

# Shannon Cram

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on the Class Two Permit Modification for the 242-A Evaporator. I am writing as a fifth generation Washingtonian who cares about protecting future generations from Hanford's Contamination.

I respectfully request that this permit modification ensures that requirements are in place to protect workers and the environment from the radioactivity and chemical toxins and toxic chemical vapors present in the waste that will be moved back and forth through the new transfer lines and 242-A Evaporator. I also request increased transparency on this issue as it was unclear to me from both the fact-sheet and public meeting materials that this action to drill three holes into the evaporator was being taken because the existing transfer lines for tank waste were not safe. It was also unclear how important the evaporator is to tank waste treatment and that it is not currently operating. Share the details of the action AND the problems underpinning that action – like failing tank waste transfer pipes, and the timeline for fixing problems.

I ask that when you are soliciting input on anything that deals with treating tank waste, you share the big picture of where the facility or action fits with immobilizing Hanford's high-level tank waste in glass. I also ask that you make and share the plan for how this aging facility will work safely for another 40 years.

Thank you for considering my comments about this important issue,  
Shannon Cram