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Hanford Remedial Action Environmental Impact Statement  
U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office  
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Dear Mr. Ferns,

During the recent Hanford Remedial Action EIS hearings held throughout the region, Heart of America Northwest distributed questionnaires to citizens. Additionally, Columbia River United distributed a different questionnaire at the Hood River hearing. Many of the questionnaires were given to Heart of America Northwest staff at the hearings, and some were mailed in to our office. At this point, I have already forwarded to you all questionnaires that we have received.

Enclosed you will find a tally of how citizens responded to each of the questionnaires. The totals listed are for those questionnaires which were turned in to Heart of America Northwest. Most likely, there were others which were submitted to your office directly, and these are not included in the totals.

As you can see, the questionnaires which we collected largely supported cleaning up the Columbia River/Hanford Reach area up to a level providing future unrestricted use.

Please, add these totals to your records of official comments collected for the Hanford Remedial Action EIS. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lori Ahouse  
Heart of America Northwest

cc: Paul Krupin



The Columbia River Cleanup Scenario from the *Final Report of the Hanford Future Site Uses Working Group* (A Citizen Advisory Board) Reads:

*Cleanup Scenarios*

A single, "unrestricted" cleanup scenario was developed for the Columbia River.

(A)

*Cleanup Scenario A: "Unrestricted"*

The Working Group developed one cleanup scenario for the Columbia River: use of the Columbia River, including the riparian zone and islands in the River, would be "unrestricted" due to contamination.

Future Use Options Enabled by Cleanup Scenario A



Option 1: Wildlife and Recreation

Option 2: Recreational and Related Commercial, Scenic and Economic Uses

Option 3: Native American Uses

Timing and Importance

Because of the current use of the Columbia River as a source of water for drinking and irrigation downstream, of public access to the River, and of proposed future uses, cleaning up flows of contaminated water into the Columbia River in this area is an immediate priority. The following specific areas were identified as most important for cleanup:

- N reactor area with associated springs and seeps
- K Basins
- Groundwater contamination flowing into the River

The following is my recommendation to DOE regarding the cleanup for the Columbia River and the 100 Areas Reactors on the River in the HRA EIS:

I want the Columbia River Geographic Area cleaned up to:

Unrestricted 15                      Restricted 0

I want the Reactors on the River cleaned up to:

Unrestricted 14                      Restricted 0

Additional Comments:

Name:  
Address: