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VANCE CORUM: Hello there, good evening. My name is Vance Quorum and I live in Vancouver just about a mile from the river. I've got three children which is why I'm here tonight. I'm concerned, as many of us I think, because we see in policies now the result of 65 years of nuclear policy. I'm reminded that about 1978 I and about 500 other people climbed fences at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Reactor when it was in the building process as a statement that we needed to rethink nuclear policy. And I realize, you know, in the case of Hanford we're talking about nuclear waste that's from the Military side versus the civilian side, but we're really seeing how costly the nuclear policy that we implemented in the '40's has become.

And I guess my ultimate question is how much is it going to continue to cost us, how is it going to affect our taxes and the taxes of even my children who are fairly young. We elected President Obama under a principle of change and transparency and I appreciate the openness and especially the quick review that you gave tonight, seeming openness, and yet I'm still concerned about the tremendous expenditures and about the fact that we may relieve ourselves of these milestones.

It, you know, I'm a contractor myself and if I get a job done in advance of a deadline people praise me. When I see that we're talking about relieving ourselves of milestones and talking about target dates, I get concerned that we are not going to meet those dates whether they are relative to the various parts of the project and I just wonder how long it's going to be extended. I can't help but think that CH2M Hill and the other contractors, you know, I've got cost plus contracts and they're doing very well, and I appreciate the fact that we're trying to hold on to jobs and create new jobs, I think this is a very costly way of maintaining jobs whether in the Hanford area or elsewhere and I just urge that you really remember the public's desire to have the cleanup completed as fast as possible and I wish you luck.

PENNY MABIE: Okay, thank you. Thank you very much. Harvey Clawson followed by Martha Perez followed by Daniel Lichtenwald.

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