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To: Allnutt, David
Subject: Clean Up Columbia River, Bradford Island
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Dear U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,

Please consider this message as our comment in the matter of the Bradford Island cleanup site. I grew up in Portland and am a native of Washington State. The lands and waters of Bradford Island and its surroundings are of very high value for recreation and tourism for both Oregon and Washington. We can't afford to leave it as a contaminated site.

I strongly urge EPA to list the Bradford Island cleanup site on the National Priorities List. The states of Oregon and Washington, the Yakama Nation, and public health, environmental justice, and conservation organizations have called on EPA to place Bradford Island on the National Priorities List. For over 40 years, the U.S. government dumped toxic pollution in and along the shores of Bradford Island, located near Bonneville Dam.

Bradford Island is in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Continued lack of cleanup at this site puts one of our nation's most vital national treasures at unnecessary and unacceptable risk.

The area is a historical tribal fishing area. Today, tribal people and diverse communities use the area for subsistence and recreational fishing despite advisories warning not to eat resident fish. In fact, resident fish caught near the island contain the highest levels of cancer-causing PCBs in the Northwest. Despite the significant contamination, the Trump administration recently slashed funding for Bradford Island cleanup.

I support a cleanup of Bradford Island that protects human health and the environment. The severe and long-running pollution problems at the site and the history of cleanup investigations, lack of funding, and delays in developing plans for active cleanup demonstrate the dire need for a new approach. For these reasons, I urge EPA to list the Bradford Island cleanup site on the National Priorities List.

Regards,

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