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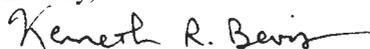
Dear Mr. Ferns:

I would like to offer the following comments on the Hanford Remedial Action EIS and Comprehensive Land Use Plan (HRA-EIS). I am very happy that the Dept of Energy has recognized the unique and irreplaceable attributes of the Wahluke slope and the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River. I support the USDOE's preferred alternative, and would like to offer the following recommendations for additional items to be included in the final, selected alternative.

1. Designate all lands with the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve, the Wahluke slope, the islands in the Columbia, Riverlands and the McGee Ranch as a National Wildlife Refuge. The Columbia river and an area ¼ mile from either shore should be designated a Recreational Wild and Scenic River. I recommend that all of these lands be managed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
2. Issue a separate Record of Decision for the areas listed above without delay.
3. Eliminate the possibility of agriculture or grazing on all Hanford federal lands.
4. Limit mining to activities necessary to help clean up the nuclear site, and limit industrial development to specific areas near the Tri-cities.

I look forward to the final HRA-EIS, and will continue to support preservation of the nationally significant, unique and important Hanford Reach.

Sincerely,



Kenneth R. Bevis

Cc: Congressman Hastings  
Senator Murray  
Senator Gorton

