Heart of America (Gerry Pollet)

Yeah. Thank you. Gerry Pollet speaking for Heart of America Northwest. (Do I need to OK) Given the 3 minute limit I'm just going to say Nikolas from Hanford Challenge spoke for our appreciation as well for the educational and outreach efforts but also for the request for 45 day extension. Under state law the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) the permit needs to be accompanied by adequate environmental analysis of the potential impacts, risks, and reasonable alternatives for each of the units and actions that are covered by the permit. And. The department has adopted prior analysis including the 2012 tank closure waste management EIS and a few other documents, documents that the department itself has said were woefully inadequate. For example, the tank closure waste management EIS never considered the likelihood and impacts or reasonable alternatives for leaking high level nuclear waste tanks. Guess what, there have been leaks since 2012. Very importantly there is no EIS coverage at all to meet the requirement that there be route specific analysis of the impacts and risks and alternatives for trucking 32,000,000 gallons of waste from the 200 West tanks through either Oregon or Spokane Washington and other routes along the way to be disposed in Texas or Utah. Either the Department of Ecology adopts a mitigation permit condition barring such transportation of liquids which the department has acknowledged are inherently far more dangerous to transport than solid wastes and the department has also acknowledged that route specific analysis must be conducted for such risks. Or there has to be a mitigation barring transportation of liquids and requiring treatment adjacent to the site at a permitted facility which happens to have a rail loading facility next to it and therefore would allow for rail so the highest possible combination of safety for transportation. If the Department of Ecology does not require that mitigation then you must and will have no choice but to have an EIS with route specific analysis accompanying this document. We'll have lot less. thank you.