Updates since last meeting

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Oregon Legislative Update

• Short session begins February 1, lasts 35 days

• Unknown if bills related to nuclear power or radioactive waste will be introduced

• Rulemaking process related to Oregon’s in-state radioactive waste disposal rules is ongoing

• For more information on energy in Oregon:
  • Biennial Energy Report (“BER”)
  • Comprehensive report on energy in Oregon
  • Link: Introduction — Energy Info (oregon.gov)
OHCB Budget Update

• We have begun Federal Fiscal Year 2022

• Closed books on our FY2021 accounts including reporting required by our DOE grants

• FY2022 DOE grant to funds our work, including OHCB activities

• No travel associated with grant at this time
General Hanford Update

• ODOE (Jeff Burright) presented at National Academies study meeting in October: “Review of the continued analysis of supplemental treatment of low-activity waste at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation”

• ODOE submitted two comment letters to DOE
  • Comments on the DOE 2022-2027 5-year vision
  • Comments on the DOE CERCLA 5-year report

• Milestone at Hanford: Plutonium Finishing Plant removal action is complete
Test Bed Initiative

• TBI (Phase 2) would involve pretreating ~2,000 gal of tank waste to remove key radionuclides, offsite grouting, and offsite disposal at a commercial low-level waste facility

• ODOE submitted comments on the NEPA Environmental Assessment for Test Bed Initiative Phase II in August

• Draft Waste Incidental to Reprocessing Evaluation (WIR); currently open for public comment
Consent-based Siting Request for Info

• DOE issued Request for Information, seeking input from stakeholders on: “how to site Federal facilities for the temporary, consolidated storage of spent nuclear fuel using a consent-based approach”

• DOE notes that “responses to the RFI will inform development of a consent-based siting process, [and] overall strategy for an integrated waste management system…”

• ORS 469.573 Purpose of Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board,
  • (1) Shall serve as the focal point for all policy discussions within the state government concerning the disposal of high-level radioactive waste in the northwest region