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Fourth Chapter of Hanford Story Released to Public

RICHLAND, Wash. – The Department of Energy is releasing the fourth chapter of The Hanford Story today to the public. “Tank Waste Cleanup” focuses on the work conducted by the Office of River Protection to retrieve, treat and ultimately dispose of the 56 million gallons of Hanford’s tank waste.

The video describes the processes used to transfer tank waste from single-shell to double-shell tanks, as well as explaining how the Waste Treatment Plant, also known as the Vit Plant, will ultimately treat the waste in order to prepare it for safe, long-term storage.

The Department has added the video to a [page](#) on its [website](#) dedicated to the Hanford Story. Discussion questions are available on the web page. For more information on the Office of River Protection, go to www.hanford.gov.

The Hanford Story is a multimedia presentation that provides an overview of the Hanford Site—its history, today’s cleanup activities, and a glimpse into the possibilities of future uses of the 586-square-mile government site in southeast Washington State. The Department of Energy is delivering The Hanford Story in a series of video-based chapters dedicated to telling the multi-faceted story of the site, including:

- The history of producing plutonium
- Impacts to the environment resulting from producing plutonium
- Progress being made in cleanup of the site
- Innovative technologies and solutions being used in cleanup activities
- Future uses of the Hanford Site

Representatives of the Department of Energy and its contractors are available to show the video to groups and answer questions. To request a speaker, contact our Hanford Site Speakers Bureau on the Hanford [website](#), by email at HSB@rl.gov, or by calling (509) 376-6968.

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