



DEPARTMENT OF  
**ECOLOGY**  
State of Washington

# Nuclear Waste Program

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## Agency Update Hanford Advisory Board

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# Permit path forward

## ➤ Current status

- Comment period closed October 22
- Ecology working on comment responses

## ➤ Next steps

- Permit will be revised, as needed
- Ecology will send letter to DOE
- Final permit to be issued 30 days later

## ➤ HAB advice

- The Board's advice has been incorporated into permit comments
- Ecology will respond to advice in the comment response document and in a separate letter to the Board when the final permit is issued.



# Permit comments

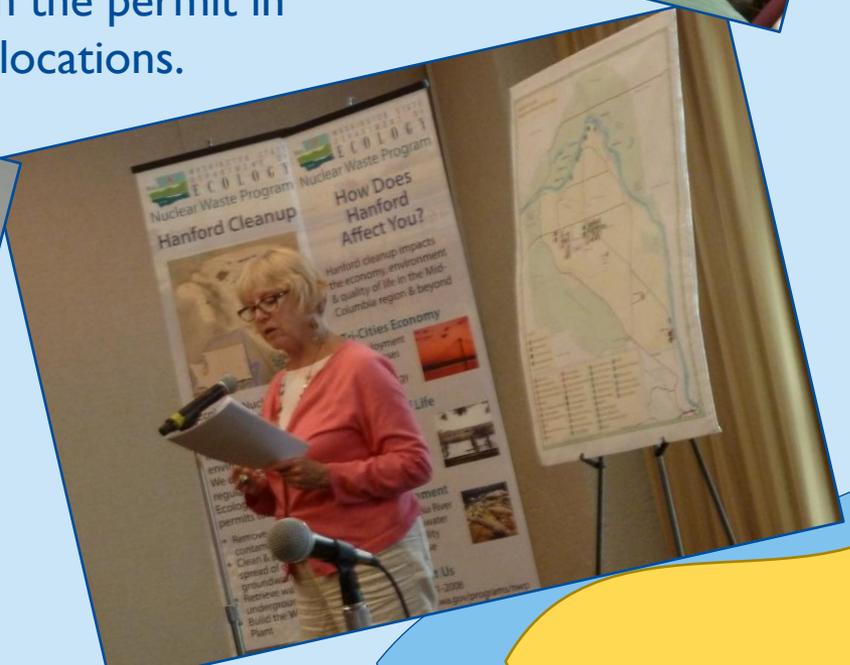
- Total individual commenters: ~250
  - Email: 131
  - Hearings testimony: ~100
  - Written letters: 26
- DOE & EPA also provided comments



About 25 people attended the seventh and final permit public hearing Sept. 19 in Seattle.



A total of about 400 people attended  
7 public hearings on the permit in  
four different locations.



# Double-shell tank leak

- Ecology considering options for actions
- Need to increase monitoring of other tanks
- Discussions with DOE ongoing
- Tank leak underscores importance of waste treatment mission



# Education & Outreach

- Thanks to a joint TPA effort, the Hanford Email Listserv hit 1,000 subscribers for the first time in October.
- Ecology provided 55 presentations for civic, professional, and student groups in FY 2012.
- Additional presentations already scheduled through February.





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# Questions?

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