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From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: 10/31/2019 3:47:59 PM
To: Christopher Hladick [Hladick.christopher@Epamail.epa.gov]
Subject: Clean Up Columbia River, Bradford Island

Dear U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,

I strongly urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (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. It is now time for the U.S. government to protect the people, take responsiblity for prior actions and clean up their mess.

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 not only human health and the environment, but the famous and delicious Columbia River salmon. 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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