



Department of Ecology

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- Ecology looks forward to implementing the Holistic Agreement
 - Tank waste retrievals
 - Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste
 - Includes supporting pretreatment capabilities (Tank-Side Cesium Removal, Low-Activity Waste Pretreatment System, Advanced Modular Pretreatment System Project)
 - High-Level Waste Facility
 - West Area tank waste treatment
- Leaking Tanks Agreed Order implementation

Tank Waste Retrieval and Treatment

Central Plateau Priorities

- Continue Cesium/Strontium Capsule transfers from the Waste Encapsulation Storage Facility pools to dry storage in the Capsule Interim Storage.
- Receive the 30 percent engineering design for a facility to convert reactive bulk sodium to non-reactive sodium hydroxide.
(M-092-09).
- Ecology, Energy, and EPA are continuing to negotiate soil, groundwater, and facility milestones in 2025.

Treat/manage radioactive solid waste under existing TPA milestones

- Transuranic Mixed (TRUM) Waste Treatment
 - Continued treatment and/or certification of TRUM waste and Mixed Low-Level Waste as established by new target (M-091-47 Target Milestones).
 - Clean-close Outside Storage Area-A at Central Waste Complex. Area will be location of the planned Contact-Handled Waste Processing facility.
 - Preparing for a permit modification to modify the Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit to include the Facility and/or Capability for Contact Handle waste containers, (M-091-56).
 - Start certifying TRUM waste for shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) (M-091-57).
- Complete closure activities for Solid Waste Operations Complex unauthorized storage areas.

Other Priorities

- Complete issuance of Hanford Sitewide Permit Revision 9A following public comment in 2025.
- Environmental Restoration work expected to continue/start in CY2026 and CY2027 on various soil and groundwater sites in the river corridor and central plateau.
- Continue well monitoring, sampling, and negotiation.
- Hanford Advisory Board
 - [HAB Advice #320 – Fiscal Year 2027 Hanford Cleanup Priorities](#)



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