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We already in the PNW have one of the most deadliest nuclear waste dumps in the world. It is INSANITY to allow more nuke power when we can't even clean up our catastrophic Hanford dump. @The amount of high-level waste currently in just one of Hanford's hundreds of tanks would cover a football field to a depth of one foot," the VQR article points out. "More than a third of the single-shell tanks have already leaked. One of the double-shell tanks, into which waste was moved after concerns over leaks, has also failed. In late April of 2021, news broke about a new leak in one of the single-shell tanks, which is estimated to be spilling nearly 1,300 gallons a year." The tanks' expected life span, in many cases, reached their limit 50 years ago.

The risk of an explosion that would cause a Chernobyl-like disaster is very real, says Tom Carpenter, who heads up the watchdog group Hanford Challenge.

<https://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/2021/10/hanford-nuclear-sites-contamination-growing-risks-to-entire-northwest-region-detailed-in-new-journal-article.html>