

Trump's plan to reclassify nuke waste sets off alarms

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — The Trump administration wants to reclassify some radioactive waste left from the production of nuclear weapons to lower its threat level and make disposal cheaper and easier.

The proposal by the U.S. Department of Energy would lower the status of some high-level radioactive waste in several places around the nation, including the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington state — the most contaminated nuclear site in the country.

Reclassifying the material to low-level could save the agency billions of dollars and decades of work by essentially leaving the material in the ground, critics say.

The proposal joins a long list



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Workers at the 'C' Tank Farm at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation near Richland, Wash., in 2013.

of Trump administration efforts to loosen environmental protections. Just last week, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency acted to ease rules on the sagging U.S. coal industry.

Tom Carpenter, of Hanford Challenge, a nuclear watchdog

group, said it wants a thorough cleanup of the Washington state nuclear site, which is half the size of Rhode Island. That includes building a national repository somewhere else to bury the waste once it has been stabilized.

"The cleanup of the site is really

at stake," Carpenter said about the proposed change.

He noted that Hanford is located in an environmentally sensitive site adjacent to the Columbia River and susceptible to earthquakes, volcanoes and flooding.

Hanford was established by the Manhattan Project in World War II to make plutonium, a key ingredient in the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan. The plant went on to produce most of the plutonium for the nation's nuclear arsenal.

As a result, the site also contains the nation's largest collection of nuclear waste. The most dangerous is stored in 177 aging underground tanks, some of which have leaked. The tanks hold some 56 million gallons of radioactive and hazardous chemical wastes waiting to be treated for permanent disposal.

Cleanup efforts at Hanford have been underway since the late 1980s and cost about \$2 billion a year.

Current law defines high-level radioactive waste as resulting from processing irradiated nuclear fuel that is highly radioactive. The Energy Department wants to reclassify some of the waste that meets highly technical conditions.

The agency says the change could save the federal government \$40 billion in cleanup costs across the nation's entire nuclear weapons complex, which includes the Savannah River Plant in South Carolina and Idaho National Laboratory.

Environmental groups and the state of Washington, which has a legal commitment with the Energy Department to oversee the Hanford cleanup, said the proposal is a concern.

State hosts hikes on New Year's Day

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
The Daily Astorian

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department wants people to spend the first day of 2019 outside.

The department will host guided hikes at 31 parks across the state, including Fort Stevens near Warrenton and Oswald West south of Cannon Beach, on Jan. 1. Park rangers and volunteers will lead the hikes and share stories about the park's history, geology, wildlife and plants.

The hikes are free and all day-use parking fees will be waived at participating parks. Hikers can register online at bit.ly/ParkStoreEvents. Registration is not required, but will help park staff plan hikes and provide them with participants' contact

information if hike details change.

The hike at Oswald West will meet at 8 a.m. at the Elk Flats Trail parking lot for a moderate, 2-mile hike on the Elk Flats Trail that features coastal forest and a stop at the Devil's Caldron overlook. Park staff recommend carpooling since parking at the trailhead is limited. The terrain is not suitable for baby strollers and bringing along dogs is not recommended.

The hike at Fort Stevens will meet at the park's Lot A at 10 a.m. and features an easy, 4-mile hike on various paved trails. The trek will pass Swash Lake, an intertidal marsh famous for its winter waterfowl. Dogs must be kept on a 6-foot leash.

It is recommended that all hikers dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

Dorothy 'Cis' Christine Wilson

Astoria

Aug. 10, 1965 — Dec. 1, 2018

Dorothy "Cis" Christine Wilson, born Aug. 10, 1965, to David and Dorothy (Peterson) Wilson in Akron, Ohio. She passed away on Dec. 1, 2018, at 53 years old, in Longview, Washington. She lived in Vancouver, Washington but spent much of her time in Astoria, Oregon where she grew up. Cis was known as a homemaker, friend, mom, sister, aunt and grandma; her grandchildren call her Memaw.

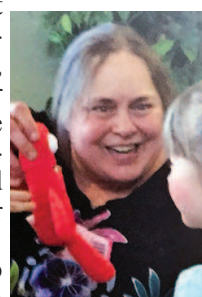
Her favorite things to do included spending time with her grandchildren, playing video poker and watching Hallmark movies. She cared for her nieces and nephews as if they were her own children, and she always made sure everyone else's needs were met before hers.

Cis is survived by two brothers, John

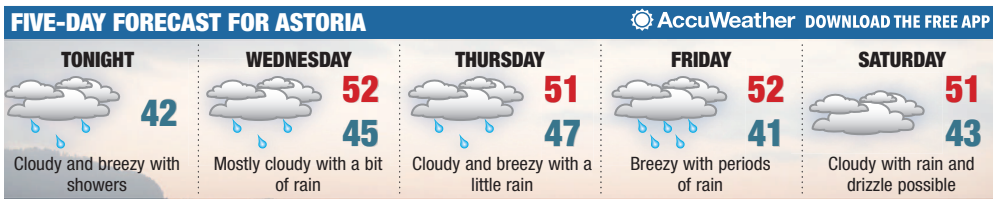
(Annette) Wilson of Riverside, California and Jay Wilson of Astoria; and her three children, Michael and his wife Krysta of Vancouver, Washington, Misty Wilson of Astoria and Christopher Wilson of Astoria. She has eight biological grandchildren; Josiah, Karter, Karinda, Dawna, Alicia, Anthony, Lily and Audrey. She also considered many other children to be her "adopted" grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents and three brothers; Gordon, Timothy, and Robert Wilson.

Her celebration of life will be held at the Wickiup Grange, 92683 Svensen Market Road, Astoria, Oregon, on Dec. 15, 2018, at 1 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish and/or non-alcoholic drink; no alcohol is permitted on premises.



Dorothy 'Cis' Wilson



ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures

High/low 51°/41°
 Normal high/low 49°/37°
 Record high 63° in 2014
 Record low 15° in 1972

Precipitation

Monday 0.02"
 Month to date 1.34"
 Normal month to date 3.41"
 Year to date 54.73"
 Normal year to date 60.78"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 4:30 p.m.
 Sunrise Wednesday 7:49 a.m.
 Moonrise today 11:07 a.m.
 Moonset today 8:41 p.m.

First Full Last New
 Dec 15 Dec 22 Dec 29 Jan 5

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The Great Square of Pegasus passes high overhead before midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

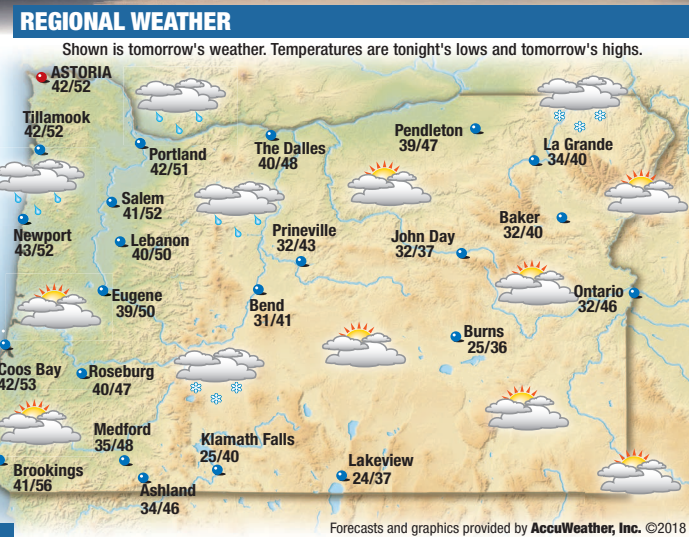
TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
4:56 a.m.	7.7 ft.	10:21 a.m.	3.7 ft.
3:46 p.m.	8.1 ft.	10:43 p.m.	0.7 ft.

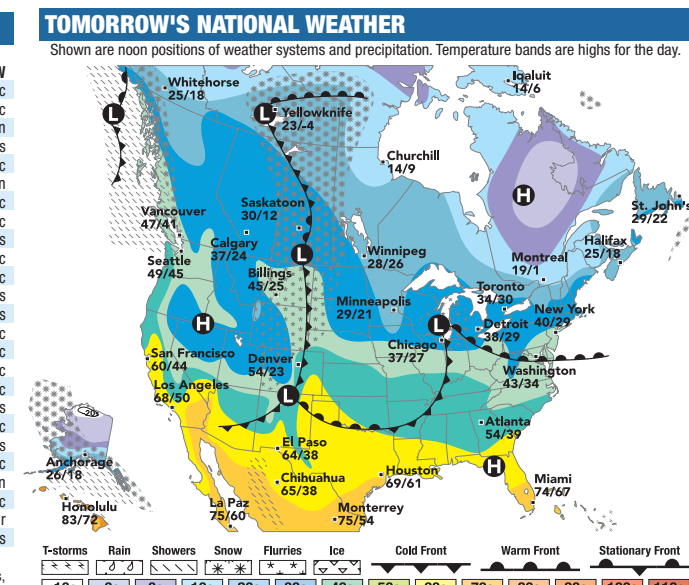
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	W
Atlanta	52 32 s	54 39 pc	
Boston	38 27 s	38 21 pc	
Chicago	35 27 pc	37 27 sn	
Denver	54 27 pc	54 23 s	
Des Moines	42 25 pc	40 28 c	
Detroit	35 25 c	38 29 sn	
El Paso	61 45 c	64 38 pc	
Fairbanks	10 -4 sn	-1 -12 c	
Honolulu	81 73 pc	83 72 s	
Indianapolis	41 29 s	45 29 c	
Kansas City	52 27 pc	48 33 c	
Las Vegas	64 44 c	65 39 s	
Los Angeles	69 49 s	68 50 s	
Memphis	51 39 s	52 49 c	
Miami	67 52 s	74 67 pc	
Nashville	49 34 s	52 44 c	
New Orleans	57 39 s	67 57 pc	
New York	39 30 s	40 29 s	
Oklahoma City	59 33 pc	57 38 c	
Philadelphia	42 29 s	42 28 s	
St. Louis	52 38 s	51 36 pc	
Salt Lake City	36 29 c	37 21 sn	
San Francisco	57 51 s	60 44 pc	
Seattle	51 42 r	49 45 r	
Washington, DC	43 31 s	43 34 s	



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	W
Baker City	36 32 sn	40 23 c	
Bend	47 31 r	41 29 c	
Brookings	53 41 r	54 41 c	
Eugene	51 39 r	50 38 c	
Ilwaco	54 45 r	51 48 r	
Klamath Falls	40 25 c	40 21 c	
Medford	49 35 r	48 28 c	
Newberg	52 40 r	50 42 c	
Newport	53 43 r	52 45 c	
North Bend	56 43 r	54 44 c	
Olympia	51 37 r	48 41 r	
Pendleton	49 39 r	47 35 pc	
Portland	51 42 r	51 43 c	
Roseburg	50 40 r	47 36 c	
Salem	53 41 r	52 42 c	
Seaside	55 43 r	52 47 r	
Spokane	38 31 sn	38 32 c	
Springfield	50 39 r	49 35 c	
Vancouver	52 41 r	50 41 c	
Yakima	42 34 sn	47 31 c	



MEMORIAL

Friday, Dec. 14

McALLISTER, Janet C. "Jan" (Bullock) — Funeral at 10 a.m., Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St. in Cannon Beach, with a reception to follow. All are welcome.

DEATHS

Dec. 10, 2018

MIDDLETON, Elizabeth Sharon, 78, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Dec. 7, 2018

FASSETT, Elizabeth Gail, 63, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

- At 7 p.m. Monday, Steven Crane, 63, of Warrenton, was arrested by Seaside police on the 2200 block of North Roosevelt Drive and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants and possession of heroin.
- At 1:38 a.m. Sunday, Joshua P. Kilburn, 24, of Astoria, was arrested by Astoria police on state Highway 105 and Miles Crossing and charged with

DUII and reckless driving. His blood alcohol content was 0.16 percent.

- At 8:45 p.m. Friday, David Brandon, 51, of Seaside, was arrested by Seaside police on Avenue I and Columbia Street and charged with DUII. His blood alcohol content was 0.18 percent.
- At 5:45 p.m. Friday, Gregory Scott Adams, 36, of Hammond, was arrested by Warrenton police on the 50

block of East Harbor Drive and charged with DUII.

- At 5:41 p.m. Friday, Hayden Davis, 26, of Astoria, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on the 1790 block of Southeast Ensign Lane in Warrenton and charged with DUII, reckless endangerment and eluding a police officer. After being pulled over in the Walmart parking lot, Davis allegedly ran from police.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.
Astoria Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Clatsop Community College Board, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria.
Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

WEDNESDAY

Astoria School Board, 6:15 p.m., study session, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.
Wickiup Water District Board, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.
Astoria City Council, 6:30 p.m., special session on Fairfield Inn and Suites appeal, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1700 S. Main Ave.

LOTTERIES

OREGON	Estimated jackpot:	WASHINGTON
Monday's Pick 4:	\$12,000	Monday's Daily Game: 3-5-6
1 p.m.: 7-3-5-4	Monday's Megabucks: 7-12-22-36-43-46	Monday's Hit 5: 02-30-31-32-33
4 p.m.: 5-1-3-9	Estimated jackpot: \$5.4 million	Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
7 p.m.: 8-1-0-0		
10 p.m.: 8-2-7-8		
Monday's Lucky Lines: 4-8-9-15-17-21-28-29		

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