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Nuclear Waste Program

Agency Update Hanford Advisory Board

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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.

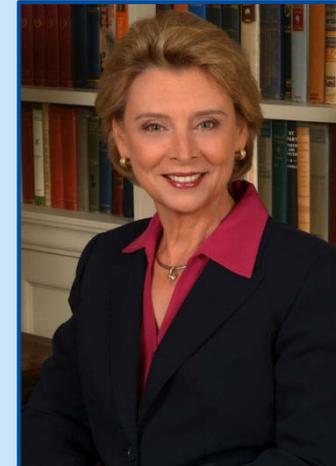
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- **Public involvement**
 - Ecology will update FAQ document.
 - Ecology will provide periodic “permit progress reports” during revision process.
 - Ecology will engage HAB on public process for issuing revised draft.



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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