



### Comment Period

Dec. 7, 2021 – Feb. 11, 2022

### Virtual Public Meeting

Jan. 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. PT  
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Send comments by  
Feb. 11, 2022, to

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*The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is holding a 60-day public comment period on a proposed Class 2 modification to the Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit. This proposed modification would remove permit reference to the Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) fire alarm system for the 400 Area Waste Management Unit.*

### Background

The 580-square-mile Hanford Site in southeastern Washington state 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 Hanford's primary missions.

The FFTF is a former nuclear research and test reactor. It was shut down in 1993. Deactivation work was completed in 2009, and the FFTF was placed in a long-term surveillance and maintenance condition.

The DOE and contractor Central Plateau Cleanup Company are requesting a Class 2 permit modification to allow for the removal of reference to the FFTF fire alarm system from the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit. Removal from the permit will allow for the deactivation of the system, which will also reduce annual maintenance costs.



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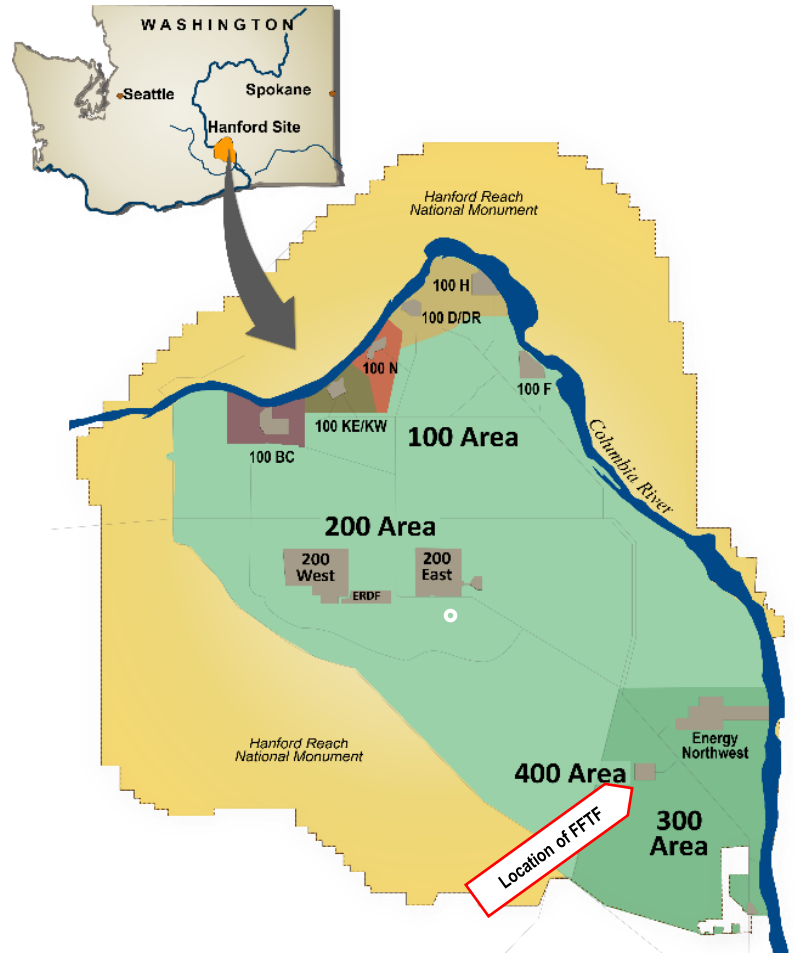
## Summary of Changes

The DOE and its contractor are requesting a Class 2 modification to the 400 Area Waste Management Unit (WMU) chapter of the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit to remove reference to the FFTF fire alarm system. A permit modification is required from the permitting authority, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), to allow for this change.

The system no longer provides alarms for the 400 Area WMU, which includes the Fuel Storage Facility and Interim Storage Facility. The modification will also allow decommissioning of the obsolete system.

Additional testing and inspection requirements will be imposed following decommissioning of the fire alarm system. A call-out system is also used to automatically notify emergency personnel in the event of an emergency.

The Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit establishes requirements to ensure waste management activities protect human health and the environment. The proposed Class 2 modification is pursuant to WAC [173-303-830](#), which requires a 60-day public review process and a public meeting.



The Fast Flux Test Facility (left) in Hanford's 400 Area was shut down in 1993. Today, the primary activities include routine surveillance and maintenance (right) to ensure the buildings remain in a safe condition.



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## Public Involvement

A 60-day public comment period will begin Dec. 7, 2021, and continue through Feb. 11, 2022. A virtual public meeting will be held Jan. 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. PT. During the virtual meeting, you can view the presentation, hear the speakers and ask questions. To participate via Microsoft Teams, please follow the instructions below:

### Join on your computer or mobile app

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All comments must be submitted by Feb. 11, 2022, in writing by mail or electronically (preferred) to:

Washington State Department of Ecology

3100 Port of Benton Boulevard

Richland, WA 99354

eComments (preferred): <https://bit.ly/2ZTGNJp>

At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Washington State Department of Ecology will address public comments and issue a final permit.

Copies of the proposed permit modification and supporting documentation will be available online during the public comment period on the Hanford public involvement website at <https://go.usa.gov/xVmew>, in the Administrative Record at <https://go.usa.gov/xew4w>, and in the Hanford Public Information Repositories at <https://go.usa.gov/xVDTS>.

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The permittee's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the Washington State Department of Ecology contact person.

*To request disability accommodation, please contact Jennifer Colborn at [Jennifer.M.Colborn@rl.gov](mailto:Jennifer.M.Colborn@rl.gov) or (509) 376-5840 at least 10 working days prior to the event. DOE makes every effort to honor disability accommodation requests.*



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## Public Involvement Opportunity

We want to hear from you on the proposed changes to the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit



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