

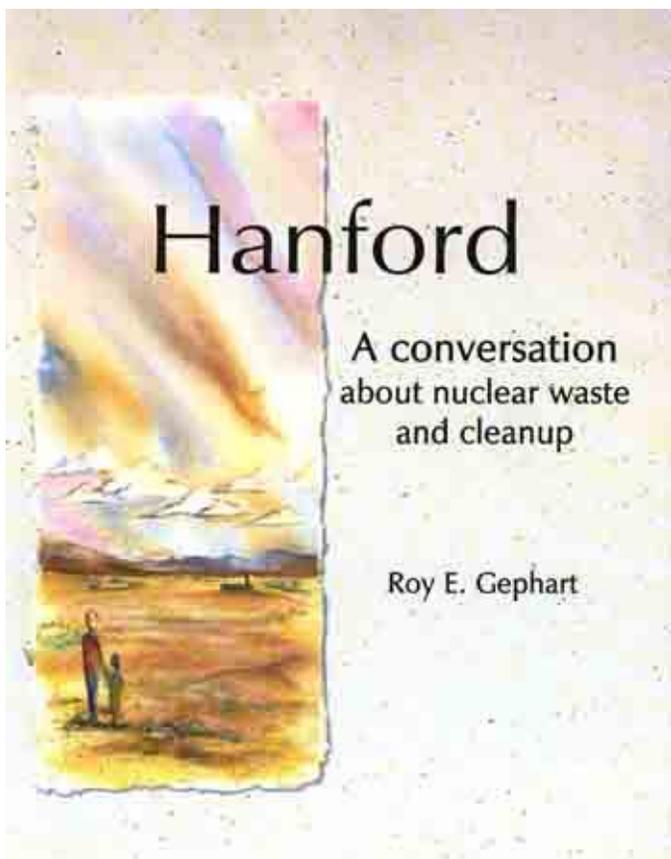
# Book on Hanford cleanup the result of 30-year career

A conversation — an informal exchange of ideas and information — may educate, enlighten and engage the participant on a broad spectrum of topics and on many levels. In his new book, *Hanford: a conversation about nuclear waste and cleanup*, Roy Gephart intends to educate, enlighten and engage his readers with a mix of history and science that will promote further conversations about the legacy that future generations will inherit.

The book is an information resource, written for the general reader and the technically trained individual. The many illustrations and photographs complement the 400 pages of text and help to put the legacy of Hanford wastes in perspective, from their origins during the Manhattan Project and the Cold War to the current cleanup mission. Gephart hopes his readers will become “informed consumers of Hanford news.”

But Gephart also hopes that the events and lessons presented in the historic framework of twentieth-century America will guide his readers in “how to think about Hanford issues” rather than “what to think”. He notes that the history of Hanford reveals how little we sometimes understand the consequences of events when we are caught up in them.

“The approaches we take to cleanup will affect the legacy that future generations inherit, just as the decisions made by previous generations have affected our inheritance,” Gephart said. “The bottom line has to be protection of human health and the environment. It is an ominous responsibility for us.”



*Hanford: a conversation about nuclear waste and cleanup* is a product of the evolution of information paralleling Gephart's own experiences. Gephart is a geohydrologist and senior program manager at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. His 30 years of experience in environmental studies and nuclear waste management across the DOE complex have included his current work at PNNL and work with former Hanford contractors ARCO, Rockwell and Westinghouse. He writes and presents lectures on these topics in national and international forums.

Gephart believes that making decisions about environmental issues such as nuclear waste cleanup is far more complex than making decisions based solely on scientific evidence. Present and future health risks, social consciousness and ethics all come into play. Reflecting his concerns, he has devoted chapters of the book to these issues.

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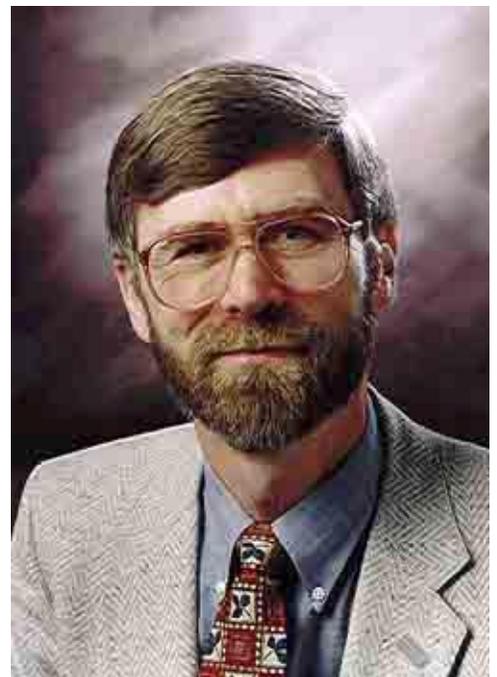
Watercolor artist Chris Walling of Richland illustrated the front cover of Gephart's book. To see it in color, go to our web site, [www.hanford.gov/reach](http://www.hanford.gov/reach)

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Gephart will hold book signings on April 26 at The Bookworm: 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Richland store at 1908D George Washington Way, Richland, and 1-2 p.m. at the Kennewick store at 201 North Edison.

On May 8 at 7 p.m., Gephart will talk about his book and sign copies for the public at the Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology, 95 Lee Blvd., Richland.

Copies of *Hanford: a conversation about nuclear waste and cleanup* are available from book outlets including the publisher, Battelle Press. To order from Battelle, send an e-mail message to [press@battelle.org](mailto:press@battelle.org) or visit the Web bookstore at <http://www.battelle.org/bookstore>. The cost is \$34.95 plus \$4.50 shipping. Discounts are available for large orders. Contact Joe Sheldrick at Battelle Press, (614) 424-4089. ■



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