

Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

Updates since October

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Board Member Recognition

- Thank you and recognition to:
 - Lori Brogoitti
 - John Howieson

- Welcome to:
 - Representative Bobby Levy
 - Dr. Susan Katz
 - Jeff Wyatt

Oregon Legislative Update

- SB 246 related to Radioactive Material
- Three proposed bills concerning nuclear power plant permitting
 - SB 360 (public hearing scheduled March 23)
 - HB 2332
 - HB 2692
- For more information on small modular nuclear reactors:
 - Biennial Energy Report (“BER”)
 - Comprehensive report on energy in Oregon
 - Includes information about small modular reactors
 - Link: [Introduction — Energy Info \(oregon.gov\)](#)

Hanford Advisory Board

- Leadership positions for ODOE staff:
 - Tom Sicilia, chair of the River and Plateau (“RAP”) Committee
 - Jeff Burrigh, chair of the Public Involvement Committee (“PIC”)
- Leadership position for Dan Solitz, vice-chair of PIC
- New seat on HAB for Umatilla County

In the News: High Level Waste Interpretation

- 2019 rule interprets DOE authority to reclassify waste as non-HLW
- DOE asserts it would allow different treatment options (e.g., grouting)
- Not currently available for use at Hanford

- Recent articles and Op-Eds in Tri-City Herald
 - [State asks Biden to overturn Trump rule for Hanford waste | Tri-City Herald \(tri-cityherald.com\)](#)
 - [Bureaucrats frustrate Hanford scientists | Guest Opinion | Tri-City Herald \(tri-cityherald.com\)](#)
 - [State letter on Hanford waste wrong to exclude Tri-Cities | Tri-City Herald \(tri-cityherald.com\)](#)
 - [Tri-Cities leaders blast WA state over Hanford waste rule | Tri-City Herald \(tri-cityherald.com\)](#)

In the News: High Level Waste Interpretation

- Oregon has not signed onto any recent letters or op-eds
- Oregon has not changed its position on the HLW interpretation
- Oregon's position is outlined in multiple comment letters; e.g. December 2018 letter from ODOE Director Benner during the DOE public comment period on the proposed rule. Link: tinyurl.com/orhlwcomms
- Oregon can serve to host a venue for honest conversations about HLW, the DOE rule, and even the broader tank waste cleanup mission.