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I urge Ecology to pursue the science rather than political pressure in projects to sequester Hanford tank waste. Vitrification has proven successful in long-term immobilization of the radioactive, corrosive waste material. Grouting has failed past tests. It diverts funds which should be directed toward advancing vitrification and wastes time better spent. Grouting is not 'better than glass.'

Further, the 'faster cheaper' argument is not fact-based.

Further to the permitting, please require clarification of:

protection of workers from toxic chemical vapors;

the plan for bounce-back waste disposition;

sampling of the totes.

Please improve the public information process if grouting testing goes forward.

Many thanks for considering these proposals.