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Has a cost analysis been done to compare the cost of disposal of the grouted low-activity waste outside the contiguous borders of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation to the cost of disposal of the waste within those borders? If this analysis has not been done, it must be done to ensure effective use of taxpayer dollars. I expect that the transportation costs for the grouted waste form would be substantial. If disposal of the grouted waste form can be performed in a RCRA-compliant manner at an offsite facility, then that same RCRA-compliant disposal could be done at an onsite facility, such as the Integrated Disposal Facility or an expansion of that facility.