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Dear Ecology and Hanford site clean-up team,

Thanks for your work on plans to clean up this dangerous mess. I want my son and future generations to inherit a livable planet including a safe, health Columbia River ecosystem.

Based on my review of the new proposed amendments, I implore you to do more to act on the leaking tanks by taking urgent action. It's my understanding that two tanks (B-109 and T-111) are known to be leaking and there are already identified solutions including saltwell pumping and the in-tank pretreatment system. It is also my understanding that federal and state laws require removal of leakable liquids as soon as practicable. I see that the proposed amendments call for further studies such as a technology evaluation and expert advisory panel. Please move beyond studies and start taking ACTION. Please address the leaks "as soon as practicable".

The other major issue I see is the safety challenge of trucking liquid radioactive waste through Spokane. I urge you to hold a public hearing in Spokane so the community there is able to understand the risks, the alternatives, and the risk mitigations available.

Separately: this Ecology public comment form may have incorrect information. At the top it says 'Commenting open: May 30, 2024 - September 01, 2024' but at the bottom it says 'Comments must be submitted by Aug. 2 2024.' Which is right? I urge you to correct that.

Thanks for your time and efforts on protecting our environment and cleaning up this mess from past generations so we can protect our children and future generations.