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- 1 This proposal reads as though the parties are kicking the proverbial high-level waste can down the road again, which leads one to question when the parties will make a realistic agreement regarding high-level waste. Wouldn't it be more responsible to look for ways to more safely store the waste while developing a permanent disposal solution?
2. Over the past several decades, chemical make-up of the waste has been such a big hurdle in the waste treatment design/re-designs. How can you be sure that the direct feed configurations will not have an impact on the chemistry of the waste that will remain for future treatment? In other words, is treating portions of the tank waste without having a complete design for the entire chemical makeup the best plan?
3. Section IV.A.4 describes an approach for developing new permitting plans. What is the intent of not including all aspects of the consent decree in the permitting plans? This piecemeal approach to permitting plans seems inconsistent with the "holistic" negotiations concept.
4. Over the past 30 years, grouting tank waste has been considered numerous times with no success. What has changed to make grout a viable treatment method for tank waste now?
5. M-045-139, is there sufficient tank capacity available to wait until 2040 to initiate operation of the new tank storage capacity?