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Nuclear dump site opening postponed until year 2003

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department admitted to Congress on Wednesday it can't keep its schedule to open the nation's first nuclear fuel waste dump and has allotted another five years to do the job.

The new schedule calls for opening a deep underground waste depot in 2003, instead of 1998, to receive highly radioactive spent fuel from the nation's nuclear power reactors and weapons manufacturers.

The department already has missed several important milestones on the current schedule, drawn up in 1985.

The new schedule was contained in an amendment to the department's formal repository plan.

The amendment is being circulated to states, Indian tribes and other federal agencies, and the department briefed congressional staff members Wednesday on what it contains.

It will be published soon in the

Federal Register for 60 days of public comment.

The department wrote Congress that the stretch-out "is needed to carry out an extensive site (investigation) program, to prepare licensing documents to comply with Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements . . . and to provide additional opportunity for consultation and cooperation with affected states and Indian tribes."

As officials have done before, the letter invited Congress to give attention to the department's position that a second repository will not be needed until well into the next century, and decisions about it do not need to be made until the mid-1990s.

President Reagan last year narrowed the possible choices for the first site to selections in Texas, Nevada and Washington state.

At the same time, the department stopped work on a second site, but it remains under the legal obligation to nominate possible second sites in

granite formations in the East July 1, 1989.

Congress last year denied the department all the funds it wanted for detailed site investigations and bade actual test drilling during current fiscal year — which the department was in no position to do anyway.

The department has made arrangements with utilities to accept currently stored at reactor around the country, in January 1988.

The new plan "requires a reevaluation of the acceptance strategy" and the letter to Congress.

The best choice, the department added, is to proceed with a temporary "monitored retrievable storage facility," or temporary above-ground depot, for which the department is supposed to submit a plan to Congress.

America remembers Challenger tragedy

(AP) — With monuments and memorial services, Americans mourned the seven Challenger astronauts Wednesday on the first anniversary of history's worst space disaster.

Thousands of workers at 10 National Aeronautics and Space Administration centers around the nation observed 73 seconds of silence, the length of Challenger's final flight, at 11:38 a.m., the time the shuttle roared off an icicle-draped launch pad at Cape Canaveral.

Wednesday also was cold, with a low of 33 degrees, a reminder of the conditions that contributed to Challenger's loss.

President Reagan, in taped remarks played at NASA centers, said that teacher Christa McAuliffe and her six fellow astronauts had taught a lesson of courage, spirit and love to America's children.

"Now it is for all of us to learn the lesson from them," Reagan said.

At the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, where the Challenger took off on its last flight, some employees cried openly, others fought back tears and several hugged one another, and tourist buses stopped in their tracks at 11:38 a.m.

"A lot of people just wanted to be with themselves," said Terry Eddleman, a spokesman for the Marshall Space Flight Center at Huntsville, Ala. "It is not a happy day."

Gov. Bill Clements designated Jan. 28 as "Challenger Memorial Day" in Texas. Oklahoma Gov. Henry Bellmon joined about 100 school children and others in 73 seconds of silence at the state Capitol.

In West Virginia, a statue of McAuliffe, made in part with more than 1 million pennies donated by schoolchildren and melted into the bronze, was dedicated at Charleston's Sunrise Museum.

National parks risk losing animal species, study says

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly all national parks in western North America have lost some species of animals, chiefly because the lands were too small to sustain them, and the trend may continue unless action is taken, a researcher says.

Within the 14 park areas studied, 42 populations of mammals had disappeared, wrote researcher William Newmark of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

"Without active intervention by park managers, it is quite likely that a loss of mammalian species will continue," Newmark wrote in today's issue of the British journal Nature.

To reduce future losses, park officials probably will need to start more special programs for park animals and to effectively enlarge parks by

buying land or coordinating activities on adjacent lands, he said.

Newmark, who did the research as part of a doctoral thesis at Michigan's School of Natural Resources, studied national parks and groups of adjoining parks in the Rocky Mountains, Sierra-Cascades and Colorado Plateau.

Using park records and other published sources, he studied sightings of such animals as rabbits, wolves, bears, mink, otters, elk, goats and other mammals for which sighting records were relatively complete.

Analysis showed that the smaller the park, the higher the risk of extinctions. The problem probably stems from loss of habitat and elimination of animals on adjacent lands, he said.

Parents: Please excuse the excuse

LEESVILLE, La. (AP) — "My son is under the doctor's care and should not take P.E. today," one parent wrote. "Please excuse him."

That death sentence was inadvertently recommended in a note — written by a parent who was in a hurry or possessed of an uncertain vocabulary — to excuse a child's absence from school in Vernon Parish.

Duplicated copies of some of the parish's more astonishing excuse notes were given out at a School Board meeting this month.

"Some of them were obviously made up by students," Richard Carter, assistant principal of Leesville High School, said Wednesday. But most, he said, were probably legiti-

mate excuses written by parents in the rural Louisiana parish.

In these samples, names were replaced with either Fred or Mary to protect innocent and guilty alike.

One parent appeared to have taken drastic action: "Please excuse Mary for being absent. She was sick, and I had her shot."

Another had a more comprehensive request: "Please excuse Fred for being. It was his father's fault."

"Please excuse Fred being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33," wrote a parent who lives by an unusual calendar.

"Mary was absent from school yesterday as she was having a gang-over," wrote one, who apparently

expected the school to be tolerant of social follies.

"Fred has an acre in his side another."

And in an extreme case of losing things, "Please excuse from P.E. for a few days. He fell out of a tree and broke his hip."

In a confusion of office with medical terms, one parent wrote: "Please excuse Mary from P.E. today. She is administering."

And several had a racier tone: "Please excuse Fred for being absent. He had a cold and could breed well."

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