Columbia Riverkeeper (Dan Serres)

Thank you my name is Dan Serres, and I am the advocacy director for Columbia Riverkeeper.
I just want to start by thanking the Department of Ecology for your work. Thank you for being here thank you for making the hall thank you for crossing the river. Uh. Hanford cleanup impacts all of us and I see in Ecology 's work a tremendous level of dedication that is not always met by the current Federal administration. And that's really challenging. So I want to highlight just one place where I think you're doing something important which is holding the line when it comes to hexavalent chromium. And in this permit, you have the opportunity to specifically put in soil cleanup values and I don't know if it could be extended to the groundwater values that would result. And I just want to say that in the presentation you refer to it was table H 6 and it's an addendum to the 324 building closure plan. Uh. First of all I was impressed that you went there and realized that Chromium is a problem in the 324 building because so much of the attention is around radiological issues. But I wanted to ask whether those are the updated part values and just make sure that the math has been done to that the 120,000 milligrams per kilogram is the right value for total chromium related to the bigger problem of hexavalent chromium. Is there a way in the permit to go through and search for all those places where you know there's hexavalent chromium in the tanks in the pipes and all these different structures and implant that requirement because it really does reshape what closure looks like for so many of these facilities if you know that you have to go in and get every last bit, not every last bit, but pretty close to it of hexavalent chromium because the oral slope factor for chromium has been adjusted and included and now everyone realizes it's even more carcinogenic than one thought. So thank you for your work on that front. That's the main comment I wanted to make tonight my time is up but I just want to say I care a lot about cleanup of Hanford. I'm a new father and I hope when time comes for little Josie to fish in the river that she gets to catch a fish that aren’t lined with chromium and all these other things and your work is making it happen thank you.