

# STATE OF THE HANFORD SITE

## What is Hanford Cleanup?

The Hanford Site sits on 586-square-miles of shrub-steppe desert in southeastern Washington state. The site was created in 1943 as part of the Manhattan Project to produce plutonium for nuclear weapons. Between 1943 and 1963, nine nuclear reactors were built along the banks of the Columbia River. By 1988, all nine reactors were shut down.

The weapons material production mission ended in the late 1980s and Hanford's mission shifted from nuclear material production to environmental cleanup. More than 40 years of plutonium production created an enormous challenge of dealing with hundreds of square miles of contaminated soil and groundwater, and millions of gallons of highly radioactive waste stored in underground tanks.

Today, waste management and environmental restoration are the main missions at the Hanford Site. Completing Hanford's cleanup will take several more decades and will require the sustained investment of significant resources.



*Employees successfully and safely demolished the 284 west boiler.*



*Employees handled the retrieval of C Farm tanks.*

## HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED

### **April 15, 2014 – Seattle**

Seattle Center: Allen Foundation  
of the Arts Room at McCaw Hall  
321 Mercer St.  
Seattle

### **April 16, 2014 – Portland**

Double Tree by Hilton: Halsey Room  
1000 NE Multnomah St.  
Portland

### **April 17, 2014 – Hood River**

Best Western Hotel: Gorge Room  
1108 E Marina Dr.  
Hood River

### **April 29, 2014 – Richland**

Red Lion Hotel Hanford House:  
Ballroom  
802 George Washington Way  
Richland



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## 2014 AGENDA

### SEATTLE, PORTLAND AND HOOD RIVER MEETINGS

*Purpose of Meeting:* to provide opportunities to discuss issues with agency decision-makers. All participants have the opportunity to listen, speak and be heard.

- 6:00 p.m.**                      **Open House informational session**
- 7:00 – 7:05 p.m.**            **Welcome and Overview**
- 7:05 – 7:45 p.m.**            **Agency Presentations**
- U.S. Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office
  - U.S. Department of Energy's Office of River Protection
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - Washington State Department of Ecology
- 7:45 – 7:50 p.m.**            **Local Perspective**
- 7:50 – 9:00 p.m.**            **Open discussion with agency representatives**

