

Hanford Land Use Exercises

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Presentation Objective

- A number of initiatives have considered Hanford future land use
 - Ecology has been involved with most
- This presentation summarizes some prior initiatives



Future Use Initiative: Future Site Uses Working Group (1992)

Future Sites Uses Working Group – precursor to the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB)

Dec 1992 Final Report
 https://pdw.hanford.gov/
 document/D196123428

Geographic Area	Number of Potential Future Use Options	Number of Cleanup Scenarios
Arid Land Ecology Reserve	5	1
North of the River	3	1
Reactors on the River (100 Area - NPL Site)	4	3
Columbia River	3	1
Central Plateau	6	1
All Other Areas	4	2



Ecology report - 1993

- Hanford Land Transfer, A Report Prepared by the Washington Department of Ecology, March 1993
 - Not available online; hard copy available at Nuclear Waste Program records center

<u>Purpose</u>

"The prospect that the U.S. Department of Energy may relinquish control over significant areas of the Hanford site raises important policy issues for the State of Washington, The purpose of this report is to help frame these issues for consideration by the Governor and the Legislature. To this end, the report provides background information and attempts to identify and discuss key policy considerations, however it does not make specific policy recommendations."

National Environmental Policy Act Comprehensive Land Use Plan* (CLUP)(1999)

The CLUP includes 4 key elements

- A land-use map that addressed the Hanford Site as five geographic areas.
- A set of nine land-use designations that define the permissible uses for each area of the site.
- The planning policies.
- The implementing procedures that would govern the review and approval of future land uses.



Hanford's Land Use Initiatives Exposures Scenarios Task Force (2002)

- Hanford Advisory Board(HAB) Dec 2002 Final Report <u>https://www.hanford.gov/files.cfm/HAB_TaskForceFinalReport.pdf</u>
- HAB Advice #132
 https://www.hanford.gov/files.cfm/HAB_Adv-132.pdf
- Agencies response to #132
 https://www.hanford.gov/files.cfm/HAB_resp-132.pdf
 - An industrial land use scenario will set cleanup levels for the Central Plateau
- Advice #135, Exposure Scenarios Task Force on the River Corridor https://www.hanford.gov/files.cfm/HAB_Adv-135.pdf recommending residential, recreational, and tribal use scenarios

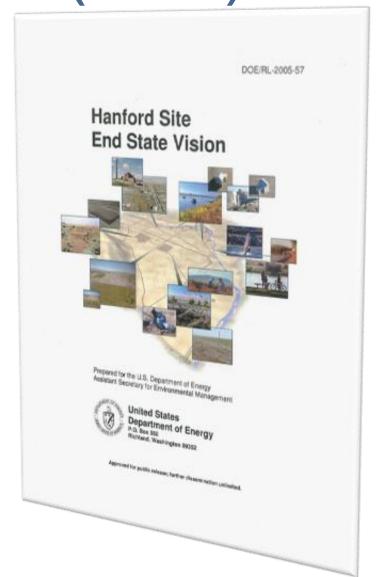




- 2003 USDOE Directive (whole USDOE cleanup) that cleanup reflect the planned future use of the property
- HAB Advice #151 asked for a public process
 - Workshops were held at Hanford https://pdw.hanford.gov/document/D4593348
- 2003 Directive was canceled 2011 by USDOE N 251.106



- Searching the Hanford Administrative Record/Public Information Repository:
 - # DOE/RL-2005-57 is used by a different document
 - Title search does not return this document
 - Other documents reference it





Closure for the Seventh Generation

- A report from the State and Tribal Government Working Group's Long-Term Stewardship Committee
 - Published in 1999, updated in 2017
 - 2017 committee included representatives from 4 states, 2 tribal governments, 2 pueblo governments
- Recommendation #12 of 23:
 - "Consider tribal treaty rights and fulfill DOE trust responsibility and related access rights for tribes prior to transfer of land ownership or management authority. Assure, through either legislation or policy, that such rights and resources are restored or maintained with changes in land status."

https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2018/07/f53/STGWG_Closure_for_7th_Gen_Report_%282017%29.pdf



Competing Visions for the Future of Hanford by Columbia Riverkeeper

- Includes quotes from Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC)
- Includes subsections referring to Yakama Nation, CTUIR, Nez Perce Tribe
- Quotes STGWG Closure for the Seventh Generation
- Refers to visions by US DOE, Washington, Oregon
- There are "competing visions for Hanford's future—from the perspectives of tribal nations, the federal government, and the states of Oregon and Washington."
 - Competing Visions for the Future of Hanford by Columbia Riverkeeper https://www.columbiariverkeeper.org/hanford-vision-report

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