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DOE TO BRIEF PUBLIC ON HANFORD CULTURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Energy is sponsoring a public briefing on Hanford's cultural resource program July 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in room 147 of the Federal Building in Richland, Washington.

The session will include discussions on archeological resources, curation/preservation of artifacts, Native American culture, historical perspectives of the Manhattan Project and Cold War events, the National Historic Preservation Act, and an overview of pre-Hanford history in the mid- Columbia region.

Dee Lloyd, manager of DOE's Cultural Resource Program for the Hanford Site, said "This is a great opportunity for the public to learn about the protection of cultural and archeological resources at Hanford."

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Historical Note: The U.S. Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office owns the 560-square-mile Hanford Site in Southeastern Washington State. Hanford was established during the Second World War as part of the secret Manhattan Project to produce plutonium for the United States' nuclear weapons. Weapons material production stopped in the late 1980s, and the site is now engaged in the world's largest environmental cleanup effort to deal with the legacy of radioactive and hazardous wastes that resulted from the plutonium production era.

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