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I strongly support removal of waste from the tanks in the Hanford 200 West Area. Of immediate concern are the three tanks that are leaking. As an Oregonian, I appreciate that our Governor Kotek has strongly objected to shipping liquid radioactive wastes under the proposed agreement. I want the USDOE to adopt the far safer alternative to treat and solidify Hanford's tank wastes before they are shipped for disposal. Immediately adjacent to Hanford is the licensed commercial radioactive hazardous waste treatment facility, "Perma-Fix NW". This facility already treats large amounts of more radioactive waste every year, which is then returned to Hanford for disposal. This would eliminate the serious risk of transporting liquid waste through Oregon, Washington or other states. There must either be an EIS with public meetings along the shipment routes regarding shipping liquids, or a binding condition that liquids will not be shipped through Oregon or Spokane. In addition, I want the Agreement to include enforceable requirements to remove leakable liquids from leaking tanks, starting in 2025, and prioritizing full retrieval of wastes from the tank farms that have leaking tanks.