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FROM: David Thies
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DATE: August 9, 2022

RE: Goldendale Energy Storage Draft EIS. (Public comment III)

Kind People,

In 2005 the Tuam Sauk Pump Storage Plant dam in Missouri suffered a 656 foot-wide breach in 25 minutes resulting in approximately a billion dollar monetary loss and the destruction of a 281 acre state park. Four people were injured, and by chance alone, there were no fatalities. Source: (<https://damfailures.org/>)

According to my count, there are only ten other pump storage facilities in the United States. If I am correct, one failure out of eleven is not a good track record.

Of course, there are always excuses about why a breach cannot happen to the Klickitat County project, just as the folks in Missouri were no doubt assured that the Tuam Sauk pump storage dam was safe. This kind of denial only serves to erode public safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Thies'.

David Thies

