

Tri-Party Agreement Agency Planning Hanford Regional Dialogue

Public Involvement Committee Meeting

September 18, 2018

History of State of the Site

- The purpose of State of the Site (SOS) meetings was to offer the opportunity for interested members of the public to discuss Hanford cleanup progress, challenges and priorities with decision-makers from the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) agencies
- Initiated at a time that public meetings on Hanford were not being held regularly

Hanford Regional Dialogue

- Based on stakeholder input, the TPA agencies are revamping the way traditional SOS town hall meetings have been done to a more interactive format
- New format is referred to as Hanford Regional Dialogue (HRD)
- The first pilot of this new format will be held in Hood River, Oregon on November 1, 2018.

TPA Objectives

- Provide brief statements on the Hanford Site from Dept. of Energy Richland Operations and Office of River Protection, Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Dept. of Ecology along with a local alternative perspective.
- Support the continued and long-term discussion with the public on Hanford cleanup
- Encourage two-way dialogue during the event with a new meeting format
- Address concerns identified by the public during the preparation for the event

Audience

- The HRD in-person meeting is open to everyone interested in participating
- Due to the limits on presentation time from the agencies to allow for more discussion, members of the public who are entirely new to Hanford activities may struggle in fully comprehending the material being discussed
- Anyone interested in learning about Hanford progress and challenges is encouraged to participate

Desired Outcomes

- Increase public awareness of Hanford progress, challenges and priorities
- Provide the opportunity for members of the public to speak directly with subject matter experts on technical aspects and details of Hanford cleanup
- Provide the opportunity for members of the public to speak directly with Hanford decision-makers on Hanford cleanup

Success Factors - Quantitative

- **Number of Participants:** Participation at levels comparable or greater than experienced at previous SOS meetings
- **New Participants:** Participation by people located in cities where in-person meetings have not been held
- **Age of Participants:** Participation of a range of ages
- **Number of questions/concerns received in advance**
- **Number of media/newspaper articles (paid and non-paid)**
- **Number of redistributed social media announcements**
- **Audience retention:** Gauge number of attendees at 30 minute intervals from start to finish of event

Success Factors - Qualitative

- Ease of submitting questions/concerns in advance of event
- Ease of participating/asking a question through new meeting format
- Quality of discussion
- Quality of presentations provided
- Ability of TPA agency representatives to respond to questions
- Overall satisfaction of participants for the event
- Suggestions for improvements for future public involvement events

Cities for Press Releases

- Seattle
- Portland
- Richland
- Hood River (will include print ad for Hood River)
- Spokane
- Yakima
- Walla Walla

Other Considerations

- Professional facilitation services
- Use of social media for advertising
- Use of post-event participant surveys
- Solicitation for input on meeting topics from the public
- Opportunities for other groups to provide information in a resource area
- Collaboration on meeting material development

Survey to solicit HRD topics

The Tri-Party Agreement Agencies (U.S. Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Washington Department of Ecology) are hosting a public meeting to discuss Hanford cleanup progress and challenges. The [Hanford Regional Dialogue meeting](#) [add link to Hanford events calendar] will be held on Thursday, November 1 from 6-9 p.m. in Hood River, OR.

In the interest of providing the most useful information at the meeting, we'd like your input on the topics you're most interested in discussing or learning more about from Hanford managers and technical staff.

OK

* 1. Do you plan to attend the Hanford Regional Dialogue meeting November 1 in Hood River?

Yes

No

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2. If yes, please rank the topics below you'd most like to learn more about and discuss at the meeting.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cleanup along the Columbia River
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worker Safety
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Central Hanford cleanup (includes groundwater, PFP and PUREX)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tank waste retrieval & treatment (includes Waste Treatment Plant)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please add in text box below)

3. If you answered other above, please tell us what you're especially interested in.

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2. If no, please explain:

- Meeting location is not convenient
- Date and time won't work for me
- Not interested
- Other (please specify)