Hanford Permit update

Comments

- Ecology received nearly 5,000 comments on the permit during last year’s comment period (May 1-October 22).
  - Public comments: ~1,800
  - DOE comments: ~3,000
- Ecology staff working on comment responses.

Next steps

- Ecology estimates about a 2-year effort to:
  - Modify the permit to address substantial comments and issues.
  - Reissue draft permit with substantive changes & respond to initial comments.
  - Reopen the comment period for the parts of the permit that changed.
  - Address public comments from the reopened comment period.
  - Issue the final permit.
- Existing permit remains in effect during revision process.
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➢ Public involvement
  ▪ Ecology will update FAQ document.
  ▪ Ecology will provide periodic “permit progress reports” during revision process.
  ▪ Ecology will engage HAB on public process for issuing revised draft.
State leadership transitions

➢ Governor Jay Inslee inaugurated in January.
➢ Former Ecology director Ted Sturdevant joins Inslee in Governor’s Office.
➢ Polly Zehm is Ecology’s acting director.
➢ Ecology’s farewell to Gov. Gregoire (video clip)
Double-shell tank space

- State now endorses construction of multi-purpose tanks to support retrieval & WTP operations to meet CD requirements.
- New tanks shouldn’t compromise WTP schedule or funding.
- Funding for new tanks should be in addition to current levels.
Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show
Education & Outreach

- Hanford email listserv subscribers as of Feb. 4, 2013:
  - 1,100 (up ~300 from last February!)
- January outreach events:
  - Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show
  - Kent Sunrise Rotary
  - Kent Rotary
  - Tacoma Sunrise Rotary
  - Camas-Washougal Rotary
  - Cedar Hills Kiwanis (Beaverton)
  - Structural Engineers Association of Oregon
  - Portland Community College

Dan McDonald discussed Hanford’s Waste Treatment Plant with about 120 students at Portland Community College last month.
Questions?

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