

**Subject line:** Temporary Authorization Requested to Begin Closure of Hanford's Outdoor Storage Area A

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### **180-Day Temporary Authorization Requested to Begin Closure Activities at Outdoor Storage Area A**

The U.S. Department of Energy Hanford Field Office and contractor Central Plateau Cleanup Company are requesting a 180-day temporary authorization, pursuant to [WAC 173-303-830\(4\)\(e\)](#), from the Washington State Department of Ecology to start closure activities at Hanford's Outdoor Storage Area A beginning January 2026. Outdoor Storage Area A is in the Central Waste Complex.

Actions covered by this authorization include all activities in the closure plan previously submitted via a Class 3 Permit Modification Request ([25-ECD-0035](#)) dated March 20, 2025. A [public comment period](#) on that request was held from July 16 through September 5, 2025. This temporary authorization will allow work to begin to close Outdoor Storage Area A, prior to the closure plan becoming effective in the Hanford Site-wide permit.

For more information on this temporary authorization request, please contact Dana Cowley with Hanford Mission Integration Solutions at [dana\\_c\\_gribble@rl.gov](mailto:dana_c_gribble@rl.gov).