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Hanford Remedial Action EIS
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to submit comments on the Revised Draft Hanford Remedial Action Environmental Impact Statement and Comprehensive Land Use Plan (HRA EIS).

We support the DOE Preferred Alternative in the draft EIS, but with the following improvements to protect the natural values on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation:

We feel that all the public lands of the Wahluke Slope, the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River, the Hanford Reach islands, the McGee Ranch, and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve should be designated as a national wildlife refuge.

We oppose all livestock grazing on the Hanford Nuclear reservation;

We feel that all mining operations should be restricted to those essential to completing clean-up and remediation of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

We feel that the national wildlife refuge portion of the EIS should be implemented immediately, issuing a separate Record of Decision (ROD) for all the areas mentioned above. These areas are prime fish and wildlife habitat, uncontaminated by Hanford operations, and should not have to wait for protection until the complex decisions involving clean-up in the central Hanford area are made.

Sincerely,

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