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Hi there. My name is Sarah Farbstein. I'm a field organizer at Washington Environmental Council. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today. I just want to echo what others have said here. That this rule does not establish the protections that we need. The scope of this rule is too narrow to update all of our needed protections and it fails to establish stronger response requirements for tar-sands crude oil. This rule does not go far enough to protect our freshwater marine ecosystems and shoreline communities by using outdated models that overestimate our response capacity and by delaying needed improvements.

Ecology must act now to increase these protections for nonfloating oils with more stringent response time and equipment requirements. The risk of a catastrophic sinking oil spill is too great to wait. Thank you.