

## **D29. DOE ISSUES REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL FOR TANK WASTE SOLIDIFICATION**

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on February 20, 1996 for the task of solidifying some 14 million gallons of radioactive and chemical wastes in 177 tanks at the Hanford site. The Department of Energy is privatizing the work to save money and to enlist the technical expertise of companies in the field of waste management.

This privatization approach is relatively new to the DOE. Traditionally, government financed and -owned facilities have been operated on a cost-reimbursable basis. With this new approach, waste will be treated at contractor-finished, -owned, and -operated facilities at a fixed price. At least a 30 percent savings is expected with the new contracting method.

*For more, "DOE issues RFP for Tank Waste Solidification," pg.40, Nuclear News, April 1996. For further information, contact Pete Rasmussen, Contracting Officer, U.S. DOE, P.O.Box 550, Richland, Washington 99352. Tel: 509/372-1849.*