



# **Fiscal Year 2025**

Work Plan and Calendar

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

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### ABOUT THE HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD

The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB, Board) is a nonpartisan and broadly representative body consisting of a balanced mix of the diverse interests that represent groups or communities affected by the Hanford Site cleanup mission. As set forth in its charter, the primary mission of the HAB is to provide informed recommendations and advice to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), also known as the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) agencies, on select major policy issues related to Hanford cleanup.

The goal of the HAB is to develop consensus policy recommendations and advice to benefit the cleanup mission and be representative of the diverse opinions and perspectives of communities and organizations throughout the affected region.

The HAB is intended to be a component for Hanford public involvement, but not to be the sole conduit for those activities. The HAB assists the agencies in focusing on public involvement. Through its open public committee and Board meetings, advice on agency public involvement activities, and the responsibilities of HAB members to communicate with their constituents, the HAB assists the broader public in becoming more informed and meaningfully involved in Hanford cleanup decisions.

Board and committee meetings are recorded and posted on the [Hanford YouTube page](#).

#### Scope of Issues

The primary mission of the Hanford Site is cleanup, including both waste management and environmental restoration activities.

It is recognized, however, that it will not be possible for the HAB to provide informed recommendations and advice on all Hanford policy issues, be they directly related to the cleanup mission or not. A fundamental responsibility of the HAB is to respond to requests for policy-level advice from the TPA agencies. Therefore, annually, the TPA agencies will provide the HAB with a draft work plan and consult with HAB leadership on the major policy issues where it is anticipated the HAB's advice would be helpful.

## COMMITTEES

The Hanford Advisory Board consists of the following committees, which may develop related advice for consideration by the full Board. Except where noted, committee meetings are open to all HAB members and the public.

### **Cleanup and Risk Mitigation (CARM)**

The CARM Committee's mission is to evaluate if advice should be recommended pertaining to characterization and cleanup of Central Plateau and Columbia River Corridor waste sites, disposition of unused facilities, groundwater investigation and remediation, or closure of waste management areas.

### **Community Outreach and Engagement (COE)**

The COE Committee's mission is to encourage outreach and engagement between the TPA agencies and the community at large. The COE Committee will create opportunities for communication and dialogue, and explore community values and concerns, public health and safety issues, public involvement strategies, and effective information transfer. The Committee also evaluates if advice should be recommended.

### **Land Use, Infrastructure, Waste Disposition, and Safety (LIDS)**

The LIDS Committee's mission is to evaluate if advice should be recommended pertaining to future land use, long-term stewardship, infrastructure, and waste disposal. The LIDS Committee will also consider how cleanup activities and DOE and contractor operations impact worker health and safety.

### **Tank Waste Stewardship and Treatment (TWST)**

The TWST Committee's mission is to evaluate if advice should be recommended pertaining to processing, storage, and permitting of tank waste; tank integrity; treatment strategies; and related facilities.

### **Executive Steering Committee (ESC)**

The ESC's mission is to coordinate Board processes, needs, and workflow. This committee is comprised of members serving in HAB elected positions.

## MEETINGS

The TPA agencies will support regular and special meetings of the HAB and its committees.

All HAB meetings are open to the public and will include time for public comment, except where noted.

The Board and committees will meet regularly throughout the year except for July. The Board will conduct a leadership workshop in the spring to discuss the next year's draft work plan and calendar, as well as other items important to the HAB's operations and processes.

During full Board meetings, primary members (or alternates when the primary member is not present) may participate in the consensus building process on draft advice provided a quorum is reached. Board meetings will be announced with a Federal Register notice.

- **Board meetings** are held quarterly and are generally two-day meetings. They are generally in person; however, a hybrid format may be offered when appropriate.
- **Committee of the Whole (COTW)** meetings occur in a hybrid format, as appropriate, to discuss topics identified as cross-cutting across the Board. There are two COTW meeting placeholders annually.
- **Committee meetings** will be held quarterly in a hybrid format as appropriate.
- **Issue Manager/Topic Team meetings** and committee meeting planning calls require agency support and will be held as needed.
- **Committee Leadership calls** are as needed to discuss preparations for future meetings. Monthly placeholders are identified on the HAB fiscal year 2025 calendar.

\*\* Calls or meetings may be added, cancelled, or rescheduled as needed. \*\*

## CALENDAR

Some Hanford cleanup topics span the scope of multiple committees. When this situation occurs, a Committee of the Whole (COTW) can be suggested either at the Board or committee level. The TPA agencies anticipate holding two (2) COTW meetings in FY25. Dates and topics will be confirmed when available.

### October 2024

- Oct. 8: Site tour
- Oct. 9: New Member Orientation/COE
- Oct. 10: CARM/TWST/LIDS
- Oct. 14: Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day
- Oct. 28: ESC planning call
- Oct. 29: Committee planning call

### November 2024

- Nov. 6 & 7: Board Meeting
- Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day

### December 2024

- Dec. 3: Committee planning call
- Dec. 4: ESC planning call
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day

### January 2025

- Jan. 1: New Year's Day
- Jan. 15: CARM/LIDS
- Jan. 16: COE/TWST
- Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday/Inauguration Day
- Jan. 28: ESC planning call
- Jan. 29: Committee planning call

### February 2025

- Feb. 12 & 13: Board Meeting
- Feb. 17: President's Day
- Feb. 25: Committee planning call
- Feb. 26: ESC planning call

### March 2025

- March 4: CARM/LIDS
- March 5: COE/TWST
- March TBD: Waste Management Symposia

- March 25: ESC planning call
- March 26: Committee planning call

### **April 2025**

- April 8: TBD (Committee bringing forward advice to May)
- April 9: TBD (Committee bringing forward advice to May)
- April 29: Committee planning call
- April 30: ESC planning call

### **May 2025**

- May 7 & 8: Board Meeting
- May 26: Memorial Day
- May 27: Committee planning call
- May 28: ESC planning call

### **June 2025**

- June 3: CARM/LIDS
- June 4: COE/TWST
- June 5: Leadership Workshop
- June 19: Juneteenth
- June 24 Committee planning call
- June 25 ESC planning call

### **July 2025**

- No HAB meetings
- July 4: Independence Day
- July 29: ESC planning call
- July 30: Committee planning call

### **August 2025**

- Aug. 5: CARM/LIDS
- Aug. 6: COE/TWST
- Aug. 26: Committee planning call
- Aug. 27: ESC planning call

### **September 2025**

- Sept. 1: Labor Day
- Sept. 10 & 11: Board Meeting
- Sept. 23: Committee planning call
- Sept. 24: ESC planning call
- Sept. TBD: EM National Cleanup Workshop

## WORK PLAN

**TPA Requested Advice/Action:** This list is all inclusive of potential advice/action requested by the TPA agencies. There is no expectation that the group will deliver all advice/action as outlined in the workplan below this fiscal year.

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| 1. HAB Recruitment                   | 5. Hanford Site Cleanup Priorities     |
| 2. Community Outreach                | 6. Grouted Low-Activity Waste Disposal |
| 3. Risk Communication and Strategies | 7. Environmental Justice               |
| 4. Draft Hanford Sitewide Permit 9A  |  |

The following topics and briefings are anticipated to be presented during fiscal year 2025. Topics and presenters are subject to change based on availability, events, and pace of cleanup progress. Emerging issues may be added to the work plan with the agreement of the ESC and TPA Agencies.

### Cleanup and Risk Mitigation (CARM)

Topic	Agency Action	Purpose
Informational Briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groundwater               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Rebound studies in River Corridor</li> <li>– Groundwater Remediation along River Corridor 100-D and 100-H</li> <li>– 618-11 enhanced monitoring evaluations</li> <li>– 300 Area uranium sequestration (included within annual groundwater update)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 324 Building</li> <li>• K Basin</li> <li>• Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility</li> <li>• 200-IA-1 feasibility study</li> <li>• Transuranic (TRU) waste certification</li> <li>• Canyons and removal actions</li> <li>• Deep vadose zone study</li> <li>• Central Plateau characterization</li> </ul>	Update	Informational
Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) status	Update	Informational
100-K and 100-N Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed plans</li> </ul>	Update	Informational

Topic	Agency Action	Purpose
Risk Communication and Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can the Department more effectively communicate and educate the public on the manner in which the Department defines and manages risk to the workforce and the community as we cleanup the environment?</li> </ul>	Update	Advice

**Community Outreach and Engagement (COE)**

Topic	Agency Action	Purpose
Increasing HAB Member and Public Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss strategies and provide recommendations to engage with and promote the HAB to the community (locally and regionally)</li> <li>Discuss strategies to increase HAB member engagement and improve retention</li> <li>Discuss strategies to improve communication with HAB member constituencies</li> </ul>	Discussion	Action
New Member Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate HAB protocols to achieve civility and respect between all parties during HAB meetings and events</li> <li>Communicate HAB processes and subcommittees</li> </ul>	Update	Action
Environmental Justice Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ecology community engagement plan</li> </ul>	Update	Advice
Review of 2024 TPA Public Involvement Survey Results	Update/ Discussion	Informational
TPA Public Involvement Products	Discussion	Action
Risk Communications and Strategies (joint topic with CaRM)	Discussion	Advice

## Land Use, Infrastructure, Waste Disposition, and Safety (LIDS)

Topic	Agency Action	Purpose
Informational Briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Disposal Facility (IDF)</li> <li>• Environmental Restoration and Disposal Facility (ERDF)</li> <li>• Infrastructure Updates</li> <li>• Cross Site Transfer Lines (joint topic with TWST)</li> <li>• HMIS Annual Environmental Sampling Report*</li> </ul>	Update	Informational
Workforce Safety & Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency response</li> <li>• Emergency preparedness</li> <li>• Traffic safety</li> <li>• Beryllium program</li> </ul>	Update	Informational

## Tank Waste Stewardship and Treatment (TWST)

Topic	Agency Action	Purpose
Informational Briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste (DFLAW) Program</li> <li>• Lessons learned from the WTP LAW Facility to apply to the WTP HLW Facility</li> <li>• Advanced Modular Pretreatment System (AMPS)</li> <li>• West Area Risk Management (WARM)</li> <li>• 2,000-gallon Test Bed Initiative (TBI)</li> <li>• Grouted LAW offsite treatment and disposal</li> <li>• Tank integrity</li> <li>• Retrievals</li> <li>• Closure (Surface barriers, waste incidental to reprocessing)</li> <li>• Cross Site Transfer Lines (joint topic with LIDS)</li> </ul>	Update	Informational
Grouted LAW offsite treatment and disposal	Update	Action

### Committee of the Whole (COTW)

Topic	Agency Action	Purpose
Comprehensive Land Use Plan/ Long-term Stewardship	Update	Informational

### Full Board Briefings

Topic	Agency Action	Purpose
Increasing HAB Member and Public Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a strategy to promote the HAB to the community</li> </ul>	Discussion	Action
Draft Hanford Sitewide Permit 9A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review incorporation of comments from HAB's 2012 Advice #262 on Rev. 9 Permit</li> <li>Review what's new in this renewal and what has changed</li> </ul>	Update	Advice
Dangerous Waste Permitting 101	Update	Informational
Compliance	Update	Informational
Phoenix 101 Tutorial	Tutorial	Informational

### Executive Steering Committee (ESC)

Topic	Agency Action	Purpose
Hanford Site Cleanup Priorities	Update	Advice
New Member Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate HAB protocols to achieve civility and respect between all parties during HAB meetings and events</li> <li>Communicate HAB processes and subcommittees</li> </ul>	Discussion	Action
Operating Ground Rules Implementation/Revision	Discussion	Action

Topic	Agency Action	Purpose
Meeting Coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board meetings               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Round robin topics</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Committee of the Whole</li> <li>• Proposed regional meeting</li> <li>• Committee meetings</li> </ul>	Discussion	Action

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