



Re: Request for Oral Argument

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Subject: Re: Request for Oral Argument

Mr. Lum,

When you called me this morning asking for assistance in understanding the petition process before the Environmental Appeals Board, I recommended that you contact Ms. Eurika Durr, Clerk for the Board, to make sure you understood the Board's requirements for filings and submissions to the Board, including a request for oral argument.

I also explained that the parties in this case (the other petitioners, Shell and EPA Region 10) had agreed to accept electronic service through email. In doing so, however, I emphasized that the Board did not generally accept documents by email and therefore recommended that you call Ms. Durr.

It does not appear that you copied Ms. Durr on your email requesting oral argument. I have copied Ms. Durr here and again encourage you to contact her to make sure you understand the Board's filing and service requirements.

Sincerely,

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I, Daniel Lum, hereby request an opportunity for oral argument to the Environmental Appeals Board regarding the air permits issued for Lease sale 193

I believe the EAB has erred by the issuance of these permits and I believe the Board would benefit greatly by oral argument at this stage of the permitting process. Here is the basis for my request for oral argument:

1) The EAB is at a pivotal moment in history: the decision made regarding this specific permit will have complete and permanent impacts to an entire coastal subsistence culture

According to law, the EPA is compelled not to issue air permits that have negative impacts of minority population

If ever there were a situation where that would occur, it is within these specific air permits. The EAB must discuss the cultural impacts through the contamination/change of diet and the associated cultural impacts through those changes.

The huge amounts of exhaust/particulates to be emitted will have devastating affects to our food chain -- our main food source, the Bowhead Whale is a giant filter feeder. When we start getting contamination in our food source, what will the E.P.A. have us eat? Are there studies done to understand the affects of impending food contamination, the cultural affects of a changing diet and what will we replace our marine mammal food source with?

The EPA has not clarified if this impending (and acknowledged) amount of contaminants is acceptable to ingest. How will we eat? How will we know it is safe? Does the EAB understand this?

2) The complete lack of demonstration of oil spill response capability by the air permit applicants is atrocious. The industry has invested heavily in a fleet of spill response vehicles, and also touts its ability to effectively respond to various oil spill scenarios in the ocean, in association to these air permits. But they have yet to demonstrate that supposed ability to our Inupiat people, whose food zone they intend to operate in.

Why does the EPA give the industry a "free pass" to avoid forcing them to demonstrate their spill response capability? Wouldn't a clearer understanding of their true response ability be beneficial for all? For a project of this magnitude, spill response demonstration must be a prerequisite!

In other industries, for example the nuclear power industry, there are safeguards and rules and regulations. I am sure that some type of proven containment is required by the EPA in a nuclear reactor, in landfills or in chemical plants. Why are you allowing the oil industry to bypass this important hurdle? If industry has all of the equipment, touts that it is functional -- what harm could come of them demonstrating their ability?

After all these years fighting for these permits -- why has the industry completely failed to demonstrate, even once, that they have containment

ability? I propose to the EAB that the oil industry has not demonstrated their clean up ability because they simply have no ability.

Where are the practice drills?

Where are the reports that show they can respond?

Where is the documentation that shows they actually can do what they say?

It is a giant farce. A lie.

The EPA is being lied to by the industry. They say they can respond. We know it is impossible. Wouldn't it be prudent and logical to at the LEAST ask them to show us their safety net before we expose our food zones to them?

In conclusion, I ask the EAB to hold oral argument. I am not a lawyer. I am not getting paid to do this, but I have a sincere interest in the activities that are going to affect my children and all our future generations.

I urge the EAB to hold oral argument on these issues. They must be addressed. The finality of your decisions will have a permanent impact on my children, our culture and our complete way of life. You must hear oral arguments. You must hear it. If you are a fair and open minded board, you will give me the opportunity to address these issues, and hopefully come to an understanding or conclusion to many open questions.

I am honored as a United States Citizen to be continued in this process.

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Here is the confirmation of the second filing I mentioned.

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CDX has received your file and will forward it to the Clerk of the Environmental Appeals Board. You need not file any other copies of your document(s) with the Board, except in certain limited circumstances that are explained in the Board's Standing Orders of January 28, 2010. In general, if the length of your document or the combined page length of all your exhibits exceeds 50 pages, you must send by U.S. Mail or deliver by hand, courier, or commercial delivery service to the Board an identical paper copy of that document or set of exhibits within one business day of the date of electronic filing. If you submit a paper copy of any document or set of exhibits, it must be accompanied by a signed certification stating that the paper copy is identical to the filed electronic copy, and it should be signed in blue ink. For more detailed information, please consult the Standing Order pertinent to your appeal and the Board's website, www.epa.gov/eab, in particular the "Electronic Filing" and "Frequently Asked Questions" web pages.

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