

WTP Permit Change Proposed to Align Permit Schedules with Amended Hanford Consent Decree Milestones

The US Department of Energy (DOE) Office of River Protection (ORP) and Bechtel National, Inc. (BNI) are holding a 60-day public comment period on a proposed modification to the Hanford Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) Dangerous Waste Permit (herein referred to as the "WTP Permit"). This proposed permit change aligns the WTP Permit Interim Compliance Schedule with the Amended Hanford Consent Decree between DOE and the State of Washington.

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Background

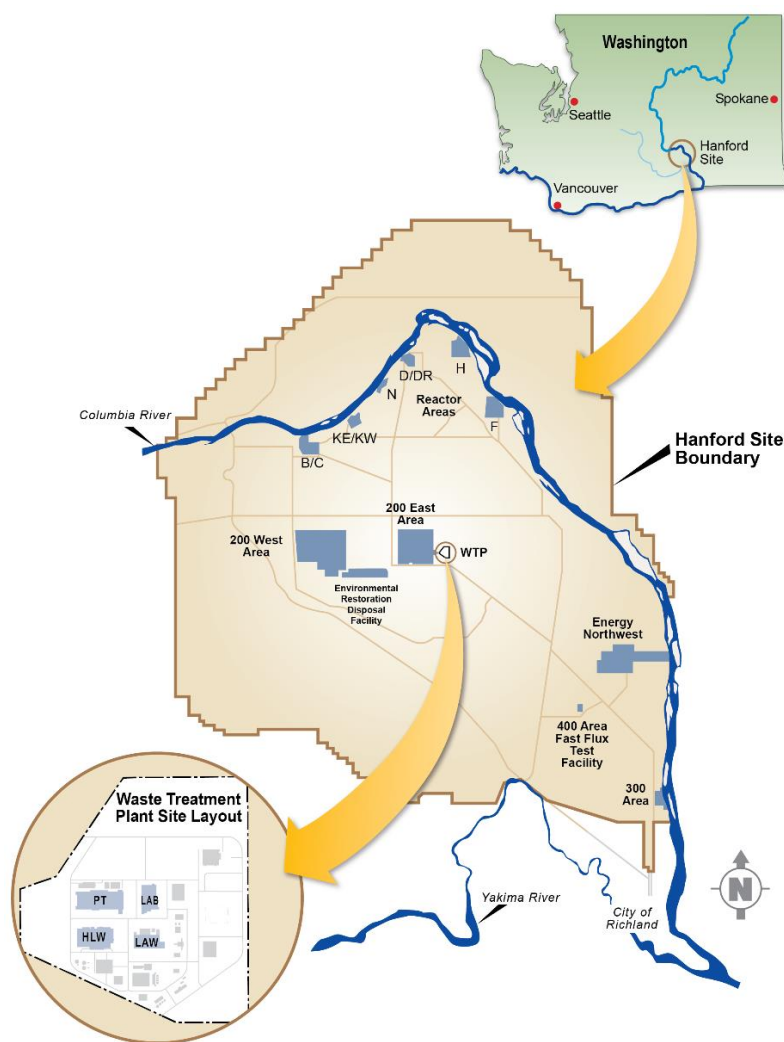
The Hanford Site is located in southeastern Washington State along the Columbia River. The 560 square-mile site was created in 1943 as part of the Manhattan Project to produce plutonium for the Nation's defense program. Today, waste management and environmental cleanup are the main missions at Hanford.

Permit Modification Scope

ORP and BNI, as co-permittees, are requesting a Class 3 modification to the WTP Permit.

The purpose of this request is to update the WTP Permit to reflect the compliance dates outlined in the Amended Hanford Consent Decree between DOE and the State of Washington, filed March 11, 2016 by the US District Court, Eastern District of Washington ([Case 2:08-CV-5085-RMP, Document 222](#)). To align with the 2016 Amended Hanford Consent Decree, the WTP Permit will be modified to update the WTP Permit Interim Compliance Schedule and to add separate interim compliance schedules for the Pretreatment Facility, Low-Activity Waste Facility, and High-Level Waste Facility. To date, more than 20 compliance items—listed in Appendix 1.0 of the existing WTP Permit—have been completed. Completed WTP Permit Interim Compliance Schedule items, including those associated with the Analytical Laboratory, have not been included in this change.

The proposed modification changes the final compliance date in the existing WTP Permit Interim Compliance Schedule, making it a Class 3 permit modification per [WAC 173-303-830, Appendix I A.5\(b\)](#).



Comment Submission

A 60-day public comment period is scheduled to begin **March 6, 2017** and continue through **May 5, 2017**. We welcome your input and encourage you to submit your comments by **May 5, 2017**, in writing, by mail, or email (preferred) to:



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A public meeting is scheduled for **March 30, 2017, at 5:30 PM** at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive, Richland, Washington 99352.

Public Review Process

A 60-day public comment period is scheduled for **March 6, 2017 through May 5, 2017**. A public meeting is scheduled for **March 30, 2017 at 5:30 PM** at the Richland Public Library (955 Northgate Drive, Richland, Washington 99352).

At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Washington State Department of Ecology (herein referred to as "Ecology") will address public comments and prepare a response-to-comments document. Ecology will draft a modified WTP Permit and schedule a 45-day public comment period to provide an opportunity to review and comment on the revised permit. At the conclusion of the 45-day comment period, the modified WTP Permit will be finalized and issued by Ecology.

Copies of the proposed modification and supporting documentation will be available during the public comment period online at <http://pdw.hanford.gov/arpir/index.cfm/viewDoc?accession=0072358H>, or on Ecology's website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commentperiods.htm>. Hard copies may also be viewed at the Hanford Public Information Repositories listed on the next page.

Whom to Contact

Submit written comments on the proposed WTP Permit modification by **May 5, 2017** to Dan McDonald, Ecology, at Hanford@ecy.wa.gov. For additional information, contact Dieter Bohrmann, ORP, at Dieter_G_Bohrmann@orp.doe.gov.



Public Comment Period

We welcome your feedback on this proposed modification. The public comment period is scheduled to run from **March 6, 2017 through May 5, 2017**.

A public meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 30, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.**, at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive, Richland, WA 99352.

Hanford Public Information Repositories

<p>Portland State University Government Information Branford Price Millar Library 1875 SW Park Ave Portland, OR 97207-1151 Attn: Claudia Irla (503) 725-4542 Email: westonc@pdx.edu</p> <p>Map: www.pdx.edu/map.html</p>	<p>University of Washington Suzzallo Library Government Publications Department Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Attn: Hilary Reinert (206) 685-3130 Email: cass@uw.edu; reinerth@uw.edu</p> <p>Map: www.tinyurl.com/m8ebj</p>	<p>US Department of Energy Public Reading Room Washington State University, Tri- Cities Consolidated Information Center Rm 101-L 2770 University Dr Richland, WA 99352 Attn: Janice Scarano (509) 372-7443 Email: doe.reading.room@pnnl.gov</p> <p>Map: www.tricity.wsu.edu/campusmaps/campusmap.pdf</p>
<p>Gonzaga University Foley Center Library East 502 Boone Ave Spokane, WA 99258 Attn: John Spencer (509) 313-6110 Email: spencer@gonzaga.edu</p> <p>Map: www.tinyurl.com/2c6bpm</p>	<p>Ecology Nuclear Waste Program Resource Center 3100 Port of Benton Blvd Richland, WA 99354 Attn: Valarie Peery (509) 372-7950 Email: Hanford@ecy.wa.gov</p> <p>Online: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commentperiods.htm</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Administrative Record and Public Information Repository Address: 2440 Stevens Center Pl, Rm 1101, Richland, WA 99352 Attn: Heather Childers Phone: (509) 376-2530 Email: heather_m_childers@rl.gov Website: www2.hanford.gov/arpir/</p>		

The Permittees' compliance history during the life of the WTP Permit being modified is available from the Washington State Department of Ecology. Contact Dan McDonald at Hanford@ecy.wa.gov.

Hanford Public Involvement Opportunity

We want to hear from you on the proposed modifications for the Hanford Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant's Dangerous Waste Permit!

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