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PRESS NOTICE

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SUBJECT: Nuclear Waste Board and Advisory Council Régular Meetings

DATE: November 21, 1986

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

PLACE: EFSEC Hearings Room Rowesix, Building #1 4224 - 6th Avenue Lacey, Washington

The Nuclear Waste Board and Advisory Council will conduct their regular meetings on November 21, 1986.

At the 1:30 p.m. meeting, the Board will hear a report from Nancy Smith, staff person for Congressman Edward Markey's Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power, who investigated the U.S. Department of Energy's (USDOE) selection of sites for characterization for the nation's first permanent high-level nuclear waste repository.

Ms. Smith together with Dan Meek, staff person for Congressman Jim Weaver's Subcommittee on General Oversight, Northwest Power, and Forest Management, reviewed USDOE documents and interviewed several USDOE officials. In a letter to Secretary of Energy John Herrington, Congressmen Markey and Weaver, as well as Representatives Al Swift

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(D-Wash.) and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) charged that internal USDOE draft documents revealed that USDOE "distorted and disregarded its own scientific analysis in order to support the selection of the Hanford, Washington site, and to avoid selection of the Richton Dome site". Contact the Office of Nuclear Waste Management for a copy of the letter.

The Board also will review, in a county-by-county breakdown, the Referendum 40 election results.

The Advisory Council will hold its regular meeting at 9 a.m. As a supplement to its regular meeting, the Advisory Council has scheduled an informal meeting on November 20, 1986, at 6:30 p.m. at the Westwater Inn, Westwater Club Room, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive, Olympia, Washington.

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