

Don't Be Left Holding the Barrels

The federal government wants to bring 7,000 cubic meters of plutonium waste from the shutdown nuclear bomb plant at Hanford, WA, to the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) for treatment. *In theory*, the waste would then be trucked to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico for disposal.



But theories don't drive trucks, and Idaho could be left holding the barrels.

Stranded Nuclear Waste In 1995, the State of Idaho signed the Nuclear Waste Settlement Agreement with the federal government to protect Idaho from becoming a nuclear waste dump. The Agreement says nuclear waste can come to Idaho for treatment, but it has to be shipped out

within one year. That's worked so far, but now the federal government wants to erase the time limit. The proposed Hanford shipments would bring in a lot of waste very fast and it might not be treated and shipped out in one year. The dangerous nuclear waste would be stranded in Idaho.

Dangerous Shipments We don't know what radioactive and chemical wastes are in the barrels at Hanford because they haven't been tested. We do know the waste is potentially flammable and explosive. These dangerous shipments will come by truck and train through Idaho's most populated and fertile regions.

Protect Idaho's Water INL has one of the best nuclear cleanup programs in the country. Even so, this spring the federal government pushed the projected completion date for INL cleanup all the way out to 2060. Cleanup projects that are already planned will help protect the Snake River Aquifer, the sole source of drinking water for 300,000 people. But that's *only if* Idaho cleanup is not interrupted by out-of-state waste.

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