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**PRESS NOTICE**

July 7, 1987

**SUBJECT:** Nuclear Waste Board and Nuclear Waste Advisory Council Regular Meetings

**DATE:** July 17, 1987

**TIME:** Advisory Council - 9:00 a.m.  
Nuclear Waste Board - 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** EFSEC Hearings Room  
4224 - 6th Avenue S.E.  
Building #1  
Lacey, Washington

Key technical concerns related to siting the nation's first nuclear waste repository at Hanford will be presented to the Nuclear Waste Board July 17, 1:30 p.m., at the EFSEC Hearings Room in Lacey, WA. The technical issues to be covered include groundwater travel time, geologic stresses in deep basalt formations, the consequent difficulties and dangers of mining, the potential existence of natural resources in the area, and the problem of monitoring future releases of radiation at the site given contamination by past Hanford nuclear activities.

The presentation to the Board will be similar to one given earlier in the week by Office of Nuclear Waste Management staff to the National Academy of Sciences Board on Radioactive Waste Management. The NAS Board will meet in Seattle July 14-15 to gather the technical concerns of states and affected Indian tribes. The NAS will appoint technically-expert panels to review the U. S. Department of Energy's site characterization work at each of the potential repository sites, in Texas, Nevada and Washington.

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The Nuclear Waste Board will also discuss health effects studies proposed by the Hanford Historical Documents Review Committee. There will also be a review of several bills in Congress, proposing alternative solutions for dealing with high-level nuclear waste. (A complete agenda for the meeting is enclosed.)

The Nuclear Waste Advisory Council will meet at 9 a.m. to review public involvement activities, proposed new "town meetings," and to receive an update on a documentary film on nuclear waste management issues proposed by the office.

The public is welcome to attend both Board and Council meetings. Please contact the Office of Nuclear Waste Management for more information.

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