Letter/Attachment for GTCC EIS Scoping Comment #138

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Dear Mr. Joyce,

In fifty years from the advent of cheap, clean safe nuclear power the Industry has failed its claim that secure, permanent disposal of its hazardous wastes was possible. Yet, at a public scoping meeting Aug. 17 at Troutdale, the US Department of Energy, responsible for safe, secure storage of nuclear wastes, eyes the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, among other sites, for cross-country shipments of plutonium-laced toxic waste for which no permitted disposal site exists.

Fifty million gallons of reprocessed High Level Radioactive waste is now in temporary storage at Hanford. An estimated million gallons has leaked from buried storage tanks putting ground water and the Columbia River at risk.

Mismanagement, poor monitoring, poor health and safety practices and lax reporting of serious accidents are legend at Hanford. Twenty five billion spent so far on cleanup that year after year seem as non-existant as an ethic for caring about the consequences.

Solar power has arrived in the marketplace with retail giant Wal-Mart soliciting bids for solar and the State of California investing 3 billion for its "Million Solar Roofs" Initiative. If coal and nuclear power were to come clean as to their real costs, solar would win, hands down.

It's time our government backed a winner. Right now we are losing the race to leave our children and grandchildren a sane, sustainable world.

Sincerely,

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Thanks -

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