Request for Public Comment on the U.S. Department of Energy Interpretation of High-Level Radioactive Waste

Comment Period: Oct 10, 2018- Dec 10, 2018

DOE Comment Period on High-Level Radioactive Waste Interpretation

Below you will find a sample comment provided by Hanford Challenge for this comment period. If you have time, please personalize your comments and include details such as where you live and why you care. Thank you so much for taking the time to write a comment on this important issue.

Sample Comments from Hanford Challenge

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to share my comments on the Federal Register Notice published on October 10th, 2018 regarding DOE’s interpretation of the definition of High-Level Waste.

I do not support this interpretation of the definition of high-level waste as I have many concerns about its application at sites like Hanford.

I do not want restrictions removed through this interpretation that require the removal, treatment, and disposal of HLW at a deep geologic repository. This waste and its long-lived radioactive isotopes need to be isolated from humans and the environment deep underground for the hundreds of thousands of years it will take for decay. Shallow land burial of HLW is unacceptable.

In addition, this decision could have a huge impact on the future of cleanup at nuclear weapons complex sites across the nation. A 60-day comment period for such a huge decision is insufficient to provide in-depth research and comments. Please extend the deadline for public comments by 120 days.

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