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Joi Losee, hello. Yeah, the EPA assures me that I can address the aquifer issue, and therefore I will, thank you. And what -- basically, I'm upset because it was dropped from the environmental impact report, and I feel it's very vital, since there's a great inconsistency of what is in the report and what you are doing as the City of Santa Rosa. You are doing aquifer injection. And yet it's not in the environmental impact report. So here is my letter objecting to that.

Okay. Other things I'd like to talk about that is not in the Environmental Impact Report is the relationship between surface water, ground water, and the Russian River water.

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I see a lot of irrigation going on. I drive down stony point road, and I see all these sprinklers going. I think "hmm, we have a clay bed. I wonder if that's hitting that clay bed, and I wonder if it's going right down into those channels." And then I wonder if it's going right on out to the Russian River.

I would like that addressed. Okay. Then I'm thinking, "hmm, well, where is the recharge areas? Where is the river recharged?" I don't know where they are. They were not addressed in the environmental impact report. I would like -- I am worried about my drinking water. I think these people out here are also worried. They're worried about the Russian River water. And I feel that there has to be some kind of testing system in effect where you can find out what is in your drinking water. Is it contaminated?

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We must address -- the Environmental Impact Statement should address all these contaminants. We want to know about these contaminants. We want to know what they are, what they do to our bodies, and the woman who swims in the river should be able to know exactly what her risks are. Okay. Another issue that we have to do is the surface runoff. I know that grapes are coming in. I understand from the grape people that it's one of the fastest growing industries. It's also treated by bromine. I want to know what the runoff is. If it's bromine, I know that some bromines can cause cancer. Is it going to go down into the river? Is it going to go underground into my aquifer system? I would like these questions answered. In the draft statement, they indicate that the only carcinogens that are going to be reported are carcinogens that are above reported limits. Come on. We want to know all of them. We want to know what they do, we want to know where they are.

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I would like that investigated more in the health risks of chemical -- of chemicals in the water. One more thing, I say that I've really learned a lot from other people talking at this convention -- or this Environmental Impact Report committee, so thank you very much.

**Mayor Wright:**

Thank You, Joi. Bob Ottensmeyer, followed by Francis Shurtliff, followed by Bob Smithfield.