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I am opposed to using the outdated Tank Closure and Waste Management EIS to guide the work that desperately needs doing at the Hanford site. There are many changes that have been revealed since then that must be assessed.

Besides the failings of the above EIS, the USDOE failed to do an EIS update on the route specific impacts. It is dangerously to allow highly toxic substances to travel through communities without taking proper precautions. Unless an EIS is done, Ecology must bar shipment of liquids. Are you willing to risk a catastrophic accident?

Further, the permit fails to require leaking High Level Nuclear Waste tanks to be emptied within one year of a tank being identified as leaking or potentially leaking. At least 3 tanks are leaking now. This is highly irresponsible. We know how PERMANENTLY TOXIC these substances are.

Further, there are thousands of containers that pose serious risks, but the permit does not include a strict schedule to treat and remove for disposal all backlog waste within three years. 40 miles of unlined ditches into which wastes were disposed in the 200 Areas (central Hanford) also need to be in the permit with conditions requiring investigation, exhuming and treating wastes on a strict timeline.

The Hanford site is the most contaminated site in the entire country. Levels of radiation in the soil under the 324 Building are so high that just 2 minutes of exposure to the soil would be lethal!!

It is beyond time to safely dispose of this toxic waste. Threatening the integrity of the surrounding communities and the Columbia River ecosystem is not acceptable.