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Thank you for this opportunity to speak. It is with considerable sadness and disappointment that I offer you my unfortunate experience to date regarding the process currently in use to transfer Hanford lands to the public.

Over 1 year ago I offered a letter to DOE HQ urging support for including the ~220 square miles of almost cleaned up River Corridor land into the existing Monument. I also offered that the only qualified entity to manage the Monument was USFWS and that TRIDEC's vision of future Hanford was an example of unqualified laymen looking thru the wrong end of a telescope. I received a polite response ^{From HQ} telling me not to worry because the NEPA process assures that the transition of land would be "open and transparent".

Since that time I have sent 4 more letters to HQ citing specific examples of how RL's implementation process appears to be more "politically expedient and secretive" rather than "open and transparent". I am still waiting for a response to those letters.

Here are some issues that have gone unanswered:

- 1) The decision that 1,641 acres of remediated Hanford land will be transferred to a public entity has been announced and has been forced by federal regulation to occur by 9/30/15. No NEPA evaluation has been performed. This federal regulation is the result of a lobbying effort by TRIDEC to have former US Representative Doc Hastings introduce the legislation. Hastings added an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act to assure passage. No stakeholder input was obtained by RL except that from TRIDEC and some local VIPs who wrote letters to support the legislation.