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Subject: Hanford Clean-up

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Re your request for public comment.

I worked at Hanford for 43 years, watching the DOE spend millions on developing methodology to handle wastes. In every case, once the project was shown to be feasible and demonstrated, it was cancelled--I believe at the behest of activist and native american groups.

Now after 50 years with a little progress inspite of this, I read "may present a risk to human health and the environment". As a scientist, I doubt the risk is worth the expense to correct and suspect the purpose of the project is political in order to preserve the management by the government. What should happen and could still is that we develop the appropriate use of nuclear products so that the population reap a financial benefit instead of a continual drain on our resources and pretense of accomplishment.

with the amount of stalling toward completion, I see very little risk to the environmnet.

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