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 NAVAL SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL
 AT FORT HALL, IDAHO
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1 We didn't know, but now it's coming out in
2 documentation. So I guess we did know. Thank you.

3 LT. SULLIVAN: Thank you, Mr. Perry.
4 Does anybody else have a question? At this time we're
5 going to take a recess. For those who would like to
6 make a comment during the formal comment period, if you
7 haven't signed in at the registration desk outside, we
8 would ask that you do that. We'll stop for ten
9 minutes. We'll reconvene just a little bit after 9:15.
10 Thank you.

11 (Recess was taken.)

12 (Reconvened at 9:30 p.m.)

13 LT. SULLIVAN: Ladies and gentlemen, we
14 would like to reconvene at this time. We've reached
15 the comment period. We don't have anyone who is
16 registered to make a comment. If you would like to --
17 is there anyone who does want to make a statement? You
18 can make one here or there is also a court reporter out
19 in the hallway, if you'd like to make your statement in
20 private. Is there anyone who would like to speak at
21 this time?

22 MS. TOWERSAP: I would.

23 LT. SULLIVAN: If you would, ma'am, let
24 me lay a couple ground rules for this part of the
25 meeting. You're welcome to stand there. This is the

1 comment period. I request your cooperation in limiting
2 your comments to five minutes. I have a watch. I'll
3 be keeping time, and at about four minutes I will let
4 you know that you have about one minute left to make a
5 statement. And we'll let someone else make a
6 statement, if they want to do that. If there is no one
7 else, we'll let you speak for a little more reasonable
8 period of time. When you make your comments, if you
9 would please direct them to me.

10 Ma'am, if you would please come up to the
11 podium again and please state your name and spell your
12 last name for us.

13 MS. TOWERSAP: I'll wait.

14 LT. SULLIVAN: But you're the only person
15 who wants to make a statement, so if you would please
16 make your statement at this time.

17 MS. TOWERSAP: I'll just make it brief.
18 You already have my name. And I'm concerned, like I
19 was saying I'm concerned about the health of our Indian
20 people. I'm speaking on behalf of the older people, my
21 age, who doesn't know about these meetings, who doesn't
22 know what's going on with the council, who are just out
23 there. These people do not work. They can't work.
24 And not only that they cannot be hired by our
25 neighboring towns. So we have to exist the best way we

1 know how. And that is through beading, through with
2 our hands. That's the way we make a living.

3 At this time for the sake of our health,
4 our well-being, for the sake of our children so that
5 they can have a life, I would like to ask thirty
6 million dollars for all of this nonsense that's going
7 through because this is really -- it's a bad stuff. I
8 dream about these things. In fact, I dream about the
9 future, how are we going to look and it's not pretty.
10 That's all I want to say. That's how much I'm asking
11 for my health and my people's health. Thank you.

12 LT. SULLIVAN: Ma'am, could you please
13 for Ms. McCoy's benefit state your name and spell your
14 last name and give us your address.

15 MS. TOWERSAP: Zeli Towersap, P. O.
16 Box 22, Fort Hall, Idaho 83203.

17 LT. SULLIVAN: Thank you very much.

18 MR. HEVEWAH: My name is Hobby Hevewah.
19 I'm a Shoshone Bannock tribal member. I've spoken to
20 -- oh, Post Office Box 8, Fort Hall, Idaho 83203.

21 LT. SULLIVAN: Sir, how to you spell your
22 last name?

23 MR. HEVEWAH: Hevewah, H-e-v-e-w-a-h. I
24 don't really have a problem with the containers or
25 anything, but the document itself. You recognize the

Commenter: Zell Towersap, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe member, Idaho

Response to Comment:

- A. The analysis results provided in this EIS show that naval spent nuclear fuel can be safely managed, stored, and transported with no significant impact on members of the public. The analysis methods used in this EIS are recognized throughout the U.S. and the world as the standard techniques for determining the risk to the public. In Chapter 3, a perspective is provided so the public can compare the analysis results to risks associated with other activities encountered in daily life. In addition, Chapter 7, Section 7.3.5 provides very specific information for Fort Hall Reservation residents which shows that over a 40 year period the entire aggregate radiation exposure to all residents of the reservation due to transportation of naval spent nuclear fuel is equal to that received during a single chest x-ray to a single individual.