

Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board
Virtual via MS Teams
January 16, 2024
Meeting Summary Notes

Members In Attendance:

Jeff Wyatt, Chair
Steven Bedrick, Vice Chair
Laura Feldman
Miya Burke
Tom Roberts
Tim Seymour, Oregon Department of Water Resources
Rep Gamba
Sen. Gorsek

ODOE Staff:

Mark Reese
Tom Sicilia
Sara Lovtang
Matt Hendrickson

Tri-Party Agencies:

Delmar Noyes, Assistant Manager Tank Waste Operations, U. S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection, ORP.
Roger Gordon, U.S. Department of Energy,
Gary Younger, Communications, DOE-RL.
David Bowen, Washington State Department of Ecology
Ryan Miller, Washington State Department of Ecology
David Einan, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA

Public and Invited Guests

Dan Solitz
Liz Mattson
Elijah Close
Mike Freeman
Shelley Cimon
Maddie Stizel
Tyler Oates
Susan Coleman
Chris Sutton
Kelsey Shank
Rachel DiNitto
Liz Mattson
Jessica Keys
Dan Boultinghouse

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 8:30 a.m.

After Board and staff introductions, the meeting summary from the October 2023 meeting was approved.

Laura Feldman then gave a Land Acknowledgement.

Board opening and meeting recording

U. S. Department of Energy

Delmar Noyes and Roger Gordon presented the Board with an update about the Test Bed Initiative, TBI, and the Direct Feed-Low Activity Vitrification Facility and recent melter heat-up and initial glass pour.

Delmar explained the TBI process and why they chose tank Y 101 for the 2000 test. Delmar explained why they picked SY 101 and there were several factors: It has a large level of liquid waste, which means all the solids have settled out, which is also what this system is designed for, and that very low solid liquid waste, further, it's located in our West Farm area.

Roger explained the steps and processes that are occurring with the melter heat-up activities and how they successfully poured a batch of test glass into a container. Roger further explained what they intend to do when they add tank waste to make the first batch of glass.

DFLAW UPDATE

EPA Update

Dave Einan gave the board an update on EPA federal oversight activities since the last meeting.

EPA

Washington State Dept. of Ecology

David Bowen and Ryan Miller gave the Board updates on recent agency retirements and continuing work with public outreach and involvement to educate citizens about Hanford. They also covered the Hanford site budget and the TPA Negotiations. Both David and Ryan are proposing that future outreach should include having public meetings in Oregon, possibly in Hood River.

ECOLOGY UPDATE

ODOE update: What's Happened since the last meeting

Matt Hendrickson, Sara Lovtang and Tom Sicilia.

Matt, Sara and Tom gave the Board updates on their program activities since the fall meeting.

ODOE STAFF UPDATE

Board Business (Board and ODOE Staff)

- **Updating Bylaws:** Vice Chair Bedrick and Tom Sicilia, ODOE staff, updated the OHCB about the proposed draft update to the Bylaws. The update will be circulated in draft form before the next meeting for comment and input.
- **OHCB TPA letter proposal:** Chair Wyatt introduced this topic to the Board.
- **Annual Report to the Legislature:** Tom Sicilia gave the Board an overview of this new report for the Oregon legislature to introduce Hanford and what work both the OHCB and ODOE staff are involved with.
- **Current vacancies and pending appointments:** Chair Wyatt introduced Mike Freeman, Elijah Close and Maddie Stitzel who are awaiting appointment to the OHCB.
- **Future Hanford Advisory Board, HAB representation:** Chair Wyatt reminded the Board that someone will need to fill his position on the HAB in about 12 months.
- **Confirm date and location of the next Board meeting:** The next meeting will be a virtual meeting in May, possibly at CTUIR in Pendelton.

BOARD BUSINESS

Public Comment Opportunity

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

Dan Solitz and Mike Freeman both addressed the Board about concerns that they had, and both encouraged the OHCB to continue educating the Oregon public about Hanford.

Adjourn for the Day

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Final