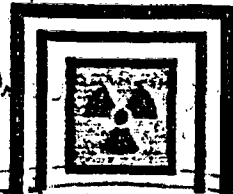


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[1] GARDNER URGES 'MID-COURSE CORRECTION' ON SITE SELECTION

Washington Governor Booth Gardner has asked DOE to join him and representatives from other states in negotiating a "mid-course correction" to DOE's site selection process which he hopes will re-establish the credibility of the program. Gardner broached the plan to Ben Rusche, director of DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, when Rusche visited Washington as part of a tour of DOE facilities. Rusche said he would consider the idea, but he gave Gardner no commitment. The Washington Nuclear Waste Board endorsed the general terms of the proposal December 19, but other governors and members of Congress have yet to sign on, and it is not clear that the idea can help DOE avoid a showdown in Congress. A detailed look at Gardner's idea, the Waste Board's concerns and DOE's initial reaction is in THE JUMPS. → Page 11:[21]

[2] DOE GETS READY TO DRILL AT HANFORD, BUT SOME CRY FOUL

The Department of Energy is moving ahead with preparations for drilling two test holes at Hanford late next year, but some members of Congress think the actions violate the conditions imposed on DOE's FY 1987 budget. Details of DOE's activities at Hanford were revealed in a memorandum to William Burke, program chairman for the Umatilla Confederated Tribes. A summary of DOE's activities and the reaction to them is in THE JUMPS. → Page 12:[22]

[3] DOE RECOMMENDATION REPORT A 'TRAVESTY,' SAYS CONSULTANT

DOE's May 28 Recommendation Report which selected the three finalist sites for characterization "fails to document its analysis or conclusions" and "really is a travesty of everything decision analysis stands for," concludes a new report by ECO Northwest, a consulting firm hired by the Washington Department of Ecology. ECO Northwest presented its review of DOE's Multiattribute Utility Analysis and the Recommendation Report to the Washington Nuclear Waste Board December 19. The report is another arrow in the quiver of weapons Washington state will use in its legal challenges to DOE's siting program. A detailed look at ECO Northwest's report and how it fits into Governor Booth Gardner's new strategy is in THE JUMPS. → Page 13:[23]

[4] COURTWATCH: MRS STILL HUNG UP IN 6th CIRCUIT

The 6th Circuit Court in Cincinnati, which turned down Tennessee's challenge to DOE's Monitored Retrievable Storage proposals, has not yet released its ruling to a Memphis district court because Tennessee's motion for a stay to the circuit court has not been acted on. Elsewhere, Washington state's Attorney General Ken Eikenberry met out of court December 12 with Justice Department and White House officials to plead the merits of Washington state's 9th Circuit suits. Meantime, the National Parks and Conservation Ass'n has followed Washington and filed a summary judgment motion in the 9th Circuit. Courtwatch continues in LITIGATION STATUS → Page 4:[13].

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