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Item 1338 HANFORD RESTART

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RESOLUTION No

Urge U S Department of Energy to halt efforts to restart Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) at Hanford until the site is deemed in full compliance with all state and federal laws and deemed to be consistent with obligations protecting treaty rights of Native American tribes in the region (Resolution)

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1997, Oregon House of Representatives, by a 53-3 vote, approved House Bill 3640 declaring its unalterable opposition to the use of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation for operations that create more contamination, divert resources from the cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation and make Hanford cleanup more difficult, such as the processing of plutonium to fuel nuclear power reactors, and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1997, the Oregon Senate, passed the same resolution by a vote of 28-1, and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 1997, Oregon Governor John A Kitzhaber signed the adopted resolution, and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 1997, members of the Oregon Congressional delegation including U S Senator Gordon Smith, U S Senator Ron Wyden, U S Rep Earl Blumenauer, U S Rep Elizabeth Furse, U S Rep Darlene Hooley and U S Rep Peter DeFazio signed a letter to the secretary of the U S Department of Energy declaring their opposition to the proposed restart of the FFTF and declaring that "the contamination at Hanford continues to pose considerable health and safety hazards to the Northwest's environment and citizens ", and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Office of Energy has consistently opposed the restart of FFTF as a change of Hanford's mission from cleanup to production on the grounds that costs would be substantial, there are viable alternatives to using the Hanford facility and that there are considerable uncertainties and risks associated with the restart of FFTF, and

WHEREAS, the restart if the FFTF could cost an estimated \$600 million while funds for Hanford cleanup remain unavailable at sufficient levels to ensure the health and safety of residents of the Pacific Northwest, and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 1999, U S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson declared the department's intent to proceed with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed restart of the FFTF reactor; and

WHEREAS, serious concerns remain unanswered regarding whether the FFTF restart violates the Tri-Party Agreement, would result in the potentially dangerous

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transportation of plutonium fuel by truck and train through the Pacific Northwest, would create new and dangerous liquid high-level nuclear wastes, violates treaties signed with the Native American tribes in the area and would divert necessary funds from the mandated cleanup of wastes at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Portland, a municipal corporation in the State of Oregon, that the City Council strongly opposes any new missions, programs, projects or activities at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation that would generate waste or impede cleanup unless those missions, programs, projects and activities are directly involved in the cleanup of existing radioactive or hazardous wastes at the site,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council urges U S Secretary of Energy William Richardson to halt any plans to proceed with the proposed restart of the FFTF nuclear reactor at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation until the site is in full compliance with all applicable state and federal environmental laws and all treaties signed with the Native American tribes in the area and is also deemed in compliance by the directors of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington Department of Ecology,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will transmit this resolution to President William Jefferson Clinton, Vice-President Al Gore, U S Secretary of Energy William Richardson, EPA Director Carol Browner, all members of the Oregon Congressional delegation, Oregon Gov John A Kitzhaber and the directors of the Washington Department of Ecology and the Oregon Office of Energy

Adopted by the Council  
Commissioner Hales  
Marc Zolton  
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