

*100 F Proposed Plan*

The committee developed a list of goals for public involvement for the 100 F Proposed Plan, the second proposed plan to be released after the 300 Area and the first major site with a reactor. The committee subsequently discussed innovative tools to achieve the goals and broaden and engage the audience.

- Public education about cleanup options, alternatives, and potential short and long-term effects, communicating the “why should I care?” factor
- EPA’s goal is to receive input from the public on cleanup alternatives
- Ensure public values are incorporated in the decision-making process
- Prepare the public to participate in future river corridor decisions and help the public understand how this piece fits into the larger Hanford cleanup process

Committee members agreed that public meetings and public comment periods, with comments accepted by mail and email, should be used to support public involvement for the 100 F Proposed Plan per the standard EPA practice. One committee member noted that these standard tools do not engage populations specific to geographic areas and that it might be helpful to target audiences as a means of broadening the typical participant groups and reach new groups. One committee member noted that it would be great to incorporate information on the 100 F Proposed Plan into general engagement opportunities, including presentations, social media updates, traveling displays, and references to the plan during Speaker’s Bureau programming.

It was noted that cleanup contractors could be tasked with developing creative materials and activities to share information on cleanup progress status. If DOE is unable to implement the suggestion, the contractor may be able to implement it. For example, there needs to be consensus for messaging for proposed plans; language must be agreed-upon among the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) agencies. Communications could incorporate language that is more commonly used and easy for members of the public to grasp.

Committee members agreed that an evening meeting or workshop separate from Board evening meetings could help increase public involvement. An evening meeting on the 100 F proposed plan could feature a sounding board and informal discussion to hear from more members of the audience in a less-formal setting than a Board meeting. The workshop could take place at an existing venue or event in order to bring information to people where they already are. One committee member also suggested posting information advertising Board meetings and public involvement opportunities on electronic billboards.