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332 Storage Facility Proposed Permit Termination

Background

The 332 Storage facility is located on the north side of the 300 Area on the Hanford Site. The facility was constructed to allow storage of flammable and other dangerous waste. The facility was used to support management of dangerous waste generated in the 300 Area. 300 Area generated dangerous waste was accumulated at 332 until April 1989. The facility stored small quantities of radioactive mixed waste and dangerous waste and waste samples in various sized containers. The 332 Storage facility did not operate as a greater than 90-day storage facility and does not qualify as a treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) filed a Part A permit application on May 19, 1988, to store waste for periods greater than 90 days. On June 22, 1989, USDOE submitted a request to the Department of Ecology for withdrawal of the 332 Storage Facility Part A permit application as required by the Hanford Tri-Party Agreement. Ecology approved the request for withdrawal pending results of the formal decision making process required by WAC 173-303-840. This decision making process was not utilized and therefore the withdrawal was not completed administratively.

The USDOE would like to initiate the decision making process on the 332 Storage facility. If the permit is terminated, the facility will no longer be permitted as a treatment, storage, and disposal facility. Since USDOE may use the facility for waste packaging, generator requirements will apply.

How you can be involved

Ecology has tentatively decided to approve this permit termination, but would like to hear your issues or concerns before making a final decision. A 45-day public comment period will start January 31, and end March 17, 1997. No public hearing is planned, but a hearing will be scheduled if requested.

Requests for public hearings or meetings should be submitted by February 24, to Greta Davis of Ecology to allow for timely notice to other interested Hanford stakeholders.

Written comments should be submitted by March 17, 1997, to Greta Davis, Department of Ecology, Nuclear Waste Program, 1315 W. 4th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336-6018.

All comments will be considered and responded to by Ecology.

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