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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program
Environmental Impact Statement Richland, Washington; Public Scoping
Period Extension

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of public scoping period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is extending the public
scoping period on the Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous)
Waste Program Environmental Impact Statement to January 30, 1998.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact
Statement must be submitted by January 30, 1998, to ensure
consideration. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to

the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments or requests for copies of the Notice of Intent should be addressed to: Allison Wright, Document Manager, Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program Environmental Impact Statement, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (MSIN S7-55), Post Office Box 550, Richland, WA 99352, Telephone: (509) 372-2346, FAX: (509) 372-1926, EMAIL: solid_waste_eis-doe@rl.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the Environmental Impact Statement, contact Allison Wright at the above address. For general information on DOE's National Environmental Policy Act process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, U.S. Department of Energy (EH-42), 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-4600, or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 27, 1997, DOE published a notice in the Federal Register (62 FR 55615) announcing its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Solid Waste Program at the Hanford Site in Richland, Washington and to conduct a 45-day public scoping process pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act. DOE subsequently conducted three public scoping meetings--two on November 12, 1997, in Richland, Washington and the other

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on November 13, 1997, in Pendleton, Oregon. DOE received a request to

extend the public scoping period, which was originally scheduled to end on December 11, 1997. In response to that request and to ensure that all interested parties have adequate time to comment, DOE is extending the public scoping period to January 30, 1998.

Written comments should be addressed to Ms. Wright at the above address by January 30, 1998, to ensure consideration. DOE will consider comments received after January 30, 1998, to the extent practicable.

Issued at Washington, D.C., this 5th day of December, 1997.

Peter N. Brush,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health.

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