

Tri Cities Maintenance Headquarters

This project will construct a new Tri-Cities maintenance headquarters. BPA field operations in Tri-Cities District currently occupy space in a number of different facilities in Pasco and Walla Walla, Washington and McNary, Oregon. The offices in Pasco and Walla Walla are leased and the office at McNary is a rented construction trailer. The Franklin Control House also provides limited office space. These facilities support the full transmission program in the region as well as fulfilling other agency needs on a smaller scale.

There are numerous health and safety issues at the Pasco, Franklin and McNary facilities. At the Pasco leased facility there are safety concerns regarding exposure to asbestos, vehicle exhaust, numerous building code issues, and faulty fire suppression systems. The Pasco equipment maintenance shop currently uses work-arounds to accomplish certain tasks due to inadequacies of the facility (i.e. forklifts instead of overhead cranes). Franklin facility staff is located in the basement of the control house which presents several safety risks in the event of a need to evacuate the facility.

Completing the project will address the health and safety issues while also providing adequate and appropriately located support facilities which help field staff safely and efficiently carry out their mission.