

Nuclear environmentalist group supports FFTF, GNEP

In a joint meeting of U.S. and international members in Houilles, near Paris, France, Environmentalists for Nuclear Energy endorsed the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership and the participation of Hanford's Fast Flux Test Facility in the Department of Energy GNEP program.

EFN is a not-for-profit international organization whose goal is to inform the public on energy and environmental issues. It was founded in 1996 by Bruno Comby, author of the French

bestseller *Environmentalists for Nuclear Energy*, who is president of the international organization. The book is now available in 12 languages, and the organization's Web site is in 5 languages.

The U.S. branch, EFN-USA, also has prominent scientists in its leadership, including EFN-USA President Berol Robinson, who helped translate Comby's book into English.

Below is the EFN resolution in its entirety.

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RESOLUTION

On December 9, 2006, a joint session of the Annual Meeting of members of Environmentalists For Nuclear Energy (EFN-USA) and the Board of EFN-International adopted a **Resolution** in support of a GNEP (Global Nuclear Energy Partnership) facility at the Hanford Site, and the continuation of the FFTF (Fast Flux Test Facility) as an important component of that program.

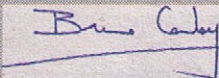
The GNEP initiative intends to demonstrate and deploy, in the USA and around the world, environment-friendly technologies to recycle nuclear fuel, minimize nuclear waste and reduce the risks of nuclear proliferation. Achieving these important objective will serve to protect the environment and provide for a better, cleaner, safer and more ecological future.

Fast-flux neutrons are essential in testing new nuclear fuel cycles, and for the development of reactors in the program of the Generation IV International Forum (GIF). The FFTF is a unique installation in these regards.

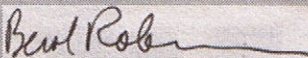
Because of Hanford's many years of experience in nuclear energy research and in operating the FFTF, the Hanford Site is perfectly suited for the development and continuation of research in the GNEP program with the FFTF as one of the major facilities.

With its fast neutron flux, the FFTF is also a unique instrument in the United States for the production of radio-isotopes used for medical diagnosis and treatment, saving thousands of lives every year.

EFN considers the location of a major GNEP research center at Hanford as a sound choice, and underlines that the FFTF is an essential facility for this research. It will contribute to the development of clean and safe nuclear fuel cycles and the development of Generation IV reactors, to make sure that future generations have a continuing supply of abundant and affordable power – long after oil and gas are depleted – so as to assure the continuation of our civilization for millenia, safely and without harm to the environment.



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Affordable Housing Request For Proposal

Franklin County Affordable Housing Oversight Committee is seeking proposals for affordable housing priorities serving households considered to be very low-income (at or below 30% of area median income). Approximately \$367,000.00 in 2007 affordable housing grants and/or

Proposal Details, Instructions and Application

- Online at <http://www.co.franklin.or.us>
- Franklin County Courthouse Commissioners Office
- City Hall offices of City of Medford, City of Medford, City of Medford, City of Medford
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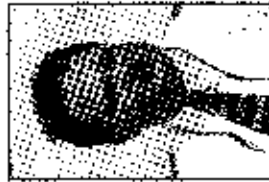
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Tough session ahead, says senator

By Ken Harvey
Citizen Publisher

Delaying passage of the math portion of the statewide WASL exam as a graduation requirement will be perhaps the most publicized issue before the upcoming session of the state Legislature, but there are a lot of other important issues, too, according to Sen. Jerome Delvin (R-Richland)



Delvin

"The WASL is a complex problem," says Delvin. "Our kids need a good, well-rounded education, and they're not getting it. And now, because 49 percent of our students have failed the math portion of the

WASL, another unprepared class will graduate without necessary skills." Delvin agrees that figuring out what's wrong with Washington's public schools is vital to the future of the students and to the state. "We need to enlist everybody — teachers, students and parents — to find out what the real problem is. Other states and countries are much more

successful in teaching math skills. Why is that?" he asks. "We need to look again at our standards — are they world-class? We need to look at what those successful states and countries are teaching and exactly how they're teaching it," Delvin says. "We need a permanent fix. "When we allow students to

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Washington businesses to get break

By Dennis Cresswell
Managing Editor

Showing that she does have a business-friendly side, Gov. Christine Gregoire — along with legislative

