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| 1 | MS. HALE: Good evening. Welcome. My |
| 2 | name is Jeannine Hale. I'm from the Muskogee office |
| 3 | of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Eastern |
| 4 | Oklahoma Regional Office. I work in the |
| 5 | Environmental Division. We're happy to have you |
| 6 | here tonight for a public scoping meeting. I'm |
| 7 | going to tell you in a minute what that is. It |
| 8 | looks like we have a pretty good crowd and a lot of |
| 9 | folks I recognize, so it's good to see you again and |
| 10 | have continued participation in our development of |
| 11 | an environmental impact statement for the oil and |
| 12 | gas program at the Osage Agency. |
| 13 | We have a number of staff here from both |
| 14 | the Osage Agency and our Eastern Oklahoma Regional |
| 15 | Office and our Solicitor's Office, and we have our |
| 16 | regional director, Eddie Streeter. We have |
| 17 | solicitors; Kristen I'm sorry. |
| 18 | MS. KOKINOS: Kokinos. |
| 19 | MS. HALE: She was supposed to give me a |
| 20 | cheat sheet and she didn't, and Chuck Babst, and we |
| 21 | have Richard Winlock, the deputy superintendent for |
| 22 | Osage Agency. Ben Daniels, who is in the |
| 23 | Environmental Department at the Osage Agency. Up |
| 24 | here we've got Molly McCarter, who is with our |
| 25 | contractor EMPSI, and Steven Simpson, who is our |

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| 1 | NEPA solicitor expert, and the only people that |
| 2 | wanted to come up here and sit with me. These are |
| 3 | the brave people. And then we have Michael Miley |
| 4 | and Shelby back here. They are trying to blend in |
| 5 | and pretend like they are really not with us. |
| б | So tonight we do have a court reporter, |
| 7 | Mary, and she's going to be taking notes, especially |
| 8 | when we get to the part about comments, and like I |
| 9 | said, we had a sign-up sheet. You know, at any |
| 10 | point in time you can sign up. If you forget to |
| 11 | sign up and you all of a sudden think of something, |
| 12 | you want to speak, you can raise your hand. We're |
| 13 | going to ask that you come up here and speak here at |
| 14 | the podium with the microphone, and she will be able |
| 15 | to hear and see you better and get down what you are |
| 16 | saying, because we want to capture all of that. |
| 17 | After this is all over with, we will have a |
| 18 | transcript prepared and after we review that, that |
| 19 | will be posted on our website, and we have some |
| 20 | other Osage oil and gas environmental impact |
| 21 | statement documents on that same website, so that's |
| 22 | where that transcript will be. The documents that |
| 23 | we're handing out tonight, most of those things will |
| 24 | be on the website. |
| 25 | So I want to get started. Is there |

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| 1 | anything that I've forgotten that anybody wants to |
| 2 | remind me of before I start the Power Point and |
| 3 | start whizzing through it? |
| 4 | OBSERVER: Where's Robin? |
| 5 | MS. HALE: I'm sorry? |
| 6 | OBSERVER: Where's Robin? |
| 7 | MS. HALE: I'm sorry, Robin Phillips, the |
| 8 | superintendent, she wasn't able to be here today and |
| 9 | she sends her apologies but she's got Richard |
| 10 | Winlock, who is the deputy superintendent standing |
| 11 | in for her, so I think we have a full staffing in |
| 12 | case there's a question that comes up. We're really |
| 13 | not going to be in the back and forth answering |
| 14 | questions so much tonight because we mostly want to |
| 15 | get your input, but it's going to be important that |
| 16 | you understand what we're doing. So, of course, if |
| 17 | you ask me a question about what we're doing, you |
| 18 | don't understand, we're going to try to make sure |
| 19 | you do understand before you leave. |
| 20 | So let me get out of the way and come |
| 21 | around here, and I apologize if you have to see my |
| 22 | back. I have a really brief presentation. I'm |
| 23 | going to make it be brief. It's pretty brief now. |
| 24 | There we go. I'm sorry if some of it isn't very |
| 25 | visible. |

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| 1 | (PowerPoint Presentation given by Jeannine | |
| 2 | Hale not included in the transcript.) | |
| 3 | MS. HALE: Now we will | |
| 4 | OBSERVER: A question before you start | |
| 5 | that. Just briefly what's in the negotiated rule | |
| 6 | making as opposed to what's in the EIS? | |
| 7 | MS. HALE: Okay. Well, the rules, the | |
| 8 | rules are based on our law and there's a whole | |
| 9 | rule-making process under the Administrative | |
| 10 | Procedures Act that every agency has to go through | |
| 11 | to write down requirements and rules and get them | |
| 12 | approved. So it's a whole separate thing where in | |
| 13 | the case of the negotiated rule making, I anticipate | |
| 14 | in that that there was actually a committee that was | |
| 15 | set up and had different representatives and that | |
| 16 | sort of thing. | |
| 17 | We don't have any committees. We're not | |
| 18 | setting up rules. These are not requirements that | |
| 19 | are going to be set in the Code of Federal | |
| 20 | Regulations or anything. This is just to identify | |
| 21 | what different scenarios might look like moving | |
| 22 | forward with the oil and gas program, how things are | |
| 23 | going to be developed, to look at the environmental | |
| 24 | consequences of those things. So, for example, one | |
| 25 | of the things we might look at is like a high | |

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| 1 | development scenario where the whole county is just |
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| 2 | a flurry with activity, which is what we really |
| 3 | want, and what might be the environmental |
| 4 | consequences we can predict from that because there |
| 5 | might be more waste water injection, there might be |
| 6 | more pits dug, there might be more acres disturbed, |
| 7 | so you look at that and you try to describe the |
| 8 | environmental consequences. So it's all geared |
| 9 | toward environmental consequences as opposed to the |
| 10 | regulations. |
| 11 | OBSERVER: Okay. One of your slides had, |
| 12 | these are all of the areas that we're going to look |
| 13 | at, it had the three columns of things, who sets |
| 14 | that? Is that already set in stone? |
| 15 | MS. HALE: No, those were examples |
| 16 | OBSERVER: Okay. |
| 17 | MS. HALE: to kind of trigger |
| 18 | OBSERVER: So you |
| 19 | MS. HALE: I'm sorry I didn't read them. |
| 20 | They are just examples, but they are common |
| 21 | examples. The reason they are there is because |
| 22 | we most agencies have guidance and have prepared |
| 23 | a number of these EISs before, and there's some |
| 24 | fairly common sections that are included in almost |
| 25 | every EIS that you look at and they are almost all |

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| 1 | going to look at wildlife, for example, and the |
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| 2 | impacts to endangered species, for example, impacts |
| 3 | to water, and those were just meant to give you some |
| 4 | examples of the things we would be looking at, but |
| 5 | it's not necessarily all inclusive, so there may be |
| 6 | some things that we need to look at or discuss that |
| 7 | aren't on that list. |
| 8 | OBSERVER: Or vice versa? |
| 9 | MS. HALE: Or vice versa. |
| 10 | OBSERVER: Okay. |
| 11 | MS. HALE: So you can say take this thing |
| 12 | off, we don't want to hear about that anymore. I |
| 13 | think last time I heard something about prairie |
| 14 | chickens and they weren't even good to eat, so you |
| 15 | might have some really legitimate concerns that you |
| 16 | think weren't addressed in the last version. |
| 17 | So, Molly, do we have a sign-in sheet |
| 18 | already? I know that I saw some elected officials |
| 19 | in the room. Is Chief Standing Bear here? No? |
| 20 | Okay. |
| 21 | Chairman Waller, are you still here? |
| 22 | You're right here, right here in front of me. |
| 23 | MR. WALLER: Yes. |
| 24 | MS. HALE: Would you like to make a |
| 25 | statement first? |
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Professional Reporters 800.376.1006 www.proreporters.com **Public Meeting** 4/28/2016 8 1 I'd like to go right into the MR. WALLER: 2 comments. 3 MS. HALE: All right. 4 MR. WALLER: If that would be all right. 5 MS. HALE: We would like for you to be the 6 first. 7 MR. WALLER: Thank you very much. T'm 8 Chairman Everett Waller, Osage Minerals Council. 9 I'd like to add this to the public record on behalf 10 of my shareholders. The initial draft of the EIS 11 was fatally flawed due to its failure to comply with 12 the 1906 Act, its treatment of the Osage Minerals 13 Estate and Osage County as public lands and the 14 BIA's failure to comply with tribal consultation 15 requirements and its tribal trust responsibility. 16 The new draft EIS must therefore be a new NEPA 17 document pursuant to a new NEPA process rather than 18 a reworking of the initial draft EIS. The BIA must 19 develop a preferred alternative based on the 1906 20 Act and the requirements it imposes on the Secretary 21 of the Interior. The 1906 Act, as amended, provides 22 that regulations governing Osage lands and leases of 23 the Osage Minerals Estate must result in the highest 24 percentage of ultimate recovery of both oil and gas. 25 This means that the preferred alternative must

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| 1 | encompass provisions that will maximize the |
| 2 | extraction of minerals from the Osage Minerals |
| 3 | Estate for the benefit of the Osage Head Right |
| 4 | Holders as the only beneficiaries of the Osage |
| 5 | Minerals Estate. |
| 6 | The preferred alternative must reflect the |
| 7 | fact that these are Indian lands, not public lands. |
| 8 | The BIA or its third party contractor cannot |
| 9 | approach the EIS and the preferred alternatives the |
| 10 | same way it would for public lands. It's approach |
| 11 | much incorporate the BIA's federal trust |
| 12 | responsibility and the 1906 Act, neither of which |
| 13 | applies to public lands and neither of which were |
| 14 | accounted for in a previous draft EIS. Indian lands |
| 15 | are to be managed according to very different |
| 16 | standards from public lands, and attempting to |
| 17 | manage Indian lands according to the public interest |
| 18 | standards violates the trust standards established |
| 19 | for the management of these Indian lands. The BIA |
| 20 | cannot treat the EIS as if these were public lands |
| 21 | and prioritize the interests of surface owners over |
| 22 | those of the Tribe, as it did in the previous draft. |
| 23 | The preferred alternative must address |
| 24 | mitigation measures that can be taken to streamline |
| 25 | the permitting process and minimize the need for |

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| 1 | impacts to be addressed on a site-specific basis. |
| 2 | This is going to be key in complying with the 1906 |
| 3 | Act. |
| 4 | The BIA must engage the Osage Minerals |
| 5 | Council in a government-to-government consultation |
| 6 | throughout the NEPA process. Through Executive |
| 7 | Order 13175, President Clinton mandated that federal |
| 8 | agencies engage in meaningful consultation with |
| 9 | Indian tribes when taking actions that will directly |
| 10 | affect an Indian tribe. President Obama bolstered |
| 11 | this Executive Order through Presidential Memorandum |
| 12 | in 2009 declaring that his administration is |
| 13 | committed to regular and meaningful consultation and |
| 14 | collaboration with tribal officials. Section 2.3 of |
| 15 | the BIA NEPA Guidelines states that tribal |
| 16 | governments and their delegated tribal programs |
| 17 | should not only be consulted but should be partners |
| 18 | with the BIA in the NEPA process. The Department of |
| 19 | Interior Manual states that it is the policy of the |
| 20 | Department of Interior to carry out its trust |
| 21 | relationship with federally recognized Indian tribes |
| 22 | and to consult with the tribes on a |
| 23 | government-to-government basis whenever Department |
| 24 | of Interior plans or actions have tribal |
| 25 | implications. |

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1 To date the BIA has fallen short of its 2 consultation requirements. The Osage Minerals 3 Council is requesting in writing that this meeting 4 be postponed in order to initiate consultation prior 5 to public meetings, but the request was denied. Ι am now restricted to a two-minute window to share 6 7 the concerns and interests of the Osage Minerals 8 Council like any other citizen. This is not a 9 government-to-government consultation. The BIA 10 should have met with the Osage Minerals Council 11 regarding scoping before meeting with the public. 12 Despite this failure, the OMC intends to enter into 13 an MOU with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a 14 cooperating agency with respect to this NEPA process 15 and the policies and procedures adopted by the 16 Department and agencies to implement NEPA. Through 17 this agreement and as a matter of law, the Osage 18 Minerals Council expects the BIA to fulfill its 19 trust responsibilities, obligations and its 20 fiduciary role throughout the course of the NEPA 21 process. 22 I'd like to introduce the rest of my 23 council, if you would please stand. Council. I'm 24 done. I want to thank everyone for this time and 25 opportunity.

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| 1 | In closing, I just have one item. We got |
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| 2 | through the Civil War. In 1870 they drove us |
| 3 | through a gate up here. We had 2229 people left, |
| 4 | families. In 1883 we had to buy our reservation. |
| 5 | Every abstract states that in your first paragraph. |
| 6 | I represent those people. That's my great, great |
| 7 | grandmother over here. I'm here for them. I'm here |
| 8 | for my Osages, and I'm definitely here for my |
| 9 | children and their grandchildren. |
| 10 | With that, I want to thank my council. I |
| 11 | want to thank you for your time and I'm going to |
| 12 | leave this with you. |
| 13 | MS. HALE: Thank you, Chairman, so much |
| 14 | for those words, and we will place these comments |
| 15 | into the record of this proceeding. Then we are |
| 16 | going to continue with our public comment. The |
| 17 | first person listed Nona Roach. |
| 18 | MS. ROACH: I have one question before you |
| 19 | start. When does the EIS kick in after the EA has |
| 20 | been done, because that's real confusing to me and I |
| 21 | don't understand at what point that we would even |
| 22 | require an EIS. |
| 23 | MS. HALE: Well, if an Environmental |
| 24 | Assessment is prepared and you are not able to make |
| 25 | a finding of no significant impact, then an |

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| 1 | Environmental Impact Statement is required. An EA |
| 2 | is not required to be prepared before you go ahead |
| 3 | and do the EIS. Is that your question? |
| 4 | MS. ROACH: That's my question, because I |
| 5 | thought the EA had to be done before the EIS, before |
| 6 | it ever kicked in for the EIS, and you are telling |
| 7 | me that's not |
| 8 | MS. HALE: I turn to my esteemed |
| 9 | solicitors, but our advice has been that we are not |
| 10 | required to do the EA first. |
| 11 | MR. SIMPSON: That is correct. There are |
| 12 | two ways that this could happen. One is under NEPA |
| 13 | you can do an Environmental Assessment and, as |
| 14 | Jeannine pointed out, and come to either a finding |
| 15 | of no significant impact or determine that you need |
| 16 | to do an EIS; okay? Or the agency can skip that |
| 17 | step and just start an EIS on its own. It can do |
| 18 | that if it believes that there may be significant |
| 19 | that there are significant impacts on the quality of |
| 20 | human environment from that action, or it can do |
| 21 | that in the spirit of NEPA, because an EIS is a more |
| 22 | detailed process and a much more useful kind of a |
| 23 | document than an EA is. So it can do it on its own, |
| 24 | even if there isn't a proposal for it, just because |
| 25 | it needs to be done, and that's basically what this |

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| 1 | one is. |
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| 2 | MS. HALE: Do you want to come up? |
| 3 | MS. ROACH: What triggers that is, I |
| 4 | guess, what I'm trying to figure out. On an EA, |
| 5 | what would be a trigger to cause you to have an EIS |
| б | if you went through that process. |
| 7 | MR. SIMPSON: The possibility of |
| 8 | significant impacts. |
| 9 | MS. ROACH: As it impacts what? |
| 10 | MR. SIMPSON: An impact on the well, |
| 11 | the way the statute reads, on the quality of the |
| 12 | human environment. If you have if the agency |
| 13 | sees that a particular action may have a significant |
| 14 | impact on air, water quality, whatever, whatever |
| 15 | environmental parameter it is, then the then it |
| 16 | has to go it has to go from the environmental |
| 17 | assessment to an environmental impact statement to |
| 18 | assess those significant impacts. |
| 19 | MS. ROACH: So say if you are going to be |
| 20 | close to the lake or something, would that be |
| 21 | something that's triggering that for you. |
| 22 | MR. SIMPSON: It depends what you are |
| 23 | doing close to the lake. |
| 24 | MS. ROACH: Drilling a well. |
| 25 | MR. SIMPSON: Could be. It depends. A |

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| 1 | lot of it depends on the action itself and the |
| 2 | actual location of it and what the action is and the |
| 3 | environment around there. It's hard to that's |
| 4 | why the determination of significance is a very |
| 5 | subjective kind of squishy thing. |
| 6 | MS. ROACH: And the squishy determining |
| 7 | person is who? |
| 8 | MR. SIMPSON: The Bureau, the federal |
| 9 | agency. |
| 10 | MS. ROACH: Like the superintendent or |
| 11 | higher up? |
| 12 | MR. SIMPSON: In this case the regional |
| 13 | director. |
| 14 | MS. ROACH: Okay. I'm sure you all |
| 15 | understood every bit of that, right? Okay. My |
| 16 | concern is this: If you are going to be doing an |
| 17 | environmental impact statement study, whatever, did |
| 18 | you also do an economic impact study to see how |
| 19 | that's going to affect this county, because |
| 20 | obviously everything that's been happening all this |
| 21 | time has had a huge impact on our economy here, but |
| 22 | I've never seen one, so I was just wondering if that |
| 23 | was going to be built into the process somehow or |
| 24 | that's just not part of the requirements or |
| 25 | whatever. So that's a concern to me because the |

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| 1 | economic part of it seems to me to be the first | |
| 2 | thing that you would want to do, so I'm concerned | |
| 3 | about that. | |
| 4 | As a landowner and just because I live | |
| 5 | here I'm concerned about I know what it's been | |
| 6 | like so far for having the BIA to come in if there's | |
| 7 | a problem, so if you are going to add and I know | |
| 8 | we can ignore the draft EIS and you're throwing it | |
| 9 | out, right? So everything that was in that old one | |
| 10 | is gone, is that is that what you guys were | |
| 11 | telling us while ago? | |
| 12 | MS. HALE: We're going to prepare a new | |
| 13 | EIS. There may be provisions in the old one that we | |
| 14 | may want to use, that's not been determined yet. | |
| 15 | We're going to sit down with our cooperating | |
| 16 | agencies, hopefully the Minerals Council will be one | |
| 17 | of those, look at the chapters, are there things | |
| 18 | that we can still use because they haven't changed | |
| 19 | or they are still or they are right, and that | |
| 20 | could be the description of geology, which those | |
| 21 | rocks have not changed. Yeah. | |
| 22 | MS. ROACH: They are still rocks and the | |
| 23 | bugs are still bugs. Okay. My concern on that, | |
| 24 | right now we can't get the BIA to come out and do | |
| 25 | anything as a landowner. We can't get anything done | |
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| 1 | as far as remediating our soil, coming out there if |
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| 2 | there's an issue or a problem. So if you are going |
| 3 | to add, like the last one had, every little |
| 4 | nitpicking thing you could find, how are you ever |
| 5 | going to have enough staff to take care of that |
| 6 | problem? Because it's not happening now and if you |
| 7 | start adding a whole lot more regulations and |
| 8 | everything on top of that, I can't see you ever |
| 9 | keeping up or seeing daylight or taking care of the |
| 10 | problems with a 1,444,000 acres. So that's one of |
| 11 | my concerns as a landowner. |
| 12 | But this is I'm asking, too, is this |
| 13 | going to be just Osage only? We're not going to |
| 14 | have the stuff that was on the Red River and all |
| 15 | that stuff, it's going to be right here? |
| 16 | MS. HALE: Osage only. |
| 17 | MS. ROACH: That's great. That's all I |
| 18 | wanted to say. |
| 19 | MS. HALE: Thank you. I forgot to mention |
| 20 | that Eric, in the back, has like a yellow and a red |
| 21 | one-minute stop sheet, but I don't think we've |
| 22 | needed it so far. |
| 23 | MS. ROACH: I didn't see it. |
| 24 | MS. HALE: Even Nona didn't get one. The |
| 25 | next person might get one. I don't know. Bob |

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| 1 | Jackman. |
| 2 | MR. JACKMAN: I'm going to switch. |
| 3 | MS. HALE: Okay. |
| 4 | MS. FORMAN: With me. |
| 5 | MR. JACKMAN: Susan Forman first. |
| 6 | MS. HALE: Yeah. Susan Forman. I've |
| 7 | known Bob a long time. That's why. |
| 8 | MS. FORMAN: Take me a minute to set up, |
| 9 | guys. Sorry about that. Got to get my eyes on. |
| 10 | Okay. Can everybody hear me? I guess I'm turned |
| 11 | on. You can hear me? |
| 12 | MS. HALE: I have that same issue. |
| 13 | MS. FORMAN: Is there anyone that can't |
| 14 | hear me? Okay. My name is Susan Forman. I am a |
| 15 | member of the Osage Nation and a Head Right owner. |
| 16 | Most of you know my background, but those of you who |
| 17 | don't, I'm retired after 33 years of a career |
| 18 | specializing in natural gas marketing, gathering, |
| 19 | processing and transmission on the |
| 20 | exploration/production side of the industry, so I |
| 21 | know a little bit about the value of the product |
| 22 | that we produce in Osage County. As a Head Right |
| 23 | owner negatively impacted by all BIA decisions and |
| 24 | directives since the settlement of the HPP lawsuit, |
| 25 | I believe it is necessary once again to show up and |

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| 1 | defend the right of the Minerals Estate to be |
| 2 | developed and operated and consistently producing |
| 3 | for the benefit of the very people the BIA is |
| 4 | responsible for supporting. |
| 5 | Let's remind all here the BIA mission |
| 6 | statement, and I quote, "The Bureau of Indian |
| 7 | Affairs' mission is to enhance the quality of life, |
| 8 | to promote economic opportunity, and to carry out |
| 9 | the responsibility to protect and improve the trust |
| 10 | assets of American Indians, Indian tribes and Alaska |
| 11 | natives." That's straight off the website. |
| 12 | One of the two topics in the April 2016 |
| 13 | federal registry note as for which comments were |
| 14 | specifically requested was for information regarding |
| 15 | the level of oil and gas development in Osage |
| 16 | County. I can't tell you anything going forward, |
| 17 | but I can sure tell you something about what's |
| 18 | happened since the HPP lawsuit in 2011. What I'm |
| 19 | about to tell you is the bare minimum, extremely |
| 20 | conservative economic impact and let me interject |
| 21 | here that on your impact list, you did not have |
| 22 | economic impact. You had socioeconomic impact, |
| 23 | which is related but it's not the same thing. I'm |
| 24 | shocked that it wasn't on that list. It should have |
| 25 | been on the top of that list and here's why: From |

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| 1 | 2008 through 2012 an average of 225 wells per year |
| 2 | were drilled in Osage County, sixteen of which, on |
| 3 | average, were horizontal wells. Starting in 2011, |
| 4 | that number dropped by 32 percent. In 2012 drilling |
| 5 | dropped another 14 percent and in 2013 drilling |
| 6 | dropped 45 percent, and I'm just talking about |
| 7 | number of wells drilled and completed. By July 2014 |
| 8 | it dropped another 32 percent. During the |
| 9 | September 2014 Osage Oil & Gas Summit it was |
| 10 | revealed that permitting and drilling had dropped to |
| 11 | zero. No wells were being drilled at all, no |
| 12 | permits were being approved. |
| 13 | I put a pencil to the lost investment |
| 14 | opportunity since July 2014, although a study needs |
| 15 | to be done back to 2011 because we've been |
| 16 | precipitously dropping ever since then. This is the |
| 17 | barest minimum case, it does not include the value |
| 18 | of natural gas and its components or production from |
| 19 | horizontal wells, so we're just talking vertical |
| 20 | wells here, a very conservative look look back at |
| 21 | what it's cost the Osage Minerals Estate. In Mike |
| 22 | Black's own words when he presented in a public |
| 23 | forum, and I quote, "On average every year 200 |

vertical wells are drilled and completed per year in Osage County at an average cost of \$250,000." I

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| 1 | think that's pretty conservative, too. That's |
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| 2 | \$50 million missed investment annually since |
| 3 | July 2014. Considering only vertical wells with a |
| 4 | very conservative initial production of 15 barrels |
| 5 | per day and first annual production of 5,000 barrels |
| 6 | cumulative for first year, this is one million new |
| 7 | barrels of oil that were not drilled for and |
| 8 | produced. Multiply those barrels by the monthly |
| 9 | price of Oklahoma sweet crude, which you can find on |
| 10 | Coffeyville Resources website, and the minimum loss |
| 11 | from July 2014 through March 2016 is a staggering |
| 12 | \$94 million. Lost royalty, \$19 million. This, |
| 13 | again, is a very conservative look back. It doesn't |
| 14 | include horizontal wells, which produce have the |
| 15 | capability of producing 50 times more barrels than a |
| 16 | vertical well and it doesn't also include the value |
| 17 | of natural gas. |
| 18 | So the first thing this economic impact |
| 19 | statement needs to do is get professionals and go |
| 20 | beels and look at the impost your estimation |

19 statement needs to do is get professionals and go
20 back and look at the impact your actions are
21 causing. Keep in mind this is -- I already said
22 that part. I have no doubt that if we looked all
23 the way back to 2011 and added natural gas and
24 horizontal production, these figures would double or
25 triple easily.

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| 1 | ridiculous 8 page conditions of other requirements | |
| 2 | added on. The superintendent and I might add | |
| 3 | this isn't the first time she hasn't showed up, you | |
| 4 | know, it's how long have we known about this | |
| 5 | meeting? She knows every month that she has a | |
| 6 | meeting she has to go to. She's showing up now | |
| 7 | because her boss found out she wasn't showing up, | |
| 8 | but it's unacceptable for her not to be here today. | |
| 9 | She's known about this. She had plenty of time to | |
| 10 | fit it into her busy schedule. | |
| 11 | MS. HALE: Susan, this is my meeting | |
| 12 | MS. FORMAN: The superintendent has | |
| 13 | reported that hundreds of permits have been approved | |
| 14 | but we all know that no work is getting accomplished | |
| 15 | due to the continued uncertainty and confusion | |
| 16 | caused by these conditions. Under no circumstances | |
| 17 | should any acreage in Osage County be excluded from | |
| 18 | development of its minerals. The ABB is going to be | |
| 19 | delisted. The number of Osage County that's the | |
| 20 | American burying beetle pardon me, the number of | |
| 21 | Osage County acres negatively impacted by the oil | |
| 22 | and gas industry in 2015 is actually less than the | |
| 23 | acres impacted in 1979, which is why it boggles the | |
| 24 | mind that the BIA is wanting to precede with this | |
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25 ill-conceived EIS, especially in light of the

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1 Donelson lawsuit discussion.

2 The BIA is in direct violation of 3 Secretarial Order 3206, enclosed, American Indian 4 Tribal Rights Federal Tribal Trust Responsibilities 5 and the Endangered Species Act because the Minerals Estate and the oil and gas industry that develops it 6 7 are impairing a disproportionate burden for the 8 conservation of enlisted species. There is no 9 comparison between the rig count production numbers 10 and economic devastation in Osage County to other 11 Oklahoma counties.

12 The federal program for wild horse 13 pastures is a cakewalk compared to what you have put 14 the most economically valuable industry which 15 enriches many hundreds of more incomes and The oil and gas industry, of course, 16 households. 17 the wind, which is the oil and gas industry, the 18 wind farms got special passes, too. The Pawhuska 19 BIA got \$2 million more to clean up their act after 20 the settlement. They have lost key personnel in 21 accounting, permitting, leasing and other areas. 22 The plats are not updated. They are not properly 23 including contracts, leases, assignments, drilling 24 and work-over programs -- permits. Backlogs and 25 mountains of paperwork have caused great

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| 1 | inefficiencies but has not been replaced. And yet | |
| 2 | you think you can implement an EIS causing more work | 2 |
| 3 | and creating new regulation and laws that you don't | |
| 4 | have the staff to enforce? | |
| 5 | I repeat what I said at the last EIS | |
| 6 | meeting: As an Osage Head Right owner I reject this | 3 |
| 7 | environmental impact statement for the Minerals | |
| 8 | Estate. It is not necessary and absolutely the | |
| 9 | wrong path to take. Please get back to your | |
| 10 | mission, which I will remind you is to enhance the | |
| 11 | quality of life, to promote economic opportunity and | ł |
| 12 | to carry out the responsibility to protect and | |
| 13 | improve the trust assets of American Indians, Indian | 1 |
| 14 | tribes and Alaska natives. Thank you. | |
| 15 | MS. HALE: Thank you very much. Bob, are | |
| 16 | you going to go next? | |
| 17 | MR. JACKMAN: Sure. | |
| 18 | MS. HALE: Okay. Bob Jackman. | |
| 19 | MR. JACKMAN: Thank you, Jeannine. Thank | |
| 20 | you, ladies and gentlemen, for being here. Susan | |
| 21 | Forman, what she said I second. I have worked with | |
| 22 | her on her compiling the notes of the investment | |
| 23 | lost here and the royalty money lost to the Tribe | |
| 24 | and also the opportunity lost to the oil and gas | |
| 25 | operators who are here. I am a certified oil and | |

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| 1 | gas petroleum geologist who testified and is |
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| 2 | certified and testified in state and federal court. |
| 3 | So much of what she said I back up well, all of |
| 4 | what she said I am backing up. There is a built-in |
| 5 | conflict in this whole process. It is in conflict |
| 6 | with your very mission statement. Your mission |
| 7 | statement is to promote oil and gas production in a |
| 8 | manner that is efficient. You're not doing this. |
| 9 | You have shut it down. To promote means to sell, to |
| 10 | get other people to join you. |
| 11 | Many of us in this industry have and |
| 12 | I've been in it for 40 years and I've done |

I've been in it for 40 years and I've done 12 13 everything from ran my own dozer to running my own 14 pipe, set my own wells, settled surface damages, we 15 know we rely on, lots of times, other people's 16 That's called promoting. You can't promote money. 17 anyone to come in to Osage County because of the 18 total failure of the BIA to follow its mission 19 statement, it's simple.

When you look at your record, you don't --I marked a sheet here of your mission statement and you get Fs on a number of things. We can't promote here. We ran off -- you have ran off some of the biggest, best and richest oil companies, also you are straining the patience and the pocketbooks of

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| 1 | many of the oil and gas operators sitting in this |
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| 2 | room by your continual obstruction as if you |
| 3 | couldn't plan better how to shut down an industry in |
| 4 | a county. As a trustee of a Minerals Estate, |
| 5 | there's not one in the United States that gets such |
| 6 | deep failing grades as the BIA, and we can prove |
| 7 | this in court and, I look forward to saying this |
| 8 | again in federal court. |
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9 Incidentally, a side note here, you bring 10 in a court reporter, you've got four attorneys here, 11 maybe five, did we agree to this? This is part of 12 your heavy-handedness again. Is there an attorney 13 out here representing all of us? So again, No. 14 this gets into the heavy-handedness of the BIA. 15 Maintaining -- you got an F on part of your mission 16 statement of maintaining accurate records of all 17 production and income received. Believe me, you 18 don't know who has what lease and where the wells 19 This is proven over daily, time and time are. 20 aqain.

We have not talked about the gas royalty loss, but rough estimates are starting back 25 years ago to now there has probably been over -- I'll be glad to quote this and take it out, \$100 million of royalty lost to the Osage shareholders. You prove

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| 1 | me different, sir, and I will buy you another Coke. |
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| 2 | That's a challenge from me to you. You got an F in |
| 3 | reviewing all incoming well records. The BIA |
| 4 | doesn't keep well records. Any promoter and, |
| 5 | yes, on occasion I'm a promoter the first thing, |
| 6 | I'm a geologist. The first thing we've got to do is |
| 7 | have quick, easy access to the well records. They |
| 8 | are not proprietary. Nobody else shuts them down |
| 9 | like the BIA does. There's people here from |
| 10 | Oklahoma Geological Survey, they will tell you, the |
| 11 | key to getting development and promoting your oil |
| 12 | and gas resources is having open access to all oil |
| 13 | and gas records. You don't have that. You have |
| 14 | shut it down again. What I say, you couldn't plan a |
| 15 | better attack to shut down the industry in this |
| 16 | county. |
| 17 | In closing, I will say there's nothing |

In closing, I will say there's nothing 17 here for the BIA to be proud of. There's nothing 18 19 here to be proud about ruining incomes, families, 20 livelihoods and ruining this county. The economy of this county has tanked. Yes, the oil and gas prices 21 22 have gone down, but this county, get this clear, 23 this county got hit with two barrels; one, oil and 24 gas prices went down, and the other aspect was the 25 total, gross, moronic mismanagement of the BIA.

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| 1 | Thank you very much, Major Jones. |
| 2 | Jeannine, you are just the messenger, so I |
| 3 | don't want you to take this too personally. I want |
| 4 | you to take this to the top management in the |
| 5 | Muskogee office and Washington DC and let them know |
| 6 | what I think, and I think I speak for a number of |
| 7 | other people, you have totally screwed up. Thank |
| 8 | you. |
| 9 | MS. HALE: Thank you, Bob. Before you |
| 10 | finalize your comments, think about something |
| 11 | constructive to say about moving forward and how to |
| 12 | improve. |
| 13 | MR. JACKMAN: Well, clean up your act |
| 14 | then. |
| 15 | OBSERVER: Get out of town. |
| 16 | MS. HALE: All right. The next person on |
| 17 | our list is Travis Keener. |
| 18 | MR. KEENER: Thank you. Travis Keener |
| 19 | with Hydration Engineering. I would like for our |
| 20 | company to be considered a resident throughout the |
| 21 | process. I think one of the main interests that we |
| 22 | have would be to see the EIS talk about the cost of |
| 23 | site-specific analysis compared to the cost of |
| 24 | drilling a vertical well, since really what we're |
| 25 | mostly talking about are vertical wells, not |

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| 1 | horizontals. They're not the big, gigantic |
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| 2 | Pennsylvania horizontals that have 15 million |
| 3 | gallons. When we frac a well here, if you ask Tri |
| 4 | AM, who has done it for 40 years, it's going to be a |
| 5 | 500-barrel frac, and that's about half the size of a |
| 6 | normal swimming pool, 21,000 gallons. We're not |
| 7 | talking about gigantic frac jobs. So I would just |
| 8 | like to see the EIS process be real, be specific. |
| 9 | You know, we've got lots of paragraphs |
| 10 | about timber harvesting, we can remove and put in |
| 11 | stuff that talks about specific costs for vertical |
| 12 | wells, precise for site-specific analysis. We've |
| 13 | done environmental assessments for three different |
| 14 | types of companies; public, private and even a |
| 15 | landowner who owned both the land and the oil lease, |
| 16 | and really all the environmental assessments were |
| 17 | the same, and from doing these, I think that the EIS |
| 18 | could go ahead and talk about what steps are |
| 19 | required from start to finish; Form 139s, the beetle |
| 20 | survey. I think you guys are already working on us |
| 21 | not having to wait 45 days for the Fish & Wildlife |
| 22 | to respond to a negative beetle survey. We know |
| 23 | where to have the beetles come. So that's really |
| 24 | good. In doing some other things in parallel, like |
| 25 | going ahead and working on the drill permit while |

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| 1 | we're in the 30-day waiting period for the once |
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| 2 | the draft EIS I mean EA has been approved in |
| 3 | this case once we have an EIS, we write an EA off of |
| 4 | it, not waiting that full 30 days to go ahead and do |
| 5 | the drill permit is a really good idea. Do some |
| 6 | things in parallel. |
| 7 | I would love to see the EIS go ahead and |
| 8 | take a stab at envisioning what the flow sheet is to |
| 9 | accomplish this environment goal that you have and |
| 10 | what can be done in parallel, because it would |
| 11 | really speed the process up. It takes about five |
| 12 | months to do one of these, and at the end of the |
| 13 | day, from my perspective, the BMPs that get stapled |
| 14 | to the drill permit are always the same, and we |
| 15 | could have just stapled those on there in the very |
| 16 | beginning. |
| 17 | I'm speaking as if we're going to have to |
| 18 | live with this new life that we're looking at. Some |
| 19 | of you guys may be able to convince them that we |
| 20 | don't have to do this, but if we do, I'm saying |
| 21 | there are things that we could improve and we could |
| 22 | make a lot faster by just having everybody agree. I |
| 23 | will live by these things that you are going to |
| 24 | staple to my drill permit, and why go through all |
| 25 | the other hoops? |

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1 I guess the other thing I don't see yet 2 and I would like to see the EIS address it, I don't see how tiering off of an EIS is really going to 3 4 save a lot. It still requires site-specific analysis. 5 The only thing it's going to do is take about 70 or 80 pages of boiler plate information out 6 7 of the 300-page document that we prepared and put it 8 into the EIS, but there's still all the site 9 specifics, so when we throw on the theory we'll be 10 able to tier off of it, I really don't think that 11 that means it will go faster and I don't think that 12 it means that it will go cheaper unless there are 13 some new process improvements done to the process, 14 because that 70 pages of boiler plate, I mean, yeah, 15 if I was typing it with an old typewriter on five carbon copies of onion skin paper every time, that 16 17 would save me a lot of time, but that's just boiler 18 plate and it can either be in the EIS or it can be 19 in my document. It doesn't matter. So tiering, to 20 me, doesn't seem to help a lot, and I quess the last 21 thing -- that's it. That's all my comments. Thank 22 you. 23 MS. HALE: Thank you so much. Paul 24 Revard. Now he's going to do a dance. 25 I'm not going to sing, MR. REVARD: No.

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| 1 | either. Hi, my name is Paul Revard. I'm an Osage |
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| 2 | shareholder, a third generation Osage County |
| 3 | Oklahoma producer on both my mother's side of the |
| 4 | family and my father's side. I put my name on the |
| 5 | list to comment because I thought there was going to |
| 6 | be a presentation for us to comment about. We had |
| 7 | already made our comments to the last draft EIS, |
| 8 | which I thought was from what you say you've |
| 9 | received substantial response. I thought maybe you |
| 10 | were coming back to us with a new proposal, and that |
| 11 | you would be addressing it and exposing it today for |
| 12 | us to comment. That's why I put my name on the |
| 13 | list, but since I had this opportunity, I think |
| 14 | that, like Chairman Waller said previous and others |
| 15 | have, too, the 1979 study we all feel like was |
| 16 | sufficient, is still in place, and I would suggest |
| 17 | that we just go back to that document and if there's |
| 18 | issues that you all have line-by-line on the current |
| 19 | 1979 study, why don't we just go back line-by-line |
| 20 | and see what needs to be updated. |
| 21 | There's mention of this new technology |
| 22 | called fracking. You know, I'm 64 years old and |

22 called fracking. You know, I'm 64 years old and 23 they invented hydraulic fractured one year before I 24 was born. Prior to that, back in the 80s they would 25 basically frac wells using cores of nitroglycerin.

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| 1 | It was pretty successful. That had the same effect |
| 2 | of making fractures, producing formations, so, you |
| 3 | know, fracking is nothing new. |
| 4 | But anyway, if we would just go back to |
| 5 | the 1979, which is still in place, and just go line |
| 6 | by line of what needs to be updated, it doesn't have |
| 7 | to be 300 pages long. So like a lot of us here in |
| 8 | the room, producers and shareholders, we have been |
| 9 | financially hit hard by all this regulation and not |
| 10 | just the regulation, just the cloud that that we |
| 11 | have that over us. Even if it's not in place yet, |
| 12 | just the fear that it's coming has run out it's |
| 13 | harmed our ability, like Bob Jackman said, for us to |
| 14 | bring in outside money, OPM, Other People's Money, |
| 15 | which a lot of us small independents, with several |
| 16 | exceptions in the room, but guys like me and Bob, |
| 17 | you know, we don't drill wells hands up with our own |
| 18 | money. We have skin in the game, but we have to |
| 19 | bring in, you know, outside financing. |
| 20 | There's no one that you know, that |
| 21 | would come into the county now with new money. I |
| 22 | don't know that I could in good conscious convince |
| 23 | somebody to come in and drill a well here in the |
| 24 | county, take their money, and, you know, I basically |
| 25 | have done this. I brought in I won't say his |
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| 1 | name, but somebody well established in Tulsa that |
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| 2 | was excited about the Indian Osage County, and we |
| 3 | came in the last lease and bought a lease to drill |
| 4 | on and its over a year-and-a-half old and, you know, |
| 5 | we can't get a well permit. We don't even have our |
| 6 | lease approved because the superintendent attached a |
| 7 | decision to it which ties our hands to the point we |
| 8 | can't even drill a well. I made my second appeal to |
| 9 | that instrument, but, you know, it's embarrassing |
| 10 | for me to have to see this gentleman occasionally |
| 11 | and he bought this lease and, you know, we can't |
| 12 | drill on it. So I'm not asking anybody to come into |
| 13 | Osage County. |
| 14 | Travis made the comment about what we |
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15 could live with and what we can't live with and this 16 EIS, and I can't live with any of it. I won't be 17 drilling anymore wells and I won't be completing 18 anymore wells in the county. I'm going to be 19 leaving the Osage County, like several already have, 20 and the ones that haven't, many are just hanging on. 21 So anyway, I appreciate this opportunity 22 for you all to come and talk to us again, but I --23 like I said, I thought we were going to have a meeting today where you were going to present a new 24 25 EIS for us to comment on. So I will yield to the

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| 1 | next. Thank you. |
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| 2 | MS. HALE: Thank you. Hopefully by the |
| 3 | time we have the next meeting, we will have met with |
| 4 | our cooperating agencies and we'll have something |
| 5 | like a hard copy or a presentation that you can |
| 6 | comment on, but we're just at the initial stages |
| 7 | right now, so we haven't drafted anything, nothing |
| 8 | is etched in stone. It's wide open right now, so I |
| 9 | appreciate everybody's comments from that |
| 10 | perspective. David House. |
| 11 | MR. HOUSE: Pretty much everything that we |
| 12 | wanted to say has been said. We're a newbie in |
| 13 | Osage County. We've only been up here for about |
| 14 | five or six years, but I can tell you that is the |
| 15 | most for 35 years before that I worked oil over |
| 16 | all the other counties in Oklahoma. Without a |
| 17 | doubt, this is today the most difficult county to do |
| 18 | business in as an oil and gas operator. There's no |
| 19 | doubt. I mean, the ability to get a drilling permit |
| 20 | in Roger Mills County is a 24 to 48-hour process. |
| 21 | You file it online. You get it back the next day. |
| 22 | There's no reason that can't happen here. It's just |
| 23 | a matter of modernizing the processes to be up to |
| 24 | date with the technological advances that have been |
| 25 | made in the industry, and that's what we haven't |

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1 seen here.

2 I just reiterate the comments that let's 3 don't let the environmental impact study overcome 4 your fundamental purpose and that is the 5 preservation, the exploitation and the enhancement of the Minerals Estate for the Osage Nation. 6 We as 7 producers go hand in hand with that because we're 8 spending capital dollars to try to do that, and when 9 our -- when we -- when I hear that there's been 100 10 permits issued, we actually got a permanent back 11 from the BIA about three weeks ago. It had been 12 filed two years prior to that. So that's -- that's 13 what -- that's the experience that our recent 14 experience is; two years to get a permit.

15 So I just think that there's -- we need to have a spirit of cooperation from the BIA. 16 Let's 17 make this thing work together for the benefit of the That's what we're all here for. 18 Nation. They own 19 this asset. You are supposed to regulate this asset 20 but you are supposed to regulate it in a way that 21 enhances it, not to the detriment of the asset, and 22 what we have seen versus all of the other -- I can't 23 see, is that red or yellow? Red? I quess I'm done. 24 MS. HALE: Everybody else has ignored it. 25 I'm sorry. So going forward, MR. HOUSE:

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| 1 | I would agree with Paul, let's start with what we |
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| 2 | know best, that's the '79, and let's adjust from |
| 3 | there. We all know the '79 best. We operated on it |
| 4 | for a number of years. If it's inadequate, okay, |
| 5 | but let me just tell you that the Osage land is in |
| 6 | much better shape today than it was 25 or 30 years |
| 7 | ago. We were really produce the producers worked |
| 8 | hard to take care of the environmental problems. |
| 9 | We're not perfect. Nobody is perfect. |
| 10 | The OERB has spent has cleaned up over |
| 11 | 900 sites in Osage County and spent over \$10 million |
| 12 | doing that in the last seven years up here, and they |
| 13 | are committed to continuing to do that. So for |
| 14 | landowners who have problems that they can't get |
| 15 | solved through the BIA, call the OERB. They won't |
| 16 | help you? |
| 17 | OBSERVER: Not if there's an operator |
| 18 | already. |
| 19 | MR. HOUSE: I'm sorry? |
| 20 | OBSERVER: Not if there's already an |
| 21 | operator on the land. |
| 22 | MR. HOUSE: Oh, okay. Yeah, if there's an |
| 23 | operator, they won't help you. I mean, that's true. |
| 24 | I apologize for that. But if you've got no |
| 25 | inactive wells and old stuff that needs to be |
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| 1 | cleaned up, call the OERB. They would love to come |
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| 2 | up here to help you do that. It's a process. It |
| 3 | takes about 18 months to get it done, but I have |
| 4 | talked to hundreds of landowners that are so pleased |
| 5 | with what the OERB can do for them. So I encourage |
| 6 | anyone who hears of someone that says, I can't get |
| 7 | my deal taken care of, call the OERB. That's what |
| 8 | they are there for. We just spent over \$100 million |
| 9 | in the state of Oklahoma, 10 percent in Osage |
| 10 | County, cleaning up old sites, so that's an asset we |
| 11 | need to utilize. |
| 12 | The last thing I want to say is that as we |
| 13 | develop new rules, they need to be more concise than |
| 14 | the last one. There were too many generic words |
| 15 | that had multiple meanings that could mean one thing |
| 16 | to me and another thing to you. What is a creek and |
| 17 | what is a pond and what is this and what is that. |
| 18 | We need to have as much specificity as possible in |
| 19 | the rules so that we know exactly what we're |
| 20 | supposed to do. Thank you very much. |
| 21 | MS. HALE: Our next speaker is Dale |
| 22 | Jessie. Dale, did you sign up? |
| 23 | MR. JESSIE: I signed the sign-in sheet. |
| 24 | MS. HALE: Do you want to speak? |
| 25 | MR. JESSIE: Do I want to speak? No, I |

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| 1 | better not. |
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| 2 | MS. HALE: Do you want me to come back to |
| 3 | you? Okay. Richard Dollar. |
| 4 | MR. DOLLAR: Many of you know me, many of |
| 5 | you don't. I'm not a landowner nor a producer nor a |
| б | tribal member. I'm a vendor. I fit into the |
| 7 | category of oilfield trash, and I do spill plans |
| 8 | from Mississippi to Utah, New Mexico to Ohio. I've |
| 9 | seen environmental problems like you've never seen |
| 10 | before. |
| 11 | But my question or my comment on this |
| 12 | is economic. As well as doing spill plans, I do |
| 13 | H-15 tests in Texas, and each month the railroad |
| 14 | commission publishes online the two about 2,000, |
| 15 | 2,500 tests that are going to be done that quarter. |
| 16 | As a vendor I can call those people and do their |
| 17 | H-15s, which is an MIT; okay? Oklahoma has no |
| 18 | system like that and I can't even get online to see |
| 19 | what Osage County has, what your wells are, do |
| 20 | anything. But in my travels and doing my work, by |
| 21 | profession I'm an investigator with a degree from |
| 22 | the University of Oklahoma and Tulsa University. I |
| 23 | was a George Kaiser investigator for 10 years. I've |
| 24 | worked for about 35 oil companies doing special |
| 25 | projects, let's just call it that. But I've done |

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| 1 | phase one environmentals, which is basically what |
| 2 | this is, in Hobbs, New Mexico, we're out there, I'm |
| 3 | looking for the sagebrush lizard for a couple of |
| 4 | weeks. Greenbrier, Arkansas, on a drilling rig so |
| 5 | they could drill, and in Big Spring, Texas, looking |
| 6 | for jackrabbits, and what I've seen in the past is |
| 7 | that these phase one environmentals can run from |
| 8 | 5,000 to 25,000 up to 250,000. |
| 9 | I'm also a real estate broker, have been |
| 10 | for 24 years, and I've seen phase one environments |
| 11 | get real expensive. What you folks have here is a |
| 12 | cookie cutter compared to what Hobbs and Greenbrier, |
| 13 | Arkansas, had, probably different topography. You |
| 14 | are in a pocket here. You've got basically the same |
| 15 | thing over and over and over. When these things end |
| 16 | up being 300 pages, there's no sense of printing 300 |
| 17 | pages every time. You can get it down to a tab |
| 18 | sheet, which might be what the '79 program was, I |
| 19 | don't know. I haven't read it. But you need to get |
| 20 | it simplified to where it doesn't cost \$5,000 for |
| 21 | each one just to drill a well. And time wise, like |
| 22 | Travis said, it takes five months to do one of |
| 23 | these. That's unrealistic, and that's basically all |

24 I have to say.

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MS. HALE: Councilman Redcorn.

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| 1 | MR. REDCORN: (Addressing the audience in |
| 2 | a native language.) |
| 3 | I'm a member of the Osage Minerals |
| 4 | Council. My name is Talee Redcorn. I was voted in |
| 5 | in 2014. It's a pleasure to serve what I've always |
| 6 | referred to as the Osage Head Right holders. I also |
| 7 | wanted to thank the representatives of the United |
| 8 | States to be here and meet with us. I want to just |
| 9 | reinforce what our Chairman Everett Waller says and |
| 10 | that we have four points that he outlined today to |
| 11 | Ms. Hale and I stand behind those comments. |
| 12 | A little history, we became associated |
| 13 | what we call (speaking native language) the large |
| 14 | knives, the long knives people, and that's the |
| 15 | United States, that's the Americans, back in 1806, |
| 16 | and these gentlemen here, as you can see, a lot of |
| 17 | those people knew the representatives of the United |
| 18 | States at that time. It was General Leavenworth and |
| 19 | General Montgomery Pike and those people, and the |
| 20 | United States dragoons at that time. We had an |
| 21 | understanding among the Americans, and we called |
| 22 | them long knife people and they called us the |
| 23 | (speaking native language), referred to us as |
| 24 | Osages. 100 years later we have what we call the |
| 25 | 1906 Act, and again the United States made maneuvers |

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and laws to re- -- what I refer to as reinforce this
 relationship of the Osages and the Americans.

3 So we come to 2006 and now we're here 4 today. I want the United States to please recall 5 that this property is owned by somebody. It's not the American people, and you've always acknowledged 6 7 that and we appreciate that, but it is for the 8 beneficiary of the Osage Head Right owners. Ι 9 reemphasize that to you today, that we build from 10 this point on, if you can, just remember who these 11 people are, that you're trying to work with us, our 12 Nation, our people and then the people you 13 represent.

14 The other thing is I wanted to come up 15 with some questions. Number one, I had a comment on the EIS process. I have not been in favor of an 16 17 I was hoping, pushing, politicking that we EIS. stick to business as usual. As I move more and more 18 19 in communicating, I think that's probably something 20 that's more blasphemous words for the BIA to 21 consider, et cetera. This is bad language to talk 22 about a categorical exclusion, I quess, in this 23 That's my question. atmosphere. And the EA in '79, 24 I see some heads shaking over there. I'm going to 25 take that as a confirmation.

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| 1 | The second question, are we talking about |
| 2 | a lease application and then the EIS stapled |
| 3 | underneath it and then that's an approved process, |
| 4 | that person can go forward and drill, or are we |
| 5 | talking about the lease application, site-specific |
| 6 | stuff that has to happen, and then the EIS is |
| 7 | stapled to all three of those sections, stapled |
| 8 | together and that's your lease application? Is that |
| 9 | more what we're talking about site-specific stuff |
| 10 | happening in this process? |
| 11 | MS. HALE: Do you want me to try to answer |
| 12 | that? This EIS, I believe we're going to go down |
| 13 | the same path as we were before, it would |
| 14 | incorporate the programmatic environmental |
| 15 | assessment that we did for leasing, and so hopefully |
| 16 | when we're done with this EIS there will not be |
| 17 | another EIS document that's required for a lease; |
| 18 | however, if you are going to require permits, such |
| 19 | as a drilling permit, you are probably still going |
| 20 | to have to have, unless you've already done an EA |
| 21 | for that particular area, an EA that's tiered to |
| 22 | this EIS and addresses site specific conditions, |
| 23 | like the creek that runs by your well or, you know, |
| 24 | if there's an endangered species there. Does that |
| 25 | answer your question? |
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| 1 | MR. REDCORN: That answers my question. |
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| 2 | Thank you, Ms. Hale. So my comment will be, and my |
| 3 | understanding that this lease stapled together with |
| 4 | site-specific stuff with the EIS on the third |
| 5 | stapled together so you can drill will have to |
| б | happen, site-specific stuff? I see some heads |
| 7 | shaking yes. |

8 I'm going to ask this. That you consider 9 as you call the Osage, you leave it blank, I would 10 appreciate that at the end of this document I just 11 read and handed it to us. You are laughing. You 12 understand what I'm saying. You consider the Osage 13 in that process. I know we're an infant group, but we want to be involved and have to shorten that to 14 15 make it more robust, make it more faster literally. 16 We cannot -- if I'm going to have to eat this thing, 17 which I feel like I'm going to have to eat it, then let's talk about that discussion there and that 18 19 process.

As we are -- as the Osage, so I also want to say that the history council -- Congressman John Baker back here, one of his people is called (speaking native language). That's a name among the Osages, it's overseer of the land, a sojourn for that land. It's a powerful name among the Osage.

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| 1 | It comes from the Dear Clan, and I'm asking you that |
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| 2 | you acknowledge, as the United States, our right to |
| 3 | sojourn over our land (speaking native language). |
| 4 | Thank you. |
| 5 | MR. BABST: I'm Charles Babst with the |
| 6 | Solicitor's Office. I wanted to follow up on what |
| 7 | Councilman Redcorn just said about site-specific |
| 8 | analysis when I was mentioning to that gentleman |
| 9 | right there the Hayes case. The Hayes case is the |
| 10 | second lawsuit that was filed against the Bureau of |
| 11 | Indian Affairs and an oil company called Chaparral, |
| 12 | maybe you've heard of it, and in that case Judge |
| 13 | Frizell ruled in December that a lease and two |
| 14 | drilling permits were invalid from the inception. |
| 15 | From the day they were signed and approved they were |
| 16 | invalid because they relied solely upon the 1979 EA |
| 17 | and because they did not have site-specific analysis |
| 18 | performed by the BIA for that lease and those two |
| 19 | drilling permits; okay. |
| 20 | OBSERVER: He later reversed himself. |
| 21 | MR. BABST: No, he did not. No, he did |
| 22 | not. I'll show you the order. |
| 23 | OBSERVER: You don't have to be |
| 24 | MR. BABST: The lease the lease is |
| 25 | invalid, void ab initio, and the two drilling |

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| 1 | permits are, too. |
| 2 | OBSERVER: Well, must not have read the |
| 3 | same lawsuit. |
| 4 | MR. BABST: He remanded the case back to |
| 5 | Indian Affairs for additional NEPA compliance work, |
| 6 | and thankfully for Chaparral he stayed Mr. Hayes' |
| 7 | trespass action against Chaparral. |
| 8 | OBSERVER: They didn't even want the damn |
| 9 | lease back anyhow. |
| 10 | MR. BABST: I'm just telling you what |
| 11 | happened. I'm answering Councilman Redcorn's |
| 12 | concern about site-specific work. We believe that |
| 13 | site-specific work will have to be done in order for |
| 14 | these leases and permits to survive other lawsuits. |
| 15 | Is that helpful, sir? |
| 16 | MR. REDCORN: Yes. |
| 17 | MS. HALE: Thank you. |
| 18 | OBSERVER: Jerk. |
| 19 | MS. HALE: Cynthia Boone, Councilwoman |
| 20 | Boone. |
| 21 | MS. BOONE: Good afternoon. My name is |
| 22 | Cynthia Boone. I'm an elected official with the |
| 23 | Osage Minerals Council. I am a landowner in Osage |
| 24 | County. My family has been here since the 1800s. |
| 25 | There have been oil wells drilled on my property, |
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| 1 | and I welcome them all. I wish there were more. I |
| 2 | am a Head Right owner. I am a beneficiary of the |
| 3 | Osage Minerals Estate. I am the only third-term |
| 4 | elected official to represent my Head Right owners. |
| 5 | The BIA mission statement says to promote |
| 6 | economic opportunity and to carry out the |
| 7 | responsibility to promote and improve the trust |
| 8 | assets. My constituents do not believe that this is |
| 9 | what happened in the first draft EIS. You stated |
| 10 | earlier that you hoped the Osage Minerals Council |
| 11 | will become a cooperating agency, yet when we |
| 12 | submitted our memorandum of understanding, all |
| 13 | references to trust responsibility and Osage |
| 14 | Minerals Estate were marked out. |
| 15 | I look forward to negotiating with you on |
| 16 | a new memorandum of understanding. One of the |
| 17 | things I don't want to see in the next draft is that |
| 18 | Galen Crum is identified as Osage Minerals Council. |
| 19 | Mr. Crum was appointed by the Osage Nation. Their |
| 20 | constituency is different than the Osage Minerals |
| 21 | Council, but yet on page 4-21 and 4-78 Galen Crum is |
| 22 | identified as an Osage Minerals councilperson. What |
| 23 | I do want to see is a preferred alternative that |
| 24 | must encompass provisions that will maximize the |
| 25 | extraction of minerals from the Osage Minerals |

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| 1 | Estate for the benefit of the Osage Head Right |
| 2 | owners as the only beneficiary of this Osage |
| 3 | Minerals Estate. It's not the Osage Nation. Thank |
| 4 | you. |
| 5 | MS. HALE: That's actually everyone who |
| 6 | signed up so far. Except for Dale. I'm going to |
| 7 | come back around to Dale. Do you want to say |
| 8 | anything? |
| 9 | MR. JESSIE: Not at this meeting. |
| 10 | MS. HALE: Is there anybody else? Would |
| 11 | you state your name for the record, sir? |
| 12 | MR. SICKING: Sure. My name is Jamie |
| 13 | Sicking. I wanted to talk about something I heard |
| 14 | earlier. That is you said the BIA made the |
| 15 | determination that an EIS was the best way to go |
| 16 | without doing an EA first. Isn't that correct? |
| 17 | MR. SIMPSON: That's |
| 18 | MS. HALE: It should be on the record, |
| 19 | yes. |
| 20 | MR. SICKING: And that's that was done |
| 21 | even in light of the fact that the last time they |
| 22 | did an EA we were producing and drilling four times |
| 23 | as much as we are now and we had a FONSI at that |
| 24 | point, so we've reduced our efforts by 75 percent |
| 25 | and yet you are not willing to run an EA up the |

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| 1 | flagpole to see if we can't get a FONSI right out of |
| 2 | the gate? I mean, is that that's what that's |
| 3 | the decision that was made to not even consider the |
| 4 | thing that worked last time when we were doing four |
| 5 | times as much work, we're not even going to try that |
| 6 | route? That's based on, I think you said air and |
| 7 | water quality, right? So do we have an air and |
| 8 | water quality expert here in Osage. |
| 9 | MR. SIMPSON: I was asked for examples of |
| 10 | environmental impacts and those were the examples I |
| 11 | gave. There's a lot more examples than that, like |
| 12 | the list that Jeannine put up on her slide. |
| 13 | MR. SICKING: Okay. All right. So let's |
| 14 | get on with this to NEPA. NEPA requires that the |
| 15 | government be informed when they make a decision. |
| 16 | That's it. It just requires that they take a hard |
| 17 | look at what they are doing. That's it. And |

somehow you guys have managed to get off the rail so 18 19 badly that we're looking at a document that imposes 20 regulations, when, in fact, NEPA only requires that you say, yeah, I looked at that and I approved it. 21 22 It's about informed decision-making and that's from 23 the Hayes decision that NEPA is not about new regulation at all. It's just that the government, 24 25 when they make a decision, that they are informed.

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| 1 | Now, I'm not sure how we've gotten so far |
| 2 | afield, but as it pertains to this EIS that we're |
| 3 | putting together, let's just try to tailor it back |
| 4 | to taking a hard look at the environmental impact. |
| 5 | It's not the EIS' responsibility to try to fix any |
| 6 | of the environmental issues it sees. It just says, |
| 7 | yeah, I looked at that. That's what NEPA says. |
| 8 | NEPA has turned somehow this molehill is now a |
| 9 | mountain, and if you look at the Hayes decision, |
| 10 | it's clear that Frizell is seeing what's happened, |
| 11 | and he says, oh, no, it's just supposed to be a hard |
| 12 | look. All you are supposed to do is say, yeah, I |
| 13 | was aware, I made an informed decision, and somebody |
| 14 | has really taken the ball and run with it in the |
| 15 | wrong direction. |
| 16 | You said earlier when we need to operate |
| 17 | in a responsible manner and that we need to cut down |
| 18 | on unnecessary pollution. Are you implying we are |
| 19 | not operating currently in a safe manner and that we |

on unnecessary pollution. Are you implying we are not operating currently in a safe manner and that we are not cutting down on pollution when we can, because it kind of feels like if you are going to make these accusations and use them as reasoning behind putting all these burdens on us, then you ought to be able to show us where we made our mistakes, because we've got a pretty clean county,

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| 1 | and to be treated as if we didn't and punished, I |
| 2 | mean, it just rubs us the wrong way. |
| 3 | MS. HALE: Jamie, I think that was stated |
| 4 | as a goal not an accusation. |
| 5 | MR. SICKING: Right, but if our goal, say, |
| 6 | is to score 7 points and I score 10 points a game, |
| 7 | then it kind of seems weird. You said that you guys |
| 8 | wanted stakeholders to be on this committee. Are |
| 9 | you going to invite |
| 10 | MS. HALE: We don't have a committee. I'm |
| 11 | sorry, you misunderstood. |
| 12 | MR. SICKING: I'm sorry, I thought one of |
| 13 | your slides said you wanted input from all the |
| 14 | stakeholders and you were going to |
| 15 | MS. HALE: We do want input from |
| 16 | stakeholders. There's not a committee. |
| 17 | MR. SICKING: Well, for, let's say, the |
| 18 | memorandum of understanding, people want a seat at |
| 19 | the table. Are you going to offer the Osage |
| 20 | Producers' Association |
| 21 | MS. HALE: No, sir. |
| 22 | MR. SICKING: as a stakeholder a seat |
| 23 | at the table. |
| 24 | MS. HALE: No, sir. |
| 25 | MR. SICKING: Who knows more about |
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| 1 | producing oil and gas in Osage County and how it's |
| 2 | done? |
| 3 | MS. HALE: Let me clarify. Under CEQ |
| 4 | regulations, which I'm sure as an attorney you have |
| 5 | read, it talks about cooperating agencies and who |
| 6 | qualifies. |
| 7 | MR. SICKING: Uh-huh. |
| 8 | MS. HALE: It doesn't include nonprofits |
| 9 | and trade organizations and that sort of thing. |
| 10 | That doesn't mean you don't have a seat at the table |
| 11 | in developing this EIS, because you will have |
| 12 | multiple opportunities to have input such as you |
| 13 | have today. |
| 14 | MR. SICKING: Doesn't I think |
| 15 | doesn't it allow for us to have a seat at the table |
| 16 | on a subcommittee that also sits at the table? |
| 17 | MS. HALE: There isn't a committee. |
| 18 | MR. SICKING: I'm sorry if you don't like |
| 19 | the term, but the fact is if you guys want this deal |
| 20 | to work the first time, it would make sense to run |
| 21 | it by the people that have to make it work the first |
| 22 | time. Not, hey, go put it in and then, oh, sorry |
| 23 | that pie is half cooked, I didn't know it had to |
| 24 | bake for 30 minutes when we could have told us. |
| 25 | Yeah, 30 minutes, 350, because we're out there every |

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| 1 | day. It seems to me that might be a nice place to |
| 2 | start. |
| 3 | Just want to touch on that Hayes lawsuit |
| 4 | again. He did say void ad initio in his December |
| 5 | ruling. |
| 6 | MR. BABST: And he said invalid in the |
| 7 | second. |
| 8 | MR. SICKING: And he said invalid in the |
| 9 | second. There's a huge difference. Void ad initio |
| 10 | is you've got a lot of trouble. Invalid means the |
| 11 | BIA can do something to make it valid |
| 12 | MR. BABST: We are. |
| 13 | MR. SICKING: I have another question. |
| 14 | Mr. Winlock, it's my understanding that the BIA, |
| 15 | when they get a 139 drilling permit or something, |
| 16 | they send somebody out to look at the location, eyes |
| 17 | on. |
| 18 | MR. WINLOCK: Yes. |
| 19 | MR. SICKING: Okay. That's all that NEPA |
| 20 | requires, except you also have to put a paragraph in |
| 21 | the file that says I went and looked at it, and we |
| 22 | don't have that paragraph in the file. We've done |
| 23 | the work, but BIA has done the work when it comes to |
| 24 | taking a hard look. All I have to do is say, yeah, |
| 25 | I was there, it's 250 |

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| 1 | OBSERVER: Jamie, they never have come out |
| 2 | and looked at any of my wells. |
| 3 | MR. SICKING: I don't know. It's my |
| 4 | understanding they go to every one. That's part of |
| 5 | the 139 permitting process is they have an eyes-on |
| 6 | guy. The problem has come from not documenting it |
| 7 | and not saying, hey, per NEPA, I went out and looked |
| 8 | at it and it's a lack of documentation on the part |
| 9 | of the BIA, not even a lack of doing the job. |
| 10 | So I think I would ask, going forward, |
| 11 | that somebody who has some decision-making authority |
| 12 | take a hard look at what NEPA actually says, and |
| 13 | it's that you just make an informed decision, not |
| 14 | that you do anything about it. It's just, yeah, I |
| 15 | knew that when I made the decision. This just seems |
| 16 | like another way to pile on and it's unfortunate. |
| 17 | Those people have been through enough. |
| 18 | MS. HALE: I think I saw Shane. Good |
| 19 | evening. Would you state your name? |
| 20 | MR. MATTSON: My name is Shane Mattson. |
| 21 | To quote Charles Winstrom (phonetic), It's like deja |
| 22 | vu all over again. My name is Shane Mattson. I'm |
| 23 | the president of the Osage Producers Association. |
| 24 | The Osage Producers Association is a nonprofit |
| 25 | organization filled with producers and service |

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| 1 | industry focused on Osage County oil and gas |
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| 2 | operations. We are pleased that the BIA recognizes |
| 3 | that the Osage oil and gas EIA EIS requires a |
| 4 | significant midcourse correction. As the EIS |
| 5 | process requires a statement of the range of issues |
| 6 | of possible alternatives, the basic alternative must |
| 7 | be the administration of an oil and gas permitting |
| 8 | process, which is supported by and consistent with |
| 9 | existing federal law and regulation. The |
| 10 | alternatives should include permit processing |
| 11 | improvements, allowing quick turnaround permit |
| 12 | applications unless there are unique environmental |
| 13 | issues. The alternatives should acknowledge |
| 14 | contentious issues and the BIA's limitations in |
| 15 | providing solutions. |
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16 If the BIA wishes to consider mitigation 17 alternatives; such as esthetics, noise, which are 18 not supported by existing laws and regulations, the 19 proposed changes must be identified as such. The 20 analysis of such alternatives must provide for the 21 continuation of business as usual and the 22 uncertainty of success.

The BIA need only describe the environment of Osage County as necessary for the responsible official to make a, quote, detailed statement on the

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| 1 | environmental impact of the proposed action from the |
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| 2 | NEPA Act. A complete description of the Osage |
| 3 | County environment entails impacts from cattle and |
| 4 | creeks, wind farms, urbanization, rural residential |
| 5 | development, et cetera. Only those aspects of the |
| 6 | Osage environment relevant to the proposed action |
| 7 | within the BIA's authority should be included. |
| 8 | The BIA should recognize the environmental |
| 9 | benefits which resulted from the U.S. EPA |
| 10 | administered Spill Prevention Control and |
| 11 | Countermeasures Regulations and the Underground |
| 12 | Injection Control Regulations. If there are |
| 13 | failures or shortcomings in these areas, the EPA's |
| 14 | response should be incorporated into the EIS. The |
| 15 | BIA's plate is full. It can ill afford to |
| 16 | redundantly embrace environmental measures |
| 17 | administered by other agencies. |
| 18 | Compliance with existing laws and |
| 19 | regulations must be a premise of the EIS, and Osage |
| 20 | must absolutely be competitive with adjacent |
| 21 | counties for investment. The BIA must carry out its |
| 22 | Endangered Species Act obligation by presenting to |
| 23 | the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service a biological |
| 24 | assessment related to the American burying beetle in |
| 25 | the beginning of the ESA Section 7 consultation. |

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1 While the draft EIS is in process, the 2 current highly redundant site-specific environmental 3 assessment must be streamlined. Special provisions 4 attached to drilling permits, which are not 5 supported by existing laws and regulations and are not enforceable, should be avoided. 6 The current 7 environmental assessment process in combination with 8 a project-by-project American burying beetle 9 procedures have presented -- have prevented new 10 wells from even being considered because of delayed 11 costs and uncertainty that otherwise would be 12 producing today to the benefit of the Osage Minerals 13 Estate.

14 We as the OPA are encouraged by the BIA 15 expressing interest in working with, "others" to gather information and work to prepare a revised 16 17 The Osage Producers' Association wishes to be EIS. 18 a participant, and in your document it says the BIA 19 will work with cooperating agencies and others. We 20 consider ourselves others. We would be pleased to 21 participate in any and all aspects. It's wonderful 22 today to see my friend Neil Suneson with the 23 Oklahoma Geological Survey here and to see that the OGS is considering executing a memorandum of 24 25 understanding.

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| 1 | Two additional agencies I would recommend |
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| 2 | that you speak with would be the United States |
| 3 | Geological Survey, who has a 100-year publishing |
| 4 | record on the oil and gas resources of Osage County, |
| 5 | and the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. The |
| 6 | Oklahoma Corporation Commission can explain to you |
| 7 | how the process works outside of this county, and |
| 8 | perhaps there are things that could be incorporated |
| 9 | into the process that will speed things up. I think |
| 10 | they would benefit, both agencies the USGS and the |
| 11 | Oklahoma Corporation Commission, in participating. |
| 12 | In order to participate in environment |
| 13 | in order to anticipate environmental impact, it's |
| 14 | necessary to establish the full scope of future oil |
| 15 | and gas development. Paraphrasing Neil Morris, |
| 16 | prediction can be difficult when it involves the |
| 17 | future; nevertheless, we believe we are uniquely |
| 18 | qualified as the OPA to make developmental forecasts |
| 19 | and will endeavor to do so if allowed to |
| 20 | participate. We will submit written comments on |
| 21 | May 8th elaborating on my remarks and further |
| 22 | defining our proposal to prepare a forecast of oil |
| 23 | and gas activities. Thank you. |
| 24 | MS. HALE: I am not sure if USGS is here |
| 25 | tonight. Bill Andrews was going to attend. We do |

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| 1 | have somebody? Okay. That's great. I just wanted |
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| 2 | folks to know we did invite USGS. We certainly |
| 3 | reach out to other folks as well, as suggested, and |
| 4 | it's encouraging to hear your remarks that you are |
| 5 | willing to participate and give us additional |
| б | information, such as production forecasts and that |
| 7 | sort of thing. So did we have anybody else that |
| 8 | wanted okay. Myron. |
| 9 | MR. REDCORN: Hi, name is Myron Redcorn. |
| 10 | I'm a former member of the Osage Minerals Council |

11 Second Osage Minerals Council. (Speaking native 12 language). I've been out of the loop for guite a 13 while now, but I hear things and I talk to people and ask around about what's going on, and they all 14 15 give me just about the same answer and it's not 16 getting any better, and I just have one question. 17 I've talked to several people about this, and in our 18 studies I've even talked to Dr. Hunter about it and 19 questioned her about it, and she doesn't really have 20 a whole lot to say about it, but the question I have for this session is: Are these environmental 21 22 studies done on the same leases as -- twice or every 23 time? Richard, you may be able to 24 MS. HALE:

answer this better than I. My understanding is we

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| 1 | have some records, Richard Beaty, our archeologist |
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| 2 | at the Osage Agency, always checks his records to |
| 3 | see if a survey has been done before, and if it has |
| 4 | been whether or not it needs to be updated or not, |
| 5 | but I don't believe usually they are done twice. |
| 6 | MR. WINLOCK: No, a lot of times the oil |
| 7 | companies do a block survey, too. |
| 8 | MR. REDCORN: That was my biggest concern, |
| 9 | you know, because a lot of the producers that come |
| 10 | in here, all they talk about is expediting it, |
| 11 | speeding the process up. That would be an excellent |
| 12 | thing to do, you know, if it's already been done |
| 13 | before, why do it again. I know I'm a landowner |
| 14 | myself and the graveyard our family graveyard, it |
| 15 | was vandalized, some of the pictures we had of my |
| 16 | uncles were shot out, and I can see the importance |
| 17 | of archeological studies like that, but also we have |
| 18 | to think about who helps us in the county and that's |
| 19 | the Osage producers. We need to do everything we |
| 20 | can to help them because as far as I'm concerned |
| 21 | it's going to be around forever. Thank you. |
| 22 | MS. HALE: Thank you so much. |
| 23 | MS. JONES: I'm Jill Jones. I'm the board |
| 24 | chair of Osage Nation Energy Services, LLC. I'm an |
| 25 | Osage tribal member. I wanted to emphasize I'm not |

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| 1 | speaking on behalf of Chief's office or on behalf of | |
| 2 | the Osage Nation. We are an independent company | |
| 3 | under the Nation, so I'm really only speaking on | |
| 4 | behalf of our board and reflecting some comments | |
| 5 | that we have previously about the EIS. | |
| 6 | We agree with Chairman Waller and the | |
| 7 | Minerals Council that any measures to address | |
| 8 | impacts cannot and must not violate the trust | |
| 9 | responsibility owed by the United States to promote | |
| 10 | the development of the Osage Minerals Estate. This | |
| 11 | must be considered first and foremost by BIA in | |
| 12 | relation to all aspects of the EIS. | |
| 13 | It is imperative that the EIS be | |
| 14 | specifically formulated for the unique and | |
| 15 | specialized situation existing in Osage County, most | |
| 16 | importantly that the Osage Minerals Estate is held | |
| 17 | in trust and that the responsibility for developing | |
| 18 | the Minerals Estate lies with the BIA. This results | |
| 19 | in an area in Osage County where energy development | |
| 20 | is one primary component of the economy and | |
| 21 | historically supported by the Osage Nation and its | |
| 22 | operating partners. We believe it's not feasible to | |
| 23 | utilize the same type of document or wording. | |
| 24 | Resource conservation measures or procedures in the | |
| 25 | EIS that are used for other federal lands related to | |
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1 areas where oil and gas development or any type of 2 energy development is not a priority, such as 3 federal lands, public lands, and that sort of thing. 4 It is our opinion that the BIA is required 5 to review the EIS from the perspective of the 6 specific type of land and the type of energy 7 development prevalent in the Osage and not use 8 references which are applicable to other areas or 9 federal lands where that type of development is 10 typically not promoted or even allowed. More 11 specifically BIA must formulate this EIS for the 12 specific purpose of meeting the requirements of 13 Osage energy development rather than starting with 14 documentation and wording or templates meant for 15 other purposes and simply trying to remove references and measures which do not or should not 16 17 apply in the case of Osage County. 18 We also believe the intent and final 19 outcome of this EIS must be defined right up front, 20 especially as it relates to the CFRs. There needs 21 to be clarification on what the record of decision, 22 or the ROD, will address as a result of the EIS and 23 how this integrates with the existing regulations 24 that are already in place. From a process

25 perspective, we don't support outlining a variety of

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| 1 | BMPs or RCMs which are then applied at the |
| 2 | discretion of the Osage BIA Agency or the |
| 3 | superintendent. |
| 4 | Without exactly defined process for |
| 5 | applying rules and measures to manage oil and gas |
| 6 | activities, the operating environment continues to |
| 7 | be unstable and this practice makes profitable oil |
| 8 | and gas operations difficult to achieve from a |
| 9 | business standpoint. So a concern for us is that |
| 10 | future implementation of RCMs and other measures |
| 11 | included in the EIS will be at the discretion of the |
| 12 | BIA Osage Agency or the superintendent without a |
| 13 | specifically defined or documented procedure. But |
| 14 | this lack of specific details on implementation |
| 15 | would create an extremely subjective process which |
| 16 | does not support the consistency and management |
| 17 | required for effective implementation of the Osage |
| 18 | Minerals Estate. Any action must be defined |
| 19 | specifically and not left to later interpretation by |
| 20 | the BIA. |
| 21 | To close, we stress any measures to |
| 22 | address impacts cannot and must not violate the |

address impacts cannot and must not violate the 22 trust responsibility owed by the United States to 23 24 promote the development of the Osage Minerals 25 Estate. We agree that better consultation with the

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| 1 | Osage Minerals Council and the Osage Nation is | |
| 2 | required as part of this process, and we agree with | |
| 3 | the Osage Minerals Council that the development of | |
| 4 | the EIS must be tailored to fit the unique | |
| 5 | requirements of the Osage Minerals Estate in order | |
| 6 | for BIA to meet its trust responsibility. Thank | |
| 7 | you. | |
| 8 | MS. HALE: I'm looking to see if anybody | |
| 9 | else has their hand raised. Have we missed anyone? | |
| 10 | MR. MAKER: I'm John Maker. I'm an Osage | |
| 11 | tribal member, 3/4th Osage, from Hominy, Oklahoma. | |
| 12 | I am a landowner and Head Right owner. I also sit | |
| 13 | on the Osage Nation Congress, but I'm not here as a | |
| 14 | representative of the Congress nor am I allowed to | |
| 15 | be. | |
| 16 | So what I would like I would like to | |
| 17 | see some cooperation here. I see I hear I see | ž |
| 18 | two sides here. What I think we need here is a lot | |
| 19 | more cooperation between the producers and everybody | 7 |
| 20 | who has an interest in this needs to be allowed to | |
| 21 | sit at the table in negotiations. That's the key to |) |
| 22 | any realistic outcome, a positive outcome is to have | ž |
| 23 | everybody involved, not just a few, especially here | |
| 24 | in the Osage Reservation. | |
| 25 | Our history goes way back with the | |
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| 1 | government, as we all know. I know all you people |
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| 2 | here are well educated, and the Osage people have a |
| 3 | long relationship with the government and as we all |
| 4 | know we are the only Indian tribe that has a Mineral |
| 5 | Estate on the planet here. So we have a special |
| 6 | relationship with the government as we all know, as |
| 7 | you know, and I would say that the Osage people |
| 8 | through history have been very generous with our |
| 9 | assets here. During all the wars that we've been |
| 10 | involved in; WW1, WW2, even before that, the |
| 11 | Revolutionary War, we've always had a hand in the |
| 12 | history of this government, this country, these |
| 13 | United States of America. |
| 14 | So all we want is a chance to have our |

So all we want is a chance to have our ± 4 15 constitutional rights to the pursuit of a life and 16 the revenue and to be business owners and have --17 and just have the right to pursue happiness here, 18 but I would like to say that the Osage Nation has 19 had a lot of adversity through the years, centuries, 20 throughout floods, war, but I never thought that a beetle would be one of our greatest adversaries. 21 22 The great Osage Nation, warrior tribe of people, to 23 a standstill by a bug. 24

OBSERVER: Kill them all.

25 In closing, I would have to MR. MAKER:

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| 1 | say I would like to see a lot more cooperation here, | |
| 2 | and I think everybody with an interest here has the | |
| 3 | right to be involved in negotiations. Thank you. | |
| 4 | MS. HALE: Thank you so much. | |
| 5 | MS. FORMAN: Can I ask a question of | |
| 6 | Congressman Maker, if possible? It's to clarify. | |
| 7 | When you said we are the only tribe that has a | |
| 8 | Minerals Estate, did you mean we are the only tribe | |
| 9 | that purchased with their own money, their own | |
| 10 | Minerals Estate? The gentleman at the table was | |
| 11 | shaking his head. | |
| 12 | MR. MAKER: In the history, from what I | |
| 13 | know, I don't know of another tribe in the United | |
| 14 | States that has a Minerals Estate like we do. | |
| 15 | MS. FORMAN: I think there's plenty that | |
| 16 | have oil and gas, but we bought ours, fee simple. | |
| 17 | MR. MAKER: We actually bought our own | |
| 18 | land and | |
| 19 | MR. BABST: Only one purchased. | |
| 20 | MR. MAKER: Okay. I stand corrected on my | |
| 21 | statement that we were the only. We were the only | |
| 22 | ones that did, in fact, buy our only reservation. | |
| 23 | MS. FORMAN: Thank you. | |
| 24 | MS. HALE: Thank you, sir. We will bring | |
| 25 | conclusion to our public comment period. To just to | |

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| 1 | reiterate, I don't see anybody else with their hands |
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| 2 | up. We are going to take these comments back and |
| 3 | the additional ones that we hopefully get some more |
| 4 | on our e-mail address or in the mail. We're going |
| 5 | to put the Power Point up on our website, and then |
| 6 | we'll have a transcript of the comments as well that |
| 7 | we will review, and it usually takes a little while |
| 8 | for us to get that transcript and get that posted. |
| 9 | Is there any other question about our process that |
| 10 | we can answer? Shane? |
| 11 | MR. MATTSON: How do we obtain the |
| 12 | transcripts of the last EIS meeting. |
| 13 | MS. HALE: Shane, I thought it was up on |
| 14 | the website. Is it not? Is there not a link to it? |
| 15 | MR. MATTSON: Not that I've seen. |
| 16 | MS. HALE: It is? We have conflicting |
| 17 | if it's not, I know I've sent it by e-mail to, I |
| 18 | think, Councilwoman Boone, I think I actually sent |
| 19 | it to you, didn't I. |
| 20 | MS. BOONE: Yes, you did. |
| 21 | MS. HALE: I'm happy to send it if you |
| 22 | can't get to it. |
| 23 | MR. MATTSON: Thank you. |
| 24 | MS. HALE: Anything else about the next |
| 25 | steps or the process? All right. Thanks for |

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