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Hanford Cleanup Tour Registration Begins in April

Public tours focus on environmental cleanup mission

RICHLAND, Wash. – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will open online registration for the 2018 Hanford cleanup tour program April 10 at 9 a.m. on the Hanford Site website, www.hanford.gov.

The public tour program focuses on environmental cleanup and provides participants with an in-depth look at several key projects that support today's cleanup effort and includes briefings on several Hanford facilities supporting today's cleanup mission.

- **Hanford's Cold Test Facility**, a scaled version of one of Hanford's 177 underground nuclear waste storage tanks.
- The **Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility**, a regulated and lined landfill, where nearly 18 million tons of Hanford's low-level radioactive, hazardous and mixed waste are being disposed.
- The **324 Building Disposition Project**, where preparations are under-way to remove highly radioactive soil beneath the building, to allow for the building's eventual demolition.
- **618-10**, one of Hanford's most complex and hazardous sites, which received radioactive waste generated from Hanford's fuel fabrication and research laboratories during the production era.

- The **200 West Pump and Treat facility**, a groundwater treatment system, combines several technologies to remove chemical, radioactive and organic contaminants, before returning treated water to the ground through a network of wells.
- The **Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant**, when completed will be the world's largest facility for turning millions of gallons of liquid radioactive waste into a stable glass form suitable for safe, permanent disposal.
- The **Sludge Removal Project**, where starting in May, workers will be removing highly radioactive material from the 105KW Reactor Basin and storing it at the center of the site.

Tour participants must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. Government-issued photo identification is required for each tour participant and must be presented when arriving for the tour. Information about the required forms of identification is available on www.hanford.gov

All seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis through the online registration system [here](#). Tours begin at 8 a.m. on the days indicated below and last about four and a half hours. There is no cost to participate in the tours.

Hanford Site Cleanup Tour Dates:

May 8, 10, 30 and 31
June 5, 7, 13, 19, 21 and 27
July 10, 12, 18, 24 and 26
August 7, 9, 15, 21 and 23

The tours will begin and end at the MSA Office Building at 2490 Garlick Blvd., Richland, Wash., 99352.

The Department of Energy (DOE) is responsible for the federal government's cleanup of the legacy of more than 40 years of plutonium production at the Hanford Site near Richland, Wash. Except for a tank waste mission managed by the DOE Office of River Protection, the DOE Richland Operations Office is responsible for all remaining Hanford cleanup and is currently focused on cleaning out and demolishing the high-hazard Plutonium Finishing Plant, excavating and disposing of contaminated soil and waste, treating contaminated groundwater, moving radioactive sludge out of the K West Basin and away from the Columbia River, and configuring Hanford Site infrastructure for the future. The office oversees Hanford Site work that is conducted by a federal and contractor workforce of approximately 4,000 personnel. Visit www.hanford.gov.



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