Regina Sneed

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. While I do not live physically close to Hanford,I am very concerned by how Hanford operates as a low waste facility. I am not sure that Hanford is following procedures in moving this material referred to a grout. I'm appreciative of the Washington State Department of Ecology for enforcing the consent decree for my protection. I agree that these two permit modification requests should not go forward.

Sincerely,
Regina Sneed