

Persistent Core Principals

- The public have a right to the information they need to make informed and responsible decisions about their future.
- Those responsible for Hanford cleanup must provide a comprehensive and public accounting of activities, performance, and challenges related to the cleanup.
- All persons affected by or interested in Hanford cleanup are rightful participants in decision making.
- The public must be provided with opportunities to participate in Hanford decision processes, and encouraged to participate in those processes.

Persistent Core Expectations

- Provide the public with information about the TPA and the government are doing by addressing substantive issues in a timely fashion
- Promote board and inclusive public participation on a regular (ongoing/predictable) and understandable manner
- Include a genuine dialog (i.e. all parties speak, al parties listen)
- Include an evaluation structure that is predictable, responsive to participant concerns, and self-correcting
- Employ a mechanism for the development of SOS agendas that address public views and suggestions drawn from the communities in which SOS meetings are scheduled
- Operate in a manner that is consistent with the goals and values of an open government

SOS Mechanics

- Employ a "Town Hall" format, if the SOS audience recognizes how this format supports the purposes/goals of the meeting
- Provide a general glossary of critical technical terms and familiar acronyms for members of the audience in conjunction with a printed agenda
- Rely on meeting sites that are readily accessed through public transportation (Community Colleges, public schools, state-owned buildings)

- Encourage the use of name tags by potential speakers and organization participants
- Feature presentations that are succinct and relevant to members of the audience
- Seek to schedule SOS meetings in Spokane, Yakima, La Grande/Baker City, Portland, Seattle, Tri-Cities, and Hood River/The Dalles on a regular basis
- Employ a meeting moderator who is familiar with the issues, the audience, and the goals/purposes of the meeting
- Make use of mechanisms that let the public know their comments are being heard—flip charts, evaluation forms, opinion forms