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of environmental concern

The Trojan Nuclear Plant can withstand the worst earthquake possible and still shut down safely, according to a recent computer analysis by Bechtel Corp. of the control building walls.

Trojan has been idle since last March when the walls were found to not meet federal earthquake resistance standards.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission held public hearings in August on Portland General Electric Co.'s proposed modifications to the building, but further action on either interim start-up or approval of the modification plans is pending so PGE can submit additional information to the NRC.

PGE hopes to begin hearings on interim plant operation this month.

Does Oregon need two new nuclear plants? Marcus Wood, a Pacific Power & Light Co. attorney, told the state Energy Facility Siting Council last week that power from the proposed Pebble Springs plants would be needed by the middle 1980s.

The Council is currently holding hearings in Portland to determine whether a construction permit should be granted for the \$3 billion project, proposed for the Arlington area in north-central Oregon.

PP&L, Portland General Electric Co., Puget Sound Power and Light Co. and a group of rural electric cooperatives are seeking the permit.

The hearings on power demand will continue until Nov. 17.

Herbicide Spraying on the Siuslaw National Forest continues this month. Helicopter application of Krenite and Roundup will be made on 445 acres of cutover land and 276 acres of reforested land in the Alsea Ranger District. (Krenite and Roundup do not contain dioxin, a poisonous substance.)

The herbicide spraying program must be completed by mid-October before leaves fall from the brush targeted for removal.

Trainees needed for smoking clinic

A \$36,948 grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse will enable the University to train paraprofessional counselors who will soon help others break the smoking habit.

Eight persons, four from the Eugene community and four from the University community, will participate in the training, according to project director Ed Lichtenstein, University professor of psychology.

Once trained, the paraprofessional counselors will supervise clinics to help others in the Eugene area stop smoking.

University students and community residents interested in becoming paraprofessional trainees are asked to contact clinic coordinator Richard Brown at 686-4903 weekday afternoons.

The acres to be sprayed are located in the Harlan area and the Five Rivers and Deadwood areas.

The deadline may have come and gone for public comment on the Forest Service's Roadless Area Review and Evaluation (RARE II) process, but Gov. Bob Straub wants more time before he submits an opinion on the future of potential Oregon wilderness areas.

Citizen input was due Oct. 1 on the RARE II study, which recommends either wilderness, non-wilderness or "further planning" status for over 3 million acres of roadless land in the state.

Environmental groups have drawn up another proposal known as the Oregon Alternative, which includes half a million more acres to be protected.

The Oregon Alternative recommends wilderness status for 80 per cent of the acres inventoried, while the RARE II study's maximum out of ten alternatives would be 36 per cent.

Straub wrote to Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland stating he needs more time to evaluate the impact of either plan before making a recommendation.

Until timber is available from regrowth in the Tillamook Burn area near the coast, Louisiana-Pacific Corp. will be getting cedar logs at its Tillamook plywood mill from Alaska's Tongass National Forest.

The Forest Service also approved transportation of small hemlock logs from Alaska to L-P's sawmill in Tacoma, Wash.

Primary milling in Alaska is required of most species before they are exported to the Pacific Northwest, but the Forest Service may grant exemptions when there is no Alaskan market for the logs.

Legal restrictions and high costs prevent shipment of hemlock directly to Oregon. Large timber companies would like to change that situation, however, because they are not eligible for Small Business Administration sales of national forest timber and must buy logs elsewhere.

The red tide has struck Puget Sound. When heavy rainfall washes nutrients into the water and foggy weather increases growth of toxic organisms, rampant growth of a single-cell algae occurs, discolors the water and produces the so-called "red tide."

Harmless red tides have appeared along the Washington coast and in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, but the recent occurrence was the first poisonous red tide in the inner sound.

Four persons were hospitalized after eating mussels gathered from the eastern side of Whidbey Island in the San Juans.

All beaches on the island have since been closed to the harvesting of mussels, oysters and clams.

Shellfish biologist Chris Jones of the state Fisheries Dept. said the toxin does not concentrate in crabs, so the crab season is expected to open next week as planned.

Eugene man surrenders in University rape case

A Eugene man was arrested Saturday for the rape of a 20-year-old Dexter woman in an apartment one block west of campus, a Eugene police spokesman said Sunday.

David Basel, 34, of 1390 Alder, Apt. 101, surrendered to police Saturday evening in municipal court, several hours after the rape took place, the spokesman said.

The woman told police she was walking in an alley that connects 13th and 14th avenues between Patterson and Hilyard streets Saturday morning when a man attacked her.

The woman said the man blindfolded her and took her to an apartment and raped her. The man then took her back to the street and released her.

Basel is charged with first degree sodomy and first degree rape. No court date has been set.

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