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Hello.

I am a certified industrial hygienist and certified safety professional with over 30 years of working for government and industry. I spent over a decade working for 3M, much of that time supporting their chemical manufacturing. I have spent my career assessing hazards and risk.

I urge the MPCA to reconsider your recommendation and select Alternative 6, removal of all wastes and site restoration. I realize this will be expensive and somewhat challenging. However, this is the only permanent solution. Waste solvents and paints will not simply disappear with time. Heavy metals will be released. And being located next to the mighty Mississippi River makes these wastes vulnerable to being released into our environment. It will happen at some point in the future. We have a choice to prevent this.

This is our chance to make this situation right. There are several players involved that can share clean-up costs. The Mississippi River flows nearly 700 miles in Minnesota. The MPCA and state citizens are stewards of this important river. We must stand up for the long-term health and safety of Ford Area C site, the river, and all living beings downstream.

Please take the principled stand of selecting Alternative 6. Let us clean up this vulnerable dumping site permanently.

Sincerely,
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