

These are comments to the Cr101 for hazardous liquids rulemaking. TO-0000712
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Written Comments dated 8/22/00

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Hi Joe...this is the barnburner I fired off to Paul. I suspect they are trying to get some sort of jump on the first committee meeting? I fear they will get very, very few valid responses. Format is too cumbersome. Do something! :-)
best, s

----- Original Message -----

From: Sarah Spence

To: records@wuct.wa.gov

Cc: Lynn & Dave Berg ; Keegan, Karen

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2000 11:27 AM

Subject: Notice for Written Comments dated 8/22/00

Attention Paul C-something,

Hello Paul,

My neighbor passed the referenced document on to me because she did not understand it. Frankly, I had quite a time deciphering it myself. Both of us have college degrees.

Please consider this my strenuous objection to the bureaucratic, unintelligible manner in which comments from the public were allegedly solicited. Surely you did not expect this to be an effective forum to receive meaningful comments from concerned citizens!

Over the years I have been involved in numerous public projects, many of which invited public comments. This was by far the least "user friendly" approach I have ever seen. Hard to believe you really want input. Even knowing what I was trying to find, I had trouble figuring it out. TEN COPIES????? ASCII files, .pdf format? Come on...the pipeline runs through farmland up here in Skagit County, not a computer lab. Your assumption that the rest of the state shares the high technology addiction of the Seattle area is flawed. Many of those most impacted by Olympic Pipeline's conduct over the years cannot possibly begin to comply with your criteria. However, perhaps that's what you had in mind?

This document needs to be re-written in English and re-issued in a format that people can readily understand. Otherwise, it is a waste of time and money to which I strenuously object.

By a copy of this e-mail, I am letting Governor Locke's office know of my request for you to re-work the document so that it will encourage meaningful participation from the public. I am making this request as a citizen and taxpayer, not as a member of the Pipeline Advisory Committee. However, I'm afraid lines may begin to blur in the near future, so I wanted it to be clear that my irritation with this bureaucratic piece of gibberish is on a personal level. I'm sure I will find more bureaucratic mumbo jumbo to elevate my blood pressure as our work on the committee goes on, but it

is very discouraging to have this document be the first solicitation of public comment on such a serious matter.

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