

March 2021 – May 2021

EVENTS IN PROGRESS/UPCOMING	March	April	May	Holding Bin
<p>Ecology 45-Day Comment Period (Feb. 1 – March 17) WTP Chapter 11, Closure Plan This modification will update the Chapter 11 Closure plan.</p>	←→			Class 2 for 400 Area Waste Management Unit (Fire Protection System)
<p>Ecology 45-Day Comment Period (Feb. 8 – March 25) 242-A Evaporator New Wall Penetrations Class 3 This proposed modification will allow for three new wall penetrations in the 242-A Evaporator facility to connect three new double-shell tank transfer lines.</p>	←→			Class 2 for LERF/ETF (Supplemental Organic Treatment System)
<p>Ecology 45-Day Comment Period (Feb. 22– April 8) LERF and 200 ETF Construction of Basin 41 Class 3 This proposed modification will address the construction of LERF Basin 41 to support Direct Feed Low-Activity Waste.</p>	←→	→		Class 2 for LERF ETF (Groundwater Management Plan for LERF)
<p>Ecology 45-Day Comment Period (Feb. 22 – April 8) 242-A Evaporator Basin 41 Tie-in Class 3 This proposed modification will address the tie-in from the combined 242-A Evaporator and Waste Treatment Plant process condensate line to the new LERF Basin 41.</p>	←→	→		Class 3 for Single Shell Tanks Class 3 PUREX tanks TK-P4 and TK-40
<p>DOE 30-Day Comment Period (March 15 – April 16) 200 West Tier 2 EE/CA Engineering Evaluation / Cost Analysis on the 200 West Tier 2 buildings/structures (213W Waste Compactor Building, 231Z Materials Engineering Laboratory, 242S Evaporator Facility, 242T Waste Disposal Evaporator Building, 242TB Vent House, 292S Jet Pit House, 292T Fission Products Release Laboratory); no public meeting.</p>		←→		Annual Budget Priorities
<p>TPA 45-Day Comment Period (April 26 – June 14) M-091 Milestones Proposed changes to the M-091 series of TPA milestones that include a commitment to restart shipments of Hanford’s transuranic mixed (TRUM) waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, near Carlsbad, New Mexico for disposal by 2028 and an achievable schedule for retrieving, characterizing, and disposing of Hanford’s mixed low-level waste and TRUM waste; mid-May public meeting.</p>			←→◇→	COMPLETED EVENTS (Dec. 15 – Feb. 13) Class 2 Permit Modification on LERF/ETF (Backup Load-In Station)

◇ Denotes Meeting

COLOR KEY (More info on back)
RCRA ACTIVITY
CERCLA ACTIVITY
TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT ACTIVITY
WIR PROCESS ACTIVITY

For more detailed information on Hanford public involvement activities, please visit the [Public Involvement Opportunities](#) website.



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Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) Note: All HAB events are under review for the time being.	PIC [16] HAB [17-18] Committee Call Placeholders [30-31]	Committee Meeting Placeholders [13-15] Leadership Workshop [28-29]	Committee Meeting Placeholders [11-13] Committee Call Placeholders [26-27]
Events	Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board [22]	EM SSAB [20-21]	

HANFORD REGULATORY PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT (PI)

Regulation	RCRA *	CERCLA **	Tri-Party Agreement
What does it do?	Manages cleanup of hazardous and mixed (hazardous and radioactive) waste~	Authorizes cleanup of hazardous waste sites	Guiding document for Hanford cleanup
Who is the lead regulatory agency?	WA Department of Ecology	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	All three agencies negotiate TPA changes
What are the PI opportunities?	Hanford permit actions	Proposed Plans on remedial actions and EE/CAs^ for removal actions	“Significant” changes to the TPA require public comment period
How long are the comment periods^^?	60 days (Class 2) 60 days + 45 days (Class 3)***	30 days	45 days
Is a public meeting required?	Yes	No (can be requested)	No (can be requested)
Do the agencies issue a formal response to comments received?	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Ecology is authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement the federal hazardous waste rules in Washington, where they are called the [Dangerous Waste Regulations](#).

**Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (aka Superfund)

***Class 3 permit changes require two comment periods. The first is held by the U.S. Department of Energy (permittee) on the permit application/modification request; the second is held by Ecology on the permitting decision.

~Hazardous/Mixed Waste – Hazardous waste is (non-radioactive) waste that is dangerous or potentially harmful to human health or the environment. Hazardous wastes can be liquids, solids, gases, or sludges. Hazardous waste comingled with waste containing radioactive constituents is called mixed waste. Hazardous and mixed waste are managed under RCRA.

^Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis – The purpose of an EE/CA is to summarize cleanup alternatives for waste sites under a “non-time critical” removal action and recommend one of the alternatives. It is similar to a CERCLA proposed plan for a remedial action.

^^Public comment periods may be extended upon request

