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## Hanford Cleanup Fact Sheet

### ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE HANFORD COMPLIANCE AND CLEANUP AGREEMENT

#### BACKGROUND

The public has shown a great deal of interest in the Hanford Compliance and Cleanup Agreement. More than 300 people attended public workshops, meetings and hearings held in March and April, 1989. Many also submitted written comments.

The agreement details how the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) will clean up the nuclear and chemical wastes at the Hanford Site and bring waste facilities into compliance with federal and state laws. It also describes how the two regulatory agencies, Washington Department of Ecology and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, will oversee DOE's actions.

In response to those comments, a number of actions have been taken.

#### MAJOR ACTIONS

Liquid waste streams investigation -- A 14-month investigation will be undertaken regarding the content and effects of liquid waste streams from the Plutonium Uranium Extraction Plant and other facilities. The three agencies will use the results of that investigation to determine if changes to the phase out schedule should be made.

Surplus reactors inclusion -- Any hazardous waste-related activities concerning the disposal of the eight Hanford surplus reactors will be covered by the agreement. In addition, necessary cleanup of hazardous substances released from the reactors will be covered by the agreement.

Citizens advisory council included -- The accompanying Community Relations Plan will include a section providing for review and comment on the agreement's annual work plan revision by the State Nuclear Waste Advisory Council.

Binding nature of DOE's signature -- The Secretary of Energy has authorized the Manager, Richland Operations Office, to sign the agreement.

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