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I Make frequent trips along I-90. I am appalled by the total failure of the federal government to adequately deal with the toxic pollution and radioactivity at Hanford.

USDOE agreed not to truck the waste through Oregon and the Umatilla Reservation. The Umatilla Tribe has continued to advocate that liquid wastes should not be trucked at all when there is a licensed facility that can solidify and treat the waste next door to Hanford and avoid trucking wastes through Spokane on I-90 for 900 miles to Utah or 1,900 miles to Texas for disposal.

We need to clean up Hanford and STOP further production of nuclear waste. At the very least solidify the waste and bury it where it is or at a final burial site. NO MORE INADEQUATE NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL!!! IF it cannot be dealt with safely, STOP PRODUCING MORE.

I want the test for 2,000 gallons of waste to proceed. But if it succeeds there will be thousands of shipments. Ecology has a duty under SEPA and the HEAL Act to consider and mitigate the risks from truck shipments through low income "overburdened" communities in Spokane or on Indian Reservations by requiring that the waste is solidified and treated at the licensed facility adjacent to Hanford instead of trucking untreated liquid waste.