

River and Plateau Committee Meeting

Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Site-Wide Permit

February 15, 2012

Meetings to Date:

The Issue managers have met with Ecology staff 6 times since December of 2010. We have been working to understand various parts of the 14,000 page document:

- The structure of the permit and where to find information
- Corrective Action Decision/Record of Decision Process – opportunities for input
- Emergency Response Coordination
- Areas of the permit we should focus on: (we've been flagging issues as we go)
 - SEPA checklists, SEPA Determinations
 - Statements of Basis/Fact Sheets
 - Part II Conditions:
 - II A and B: Emergency Response
 - II E: Cleanup of Released Material
 - II F: Groundwater Monitoring
 - II J: Closure and Post Closure
 - II M: Receipt of Dangerous Wastes Generated Offsite
 - II Y: Corrective Action
 - Specific Units:
 - Single Shell Tanks
 - Solid Waste Burial Grounds
 - Waste Treatment Plant
- Communication strategy – how to talk about the permit
 - Baseball cards
 - FAQ
 - website
- Public involvement planning
 - Pre-public meeting prep (TV show for Hanford Communities, rotary club presentations, coordination with universities etc.)
 - HAB workshop
 - Public meetings
 - Collecting comments

Public Involvement Plan:

- **Stakeholder Call: Thursday Feb 16th 3-4pm, WebEx**
- **Pre-Public Comment Period Outreach** (TV issue-briefing for Hanford Communities, Rotary Club, visiting universities, etc.)
- **Workshop** – Need to decide if it is public workshop or COTW (Proposed Date: May 3rd)
- **Public Meetings** – Spokane, Seattle, Richland, Vancouver (because it's a state permit)
 - **Proposed Timeframe:** May/June 2012 – will be set following the WebEx meeting on Thurs, Feb 16th
- **Public Comment Period** (153 days) May 1, 2012 – September 30, 2012

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Stakeholder Call Information: Reminder will go out Thursday Morning

Contact Madeleine or Dieter if you want to join the meeting.

The Department of Ecology is preparing to reissue its Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit (also called the site-wide permit). We plan for the comment period to begin May 1. The permit covers 39 separate parts of Hanford, from the Waste Treatment Plant to the old trenches that received contaminated liquids from the plutonium plants. This massive document is the state's prime tool for ensuring that Hanford cleanup protects our air, land, and water.

During the comment period, we are planning to hold public meetings to receive comments in Seattle, Vancouver, Spokane, and the Tri-Cities. We also plan to have a full-day public workshop in Richland.

We would like your input as we plan the dates and formats for the public meetings and workshops. To this end, we have scheduled a WebEx meeting on **Thursday, February 16, from 3-4 p.m.**

If you have any questions before the meeting, please email Hanford@ecy.wa.gov or call the Hanford cleanup line at 800-321-2008. You can also learn more about the site-wide permit by visiting our website.

We hope you will be able to join us to plan the public's involvement in reissuing Hanford's site-wide permit!