

This is a message from the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) is extending the public comment period for the proposed permit modifications to improve ventilation and grout six hot cells that are no longer in use at the Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility (WESF). The comment period is extended to **March 3, 2015** to give the public time to review the [Petition for Site-Specific Variance from Land Disposal Restriction \(LDR\) Treatment Standards](#).

On January 28, 2015, DOE-RL submitted to the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) the request for a site-specific treatability variance from applicable LDR treatment standards for specific waste items in Hot Cells B and C. These waste items hold a small amount of floor sweepings containing strontium fluoride, processing debris and other waste material produced during the last steps of cleanup and shutdown of operations. The cover letter and petition can be found in the Administrative Record on [Hanford.gov](#):
<http://pdw.hanford.gov/arpir/index.cfm/viewDoc?accession=1501290069>.

The permit modification request is available in the [public information repositories](#), on [Ecology's website](#), and in the Administrative Record on [Hanford.gov](#):
<http://pdw.hanford.gov/arpir/index.cfm/viewDoc?accession=0082935H>

The initial 60-day comment period was originally scheduled to run from Dec. 11, 2014 through Feb. 12, 2015, was later extended to end on February 20, 2015, and **now ends on March 3, 2015**.

Please submit comments by email (preferred), U.S. Mail, or hand deliver them no later than March 3, 2015 to:

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