

The Department of Energy responds to the lawsuit filed by Heart of America

The Department does not ship waste from other clean-up sites to Hanford and has no plans to do so. In a January 6, 2006 agreement with the State of Washington, the Department agreed not to import low level waste, mixed low level waste or transuranic waste (with limited exceptions agreed to by the State of Washington) to the Hanford site until completion of the Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement (TC&WM EIS). The draft TC&WM EIS was issued in October 2009 and the Department's preferred alternative proposed extending the timeframe for the limitations on off-site waste importation until at least the Waste Treatment Plant is operational (currently estimated in 2022). The Department further amended the preferred alternative on December 10, 2009 to expand the scope of the limitations on off-site waste importation to include Greater-Than-Class C low level waste. A summary of the draft Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement can be found at [http://www.hanford.gov/orp/uploadfiles/EIS-0391\\_D-Summary.pdf](http://www.hanford.gov/orp/uploadfiles/EIS-0391_D-Summary.pdf)