

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit – Attachment 3, Security

The U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office is holding a 60-day public comment period from December 10, 2018, to February 11, 2019, for a Class 2 Permit Modification to the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit. This modification proposes to update Attachment 3, Security.

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Background

The Hanford Site occupies 580 square miles in southeastern Washington state. Beginning in 1943, the site was used to produce plutonium for World War II and the Cold War and continued operations until the late 1980s. The waste remaining from those operations is a potential risk to human health and the environment, including the Columbia River.

In 1989, [DOE](#), [EPA](#) and [Ecology](#) entered into a legally binding accord, the [Tri-Party Agreement](#) (TPA), to clean up the Hanford Site.

Today, waste management and environmental cleanup are the main missions at Hanford. DOE manages the cleanup effort under the oversight of the regulatory agencies, EPA and Ecology. The Site cleanup effort involves dangerous waste treatment, storage and disposal. These activities are performed in accordance with the [Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit Revision 8C](#) (WA7890008967).

Overview

The Hanford Dangerous Waste permit establishes requirements to ensure waste management activities are protective of human health and the environment. A component of the requirements addresses security.

The permit specifies security requirements at the Site level, as well as for individual treatment, storage and disposal units. The changes being proposed address Site level security requirements contained in Attachment 3. These changes include updated descriptions of warning signs, surveillance systems and barriers.

DOE is proposing a Class 2 permit modification pursuant to WAC 173-303-830(4)(d)(i). The proposed changes pertain to WAC 173-303-310 security requirements. The permittees' compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available through Ecology.

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GET INVOLVED STAY INFORMED

Public Meeting:

January 16, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
Richland Public Library
955 Northgate Dr.
Richland, WA 99352

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<https://go.usa.gov/xP63M>

Submit Comments:

<http://wt.ecology.commentinpu.com/?id=9eAsZ>



Class 2 Permit Modification Sequence

As per WAC 173-303-830, "Permit Changes," this Class 2 Permit Modification will go through the required public review process that includes this fact sheet, newspaper advertisement and public meeting.

Summary of Changes to Attachment 3, Security

Attachment 3 was rewritten to describe Hanford Sitewide Security. Updates include:

- Description of signage, to include Site perimeter signs, Columbia River signs and unit group signs
- Description of the 24-hour surveillance system
- Description of barricades for access control to the 200 Area (Central Plateau)
- Description of perimeter and area fences to include 200 East, 200 West, 300 and 400 areas
- Description of the security personnel and personnel access control
- Photographs of DOE "No Trespassing" sign, Wye Barricade signage (typical for Rattlesnake and Yakima Barricades) and Columbia River signage



Columbia River Shoreline Signage



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Wye Barricade Signage



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How to get involved

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To request disability accommodation, please contact Jennifer Colborn, jennifer_m_colborn@rl.gov, (509) 376-5840, in our external affairs office at least 10 working days prior to the event. DOE makes every effort to honor disability accommodation requests.

The DOE point of contact is Kristen Holmes, kristen.l.holmes@rl.doe.gov and (509) 376-3375. The Ecology point of contact is Randy Bradbury, randy.bradbury@ecy.wa.gov and (509) 372-7954.

Please submit comments on the proposed changes by February 11, 2019 via eComments to:

<http://wt.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=9eAsZ>

or mail to: Daina McFadden

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Electronic access to the proposed permit modification and supporting documentation is available on the hanford.gov events calendar (<https://go.usa.gov/xP63M>), and in the [Administrative Record](#) and [Public Information Repositories](#).

Public Involvement Opportunity

We want to hear from you on the updates to Attachment 3 (Security) of the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit.

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