

CEI HUB ASSESSMENT



Senate Interim Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

Findings & Recommendations

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Scope



In seeking an impartial assessment

- 1) Ideas to reduce the risks associated with seismic activity impacting fuel storage at the hub
- 2) Long- or short-term incentives, regulations, or agreements, or other creative approaches could bring people to the collaborative table to work on resilience

Methods



Oregon Solutions & Oregon Consensus

Conducted interviewed 32 people between July 2018 and January 2019

Most interviews in-person with one or two people

Made every effort to represent diverse interests

Intent of Report

Not comprehensive review of all issues or substitute for public process

Findings



Substantive

- Likelihood of CZE event well understood
- Shoring up the hub versus moving the it
- Long- or short-term incentives, regulations, and other approaches
- Importance of defining regulatory authorities
- Need to address gaps in emergency response, recovery planning, and coordination
- Conversation needed on mitigation
- Need for shared information across sectors
- General support for collaborative effort
- Other considerations

Assessment Recommendations



Recommendation #1: Continue to engage critical parties

We were unable to secure enough responses from critical parties who have a direct interest in the hub to recommend going forward with a collaborative process as outlined in the scope at this time

We do, however, believe a collaborative table is within reach

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Recommendation #2: Convene an education-focused collaborative table

We did find other areas for a collaborative table now

- Do cross-sector education on how each sector works. Work through worst case scenario emergency response planning across sectors
- Clarify regulatory authority and oversight of hubs, either through ongoing state commission work, and/or a collaborative table
- Identify initial mitigation options if there is adequate participation across sectors

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Recommendation #3: Convene to explore incentives

As a second phase building off an education-focused effort, a collaborative table exploring incentives would be beneficial

We recommend not losing energy, even from off-the-cuff ideas that could be further explored

We feel this could potentially attract those entities that did not respond to our request for an assessment interview