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I strongly object to the reclassification of radioactive wastes at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation and simply reducing its classification does not make it safer or less the hazard that it is. You are instituting a name change to allow a far lessor required process of dealing with extremely hazardous nuclear waste that is already leaching into our environment and will continue to at a more rapid rate if you allow the name change of the existing high level nuclear waste to be changed simply and by the stroke of a pen. Effectively its only been 70 years of the expected half million necessary to actually consider the wastes being considered for name change to not be the hazard they have proven to be through air, water and soil invasive spread and will likely get worse and not better through that extreme time line yet to come. To face facts you are considering this action only because all of your attempts at other methods have failed completely while being very expensive in todays dollars that will only get worse through time when the need is likely to arise again. Consider you are again proposing to add more chemicals to an extremely toxic mess that you nor anyone has any idea what will happen or be the end result from adding concrete and rather than glass.