

Charge 1: Best practices* (to be winnowed down):

- **Topic specific briefings, Q&A and discussion at HAB Committee meetings and full Board meetings.**
- **Opportunities for the public to talk with Hanford decision makers and share values in person, regionally (past examples: State of the Site meetings, Hanford Regional Dialogue meetings)**
- **Soliciting input from the HAB re: meeting design/timing/location,**
- **Bringing public materials and notices to the PIC for review and input prior to comment periods and sharing how input influenced design and final language.**
- **Incorporating the following goals in the [2011?] revision of the Public Involvement Plan, based on HAB Advice #239 ([see PIP p.6](#))**
 - Engage the public by providing timely, accurate, understandable and accessible information.
 - Ensure open and transparent decision making.
 - Consider public values in the decision making process.
 - Educate and involve populations not typically involved in Hanford, including, young people.
- **Observed recent DOE/NRC meeting – relating well with the public. Accolades for good working relationship. Would like to see more of it.**

*Charge 1: “Identify the best practices your site performs and document those on the provided slide.” All materials are due to Alyssa Harris by April 5

Charge 1: Improvement Opportunities* (to be winnowed down in PIC):

1. *The legally required public involvement steps are just the beginning. Increasing the public's ability to influence, shape, and accept cleanup policy and decisions is an important step towards building trust and buy-in.*
2. Increase efforts to engage and educate non-Hanford-employed residents of the Mid-Columbia.
3. Acknowledge that Hanford cleanup affects a multi-state region and every American taxpayer and actively engage this audience at multiple levels.
4. Share how public input has shaped or influenced cleanup decisions
5. Embrace and practice the principles of public involvement as defined in HAB Advice #239 (see Hanford.gov – Hanford Advisory Board list of advice at <https://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab/AdviceandResponses>) :
 - Engage the public early and often
 - Provide effective notice to all interested or potentially affected segments of the public. Include how proposed decisions may affect public values.
 - Educate the public by providing timely, accurate and understandable information and public involvement materials that are easily accessible.
 - Ensure open and transparent decision making (including easy, timely access to public records).
 - Prepare future generations for informed engagement and participation.
 - Build a sense of community around Hanford (locally, regionally and beyond).
 - Incorporate public values in the decision-making process and in the decisions made.
 - Provide feedback to the public on what decisions did or did not reflect public input.

**Charge 1: "Identify improvement opportunities for your site and document those on the provided slide." All materials are due to Alyssa Harris by April 5*

Top three suggestions for improving stakeholder interactions during the next 10 years*:

1. Get back in the Trust Zone. Good process is a scaffold upon which trust is built.
2. Engage early before policy level decisions to get stakeholder buy in on cleanup.
3. Commit to openness and transparency.

**Charge 2: "Identify the top three suggestions for improving stakeholder interactions during the next 10 years and document those on the provided slide." All materials are due to Alyssa Harris by April 5.*

Backup Slides

Top three suggestions for improving stakeholder interactions during the next 10 years*:

- Incorporate HAB values as defined in the [HAB white paper](#), into all Hanford cleanup decisions. (included the list of values on an extra slide for ease of reference when we talk on Thurs, 3/4)
- Reinvest in public involvement in ways that start to repair broken trust
- Make stakeholder interaction a two-way dialogue. Clearly and **specifically** communicate how public comments will or have been incorporated into final decisions.
- Commit to openness and transparency, including providing sufficient technical and budgetary detail to facilitate meaningful public involvement in cleanup decisions.
- Engage in a mix of regularly scheduled in-person local/regional and virtual meetings to maximize inclusivity.
- Don't leave us out of the policy stuff. If you are doing all of your planning in a 10-Year Vision approach, then that is where the policy stuff is. Time to get back into the Trust Zone.

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Not sure where these go?

Charge 1 Improvement Opportunities and Charge 2 Cross-Over?

- The legally required public involvement steps are just the beginning. To improve trust, transparency and public influence, DOE should engage the public early in the conceptual/visioning stage of cleanup and throughout the decision making, implementation, and long-term monitoring process. Increasing the public's ability to influence and shape cleanup policy and decisions is an important step towards building trust and buy-in.
- *Alternate language: The legally required public involvement steps are just the beginning. Increasing the public's ability to influence, shape, and accept cleanup policy and decisions is an important step towards building trust and buy-in.*
- *So the Interested Public can be involved in the policy process.*
- Per HAB PIC advice currently under development, the first step in public involvement on the 10-year vision should be to ensure that there is sufficient public opportunity to participate in developing that vision. The current revision was subject to only an 8-day review by only select members of the Board. More meaningful, inclusive, and extended involvement in future vision revisions is warranted.

Hanford Advisory Board Values – from [HAB White Paper](#)

- Protect worker health and safety
- Protect the Columbia River
- Protect and restore the groundwater
- Protect the Broader Environment – Do no harm during cleanup
- Involve the public
- Secure sufficient funding
- Vitrify Hanford's tank waste and dispose the treated waste safely and permanently
- Take care of Hanford waste first
- Maintain the integrity of the Tri-Party Agreement
- Develop and deploy new technology, without impeding cleanup
- Operate with a bias for remove-treat-dispose vs. barriers
- Remove plutonium and other high-risk materials from Hanford
- Incorporate Long-Term stewardship needs in current and future cleanup decisions

Charge #2 – SSAB Expectations/ Guiding Principles

- Identify SSAB 10-year expectations and guiding principles that could be used as a complex-wide framework for DOE EM's interaction with stakeholders/communities
 - Utilizing the current EM 10-year Vision*, each Board will document their expectations for how DOE EM will interact with local stakeholders/communities to reach that 10-year vision (a template will be provided to each board)
 - Each Board will present their results during the Spring 2021 Chairs meeting
 - The Chairs will collaboratively discuss the individual Board results, identify commonalties and develop a complex-wide SSAB expectations and guiding principles framework (Spring 2021 – Fall 2021)
- * 10-Year Vision can be found at [DOE-Strategic-Vision-LR.pdf \(energy.gov\)](#)

April 20, 2021 (12-4 pm ET / 8-12 am PT)

- Update from EM Leadership
- Round Robin
- Public Comment
- Break
- EM-4 Update
- Communications Briefing

April 21, 2021 (12-4 pm ET / 8-12 am PT)

- Charge #1 presentations and discussion
- Public comment
- Break
- Charge # 2 presentations and discussion
- Open discussion

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