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1 MR. VAN SLYKE: Everyone, thank you so much for joining. We're going to go ahead and get 2 started. Go to the next slide. 3 So thank you all. Right here are 4 5 some directions for Zoom. You know, if you need interpretation, please click Interpretation, and 6 7 you can select Spanish, and you'll be directed to the Spanish language room. 8 Next slide. 9 And with that, I'm going to turn it 10 11 over to Mike Frisch from the Mayor's office who's 12 going to walk us through the program this evening. 13 MR. FRISCH: Hi, everybody. Can everyone 14 hear me? A thumbs up would be great. 15 Okay. Great. Thank you. 16 So my name is Mike Frisch. I work 17 for -- here in the Mayor's office, and I'm just going to briefly give an agenda of what we're going 18 to go over today and talk about how today's hearing 19 20 will proceed. So first what we'll do is I'll 21 22 provide an overview of the events that led us here 23 and a little bit about the process, the rulemaking 24 process that we're going through today. I will

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1	then turn it over to each to a representative of
2	each of the departments that have proposed rules
3	around demolition by implosion. And then there'll
4	be an opportunity for you all for members of the
5	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,
8	you know, we really are happy that you're here.
9	We welcome your feedback and your input in this
10	process. This is an unusually you know, unusual
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-and-
14	forth discourse about the rules. But unfortunately
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
19	initially proposed had to do the demolition of the
20	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
24	significant community outcry, the City Council of

1	Chicago paged an ordinance that required further
	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.
15	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.
24	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.
15	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

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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 7 publicly. So that's an overview of the rule-8 making process. 9 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 24 confirmed by the Council in October of 2020 of last

1	year. And I welcome the opportunity to strengthen
2	our process here. I'm grateful to the Mayor and
3	the City Council and to the community for giving us
4	the opportunity to make our processes better for
5	everybody.
6	So for the Department of Buildings,
7	what we are going to require under our rules is
8	supplemental permit application for a demolition by
9	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
18	is going to have to hit the ground, and we need to
19	know what the ground is.
20	Detailed computer-generated
21	simulation simulated color photos showing the
22	disbursement area of materials and debris on and
23	from the ground impact area.
24	Aerial drone footage of the building

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1	and structure, ground impact area, the entirety of
2	the lot, and 1,000 feet in each direction from the
3	property lot where the implosion will occur. That
4	includes interior footage if it's a smokestack or a
5	silo to see what's inside.
6	The name and 24/7 contact
7	information of the demolition contractor and any
8	subcontractors that are involved in the actual
9	implosion.
10	The number of on-site personnel
11	for the demolition contractor and subcontractors
12	involved in the implosion and the roles, duties,
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
17	issued unless DOB receives written notification
18	from the Executive Director of the Office of
19	Emergency Management and Communications, OEMC, that
20	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
24	mentioned, include the Department of Business

1 Affairs and Consumer Protection, Fire, Public Health, Streets and Sanitation, Transportation, 2 3 and Water Management. The Department of Buildings also 4 5 reserves the right to suspend or revoke a demolition permit by implosion for violation of the new 6 7 Chapter 2-30, Multiagency Regulation of Implosions that Mike mentioned, and these and any rules 8 promulgated under Chapter 2-30. So the rules we're 9 discussing tonight and here and put on to those 10 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. Apologize. 18 19 Look forward to the comment and 2.0 question segment. 21 And I'll turn this back to Mike. 22 Thank you. 23 MR. FRISCH: Thank you, Commissioner. Ι 24 appreciate that. Thanks for the overview of what

1	you propose and the Department of Buildings were
2	all would be in implosions going forward.
3	The next next we'll hear from
4	Deputy Commissioner Matthew Allee from the
5	Department of Business Affairs and Consumer
6	Protection.
7	MR. ALLEE: Thank you, Michael. Again,
8	Matthew Allee with the Department of Business
9	Affairs and Consumer Protection. I am the Deputy
10	Commissioner for business licenses and permits.
11	BACP's role in this process is the
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
16	are satisfied:
17	First, that BACP receives proof of
18	compliance with the written notice requirement.
19	This stipulates that the mailed notice needs to go
20	to the local alderman, owners and occupants of all
21	buildings located within a thousand feet of the
22	property lines, a design lot where explosives will
23	be used, these to include a description of the
24	intended use of explosives, the date, time, and

1	location	of	the	required	l public	meeting,	and
2	provide	an e	emero	gency cor	itact.		

3 Second, BACP needs to receive proof of compliance with the posted notice requirement. 4 5 This needs to be in a location that is visible and 6 legible from the public way. The signage needs to 7 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 9 10 explosives, the date, time, and location of the 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. The public meeting needs to allow for attendees to 16 17 have at least two hours to ask questions. The 18 public meeting needs to be held no less than 30 days and no more than 60 days after the submission 19 20 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 24

1	application would need to be submitted.
2	Lastly, BACP needs to receive
3	written communication from or written
4	notification from the Office of Emergency
5	Management and Communications indicating that all
6	requisite permits, certificates, and approvals have
7	been issued for such demolition.
8	The rules would also provide BACP
9	authority to revoke such business license for
10	violation of any code provisions, these rules or
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
18	comments at the end. And, Michael, I turn it back
19	over to you.
20	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

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1	proposed rules in any future demolitions by
2	implosion.
3	MR. DeCAMP: Thank you, Mike. I appreciate
4	it.
5	Once again, my name is Aaron DeCamp.
6	I'm the general counsel here at the Chicago Fire
7	Department. I'm here speaking on behalf of the
8	Fire Commissioner.
9	In order for any implosion rules to
10	go permit to go forward, we require and propose
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
18	aid and emergency services medical services
19	plan.
20	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.

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1	So the proposed plans we've put
2	or rules we've put together are intended to make
3	sure that prior to any implosion that all the
4	necessary information and planning is in place.
5	One of the things that we will
6	require is that there is an evaluation of the soil
7	that is on the property and could be kicked up by
8	any falling building or structure. Ahead of time,
9	we want to make sure also that during prior to
10	an implosion, all materials, such as lead,
11	asbestos, and universal waste, we have confirmation
12	that it's all been removed prior to moving forward.
13	Also as part of the planning, an air
14	dispersion model will is required so that we can
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
18	required.
19	All of this information must be
20	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

1	assessment, what was there and what is present.
2	Also we are looking at a noise and
3	vibration assessment that occur that could occur
4	during the time of an implosion.
5	Also, there is going to be a
6	requirement in real-time weather monitoring and
7	also air monitoring for particulate matter that
8	could be leaving the site.
9	As part of all this planning as
10	well, we will also require a contractor to provide
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
18	including mitigation and sampling procedures.
19	And lastly, we will we will also
20	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.
24	Back to you, Mike.

1	MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much for that
2	overview of the proposed rules from CDPH.
3	So next we will hear from the
4	Department of Transportation, Deputy Commissioner
5	Mike Simon.
6	MR. SIMON: Thank you, Michael.
7	My name is Mike Simon. I'm the
8	Deputy Commissioner for the Division of
9	Infrastructure Management for the Chicago
10	Department of Transportation.
11	We manage the public right of way
12	from permitting to inspection to underground
13	coordination.
14	So the first step that has to take
15	place is that the applicant needs to go through the
16	information retrieval process in the Office of
17	Underground Coordination. That submittal is a
18	30-day submittal where all the 29 members of the
19	Office of Underground Coordination provides
20	feedback on what the infrastructure is or what the
21	impacts in the impacted area. Then after that
22	point, once the information is gathered, the
23	applicant is to provide us to start in the
24	design phase. Once they get done with the design

1	phase, they resubmit for existing facilities'
2	protection and a deep excavation review.
3	So after that takes place and the
4	members approve or identify that the infrastructure
5	is not impacted by the demo by the implosion,
6	they will move to the next phase of issuance.
7	So once that's once all those
8	coordination efforts are completed, then we go into
9	the which is the next slide, the management
10	the maintenance of traffic plan. So the
11	maintenance of the MOT submittal must be
12	provided 30 days prior to the implosion identifying
13	the placement of traffic control devices and the
14	rerouting of traffic. That should be used the
15	Chicago Police Department utilizes the traffic plan
16	in order to make sure that the areas of the
17	impacted areas are closed off to any traffic as
18	well as what we start at that point we notify
19	the Chicago Department or the Chicago Transit
20	Authority to make sure that all buses are
21	appropriately rerouted for that timeframe. And
22	then we also work with other agencies if there is
23	an impact, such as the state of Illinois if there's
24	an impact to the highway system for the state or

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1	the county highway system. If there's any waterway
2	impacts, our Division of Engineering will review
3	those impacts. And we once we receive the
4	those type of approvals from those agencies, we
5	move forward to the necessary permits for the right
6	of way.
7	And then we also have other permits
8	necessary if it's necessary, is the overweight,
9	oversize truck permits, and that's with anything
10	over 80,000 pounds they'll have to obtain oversize,
11	overweight permits with the Department of
12	Transportation as well.
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13	Thank you.
13	Thank you.
13 14	Thank you. MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much, Mike.
13 14 15	Thank you. MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much, Mike. Now on to the Department of Water
13 14 15 16	Thank you. MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much, Mike. Now on to the Department of Water Management. And we're going to hear from I want
13 14 15 16 17	Thank you. MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much, Mike. Now on to the Department of Water Management. And we're going to hear from I want to get your title right Deputy Commissioner
13 14 15 16 17 18	Thank you. MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much, Mike. Now on to the Department of Water Management. And we're going to hear from I want to get your title right Deputy Commissioner Bulent Agar.
13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Thank you. MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much, Mike. Now on to the Department of Water Management. And we're going to hear from I want to get your title right Deputy Commissioner Bulent Agar. MR. AGAR: Yes. Thank you. Good evening.
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Thank you. MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much, Mike. Now on to the Department of Water Management. And we're going to hear from I want to get your title right Deputy Commissioner Bulent Agar. MR. AGAR: Yes. Thank you. Good evening. This is Bulent Agar, Deputy Commissioner of Water
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Thank you. MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much, Mike. Now on to the Department of Water Management. And we're going to hear from I want to get your title right Deputy Commissioner Bulent Agar. MR. AGAR: Yes. Thank you. Good evening. This is Bulent Agar, Deputy Commissioner of Water Management, Engineering Section, representing

with the review and approval of the comprehensive 1 2 plan. 3 All demolition by implosion plans, regardless of being on private or public property, 4 5 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, 9 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 department at the owner's sole cost and expense, 18 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 24 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 7 600-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. 20 Before any demolition by implosion 21 operations are undertaken, the owner shall be 22 responsible to cap and -- or plug and cover with 23 mortar or concrete all on-site private drains at 24 the right of way line or, if applicable, at private

1	sewer mains. The terminated sewer drains must be
2	inspected by the department prior to back-fill in
3	accordance with the sewer seal permit.
4	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.
8	This is all for Department of Water
9	Management. Mike, back to you.
10	MR. FRISCH: Thanks very much, Deputy
11	Commissioner.
12	You heard a lot from the various
13	technical departments, and you might wonder whose
14	job it is to coordinate all this. So, last, but
15	not least, from the Office of Emergency Management
16	and Communications, manager of Emergency Management
17	Services, Chris Pettineo.
18	MR. PETTINEO: Hello. Can everybody hear me?
19	Very good.
20	So the Office of Emergency
21	Management and Communications, OEMC, we are going
22	to be the coordinating entity to review and approve
23	a comprehensive plan. So OEMC will convene a
24	meeting between the applicant and all relevant City

1	departments and sister agencies to review the
2	applicant's plan. Essentially we call this a City
3	services meeting.
4	Departments will provide written
5	approval of the plan to OEMC hello. I'll
6	continue. Departments will provide written
7	approval of the plan to OEMC within 30 days of the
8	meeting.
9	MR. FRISCH: Sounds like we may be having a
10	technical issue.
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.
20	MR. FRISCH: Okay. Great. Thanks.
21	MR. PETTINEO: Okay. This is Chris, sorry,
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

1	and approval of the comprehensive plan.
2	Essentially all of the departments
3	that are involved, those on this call and otherwise,
4	will provide written approval of the plan to OEMC
5	within 30 days of the meeting.
б	Also, we will designate and operate
7	an incident command post. So the OEMC will
8	coordinate the incident command post on the date
9	explosives will be used, which shall have
10	representatives at a minimum from the OEMC, Chicago
11	Fire Department, Chicago Police Department, and any
12	other relevant departments.
13	When it comes to coordination and
13 14	When it comes to coordination and transparency, we will under community
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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	<pre>transparency, we will under community notifications, the applicant shall provide additional written notification of the date, time, and location of the demolition to the alderman of the ward in which the implosion is to occur and to residents in the implosion's vicinity.</pre>

1	MR. VAN SLYKE: Yes. Thanks so much, Mike.
2	We're now going to begin the verbal
3	public comment portion of tonight's program. But
4	remember that you can submit public comment on the
5	website until February 18th. We'll drop the
6	website in the chat one more time. We are not
7	going to be responding to comments tonight, but we
8	are going to be taking notes and providing written
9	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
18	interested in speaking, you can raise your hand or,
19	if you're on the phone, you can send an email to
20	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.

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1	If you could indicate which rule you intend to
2	offer a comment about before you speak, that would
3	be very helpful. Or if you want to make a general
4	comment about all the rules, that's fine too. Just
5	let us know what you're trying to do. Thanks.
6	Sorry, J.D.
7	MR. VAN SLYKE: No. That's great. Thanks,
8	Mike.
9	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
16	Monique Jackson. Monique.
17	MS. HOSKINS: I do not see that Monique is on.
18	MR. VAN SLYKE: Okay. Next I have Mike
19	Hartnett. Is Mike on?
20	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.

1	MR. VAN SLYKE: Damon, are you there?
2	(No response.)
3	Okay. We'll do another call.
4	Do we have Tom Tresser?
5	MS. HOSKINS: Tom is not on.
6	MR. VAN SLYKE: Okay. Do we have Leonard
7	McGee?
8	MS. HOSKINS: Leonard is not on.
9	MR. VAN SLYKE: Do we have Edith Tovar?
10	MS. HOSKINS: Edith is on.
11	MR. VAN SLYKE: Go ahead, Edith.
12	MS. TOVAR: Hello, everyone. Can folks hear
13	me?
14	MR. VAN SLYKE: Yes. Thanks.
15	MS. TOVAR: Perfect.
16	Good evening. As stated, my name
17	is Edith Tovar. I am a lifelong resident of the
18	Little Village community. And for transparency
19	purposes, I also work with the Little Village
20	Environmental Justice Organization.
21	I'm really glad that the City is
22	taking these extra steps and precautions to make
23	sure that residents of not only in Little Village
24	but the City of Chicago as a whole are notified in

a timely manner about a demolition by implosion. 1 I know that in the previous meeting they said that 2 3 this type of method is not regularly used, but folks -- you know, it is important for folks to 4 5 know what is happening in their community. But the reality is that these steps in our case are too 6 7 little too late. The lack of oversight regarding the 8 demolition of Crawford, if I'm not mistaken, the 9 10 first coal plant to be redeveloped within city 11 boundaries, our concerns were dismissed. When we 12 asked for air monitors, we were told that the law 13 did not require Hilco nor the City to install, but to close our windows if we saw dust. 14 15 A resident and construction worker fell to his death on -- at the site. We did not 16 17 get any real answers, and no investigation report was ever shared with community residents. 18 19 We demanded an emergency protocol 2.0 from Hilco to be shared with residents, and, again, nothing was shared with us. 21 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

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

1	we have one attendee that's raised their hand.
2	MS. HOSKINS: We have Kimberly Wasserman who
3	was on the list.
4	MR. VAN SLYKE: Go ahead, Kimberly.
5	MS. WASSERMAN: Hi. Can you all hear me?
6	MR. VAN SLYKE: We can. Thanks.
7	MS. WASSERMAN: Perfect. And I apologize.
8	You will hear sizzling in the background as I am
9	making dinner.
10	Thank you for the opportunity today
11	to speak, and thank you for this presentation.
12	To Edith's point, I just really
13	would like to reiterate that I think it says a
14	lot on behalf of City departments to host a
15	presentation and ask for the trust of our community
16	members when nobody has apologized yet about what
17	has happened and why the City needs to take these
18	steps. We understand the reasoning, but the simple
19	fact that not a single Commissioner or a City
20	department person has once said, We're sorry that
21	this happened to your neighborhood. I think it's
22	very telling.
23	And so I just would encourage folks
24	that part of accountability is to acknowledge the

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1	crime that has been done. And so I really
2	encourage the City to think about how to simply
3	apologize to the community of Little Village and
4	beyond around what happened.
5	To that point, as to the question of
б	trust, I wonder in particular if somebody could
7	speak to how we can actually trust that the City,
8	particularly the Chicago Department of Public
9	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
19	still not happened in the public way after the
20	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.
2	You know what? Do we have answers
3	to any of the questions that have been posed?
4	MR. FRISCH: You know, I don't thank you
5	very much for your comments, Kimberly.
6	The speakers on this call at
7	least I'll speak for myself. You know, I'm really
8	not an expert in what happened at the Hilco site.
9	My role has been formulating, you know, policy for
10	the next demolition by implosion whenever it should
11	happen, and that's really what we're here today to
12	discuss, the rules that we promulgated.
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J.D.? 1 2 MR. VAN SLYKE: Yes. Next up we have 3 Caroline Wooten. Go ahead, Caroline. 4 5 MS. WOOTEN: Can you hear me? MR. VAN SLYKE: We can. Go ahead. 6 7 MS. WOOTEN: My name is Caroline. I'm the organizing director for the Illinois Sierra Club. 8 We're here just to reecho what Edith and Kim said. 9 Mr. Frisch, I heard you saying 10 11 you're not an expert in what happened at the Hilco 12 site and that it's about moving forward, but I feel 13 like what happened at the Hilco site, everything 14 went wrong, and we need to learn about all the 15 things that went wrong there in order to formulate 16 the correct rules. 17 We'd like to state that I agree with what Edith said about making sure that information 18 is available in public libraries, making sure the 19 20 alderperson is obliged to communicate out about 21 what is being planned. Also making sure that 22 the -- you know, the company has to update the 23 website and that they're fined if they don't update 24 the website.

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1	So just really here to echo
2	everything folks from Little Village are saying and
3	say that we need to look at everything that went
4	wrong with Hilco and build this off of everything
5	that went wrong, and then go even further because
6	it was really, really unacceptable.
7	Thank you.
8	MR. VAN SLYKE: Thank you. Next we'll hear
9	from Drake Fitzsimmons.
10	MR. FITZSIMMONS: Hello. Can you hear me?
11	MR. VAN SLYKE: We can. Go ahead.
12	MR. FITZSIMMONS: Hi. My name's Drake
13	Fitzsimmons. I'm a resident of Chicago. And just
14	listening in, I have a couple of questions.
15	So the Fire Department talked about
16	monitoring wind speed and air quality during an
17	implosion. And the Chicago CDH CDPH talked
18	about monitoring of weather and air quality,
19	particularly particulate matter.
20	I wanted to know I mean,
21	monitoring is all good. But are there thresholds
22	for when to stop an implosion or when to alert the
23	community of problems? Because if it's just
24	monitoring, that's not really going to help anybody

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 4 of dispersion. I wanted to know if there is 5 6 particular air modeling software that's going to be 7 used, or is it up to the discretion of the folks that are doing the implosion? Because I just want 8 9 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 20 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 24 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 7 analysis with buildings, dust modeling, since we 8 9 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 20 would be.

So based on what, unfortunately, happened, I think there are numerous ways that we can better look at what we could -- what to expect and how to mitigate those -- how to mitigate those
1	issues. And if you look at what we've put together
2	and with the other departments, the intent is
3	that we're we are going to make sure that
4	everything that we're asking for is in place and
5	has been evaluated and shared with the shared
6	with folks before things move forward.
7	Thank you.
8	MR. VAN SLYKE: At this point it doesn't look
9	like anybody oh, was there another answer?
10	MR. DeCAMP: Yeah. This is Aaron DeCamp from
11	the Fire Department. I just want to quickly
12	address the question that was addressed to us.
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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 5 purpose of the incident command post is to have face-to-face communication in real-time with all 6 7 relevant entities. It's what we call unified command so that anybody in the room has a voice, 8 9 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 20 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 24 on this call and the City departments spent a lot

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