

Department of Ecology Nuclear Waste Program

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Update for Hanford Advisory Board
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Site-wide Permit Update

Status:

- On track for May 1 comment period start*.

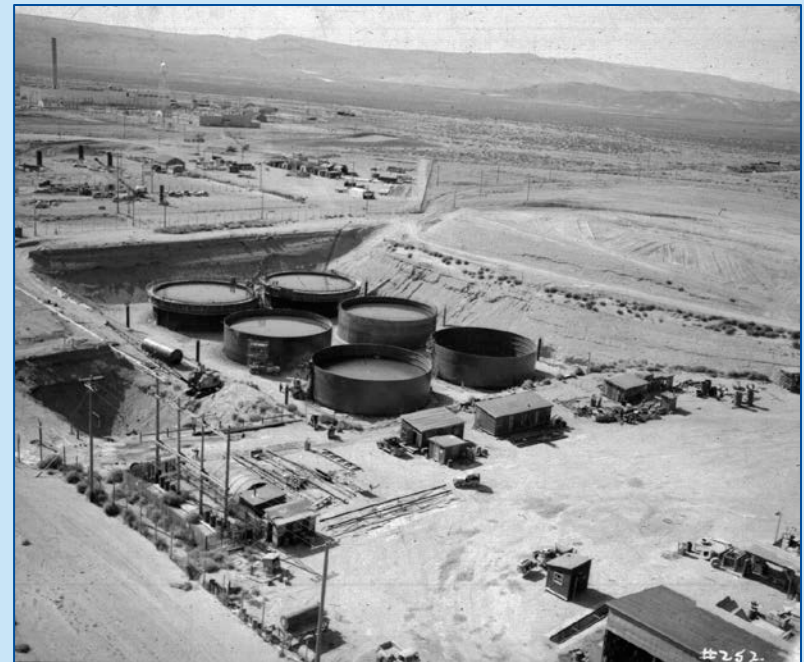
Production schedule:

- ✓ Finish printing draft permit (just 3 hard copies!). **(In progress)**
- ✓ Finish posting draft permit on website. **(In progress)**
- ✓ Public involvement materials drafted for meetings. **(Done)**
- ✓ Send advance notice of public hearings. **(Done)**
- ✓ SEPA determination to be signed by April 30.

*Except for Single-Shell Tanks

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- Single-shell tank permit is expected to be released for public comment by June 30
- This permit will have about a 90-day comment period (closing Sept. 30 with the rest of the permit)
- Ecology to offer webinar workshop/hearing on SST permit
- Seeking HAB input on webinar timing/format/content



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How to participate:

- Comment period:
May 1 – September 30
- Public workshop:
May 3, Ecology office
- Public hearings
 - Seattle – May 15
 - Portland – May 16
 - Spokane – June 5
 - Richland – June 6



Madeleine Brown says “thumbs up” to the permit during a visit with a Yakima Rotary Club.

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Upcoming outreach:

- April 13: Spokane South Rotary
- April 18: Portland State University
- April 19: Albina Rotary (Portland)
- April 25: Kiwanis Club of Portland
- April 25: Portland Comm. College
- May 1: Kiwanis Club of Hillsboro
- May 2: Portland State University
- May 4: University of Washington
- May 9: West Seattle Kiwanis
- May 24: Spokane Aurora NW Rotary



Lead permit writer Andrea Prignano speaks at a meeting of the Association of Hazardous Materials Managers in Seattle.

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Previous outreach:

- January 31: Richland Rotary
- February 1: American Society of Safety Engineers (Richland)
- February 9: Yakima Rotary
- February 21: Spokane West Rotary
- March 6: Assoc. of Hazardous Materials Managers (Seattle)
- March 20: Spokane Valley Rotary
- March 27: Seattle Metropolitan Rotary
- April 5: Columbia Center Rotary

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Learn more:

- Our (new) website
- FAQ
- Unit cards
- Fact Sheet
- Presentations
- Ask questions!

The screenshot shows the Department of Ecology website's 'Nuclear Waste' program page. The page features a navigation menu with categories like WATER, AIR, WASTE, CLEANUP, TOXIC HAZARDS, and GREEN. The main content area is titled 'Nuclear Waste' and includes a banner with the text 'Keeping people and the environment safe from the dangers of mixed radioactive and chemically hazardous waste'. Below the banner, there are sections for 'NUCLEAR WASTE' (with sub-sections like Hanford News, About Hanford, Permitting, Projects, Public Involvement, Non-Hanford Work), 'ABOUT HANFORD' (with links for News, Nuclear Waste Program History, Hanford History, Información General de Hanford en Español, Key Documents, Frequently Asked Questions, and Contacts), 'PERMITTING' (with links for Hanford Dangerous Waste (Site-Wide), Hanford Site Air Operating (AOP), Perma-Fix, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, and More about permitting...), 'PROJECTS' (with links for Groundwater, Environmental Restoration Project, Tank Storage, Operations & Closure Project, Tank Waste Disposal Project, Facility Transition Project, Waste Management Project, and More about projects...), and 'PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT'. A red arrow points from the 'Our (new) website' bullet point to the 'PERMITTING' section.

Nuclear Waste Program: ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp

In other news ...

- Governor planning a visit to the Tri-Cities on May 24
 - Tour includes stop at Columbia Generating Station
 - Other details TBD
- Ecology testified at March 22 DNFSB hearings in Kennewick
- CWC update
- State budget update



Education & Outreach

John and Dieter were joined by Ken Niles and Max Power during a visit to Oregon State University in late February.



About 65 people attended the two Hanford presentations.

Questions?

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