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Dear Mr. Parrott

Thank you for coming to West Valley to listen and consider citizen comments to the Draft Policy Statement. It is extremely important to area residents that the clean-up be initiated and done thoroughly.

I have several concerns and will set them forth in individual paragraphs.

INCIDENTAL WASTE – There doesn't seem to be any radiation standard for Incidental Waste. I find it difficult to accept that the high level waste in the storage tanks can become low level waste just by the change of its name.

DOSE --- In calculating allowable site dose, it doesn't make sense to exclude the NDA and SDA. The entire site is radioactive to a degree. The yearly acceptable site dose will be distorted for the site if you selectively eliminate certain areas.

I have been told that it is impossible to dig up the SDA and NDA. In the draft EIS, engineering designs demonstrating removal of the contents of those burial grounds are drawn. These areas subject to erosion should be dug up, packaged and prepared for removal off site.

USE OF GROUT – One alternate supports the rubbleizing and grouting of the process building and the tanks. Doesn't this create another burial ground?

INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL -- I.C. in a contaminated area with possible seismic activity and prone to erosion is scary. Future lack of funds and uncertain funding entities could leave the area in limbo but leaking. I find little comfort in the allowable increase dosage as I.C. fails.

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FINAL STATEMENT – To me, closure means leaving nothing to chance. Dig up, package and store in retrievable condition now and when a national safe site is established, ship it out.

In conclusion , the LTR leads the public to believe the area will be totally cleaned up. We need to know more explicitly if and how this is to be accomplished.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Betty J. Cooke

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty J. Cooke".