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Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2015 4:26 PM  
To: Holmes, Kristen L  
Subject: Hanford Cleanup Delays are Unacceptable!

Proposed TPA Changes are Unacceptable!

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There should be a sense of urgency about the clean-up. That underground seepage is not waiting for us but moving toward the river and that is terrible news.  
PLEASE, SPEED UP THINGS!

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I live in Corvallis, OR.

My friend, Vicki, was born in Hanford, WA. She has suffered from ovarian cancer twice. She's had two different kinds of ovarian cancer probably due to her mother's exposure to carcinogenic chemicals. She's living a nightmare.

To delay cleaning such a site is itself a crime.

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Elizabeth [REDACTED]  
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I remember when nuclear power plant folks in the past would respond to concerns about nuclear power plant wastes, that we shouldn't worry--science would figure out how to manage the wastes. So here we are 70 years after the end of the Second World War in which we used nuclear related bombs to end the war with Japan. Seventy years and we still have not managed to figure out how to contain the nuclear wastes generated at Hanford. I am appalled at the lack of commitment to this issue--commitment in terms of scientific creativity and money. This has gone on too long and must not be delayed. The health of our river and subsequently our bodies depends on action, now!

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As an architect that help design and construct the PNNL EMSL research facility, it is very disheartening to see these types of proposed delay by DOE for completing the Hanford cleanup operations.

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Michelle [REDACTED]  
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Mary [REDACTED]

From: Evan [REDACTED]  
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Madya [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Meryle [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

From: James [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2015 2:49 PM  
To: Holmes, Kristen L  
Subject: Hanford Cleanup Needs Firm Milestones

via email: [kristen.skopeck@ri.doe.gov](mailto:kristen.skopeck@ri.doe.gov)

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I will continue to monitor the actions of the Tri-Party Agreement for the cleanup of Hanford, and hope to see a return to firm milestones for the cleanup of America's dirtiest site.

James [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

From: Merry Ann [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 8:28 PM  
To: Holmes, Kristen L  
Subject: I am sorry to hear

that the cleanup at Hanford is being extended when the leakage is threatening our water supply. Surely we can do better than that.

Thank you.

Merry Ann  
[REDACTED]

From: Maya [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:58 AM  
To: Holmes, Kristen L  
Subject: I employ you to hasten the Hanford Cleanup.

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Maya [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Comments on Proposed Delay of Cleanup of Unlined Dirt Trenches on Hanford's  
Central Plateau

To delay indefinitely cleanup of 43 miles of unlined dirt trenches on Hanford's  
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1000 times the level considered safe, further threatening the health and lives of  
members of the Yakama nation and all life in the area. The United States  
government must live up to its responsibility to store the toxic soil in leak proof  
containers until the vitrification

Beth [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mike [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 13, 2016 11:23 AM  
**To:** Holmes, Kristen L; hanford comment  
**Subject:** No more delays!

- 1) Remove all nuclear waste,
- 2) Do not allow anymore nuclear waste into the facility,
- 3) Replace all the single storage tanks,
- 4) Stop all the nuclear leakage entering the Columbia River.

Mike [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Jason [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:55 AM  
To: Holmes, Kristen L  
Subject: Please Expedite Hanford Cleanup

Ms. Kristen Skopeck  
U.S Department of Energy  
Richland, WA 99352

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Jason [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lisa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2016 11:35 PM  
**To:** Holmes, Kristen L  
**Subject:** Please keep the clean-up date firm

Dear Ms Kopeck,

I am a resident of Washington State and I'm very concerned that the USDOE, Ecology, and EPA are proposing delaying the cleanup of the Hanford Central Plateau soil site due to lack of funding. I'm sorry that there is a lack of funding, but it's important to set deadlines and then stick to them (that's what a deadline is), especially when ground water contamination is at stake. Please keep the deadline firm. When there is a deadline, there is a reason to raise the requisite funding to achieve the cleanup.

Sincerely,

Lisa [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2016 6:26 PM  
**To:** Holmes, Kristen L  
**Subject:** Public Comment

My public comment is attached with regard to changes in the Hanford Plateau Cleanup Work Schedule.

Thank you,

Kathleen [REDACTED]

Ms. Kristen Holmes  
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P.O. Box 550, A7-75  
Richland, WA 99352  
[Kristen.L.Holmes@rl.doe.gov](mailto:Kristen.L.Holmes@rl.doe.gov)

Dear Ms. Holmes,

I appreciate the opportunity to share comments regarding the *Proposed Changes to Hanford Central Plateau Cleanup Work and Schedule* milestone series M-015, M-016, M-085, M-037, and M-094.

Deadlines are an integral part of the Hanford cleanup process. As I see deadlines consistently missed, however, they do begin to lose their integrity as genuine markers of the cleanup timeline. However, in spite of changing deadlines, I believe that milestones continue to play an important role in providing accountability for progress in the Hanford cleanup.

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Insufficient funding is not an excuse for missed cleanup deadlines, and delays are too often attributed to insufficient funding. It is imperative that the TPA agencies negotiate strict deadlines in compliance with environmental laws and meet those deadlines.

There is technology available currently that could allow more cleanup deadlines at Hanford to be met. There is a significant urgency to this cleanup, and sufficient funding levels to meet the needs of the current backlog of projects must be secured.

As a member of the public, it was very difficult to find information on the rationale behind the proposed changes. The methodology used for risk assessment was unclear.

Thank you for taking the time to see my comments.

Sincerely,

Kathy [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2016 6:28 PM  
**To:** Holmes, Kristen L  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Cleanup Schedule

Dear Ms. Holmes.

Please find my attached comments regarding changes to the cleanup schedule.

Thank you for your work on this, and for including us.

Emily [REDACTED]  
University of Washington  
School of Public Health

Dear Ms. Holmes,

Thanks you for providing the opportunity for the public to share comments on the *Proposed Changes to Hanford Central Plateau Cleanup Work and Schedule* milestone series M-015, M-016, M-085, M-037, and M-094.

Deadlines play an important role in Hanford cleanup. However, the effectiveness of those deadlines in ensuring a timely cleanup diminishes when milestones are routinely pushed back with what appears to be ease and little internal resistance. What value do these promises have when they are rarely fulfilled? That said, this is the system that was established to keep cleanup on track, and despite the moving targets, I believe that firm and realistic milestones can be used to effectively drive progress when other mechanisms are also employed to ensure accountability, including pressure from the political process, litigation, and Congressional action (including sufficient funding in the budget).

I want a cleanup in which waste is contained and isolated from spreading in the environment so that future generations are protected. If it takes additional time to achieve that end result, it is worth the time, money, and effort. This requires close monitoring and regulatory muscle to ensure that many of Hanford's unfortunately common problems such as inefficient work practices, fee structures that reward meeting milestones over quality, contractor malfeasance, reprisals against workers who raise concerns and the like are dealt with. Simplifying the justification for the proposed delays to an inadequate budget is inappropriate when so many other factors are at play.

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I expect the Tri-Party agencies to negotiate achievable, legally binding milestones with the intent of balancing challenges to achieve cleanup goals on schedule with the need to conduct and regulate a timely cleanup that reduces risk through remediation. I am concerned that the delays negotiated in this milestone series were too easily pushed out using insufficient funding as an excuse, rather than

proposing more stringent cleanup deadlines to make the case for more funding. Hanford cleanup is not discretionary. It is a federal obligation to address the legacy of Cold War environmental contamination and honor regulatory commitments to return the site to compliance with environmental laws. I urge the TPA agencies to negotiate more stringent and robust deadlines as part of this obligation, to demonstrate the importance of this work, as Congress considers Hanford funding.

There is nothing impossible, nor impractical, about accomplishing remediation under the original TPA milestones, utilizing technology that is currently available. Hanford cleanup decisions will have impacts on people and the environment for hundreds of years to come. There is not infinite time available to contain Hanford's waste so that it is stopped from moving through the environment. Previous funding shortfalls have created a backlog of unfunded projects. Until this backlog of cleanup work is adequately addressed, this trend will continue. The result will be exponential increases in the cost of total cleanup and increased risks from aging facilities and infrastructure. Adequate funding levels are required to avoid this budgetary and environmental crisis.

This is a particularly challenging topic on which to provide meaningful comments. It was difficult to find information that clearly explains the rationale for the changes; lays out the assumptions that were used; how risks were assessed; potential impacts to workers, tribes, and future land use; and long-term cost increases that will surely result from the proposed delays. It is unclear why the delays are needed and how public comment may be able to influence the Tri-Party Agencies in these and future negotiations.

Please consider the following as you finalize changes to the Tri-Party Agreement.

#### **General**

- Meet legal obligations by negotiating more stringent deadlines in an effort to demonstrate the priority of this work to Congress and drive adequate funding for Hanford cleanup.
- Use the Tri-Party Agreement as a tool to seek adequate resources for all proposed cleanup activities.

#### **Cleanup Budget**

- Money is not always the answer to Hanford's problems. Insufficient budget is too easily used as an excuse for not getting work done at Hanford. Share how the agencies are stewards of the taxpayer dollar; this would include discussion of budgetary shortfalls, how money is managed on site, how contractor incentives and fees work, and how improperly managed projects are penalized and held accountable.

#### **Specific Milestone Comments**

- Expedite the new M-016-250 milestone<sup>5</sup> (3/31/2016) in order to support efforts to influence the FY 2017 Federal budget planning process, show progress, keep trained crews together for remove-treat-dispose work, and to take advantage of "shovel ready work" when funding is available.

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<sup>5</sup> **M-016-250:** "Develop a three year rolling prioritized schedule consistent with site-wide clean-up priorities to implement waste site removal actions per Action Memoranda (DOE/RL-2009-37, DOE/RL-2009-48, and DOE/RL-2009-86). This milestone series will continue on a yearly basis to reaffirm selected sites and recommend any changes to the list, to maintain a three year rolling prioritized schedule, until such time that removal actions are completed." (3/31/2016 And Annually Thereafter)

- Adjust proposed milestones to reflect an acceleration of the M-015-00 and M-016-00 milestones series which cover the investigation and remediation of non-tank farm/non-canyon waste sites located in the 200 Areas, ahead of M-085 work related to demolishing plans to demolish U Canyon and close B Pond, S Pond, and NRDWL.
- Negotiate earlier milestone dates for the cleanup of the 324 Building and underlying soil contamination.
- Keep the newly proposed milestone M-016-086 (9/30/21)<sup>6</sup> for cleanup of the 618-11 burial ground.
- Investigate PUREX tunnel risk.
- Move the Waste Encapsulation Storage Facility cesium and strontium capsules<sup>7</sup> into dry storage. These capsules pose a very high risk. Proposed milestone changes should be adjusted to better reflect this higher priority.
- Set a firm date for M-016-00. "TBD" is not acceptable.

#### Public Involvement

- Include plain language simple explanations of terminology used throughout the change package, especially reference to buildings, facilities, and waste sites. This could be accomplished through a side bar index, appendix, or addendum.
- Improve on the addendum that was created for this comment period by formatting the change package milestones so that dates are formatted in the order in which work would occur.
- Share a presentation with background information about the Tri-Party Agreement and Milestones so that it is easily accessible via the web during future TPA Change Package public comment periods.
- Create more materials during Tri-Party Agreement Change Package comment periods that make information about the following clear and accessible:
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  - Assumptions that were used to both necessitate the delay and support the new proposed dates;

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<sup>6</sup> **M-016-86:** "Complete remedial actions for 618-11 Burial Ground in accordance with RD/RA Work Plan for 300-FF-2 Soils (DOE/RL-2014-13-ADD1)." (9/30/2021)

<sup>7</sup>**M-092-05:** "Determine disposition path and establish interim Agreement Milestones for Hanford Site Cs/Sr capsules. DOE will assess the viability of direct disposal of the Hanford Cs/Sr capsules at the national high-level waste repository and provide a schedule leading to its disposition. If DOE concludes that direct disposal is a viable and preferred alternative to vitrification, DOE will submit to Ecology specific documentation justifying its conclusion, with a proposed milestone change request establishing enforceable Agreement Milestones for dispositioning Hanford Cs/Sr capsules." (06/30/2017) *NOTE: This milestone is not included in this Change Package.*

- Explanation of how the potential for increased risks to the environment, workers, the public, and tribes were assessed;
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  - High-level overview of all pending cleanup work at Hanford and where the proposed changes fit within completion of Hanford cleanup;
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- Provide increased notice in advance of public meetings, 90 day public comment periods for significant change packages, and get input on the public involvement process, materials, and meetings.

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Emily [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Hi Kristen,

Please find attached my public comment on the Central Plateau change package.

Best,

Jan

**Public Comment**  
**Central Plateau Change Package**  
**Document [0079726H](#)**

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- **Comment: the interim milestones for the work should be adjusted to coincide with the dates proposed in the major milestone.**

The **M-016 milestone** covers the cleanup work determined in the M-015 milestone. The completion date is currently specified as September 2024; the new completion dates are not specified in any way. The change package moves a number of discrete projects from the M-094 milestone into this milestone. Specifically, the 618-10 Burial Ground, the 618-11 Burial Ground (located near an operating commercial reactor), the 324 Building, and the 300-296 waste site containing high level waste that leaked from a hot cell in 324 Building into the ground underneath. Recognizing that the difficult projects have been proposed to be moved from the M-094 milestone to the M-016 milestone, the completion dates cannot be determined with any certainty. However, proposing completion dates of "TBD" are not reasonable for timely cleanup efforts. The change package does not indicate what projects are remaining under the original M-094 milestone. No interim M-094 milestones are included in the change package.

- **Comment: interim milestones should be generated for all cleanup activities regardless of the difficulty or the unknowns associated with the projects. TBD should not be considered an acceptable estimate for cleanup work.**
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The **M-085 milestone** covers the cleanup work for the Central Plateau canyon facilities. The completion date is currently specified as September 2022; the new completion date is proposed to be June 2026. Interim milestones were generated for the chemical extraction plants:

- 1) B Plant (CB-1);
- 2) REDOX (CR-1);
- 3) PUREX (CP-1);
- 4) 224-B
- 5) 224-T

The codes identifying the canyons are used in the interim guidelines. Codes 224-B and 224-T are not clearly identified to the reader, but can be assumed to be U Plant and T Plant, respectively. These 2 canyons, 224-B and 224-T, will have work plan submissions to EPA and Ecology for removal action by September 2020. The CB-1 and CP-1 units are scheduled for removal action by September 2025. The CR-1 operable unit is not scheduled for removal action in this change package, but the RI/FS is scheduled to be completed in September 2021.

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The **M-037 milestone** covers cleanup work for 12 Treatment, Storage and Disposal (TSD) units that are described variously as retention basin, ditch, crib, trench, hexone storage & treatment facility. The completion dates for cleanup and removal of these units is proposed to be delayed 6 years from the current September 2016 to September 2022.

- **Comment: the current completion date for these cleanup actions is only 7 months away. Moving the proposed dates ahead by 6 years appears reasonable, as long as the interim milestones are adhered to.**

I am writing as a Public-at-large member of the Hanford Advisory Board.

**From:** Tom [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 11:36 AM  
**To:** Holmes, Kristen L  
**Subject:** Time Delays

I understand that DOE is once again asking for delays in completion dates for the Hanford clean up; and this time DOE is asking for open ended completion dates, not just extensions. I understand that clean up is a difficult job, and that government works within various financial constraints, but I think open ended completion dates are the same as no completion dates. This is frankly outrageous. It makes DOE and its contractors unaccountable for schedule maintenance. I am a retired contractor and know that the only way to bring a project to completion is to have a firm completion date. Delays and renegotiated dates are part of the real world; lack of completion dates are a formula for disaster. And please do not forget that any spread of radioactive waste from Hanford will be a very serious disaster. I might add I am an engineer and proponent of nuclear energy and I know Hanford will never be a park or residential neighborhood; but the problem of poorly contained waste must be solved – the sooner the better.

Thanks for listening,

Tom [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*Thomas* [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Resent-From:** <[hanford@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:hanford@ecy.wa.gov)>  
**From:** Lorene [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 20, 2016 at 3:38:16 PM PST  
**To:** "Hanford (ECY)" <[hanford@ECY.WA.GOV](mailto:hanford@ECY.WA.GOV)>  
**Subject:** permit modifications

I am not in favor of using "date to be determined" in regard to the permit modifications regarding the ground trenching and central plateau waste regulations. Much too vague. I'm 89 and it seems the delays have been going on for more than half of my life.

Kristen Skopec  
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Bonnie [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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To delay cleaning such a site is itself a crime.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment about the proposed TPA changes that affect Hanford's cleanup schedules and the health of the Columbia River and river communities.

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Proposed TPA Changes are Unacceptable!

Dear Tri-Party Agencies,

Hanford is our nation's most contaminated site, and I am concerned with the recently proposed Tri-Party Agreement changes. The government **MUST** prevent further groundwater contamination and protect future generations from ongoing pollution.

The delays listed for the Central Plateau and waste sites located near the Columbia River are significant. These delays will only increase the cost of cleanup, and they also increase the likelihood of additional postponements of cleanup actions in the future. Furthermore, these delays could harm human health and the environment, including endangered salmon that spawn in the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River, and those who live, recreate and fish in the Hanford Reach.

It is not acceptable to defer Central Plateau soil cleanup from 2024 to an unknown date which will now take longer than 20 years. The unlined trenches in Hanford's Central Plateau contain dangerous pollution. Delaying soil cleanup will increase the potential for contamination to reach groundwater and ultimately reach the Columbia River. Furthermore, Washington State and Governor Inslee have repeatedly stated that having enforceable schedules is a firm requirement. The State should therefore reject replacing the 2024 deadline with a date "to be determined."

The cleanup delays proposed for the 324 building, although not as long, still pose increased risk to human health and the environment. Being located close to the river, unforeseen events such as extreme weather, failing building infrastructure and earthquakes could jeopardize the health of workers, the public, and the environment by mobilizing contamination close to the Columbia River.

Specifically, I urge you to:

- Set and keep a firm deadline for cleanup of the Central Plateau--"TBD" is irresponsible and unacceptable.
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