

## Nancy Kroening

Thank you for helping me navigate the information system. I learned that contaminated water from many, many sources are treated and stored. The specifications for the concrete of the new basin are complicated. Hanford likely has temperature fluctuations much like Phoenix, only not to 118 degrees in the summertime, but that may come. I observe here that swimming pools made of concrete and plaster leak. There are companies that find the leaks and fix them and do only that! It looks like the planners are trying to cover all foreseeable contingencies. However, the best plan is to process quickly and have clean water to let go. Question: Is the water ever clean enough to grow crops of any kind? Or enhance food and cover for wildlife? I'd like to see that as a goal. The public has NO IDEA what all is involved in treating wastes from so long ago. The expense involved. A movie really should be made of it. We are grateful that there are people who will do this work and do it well and carefully. And Congress needs to support the work and we still need a finish timeline. 80 years should be enough, but clearly it extends beyond that. This is dangerous stuff and not just the radioactive toxics. Thank you for your work. May someday it be possible to have a cleaned up site along the Columbia. Sincerely, Nancy and Jim Kroening