Artist Statement

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I created “Clean” from memories of growing up in Richland, Washington. Both of my parents made a living out at the Hanford site. We moved away from Washington in 1999. Though learning about the waste and contamination of the area, I still harbor fond feelings of growing up in Eastern Washington.

I began learning about Hanford while in college and had to find a common ground between my memories and the facts of what I was learning. Sometimes it is hard to accept both. Art helps.

I think art is a powerful medium for explaining ideas and emotions. Writing has been my art for some time. Reacting to events through art is particularly effective because each person responds uniquely.

“Clean” is my response.