

***Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement
for the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington***
**MODFLOW Technical Review Group
September 2006 Meeting Summary**

The MODFLOW Technical Review Group (TRG) supporting Science Applications International Corporation's (SAIC's) Groundwater Model Development for the *Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement for the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington (TC & WM EIS)* met September 4–6, 2006, in Richland, Washington, for an introduction to the project and an overview of the site. The MODFLOW TRG participants were selected using several criteria, including their MODFLOW experience and groundwater modeling approaches, and on the basis of not having previous significant experience at the Hanford Site. The MODFLOW TRG was provided a tour of the site to familiarize them with the size, location, and scope of Hanford activities and Hanford's geological features. They were briefed on the following items:

- Scope of the review
- Schedule and logistics
- Project organization and interfaces
- Site hydrogeology
- Modeling approach

On September 6, 2006, an open house was hosted by SAIC. Representatives of the American Indian tribes, Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), Hanford Advisory Board, and State of Oregon were invited to meet the MODFLOW TRG and discuss values and issues related to the scope of the groundwater model development. Representatives of the Yakima Indian Nation, Nez Perce, and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, as well as Ecology, attended. The tribal representatives presented the history of their work at Hanford, and Ecology discussed their role as a Cooperating Agency. Additional meetings will be held with the MODFLOW TRG in late 2006 and early 2007. Requests for further information about the *TC & WM EIS* can be directed to the Document Manager, Mary Beth Burandt, in the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of River Protection at TC&WMEIS@saic.com or 509-372-7772.