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General Comment

I am a member of the Sierra Club nuclear issues team, an Oregon resident and the great grand daughter of Manley Haynes the founder of Hanford, Wa.

I am concerned that the EIS does not disclose and consider the impacts of the six major safety problems which NRC staff have formally reported as unresolved as of September 2011, including whether or not Energy NW can ensure that embedded pipes will not fail over the next 50 years. ("Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives" 9-14)

It is my opinion that we should pause the relicensing process until after we learn what was damaged and why at the Fukushima reactors, and the NRC incorporates new safety requirements. I am concerned that an independent study be done to assess what actually happened to the reactors in Japan. I lived in Japan from 1968-1972. The Japanese government habitually sweeps serious health risks under the rug.

Please take into consideration, the location of the reactor on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. Please urge the NRC to have the EIS disclose and consider the impacts if there is an explosion, fire, earthquake... releasing radiation from Hanford facilities, preventing operation at the CGS reactor or recovery from an earthquake. Hanford's High-Level Waste tanks and highly contaminated buildings, including the nearby building that ENW proposes to use for Plutonium fuel, are not built to withstand anywhere near the potential earthquake that is

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possible.

Although Hanford is located in an isolated area, there are 65,000 people nearby and millions downstream that would be affected in the event of an accident.

The EIS needs to have a cost benefit analysis showing whether the renewable energy coming on board can replace the small amount of energy generated by Energy NW.