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My name is Robert Joseph Creamer. I live at 2616 Baker Avenue here in Everett, Washington 98201. My emails are creamer1@frontier.com. Even though I'm here as an observer for the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County, I'm here to talk on my own behalf. I would like to thank the Department of Ecology for holding this public hearing regarding updating the oil spill contingent plan.

As most of us know, oil is -- we've learned over the past few years that oil is a very complex commodity, and it requires different approaches depending on what type of oil it is. So I applaud the Department of Ecology for adding the new type of -- talking about oils that goes in the water and are they floating, are they submerged. It's added like you guys did with the oil trains to your spill contingency plan so I applaud that. It's not if we're going to have an oil spill, it's where and when it's going to happen. And what can we do about it?

And what you guys are doing is providing enough information that the first responders who I feel will be your first people that would see the spill would have enough information to provide back to the appropriate agencies on what is going on, what's happening, and possibly we would make sure we have the right plan. Because as was stated earlier, sometimes the right plan or the plan that was put in place was not the right plan for that particular area and we need to make sure that we have enough information.

As we all know, knowledge is power. And I appreciate what the Department of Ecology is doing trying to give enough information about what you guys know about the oil and where it's coming from and what's containment so that first responders and those others who are going to work with the spill will have enough knowledge and for you guys providing the training and cache that we can get people -- first responders to have the right equipment and to have enough knowledge about where all the oil containment equipment is so that we have great resource.

Not depending on the company who spilled the oil but relying on those proper people who do the best for the public. Thank you.