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Laura Feldman <feldman.le@everyactioncustom.com> Reply-To: feldman.le@gmail.com To: miyab@hanfordchallenge.org Wed, Jun 1, 2022 at 5:50 PM

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I'm grateful to Hanford Challenge for translating this problem. I attended the recent online DOE hearing last month and found it

incomprehensible.

Given the explosive and flammable nature of this material, it should not be sent to Perma-Fix NW, and not grouted and buried.

I too think it should be destroyed.

Sincerely,

Laura Feldman

Sincerely, Laura Feldman 8515 N Foss Ave Apt C Portland, OR 97203-3679 feldman.le@gmail.com



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Yet another challenge of nuclear waste to deal with - when trying to do the right thing with glass vitrification!! While I am not at all certain about how to destroy acetonitrile - I hope you do and will not require more storage of long lived poisonous hazards. Good luck and thanks again for allowing public comment and continued education about Hanford!

Sincerely, Jeanne Poirier PO Box 228 Cashmere, WA 98815-0228 jeannepoirier@yahoo.com



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Sincerely, Linda Greene 2227 S Forest Estates Dr Spokane, WA 99223-3402 greenepeace@gmail.com



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Pedro de la Torre III <coocow@everyactioncustom.com> Reply-To: coocow@gmail.com To: miyab@hanfordchallenge.org Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 6:27 AM

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Please prioritize worker and environmental safety!

Sincerely, Pedro de la Torre III 459 Palisade Ave Apt 4 Jersey City, NJ 07307-1523 coocow@gmail.com



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James Burke <miyachan@everyactioncustom.com> Reply-To: miyachan@charter.net To: miyab@hanfordchallenge.org Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 4:35 PM

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retired executive, eighth generation Oregonian, very committed to nuclulear cleanup and safety

Sincerely, James Burke PO Box 759 Neskowin, OR 97149-0759 miyachan@charter.net



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Diane Burke <ddb777@everyactioncustom.com> Reply-To: ddb777@charter.net To: miyab@hanfordchallenge.org Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 6:15 PM

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This permit modification takes for granted that it is possible safely to remove, concentrate and dispose of this dangerous, toxic, potentially lethal by-product of vitrification - acetonitrile, methyl-cyanide. Scientific data and commonsense dictate that destroying the chemical at its source is preferable from the points of view of worker safety, flammability and explosion hazard, community safety, and probably cost. The technology exists to destroy it. That would avoid having to build holding tanks and pipelines; transporting and processing the concentrated product, and potential harm to nearby communities from any processing accidents.

Appropriate worker training and PPE, acetonitrile gas alarm systems, and disaster protocols are of course vital. I wholeheartedly support the above "to whom it may concern" document!

Sincerely, Diane Burke 45960 Kinnikinnick Dr Neskowin, OR 97149-2035 ddb777@charter.net



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Lisa Brining <jeeplisa@everyactioncustom.com> Reply-To: jeeplisa@gmail.com To: miyab@hanfordchallenge.org Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 8:41 PM

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Estimated volume of waste stream acetonitrile per month would be welcomed. Also has SPACE waste disposal been considered?

I am afraid we are really at that point of the conversation!

Sincerely, Lisa Brining 5513 Thornbury Dr SE Lacey, WA 98513-6411 jeeplisa@gmail.com



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Damon Ogle <monogle3@everyactioncustom.com> Reply-To: monogle3@gmail.com To: miyab@hanfordchallenge.org Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 11:46 PM

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Ad W.e are concerned about nuclear waste and acetonitrile Feel more research and data needed

Sincerely, Damon Ogle Neskowin, OR 97149 monogle3@gmail.com



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Coral Shaffer <clshaffer77@everyactioncustom.com> Reply-To: clshaffer77@gmail.com To: miyab@hanfordchallenge.org Sat, Jun 4, 2022 at 12:15 PM

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There already more than enough health hazards at Hanford. Please take care of this one.

Sincerely, Coral Shaffer 1616 Browne Ave Yakima, WA 98902-2452 clshaffer77@gmail.com



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Robert Richard <richrocket8877@everyactioncustom.com> Reply-To: richrocket8877@gmail.com To: miyab@hanfordchallenge.org Sat, Jun 4, 2022 at 3:50 PM

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The Columbia River system/ aquafer is too important to compromise. These recommendations need to be heeded. Why risk another catastrophy like what happened with the kitty litter in Las Cruces, New Mexico? I've lived along the Snake River, and presently the Spokane which empty into the Columbia system, and they're polluted too much as they are now. People should be able to count on poison free Salmon from the Columbia River. I remember when Amway use to dump acetone products in the Grand River back in Michigan. Would you like to eat a Walleye Pike from that?

Sincerely, Robert Richard Spokane, WA 99205 richrocket8877@gmail.com