

SPOKANE WASHINGTON
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
P.O. BOX 550, A7-75
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AND

WESTINGHOUSE HANFORD COMPANY
P.O. BOX 1970
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RE: PUBLIC HEARING, SHEARTON HOTEL
SEPTEMBER 20, 1989; HANFORD
COMPLEX CLEAN-UP:

ATTN: MESSERS, KEN MORGAN, CHERRI DE-FICH-PRICE
and BILL DIXON:

DEA.: ADDRESSES:

This letter of protest is written by the undersigned as a citizen victim to you people as a result of a report from L.E. DOWNING (Legislative Representative of Unit 81 of the National Association of Retired & Veteran Railway Employees here in Spokane Washington), who submitted written testimony to you for documentation in the record stating our protest and displeasure concerning the past performance of the DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY and the ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY in the INSPECTION and ENFORCEMENT of the prevailing law concerning the HEALTH and WELL BEING of we citizens living in the proximity of this NUCLEAR REACTOR and it's DEVASTATING RADIATION and POLLUTION EMISSIONS into our environment.

The written format presented to Downing and those in attendance comprised a list of those representatives of the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency who presented oral and written information, a section captioned " ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT _ FIVE YEAR PLAN" as submitted by SECRETARY JAMES D. WATKINS of the DOE (7 pages); a EXECUTIVE SUMMARY comprising 32 pages; a DRAFT OF THE FIVE YEAR VISION FOR HANFORD CLEANUP and finally a copy of a alleged UPDATE these two sections totalling 8 pages.

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DOE FIVE YEAR RESTORATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN, CONT'D:

Initially, I as a VICTIM CITIZEN want to thank the DOE for finally admitting that these NUCLEAR REACTOR facilities have created a RADIATION and POLLUTION of compounding demensions that in your words will require at least FIVE YEARS to measure its detremention to our enviomment. AND you suggest that some VISIONARY FORMULA as suggested by Mr William Dixon of the Westinghouse Hanford Company will CURE these COMPOUNDING THREATS prevailing as a result of the Governments refusal to properly enforce the prevailing law concerning these RADIOACTIVE EMISSIONS and POLLUTION FACTORS resulting from the UNBRIDAL ACTIONS of your agnecy since the inception of these Reactors in 1945 and before. FACTOR

AS suggested by Legislative Representative Downing to Mr. Morgan at this hearing the proper procedure would BE TO DECOMMISSION ALL OF THESE NUCLEAR REACTORS and take those employees so displaced and assign them to a massive WORK FORCE TO CLEAN UP THIS DEVASTATING RADIATION AND POLLUTION CONDITION, not only in the Hanford area but in all areas that are subject to the EAST-WEST JET STREAM that transverses the HANFORD COMPLEX AND OVER ALL TERRITORY EAST OF THAT COMPLEX.

However, this written and oral presentation as submitted by Secretary Watkins and his representatives have not suggested any such corrective measures but have submitted 47 pages on the CLEAN-UP format and implied that these NUCLEAR REACTORS are NEEDED IN THE FUTURE for what purpose has not been made clear.

WHAT IS CLEAR, however, is that the continued use of these REACTORS WILL CONTINUE THIS COMPOUNDING HEALTH FACTOR IN THIS AREA.

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Significantly, the growing presence of organic and respiratory malfunctions of the citizenry in this area suggests that this Hanford Complex is the primary cause. It is a record that Mr/ Marlin Storey a Plummer working at Hanford died in 1978 of Respiratory Cancer, My wife, Minerva B. Downing died June 3, 1988 after fighting cancer since 1978 (Double Mastectomy, Double Cataract surgery and finally died of Nodular Pymphoma). Perhaps you gentlemen should make an in depth ^{that} investigation into the number of deaths/have occurred in this Hanford and surrounding area since the startup of this Hanford Reactor Complex in 1945. Today Mr Earl Jones a retired SPS RAILROAD CONDUCTOR now is facing this devastating problem of trying to save his wife who has recently been subject to a Mastectomy and a progressive cancer condition. Such an investigation would give the DOE, the EPA and other government agencies a proper factual bas is to make this DECOMMISSIONING DECISION which we request.

IT is DOE's Responsibility to develop all aspects of this RADIATION CONDITION and not only to continue it's future presence which will NOT STOP THE RADIATION and POLLUTION FACTORS but ^{be as} /continueing ^{Factor in} these compounding HEALTH THREATS to we citizens. We are furnishing copies of this protest to our Members of Congress asking for Congressional Inquiry and Remedy. Please respond to the undersigned.

cc: Officers & members of Unit 81 NARVRE
 Mr. Gene Stringer, Pres, NARVRE
 Mr. Harold Zweifel, V.P. NARVRE
 Mr. Joseph Trainor, Leg., Rep., NARVRE
 Mr. Cecil Meyer, Reg.7, V.P. NARVRE
 Mr. Roy Gustaves, Reg.7 Leg., Rep.
 Addressed Members of Congress
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

L.E. Downing
 L.E. DOWNING, OUTRAGED CITIZEN

P.S. Responses requested.