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To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to send in my comments on the EMF Concentrate Class 2 Permit Mod. Please consider the following comments:

1. Keep your bottoms onsite. Please recycle the EMF bottoms back through the LAW melter, don't send them offsite for grouting and disposal.
2. Flesh out your plan. Please provide details about the shipment plan, waste sampling plan, transportation route, and cumulative impacts from all waste anticipated on the roads from Hanford to offsite disposal sites, prior to beginning any shipments of waste. Ensure that communities along transportation corridors are meaningfully involved.
3. Use a unionized workforce. If you do proceed with breaking the recycle loop, then use a unionized workforce. Ensure workers have the ability to call a stop work.
4. Don't send liquid waste to Utah.
5. Optimize the system. We support your continued work to reduce the volume of evaporated liquid waste that comes out of the glass melters and optimize the system for maximum efficiency.

Thank you for considering my comment. I have studied the consequences of the production of nuclear weapons all my life but there are so many, negative sides to all of it, I can't possibly learn about them all, but I have learned that dealing with this pollution requires stringent controls and much trial and error before deploying new ideas. Any treatments you propose need to be vetted by stakeholders like the local communities and other grassroots groups like Hanford Challenge who are proven and evidence based defenders of public health. They care about safety and have no financial incentive to avoid proper protocols. Please trust the judgement of these experts, who know sadly, just how much health we have already lost. Thank you.