

# Nuclear Waste Program

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## Agency Update Hanford Advisory Board

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# Omnibus Risk Review Report

- Joint letter from WA and OR governors outlines our states' shared "grave concerns" with final report\*
- Report does not consider State, tribal, local government or stakeholder values or input to the cleanup process.
- Document appears to be focused on reduction of cost, not reduction of public health and environmental risk.
- State is concerned the implication is that less work or less protective remedies should be used at Hanford.
- Report implies DOE has spent more money and done more cleanup than necessary at Hanford.

\* Copies of letter available on back table

# NWP Compliance Update

- Ecology's 4<sup>th</sup> Hanford inspector will be fully qualified in September
- Ecology did a record 60 inspections at Hanford in FY2015 (previous high was 39)
- EPA will return to oversight-only role in FY2016, scheduling 2 visits to oversee Ecology inspections



Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program compliance team, from left, John Price, Kathy Conaway, Jared Mathey, Eddie Holbrook, and Nancy Ware.

# Sitewide Permit Update: Rev 8c

- Ecology has Configuration Control of the Site-wide Permit, Rev. 8c (active permit)
  - Permit now available on Ecology's website
  - Electronic Permits will be sent to Permittees
  - Paper copies of permit are available at the NWP Resource Center and USDOE Administrative Record (2440 Stevens)
- Current Permit Modifications for Rev. 8c
  - SWOC Units Undergoing Closure (FS-1, first CAFO-required unit; comment period closes 9/18)
  - WTP Permit Risk Assessment Work Plan (extended to 9/25)
  - 207-A South Retention Basin Closure (closed 8/28)
- Future Permit Modifications

# Sitewide Permit Update: Rev 9

- Developing Sitewide Conceptual Agreement Packages (CAP) for each portion of the permit.
  - Completed or nearly completed 7 CAP documents
  - Workshops are being held internally (2 complete)
  - Workshops are being held with USDOE to communicate deficiencies in the Sitewide Permit
- Finalizing work with EPA and Ecology's Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction program on technical issues and decisions.
- Responses to public comments are developed as issues are resolved.
- Strategic Planning and Project Schedule Development for Sitewide Permit reissuance.

# FY2015 Responses to advice

- #284 – FY2016 and FY2017 Budget Priorities
  - Letter to DOE enclosed with response outlines state's concerns w/FY2017 budget
  - Recommends 5 high-level strategies for acquiring compliant budget
- #283 – Central Plateau Inner Area Principles
  - Joint TPA response

