Good afternoon. Welcome to the 14th Meeting of the Fiterman Hall Community Advisory Committee

At our last meeting, in January, I reported to the committee that the final stage of the remediation, the fine cleaning of the building, was progressing, despite less than ideal weather conditions. I explained at that time that the work was being done in blocks of three floors. Once all of the surfaces within a three floor block have been cleaned to the satisfaction of our environmental consultant, the regulators are notified and invited to make their own visual inspection. I am pleased to report that earlier today the last block - floors one to three -- passed visual inspection by the regulators. The contractor is hard at work to complete the fine cleaning of electrical rooms and some remaining smaller work areas in the building as the last step in the fine cleaning and remediation of Fiterman Hall. Pending acceptance of all remaining spaces by EPA inspectors and acceptance of air sampling tests, we anticipate completion of the remediation phase at the end of next month, at which time we intend to move immediately into the deconstruction of Fiterman Hall,

Throughout the remediation process we have continued to perform air sampling compliance monitoring both inside and outside the building, as mandated by the regulators. And we continue to post the results on BMCC’s website.
As the end of the remediation approaches, we have increasingly focused our efforts on the deconstruction of the building. In February we re-submitted the Deconstruction Work Plan to the regulators, responding to their comments on the previous submittal. The revised Work Plan and the regulators’ comments, have been posted on the BMCC website. Earlier this week a conference call with the regulators was held in an effort to go over and finalize any additional comments. We are hopeful that the document that we will be submitting next week will have addressed all of the regulators’ concerns and will be approved.

We have also held a series of meetings with representatives of the Department of Buildings, to establish that agency’s final requirements for the demolition permit application for Fiterman Hall. These meetings have been extremely helpful and we are now planning to file a demo permit application for the entire building by the end of next week.

As previously mentioned, the transition from remediation to deconstruction is expected to occur at the end of next month. The first month or two of the deconstruction will be dedicated to mobilization and preparation, which will involve getting equipment in place and making the necessary precautions to ensure that the structure will be taken down safely. So don’t expect to see the building coming down right away. But we do expect the deconstruction to be completed in 4 to 6 months from when it starts. In response to a request at the last meeting, the team has prepared an informative presentation on the deconstruction process.
Before turning things over to Benn, I would like to say a few words about the new building. One hundred percent complete construction documents were recently issued to our CM for the new building, Hunter Roberts, with whom we will begin to negotiate a price shortly. It is our intention to sign a contract for the foundations work within the next sixty days, so that we can start that portion of the work as soon as the deconstruction is completed. In the summer and early fall we expect to sign contracts for the remainder of the core and shell and for the fit-out of the new building.

Now I would like to turn things over to Benn Lewis of Airtek Environmental, our environmental consultants, who will provide you with a more detailed update of recent developments both on and off the site and a preview of the upcoming deconstruction work.

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