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High Level Nuclear Waste tanks are leaking and the contamination is spreading to the groundwater that flows to the Columbia River. But will anything be done to stop the leaks as required by federal and state hazardous waste laws?

The USDOE and Washington State spent four years negotiating to revise the Hanford Cleanup Agreement governing the cleanup of Hanford's High-Level Nuclear Waste tanks for the next two decades.

But did they agree to take any action to stop the leaks from tanks? No.

Since the public meetings on the agreement in July, USDOE has announced that yet another of the 149 Single Shell Tanks is leaking. That makes 3 leaking tanks.

Millions of gallons of liquid radioactive waste from those tanks are likely to be trucked through Spokane or Oregon!!!

There is a safe alternative to have the waste treated and solidified before being shipped. Your comments are needed to insist that liquid waste is not shipped through our communities and over mountain passes.

We strongly support having some low radioactive waste disposed offsite to protect the groundwater and Columbia River. But it is vital that the waste be treated and solidified before being shipped.

This has taken far too long to be dealt with and transporting nuclear waste through Washington and Oregon is not an option without the proper steps.