



Department of Ecology

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Outline



Ecology leadership update



Outreach and Education



Tri-Party Negotiations



Compliance Activities



Public Involvement Activities



Hanford Sitewide Permit update

Leadership update

John Temple has been selected as our new Waste Management Section Manager.



Outreach & Education

- Recent events included over 700 people:
 - Hands-on activities with B5 Learning Center
 - Yakima ArborFest
 - Ecology and Hanford Q&A with University of California-Merced
 - STEAM Day at Leona Libby Middle School
 - Earth Day at the REACH Museum
 - River's Edge HS Earth Day workshop
 - Tri-Cities Salmon Summit
 - Pasco Cinco de Mayo Festival
- Upcoming events
 - May 17 – Return to the River Salmon Festival in Walla Walla
 - July 1-2 – Mock Hanford workshop with Boys & Girls Club



The students at B5 learned how to use a Geiger counter and then graph the data!

Contact

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if you'd like us to come talk to your organization

Holistic Agreement Next Steps

- Ecology continues to engage with the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency on the [final agreement](#).
 - All final Holistic Agreement documents can also be found on [Ecology's website](#).
- Currently there is 60-Day Public Comment Period on the [Draft Supplement Analysis](#) for Hanford's West Area Tank Treatment Mission that runs through March 24, 2025 to May 23, 2025.
 - Ecology is currently reviewing the draft supplemental analysis.
- Update on Tri-Party Agreement Appendices negotiations:
 - Appendix H (tank retrievals)
 - Appendix I (tank closure)

M-15, M-16, M-85 milestone negotiations

The Department of Ecology, Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Department of Energy continue to negotiate:

- M-15 covers the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study investigation process for all non-tank farm, non-canyon operating units. (Due 2026)
- M-16 covers the remedial actions for non-tank farm, non-canyon operating units. This includes both soil and groundwater. (Due 2042)
- M-85 covers all response actions for the canyon facilities and associated operating units, except for U Plant and T Plant. (Due date TBD)
- The Tri-Parties signed an Agreement in Principle in December to negotiate these milestones. Under the AIP the parties will continue to work together to update soil, groundwater, and facility milestones which are currently held in abeyance.

Ecology compliance activities

January 2025 to March 2025

Hanford compliance reports issued: 2

- January 17, 2025 – Low Activity Waste Pretreatment System (LAWPS)
- March 6, 2025 – Central Waste Complex and Waste Receiving and Processing Facility (CWC/WRAP)



Ecology compliance activities

January 2025 to March 2025

7 inspections were conducted.



Compliance inspections routinely include determining the facility's compliance with the following regulated areas:

- Waste Analysis Plan.
- Process information.
- Groundwater monitoring, where applicable.
- Security.
- Preparedness and prevention.
- Personnel training.
- Closure plan, where applicable.
- Operating record.
- Generator requirements, where applicable.

Public Involvement Opportunities



5:30 p.m. May 7

Notice of Intent public meeting on
proposed Contact-Handled Waste
Processing Facility (rescheduled)

Richland public library and virtual



July 2– Aug. 20, 2025 (Tentative)

Outdoor Storage Area – A
Class – 3 permit modification



Late July 2025 (Tentative)

Hanford Air Operating Permit

Hanford Sitewide Permit renewal status

- Staff from both Ecology and the permittees are continuing to make progress on completing the remaining portions of the draft renewal.
 - We're also completing responses to public, Tribal Nation, and permittee comments.
- A 120-day public comment period is still scheduled for 2025.
- The Hanford Sitewide Permit, Rev. 9A Renewal will include:
 - 52 Operating, Closure, Post-Closure, and Corrective Action unit groups.
 - Standard conditions, attachments and supporting documents.

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