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PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 5 -- The three treaty tribes -- the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Yakima Indian Nation and Nez Perce Tribe -- will meet in Walla Walla in mid-August to deliberate their stand in relationship to the Department of Energy characterization of the proposed Hanford high-level nuclear waste repository.

Those deliberations follow a two-day seminar sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation held here earlier.

More than 40 persons attended the special high-level nuclear waste seminar conducted by Westinghouse Electric Corporation's waste technology services division. Attendees included city and county representatives, state officials from Oregon and Washington, and representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Although conducted in layman's terms for the benefit of tribal members, several non-Indians were invited and did participate.

Carl Sampson, chairman of the Umatilla's Nuclear Waste Study Program Advisory Board, said that tribal members are concerned not just for their own lands but the Pendleton community as well, since nuclear waste would travel through the community, either by railroad or on I-84.

Meanwhile, Sampson stated, "the treaty tribes have made it clear to this point that they are neither pro-nuclear nor anti-nuclear."

"Our concern has to do with the matter of high-level nuclear waste transportation and storage, as it affects tribal and adjoining community lands," he said.

The nuclear waste seminar was the first of its kind, designed to explain the inherently technical subject in common terms.

William Burke, director, Nuclear Waste Study Program for the Umatillas, obtained funding approval from the Department of Energy for the seminar.

Burke; Sampson; Clarice Barnes, the public information officer for the tribal nuclear waste study program; and Dr. Yolanda Willis, program manager for the Westinghouse education and information program, structured the seminar to respond specifically to treaty tribe concerns.

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The final agenda included a review of the basics of radioactive waste and segments covering legislative and regulatory policies, high-level waste management, spent fuel management, geologic siting and characterization, and waste transportation issues in general and as they relate to tribal and adjacent community lands.

According to Sampson, the seminar was extremely well received by a very diverse audience representing many occupations and varying educational backgrounds.

Participant satisfaction was evidenced by the many positive comments made after the seminar, according to Sampson. One attendee stated, "An overall excellent job of presenting highly technical material to a lay audience." Another commented, "Got frank answers to questions." And another stated, "It was the first time the nuclear waste story has been told from start to finish that I understood."

A more technical High-Level Nuclear Waste Seminar will be held August 25-27 and October 20-22, at the Radisson Mark Plaza Hotel in Alexandria, Va. This presentation is geared for executives, managers, professionals, educators, government officials and others involved with the management of high-level nuclear waste and spent fuel.

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An optional tour of a relevant demonstration project is planned following each two-and-one-half-day seminar. Further information on this and other Westinghouse seminars is available from Dr. Willis, Westinghouse Waste Technology Services Division, P.O. Box 286, Madison, Pa. 15663, or by telephone, (412) 722-5728.

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SELECTED COMMENTS FROM COURSE EVALUATIONS  
NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

"All instructors were impressive."

Technical quality - excellent - "as an overview it was outstanding."

"Glad I was able to attend."

"Overall introduction to much of the material gave a perspective that was not previously available."

VARIOUS UTILITY COMPANIES

"Thanks for an excellent course..."

"Overall understanding of waste disposal problems. I will have immediate application of LLW concepts."

I value "having met people whom I can contact to keep up with future project changes."

WESTINGHOUSE - NUCLEAR OPERATIONS DIVISION

"This course was extremely informative..."

"Teachers and teaching quality were...excellent."

"Material (distributed) was excellent - informative and well organized."

"I strongly recommend this course be given again (on a regular basis)."

"Excellent course!"

WESTINGHOUSE - JOINT INTEGRATION OFFICE

"For me the course was very beneficial as a refresher and exposure to new material."

"Very good training program. Thanks for the excellent coordination and good time."

"This course gave me a good overview of waste management."

"Course was very comprehensive..."

WESTINGHOUSE

"Very well organized and conducted."

"The overall application of the many diverse factors that influence technical decisions with regard to Nuclear Waste Management will be invaluable in helping me make educated decisions."

"I have gained a better understanding of all facets of nuclear waste management, including my particular concerns."

SPENT FUEL - J. SALING

Pennsylvania State University

"The information was especially timely (up-to-date)"

Westinghouse - Joint Integration Office

"Well versed on all topics"

Department of Energy

"...did an excellent job of expanding on a subject which is not obvious to all..."

TRU - J. GROSS

Various Utility Companies

"Very interesting, good sense of humor, interested in pupil participation"

"Excellent! Just the right information that I need."

HLW - J. POPE

Various Utility Companies

"...excellent command of his topics."

Westinghouse - Joint Integration Office

"Rapid pace yet clearly explained."

"My knowledge about HLW has increased threefold."

**PARTIAL LIST OF ATTENDEES  
NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT OVERVIEWS**

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Title/Department</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Country</u>
Barnes Clarice	Public Info. Officer	Nuclear Waste Projects	Umatilla Indian Reservation	U.S.A.
Barnes Larry	Operations Supv.	Comanche Peak	Texas Utilities Generating Co.	U.S.A.
Beaulieu Dana	General Engineer Waste Mgmt./Transp.	Albuquerque Operations	Department of Energy	U.S.A.
Beguin Philippe	Manager, Waste Treatment		Electrobel S.A.	Belgium
Bierer Lindsey	Manager, Business Development		Ecology & Environment, Inc.	U.S.A.
Birkhoff Gerhard	Physics Dept.	Joint Research Centre	EURATOM	West Germany
Borrelli Darryl	Graduate Assistant Energy Resources	School of Engineering	University of Pittsburgh	U.S.A.
Burnett John	Program Manager Div. of Chem. Sc.	Basic Energy Sciences	Department of Energy	U.S.A.
Carmel Perry	Manager, Waste Mgmt.	TMI Unit 2	General Public Utilities Nucl.	U.S.A.
Clement Ausie	Project Manager	Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant	Tennessee Valley Authority	U.S.A.
Closs John W.	Special Nuclear Prog. Consultant		Northern States Power Co.	U.S.A.
Denham Douglas	Physical Scientist WIPP Proj. Office	Albuquerque Operations	Department of Energy	U.S.A.
Dwight Carla	Nuclear Engr. Nuclear Programs	Rad.Waste Techn. Div.	Department of Energy-ID	U.S.A.

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Title/Department</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Country</u>	
Endow	Yasumi	Senior Engr.	First Research Department	Mitsubishi Atomic Power Industries	Japan
Fink	Kresimir	Chemistry Superintendent	Nuclear Power Plant Krsko	Nucl. Elektrarna Krsko	Yugoslavia
Fox	Paul	Staff Engr.	Nuclear Engineering	American Nuclear Insurers	U.S.A.
Fuchs	Ronald	Mgr., Info. Mgmt. Nat'l. LLW Prog.	Waste Management	EG&G Idaho Inc.	U.S.A.
Gibbard	Kathy	Prog. Mgr., Nucl. Fuel Data RW-859	Nucl. & Altern. Fuels Div.	Department of Energy-HQ	U.S.A.
Guerrero	Joseph	Program Engr.	Joint Integration Office	Rockwell International	U.S.A.
Hotovy	James	Mech. Engr. Engrg. Dept.	Nuclear Group	Nebraska Public Power District	U.S.A.
Hsu	Ming-Te	Engineer	N.R.D.	Atomic Energy Council	R.O.C. (Taiwan)
Ishii	Tamotsu	Manager, Technical Planning	Nuclear Energy	Mitsubishi Metal	Japan
Isogai	Yozo	Senior Engineer	Nuclear Power Division	Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Indust.	Japan
Kakuya	Eiryo	Senior Engineer	Omiya Technical Institute	Mitsubishi Atomic Power Industries	Japan
Katsunuma	Yoshio	Senior Engineer	Nuclear Energy Department	Mitsui Const.	Japan
Lapin	Samantha	General Engineer Waste Mgmt./Transp.	Albuquerque Operations	Department of Energy	U.S.A.

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Title/Department</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Country</u>
Liu Dong-Shan	Spec. of Radwaste Administration	R.W.A.	Atomic Energy Council	R.O.C. (Taiwan)
Mandry Gerald	Engineer II Decon./Recovery Op.	TMI Unit 2	General Public Utilities Nucl.	U.S.A.
Massey Charles	Research Fellow	Grad. School of Public Health	University of Pittsburgh	U.S.A.
McCarten Laura	Consultant Special Nuclear Pr.		Northern States Power Utility	U.S.A.
McKinnon Barbara	Senior Economist	Technical Programs	Sci. Applications Intern'l. Corp.	U.S.A.
Moschuk Leslie	Bus. Development Officer	Commercial Office	Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.	Canada
Nair Raman	Health Physicist	Canada Oper. Montreal	Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.	Canada
Nakamura Heichiro	Manager	Nucl. Fuel Cycle Proj. Div.	Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Indust.	Japan
Nielsen Thomas	Assoc. Prog. Mgr.	Joint Intgr. Off., Albuquerque	Rockwell Intn'l.	U.S.A.
Nishihara Yukio	Engineer	Kobe Shipyard & Engine Works	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries	Japan
Nishino Haruo	Deputy Manager Nuclear Energy Pro.		Chiyoda Chem. Eng. & Constr.	Japan
Olson Margery	Division Manager	Institutional Outreach Div.	Sci. Applications Intern'l. Corp.	U.S.A.
Przeworski Koneta	Corp. Physicist	Corp. Radiation Protection	Philadelphia Electric Co.	U.S.A.

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Title/Department</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Country</u>
Runyon Cheryl	Staff Attorney	High Level Waste Program	Nat'l. Conf. of State Legislatures	U.S.A.
Sims Farrel	Director, Reactor Res. & Tech.	Idaho Operations	Department of Energy	U.S.A.
Stancell Douglas	Transportation Specialist	Transportation Technology Div.	Sci. Applications Intern'l. Corp.	U.S.A.
Tseng Ying-Dar	Engineering	N.R.D.	Atomic Energy Council	R.O.C. (Taiwan)
Voth Marcus	Instructor Nuclear Engineer	College of Engr.	Pennsylvania State University	U.S.A.
Walker Douglas	Research Chemist	Savannah River Laboratory	E.I. duPont de Nemours & Co.	U.S.A.
Yahata Shinsaku	Engineer, Nuclear Fuel Cycle		Mitsubishi Heavy Industries	Japan
Yamada Shigenori	Section Manager Nucl. Plant Design	Nuclear Power	Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Indust.	Japan

**Notes:**

- (1) Representatives from the following Westinghouse divisions have also attended past OVERVIEWS:  
W Idaho Nuclear Co. Radiological Engr. Serv. Div. W Hanford Co.  
W Hittman Nuclear Devel. Corp. Nuclear Operations Div. W Nuclear International  
Waste Technology Services Div. Nuclear Services Intg. Div. W West Valley Nuc. Serv. Co.
- (2) Thirty-three employees of the Westinghouse Materials Company of Ohio attended a LOW-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE SEMINAR in Fernald, Ohio in May 1986.
- (3) Forty-three representatives and invited guests of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation attended a two day HIGH-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE SEMINAR in Pendleton, Oregon in June 1986.

## PARTIAL LIST OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE TRAINING PROGRAMS

Representatives of the following companies/organizations have expressed an interest in attending future Nuclear Waste Management training programs.

Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd.	Maine Yankee Atomic Power
Boston Edison Co.	CFE - Mexico
Canadian AEC	Monsanto Research Corp.
Dairyland Power Cooperative	National Academy of Sciences
Hydrological Consultants	New York Power Authority
Department of Arts, Heritage & Environment - Australia	North Carolina State University
Department of Energy	Northern States Power
EG&G	NUKEM GmbH
E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Co.	Pennsylvania State University
Euratom ISPRA	R. A. Hanson Co., Inc.
Fracture Control Corp.	Rockwell International
Georgia Geologic Survey	ROC-AEC
GPU Nuclear	Sargent & Lundy Engineering
Hydro Nuclear Services Inc.	SGN - Cedex, France
Illinois State Police	Tennessee Valley Authority
Impell Corporation Engineering Div.	Union Pacific Railroad
Issues Management	University of Maryland
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	University of Tennessee
League of Women Voters	U.S. Department of Energy
Los Alamos National Laboratory	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Louisiana Geological Survey, Nuclear Waste Repository Program	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
	Wisconsin Electric Power Co.