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I have attended these meetings for 6 years since I first moved to Hood River area. I will continue to attend in the hope that we will be heard and will make DOE do what is right. Without Columbia Riverkeeper and other concerned entities to help translate the issues many of us would be lost in analyzing a 3000 page document. If they need more time to analyze, it must be provided. 1 2

My stand on the issue of cleaning has not changed. Hanford must be cleaned up - PERIOD. Accepting additional waste from other facilities is obviously not an answer. Transportation issues (if it comes to that - which it should not) must be more adequately addressed. 3

Ground water is already being contaminated. We must be protected now and in the future.

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1 The Waste at Hanford needs to be Completly Cleaned up before I would ever even Consider allowing More Waste moved to Hanford. CLEAN IT UP!!

2 Trucking Waste from other parts of the Country is wrong due to the dangers of Transportation.

I live, work and enjoy my Quality of in the gorge but live in Fear From the dangers From Hanford.

The Planet will pay the price along with it's people.

Be Responsible!

1. Clean up existing Waste @ Hanford
2. Do not ADD More to the Problem
3 3. Do not cut Corners or rush the Clean-up Process

Thank You

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STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVID WU
REVISED DRAFT HANFORD SITE SOLID WASTE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
PORTLAND, OR - MAY 13, 2003

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Department of Energy's Revised Draft Hanford Site Solid Waste Program Environmental Impact Statement, and I regret that I could not be here in person.

The extensive radioactive contamination found at the Hanford Site has resulted in one the largest clean up projects in our country's history. Since 1988, the Department of Energy has worked to address many of the severe problems that this contamination has caused for the local community and the region as a whole.

1 While I am pleased to see the efforts the Department has put forward in the revised draft, I still have grave concerns about moving new waste to Hanford. On the heals of decisions by the Department of Energy to halt large portions of its current cleanup efforts at the Hanford, it is obvious that we have our hands full disposing of the millions of gallons of high-level nuclear waste already at the site. Our first priority must be to remove the existing waste and treat it, so that it no longer threatens the citizens of the northwest, before we increase the amount of new waste being shipped to Hanford.

2 Despite the Department of Energy's revisions, I still have concerns regarding the use of unlined, soil trenches for unspecified periods of time. Despite ongoing public concern, DOE's preferred alternative still recommends storing TRU waste in the Low Level Burial Grounds for an undetermined time period. I again call on DOE to fully examine this issue, and to demonstrate that its treatment and disposal proposals are safe beyond a doubt.

3 Due to the complexity and seriousness of the topic at hand, I have also joined my colleagues in requesting a 15-day extension of the comment period. It is absolutely critical that that the public has sufficient time to consider the important decisions associated with the actions in this document.

I would like to commend all those here tonight for continuing to participate in the evolution of the Hanford cleanup effort. I look forward to working with all of you on this important issue.

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The May 13th Public Meeting was much appreciated. I garnish new information and had old info reaffirmed in several ways:

1 1- DOE IS NOT TO be trusted !!!

2 2- Transporting additional nuclear waste to Hanford is dangerously ill advised!

3- DOE CANNOT be trusted !!!

3 4- DOE has promised to clean up the dangerous waste which already exists at Hanford and consistently refuses to do so.

5- DOE Cannot be trusted

4 6- Nuclear waste should not be transported thru Oregon given the current unreliable state your bridges and roads.

7- DOE is untrustworthy

5 8- Burying nuclear waste in unlined trenches anywhere particularly near to the Columbia River is a horrifyingly dangerous idea. which DOE refuses to recognize.

9- DOE IS NOT TO BE Trusted

6 10- Hanford already has excessive more than its share of nuclear waste which is already not being properly processed.

11- DOE is untrustworthy !!!

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1 WE THE PEOPLE OF THIS REGION HAVE ASKED FOR DECADES FOR A COMPLETE CLEAN UP OF HANFORD INSTEAD WE HAVE THINGS LIKE UNLINED TRENCHES THAT CAN BARELY HOLD THE WASTE FOR A FEW YEARS LET ALONE 1/4 MILLION. WE HAVE NOW A
2 GROWING PLUME OF RADIOACTIVE GROUNDWATER EXTREMELY CARCINOGENIC REACHING OUT TO MEET THE COLUMBIA RIVER. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN LOTS OF THINGS, BUT NOT ENOUGH KEPT PROMISES.

3 THE EXHISTING RADIOACTIVE AND TOXIC WASTE MUST BE SAFELY DISPOSED OF FIRST BEFORE ANY MORE
4 MAY BE BROUGHT IN. HANFORD DOES NOT EVEN HAVE A REAL INVENTORY OF EXHISTING WASTE OR A
5 SATISFACTORY EIS. DOE'S CREDIBILITY HAS BEEN COMPRIMISED - ITS TIME TO RE EARN IT.

I FIND IT IRONIC AND DISTURBING THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT CHARGED WITH DEFENDING THIS COUNTRY IS IN REALITY BUSILY DESTROYING ITS LAND, WATER AND PEOPLE PRESENT + FUTURE.

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1 The revised draft solid waste EIS is insufficient. It fails to address reasonable alternatives to solid waste disposal at Hanford. Where is the risk analysis regarding unlined
2 soil trenches, cumulative waste analysis, and groundwater monitoring? In regards to transportation of off site waste
3 to Hanford, the condition of roadways (esp. in Oregon) has not been addressed. Oregon has expressed their concerns about the condition of their aging bridges and have made official statements about their desires not
4 to have waste trucked through their state. Why have these concerns not been addressed? Why have the opinions and concerns of states not been adequately considered and respected?

Washington State is not required to accept new wastes, but the DOE is required to proceed with clean-up for the health and safety of the Hanford reach area.

This revised EIS should be rejected. It is not
5 what was intended by the NEPA and even fails to meet the most technical of requirements.

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1 DESPITE REVISION, this SWEIS is inadequate. Unlined trenches for radioactive waste is an unsound idea with frightening environmental effects particularly considering the longevity of radioactive compounds.

2 The lack of attention given to groundwater and the monitoring of groundwater also make this SWEIS inadequate.

3 I think that the consideration of accepting any new waste at Hanford is foolhardy. There is already an almost inconceivable amount of waste on the reservation that has not been dealt with (and in some cases, not identified), why accept more? Focus on clean up. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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U.S. Department of Energy Hearing
The Hanford Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS)
May 15, 2003

Statement of Tina Schulstad
Chair, Sierra Club Cascade Chapter

Hello, I'm Tina Schulstad, Chair of the Sierra Club's Cascade Chapter. I represent 26,000 members in Washington State and we are very concerned with the current plans for the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

1 Every president wants a legacy – and it seems that President Bush wants his legacy in Washington State to be enlarging our already dangerous Hanford Nuclear Reservation into the nation's toxic waste dump. Since he came into power, the Administration and top Republicans in Congress have been diligently working to pump new life into the nuclear industry, which was a top contributor to their campaigns. This plan threatens our health and our environment here in Washington.

To begin, the Bush administration's budget inadequately funded the Tri-Party clean up agreement in 2002. For 2003 and 2004, we don't know if the funding is adequate because USDOE refused to disclose how it is spending money and what the cost of legally required cleanup work will be by specific project (Ecology and EPA have recently issued a notice of violation letter for the lack of disclosure). Thanks to Senator Patty Murray, the funding levels have increased, but clean up is still behind schedule and the degree of cleanup is proposed to be drastically cut by the Bush Administration's new cleanup goals and Hanford "acceleration" plan.

In the Bush administration's energy policy, which was developed behind closed doors with representatives from the nuclear industry, a high priority was placed on investing in new nuclear capacity. The Bush Administration proposes to develop and test new weapons and refurbish existing ones, creating vast new quantities of radioactive waste that it plans to ship to Hanford for burial. While the administration attempted to paint the technology as "new and improved," the real facts are much scarier – we still don't know how to deal with the waste we already have and accidents still happen that threaten our public health. Subsidies to create new nuclear plants don't make sense.

Soon, the Senate Republicans will push a bill that is closely based on the Bush/Cheney plan. The Senate bill provides $2.4 billion in subsidies over the next 5 years to support new nuclear plants. They are offering an estimated $14-16 billion in federal loan guarantees to build 7 new plants.

As President Bush and Vice President Cheney aggressively pursue their attempts to resurrect the nuclear industry, they still are woefully ignoring the basic problem – how to safely and securely manage waste that will be around for thousands of years, AND, how to safely and securely transport this waste around our country. The administration and the Department of Energy are attempting to play a shameless shell game with dangerous radioactive waste, and the people of Washington won't play along.

We applaud Washington Attorney General Christine Gregoire's efforts to force the Bush administration and the Department of Energy to stick to their promises about cleaning up Hanford. In addition, the Sierra Club and other concerned organizations were recently successful in obtaining a preliminary injunction against the Department of Energy. The DOE cannot transport anymore of the highly radioactive Plutonium
2 Transuranic waste to Hanford from other nuclear weapons plants until it fully considers the risks, health and environmental impacts of trucking the waste to Hanford and storing it at Hanford. This revised draft EIS fails to consider those site and route specific risks. USDOE does not even know what is in the highly radioactive
3 Remote Handled Transuranic Wastes that it wants to ship to Hanford (it has designated them "non-verifiable"). Hanford lacks any facility to analyze the wastes as
4 required to meet hazardous waste laws and to ensure safe storage. Accidents, fires
5 and earthquakes will release Plutonium, chemical and radioactive wastes; and waste
6 containers will degrade while "stored" at Hanford for twenty or more years.

7 We believe that shipments to Hanford should end. The priority for the health of our people, fish and rivers is to safely contain the ever-threatening toxic soup that sloshes around the Columbia Basin. Focus this EIS on the effort to clean up what is already
8 in the soil, rather than planning to add more to the nation's worst contaminated area.

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