

DOE Seeks Input on Hanford's Fiscal Year 1998 Cleanup Budget

RICHLAND, Wash., February 26, 1996 -- Regulators, tribal nations, stakeholders, the Hanford Advisory Board, and members of the public will take part in an all-day workshop focusing on Hanford's cleanup budget for fiscal year 1998 on Thursday, February 29, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Red Lion Hanford House in Richland, Washington.

The workshop is part of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) ongoing efforts to involve the public in cleanup decision making; it marks the first time the public has been involved at this level of detail throughout Hanford's budget development process. DOE's Richland Operations Office Manager, John Wagoner, will lay out the key cleanup progress planned for Hanford in fiscal year 1998. He'll also address the tough choices DOE will have to make, due to the decline in Hanford cleanup funding, which is expected to continue into 1998.

Other presenters will identify the data, assumptions and processes used in the initial development of Hanford's draft budget request. In the afternoon, a series of individual "breakout" sessions will focus on the site's prime cleanup areas, allowing participants to gather detailed information and ask questions. At the end of the day, regulators, tribal nations, and stakeholders will be asked to talk about their first impressions of the fiscal year 1998 budget.

Hanford's final budget submittal for 1998 will be sent to DOE Headquarters on April 15, 1996.

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