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Dear Mr. Ferns:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Hanford Remedial Action Environmental Impact Statement and Comprehensive Land-use Plan.

I appreciate the emphasis placed by the U. S. Department of Energy's preferred alternative on preservation of irreplaceable biological and cultural resources, particularly those of the Wahluke Slope and Hanford Reach. All of the ecological and cultural resources of the Hanford site have priceless educational as well as intrinsic value. I support the preferred alternative with the following modifications:

- o Designate all lands within the ALE Reserve, Wahluke Slope, Columbia River Islands and McGee Ranch a national wildlife refuge. The Columbia River and an area 1/4 mile from either shore should be designated a Recreational Wild and Scenic River. These areas should be managed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. An exception could be made for use of materials in the designated Conservation (Mining) area on ALE if there are no other options on the Hanford Site. A separate ROD should be issued without delay for the areas listed in this bullet.
- o Replace all Industrial areas with the combined Industrial use areas from Alternatives One and Two, preserving the undeveloped belt along the river.
- o Restrict designated recreational areas to the high intensity area for a museum at B-Reactor, and two low intensity areas, namely boat launches at Vernita rest stop and east side of the river at White Bluffs.
- o Designate all other areas Conservation/Mining and limit mining to those areas necessary for mineral materials in support of Hanford cleanup. When Hanford cleanup is complete, these areas should be converted to Preservation.
- o Eliminate the possibility of agriculture, including grazing for any purpose, on Hanford lands.

Sincerely,



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