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Attention Mr.Allen Fiksdal, EFSEC

ENERGY FACILITY SITE
EVALUATION COUNCIL

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regards to the proposed Power Plant SE 2. By now you must have heard it all again and again. So I won't bother you with individual details. I am sure you are aware that thousands upon thousands of your fellow human beings living in the US as well as Canada are vehemently opposed to this plant being located in the the proposed area. Your President George Bush, in his pressconference yesterday, has definitely stated that we are part of the world that values human life. Life can be enjoyed at its best if you are fortunate to be healthy. I am an ordinary citizen, not an expert in any of the issues brought forward, but I am asking: Why even risk to put more strain on an already environmentally sensitive area? Why endanger the health of the people living in a densly populated area? I have travelled all over Washington, Oregon and California and have seen many areas appearing more suitable for this endeavor.

I read quite often in the news media, that Mount Baker "is the next one to go". What about seismic activity? Are we not on a fault? Attached is an article from the HIGHWAYS magazine of May 2001. This is a publication of the GOOD SAM CLUB an organization which has in access of one million members accross North America. It reports on the damages caused in March of 2001 in the northwestern part by an 6.8 earthquake. Imagine the devastation such an earthquake would cause would it occur just a 150 miles further north!

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With all due respect I urge you not to allow this plant to be built in this area.

Yours sincerely,

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Northwest Quake Damages State Parks

★ OLYMPIA, WASH.

THE MAGNITUDE 6.8 earthquake that rocked Washington state in March left nearly \$1 million worth of damage to Evergreen State parks. Not surprisingly, two parks located near the epicenter took the brunt of it. Tolmie State Park, just south of the Nisqually Delta epicenter, is closed indefinitely with its beach-access road slumping and cracked. Just south of Olympia, Millersylvania State Park, a popular year-round campground, suffered major road damage near its RV hookup sites and sewer-line failure, causing the park to close temporarily. Not directly damaged by the quake, but isolated by a nearby bridge

failure, Saltwater State Park near Des Moines was forced to close camping areas.

Farther north, Fort Flagler State Park, which was featured in the movie *An Officer and a Gentleman*, saw damage to historic military buildings. Lake Sammamish, a popular day-use waterfront park near Issaquah, reported that piers at two boat launches were raised up from their foundations, while support damage was found in administrative buildings. Also, Saint Edward State Park near Kenmore sustained damage to its main chimney. The park is a former seminary.

Other parks affected

by the quake include Lewis and Clark near Chehalis; Camano Island near Stanwood; Fort Casey south of Coupeville; Twanoh west of Belfair; Olallie east of North Bend; Scenic Beach southwest of Silverdale, and Kopachuck west of Gig Harbor. While most of these latter parks received less apparent damage ranging from concrete cracks to ground settling, the total bill for all park damage was initially pegged at \$800,000 and could go higher as inspections were continuing at press time. A Washington State Parks representative says the agency hopes to have repairs completed by June.

— Russ and Tina De Maris

D-Day Memorial Dedication in Virginia

A MONUMENT honoring World War II veterans involved in the D-Day invasion of Normandy will be dedicated in Bedford, Va., on June 6.

Commissioned by Congress, the memorial exists to commemorate the valor, fidelity and sacrifice of the Allied armed forces, and to serve as a resource for preserving the legacy of D-Day.

Bedford was chosen because it suffered the

largest per-capita loss of any American community during the invasion.

President Bush and other national and European dignitaries have been invited to attend the dedication ceremony.

Charles Schulz, noted illustrator and creator of



the *Peanuts* cartoon strip, was the national campaign director prior to his death.

For more information,

visit the D-Day Memorial Foundation website at www.dday.org or call (800) 351-DDAY. Also, watch the June issue of *Highways* for our feature on the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans.



FORD ISSUES RECALLS

WASHINGTON

Ford Motor Co. is recalling more than a half million MERCURY VILLAGERS and F-SERIES pickup trucks that could leak fuel and possibly catch on fire. The recall involves 435,426 VILLAGER minivans from the 1993-98 model years. The vans may develop cracks in the fuel-filter-pipe vent hose, leading to fuel leaks. Another recall affects 1993 models of the F-150, F-250, F-350 and F-450 pickups with dual fuel tanks, which have fuel pressure regulators that can wear out and cause leaks. There are 291,733 vehicles on the road. Ford also issued a recall of 1997-98 EXPLORER and MERCURY MOUNTAINEER sport-utility vehicles with 4.0L SOHC engines affecting 264,620 SUVs with throttle-body plates that can stick closed, causing the accelerator to hesitate. Owners will be notified by mail of free repairs and should call Ford at (800) 392-3673. Ford Recall Nos. 00S59; 00S57; 00S58. NHTSA recall Nos. 00V419002; 00V424; 00V422.