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Hello, I am Joyce, Dr. Joyce Follingstad both a nurse and a psychologist and I care deeply about the cleanup of Hanford because the site has been badly contaminated by its initial mission to produce plutonium and by the environmental destruction caused by inadequate treatment and storage of waste with resulting harm to humans and the environment. I find the federal deregulation of nuclear safety and environmental standards coupled with the reduction of Hanford 's federal workforce to be very concerning. The US Department of Energy needs oversight in making decisions which must be more protective not less protective of human health and safety. Washington State must not be bullied by the Department of Energy and I urge Ecology to reject any permit modification request that would support new attempts to grout a new waste stream at Hanford. Attempting to reroute liquid tank waste will increase the risk of spills and leaks especially driven on public roadways. It concerns me deeply that DOE is foregoing the most protective form of liquid waste which is vitrification in favor of grout and I urge Ecology to reject these permit revisions. In addition, Ecology must reject these divisions because they're not accompanied by updated environmental impact statements. I thank Ecology for all the work you have been doing, and I'm old enough to have been dealing with Hanford for over 30 years. I urge Ecology to insist on the cleanup of the 324 building and the highly contaminated 300 to 296 waste site beneath the 324 building. A plan for the decommissioning and demolition of these sites must include a closure plan that prevents the spread of toxic and radioactive dust. I also encourage Ecology to move toward closure, decommissioning, and removal of the basins within the WESF. This move must include the conditions that allow for a final safe and secure placement of the capsules being moved to the interim capsule storage outside of the WESF. Ecology must require DOE to use up-to-date information regarding the carcinogenic nature of hexavalent chromium which requires a very high level of cleanup of soil structures and groundwater for this toxic. (Oh one minute) this toxic material. Finally, I beg Ecology and DOE to not repurpose the FMEF or the FFTF for a production mission as they were only built to withstand a 2 on the Richter scale and they need to be demolished. Thank you for taking my comments.