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Dear Ms. Cusack:

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I'm writing for the record regarding the Proposed Changes for the Cleanup of Buried Wastes at the Hanford Site (M-91, M-16). Acceleration of cleanup, sounds good. But, is it real? And, of course the Department of Ecology should have authority to regulate what happens in Washington State!

I am concerned that the workers shown in the photo on the first page of the notice are not wearing protective gear. One worker appears to be standing in water. Are workers being protected? These are wastes you cannot see or feel!

Questions: will any of these actions result in more contaminated water? Both Groundwater and Columbia River water? Will any of these actions result in downwind air pollution? Will wastes be solidified?

Please pass my comments on to Mark French & Nick Ceto also. Thank you very much! Cleanup is essential to the well-being of the people & animals of the entire region!

Sincerely,

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P.S. There's been so much waste of dollars - we need to get on with the task at hand!