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Thank you for inviting me to testify. My name is William Houston and my wife and I own a commercial/ industrial parcel of land on Panton Rd in Vergennes.

This parcel also includes 3 other subdivided parcels , that have different owners , which comes under our stormwater permit which we received in 1998. .

There are 2 vacant lots and 2 commercial buildings on this property and a self storage facility. . To our knowledge, there has never had any stormwater runoff issues. We have an engineered design system consisting of grass lined swales.

We have had an estimate to upgrade our existing system which complies with the current legislation and the cost will be over \$200,000 which is unaffordable It does not make sense for us to upgrade a system that has been in compliance and has not proven to be no conforming and may not change the performance with the new system. This also has the potential to eliminate any development on these undeveloped lots that have an existing municipal water/ sewer access. This industrial park employs over 20 local residents.

Are there any questions?