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## 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.

# Hanford Permit update

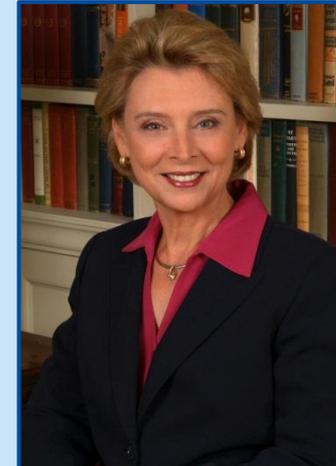
## ➤ Public involvement

- 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

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✓ 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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