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1 MR. DEE WILLIS: Thank you.

2 Greg. And after Greg, Susan Fay.

3 **TPO-0002** MR. deBRULER: My name is Greg
4 deBruler. And I represent Columbia
5 Riverkeeper.

6 And I am officially, as of two
7 nights ago, the official riverkeeper for
8 Columbia Riverkeeper, so I have a new status.
9 Like I haven't ever talked for Columbia
10 Riverkeeper.

11 The first general comment is: You
12 know, I listen to Gerry and I listen to Paige,
13 and I've read a fair amount of this EIS, and I
14 guess from the public perspective, what you
15 have to think of, this is a shell game.

16 The reason why they're doing this,
17 and Gerry had this wonderful slide up here
18 about how much they want to bring in, that
19 70,000 truckloads is, this is kind of like the
20 initial salvo.

21 Once they get through that 70,000,
22 it could go up to 150,000. It could go higher
23 than 70.

24 But if you think about what they're
25 trying to do and why they're so interested in

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1 doing one thing, as you said, sir, bringing
2 more waste in, is because they have a directive
3 that's out of headquarters that says they have
4 to close 40 percent of the complex by 2006.

5 That's why they're in a rush.
6 That's why everything is accelerated. That's
7 why when this gentleman here -- and I'm not
8 going to pick on you, but he's the guy that has
9 to cumulate the documents, and is the manager,
10 has a real hard job on his shoulders, because
11 he's hopefully going to think that all this
12 stuff is done properly and they've done the
13 final analysis and has met all the requirements
14 under the federal law.

15 Well, unfortunately, the task, you
16 couldn't accomplish in the amount of time that
17 you have.

18 So comments. Columbia Riverkeeper,
19 the first major comment is: public
20 involvement.

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21 NEPA requires the adequate time for
22 the public to read and assimilate the
23 information written in any Environmental Impact
24 Statement.

25 The USDOE has failed to grant a

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1 30-day extension to the comment period, even
2 though USDOE received requests from the state
3 of Washington and Oregon and multiple public
4 interest organizations and the Hanford Advisory
5 Board.

6 The state of Washington asked for an
7 extension to at least the -- have meeting in
8 June.

9 USDOE has denied any extension,
10 expecting the public and all reviewing agencies
11 to adequately review the 3,000 page document in
12 a very short period of time.

13 If you think about this, since the
14 signing of the tri-party agreement in 1989, DOE
15 has never, ever denied an extension request.

16 So if you think of the law, if you
17 think it was required by NEPA, they are clearly
18 in violation. For us, that's fine, because
19 there's other remedies that we can seek later
20 on.

21 Cumulative risk. Think of Hanford.
22 Think of 50 years of waste. Think of
23 cumulative impacts, cumulative assessing how
24 much waste we have.

25 Think of 1,600 to 2,000 waste sites

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1 at Hanford. Think of them taking solid waste
2 and they want to bury it here and bury it here
3 and bury it here.

4 Well, that's kind of okay; so they
5 myopically think, "We'll bury it here, look
6 here, look here," but what they aren't looking
7 at is they aren't looking at all the waste that
8 is existing in the soil column.

9 450 billion gallons of radioactive
10 liquid and chemicals was dumped in there.

11 They aren't looking at the fact that
12 over time, for as long as that material remains
13 hazardous, it's going to leach. It's going to
14 impact the groundwater.

15 They aren't looking at all of the
16 waste sites all over the Hanford site and
17 looking at the cumulative impacts to
18 groundwater over time.

19 Their simplistic model that they
20 call, they use the SAC, System Assessment
21 Capability, is like a Volkswagen in 1942.

22 MR. DEE WILLIS: Greg, two
23 minutes.

24 MR. GREG deBRULER: Very, very
25 crude; can run, but can't perform very well.

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1 It doesn't give you an idea of really what's
2 going on.

3 There are other tools they could be
4 using. They aren't. They have made a
5 commitment, the Department of Energy in 1989,
6 to use the Columbia River Comprehensive Impact
7 Assessment requirements document which was put
8 together by the state of Washington, the state
9 of Oregon, the Tribes, was endorsed by the
10 Department of Energy, and said that they would
11 use CRCIA as the template for all risk
12 assessments. So if you think simply, it's the
13 baseline.

14 If you're going to do a risk
15 assessment, you have to look at all of these
16 requirements and you have to at least
17 incorporate this in your assessment process.

6 | 18 This EIS says that they've used
19 CRCIA, I was the chair of the CRCIA team, it
20 does not. It fails miserably. And it's very
21 easy to prove later on.

22 Waste disposal, transportation risk:
7 | 23 The EIS fails to assess and disclose the risk
24 to the public on all transportation routes,
25 including detours off major highways from the

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1 point of shipment to Hanford. All detours from
2 the point of shipment.

3 The waste management Programmatic
4 EIS, which is the one before this, looked at
5 shipments from the different sites to Hanford.
6 That was prior to 9-11.

7 They are not assessing a potential
8 terrorist attack on one of these dirty -- these
9 trucks holding this highly radioactive waste.

10 One large rocket into one of these
11 trucks on a detour route going through Salem
12 would ruin the lives of many, many people in
13 Salem. The analysis in the EIS never even
14 looked at it.

15 So when we look at this thing, we
16 basically are saying, "It doesn't even cut it.
17 It doesn't cut it." And it's unfortunate,
18 because as we all know, we're in a very
19 difficult time with the Department of Energy
20 right now. They aren't listening.

21 Gerry has suggested that they take
22 this EIS and redo it. If they don't, they'll
23 issue a record of decision, I understand,
24 sometime in July. That's their goal. Fast
25 track, fast track, fast track.

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1 So probably by September, if it
2 fails to meet the adequacy under NEPA, and all
3 the other requirements, it will end up in court
4 again, unfortunately.

5 So I hope they kind of look at it
6 seriously and undo it. Thank you.

7 MR. DEE WILLIS: Thank you.
8 Susan Fay. How do you spell your last name.

9 MS. SUSAN FAY: F-A-Y.

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10 Hi, I'm Susan Fay. What we've asked
11 for and what we've been promised is clean up.
12 To import additional waste is immoral, it's
13 unconscionable.

14 To assume that everything's going to
15 be fine without looking in to all the
16 probabilities and possibilities and planning
17 for all the potential outcomes is unacceptable.

18 That's all I have to say.

19 MR. DEE WILLIS: Barbara
20 Pereira.

21 **TPO-0004** MS. BARBARA PEREIRA: My name
22 is Barbara Pereira. There's great speakers out
23 here, I don't think I could be compared to
24 them.

25 But it's such a mess right now at

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1 the Hanford grounds, but I don't -- I think
2 it's an embarrassment to the Department of
3 Energy.

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4 How can you send truckloads of waste
5 when you haven't done anything to what you have
6 there now? And we've been fighting this for
7 years.

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8 And so it's embarrassing. It's
9 also, health wise, it's destructive for us and
10 for everything -- for environmentally, the
11 water, the air, everything. That's all I have
12 to say. Thank you very much.

13 MR. DEE WILLIS: Doug -- Tobi.

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15 MS. TOBI CANTINE: My name is
16 Tobi Cantine. You have to forgive me, I have a
17 little bit of a cold tonight.

18 I was thinking about my cat. I like
19 my cat very much. And I was thinking that
20 there's a potential that with this kind of
21 chemicals, these kinds of things in the ground,
22 we'll have a lot more cats with cancer than we
23 already have.

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24 It has an effect on all of our
25 lives. Not just the humans, but all the other
creatures that live in our society.

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1 I was thinking that, you know, the
2 life quality that we have here in Oregon is
3 very good quality of life.

4 But I just saw a movie with my
5 friend, it's called the Erin Brockovich, some
6 of you might have seen it.

7 These people were all told it was
8 fabulous. "Everything's wonderful. Look, we
9 were giving you something healthful."

10 The problem with nuclear things is
11 it's difficult to trace, you know. The truck
12 drives through near my house, because I live
13 near the 205 freeway, a truck drives past and
14 then 20 years from now my mom or my dear friend
15 finds herself with cancer. Now, what caused
16 it?

17 It's not the same as if I took a gun
18 and shot somebody, you could tell my gun shot
19 the person, you know. Or not my gun, I was the
20 one who shot the person with my gun. You see
21 what I'm saying.

22 So I thought I would mention this:
23 that until we're sure that it's really safe,
24 don't do it. Because otherwise it's suicide.
25 It's murder. That's what I say. Thank you.

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1 So then one of the things I thought
2 is, "What do we need this for?"

3 I have a couple more comments, sir,
4 okay? What do we need this for? It's designed
5 to protect us.

6 I mean, why do we have the nuclear
7 arms? To protect us from our enemies, perhaps
8 it's from terrorism.

9 But then you think "Well, you have
10 these things in the ground, and it could be
11 causing us serious potential of physical
12 conditions."

13 Negative things happening to us,
14 which is just as bad as terrorism, if not
15 worse, because we ourselves are doing it to
16 ourselves.

17 Now, another thought I had was that
18 what about if there was a bomb that was put --
19 the terrorists were to drop a bomb similar to
20 the kind we dropped in Iraq, where it would go
21 underground and somehow -- I don't know exactly
22 how it did this, but it would go underground.

23 And it was sort of a smart bomb.
24 And it would go in there and supposedly finding
25 the weapons of mass destruction, which may or

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1 may not have existed. But they were -- you
2 follow what I'm saying. What if someone
3 dropped a bomb on Hanford.

4 The other thought I had was I was
5 thinking about myself being in my kitchen and
6 taking care of some chicken that I was going to
7 prepare for dinner.

8 And one time I dropped the chicken
9 on the floor. Well, here you have raw chicken
10 and you dropped it on the floor. And there's
11 all these potential germs spreading.

12 Now, what if at that moment while I
13 was trying to clean up the mess, that my hands
14 are filled with chicken that has contamination
15 of potential, that could be very serious. My
16 mom is 83 years old. I don't want her to have
17 a problem.

18 At that moment, somebody brings me
19 1,200 more chickens. And throws them all over
20 the kitchen.

21 I think that, you know, the idea's:
22 Here we have Hanford. And we have -- it's
23 already a mess. And they're trying to clean it
24 up, but they're not succeeding.

25 And now we're going to add

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1 multi-millions of, you know like in terms of
2 magnitude, the amount of compared to what there
3 is. Maybe not millions.

4 But I'm trying -- I'm exaggerating.
5 But geometric amounts, more than what there
6 already is there to make it even more
7 difficult.

8 See, what I'd like to see happen
9 would be that we don't be so glib about this.
10 We don't go, "Well, we did change the statement
11 before, so we listened. So now it's okay."

12 I don't want that to happen, because
13 I want my kitty cat and the birds and the
14 snakes and the people, for generations to come,
15 to be able to live here in Oregon and be
16 healthy and have the high quality of life that
17 we have. Thank you.

18 MR. DEE WILLIS: How do you
19 spell your name.

20 MS. TOBI CANTINE:
21 C-A-N-T-I-N-E.

22 MR. DEE WILLIS: Now Doug
23 Riggs.

24 **TPO-0006** MR. DOUG RIGGS: I like the
25 chicken story. It's the best analogy you'll