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As a member of the Lumen Christi Catholic Community Environmental Justice committee, I have concerns about the MPCAs decision regarding the clean-up of Area C. I attended the MPCA presentation at Hillcrest Community Center on 1/15. The agencies presentation was clear and accessible to all who attended. When questions were asked by community members, they were received with openness and a willingness to dialogue. However, it was clear that questions and concerns voiced by community members should be seriously considered when determining the level of clean up that should be requested by the MPCA. Some of the areas of concern include : the likelihood of more severe floods due to climate change, potential future land uses in surrounding areas such as removal of the dam, the instability and erosive nature of the slopes and potentially cause exposure of the waste and material. Because of these reasons and others, I support Alternative 6 which will ensure a safer solution for our community.