



Role of Hanford Site Community Relations Plan (CRP)

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Purpose of the CRP

- 40 CFR 300.430.(c)(2)(ii)
 - Ensure the public appropriate opportunities for involvement in a wide variety of site-related decisions
 - Determine appropriate activities to ensure such public involvement
- Residents of affected communities should be involved in Superfund process



CERCLA Public Participation

- CERCLA Sec. 117
 - Provided authority for community involvement activities during CERCLA responses
- EPA Policy recommends the implementation of additional community involvement activities beyond NCP requirements



Tri-Party Agreement CRP Description

- Parties agree that CRP is the proper mechanism to address public involvement in CERCLA and RCRA activities related to a cleanup action
 - Single public involvement document
- Overall plan for community relations and public involvement



Key CRP Elements

- Public Information Repositories
- Mailing Lists and Newsletter
- Press Releases
- Public Meetings
- Public Comment/Hearing Opportunities



CRP Summary

- Guides public involvement at Hanford
- Outlines public participation processes under TPA agreement
- Identifies how the public can participate in Hanford decision-making processes