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Good afternoon. I'm Laura Ackerman. Thank you for coming to Spokane. I really appreciate that. I work for the Lands Council, but I'm here as a private citizen today. And I only have one comment. I'm going to make more technical comments and my single biggest concern is that we're not responding quick enough to oil sands or oils that, you know, that don't float for a long time. And this is how I liken it, and this is the analogy that I think is really important in our heads to keep in mind when we're doing this planning, is that in Spokane and in a lot of cities in this country, when you have a medical emergency and you call 911, you want to get to a medical emergency in under five minutes. That's, like, pretty much the standard for response because being there quicker makes a big difference say in terms of a heart attack. If you have a heart attack, you want to have somebody there in five minutes.

And non floating oils are the same way. They are kind of like the heart attacks of humans in the ocean and in bodies of water. If you don't get to them quick enough, it's just going to be too late because we have to contain them and then clean them up as soon as possible. So it's really imperative that we have stricter rules in terms of response times and that's it. Thank you.