Heart of America Northwest (Gerry Pollet)

Thank you. I'm going to move something so I can read it and see if the clock so please hold on. Uh. This is Gerry Pollet on behalf of the thousands of members of Heart of America Northwest spread across Washington and Oregon. And after waiting 14 years for this permit to be reissued we are extremely disappointed that it does not have accompanying it any environmental impact statement supplement and relies on long outdated analysis and fails to take into account new circumstances such as leaking tanks. When the 2012 environmental impact statement was issued it did not include analysis of the impacts of leaking tanks. What a mistake. Impact statements supplemental EIS 's are intended to not only inform the public so that we can look at alternatives and comment on them but they're vitally necessary to inform the decision makers in order to understand the impacts of the proposals in this permit and the alternatives to them. Let's turn to one such major topic that is leaking high level nuclear waste tanks. State and federal hazardous waste laws require leaking dangerous waste tanks to have all leakage liquids emptied as soon as practicable. This permit should have but fails to have a leak response plan that requires leaking high level nuclear waste tanks to be emptied within one year or sooner as soon as practicable after being identified as potentially leaking without spending months or years arguing about whether or not there is a leak as has happened in the past. There are 3 tanks leaking today. There is no leeway in the permit in the federal and state hazardous waste laws. For the condition that must be applied which is to remove as much waste as soon as practicable and remove waste to prevent further release into the environment. That means removal of waste, not looking at alternatives and arguing about them, not considering cost. Congress and the state legislature have said you must remove waste, It's not a matter of weighing costs but you have language in here that
allows Energy to not remove waste from tanks that are leaking based on cost estimates and weighing other values. That is not allowed. You must have a condition that says you will remove waste from the tanks as soon as practicable or within a year.