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I urge you to bar USDOE from trucking millions of gallons of liquid radioactive hazardous wastes from Hanford's High Level Nuclear Waste tanks through Oregon or Spokane en route to be treated and disposed in Texas or Utah unless there is an EIS that discloses the route specific impacts and analyzes the benefits of requiring the waste to be treated and solidified before trucked hundreds of miles.

USDOE estimates the offsite disposal program would send 582 trucks per year and 12 per week through downtown Spokane and/or Oregon.

I support offsite disposal to reduce the total amount of waste disposed at Hanford. This will protect the Columbia River and groundwater. But, trucking the liquid waste instead of treating and solidifying it before it is shipped is far more dangerous. USDOE failed to do an EIS update on the route specific impacts.

I urge you 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 as you read this! State and federal hazardous waste laws require leaking dangerous waste tanks to have all leakable liquids emptied immediately or as soon as practicable.

RCRA and the state hazardous waste law also require RCRA permits to have a "contingency plan" (or a leak response plan). Such a plan should incorporate the specifics of how the permittee will remove all leakable liquids from a leaking or suspected leaking tank as soon as practicable. The proposed Leak Response Plan describes options to be considered, but no firm requirement to stop tanks from leaking on a firm timeline.

Thank you