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Special Edition

"Newsletter '86" for May/June is a reduced edition to ensure that readers are notified of state and federal public meetings on the U.S. Department of Energy's Defense Waste Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

A special "Newsletter '86" edition (July/August edition), dedicated to describing the impacts USDOE's Environmental Assessments will have on our state, will be prepared if the EAs are released this summer. The final EAs will indicate whether the Hanford site will be considered further as a possible location for the nation's first high-level nuclear waste permanent geologic repository.

In a series of five public meetings to be held in June, the state Nuclear Waste Board and Nuclear Waste Advisory Council will seek public comment on state concerns and other issues involving USDOE's Defense Waste Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS and alternatives it proposes for disposal of defense wastes at Hanford are one of the highest priorities of the Board and Council. The Board is carefully evaluating effects of the defense wastes on siting, operations, closure and decommissioning of a geologic repository. The Board, Office of Nuclear Waste Management staff, and consultants, will prepare an executive summary, non-technical and technical documents for public review. Early this year the President determined that high-level commercial and defense wastes shall be commingled in repositories developed under the federal Nuclear Waste Policy

DEFENSE WASTE AT



HANFORD: WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN JUNE

Act. Since Hanford is a potential repository site under consideration, the issue of defense waste disposal is very critical to our state.

The Board and Council are sponsoring public meetings to hear from the citizens of Washington on this issue. The state will briefly summarize its preliminary concerns at each meeting, and then open the meetings for public comment. Written comments are also welcome, and can be sent by June 27th to the Office of Nuclear Waste Management, Department of Ecology, Mail Stop PV-11, Olympia, Washington 98504.

NOTE: The Nuclear Waste Board and Advisory Council meetings are sandwiched in between USDOE public workshops and public hearings regarding the defense waste DEIS. The first set of public workshops on defense wastes are being held by the USDOE. The USDOE's remaining schedule of public workshops and public hearings are listed on the back page.

STATE OF WASHINGTON NUCLEAR WASTE BOARD AND ADVISORY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETINGS

Each meeting will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. A news media briefing will be held at 3 p.m. in the same location as the evening public meeting.

Date	Location	City
June 17	Eisenhower High School Little Theater 702 South 40th Avenue	Yakima
June 18	Kamiakin High School Auditorium 600 N. Arthur	Kennewick
June 19	Spokane City Council Chambers W. 808 Spokane Falls Blvd.	Spokane
June 20* (9:30 a.m.) (1:30 p.m.)	Nuclear Waste Advisory Council/ Nuclear Waste Board Meetings Rowesix, Building #1 4224 - 6th Avenue S.E.	Lacey
June 24	Clark College Foster Auditorium 1800 E. McLoughlin Blvd.	Vancouver
June 25	Seattle Center Northwest Room/Fidalgo Room 1st & Republican	Seattle

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HOLDS PUBLIC WORKSHOPS AND HEARINGS ON DEFENSE WASTE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The USDOE scheduled public workshops in Oregon and Washington in May and early June to review the major issues in its Defense Waste Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The State of Oregon co-sponsored several of these workshops (held in Oregon) with the USDOE to further inform the public of Oregon's concerns about the Defense Waste DEIS. The remaining scheduled USDOE workshops are from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the following locations:

Date	Location	City
June 10	St. Placid Priory 320 College Street	Lacey
June 11	Seattle University Piott Auditorium E. Madison & 12th	Seattle

The USDOE also will hold formal public hearings on its Defense Waste DEIS in July to receive comments from both citizens, states, and Indian tribes. The public is encouraged to participate in both the state and federally sponsored public meetings.

The USDOE public hearings are scheduled as follows:

Date	Location
July 8	Tri-Cities
July 10	Portland
July 15	Seattle
July 17	Spokane

Copies of the Defense Waste DEIS are available from the U.S. Department of Energy. The USDOE also will accept written comments on the DW/DEIS until August 9, 1986. To receive a copy of the DEIS, or to comment on it, contact:

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