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Yes, my name is Laura Feldman and I live in Portland, Oregon. I served on the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board for 7 years ending in 2024. I have some knowledge of how fragile and complex the cleanup containment of Hanford waste is and by extension the threat it poses for all communities in this region and beyond. I want to thank Ecology for alerting us to these recent and sudden hearings on the Rev 9 and dual path permits. I support the state's exercise of RCRA hazardous waste law authority at the nuclear at the Hanford Site and the tremendous effort it takes to ensure safe storage cleanup and disposal of all the waste at Hanford. Hanford focus should be on organizing optimizing the low activity waste facility, not grout. I find the federal deregulation of nuclear safety and environmental standards along with the reduction of Hanford's federal workforce to be very concerning. Especially at a time when the challenge is to the region from the climate crisis are increasing exponentially putting Hanford at risk for more wildfires, growing limitations to access of an adequate water supply from the Columbia River for clean up operations. And and much more I urge Ecology to reject Energy's permit modification request which would support Energy's attempts to grout a new waste stream at Hanford and transport this dangerous cargo through Washington. I'm losing my place. Um, through Washington state through Oregon and Washington state to, you know Utah, Texas, places where those people don't want it and I know this from attending different activists meetings. I agree with the Ecology's concerns that attempt to reroute pretreated liquid tank waste for ship I sorry I agree with Ecology's concerns that attempts to reroute pretreated liquid tank waste for shipping and grouting off site will only divert funding and attention away from other crucial work at Hanford which includes the 324 building. The WESF site waste encapsulation and storage facility where 1936 radioactive cesium-137
and strontium strontium-90 capsules still float in some kind of toxic pool. The list goes on. The US Department of Energy needs oversight when it comes to this cleanup across and it is clear that Energy is not making decisions that are protective of human health and the environment. For all our sakes Washington state must not be bullied by Energy when it comes to decision making at Hanford, Thank you.