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WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR HANFORD CLEANUP?

Each year the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is required to prepare a Hanford cleanup budget submittal that meets regulatory requirements and is consistent with the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA). The TPA is the regulatory agreement between the DOE, Washington State Department of Ecology, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which guides the ongoing cleanup of the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington State.

The DOE has a three-year budget process, and is currently working to the fiscal year 2007 allocated budget for cleanup activities underway across the Hanford Site. The President recently released the fiscal year 2008 budget request, and that request is currently before Congress. Based on 2007 and 2008 budget information, cleanup priorities, and input from the public, regulatory agencies, tribes, Hanford Advisory Board and others, DOE is formulating its 2009 budget requirements.

DOE recognizes the importance of Hanford cleanup to the Pacific Northwest. It is vital that DOE hears your input concerning Hanford cleanup and which projects or activities you believe should be clean up priorities in the development of the 2009 budget request.

Public meetings are being held to discuss cleanup activities and obtain input from the public regarding priorities for the development of the fiscal year 2008 budget request for Hanford.

The Tri-City meeting will be held Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 5 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Richland, WA.

The public can find additional information on Hanford cleanup and development of the federal budget by visiting the DOE's Hanford website at www.Hanford.gov. Hanford Site budget information can be found under Public Involvement at this website. In the budget section, the public can read additional cleanup budget information, provide an electronic written comment, and read comments submitted by other members of the public.

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