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Your Comments are Wanted

Wednesday, May 27
Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza
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7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The Washington State Department of Ecology, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy are asking for comments on proposed changes to the Hanford Cleanup Agreement. **The 45-day public comment period for the document entitled, "Proposed Changes to the Hanford Federal Facility and Consent Order Milestones M-14 and M-24," begins April 20, and ends June 3, 1992.** All comments will be considered before issuing the final document.

At a special public meeting, you will have the opportunity to talk directly with the EPA, U.S. DOE and Ecology representatives on the proposed changes to the Hanford Laboratory (Milestone 14).

Milestone 14—Low-Level Mixed Waste Laboratory. Laboratory capabilities are necessary to support cleanup at Hanford. The original schedule was to build and construct a lab at Hanford by January 1992. EPA has assessed a $100,000 penalty to the U.S. DOE for missing the completion date. U.S. DOE agrees to build a smaller quality assurance and analyzing waste water streams lab at Hanford. The proposed change is to use commercial labs to analyze Hanford cleanup samples. After one year, if deadlines cannot be met by using commercial facilities, then a Hanford lab will be built.

Milestone 24—RCRA Groundwater Monitoring Wells. The three agencies are proposing a change in the required number of new wells. Enough wells will be in place at Hanford to adequately monitor Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) units. The agencies believe this proposal would also save the taxpayers money.

For more information, or to send comments, write to:
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