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I support removing waste from Hanford for disposal offsite where there is no risk to contaminate groundwater or a river. I live in Seattle but grew up in Yakima. This issue has been ongoing my whole life and it is incredibly confounding that we are still dealing with leakage into the Columbia River and ground as well.

Leakage of radioactive waste that will harm not only those currently living in the area, but generations in the future! We must take action now and I urge my Washington State agencies and Governor Inslee to use EVERY power they have to ensure that liquid radioactive wastes are not shipped through the city of Spokane. There is a far safer alternative to treat and solidify Hanford's tank wastes before they are shipped for disposal. program.

An EIS is required to review the impacts of decisions, such as not retrieving waste from leaking tanks; and to present reasonable alternatives to stop the leaks and speed up retrieval before more tanks leak. We need public hearings on an EIS – with discussion of potential impacts and alternatives – in my community and others across the state.

Leaking tanks must be prioritized for removal of all leakable liquids or full retrieval. It is the height of neglect and poor judgment to keep tanks that are now leaking until 2040 or later. USDOE needs to commit to immediate action to stop or reduce the leaks from Single Shell Tanks and dramatically increase the pace of waste retrieval.

As an elder and lifelong inhabitant of both Oregon and Washington I it is clear and apparent....this danger to all people and wildlife now and in the future must be taken away and there IS a way to do that.

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