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I support all of the comments submitted by Colleen O'Connor Toberman of the Friends of the Mississippi River on the draft feasibility study, and I support Alternative 6, Removal of All Wastes and Site Restoration.

As a frequent visitor to the Mississippi River for walking and birding, I highly value the quality of the land and water resources for which we are stewards for future generations, and believe that Alternative 6 is the only one that makes any sense if we are caring properly for the land and water around us. No one can be proud of a 7 story dump on the banks of the mighty Mississippi.

With MPCA's preferred option in the draft report, I am especially concerned about the steep slopes of the existing pile and that Alternative 4 does not fully address what might happen in a 500 year flood; adding MORE riprap to the huge pile does not make sense, especially if the pile has to be removed in the future for other reasons, such as the potential dam removal.

I urge MPCA to require that Ford must completely clean up this site; it is well worth some short term inconvenience to do the right thing for the long term.