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DEAR SIR,

THE SAFE AND EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF OUR MATERIALS IN THE EAST AND WEST K BASINS IS OF INTEREST TO ME AS A RESIDENT OF PORTLAND, OREGON A CITY OF ABOUT 2 MILLION PEOPLE JUST DOWN THE COLUMBIA RIVER FROM HANFORD. I WISH TO REITERATE MY CONCERN AS AN AMATEUR BIOLOGIST (B.S. BIOLOGY, 1986 PORTLAND STATE U.). IN REPEADING THE E.I.S. FOR THE K BASINS PUBLISHED IN 1995 I NOTICED THAT LITTLE IMPORT WAS GIVEN TO THE SEISMICITY AND VULCANISM IN THE AREA. WHILE THE TIME SCALE SEEMS UNIMPORTANT I WICH TO COMMENT THAT THERE ARE FEW OTHER STATES INTHE CONTINENTAL U.S.. THAT HAVE MORE RECENT VULCANISM THREATENING SUCH AN INT

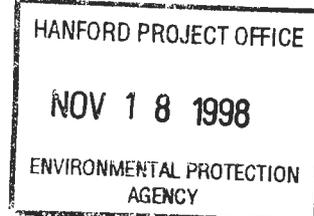
NOTING THE AGRICULTURE OF THE YAKIMA VALLEY I AM ALSO CONCERNED THAT IN THE EVENT OF SUCH ACTIVITY AQUIFER OF THE AREA MAYBE AFFECTED BY THE PROXIMITY OF THE HANFORD AQUIFER

I AM GLAD THAT A PLAN IS IN EFFECT THAT WILL PREVENT FURTHER

I am very glad that a plan is in effect that will prevent further contamination of the aquifers in this area with the encapsulation of these materials (in multi-canister overpacks?) that will hopefully enable us to more easily treat or transport these materials if that possibility still exists. I hope the new location will perhaps be integral and secure from compromise. I further regret that I havenot heard or am not aware of the reasoning as regards not considering these materials for calcining and vitrification.

Thank you for keeping us informed regarding these projects... My concern is always self-evident when problems arise on the Hanford reservation such as the sage fires etc. I hope work continues in asafe manner and good luck to you all.

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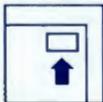
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