

As Hanford's mission has changed, attention has been given to requirements for releasing lands for new uses. Because the North Slope area is considered to be relatively clean and is no longer needed for security, it has been selected for quick cleanup to remove hazards and allow its release for other future uses. The goal of the ERA is to take actions which will reduce exposures for humans and wildlife to potential injury, or hazardous wastes. These actions include evaluating existing hazards and choosing cleanup alternatives. Ecology is the lead regulatory agency.

Cleanup Alternatives

Four options are being proposed:

- **No Action** (consideration is required): No attempt to cleanup identified hazards would be made. This does not meet the goal of expedited cleanup, which includes minimizing the presence of physical hazards to the public. No cost.
- **Hazard Mitigation**: Physical hazards and potential asbestos exposure minimized and oil-contaminated soil and drywells cleaned up. This alternative is sufficient for a wildlife refuge scenario, but wouldn't allow unrestricted land use. Cost, approximately \$2 million.
- **Hazard Removal**: Includes both minimization of all physical hazards and removal of all regulated waste, oil contaminated soils, and materials within landfills (including demolition debris). The option involves extensive soil excavation but would allow all future land uses. Cost, approximately \$25.8 million.
- **Characterization And Hazard Mitigation**: Includes all of the work described under Hazard Mitigation, plus the removal and examination of one landfill thought to be representative of the greatest potential problems. Remaining landfills would also be further evaluated. Cost, approximately \$4.6 million.

How Can You Get Involved?

USDOE has selected Characterization & Hazard Mitigation as the preferred alternative. The agencies want to know which alternative you prefer. A public meeting will be held on November 23, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mattawa Elementary School Multipurpose Room at 400 N. Boundary in Mattawa, WA.

Only after comments from the public have been considered, and all options reviewed, will Ecology and EPA select the final expedited cleanup plan. Ecology will send responses explaining how your comments were used to reach the final decision. An action memorandum will then be issued directing the remaining work to be done under the Comprehensive Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). This work is to be completed by October 1994.

You may review the North Slope Expedited Response Action Proposal and other documents at the Hanford Tri-Party Agreement Public Information Repositories listed below. For more information, call Dib Goswami, Ecology, (509) 736-3015, or the Hanford Cleanup toll-free hotline 1-800-321-2008.

If you have special accommodation needs, please contact Rob Harper at (206) 407-7122 (voice) or (206) 407-7155 (TDD).

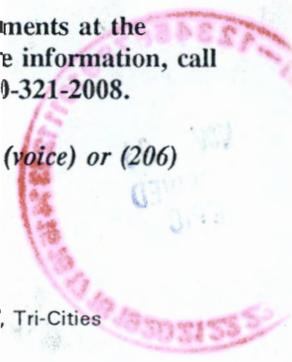
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