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Comments: Dear Sirs,

I write again to protest the inadequacy of the 30-day comment period given how much content must be digested in order to provide comprehensive comments. The Preliminary Environmental Assessment itself runs to 137 pages and including the Supporting Documents as well, yields a total of more than 250 pages, some of which have been available only since 27 March 2024. Digesting this flood of information is like trying to drink from a fire-hose, and the result is a process that might well have been designed to discourage meaningful comments.

NEPA regulation CFC Title 40, Part 1501.5e states that the "text of an environmental assessment shall be no more than 75 pages" in the absence of a written decision to the contrary. Given 75 pages, as required, a 30-day comment period would allow digestion of 2.5 pages per day, and by this reasonable standard, the comment period should be 100 days! But even extending the comment period for another 30 days, until 9 May 2024, would be vastly better than the current situation.