

Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board
Winter Virtual Meeting
January 21, 2026
Meeting Summary Notes

Members In Attendance:

Jeff Wyatt, Chair
Steven Bedrick, Vice Chair
Maxwell Woods, Oregon Department of Energy
Laura Feldman
Miya Burke
Michael Freeman
Maddie Stitzel
Tim Seymour, Oregon Department of Water Resources
Esteban Ortiz
Jim Doherty

ODOE Staff:

Mark Reese
Tom Sicilia
Sara Lovtang
Matt Hendrickson

Tri-Party Agencies:

Ricky Bang, Deputy Assistant Manager, Tank Waste Operations
Bill Clarno, High-Level Waste Manager, Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant Project
Tom Teynor, High-Level Waste Program Manager, Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant Project
Jason Capron, Senior Technical Advisor, River and Plateau

Gary Younger, Communications, DOE-RL.
Stefanie Schleif, Waste Program Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology
Ryan Miller, Communications Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology
Edward Holbrook, Deputy Waste Program Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology
Geoff Schram, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA
Cascade Galasso-Irish, U.S. EPA.

Public and Invited Guests

Dan Solitz, public-Eugene

Links to meeting materials:

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

[Full meeting link](#)

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.
- Laura Feldman then gave a Land Acknowledgement.

US Department of Energy, Hanford Field Office

US DOE, Hanford Field Office staff provided the Board updates on the following cleanup topics:

- Tank Waste Treatment; including Tank-side Cesium Removal System (TSCR), Test Bed Initiative (TBI), Effluent Treatment Facility (ETF), and waste retrievals
- Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) update, including commissioning of the direct-feed low activity waste facility (DFLAW), and the high-level waste treatment facility.
- Update on milestones and Records of Decisions for 100-K, 100-N, and 324 Building

DOE UPDATE

Energy Communities Alliance: Transition Paper - Recommendations to the Incoming Administration and the Hanford Communities Perspective

David Reeploeg, Executive Director of Hanford Communities and Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) Executive Board Member, provided an overview of ECA's Transition Paper, titled 'Ensuring Long-Term Success: Recommendations for the Next Administration on the U.S. Department of Energy's Environmental Management Mission.' ECA issues a Transition Paper every four years, during each presidential election cycle. David provided an overview of the Transition Paper's key recommendations, and discussed how they relate to Hanford cleanup. The key recommendations are:

- Ensure Safe and Available Disposal Capability is Available for All Waste Aligned with Local Community Needs
- Re-assess Use of End-State Contracting
- Ensure Regulatory Agreements are Reasonably Achievable and Balance Short- and Long-Term Needs
- Improve Workforce Planning to Address EM "Brain Drain" and Ensure EM is Well Integrated with Other DOE Programs
- Maintain Robust Local Community Engagement
- Continue to Focus on Economic/Energy Development Benefits From Cleanup

- Clarify that DOE Will Fully Investigate and Remediate Hazardous Materials Discovered at Completed Sites
- Reconstitute a Dedicated Nuclear Waste Organization Within DOE

ECA UPDATE

Oregon Department of Energy Updates

Matt Hendrickson and Max Woods presented on the results of the Holistic Negotiations at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. The focus was on Oregon based residents, community group, or Agency submissions and the Tri-Party agency responses. At least 11 self-identified Oregonians, 4 Oregon based community groups, 1 Tribal Nation, and the City of Bend submitted comments beyond those of the OHCB Board. The comments submitted were similar across multiple interest groups and in general supported solidifying material before shipment, providing training for first responders, providing more public input opportunities, and ensuring proper environmental review and compliance is performed.

The Tri-Party agencies did delay a key Milestone, M-62-64 (200W waste infrastructure needs assessment) to the end of 2025 based on comments received. Further OHCB and public engagement opportunities are coming this year, with the 200W WIR (Waste Incidental to Reprocessing) decision due in Spring, a Supplement Analysis on DFHLW and 200W expected out in September, and a new Hanford Lifecycle, Scope, Schedule, and Cost report that incorporates the Holistic changes due this year.

ODOE UPDATES

Board Business (Board and ODOE Staff)

- By-Laws update vote, led by Vice Chair Steven Bedrick.
- Comment letter proposal.
- Current vacancies and new
 - Confirm date and location of the next Board meeting (to be held in-person)

The OHCB Bylaws were reviewed and discussed. A vote of concurrence was held and there were no objections to the updates.

Chair Wyatt discussed the Comment Letters that have been submitted to date by ODOE staff and the board.

Chair Wyatt acknowledged departing member, Laura Feldman, whose term ends in February. Chair Wyatt also discussed current openings and recruiting.

Chair Wyatt and ODOE staff discussed the spring meeting and the offer made by DOE to do a site tour. The spring meeting will be in May.

Washington Dept of Ecology Updates

Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program Manager, Stephanie Schleif, and Edward Holbrook, Deputy Program Manager, provided updates on the following topics:

- Holistic Agreement Update
- REV9 Site-wide Permit
- Leaking Tanks Agreed-upon Order
- Updates at the Top of Washington State Government
- Public engagement and outreach

ECOLOGY UPDATE

Public Comment Opportunity

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

There were no public comments.

Adjourn for the Day

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.