To Whom It May Concern,

I appreciate Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) for enforcing the Tri-Party Agreement and Consent Decree and strongly pushing back on USDOE's proposed Dual Path Approach. Ecology's oversight protects workers, communities, Tribal Nations, future generations, and the Columbia River. I commend Ecology for keeping the focus on the Low-Activity Waste Facility and vitrifying tank waste from 200 East.

The following comments apply to two comment periods:
1. Class 2 RCRA Permit Mod Request for the Low-Activity Waste Pretreatment System, Operating Unit Group 1 (AR-41147)
2. Class 3 RCRA Permit Mod Request for the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant, Operating Unit Group 10 (AR-41146)

Don't proceed with the Dual Path Approach. Reject USDOE's Dual Path Approach permit modification requests and stick to the plan for feeding the Low-Activity Waste vitrification plant with pretreated liquid tank waste. Do not allow USDOE to re-route any of the LAW waste feed for grouting and disposal offsite. Focus on getting both melters in the LAW Facility operating at optimal throughput.

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My great concern is the way these matereials are being handled without regard to the spread of radioactivity. There are enough studies reviewing the consequences of"accidents". Finland has planned to create storage on an island and Sweden seems to be following. Have you looked into their process? I know the waste is from their nuclear power plants, but it all revolves around the uranium-plutonium waste that has never really been addressed and its consequences of lasting thousannds of years. I know in reading Leona Woods Marshall Libby's book, "The Uranium People". that they tested the fish, the waters of the Columbia and the soils for the radioactivity and if you look at that team's life spans, most died from some form of cancer. But all of that is left unsaid.

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What plans are there to communicate the story and protect our future living populations for the next 2,000 years. I am now reading up to 10,000 years. We must be realistic and honest about what we are dealing with at Hanford and the other sites.
I think it is interesting that the AI giants have not addressed solutions for somehow changing the dancing neutrons into a non-radioactive form. What would be the IA analysis? Have I missed something?

The question is - what is real and what is true? My country has spread this waste all over the planet through development of weapons and energy production without taking initial responsibility for its consequences. Deal with the waste where it is.

If I were in charge, I would call a worldwide meeting of all the countries who have been dealing with the nuclear proccesses to come to some kind of undertanding of how we can deal with this waste in a reasonable way. And I'd have these dudes who are developing IA to study this dilemma