Kathleen Cain

To Whom It May Concern at the Department of Ecology,

Thank you for allowing me and the many other concerned citizens the opportunity to offer comments on the Class 2 Permit Modification for LERF/ETF ending Saturday, February 13th.

I am asking you that make sure that the U.S. Department of Energy meets its requirement to submit a Mass Balance Flow as a single secondary document, as part of the milestone M-62-46, that was due Jan 31, 2021, that states: Submit to Ecology as a secondary document a Mass Balance Flow from Tank Farms to Low Activity Waste Pretreatment Capability to Low Activity Waste to Effluent Management Facility to Recycle to Tank Farms to ETF/LERF. (Note that this milestone number was changed to M-62-50.)

I grew up in northwestern Montana and in Spokane, Washington (where many of my family members still live) and I now reside in Settle, so I am especially concerned about how Hanford's tank waste is treated. I want a transparent process that clearly and thoroughly documents—in one place— what happens to the tank waste once it begins treatment, where the contaminants will eventually end up and in what specific amounts. I am extremely concerned that there will be no "orphaned waste streams" - waste that has no pathway for further treatment or disposal. My current and future health depends on your actions.

Thank you for considering my comments, Kathleen Cain