Hanford Site Proposed Land Conveyance Project

Public Scoping Meeting

Richland Public Library

October 10, 2012
Agenda

• Meeting purposes
• Land transfer request
• Hanford Site Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) designations
• U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposed action and Environmental Assessment (EA) area of analysis
• Separate analyses required for potential land conveyance
• How to give input/stay involved
Public Scoping Meeting Purposes

• Provide information about what DOE will propose and analyze in the Environmental Assessment (EA)

• Receive your input on EA scope and specific issues that should be addressed
Land Transfer Request

- May 31, 2011, Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC), the Hanford Site Community Reuse Organization, requested transfer of 1,341 acres located near the Hanford Site’s southern boundary for economic development purposes.

- October 13, 2011, TRIDEC amended original request to include 300 acres previously requested for lease by Energy Northwest, for total request of 1,641 acres.

- TRIDEC proposal identifies probable uses of warehousing and distribution; research and development; technology manufacturing; food processing and agriculture; and “back office” (i.e., business services).

- Ultimately, TRIDEC plans to transfer ownership to a private entity or to one of its public agency partners (e.g., the City of Richland).
• Majority of Hanford Site is designated for conservation and preservation purposes (Hanford Comprehensive Land Use Plan EIS, September 1999/Record of Decision November 1999; Supplement Analysis June 2008/amended ROD September 2008)

• The lands requested for transfer are designated for industrial uses

• Lands designated for Industrial uses are intended to support economic development
DOE is proposing to **convey** 1,641 acres; considering a range of actions such as transfer, lease, easement, license agreement, or a combination of such actions.

Due to continuing mission needs on some of the requested lands, DOE is assessing a larger area, 4,413 acres, to identify a sufficient parcel(s) totaling 1,641 acres that would be suitable to conveyance for intended uses.
Separate Analyses Required to Evaluate Land Conveyance

- **National Environmental Policy Act**
  - Sept 19, 2012 Federal Register Notice Of Intent (NOI) announcing EA process and 30-day public scoping period
  - Develop draft EA documenting existing environment, potential impacts from proposed action, mitigation actions as necessary
  - Hold public comment period on draft EA
  - Finalize EA, decide whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement or issue a Finding of No Significant Impact

- **National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)**
  - Identify Historic Properties via literature review, field surveys, and during discussions with consulting parties and tribes
  - Consider effects of land conveyance on Historic Properties in consultation with consulting parties and tribes
  - Work with consulting parties and tribes on options to avoid or mitigate adverse effects
Separate Analyses Required to Evaluate Land Conveyance (cont.)

• Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Section 120 (h)
  – Determine whether hazardous substances are present, status of remediation, mechanisms in place to assure ongoing protection of human health and the environment
  – Early communication with EPA and Washington State
  – Document, as needed, information/requirement in conveyance instrument

• DOE Order 458.1, Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment
  – Perform historical site assessment
  – Conduct radiological surveys and sampling
  – Evaluate results
  – Independent verification
  – Finalize clearance documents
How to Give Comments and Stay Involved

• Provide comments at this meeting

• Send written comments to:
  Ms. Paula Call  
  NEPA Document Manager  
  U.S. Department of Energy-Richland Operations Office  
  P.O. Box 550, MSIN A2-15  
  Richland, WA 99352

• Email comments to landconveyanceEA@rl.doe.gov

• Sign up to receive draft EA at welcome table

• For EA updates, visit http://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/EnvironmentalAssessments
QUESTIONS?
BACKGROUND
Analysis Area in Context of Regulatory Cleanup

Includes portions of National Priority List 1100, 300, 200 Areas:

- **1100 Area** - Deleted in 1996, Horn Rapids Landfill under Institutional Controls (maintain cap, fencing, access control, signs, monitor groundwater 1100-EM-1)
  
- **300-FF-2 Source Operable Unit** - waste site remediation per interim ROD partly complete/in progress
  
- **300-FF-5 Groundwater OU** – CERCLA proposed plan under development
DOE Land Transfer Authority

- Primary DOE authority for land transfer is the Atomic Energy Act of 1954
- TRIDEC request was made under Title 10, part 770 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR part 770) - Transfer of Real Property at Defense Nuclear Facilities for Economic Development
- 10 CFR part 770 is one mechanism for land transfer; it recognizes DOE responsibility to assist local communities impacted by the nation’s nuclear weapons complex