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LES DAVENPORT: Hi, I'm Les Davenport from Battle Ground, Washington. I've worked at Hanford for 46 years now and still consulting there. I feel that the stimulus money on the parts that I know about for Washington closure is going to be well applied and I'm looking forward to that. The expansion of (inaudible) because it's the lowest cost disposal site in all the DOE facilities and also the characterization of the 618-10 cell, I had asked for that to be accelerated for a couple of years and I think the characterization of the waste trenches particularly in the 618-11 burial grounds should be hurried as much as possible.

In general I've had little time to study the changes in the TPA agreement, but I don't hear anything that particularly dismays me. Keep up the good work, apply the money where appropriate, and I know that the financial accounting for all the stimulus money is adding tremendous layers of paperwork and controls. Make sure that they are done properly so that the Fed's will not come back at us and say you did not document properly where all the money was spent as required so that if there is any additional stimulus in the future, Hanford will be in line for that also. Thank you.

PENNY MABIE: Thank you. Okay. One more time.

DVIJA MICHAEL BERTISH: That's all right.

PENNY MABIE: Did I do okay or get close?

DVIJA MICHAEL BERTISH: Yeah, you're close.

PENNY MABIE: Okay. Followed by Madya and then Vance Corum.

DVIJA MICHAEL BERTISH: My name is Dvija Michael Bertish, I'm with the Rosemere Neighborhood Association in Vancouver, Washington, and I have a couple of comments here. First, Mr. Brockman suggested that the residents of the state of Washington say to their state representatives, which would in this case be you, Mr. Skinnerland, in regard to focusing priorities and I wholeheartedly and my organization wholeheartedly supports the litigation that's underway about the underground tanks not to relent to enforce those timelines, and frankly this discussion, though I see the positive aspects in terms of groundwater contamination, it bothers me greatly, it sort of feels like rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic.

The source of the groundwater contamination is coming from things like burial drums that aren't being mediated and removed, it's coming from sewage pipes that aren't being emptied, it's coming from sludge that's in these underground tanks, and containment of groundwater doesn't make sense to pump and treat when the source of the remediation problem isn't being adequately addressed.

And I think that the focus of this is skewed and that the focus needs -- Ms. Charboneau said that the main thing that is holding everything up is the fact that they don't have double-lined storage tanks to pull the stuff out of the ground and put it into something safer, and I think that everybody's spinning their wheels if they don't address that one simple problem, you can't vitrify, you can't contain until you get that under control and that's the main source of the problem.

So whereas I see that stimulus money is being deployed here in an effort to prevent things from getting into the river, I don't think that the real source of the problem is being addressed and that I hope that we backpack on that. Stimulus money notwithstanding it, and this happens in several, several organizations, is to get jobs on the ground, not necessarily to do what's most needed priority-wise and I think that that really needs to be re-looked at.

I re-voice and support the comments made by the gentleman from Oregon, the assistant director, I say that the concerns are from my organization are more geared to putting up a fight rather than not putting up a fight, that the deadlines need to be maintained and I don't see any reason -- Ms. Charboneau said that the funding sources for the three major components are --

PENNY MABIE: 30 seconds.

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