

**Oregon Hanford
Cleanup Board**

**Best Western Plus
Hood River Inn
Hood River, OR**

May 9, 2023
Meeting Summary Notes

Members In Attendance:

Jeff Wyatt, Chair
Steven Bedrick, Vice Chair
Ken Niles
Marylou Schnoes(virtual)
Laura Feldman
Jim Doherty
Miya Burke
Tom Roberts (by phone)
Maxwell Woods, Assistant Director, Oregon
Department of Energy

ODOE Staff:

Mark Reese
Tom Sicilia
Sara Lovtang
Matt Hendrickson

Tri-Party Agencies:

Brain Harkins, U.S. Department of Energy, Office
of River Protection, ORP
Rich Buel, Communications, DOE-RL
Gary Younger, Communications, DOE-RL
David Bowen, Washington State Department of
Ecology
John Price, Washington State Department of
Ecology
Ryan Miller, Washington State Department of
Ecology
Geoff Schramm, U. S. Environmental Protection
Agency, EPA

Public and Invited Guests

Dan Solitz
Liz Mattson
Annette Cary
Susan Coleman
Shelley Cimon
Dan Serres
Tyler Oates
Rob Hastings
Kelsey Shank

Link to meeting materials:

[State of Oregon: Safety & Resilience - Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board Meetings](#)

Refer to the meeting YouTube files for further details and discussions.

Administrative

Roll call and opening remarks.

Chair Wyatt opened the meeting at 10 :00 a.m.

After Board and staff introductions, the meeting summary from the January 2023 meeting was approved. Laura Feldman then gave a Land Acknowledgement.

Board Opening

May's meeting theme: *What happens at the Hanford site when active cleanup activities are complete?*

The US Department of Energy estimates that cleanup at the Hanford site will continue until approximately 2078. Part of the Hanford site is likely to remain off-limits to the public in perpetuity. The remainder of the Hanford site could potentially open for other land uses.

The OHCB is curious to hear multiple perspectives of what those future land uses could, or should, entail and how cleanup decisions and activities today will support those future land uses.

Representatives of the Tri-Party Agencies, Native American Tribes, the Tri-Cities Development Council, and the State of Oregon will participate in the discussions.

Panel Discussion on the future use of the Hanford site

Purpose: To provide context and perspective on long term involvement with the site and allow the Board an opportunity to engage with invited panelists to have a more complete understanding of the potential future land uses at Hanford post-cleanup.

Invited panelist include representatives from:

U.S. DOE, Brain Harkins

U.S. EPA, Geoff Schram

Washington State Department of Ecology, John Price

Nez Perce Tribe, Kermit Mankiller

Yakama Nation, Laurene Contreras

Tri-Cities Development Council, Dave Reeploeg

Vice Chair Bedrick moderated the panel discussions. Each panelist spoke about the future of the site from their agency or tribal perspective. Panelists also answered questions from the Board.

Panel Discussion

The Oregon Perspective

Tom Sicilia, Hanford Hydrogeologist at the Oregon Department of Energy, will present a concept of the future engagement for the state of Oregon at the Hanford site

Tom presented the Board with some questions, and he led a discussion about future of the site.

What: With so many cleanup decisions not yet made, the scope of long-term stewardship (LTS) is unknown. However, it is likely that it will be one of the largest monitoring scopes in history.

When: We are confident that the site will transition to LTS – eventually.

How: Without Records of Decision and monitoring plans, we can only speculate how the site will be monitored. Has the technology that will be used in the 2100s been invented?

Who: The office of Legacy Management is 20 years old, DOE is 45 years old, B Reactor is 80 years old, and the nation is ~240 years old. 100 years from now is a long time in the context of a bureaucracy.

Where: The waste left on the site will always be there. The river may move, but Hanford won't.

Why: The Federal government has a legal and moral obligation to ensure that the cleanup was protective of human health and the environment.

Oregon Perspective

What's Happened Since the Last Meeting

Max Woods, Assistant Director, ODOE Nuclear safety and Emergency Preparedness Division.

Max provided informational updates on several topics:

- ODOE recently submitted two comment letter to DOE:
 - FY 2025 priorities (and funding)
 - High-level waste analysis of alternatives
- Hanford federal funding:
 - OHCB-ODOE comment letter to congressional offices re funding
 - FY 2024 President's Request Budget ~\$3 billion
 - FY 2024 estimated TPA-compliant budget \$3.76 billion

Other topics included:

- Holistic Negotiations between DOE, Washington, EPA: agreement reached
- National Academies Study public presentation final report (June)
- Annual Hanford emergency exercise, May 18
- Hanford Advisory Board Meetings (April, June)
- State-Tribal Governments Working Group (STGWG), National Governor's Association Federal Facility Task Force (NGA-FFTF)
- Oregon's long Legislative Session is ongoing
- ODOE's budget bill (HB 5016) moved out of W&M sub and to full W&M
- No significant energy-related bills have passed yet
- A handful of nuclear-power related bills were proposed. One had a public hearing. None are advancing at this time.

Max updates

Board Business

(Board and ODOE Staff)

- Discussion of Board process for commenting on Hanford issues
- Invitation letter to Oregon Congressional Representatives
- Information regarding proposed lecture at Oregon State University and potentially other Oregon universities and colleges
- Acknowledgement of Board vacancies and recruiting
- Confirm date and location of the next Board meeting (to be held in-person)

Chair Wyatt led the discussions with the Board.

Board Business

Public Comment Opportunity

The public was offered an opportunity to make comments or ask questions.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Adjourn for the Day

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Final