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I write in support of the removal of waste from Hanford for disposal offsite, in a location clear of rivers, lakes, and groundwater. As a Washington resident, I expect our governor to use every possible means and power to prevent radioactive wastes from being shipped through major metropolitan areas like Spokane, particularly when such waste products could be rendered solid prior to transport. At a bare minimum, a full and robust environmental impact statement should be developed, taking into consideration both the likely and the possible effects of the transport of radioactive liquid waste products and any spill of such products along the route.

Furthermore, I am extremely dismayed that Hanford's High-Level Nuclear Waste tanks continue to leak, and that no action seems to have been undertaken to stop these leaks. Even in the brief period since public meetings on the Agreement were held in July, the Department of Energy has announced that a third tank is now leaking. It is impossible for me to believe that DOE did not know about this leak prior to the July meetings, and it is unconscionable that such information not be disclosed promptly, in particular given that multiple people raised concerns that the Agreement provides no specific actions to address and remediate the tank leaks. The Agreement must be updated to include specific, measurable, and enforceable requirements to remove liquids from leaking tanks starting no later than next year, and to prioritize full retrieval of wastes from the tank farms that have known leaks. It is absolutely unacceptable to allow tanks in the B and T Farms to continue leaking for another decade and a half.