



# Department of Ecology

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# Outline



Outreach and Education



Tri-Party Negotiations



Low-Activity Waste Commissioning



Public Involvement Activities



Hanford Sitewide Permit Update

# Outreach & Education

- 7 recent events included over 500 visitors:
  - Columbia Basin Wellness Fair
  - Return to the River Salmon Festival
  - Leadership Tri-Cities - Hanford Site Session
  - Hydrogeology at Chiawana H.S.
  - Walla Walla Pride Festival
  - Mock Hanford Workshop
  - Shrub Steppe Habitats with B5 students
- Upcoming events
  - Aug. 1 – Hanford Journey Day of Reflection
  - Aug. 7 – Umatilla County Fair (Oregon)



*Boys & Girls Club Students took Hanford priorities into their own hand at the Mock Hanford Workshop in early July.*



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if you'd like us to come  
talk to your organization

# Holistic Agreement Next Steps

- Ecology continues to engage with the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the [final agreement](#).
  - All final Holistic Agreement documents can also be found on [Ecology's website](#).
- A 60-Day Public Comment Period on the [Draft Supplement Analysis](#) (SA) for Hanford's West Area Tank Treatment Mission was held March 24 to May 23, 2025.
  - Ecology believes the draft SA fulfills the obligation in Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-062-64 for Energy to satisfy its statutory and regulatory obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act.
  - Ecology also requested that Energy develop a transportation plan for this project.
- Upcoming Energy comment period on the Waste Incidental to Reprocessing evaluation for 200 West Area.
- Update on Tri-Party Agreement Appendices H (tank retrievals) and I (tank closure) negotiations

# M-15, M-16, M-85 milestone negotiations

Ecology, EPA, and Energy continue to negotiate:

- M-15 covers the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study investigation process for all non-tank farm, non-canyon operating units. (Due 2026)
- M-16 covers the remedial actions for non-tank farm, non-canyon operating units. This includes both soil and groundwater. (Due 2042)
- M-85 covers all response actions for the canyon facilities and associated operating units, except for U Plant and T Plant. (Due date TBD)
- The Tri-Parties signed an Agreement in Principle in December to negotiate these milestones. Under the AIP the parties will continue to work together to update soil, groundwater, and facility milestones which are currently held in abeyance.

# Update on low-activity waste commissioning (LAW)

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- The Aug. 1 hot commissioning milestone for the LAW Facility has been extended to Oct. 15, 2025.
- This extension will allow Energy to complete testing of equipment and facilities.
- It also allows Ecology time to complete final permitting actions.



# Public Involvement Opportunities



**July 16– Sept. 5, 2025**

Outdoor Storage Area – A  
Class 3 permit modification



**July 28 – Aug. 29, 2025**

Hanford Air Operating Permit  
**renewal 4**



**Aug. 27 – Oct. 13, 2025**

High-Level Waste Facility Agency  
Initiated permit modification.

# Hanford Sitewide Permit renewal status

- Staff from both Ecology and the permittees are finalizing the last addenda in support of the draft renewal and 37 of the 52-unit groups are complete.
- A 120-day public comment period is scheduled to start in 2025.
- The Hanford Sitewide Permit, Rev. 9A Renewal will include:
  - 52 Operating, Closure, Post-Closure, and Corrective Action unit groups.
  - Standard conditions, attachments and supporting documents.



# Questions?

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