

Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board

Summer meeting

August 4, 2025

Washington State Dept. of Ecology

Richland, WA.

Meeting Summary Notes

Members In Attendance:

Jeff Wyatt, Chair

Steven Bedrick, Vice Chair (virtual)

Maxwell Woods, Oregon Department of Energy

Geoff Huntington, Governor's Office

Miya Burke

Michael Freeman

Steve March

Esteban Ortiz

Jim Doherty

David Boothroyd (virtual)

Sage Delong

Sen. Gorsek (virtual)

ODOE Staff:

Mark Reese

Tom Sicilia

Sara Lovtang

Matt Hendrickson

Tri-Party Agencies:

Stefanie Schleif, Waste Program Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology

Suzanne Dahl, Tank Waste Treatment Section Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology (virtual)

Edward Holbrook, Deputy Waste Program Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology

Dan McDonald, Tank Waste Treatment Section Project Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology

Naoko Schiffern, Permit Coordinator, Washington State Department of Ecology.

Ryan Miller, Communications Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology

Geoff Schram, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA

Public and Invited Guests

Dan Solitz, public-Eugene (virtual)
Laura Feldman, Portland (virtual)
Susan Coleman, Hanford Advisory Board
Gerry Pollet, Heart of America Northwest
Amy Schlusser, Governor's Office
Jason Hitzert, staff, Sen. Gorsek (virtual)
Dan Seres, Columbia Riverkeepers (virtual)
Alison Jean Cole, Physician's for Social Responsibility (virtual)
Jessica Keys, Office of Senator Jeff Merkley (virtual)

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 2:30 PM
- Chair Wyatt conducted rollcall and introduced new Board members.
- The January 2025 Meeting Summary was unanimously approved.

[Board Opening](#)

Oregon Department of Energy Updates

Matt Hendrickson gave a presentation on where OHCB is at on the recent Holistic Negotiation at Hanford and the Milestones set for potentially grouting the 200 West(200W) tank waste. A major focus was the shared comments from OHCB, ODOE, and other Oregon affiliated entities that meaningful engagement on the transportation corridor and solidifying the material before transport is necessary. The discussion includes slides from previous work on transportation issues and recent changes revealed by the Supplemental Analysis of the 200W options. Also included were links and slides from DOE's industry day focused on the 200W project that included Land Disposal Restriction treatment, solidification, transport, and disposal.

[ODOE Update](#)

Washington Dept of Ecology Updates

Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program Manager, Stephanie Schleif, and Edward Holbrook, Deputy Program Manager, provided updates on education; Tri-Party Negotiations (including next steps for Holistic

Agreement and current status on M-15/M-16/M-85); low-activity waste commissioning; public involvement activities; and the Hanford Sitewide Permit.

Ecology Update

Board Business (Board and ODOE Staff) Comment letter proposal.

- New Board members introduced
- Confirm date and location of the next Board meeting (to be held in-person)
- The impacts of the new federal administration on Hanford cleanup
- The Supreme Court Seven Counties decision
- 324 Building Comment Letter—should the OHCB comment?
- Oregon's concerns about waste shipments (Governor Kotek Letter.)

Chair Wyatt led the Board in a discussion about the above-mentioned topics.

Sage DeLong, David Boothroyd and Steve March were officially welcomed to the OHCB. They were all recently appointed to the OHCB by Governor Kotek.

Chair Wyatt discussed the potential impact on Hanford cleanup decisions under the Trump administration.

Chair Wyatt discussed the Supreme Court's seven counties decision. The Board asked ODOE staff to monitor and report back on any changes that may have on Hanford cleanup decisions.

Mike Freeman led a group discussion regarding the cleanup of the 324 Building. The Board discussed the situation and what Oregon's response should be. It was decided unanimously (motion made by Mike Freeman and seconded by Jim Doherty) that the OHCB should request additional information about the impacts to worker safety and the environment in any formal comment letter at this time. The motion included a time frame of a week to finalize the draft 324 Building comments for on-line review by the Board prior to issue by the deadline of August 18.

Chair Wyatt discussed Oregon's concerns about liquified waste shipments that could come into Oregon and Governor Kotek's recent letter to U.S. DOE.

Regarding the fall OHCB meeting—Boardman, Oregon was discussed as a potential location in November. Mark Reese, ODOE staff, will investigate option for November 13th & 14th at The River Lodge in Boardman.

Board Business

Public Comment Opportunity

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

Gerry Pollet addressed the Board about Heart of America's concerns about Hanford cleanup

Dan Solitz Addressed the Board about his concerns about cleanup activities.

Public Comment

Adjourn for the Day

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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