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2 MR. PARHAM: Thanks for coming to the meeting, the
3 Department of Energy's hearing on the draft environmental impact
4 statement on the long-term management and storage of elemental
5 mercury here in the Tri-Cities.

6 Let it be noted that Bill Levitan, the head of DOE's office
7 of environmental compliance has provided a brief presentation of
8 slides to those in attendance. And we'd now like to move to the
9 formal comment period. And, Ron, it is all yours

10 MR. SKINNERLAND: Yes. I'm Ron Skinnerland with
11 the Washington State Department of Ecology. I want to express my
12 appreciation for coming back to Richland. And I understand Maria
13 Peeler talked on our behalf at the Portland meeting last night.
14 And the Department of Ecology will be providing a formal letter
15 and that will represent our final comments. So if there's any
16 confusion about, you know, what I'm saying tonight and what Maria
17 is saying in our final comments, our final letter, which will
18 come from our director in about two weeks, will take precedent.

19 The last time you came around our concerns were -- we were
20 interested in the Hanford cleanup and concerned about potential
21 for citing and constructing an operating facility to distract
22 from that in some way. And, you know, we are, you know, happy
23 with the alternative that's been selected. We think that based
24 on the criteria, the criteria identified like its location, you
25 know, its remote location, its existing waste operations, its,

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1 you know, not being near surface bodies of water and some of
2 those other factors that are identified in the EIS is a good
3 basis for picking that site. We remain concerned that at Hanford
4 we need to concentrate on the cleanup and want to be going ahead
5 with that.

6 Some of the things that Maria probably mentioned last night
7 was just our concern is if the facility doesn't go ahead that
8 we're not going to be providing a lot of detailed comments at
9 this point on the EIS. So we want to kind of reserve the right
10 that if for some reason the Texas site doesn't go ahead and the
11 Hanford site is then considered to provide more detailed comment
12 at that time. So I think our preference will be that we can
13 provide comment and we can do at another date on the EIS of some
14 kind. It can be abbreviated and we will try to clarify that in
15 our final letter.

16 I think that's basically all I wanted to say. I express
17 appreciation for you coming back and we'll be sending a letter in
18 about two weeks.

19 MR. PARHAM: Thank you, Ron.

20 Is there anyone that would like to provide additional
21 comments at this time? If not that will close our comment
22 period. Thank you for coming and we appreciate your attendance.

23 (End of Proceedings)
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Jori L. Moore

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