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*Oregon Department of Energy*  
**STAFF UPDATE**

Hanford, Washington is one of three candidate sites for a permanent repository for high-level radioactive waste. The Governor directed the Oregon Department of Energy to lead Oregon's review of the repository consideration.

While all states are likely to oppose the siting of a repository "in their backyard," our responsibility is to ensure Oregon's interests are supported by the merits of a sound technical review. With the assistance of other state agencies with expertise in health, water, geologic and other issues, we will achieve that objective. We have appointed a broadly representative advisory committee to ensure that all information we have is available to Oregonians.

Through agreement of Governor Atiyeh and Governor Gardner we will participate in Washington's review. As the "host" state, Washington may veto selection as a site, subject to Congressional override. Through long hours and hard work, Bill Dixon has ensured that agreement will be fulfilled through a contract to be signed this month. Under that contract, Washington will share federal financing received for its review with Oregon.

That contract will ensure that our interests are represented in the nearly \$900 million in studies being done by Washington and the U. S. Department of Energy.

The enclosed summary offers some perspective on our involvement in issues related to the storage, transport and disposal of high-level radioactive wastes.

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