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1 Social and Environmental Justice Team for the United
2 Church of Christ, and that's one of the reasons I do what
3 I do, but mainly community education is what it's all
4 about. And thank you so much for being here today.

5 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

6 Sir, thank you for your patience on that.

7 MR. CARLTON: Hello. My name is Lee
8 Carlton [phonetic]. I'm a father and a veteran of the
9 United States Navy. I served aboard submarines and --
10 oh, sorry. There it is.

11 Hi. My name is Lee Carlton. I'm a father, resident
12 of Seattle, and veteran of the United States Navy where I
13 worked aboard a nuclear submarine as a reactor operator.

14 And I would also like to acknowledge that we are on
15 Duwamish land and that we ought to all recognize,
16 especially the Department of Interior and the federal
17 government should recognize the Duwamish people and grant
18 them federal recognition. They are -- their long houses
19 were burned by white settlers, and they were chased from
20 this land. And now the land, the waterway that bears
21 their name, the Duwamish River, is being affected by
22 climate change, which is being driven by coal, the coal
23 industry, as the largest single segment.

24 And I think it is essential that we recognize that
25 never in any of the wars that have been fought on this

1 planet have there been nations erased from the surface of
2 the earth. Never have there been people entirely
3 eradicated by the actions that we have taken in fighting
4 wars, but that is what we are doing knowingly now by
5 continuing to extract fossil fuels, and especially coal,
6 and burning them.

7 We know that the safe -- the maximum safe level of
8 carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is 350 parts per
9 million. It is right now 408 parts per millions and we
10 are on a trajectory, even with the decisions, the
11 treaties that were made in Paris, that will carry us far
12 higher than that. We need to take every possible action.

13 This is something that was drilled into us while we
14 were serving in the nuclear industry that there were --
15 there's a long shelf full of books we had to understand,
16 but in an emergency we needed to take action and we are
17 right now in an emergency.

18 I understand that you're looking at a three-year
19 process, but I would urge you to immediately cease the
20 extraction of coal from public lands, extend the
21 moratorium on leases indefinitely, and look at rescinding
22 the existing leases.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. BATTS: Next up I have is No. 149
25 followed by 151.