

MR. WALTON: Yes, good afternoon my name is Frazier Walton and I'm with the Kingman Park Civic Association and it's a neighborhood association that's out near RFK Stadium. The boundaries are East Capitol Street on the south, M Street on the north, on the west 15th Street and on the East, the Anacostia River.

And I'm happy to be here today. I have -- our organization, our community organization has worked and been part of the D.C. Environmental Network and we would incorporate everything that has been said thus far concerning the regulations, the proposed regulations. I must admit that I'm not familiar with the regulations, but I'm here on behalf of the Association, to speak just from a commonsense neighborhood standpoint of what we see as adverse impacts and what we see as positive aspects.

We watch the construction daily, daily, I mean daily, of the underground stormwater runoff tanks that's being constructed behind RFK and D.C. General Hospital. We're very happy about that, because that's a move in the right direction. And we like to watch the construction. The construction is pretty much -- it seems to be going along well along that river.

However, we're extremely concerned about the poor response from the Department of Public Works and the Water and Sewer Department, because we have very serious stormwater runoff problems in the Kingman Park area. And we believe that these regulations should be strengthened.

For an example, we have met a number of times with the Department of Public Works, we've documented the times. We can give that to you. We've taken pictures. We've complained about the runoff, the poor problems with the sewers. The uneven streets that they're in the neighborhood, that hold tremendous amounts of water. Alleys. We have several unpaved alleys that have runoff from sediment because the alleys are not paved. They are gravel and rock.

So this is a problem that we see from a commonsense standpoint. That creates stormwater runoff. And we're asking that the District look at this as well as a part of their regulations that they sort of tried to strengthen this. Work with other agencies, because we feel it's not just our part of the Department of the Environment, but it's also the other agencies that must coordinate with this department in order to have a successful implementation of the regulations.

One of the other problems that we see right along H Street and Benning Road. We have major construction for the streetcar system and they dig and dig and dig and dig and you would be surprised at the amount of water runoff from the water from the ditches that they dig. The effect that it's having on property owner's homes that are in the community.

So, this is a major problem. We believe that the inspectors should coordinate with your agency as well as the Department of Public Works and with the contractors that are doing this work.

So, with that, that's basically our position, just from a commonsense standpoint. But otherwise we look forward to keeping track of this and we want to thank the Environmental Network for keeping us up on these hearings.

Thank you.