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Okay, thank you for the clarification on the announcements. I had a great deal of trouble understanding the details too, and I may not have them right yet.

I also feel that the role of the Executive Director may be somewhat more extensive than it is, considering that the Commissioners are at least people that were appointed by people we voted for directly and that we feel are more responsive to us.

In reading through the regulations, I also had a question at one point you showed a new contract with New Jersey and it looked like there was an attempt to make it a more efficient process by having some, you know, permits go only through the state and others go only through the DRBC rather than maybe redundant situations. While efficiency is good, I think in cases like this, efficiency can also inhibit the proper getting a proper response from the public.

I think in these situations the public often has very little time to understand a project and comment, and it is very important that we are able to comment at this time. The issues that the DRBC is looking at are extremely important for the current and near future state of the river and of our environment based on global warming. I think it's very important that we understand that the decisions can't be made on a short term basis. Decisions should not be based on information given in private through organizations who will benefit economically from this. But there needs to be an equal playing ground between those organizations and the public. And therefore having more hearings and more chances to comment is all to the good. And I think I'd like to understand the regulations further before I send my written comment. Thank you.