

OHCB Public Involvement Survey

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13 responses

SUMMARY	INDIVIDUAL
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Accepting responses

Your Name (13 responses)

- Ken Niles
- Dale Engstrom
- Mark Reese
- Steve March
- Dan Solitz
- Ted Taylor
- Lori Brogoitti
- Justin Iverson
- Meme
- John Howieson
- Kristen McNall
- Glen Phillips
- Senator Richard Devlin

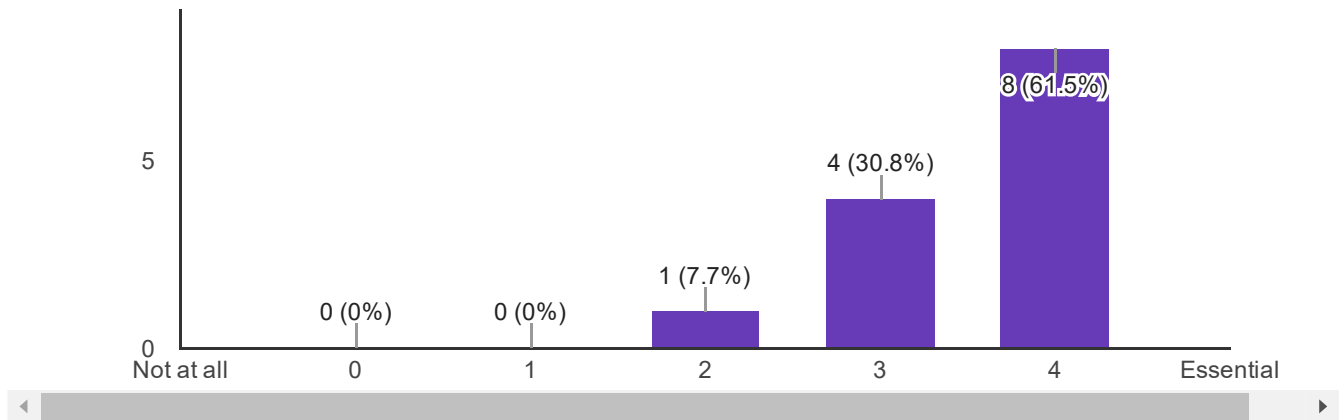
Preferred Email (13 responses)

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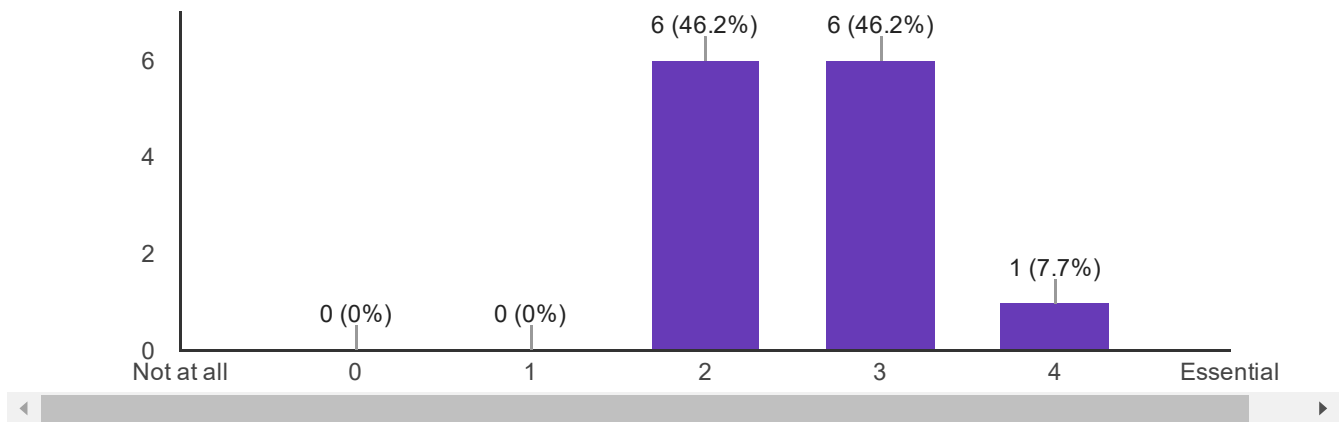
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How important are OHCB meetings for you to learn about Hanford?
(13 responses)



How important are newspaper articles for you to learn about Hanford?
(13 responses)



How important are other news sources, e.g. TV and radio for you to learn about Hanford?
(13 responses)

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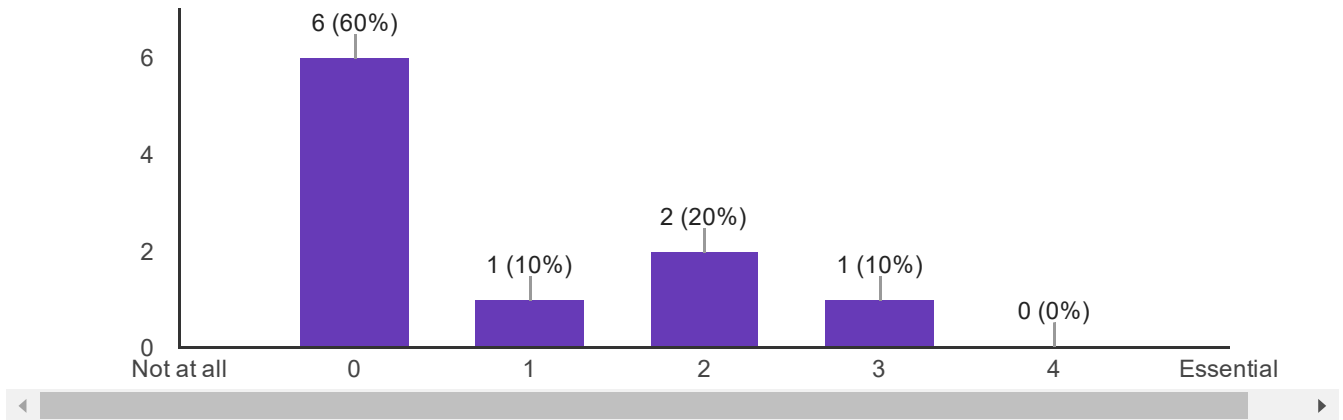
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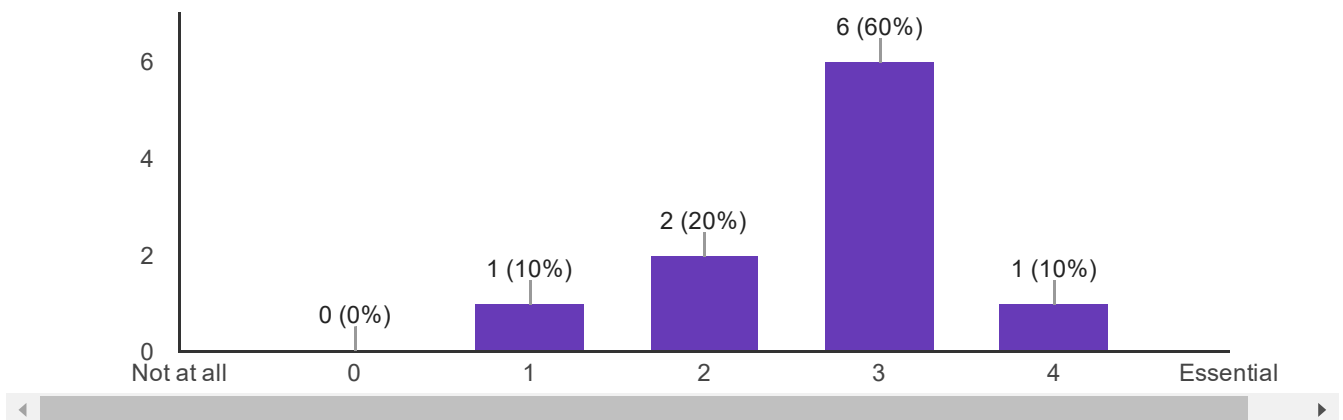
How important are social media sites (Facebook, Twitter etc) for you to learn about Hanford?

(10 responses)



How important are other internet sites for you to learn about Hanford?

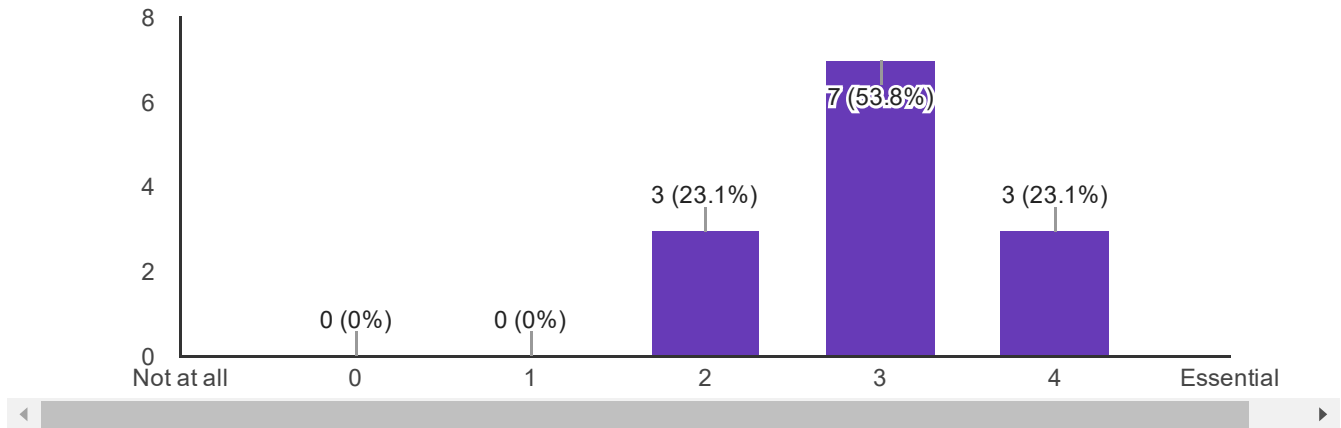
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What other sources of information do you use to learn about Hanford?

(10 responses)

Internet, citizen group announcements, meetings

HAB and HAB committee meetings; interest group meetings with colleagues serving with Hanford agencies.

DHS Open Source reports; Tri-City Herald website; Heart of America NW news

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board web site, ENERGY. GOV OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE ASSESSMENTS, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, also follow many related twitter feeds.

I rely on the ODOE staff to provide copies of correspondence, information about court cases, briefing materials (either directly or by arranging for them to be distributed), and summaries of media events. I coordinate with Senator Wyden's field representative, and I obtain information from Oregon residents who are members of the Hanford Advisory Board. I also use websites of the Department of Energy, the DNFSB, and other parties involved in the Hanford cleanup.

Public Radio

ODOE publications, esp. Hanford Cleanup: The First 25 Years

Friends who are more involved. Omsi science pub.

Some of the ones you all are suggesting!

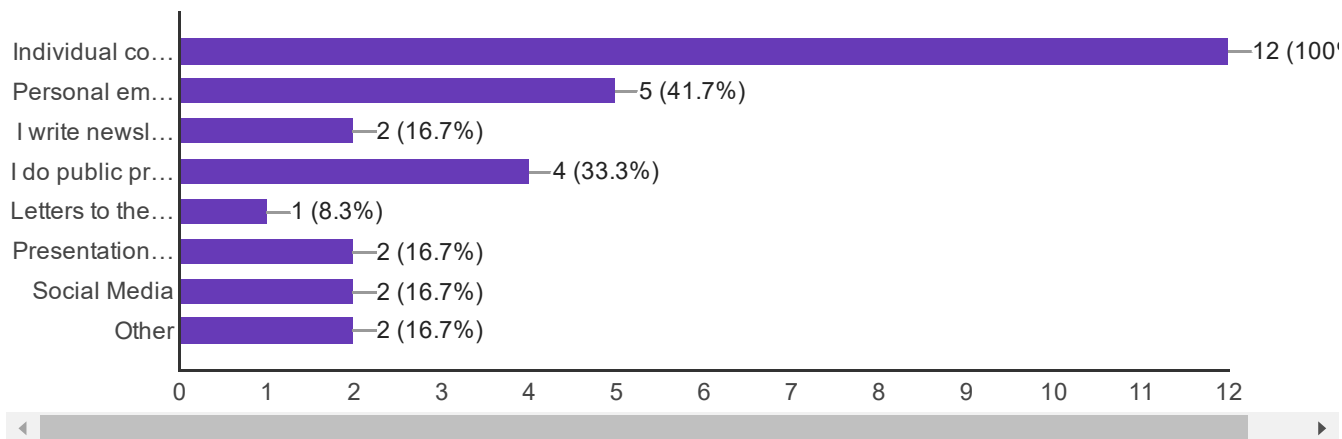
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Please describe your presentations/articles/etc. (4 responses)

Most of my presentations have been associated with STEM meetings with teachers; I also was a part of the webinar series that ODOE produced for high school and college use. My interest is in ground water so I presented information about drinking water contaminants at Hanford and what is beeing done about them.

You can Google me - nuclear waste,

Local Newsletter. Various local presentations.

Used in info in 1-2 newsletters in last 5-6 years.

What makes it hard to inform other Oregonians about Hanford?

(12 responses)

Finding a willing audience

There appears to be a general lack of interest in Hanford that is growing as time goes by; perhaps this is due to the perception that Hanford is too far away from everyday Oregon to be a threat.

In part for many it seems to have gone on too long to maintain vigilance

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Lack of knowledge and concern

Discussions I have are mostly informal. Making a strong and compelling link between Hanford contamination/cleanup and potential impacts to Oregonians is difficult.

Time limitations and out of the loop. Used to talk about it more.

lack of contacts

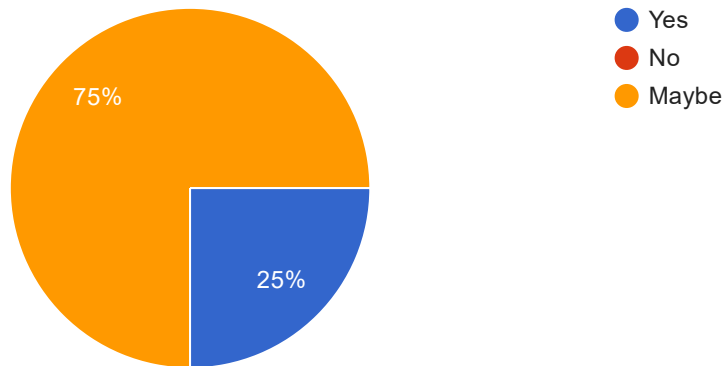
Limited time.

Sometimes a different set of facts OHCB could generate a comprehensive fact sheet so information is consistent and known to all the committee members.

Lack of knowledge

Would you be interested in using a prepared Powerpoint Slide Deck to present basic background information about Hanford?

(12 responses)



Would you be interested in setting up an event for an Oregon DOE Staff presentation on Hanford? If so, what would you propose?

(10 responses)

No

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the staff time and travel expenses would be best used in our part of the state is questionable.

Yes, A meeting in the Pendleton area

No clear venue from my current perspective / position.

Yes, at local library and Grant High and Lake Oswego High, maybe local venues like open-mic at bars?

no

Maybe

Perhaps

Do you have any ideas about what other resources would be useful for you to use informing other people about Hanford?

(6 responses)

No

The Hanford site is so complex with regard to its cleanup issues. Perhaps a set of handouts or DVDs that describes the three or four biggest issues (e.g., groundwater contamination and treatment programs, processing waste at the HLW facility, tank farms and worker safety) could be prepared and used by people willing to make presentations. I would like to point out that issues for Oregonians are somewhat different from issues for Washintonians.

DOE

Maybe some fliers for when meetings will happen in Portland

no

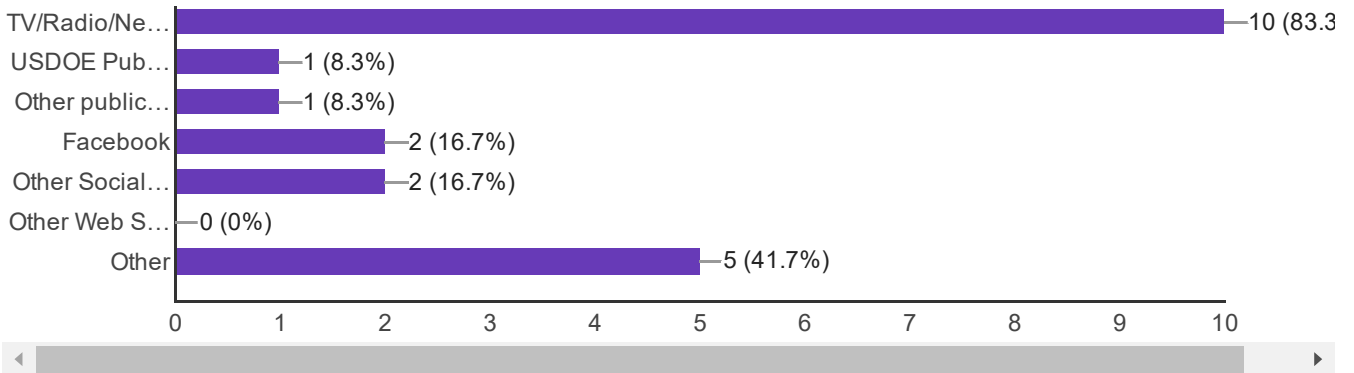
More specific information linking Hanford to Columbia River and Oregon.

Your Community and Hanford

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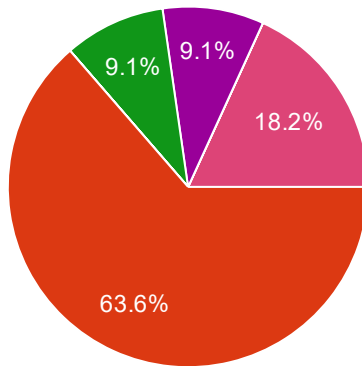
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Do you think people in your area will attend public meetings about Hanford and make comments?

(11 responses)



- Yes
- Yes, but only a few of them
- Yes, but getting them to talk is very tough
- No, the meetings are too far away
- No, people are too busy
- No, they don't care
- Other

What people in your area are interested in public meetings about Hanford?

(8 responses)

Not sure

Not sure

NN

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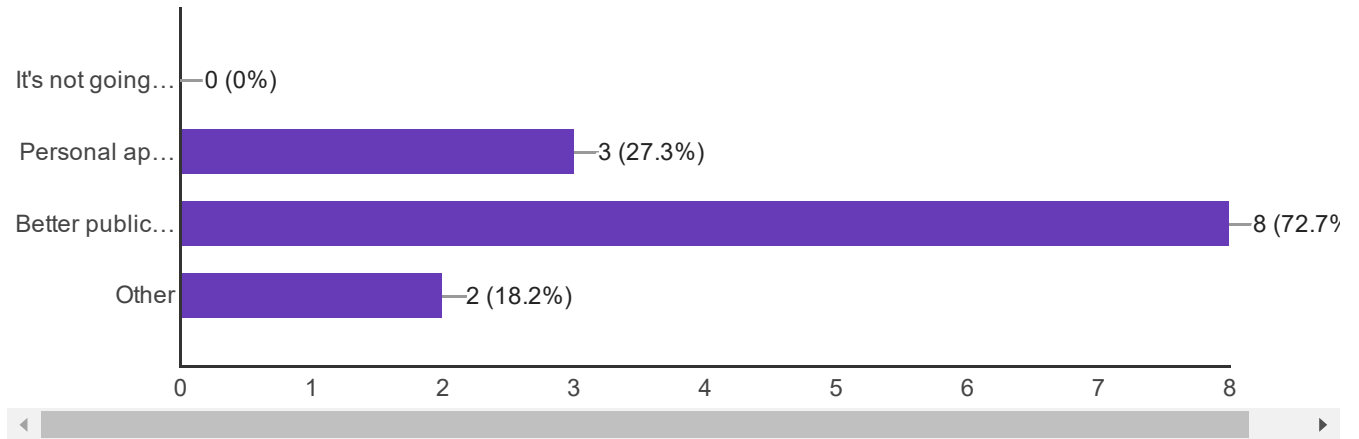
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The usual suspects who have been following tank waste for decades.

Some groups...League of Women Voters

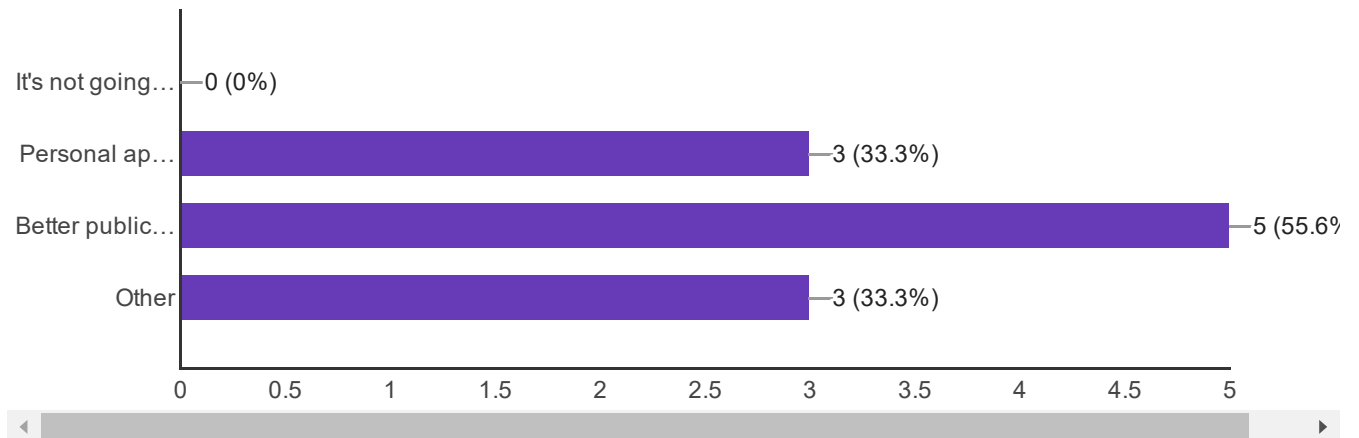
How can OHCB members get more people to attend public meetings?

(11 responses)



How can OHCB members get people to make public comments about Hanford?

(9 responses)



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We could clearly invite written comments. I tried to get a reporter to a couple of meetings but low interest given travel, etc.

Perhaps getting public officials involved, Publicity on tours of the site?

Perhaps people could be encouraged to join email lists to receive information from the Department of Energy and ODOE.

The problem, people are so busy trying to get by with their own lives it is difficult for people to understand that their is a problem

Keep reminding them, keep it a current issue. Scare tactics about the facts there.

#1 Writing to congressional delegation #2 difficult - personal contact?

Letters to legislators. Demonstrate that we do influence funding. (2) I'm not sure, that's part of why I wrote this survey.

Maybe surveys I feel these are limited in effectiveness unless something major is going on with the site.

Final Thoughts

What do you find most frustrating about what is going on at Hanford?

(10 responses)

The extreme amounts of time required to get anything accomplished.

the slow pace of the waste vitrification

The DOE seems to be in over their heads, too much reliance on contractors, Cleaning up will take a NASA approach. Large organizations make a lot of little very costly mistakes ie the typo that radiated WIPP.

DOE Headquarters' insistence on involvement at all levels--the problems at Hanford should be dealt with by the local DOE managers and the regulatory agencies.

The right hand does not know what the left hand if doing

Inaccessibility. Cost of cleanup. Institutional old bad habits. Insistence on methods that don't or won't work. Closed culture. Not thinking outside the box. Lack of creativity. Lack of academia involvement.

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Delays

What do you find most interesting about what is going on at Hanford?

(10 responses)

There is actual progress; speaking as a groundwater scientist, Hanford has been doing good work to start to remediate the groundwater plumes.

hopefully soon some low-level waste vitrification

The technical stuff.

I find it very interesting that HAB, OHCB, EPA and Department of Ecology can maintain their commitment over decades of time. Most agencies and groups would have been worn down by now!

Receiving information on new technologies

WTP, groundwater cleanup, history of the site. Future of the site and long term stewardship. Relation to tribes. Contamination of river/biota.

It is a poster child for the dangers and costs (human and dollars) of nuclear armaments and power.

Most of it is interesting.

The tank transfers

The complexity of the issues

What do you find most hopeful about what is going on at Hanford?

(8 responses)

The progress made recently.

groundwater cleanup shows progress after having been away from Hanford for a while

Progress is being made,ever so slowly

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Dedicated and intelligent people keep trying.

Dedication of some of the staff.

Is there anything else you want to share? (6 responses)

No

Glad to be on the board with a lot of folks who share a similar concern.

Nope

My perception is that nuclear safety and cleanup seem to be low visibility and/or low priority issues for most people in my community, replaced by climate change and related issues in recent years.

Worried and bothered about the steady decline of public meetings and funding for advisory boards.

Not at this time

Thank you for your input! We hope to use this information to increase our ability to spread the word and keep people interested in Hanford.

