really two miles away from  
22 these facilities. We have Nalco, as  
23 Carl say, right on our line, across  
24 the fence. We have Mt. Airy  
25 Petroleum across the fence. And

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1 there is another tank farm that's  
2 trying to move into the area that  
3 would be even closer to some of the  
4 residents like right across the  
5 track and right across the fence  
6 again.

7 So we can't afford to have  
8 Marathon to expand to our area  
9 anymore. I'm sorry. I don't think  
10 a good neighbor would want to do  
11 that. You may have all kinds of  
12 safety awards and what have you, but  
13 when it comes to our life, our  
14 health and our welfare you're not  
15 considering us. You're not. And we  
16 are a predominately black community  
17 and everything get thrown down on  
18 our end. And we can't count on our

19 parish government to keep us safe.  
20 So we are constantly fighting  
21 one battle after another when it  
22 comes to environment. And so here  
23 we are again because we have to do  
24 it. We can't count on our parish  
25 government to do it for us.

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1 Now, Marathon has emissions that  
2 will increase after expansion.  
3 Hydrofluoric acid will increase, the  
4 emission will increase. And  
5 benzene, which is very, very toxic.  
6 It is colorless. It is a colorless  
7 liquid and it has a sweet odor. It  
8 evaporates into the air rapidly.  
9 And it dissolves slightly in water.  
10 And brief exposure to benzene in air  
11 can result in death at high levels.

12 At lower levels can cause  
13 drowsiness, rapid heart rate,  
14 headache, tremors, confusion,  
15 unconsciousness. It is a carcinogen  
16 and it will go into the blood and it  
17 will effect the blood forming  
18 organs. Exposure can be harmful to  
19 the reproductive organ. And benzene  
20 will be - the emission of benzene  
21 will be increased by 125 percent.

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22 Hydrogen sulphide by 127 percent.  
23 Sulphuric acid by 230 percent.  
24 Particulate matter 441 percent.  
25 Sulphur dioxide 190 percent.

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1 Nitrogen oxide 362 percent. Carbon  
2 monoxide 603 percent. Total  
3 volatile organic compounds by 378  
4 percent increase over what's there  
5 already. And these are very  
6 hazardous emissions.

7 And as Murphy Law goes, what can  
8 happen will happen because there's  
9 always the threat of human error.  
10 And it's happened in Marathon plants  
11 and other places. It's happening in  
12 other oil refineries. And Marathon  
13 may have a good record for this,  
14 that and the other by this  
15 association, that association, but  
16 when it comes to impacting the very  
17 lives of people who live in this  
18 community for more than 100 years,  
19 that's something else.

20 We've got to fight that. We  
21 can't let that happen. And we won't  
22 allow it to happen. If we have to  
23 go to court we will.

24 Now, your volatile organic  
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compounds are hexane, toluene, and

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xylene.

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MS. BRYANT:

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I'm sorry, Ms. Burl, can you

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wrap it up?

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MS. BURL:

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Yes. These are volatile organic

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compounds and these are also

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emissions that will increase at

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Marathon. And we just would like

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for the DEQ to consider the facts in

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this matter. Consider how we are

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already impacted by industries on

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both sides. We can't take any more.

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I did a little sample of the

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community. Just two streets, since

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the 80's there have been 26 deaths

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by cancer. Lung cancer, breast

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cancer, throat cancer, splenic

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cancer, colon cancer, all kind of

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cancer. When I was doing by

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sampling going to homes whole

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families were suffering from

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sinusitis and asthma and other kinds

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of respiratory illness. This comes

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from the plants that we are

1                   surrounded by and we can't afford to  
2                   have Marathon expand any closer to  
3                   our communi ty.

4                   We just can't afford it  
5                   heal thwi se. Thank you.

6                   MR. AMEDEE:

7                   Good evening. My name is Remy  
8                   Amedee. I live at 220 Oak Park  
9                   Boul evard, Garyville. I'm an  
10                  employee of Marathon also for 17  
11                  years. More importantly I've been a  
12                  resi dent of Garyville my whole  
13                  entire life, 44 years.

14                 Mr. St. Pierre and many members  
15                 of this audience tonight can  
16                 remember me as a little boy running  
17                 around Garyville playing. I  
18                 remember ridi ng the school bus goi ng  
19                 to school before Marathon was built  
20                 looking at the cane fi elds. Was  
21                 that an opportuni ty for our people  
22                 today. I remember ridi ng on that  
23                 same school bus wi shi ng I could work  
24                 there.

25                 I fi nally did. I started off my

1                   career working for Cargill in St.

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2 John Parish. Left Cargill and went  
3 to Marathon. There today. The  
4 opportunity it gave me allowed me to  
5 stay in this parish. 44 years I've  
6 been a resident of Garyville and I  
7 don't plan on leaving.

8 Mr. Badel, which is our plant  
9 manager said a lot of things on this  
10 podium tonight and I'm gonna tell  
11 y'all point-blank, frankly, from the  
12 bottom of my heart that man meant  
13 every word that he said. People  
14 might come up here and say that  
15 Marathon doesn't care about the  
16 citizens of this community. It's  
17 the furthest from the truth.

18 MS. BRYANT:

19 Excuse me. May we have order,  
20 please? Each person has an  
21 opportunity to speak. While the  
22 person speaking is doing so, if we  
23 can have quiet, I'd appreciate it.

24 MR. AMEEDDEE:

25 Thank you. It's the furthest

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1 from the truth that can be known. I  
2 live 3,000 feet from Marathon. I  
3 have two kids and a wife. My whole  
4 family lives in Garyville. I

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5 would n' t work at Marathon if I  
6 thought it was dangerous if Marathon  
7 was negligent in the environmental  
8 quality of my communi ty.

9 And I say it's my communi ty  
10 because I still live there and I  
11 don' t plan on leaving. I'm in  
12 support of this expansion of this  
13 permit because I know it's the right  
14 thing to do because we have a  
15 responsi ble company here. We don' t  
16 have a company who's looking to come  
17 into the parish that's looking to  
18 come into the parish wi thout a  
19 proven track record.

20 We have a company that has a  
21 financi al backing and a proven track  
22 record to backup what he came up  
23 here and said tonight. Everything  
24 he said up here was the truth and he  
25 could back i t up.

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1 And I could tell you this plant  
2 is one of the cleanest refineri es  
3 that you could ever see in thi s  
4 country. State of the art, it's  
5 state of the art wi thout a doubt.  
6 We had an open house recently, my  
7 son went up in the control room. He

8 thought I was nasty, state of the  
9 art, and that's a fact.

10 The money and technology and  
11 investments that this company put in  
12 this facility is beyond  
13 comprehension. This is the star  
14 plan of Marathon and they take pride  
15 in this facility in Garyville. And  
16 I have no doubt in my mind that this  
17 expansion will continue that  
18 philosophy and will continue this  
19 attitude to make Garyville the prize  
20 of Marathon and participate in all  
21 the public community programs that  
22 Marathon sponsors.

23 And I also am a volunteer. Rich  
24 didn't tell me, "Remy, I want you to  
25 volunteer for these programs." I

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1 volunteered on my own. I  
2 volunteered to give to United Way.  
3 I volunteered to go to Ezekiel  
4 Jackson Park and be a volunteer to  
5 show the community what's going on  
6 with Marathon. I volunteered for  
7 reading programs in the community  
8 schools. Nobody made me do this. I  
9 did this because I love this  
10 community and I stayed here and I

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11 work for a doggone good company.  
12 And I love the company I work  
13 for. There's not a lot of people I  
14 think who has a job that can say hey  
15 they like going to work and they  
16 like what they do. Well, I do. And  
17 I will never endanger the community  
18 that I grew up in and I plan on  
19 staying for the rest of my life.  
20 Thank you.

21 MS. BRYANT:  
22 Ms. Gerry Broussard-Baloney. Is  
23 that correct?

24 MS. BALONEY:  
25 Good afternoon. My name is

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1 Gerry Broussard-Baloney and I live  
2 and work within yards of the  
3 Marathon facility. And I'm not here  
4 to either support or comment against  
5 or oppose the proposed expansion. I  
6 really came for information.

7 And I noticed that earlier when  
8 you went through the rules and what  
9 the process and procedure and the  
10 protocol you indicated that it would  
11 not be a question and answer type of  
12 a forum. But I was hoping that we  
13 could get some answers because I do

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have a concern.

15                   And one of the concerns that I  
16                   have, and I'm not going to go over  
17                   what everybody else has said, but I  
18                   do have a concern for monitoring of  
19                   the residents that live within close  
20                   proximity of the facility.

21                   You know right now we've already  
22                   documented coker dust in some of our  
23                   homes with the laboratory and we've  
24                   sent that information to Marathon  
25                   and we're in the process - and

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1                   we've also provided a copy of that  
2                   to DEQ and we're in the process of  
3                   trying to arrange for joint  
4                   inspection so we could just find out  
5                   exactly what it is, what the  
6                   implications are.

7                   So I'm here to express a  
8                   concern. I think everybody else  
9                   very adequately expressed overall  
10                  concerns that the community has. So  
11                  it's no need to beat a dead drum on  
12                  that one. But I would like to know  
13                  and I'd like to hear in what way is  
14                  there going to be some monitoring or  
15                  tests to find out where we are today  
16                  and where this new expansion is

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going to bring us.

18                   And I also have concerns and I  
19                   would like perhaps some explanation  
20                   about the changes that are projected  
21                   in the emissions in the various  
22                   chemicals that are going to be  
23                   emitted as a result of the  
24                   expansion.

25                   I'm just hoping that we could

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1                   hear for some explanation to just  
2                   kind of help us understand, you know  
3                   what you guys had determined impact  
4                   and what are the implications of  
5                   those increases. Thank you.

6                   MS. BRYANT:

7                   Thank you, Ms. Baloney.

8                   MR. BALONEY:

9                   Will that happen, Ms. Bryant?

10                  MS. BRYANT:

11                  Are you Mr. Baloney? Carl?

12                  MR. BALONEY:

13                  Yes.

14                  MS. BRYANT:

15                  I was going to call on you next.  
16                  This is not as I said before, I will  
17                  not address those concerns nor will  
18                  I ask Marathon to do that. I will  
19                  try and see if you speak to me





1                   I have questions about the  
2                   consent and decree or the revised  
3                   consent and decree. I think I read,  
4                   I spent most of the afternoon  
5                   reviewing the some odd 40 permits  
6                   that you all spend \$94,000 plus on.  
7                   And that you've been given from what  
8                   I'm told. And it showed a lot of  
9                   negativism about pollution that  
10                  Marathon is doing to the community.

11                  And we know that we must  
12                  coexist. You know, jobs must be  
13                  provided. St. John is ideal for  
14                  petrochemical. You have the river,  
15                  you got the railroad track, you got  
16                  the interstate. And so many years  
17                  when we start selling the plantation  
18                  it's the most pleasant place for  
19                  them to go. But we know we must  
20                  coexist.

21                  We know this country is in a  
22                  crunch as far as petroleum, oil is  
23                  concerned. It's some of a Nazi -  
24                  moron though the expansion because I  
25                  see right next to them they'll

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1 proposed large sugar mill that is  
2 going to produce ethanol or whatever  
3 you get from sugar. But at the same  
4 time so I'm told also that where the  
5 sugarcane fields now exist, it will  
6 no longer be producing sugarcane  
7 within the next year or two.

8 But we must coexist and our  
9 concern, Mr. Badel, is that we do  
10 not think that Marathon is  
11 responsive to Garyville. We have -  
12 I know many men and women who have  
13 applied to Garyville to jobs at  
14 Marathon and to no avail. And  
15 council members if you all been  
16 there 20, 25 years and you haven't  
17 done anything then, you're not going  
18 to do anything in the next year or  
19 two.

20 So the hope and the thought of  
21 creating jobs is a false that's been  
22 presented and we don't get the jobs.  
23 90 percent of the people that works  
24 at Marathon are out of the area.  
25 And the money does not stay here.

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1 Are they out of reach close  
2 proximity to the pollution that's  
3 being given us who live in these

4 areas.

5 So again, we understand. We  
6 understand that this is probably  
7 coming down through the tube from  
8 the president on down from what is  
9 being mandated as far as gas and oil  
10 and the lack of it in this country.  
11 Maybe we ought to use the cliché  
12 that the president use when he want  
13 to excite people, we'll just say  
14 terrorism. I don't want the plant  
15 built next to me because the  
16 terrorist might bomb it. That's  
17 just a cliché that get people  
18 excited.

19 And what they say is the only  
20 thing about fear is the fear itself.  
21 But we know we must coexist. And we  
22 ask that you must and you should be  
23 more responsive to the communities.  
24 You should be more responsive. And  
25 across the board, if Amedee is going

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1 to get a job, give his son a job.  
2 If they're qualified, if they pass  
3 the drug test. You should be more  
4 responsive to the needs of the  
5 community other than your buying a  
6 park and throwing a picnic that for

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7 some strange reason, the attendance  
8 is very, very low.  
9 And that is no fault of yours,  
10 but maybe it's some other thing  
11 other than the volunteering to teach  
12 children how to read or whatever  
13 should be done to put to come to a  
14 community that's been inundated with  
15 plants from both sides have been not  
16 given the chance to participate in  
17 the financial gains from these  
18 plants as far as jobs are concerned.  
19 And I guess the distant  
20 franchise might be somewhat of a  
21 stigma that makes my community or  
22 our community a nonchalant, don't  
23 care type community. And I think  
24 there's something you can do there.  
25 Someone mentioned about St.

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1 Charles Parish. I wish our elected  
2 officials could do what St. Charles  
3 Parish do. And we have the same  
4 amenities that they have. We have  
5 the river, we have the railroad  
6 tracks, we have the interstate. And  
7 we have bright, young minds in this  
8 parish. But St. Charles Parish have  
9 elected officials who take care of

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10 their constituents.  
11 And I don't mean just their  
12 individual family constituents.  
13 They take care and they protect the  
14 future of their residents by  
15 extending things like the zone, the  
16 buffer zones and going further than  
17 just like Mr. St. Pierre said,  
18 you're a good neighbor. But Mr. St.  
19 Pierre found it pleasing to put a  
20 trailer next to my house. So I  
21 guess putting a plant in my backyard  
22 is not going to be much of a  
23 different effect on him.  
24 But we need to be provided with  
25 answers. We need to be given some

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1 directions as to what your going to  
2 - and it probably going to happen.  
3 You already received the permit from  
4 what I can gather. And you're going  
5 through motions of entertaining us.  
6 But I hope - you seem like a very  
7 decent person. Mr. Amedee will  
8 attest to that.  
9 And maybe you just haven't  
10 talked to the right people, other  
11 than Mr. St. Pierre who's our  
12 representative in our area.

13 MS. BRYANT:  
14 Mr. Baloney, can you wrap up  
15 now?  
16 MR. BALONEY:  
17 So we're asking that you reach  
18 out, other than the norms that you  
19 all do and the normal thing that you  
20 go through to do it. People are  
21 better educated now. They are  
22 better informed.  
23 MS. BRYANT:  
24 Mr. Baloney, I'm sorry. I need  
25 you to wrap it up. If you'd like to

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1 speak again, our tape is running  
2 out. Your time is up and our tape  
3 is running out.  
4 MR. BALONEY:  
5 I understand. But again, we  
6 must coexist, but we must be given  
7 answers and we ask that you give us  
8 an ear and give consideration to  
9 answering those questions that we've  
10 asked.  
11 MS. BRYANT:  
12 Thank you. We'll break for a  
13 moment so we can change the tape.  
14 (OFF THE RECORD.)  
15 MS. MONICA:

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16 My name is Anna Monica. I am a  
17 lifelong resident of Garyville. I  
18 live at 457 Historic Main. Ms.  
19 Bryant thank you for the  
20 opportunity, and please give me that  
21 two minute warning.

22 No one - I'm going to speak  
23 from my heart, and my heart told me  
24 make a few notes, Anna. So I did  
25 because often times you get up to

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1 address the public and you leave out  
2 a few good points. But I been  
3 thinking all day about what I wanted  
4 to say, but I didn't write it down.  
5 My brother, Frank, for those of  
6 y'all who know him did fine with his  
7 heart angiogram today, thank the  
8 Lord. He's okay.

9 No one is against anyone having  
10 a job. I had a job for as long as I  
11 wanted one. I worked for Chevron, a  
12 major corporation almost 40 years.  
13 But Chevron, as far as I know they  
14 don't have any refineries here, but  
15 as far as I know they didn't put  
16 their refineries in anybody's  
17 neighborhood. If I lived in Reserve  
18 or LaPlace I would not be here

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19 tonight. But when I put my head on  
20 the pillow at night, I'm less than  
21 two miles from Marathon and its oil  
22 tanks.

23 I second everything that Mr.  
24 Baloney has said tonight. I feel  
25 the same way, very same way. I pray

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1 that you do not, do not issue these  
2 permits. But how do you come in and  
3 go against a 2 million dollar  
4 expansion when money rules the  
5 world? I know that. And I'm not  
6 against anyone having a job. I'm  
7 not against Marathon like Mr.  
8 Baloney said we do have to coexist,  
9 but I am against the pollution.

10 Natural air is the best air we  
11 can have. So you can't tell me with  
12 all these plants, even though we  
13 meet the standards, you can't tell  
14 me that they'll be fewer emissions  
15 here. I have never heard of an  
16 executive in all of my years at  
17 Chevron, I did work for executives,  
18 and I appreciate them and appreciate  
19 what they do, because if it wasn't  
20 for large businesses, the rest of us  
21 wouldn't have jobs.

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22                   But how can you say you would  
23                   not get up here and say you're not  
24                   putting more pollutants in the air?  
25                   The air is not natural now. I walk

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1                   out of my house some mornings, I've  
2                   already called 9-1-1 to say what is  
3                   this smell because I know there is a  
4                   board here that has representatives  
5                   of all different refineries and they  
6                   said report something if you smell  
7                   something. But with my sense of  
8                   direction I can't tell where the  
9                   smell is coming from. But they sent  
10                  out a deputy and he said, "What do  
11                  you smell?" I said, "I can't tell  
12                  you what I smell. All I know is  
13                  it's enough, it's a very foul  
14                  smell."

15                  And this is all the time. And I  
16                  don't look up in the sky anymore and  
17                  see stars, I see lights. Okay. I  
18                  don't want to hurt your jobs, but I  
19                  don't want you to hurt my life and  
20                  my community. I once dated a  
21                  chemist who sat in my backyard on my  
22                  swing with me and said, he looked  
23                  around and said, "This is a terrible  
24                  place to live." And you know I had

25 to say I agree.

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1 And I had to say Mr. Baloney is  
2 right. None of you who are here  
3 pushing for this, except Remy, are  
4 in favor of this. And this is  
5 Remy's employer. I never talked  
6 against Chevron either and never  
7 will. They pay my health insurance.  
8 And I think that's very, very  
9 important. You know, nobody plans  
10 an accident. I've had two  
11 automobile accidents this year. I'm  
12 talking fast Ms. Bryant, I always  
13 do.

14 I had two automobile accidents  
15 this year. I never have accidents,  
16 but I had two. I did not plan them.  
17 God knows I did not plan them. And  
18 no one plans to have their plant  
19 blow up either. Have you heard of  
20 Texas City, Texas? A stupid  
21 mistake, this boat came in loaded  
22 with stuff that makes dynamite and  
23 nobody thought about - it caught  
24 fire - nobody thought about moving  
25 the ship out. And everything blew

1 up and people died. Lots of people.  
2 Like the Chalmette thing, that was  
3 nature.

4 You can not control nature.  
5 Whether you're an executive or  
6 whether you're the mail clerk, you  
7 can not control nature. You can  
8 not, things will happen. You can't  
9 no matter how safe you are. Chevron  
10 had the most - the largest private  
11 aircraft in the country. And I keep  
12 saying Chevron, we're very safety  
13 conscious there. I'm retired now.  
14 Chevron could go and teach the  
15 military how to keep their flights,  
16 their helicopters and their  
17 airplanes safe cause they're always  
18 crashing. Chevron rarely ever had  
19 an accident with all the men that  
20 they transported in the Gulf.

21 Now, we had Maytag 41C in the  
22 early 70's. Chevron had an  
23 outstanding record. We won all kind  
24 of awards. Maytag 41C blew up. It  
25 blew up. And we handled our public

1 relations very badly. Now I think

2 all of you will probably learn how  
3 to handle public relations and  
4 that's what this is about. You're  
5 telling me how wonderful it is. I  
6 think it's wonderful.

7 I have relatives who work at  
8 Marathon. I don't want them to lose  
9 their jobs, but let me say, I need  
10 to wrap this up. I'm getting close  
11 huh, Ms. Bryant?

12 MS. BRYANT:

13 You have a couple more minutes.

14 MS. MONICA:

15 Garyville is not any better off.  
16 Nobody uses the Ezekiel Jackson  
17 Park, I'm sorry. I think they  
18 exchange a little dope up there. I  
19 wouldn't know dope if I saw it. But  
20 see little things going up there.  
21 Okay? It wasn't the in thing when I  
22 was coming up. Okay? But one day I  
23 saw a family sitting out there. A  
24 man and a woman and a couple of  
25 kids. No one walks over there. The

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1 black ladies, African American  
2 ladies if you prefer, they walk the  
3 street just like the rest of us.  
4 Nobody wants to go there. It's next

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5 to a place - I had spoken to some  
6 of our councilmen, don't put it  
7 there. Put it around the library.  
8 Somewhere more accessible. No one  
9 uses it. They put a pavilion there.  
10 Saturday you all were having  
11 something. No one uses it.

12 Garyville is no better off. I  
13 pray, I am praying that you do not  
14 get these permits. Expand across  
15 the Airline Highway. Don't come  
16 more into Garyville. Give us a  
17 chance to live. Give us a chance to  
18 grow. We have a few houses coming  
19 there. If I could leave the parish,  
20 with God as my witness, I would.  
21 Because it is not safe where I am.  
22 But we have development. All of my  
23 family is there. You see, I can't  
24 go. I need my family.

25 Let me just put this on you.

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1 Don't feel bad for me. Ms. Burl  
2 mentioned all the cancer. I'm one  
3 of those people. Why am here  
4 talking to you when I may not be  
5 around. If my doctors are correct  
6 in their assessment, I won't be here  
7 when this refinery is built. With

8 all these roads clogged up as they  
9 are now, when you're going to build  
10 more houses in the parish and  
11 everybody says what bar we are.

12 But we people are driving the  
13 highways and being killed and having  
14 accidents everyday, we're paying the  
15 price. I'm not sure what the  
16 solution is, I know one thing, I  
17 know that industry should not come  
18 more closer into residence. I know  
19 that I may not be here, if the  
20 doctors are correct. I have ovarian  
21 cancer. I've been fighting for  
22 eight years.

23 Why am I fighting for Garyville?  
24 I'm not married. I have no  
25 children. I wonderful nieces and

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1 nephews and my family is there. I  
2 can't leave them. I always said  
3 after my mom died, I'd go, but I  
4 can't. I need them. I'm a  
5 diabetic. They take me to the  
6 hospital. They take me for chemo  
7 treatments.

8 I'm saying I am one. I'm not  
9 saying I'm the only one with cancer.  
10 There's people all over the state.

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11 Cancer is - people are terribly  
12 afraid of it. But I can tell you  
13 what it's like to live with it and  
14 it's not pleasant. Cause everyday  
15 of life you don't know. You give  
16 thanks that this is a day that  
17 you're living through this day and  
18 you're there to see your loved ones,  
19 and that's the important thing.

20 Do not continue to pollute our  
21 air. Do something else. A coker  
22 plant. When I was campaigning for  
23 some official, and I'll never do  
24 that again. I went campaigning down  
25 in Reserve where the Grain Elevator

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1 is. And all this old stuff was  
2 flying away. And I said, "What is  
3 that?" That's the grain. You  
4 people live here and you breathe  
5 that? Well, we can't see the air  
6 that we're breathing.

7 MS. BRYANT:

8 Ms. Monica, you asked for your  
9 warning, so there it is.

10 MS. MONICA:

11 Yes, I appreciate that, Ms.  
12 Bryant. Well, I've said all I want  
13 to say. Let me check my little

14                   deq4.txt  
14           heart list here. No one wants to  
15           knock your plant or your jobs.  
16           People are sick. People are sick  
17           everywhere. But ask a cancer  
18           patient. Ask someone who may be  
19           here in even 2007. I look good. I  
20           feel good. This is a wig.

21                   Thank you very much for giving  
22           me this chance to talk. And we have  
23           to keep a positive outlook, but my  
24           prayer is not just my life that the  
25           Lord will extend my life just a

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1                   little while longer. I'm fighting  
2           for the land that my loved ones  
3           loved.

4                   I could leave Garyville  
5           tomorrow, but my loved ones are  
6           there, most of them. We've been  
7           there all our life. Garyville  
8           became 100 years old, what three  
9           years ago, Carl? And this year St.  
10          Hubert is going to celebrate in  
11          January its 100th anniversary.

12                   Give us a chance. Extend across  
13          the highway, don't come more into  
14          Garyville. Don't give us more  
15          pollution. Thank you, Ms. Bryant.  
16          And thank you all for giving me this

17                                    deq4.txt  
                                  chance to speak.

18                   MR. CHURCH:

19                                    My name is Leonard Church and I  
20                                    live here in LaPl ace. I just came  
21                                    here to the meeting to find out what  
22                                    was going on. I more or less  
23                                    support new industry. In seems like  
24                                    in this country nobody wants to have  
25                                    any new industry or factory or

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1                                    anything within the area, but we  
2                                    still have to build them. So like I  
3                                    say, I do not live in the area that  
4                                    close that won't effect me anyway.  
5                                    That's all I really have to say.

6                   MS. BRYANT:

7                                    Did he give you his address?

8                   THE COURT REPORTER:

9                                    He just said LaPl ace.

10                   MR. CHURCH:

11                                    LaPl ace.

12                   THE COURT REPORTER:

13                                    Can you state your entire  
14                                    address?

15                   MR. CHURCH:

16                                    264 Nice Court. It's back of  
17                                    the post office.

18                   MS. BRYANT:

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MS. HOEKSTRA:

My name is Jennifer Hoekstra.  
I'm actually here to represent Mary  
Jones who lives at 266 Mari gold  
Street, Mt. Ai ry, Loui si ana. Part  
of what I'm here to talk about is in

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the IT report that Marathon put  
together they discuss the mi nori ty  
popul ati on of the area.  
They looked at a 5-mile radius  
and said that it was maj ori ty  
mi nori ty wi thi n that area, but that  
when they went down to a 1-mile  
radi us, it wasn' t a mi nori ty  
popul ati on that woul d be effected by  
the expansi on of the plant.  
However, what we wi sh they' d  
look at are the nei ghborhoods  
speci fi cal ly al ong the expansi on  
li ne. The nei ghborhoods ri ght al ong  
the li ne between Marathon and  
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zone are predomi natel y Afri can  
Ameri can. Essenti al ly, we' re very  
worri ed about envi ronment justi ce  
i ssue at thi s poi nt wi th the  
resi dents, speci fi cal ly nei ghborhood  
based as opposed to town based



1 MR. MONI CA:  
2 Just very briefly, I was  
3 finishing up my report. One of the  
4 things I wanted to make very well  
5 known is that the distances that I  
6 was showing, there is only a half a  
7 mile distance between the Marathon  
8 bounty line and the proposed tank  
9 farm, hopefully to God that won't  
10 happen. We want to have a half a  
11 mile.

12 I live there and everybody else  
13 who lives there, if there was some  
14 major catastrophe in one of these  
15 areas and this is blocked off for  
16 some reason by the railroad track,  
17 it would really be a disaster. And  
18 so this is a very narrow corridor.  
19 I wanted to make that very clear.  
20 That's why it could be an over  
21 burden if all of this happens.

22 And obviously I am pushing hard  
23 against the entire cumulative effect  
24 of this. The second thing because  
25 the tank farm has proposed that you

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1 have a permit that a permit is  
2 getting applied for right now and  
3 also is happening in new  
4 construction in Marathon.

5 The other thing I was going to  
6 say and I was asking my councilmen  
7 that's here tonight to hopefully  
8 pray that you considered having a  
9 workshop on these ordinances here  
10 which have been causing a lot of  
11 people a lot of trouble. A lot of  
12 people read these things entirely  
13 differently.

14 There's three conflicting things  
15 here. The last thing I'm going to  
16 say is that part about LaPlace if  
17 you look in the midst of the  
18 planning and zoning commission, in  
19 1988 you will see that this third  
20 part was not mentioned. It popped  
21 up in a council meeting in 1988 then  
22 approved. And where did it come  
23 from? We can't find any  
24 documentation on this.

25 So there's three parts to this

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1 thing that should throw this whole  
2 ordinance out. And there's a lot of  
3 people hanging their hats on that.

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4 They're saying well that 600 feet  
5 means you got to be 600 feet away  
6 from - I asked two councilmen and I  
7 won't tell you who they are, who  
8 voted in favor of this ordinance and  
9 I asked them would you have taken an  
10 ordinance and making it, do you know  
11 that this ordinance here some people  
12 thought you bought in industry, you  
13 voted for this ordinance.

14 Did you try to get the industry  
15 closer than 2,000 feet, 1,400 feet  
16 to 600? And both of them said no.  
17 Now, I'd like to have a public  
18 hearing on that issue by itself.  
19 Because that's something that we all  
20 - From what I heard here tonight,  
21 do you realize how important this is  
22 to people's lives and their  
23 families?

24 I would not be here tonight if  
25 these things had not happened. In

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1 1989 we sat right here in this same  
2 room and we're back here again. And  
3 I'm tired of doing it. This is my  
4 last hooray and I've already said if  
5 all this happens, primarily this  
6 tank farm which I'm heavily, heavily

7                   against, that I'm going to be like  
8                   everybody else, I don't wanna live  
9                   there either.

10                   We finally got great property  
11                   value. We got some of the highest  
12                   property values in the parish.  
13                   We've got new houses coming up all  
14                   over. I don't want that to stop.  
15                   In my lifetime I have not seen that  
16                   before. Thank you.

17                   MS. BRYANT:

18                   Thank you. And also, Ms. Burl,  
19                   we ran out of time. Were you  
20                   finished or do you have -

21                   MS. BURL:

22                   Well, I did want to elaborate on  
23                   some of the hazardous emissions that  
24                   will be increased and I didn't get a  
25                   change to do this all. I mentioned

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1                   the benzene, which is - I've seen  
2                   the effect of benzene in a  
3                   laboratory. It gets in the air and  
4                   the blood samples that I was working  
5                   with, the blood cells just bust.  
6                   They just explode. I mean it was  
7                   amazing to see. That was an  
8                   accident too that a doctor had done  
9                   in a lab.

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10 So benzene is very dangerous.  
11 And it can cause leukemia. It can  
12 cause anemias. It's a carcinogen.  
13 It's a carcinogen. And hydrofluoric  
14 acid, which is another one of their  
15 emissions, their chemicals. When  
16 inhaled can cause irritation to the  
17 nose, the throat, lungs, causing  
18 shortness of breath, lung injury,  
19 pulmonary edema, hypocalcemia. It  
20 is fast acting.

21 And sulphuric acid is also a  
22 chemical that they use that they can  
23 use in the place of hydrofluoric  
24 acid. And I believe Marathon  
25 according to what I read I believe

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1 they do use sulphuric acid also,  
2 plus hydrofluoric and it's very  
3 hazardous.

4 All these chemicals that they  
5 are using and storing are very  
6 hazardous. And all of the chemicals  
7 will be increased in the emissions.  
8 And so many people in the community  
9 that I sampled. I went to the young  
10 lady, she and all her children were  
11 suffering with respiratory  
12 illnesses. My cousin over there,

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13 she spends more money trying to get  
14 rid of respiratory illness.

15 It's so many people in our  
16 little community. If they don't  
17 have people who have died of cancer  
18 since the 80's, on the two streets  
19 that I did go to, at least 26 people  
20 have died since the 80's of cancer,  
21 all kinds of cancers. Right now we  
22 have so many people who are fighting  
23 cancer in our community.

24 It's a small community and you  
25 have a very high incidence of

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1 respiratory illnesses and cancer.  
2 And that is because we are so  
3 impacted by these chemical plants  
4 that are so close to us and wants to  
5 get closer.

6 I just don't understand it. I  
7 don't understand what are they  
8 thinking about. I just don't  
9 understand. I appreciate all of  
10 your metals and all of that. That's  
11 good. That's fine and dandy. I  
12 appreciate the care you take on your  
13 plant, but there is so much  
14 chemicals that are being emitted  
15 already and now you want to put the

16 plants closer to our residence.  
17 That's going to emit even more of  
18 these chemicals.  
19 These danger hazardous  
20 chemicals. And that's not counting  
21 human existence at all for the all  
22 mighty dollar. It's not worth it.  
23 When a life isn't worth anything  
24 anymore? Everything is about the  
25 dollar? It's a shame. And it's a

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1 sin.

2 And like Carl said, that's okay  
3 for these places to exist. And I  
4 don't care if they do need more  
5 refineries. Let them find somewhere  
6 to put them. Don't put them in our  
7 - across the fence from our homes.  
8 Find somewhere to put them. And  
9 you're not thinking about us when  
10 you do this. All you're thinking  
11 about is how much money you can  
12 make. And that's the bottom line.

13 MS. BRYANT:

14 Thank you, Ms. Burl. Mr.  
15 Baloney? And also Ms. Monica? Is  
16 there anyone else who would like to  
17 come forward? Any other comments?

18 MR. ST. PIERRE:

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19 I'd like to make one rebuttal  
20 statement to what Mr. Baloney said.  
21 Mr. Baloney and I are friends and  
22 hopefully we can continue being  
23 friends.

24 One statement was that he said  
25 Mr. St. Pierre and Badel talk. I

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1 just want to for the Record say that  
2 nobody twisted my arm to come here  
3 tonight and speak. I spoke from my  
4 heart and that's the way it is.

5 And the other statement I'd like  
6 to make is as long as Marathon runs  
7 in a very safe manner, and monitor  
8 emissions and make corrections on  
9 emissions, my intent and my feeling  
10 does not change. I am still for the  
11 permit and still for the expansion.

12 MR. WOLFE:

13 My name is Richard Dale Wolfe,  
14 councilman for District III.

15 MS. BRYANT:

16 Spell your last name, please.

17 MR. WOLFE:

18 W-o-l-f-e. I guess I wouldn't  
19 be able to rest tonight if I didn't  
20 get up and say something. As I look  
21 through this audience I see people

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22 and I see concerned people. As a  
23 council member my responsibility is  
24 for the people.

25 I had a meeting with Mr. Monica

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1 Monday or Tuesday and I went home  
2 that night and I thought about what  
3 we talked about. I thought about  
4 the people of Mt. Airy, Garyville,  
5 Reserve and the entire parish.

6 So to my fellow council members  
7 and to the public, I think we should  
8 put our feet to the fire and make  
9 sure and make certain that we  
10 studied this expansion and do  
11 everything in our power to be fair  
12 to the people that we represent and  
13 to Marathon. And we do need the  
14 jobs. But we also need the  
15 protection.

16 So to my fellow council members,  
17 ASAP we need to sit down and talk  
18 about it. To the people of  
19 Garyville, Mt. Airy, Reserve, you're  
20 welcome to attend the meeting. As a  
21 matter of fact, I would appreciate  
22 it if y'all would call the meeting  
23 and call us and hold our feet to the  
24 fire. It's our responsibility.

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We, the council members, should

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1 step forward and becoming. Thank  
2 you.

3 MS. BRYANT:

4 Thank you, Mr. Wolfe. If there  
5 are no further comments I would like  
6 to remind you that the comment  
7 period for Proposed Part 70 Air  
8 Operating Permits Proposed PSD  
9 Permit, associated Environmental  
10 Assessment Statement and proposed  
11 First Revised Consent Decree for  
12 Marathon Petroleum Company LLC  
13 Louisiana Refinery Division is at  
14 12:30 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2006.

15 We provided you with the  
16 information for submitting your  
17 written comments again to Ms.  
18 Soumaya Ghosn LDEQ, Environmental  
19 Assistance Division, P.O. Box 4313,  
20 Baton Rouge, 70821-4313. Deadline  
21 again is 12:30 p.m. Monday, November  
22 6, 2006.

23 If there are no other comments,  
24 I would like to thank you for your  
25 attention and your participation in

1                   thi s hearing. I 've received one  
2                   exhibi t during the hearing. Let the  
3                   Record reflect that the time is 7: 33  
4                   p. m. Thi s hearing is closed.

5                   (The Hearing was concluded at 7: 33 p. m.)

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