

Opportunities for Public Input Into DOE Projects

There are currently several DOE-proposed activities that citizens can comment on in the near future. Here is a summary of each, as well as a description of how to provide your input into the project:

Hanford Draft Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement

Idahoans might be interested in this document because one of the proposed actions involves sending a small amount of radioactive waste (approximately 5 cubic meters of special reactor components) to the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center on DOE's Idaho Site for treatment. Here is a link to more information about the document: <http://www.hanford.gov> . A public hearing on the draft EIS will be held in Boise on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel. It begins at 6 p.m.

Draft Mercury Storage Environmental Impact Statement

A public hearing is scheduled in Idaho Falls on the draft EIS DOE has developed on the potential environmental impacts of storing elemental mercury. DOE's Idaho Site is one potential location for storage of mercury. Here is a link to more information about the draft EIS: <http://www.mercurystorageeis.com/>. A public hearing on the draft EIS will be held Thursday, Feb. 25 in Idaho Falls at the Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Blvd., beginning at 5:30 p.m. with an open house. The public comment period extends through March 30, 2010, and comments can be submitted at the public hearing; by mail to David Levenstein, Document Manager, Office of Environmental Compliance (EM-41), U.S. Department of Energy, Post Office Box 2612, Germantown, Md., 20874; or by email to <http://www.mercurystorageeis.com>.

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