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## **DOE ISSUES DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON HANFORD REMEDIAL ACTION AND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN**

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Richland Operations Office has issued a draft environmental impact statement (draft EIS) for public review and comment on Hanford Site remediation activities. These activities are directly related to alternative future land uses described in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) which is part of the Hanford Remedial Action draft EIS.

The draft EIS examines potential environmental impacts of the remediation activities necessary for respective land uses. "The Plan relies on the analysis of impacts in the draft EIS and is intended to guide land use and cleanup decisions by careful evaluation of natural, cultural and socioeconomic factors", said Paul Krupin, DOE Project Manager for the Land Use Plan. "We are working closely with Benton County and the City of Richland to ensure that the land-use planning process engages a wide spectrum of public participation, discussion and input", he said. "The draft EIS and Land Use Plan will provide a basis for remediation decisions which will be made by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in specific future cleanup actions."

Consisting of representatives from labor, environmental groups, local governments, Tribal nations, agricultural interests, economic and citizens interests groups, the Hanford Future Site Uses Working Group identified six geographic areas, four of which were include in the draft EIS. This information was utilized as input for the analysis in the draft EIS and Land Use Plan.

According to Tom Ferns, draft EIS Document Manager with DOE, "Two areas have already been remediated, the North Slope and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve, leaving us with four areas to focus on in the draft EIS. Those areas remaining are the `Columbia River', `Reactors Along the River' the `Central Plateau', and `All Other Areas'."

DOE is looking for public comments and recommendations regarding future land uses and the accompanying restrictions at the Hanford Site over the next 50 year period. Based on the Draft EIS and Land Use Plan analyses and public comments received, DOE will develop a framework for future uses at the Hanford Site.

A public information meeting in addition to a public hearing will be held at the Shilo Inn, 50 Comstock Drive in Richland, Washington starting at 6:30 p.m. The public information meeting will be held on October 1, 1996 and the formal public hearing on October 17, 1996.

The Draft EIS is available for review and comment on the DOE Hanford Internet Home Page at: <http://www.hanford.gov/eis/hraeis/hraeis.htm>

Copies of the draft EIS may be obtained by written request to Thomas Ferns or Paul Krupin at the address below. (Please note that a Summary of the draft EIS is available for those who do not want the entire five-volume document by calling 1-800-786-2018. The draft EIS is also available on CD ROM by request, or via the DOE Hanford Internet Home Page.) Written comments on the draft EIS may be sent

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Both the draft EIS and Summary can be reviewed at the following locations:

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