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Mary,

Please see the attached letter from the contractor we hired to provide us with destruction alternatives. I think it answers your questions. First, there are no breaking facilities that handle vessels of this size on the Columbia. Second, towing to another U.S. port is not an option because the Coast Guard would not be able to allow it into another port due to its condition. Taken together these limitations limit the alternative to Ocean Disposal to loading the vessel on a heavy lift transport and taking it to a suitable, approved, facility. The only such facilities the contractor was able to identify were in Texas and B.C., both of which have their own issues that would have to be overcome i.e. a Jones Act waiver and/or compliance with laws relating to the international transport of hazardous waste. I put a call into the contractor to try and get more details on those issues and am waiting to hear back.

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