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Thank you for your presentation on May 3. It was very thorough. When asked about the number of years the caps etc. are rated for we were told 50 years. I find this very discouraging. It is a very short term fix. Houses and buildings crack and settle after that many years! How many cracks etc will there be in 50 years? I completely understand your system of monitoring but is it enough? Can other systems be added to the caps? How is this all going to stand up to a tsunami, or earthquake?

I am also very concerned about the ASB pond. I am concerned about the workers and removing such hazardous materials. I am concerned about opening up the waterway from the pond to Bellingham Bay. Can you truly remove ALL toxic materials? I never understood why these toxic waters weren't covered to prevent birds from flying in. I am concerned about exposure of animals and people during active cleanup. What safeguards will be in place?

The best plan would be to turn back the clock and stop all this devastation before it happened. Since this cannot happen I ask that you put in the best safe guards and monitors you can. I really hope that the next century "Hampsters" will think this was an OK plan.