

Resolution No. 229

WHEREAS, The Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) is provided the following powers as enumerated in Chapter 80.50 RCW:

"To ensure through available and reasonable methods that the location and operation of such facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment, ecology of the land and its wildlife, and the ecology of state waters and their aquatic life," and

"To develop and apply environmental and ecological guidelines in relation to the type, design, location and construction and operational conditions of certification of energy facilities," and,

"To prescribe the means for monitoring of the effects arising from the construction and the operation of energy facilities to assure continued compliance with terms of certification;" and

WHEREAS, Site Certification Agreements for the construction and operation of major energy facilities have been executed between the energy suppliers and the state of Washington wherein appropriate terms and conditions were specified for the protection of the environment and the safeguarding of public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Neither EFSEC nor the energy suppliers prior to certification considered the likelihood of an indefinite construction stoppage or what risks such a construction stoppage would impose upon the environment and public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, EFSEC recognizes that unforeseen environmental and public health and safety risks may exist at major energy facilities where construction activities or operations have been terminated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That EFSEC: 1) shall develop a process to determine if additional public health, safety and environmental protections are needed for sites where construction activities have been or may be suspended, and for sites where energy projects have been or may be terminated; and 2) shall engage in such rule making as may be appropriate as determined by the conclusions of the review proceeding.

Dated this 27th day of January 1986.

Washington State Energy Facility  
Site Evaluation Council

By   
Curtis Eschels  
Chairman

ATTEST:

By   
William L. Fitch  
Executive Secretary