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Dear ~~Mr. Goldstein~~ *Mike*

I submit my personal comments on the Proposed Plan for the 300-FF-2 Operable Unit (DOE/RL-99-53, Rev. 0). While I have no formal authority to speak for the Tri-Cities and vicinity public, I do believe that a large majority of those who have substantial knowledge or interest in the Hanford Cleanup program agree with me that the Proposed Plan represents a fully acceptable plan for this Operable Unit. It satisfies all applicable legal and administrative requirements. In particular, I support the proposed Remove, Treat and Dispose alternative as described. I also support the industrial land use determination as the basis for scenarios to evaluate risk to humans and the environment, the use of institutional controls and groundwater monitoring and of the "plug in approach" to handle any newly discovered waste sites as part of the proposed plan.

As you are aware, the HAB Environmental Restoration Committee was not able to achieve agreement on the Plan, primarily over the issue of the Industrial land use and unsupported claims of failure to protect humans and the environment. As a result, no Advice will be presented to the full Board at the September meeting. This same issue prevented Advice on the FF-1 Plan. I therefore urge the Regulators to proceed with a Record of Decision based on this Proposed Plan. The choice of industrial land use is correctly based on the work of the Future Site Uses Working Group and the RL Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as well as supporting the priority interests of the local population.

I recognize the necessity of demolishing many 300 Area buildings as a first step before excavation of many of the waste sites. The recent RL proposal for accelerating cleanup along the river corridor should be given serious consideration to combine ~~the~~ these two programs. In this connection, I support the concept of the core team to manage the work of cleanup of areas containing both buildings and waste sites as described on page 30 of the Plan.

Sincerely,

Gordon Rogers

