# Susan Gordon

Dear 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.

Thank you for considering my comment.
I lived in Oregon and Washington for nearly two decades and am very familiar with Hanford. It is too late to change the Immobilization Pathway. Communities and agencies agreed on this process and the ground work has been laid. Continue with the existing plan and don't be distracted by "grout." One of the reasons for immobilization is to prevent the plutonium from ever being used for a nuclear weapon. Grouting would not stop future plutonium extraction.

In addition, DOE announcing the end of the Community Advisory Board with no notification is appalling. This body with broad representation from a wide range of interests has lead to better decision making and saving money on Hanford projects. This was extremely short-sighted and should be reversed.

Sincerely,
Susan Gordon