

# THE HANFORD SITE

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## DOE Awards Over \$33M to the States of Washington and Oregon in Financial Assistance Grants

**RICHLAND, Wash.** – The Department of Energy (DOE) today awarded four financial assistance grants, totaling approximately \$33.5 million, to Oregon and Washington state. The non-competitive grants support environmental response regulatory activities, emergency preparedness and public information programs.

DOE awarded Washington state three grants totaling approximately \$29.1 million for regulatory oversight and emergency preparedness for the next five years, from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2026. The funding supports the following activities:

- The Washington State Department of Ecology was awarded approximately \$19.1 million to continue its regulatory activities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. This includes regulating chemical and hazardous waste cleanup under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and reviewing Hanford cleanup plans for compliance with state laws and regulations.
- The Washington State Department of Health was awarded approximately \$5.2 million to continue to provide oversight of the Department's radiation monitoring programs. This includes independently collecting and analyzing samples to verify the quality of the Department's programs.
- The Washington State Military Department was awarded approximately \$4.8 million to continue emergency preparedness planning with local counties near the Hanford Site, as well as other state agencies. The allocation also funds planning for waste transportation along state highways.

Oregon state was awarded one grant totaling approximately \$4.4 million for technical review of Hanford and public information activities for the next five years, from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2026. This includes staffing the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board that reviews Hanford cleanup issues. The award also funds emergency preparedness planning related to Hanford.

All four grants are for fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

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*The Department of Energy (DOE) is engaged in one of the great public works of this century at the Hanford Site near Richland, Washington. Responsible for the federal government's cleanup of the legacy of more than 40 years of producing plutonium through the 1980s, DOE is transforming the site back into a 24/7 operations mode to treat tank waste from the production era. The DOE Office of River Protection (ORP) is responsible for the safe and efficient retrieval, treatment and disposal of the 56 million gallons of chemical and radioactive waste stored in Hanford's 177 underground tanks. The mission includes building and commissioning the world's largest radioactive waste treatment plant, which will immobilize the legacy tank waste through vitrification. The DOE Richland Operations Office is responsible for all remaining Hanford cleanup and is currently focused on stabilizing and demolishing former plutonium production structures, excavating and disposing of contaminated soil and waste, treating contaminated groundwater, and configuring Hanford Site infrastructure for the future, with an emphasis on supporting the tank waste mission. Hanford Site work is conducted by a federal and contractor workforce of approximately 11,000 personnel. Visit [www.hanford.gov](http://www.hanford.gov) for more information about the Hanford Site.*



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