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Dear Recipient:

(Return to WM, 623-SS) Enclosed is a copy of the Department of Energy (DOE) draft Environmental Impact Enclosa Statement (EIS), "Disposal of Hanford Defense High-Level, Transuranic, and Tank Wastes," DOE/EIS-0113. Copies of this draft EIS are being sent to interested Federal and State agencies, as well as those who are known to have an interest in this activity or specifically requested copies.

The draft EIS was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of alternatives for disposal of Hanford defense radioactive wastes covered in the scope of the document. These wastes are located at the Hanford Site which is near Richland, Washington. We would like to call your attention to a concise summary in Chapter 1.

In May 1986, we will be conducting workshops to answer questions on the technical content of the draft EIS at a number of locations in the Northwest. Specific dates, locations, and times for the workshops will be announced later.

Public hearings to receive comments are tentatively scheduled as follows:

July 8, 1986 Richland, Washington - Federal Building Auditorium

July 10, 1986 Portland, Oregon - Bonneville Power Administration Auditorium July 15, 1986 Seattle, Washington - Federal Building North Auditorium

July 17, 1986 Spokane, Washington - City Council Chambers

Comments presented at the public hearings or postmarked before August 9, 1986, will be considered by DOE in preparing the final EIS. Comments postmarked after the close of the comment period will be considered to the extent practicable. Written comments on the draft EIS should be sent to: Rich Holten/EIS, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, P. O. Box 550, Richland, Washington 99352.

Additional copies of this draft EIS or information on the draft EIS, workshops, or hearings, can be obtained by writing Mr. Steve Leroy, Director, Office of Communications, U. S. Department of Energy, P. O. Box 550, Richland, Washington 99352, or by calling his office on (509) 376-7378.

Sincerely,

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