

Lee McKiernan

My name is Lee McKiernan. I've lived in Kelso, Washington in [inaudible] for 45 years. This is a beautiful county with lots of rivers and lakes and into quality of the Kalama River should really be highly considered, also, the susceptibility to slides. Because like in Texas, there was a pipeline explosion that evacuated 17 miles under the WAC 222-16-050-(1)(d) Class IV-Special.

It's illegal to move dirt around or log in landslide areas. I'm sure you'll find slides every year in this area. It's a great risk to this area, both ecologically and to human lives. The positions of Washington also said it was dangerous to our health. The electricity which would take the electricity of 100,000 homes will all put us in dire financial straits by raising our electric bills.

You should talk to the geologists at University of Washington and Dave Montgomery and Portland State Scott Burns. You should also talk to the people that were in the fish hatchery that got wiped out of upper Kalama River and they can inform you of all the fabulous ecology watching the salmon go by in the clear River.

I've walked along the port of Kalama and on the Columbia and seen all the fishermen catch five salmon in a row. It would be a shame to waste all this for a plastic factory. It would be a disgrace for Ecology to permit it. I believe my minutes are up.