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LB 536, was using that 100 million gallons, breaking that down into 30-day period. They did that when they signed the contracts. One thing then they did was say that if you're--and we talk about a portable still. It's really not a portable still, because the way the contracts are signed now, you cannot bring in something and dismantle it or move it out, that it does have to be part of the completed project. That part that produces 100,000 gallon has to be part of the completed project in order to qualify. And I think there are a couple of them. I think Ravenna has got...part of their plant is going to be a research and development plant that will be part of the completed plant. So that would qualify them. There was also a mention just a little bit about the LB 775 money. There was a discussion about if they weren't up and running with the total plant and they qualified their EPIC fund, they would not be able to tap into the LB 775 money. We was afraid that would preclude anybody in the next five years that would build a plant that they could not get LB 775 monies. The way it is written now, that if they do get EPIC money, EPIC funds, and not producing that 15 million in October, then they would not qualify for LB 775. If they were not able to qualify for EPIC funds, they would qualify for LB 775. And I think that's the way we should go, and I support that. And...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KREMER: ...thank you, Senator Baker, for all you've done on this, and for bringing out these amendments. And I think it's very necessary that we get it clarified, so everybody is on the same level of the playing field. I think the four plants that are coming up made a real legitimate effort to make sure that they were up and running, and it isn't fair to them if somebody else can come in with...under some other guidelines and qualify. So I think it's been some good debate, and a lot of input put into this. And I do support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Baker, on your amendment.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I also