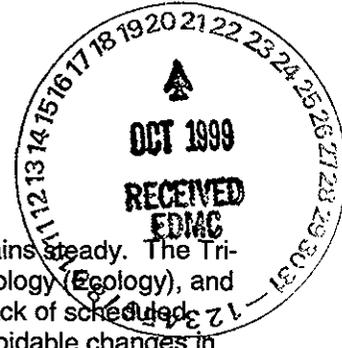


Hanford Happenings



Cleanup is underway at Hanford and the number of actions requiring public participation remains steady. The Tri-Party Agencies (The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)) offer this monthly calendar to help you keep track of scheduled meetings, public comment opportunities and events. For the latest information, and the unavoidable changes in schedules, call the Hanford Cleanup toll-free number at 1-800-321-2008.

October

October 5-6

- **Groundwater/Vadose Zone Integration Project - Risk Science and Technology (S&T) Workshop #1**, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Doubletree, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington. Topics: Issues and needs for S&T in ecological, human health, economic and socio-cultural risk and impact assessments. Registration required (no fee). Foreign nationals will need to follow Department of Energy procedures. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Gordon Bilyard (509) 372-4219, or via the Internet Site <http://www.bhi-erc.com/vadose/s&t.htm>

October 7

- **Hanford Advisory Board Dollars and Sense Committee meeting**; 9:00 - 4:00 p.m., Federal Building, Room 147. This committee reviews the budget process, cost effectiveness of cleanup work, economic transition and stability, and contractual issues related to DOE, and provides advice to the Tri-Party Agencies. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Chris Chamberlain at (509) 943-5319.

October 13

- **Hanford Advisory Board Health, Safety and Waste Management Committee meeting**; 9:00-4:00 p.m. Federal Office Building, Room 147, Richland, Washington. The Health, Safety and Waste Management Committee focuses on the removal of spent fuel from the K Basins, waste management, removal of materials from the PFP, and intersite waste transfer. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Barb Wise at (509) 372-3269.
- The Washington State Department of Ecology will be hosting a public hearing for the proposed modifications to **The ATG, Inc. Richland Mixed Waste Facility Permit** (ATG is a commercial facility and has no connection to the Tri-Party Agreement); 7:00-9:00 p.m. Department of Ecology's office, 1315 W 4th Ave, Kennewick, Washington. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Robert Julian (509) 736-5702.

October 14

- **Hanford Advisory Board Environmental Restoration Committee meeting**; 9:00-4:00 p.m., Bechtel Hanford Building, Assembly Room, 3350 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington. The Environmental Restoration Committee provides input and draft advice to the full Board on specific projects and issues (including technical, budget and public involvement) relating to the Environmental Restoration Project and the Facilities Transition Program. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Nancy Myers at (509) 372-9059.

October 15

- **FFTF PEIS Scoping Meetings.** The Department of Energy (DOE) announced its intent to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) for accomplishing expanded civilian nuclear energy research and development and isotope production missions in the United States, including the role of the Fast Flux Test Facility. This PEIS will be referred to as the Nuclear Infrastructure PEIS. DOE will hold a public meeting to solicit oral and written comments on the proposed scope and content of the PEIS at the Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Registration begins at 6 p.m., meeting runs from 7-9 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-562-4593, or via Internet Site at <http://www.ne.doe.gov>.

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from 3-5 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-562-4593, or via Internet Site at <http://www.ne.doe.gov>.

October 26

- **DOE Regulatory Unit meeting with BNFL**, October Topical Meeting; 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Walkley Room, 3000 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington. The DOE regulatory unit meetings focus primarily on the BNFL Vitrification complex safety issues. October topics include; hazards and control strategies associated with the cesium storage tanks and seismic events. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact George Kalman (509) 372-0652.

October 27

- **Hanford Public Interest Network (HPIN) Meeting**, 1:30 – 5:00 p.m., Ecology Headquarters, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, Washington. This is a meeting for designated representatives from Hanford Public Interest groups and Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program to discuss current Hanford issues, including the status of cleanup activities, budget issues and public involvement opportunities. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Mary Anne Wuennecke at (509) 736-3036.

November

November 2-3

- **Health of the Hanford Site conference**, 11:00 a.m. Doubletree Hotel, Richland, WA. The purpose of this conference is to provide a forum for people interested in Hanford- Workers, Residents, Contractors, Government, Indian Nations, Scientists, and others-to present research findings and discuss the current status and what should be done about the status of ecological, community, and occupational health on the Hanford site. This meeting is open to the public. \$40.00 registration fee. For more information, contact the University of Washington, Health of the Hanford Site Conference, (206) 616-7377.

November 4-5

- **Hanford Advisory Board meeting**, Tower Inn, Whitman/McNary Rooms, 1515 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington. The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) is an independent, non-partisan group, whose representation includes Hanford public interest groups, Northwest regional communities and governments, tribal nations and business interests. The HAB discusses current Hanford cleanup issues and provides advice on site cleanup and waste management to the Tri-Party Agencies. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Gail McClure (509) 373-5647.

November 9-10

- **Groundwater/Vadose Zone Integration Project - Risk Science and Technology (S&T) Workshop #2**, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Doubletree, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington. Topics: Prioritization of S&T in ecological, human health, economic and socio-cultural risk and impact assessments. Registration required (no fee). Foreign nationals will need to follow Department of Energy procedures. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Gordon Bilyard (509) 372-4219, or via the Internet Site <http://www.bhi-erc.com/vadose/s&t.htm>

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- The Washington State Department of Ecology will be hosting a public meeting for the proposed modifications to the **1999 Hanford Facility RCRA Permit**; 7:00-9:00 p.m. Department of Ecology's office, 1315 W 4th Ave, Kennewick, Washington. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Laura Ruud (509) 736-5715.

November 10

- **Hanford Advisory Board Health, Safety and Waste Management Committee meeting;** 9:00-4:00 p.m. Federal Office Building, Room 147, Richland, Washington. The Health, Safety and Waste Management Committee focuses on the removal of spent fuel from the K Basins, waste management, removal of materials from the PFP, and intersite waste transfer. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Barb Wise at (509) 372-3269.
- **Hanford Advisory Board Environmental Restoration Committee meeting;** 9:00-12:00 p.m., Bechtel Hanford Building, Assembly Room, 3350 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington. 1:00-4:00 p.m., Federal Building, Room 147, Richland, Washington. The Environmental Restoration Committee provides input and draft advice to the full Board on specific projects and issues (including technical, budget and public involvement) relating to the Environmental Restoration Project and the Facilities Transition Program. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Nancy Myers at (509) 372-9059.

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November 17

- **Inter-tribal Council on Hanford Health Projects (ICHHP) meeting,** 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., location to be determined, Richland, Washington. For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry at (404) 639-6337 or (404) 639-6070.

November 18-19

- **Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee (HHES) meeting;** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., location to be determined, Richland, Washington. For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry at (404) 639-6337 or (404) 639-6070.

Public Comment Periods

September 15 - October 31, 1999

DOE announced its intent to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) for accomplishing expanded civil nuclear energy research and development and isotope production missions in the United States, including the role of the Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF). Public scoping meetings are planned to assist DOE in defining the scope of the PEIS including the significant environmental issues to be addressed. The PEIS is also referred to as the Nuclear Infrastructure PEIS. For more information, contact Colette E Brown; DOE NEPA Document manager; DOE Office of Nuclear Energy, Science & Technology (NE-50) 1-877-562-4593.

September 10 – November 10, 1999

A 60-day public comment period is planned for modifications to the general conditions for the operation and closure of mixed waste storage and treatment facilities at the **ATG, Inc.** Richland site, that were approved in July of 1999. The current proposed modifications will provide a procedure for reporting, storage, and management of contaminated equipment (ATG is a commercial facility and has no connection to the Tri-Party Agreement). For more information, contact Robert Julian, Department of Ecology, at (509) 735-7581.

October 4 – December 6, 1999

A 60-day public comment period is planned for modifications to the **Hanford Facility-Wide Permit**. The permit is modified annually and will include modifications to unit-specific conditions for final status operating units and units undergoing closure. For more information, contact Laura Ruud, Department of Ecology, at (509) 736-5715.

- In conjunction with the annual Hanford Facility-Wide Permit modification, a public meeting is planned concerning transfer of administrative responsibility for RCRA Corrective Action from EPA to Ecology. The current schedule

calls for taking public comments on the corrective action transfer at the November 9, 1999, public hearing. For more information, contact Laura Ruud, Department of Ecology, 736-5715 or Dave Bartus, Environmental Protection Agency, (206) 553-2804.

November

***TENTATIVE** A 30-day comment period is planned for public comment on the re-issuance of the Air Operating Permit. For more information contact Oliver Wang, Department of Ecology, at (509) 736-3040.

Every effort has been made to list correct information, but dates, times, and locations for particular meetings may change. For more information, please call **the Hanford Hotline at 1-800-321-2008**, or any of the following Hanford Tri-Party Agency's public involvement contacts:

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