

## DRAFT State of the Site Meeting Themes

Seattle – October 18, 2006

### Waste Treatment Plant and Tank Waste Issues

- Concern there is greater contamination in the vadose zone around/under tank TY
- The adequacy of using the pump and treat remedy in the tank farms
- Eight year delay and cost overruns associated with the Waste Treatment Plant
- No firm schedule to empty the tanks
- Confusion over the Tank Waste Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement evaluation of options for what do with tank waste when the TPA states DOE must remove 99% of the waste
- Efforts made to reclassify Hanford tank waste
- Role Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board could play in overseeing the Waste Treatment Plant project.

### Tri-Party Agreement

- Need for a new comprehensive agreement with enforceable schedules for all waste
- Need for enforceable groundwater milestones (including riparian zone) during cleanup not just at the end
- Need interim milestones to show how the River Corridor will be cleaned up by 2012
- Current Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) does not have enough teeth
- Need to make the TPA stick

### Budget

- Concern over declining out year budgets. EM budget will be cut by 25%.
- Adequacy of the current budget and the need for additional dollars
- Want assurances that DOE is requesting enough money
- Adequacy of funding vs. know how and technology to do the work
- Frustration over the time and resources needed to cleanup Hanford
- DOE-RL and DOE-ORP need to work harder to secure more funding for Hanford cleanup

### Public Information/Public Involvement

- The value of public input to the agencies and if it is factored into cleanup decisions
- Concern that an alternative perspective was not part of the meeting
- Desire for circulating copies of Hanford documents undergoing public review be placed in public libraries
- Explore ways to get out information on public meetings like this one
- Liked room layout and brief, succinct and clear opening statements
- Want a State of the Site meeting in Portland

### Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP)

- Not want FFTF to play a role in that program.
- What resources DOE is applying to that program.
- Discouraged with the big push in nuclear energy

#### Other Issues

- The need for additional characterization work to be done in the 200 Area (Central Plateau) and vadose zone
- We all want this cleaned up. How can we help?
- Worker retaliation and whistleblowers
- Need to protect workers from exposure to beryllium
- Columbia River is the reason for cleanup.
- Need to remove the source term and pump and treat the groundwater along the River now.