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August 18, 1986


Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed is a copy of the final "Statement Overview", which summarizes the state's concerns on defense waste disposal. This statement, along with the state agency and local government comments, public hearing statements by Governor Gardner and Nuclear Waste Board members, citizen comments, and the contractor's technical review, constitute the state's response to the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement titled, "Disposal of Hanford Defense High-Level, Transuranic and Tank Wastes".

A complete copy of the state's submittal may be obtained by contacting:

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Sincerely,

  
Warren A. Bishop, Chair  
Nuclear Waste Board and  
Advisory Council

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August 8, 1986

Michael J. Lawrence, Manager  
Richland Operations Office  
U.S. Department of Energy  
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Richland, WA 98352

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Enclosed are the Washington State Nuclear Waste Board and Council comments on the draft environmental impact statement "Disposal of Hanford Defense High-Level, Transuranic and Tank Wastes". The Board and Council coordinated an extensive review of the document which included a series of public meetings.

In-depth reviews were conducted by the Board, Council, state agencies, staff and contractor to the Board. During and following our public meetings we received comments from local governments and citizens. We expect the final EIS to address each of the comments in this response. Comments were not actively solicited from local governments and our understanding is that they will direct their comments to you.

During our review process we coordinated with each of the affected Indian tribes. The Yakima Indian Nation is represented on the Nuclear Waste Advisory Council and participated in every aspect of this review. They will share the results of their review with us. The Yakima Indian Nation representative indicated concurrence with the issues raised in this comment package.

This comment package includes the following:

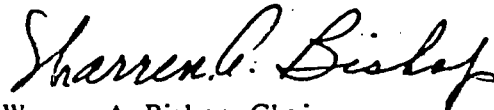
- Statement Overview
- State Agency Comments
- Local Government Comments
- Public Hearing Statements
- Citizen Comments Compiled by Hall & Associates
- Technical Review Prepared by URS Corporation

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this most important document. It was very difficult to complete the evaluation during the limited review period. I am sure you will agree that this is the first critical step in a long, complex, expensive cleanup process which affects all Pacific Northwest citizens. I see an immediate need for an issue resolution process to ensure decisions on priority issues are made in a timely, cost effective manner. The Nuclear Waste Board, with adequate assistance from USDOE, is willing to begin development of a procedure whereby Pacific Northwest groups have an opportunity to participate in an issue resolution process. The goal would be to develop, to the degree possible, a consensus on cleanup priorities and funding.

Please contact me or Terry Husseman if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Warren A. Bishop".

Warren A. Bishop, Chair

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cc: R.A. Holten  
Nuclear Waste Board  
Nuclear Waste Advisory Council