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U.S. Department of Energy and
Washington State Department of Ecology
Request Public Comment on the:



**Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS)
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
for the
Hanford Site**

The TWRS Draft EIS assesses the environmental impacts associated with alternative methods of managing and disposing of more than 56 million gallons of radioactive, hazardous, and mixed waste in 177 underground tanks, and approximately 60 miscellaneous underground storage tanks, and managing and disposing of approximately 1,930 cesium and strontium capsules at the Hanford Site. The EIS is being co-prepared by DOE and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

The TWRS Draft EIS identifies nine alternative methods of managing and disposing of the Hanford Site's tank waste and four alternatives for managing and disposing of the cesium and strontium capsules. DOE and Ecology's preferred tank waste alternative is the Phased Implementation alternative, which is based on the technical strategy contained in the Tri-Party Agreement. DOE and Ecology have not identified a preferred alternative for the Hanford Site's encapsulated cesium and strontium. The TWRS Draft EIS analyzes the potential impacts to human health and the environment for each alternative.

Send written comments to: Ms. Carolyn Haas, DOE TWRS EIS NEPA Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 1249, Richland, WA 99352 or Mr. Geoff Tallent, TWRS EIS Project Lead, Washington State Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504. Comments can be submitted via the Internet at TWRSEIS@ecology.wa.gov or by Facsimile at (509) 736-7504.

For information or to receive a copy of the EIS call the toll-free **Hanford Cleanup line** at 1-800-321-2008. Public comments will be received through **May 28, 1996**.

Public Hearings: The public is also invited to attend public hearings in which oral comments will be received on the Draft EIS. Public hearings will be held on:

May 2, 1996

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hawk Union Building, West Dining Room

Columbia Basin College

2600 North 20th Avenue

Pasco, Washington

May 9, 1996

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Multnomah Room

Red Lion Hotel at Lloyd Center

1000 NE Multnomah Drive

Portland, Oregon

DOE and Ecology also will conduct workshops and meetings on the Draft EIS for interested organizations. To schedule a workshop, call 1-800-321-2008. A public meeting will be held on May 7, 1996 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Sheraton National Hotel, 900 Orme Street, Arlington, Virginia.

The EIS is available for review at:

- *Suzallo Library, University of Washington, Seattle, WA*
- *Foley Center, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA*
- *DOE Reading Room, Washington State University, Richland, WA*
- *Bradford Price Millar Library, Portland State University, Portland, OR*
- *DOE Reading Room, Forrestal Building, Washington, D.C.*

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