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Here's another set of comments.

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Dear Mr. Cameron;

I have seen the presentation given by the DOE during the Hanford Advisory Board, River and Plateau Committee meeting and have the following comments:

1. I am not categorically opposed to the selected alternative for disposition of this canyon facility. However, I believe it is over optimistic to believe it will serve as an adequate "pilot" for the disposition of the other canyons. Too many differences exist between each of them for this to be considered useful for that purpose.
2. There is vast difference in grout performance and how it may be utilized for stabilizing waste. Full performance reviews should be done on each of the grouting activity, and anything known about the performance of each. I know this seems better than taking the facility down completely, and hauling it and its contents to the ERDF, but consideration should be given to each type of waste and its potential for needing to be retrieved, before giving the green light to its permanent entombment in the facility itself. As for the concrete, rebar, etc, it really matters little, where its final resting place may be as far as the environment is concerned.
3. Great care must be taken that any action provides the very best of final results. I believe the HAB has remarked any decision about waste should not take it to a point where future technology may not be able to deal with it better than current methods. It may take some effort to make a sensible decision with the foregoing in mind, but that effort should most certainly be made.

Sincerely,
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