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Thank you very much. My name is David Perk, P-e-r-k. I can be reached at davidperk@comcast.net. Thank you very much for this hearing and for the time spent giving us a place to celebrate and mourn. These kinds of hearings are that kind of an event more and more often unfortunately. I did hear in the question and answer period sort of a gaping hole in the SEPA regulations that U.S. Oil has been here since 1957 but is not really going to be reevaluated for its upstream or downstream effects beyond the limits of what applies to this particular permit. So that's a real problem. And I realize that that's outside the scope of Ecology, perhaps even outside the scope of Washington State Legislature. I'm not super-familiar with where SEPA gets rewritten, but that does seem like a real gaping hole.

Very specifically in terms of this permit, one of the thoughts that I had was that since U.S. Oil is receiving tar sands by barge at their marine facility, that if there were any evidence of tar sands sinking into the sediment there, that would be something to find out. I wonder whether the testing that has occurred so far has adequately discovered that. I'm also concerned that the sediment would potentially be disturbed during testing. So I think there's a bit of a paradox there that hopefully smart minds at Ecology could figure out a way around. One thing we heard about during the hearing was the idea of doing catchments in order to have filtration at every outpouring, and specifically for copper and zinc. And that strikes me as being something that if it's not in the revised permit already, needs to be looked at. Thank you very much for your time.