PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Class 2 Permit Modification for the Installation of New Wall Penetrations to the 242-A Evaporator

Fact Sheet

GET INVOLVED

Comment Period
May 8 – July 7, 2020

Virtual Public Meeting
June 8, 5:30 p.m.
(see page 3 for details)

Send comments by July 7, 2020 to
http://nw.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=HuitW

Administrative Record:
https://go.usa.gov/xdzgP

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The 242-A Evaporator facility is a vital facility for managing waste tank space.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is holding a 60-day public comment period on a proposed Class 2 modification to the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit. This proposed permit modification would allow the installation of three wall penetrations to connect three new double-shell tank transfer lines to the 242-A Evaporator facility.

Background

The Hanford Site is located in southeastern Washington state along the Columbia River. The 580-square-mile site was created in 1943 as part of the Manhattan Project to produce plutonium for the nation's defense program. Today, waste management and environmental cleanup are the main missions at Hanford.

The DOE and its contractor Washington River Protection Solutions are requesting a Class 2 permit modification to the 242-A Evaporator chapter of the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit. The 242-A Evaporator facility is a mixed-waste treatment and storage unit that concentrates the liquid portion of double-shell tank waste. The facility is located in the 200 East Area of the Hanford Site (see map).

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Overview

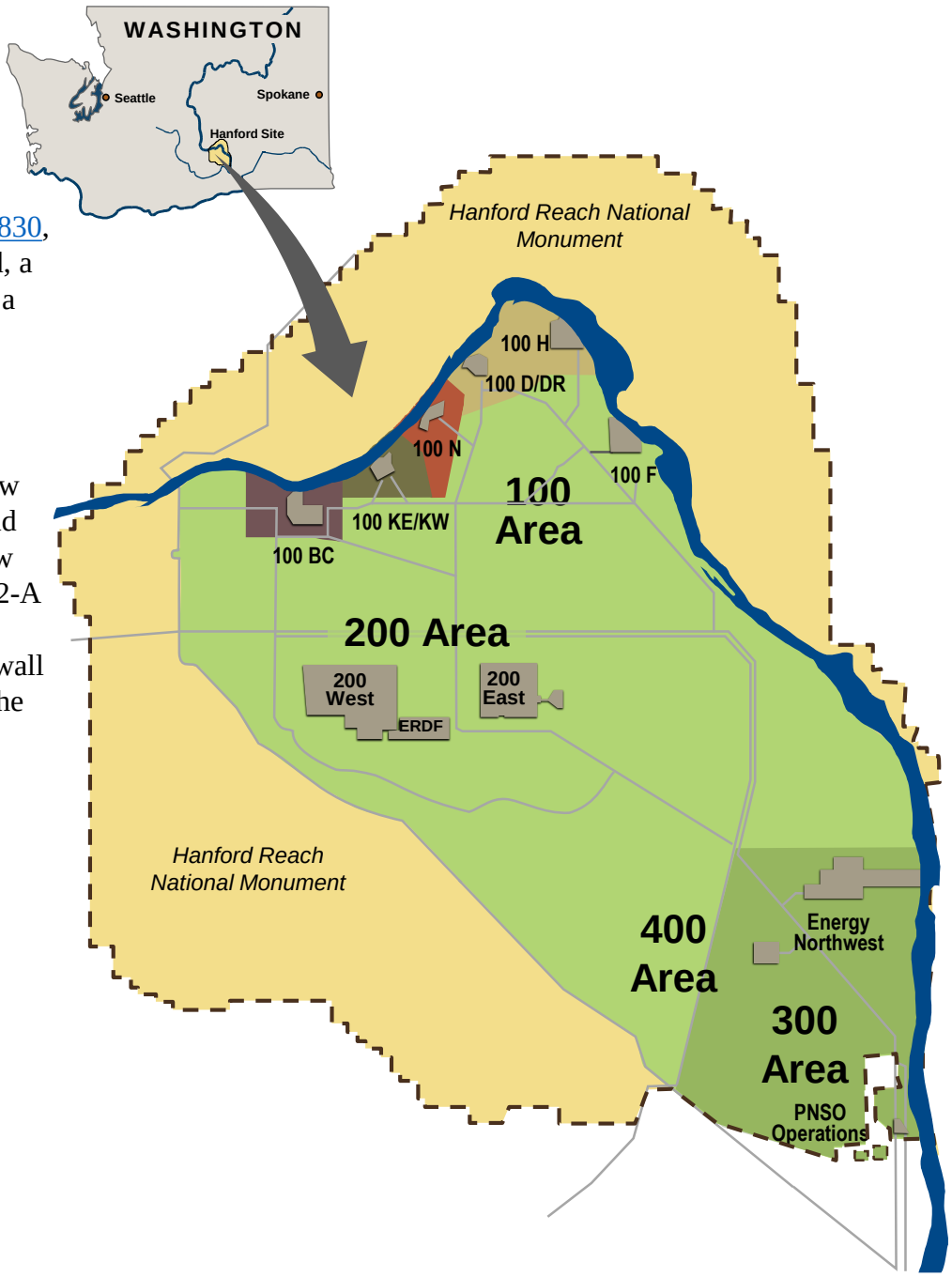
The Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit establishes requirements to ensure that waste management activities protect human health and the environment. DOE is proposing a Class 2 permit modification pursuant to WAC 173-303-830, which requires a 60-day comment period, a public meeting, a newspaper notice, and a mailing list notice. This fact sheet is the mailing notice.

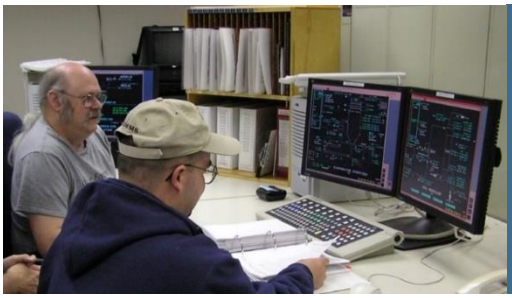
Summary of Changes

If approved, the modification would allow DOE to install three wall penetrations and nozzle encasements connecting three new double-shell tank transfer lines to the 242-A Evaporator facility. The permit language regarding variances for existing facility wall penetrations will be amended to reflect the new configurations.

Permit Chapters Affected by this Modification

- Permit Conditions
- Chapter 4, Process Information





The 242-A Evaporator facility is monitored closely by the operations staff in the Evaporator Control Room.

242-A Evaporator facility at night

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Public Involvement

A 60-day public comment period will begin May 8, 2020, and continue through July 7. A public meeting will be held June 8, at 5:30 p.m. To participate via GoToWebinar, please follow the instructions below:

Visual (presentation only):
Click the GoToWebinar link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1205093736545583884;
ID #: 850-426-035

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1. Dial +1 509-372-3087 (local) or +1 800-664-0771 (long distance)
2. Enter Conference ID: 1333#

All comments must be submitted by July 7 in writing by mail or electronically (preferred) to:

Washington State Department of Ecology
3100 Port of Benton Boulevard
Richland, WA 99354
http://nw.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=HuitW (preferred)

At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Washington State Department of Ecology will address public comments and prepare a Response to Comment document.

Copies of the proposed plan and supporting documentation will be available online during the public comment period in the Administrative Record at https://go.usa.gov/xdzgP. Hanford Public Information Repository locations are listed at https://go.usa.gov/xVDTS.

The permittee's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the Washington Department of Ecology contact person.

Please contact Jennifer Colborn, Jennifer_M_Colborn@rl.gov, (509) 376-5840 at least 10 working days prior to the event to request disability accommodation. DOE makes every effort to honor disability accommodation requests.

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Public Involvement Opportunity

We want to hear from you on the proposed changes in the 242-A Evaporator facility chapter of the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit

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