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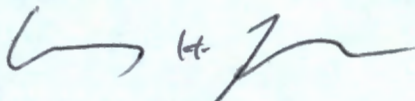
Ms. Becky Austin
Mail Stop B2-35

Re: Wahluke Slope Comment Response

Dear Ms. Austin:

Enclosed are five (5) public comments on the North (Wahluke) Slope Expedited Response Action Proposal. Please enter them into the administrative record for the North Slope. If you have any questions please call me at (509) 736-3026. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Gary H. Freedman
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Dear Sir,

Kennewick

As this isn't an actual business letter, I did not write a business heading.

I've wondered for years about scientists. They come up with horrendous concoctions and can never neutralize such. Atomic waste, perhaps the AIDS virus, is waiting there for more accidents to happen.

It has been a long time since I've had a Science class. I do remember making compounds then breaking them down to original components. I realize Atomic Waste is much more complicated than what I did in school. But, would it not be the same principle?

Why can't the waste be less hazardous by breaking it down?

Money-bureaucrats say (I'll bet).
Gimme a break.



Sincerely,
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**PRIEST RAPIDS DOCK & GRAIN FACILITY
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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY, DECEMBER 14, 1993, REGARDING
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NORTH SLOPE CLEAN-UP PROPOSAL.

The Priest Rapids Dock & Grain Facility is a joint operating agency between the Ports of Mattawa and Royal Slope.

We support the Wahluke 2000 and as an agency concerned with the Department of Ecology's North Slope Expedited Response Action Proposal, we would recommend the 4th alternative plan of complete clean-up be the only one acceptable for the area.

Donna Smith

Donna Smith
Secretary



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Attention: Gary Freedman and Dib Goswami

Kennewick

Dear Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of December 28, 1993 regarding the Wahluke Slope Expedited Response Action Comments Response. After reading the material at the University of Washington it is apparent that you have an extremely difficult task before you in cleaning up this area.

This land was homesteaded and held with the thought of farming when irrigation became available. When the Wahluke Canal went thru I intended to live on the land, however when I went over I was afraid to. Pickup trucks were crossing the land. These trucks were crossing on the old road that went into the Saddle Mountains. Your old maps will show this road. It was visible in the mountains, but not on the desert. (This probably was Nike or Hanford personnel)

I will have to study your map and determine if our land is in the Wildlife Reserve or directly adjacent to it. Years ago it was difficult to determine boundary's of lands and I feel sure this presented a problem to Hanford as well as Nike.

The land and water should be restored to its original state. Fresh spring water was available when homesteaded. Although my uncle went to the Columbia River for water for himself and his horse. The zoning should continue to be farming, and if this is not feasible due to contamination point of view, the government should compensate for the fact they have contaminated the area. This is the main thought I wish to convey in this letter.

The Wahluke Canal should be saved from contamination and every effort should be made to protect this waterway.

Best wishes in your efforts to restore this land. I will attempt to monitor your progress from time to time.

Sincerely,

Ethel R. Collins
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Subject: North Slope

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Preserve The Wahluke Slope!!!

The unique aspects of the Wahluke Slope need to be preserved. If any development takes place, it should be to provide for recreational access only. I have visited the area numerous times and enjoy fishing, hiking, bird-watching, boating, and camping in the area. The area is frequented by many rare species of wildlife ie; sage grouse, sage thrasher, spring chinook, steelhead and river otters. As a career professional with the federal governments largest conservation organization, the National Park Service, I can testify that the area holds more value if preserved for the future, than exploited by farmers, ranchers, and irrigators who depend on federal subsidies. I would be interested in reviewing the North Slope Response Action document, and the environmental assessment, or environmental impact statement that should accompany it.

Thank you,

Steven V. Scott

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