

# Adding Capacity to Hanford's 325 Hazardous Waste Treatment Units

Washington's Department of Ecology invites you to comment on a proposed change to Hanford's dangerous waste permit.

The 325 Hazardous Waste Treatment Units (HWTU) are owned and operated by the United States Department of Energy and co-operated by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (permittees).

The permittees submitted a Temporary Authorization request to allow work to proceed before the permit approval. Ecology approved that request on September 3, 2014. The permittees held a 60-day comment period on the proposal from August 18 to October 17, 2014.

## Proposed Changes

The permit change will add three new units to the 325 HWTUs as areas where waste can be stored and treated.

## Cask Handling Area

This is a portion of Room 603 and 604A in the Radiochemical Processing Laboratory. This area has a heavier floor loading limit and a large capacity bridge crane. This unit would be used to load heavy waste containers in larger containers or boxes and temporarily store these larger containers prior to treatment.

## Truck Lock

This area has a strong floor and a large roll-up door and truck ramp. This area can be used to fill heavy containers or boxes with grout and store them.

## 3714 Pad

This is a concrete foundation for a building that was torn down recently. This pad, and the ground near it, can be used to stage boxes and containers for shipment.

## View the Full Proposal

This document is a summary of the proposed 325 HWTU Permit changes. The full proposal is available beginning March 2, 2015, on Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program website [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commentperiods.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commentperiods.htm)

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

March 2 – April 17, 2015

## To Submit Comments

Please send comments by email (preferred), U.S. Mail, or hand deliver them to:

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## Public Hearing

A public hearing is not scheduled, but if there is enough interest, we will consider holding one. To ask for a hearing or for more information, contact:

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## Tips on Effective Commenting

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/0307023.pdf>

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**Public Comment Period**

325 Hazardous Waste Units  
Permit Modification  
March 2, 2015

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