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This is a message from the Washington State Department of Ecology

Proposed permit for air quality standards and equipment changes in Hanford's AY and AZ tank farms

Public Comment Period: April 1 through April 30, 2008

On April 1, we will start a 30-day public comment period for a Notice of Construction for the ventilation system in the AY and AZ tank farms.

Permit changes are needed to address changes in equipment and changes in emissions.

The needed updates are two-fold. The first change is to identify and set standards for new pollutants which have come from wastes retrieved from single-shell tanks.

Also, ammonia emissions have risen above previously approved rates. The new standards would allow more ammonia to be released, but the level would still be safe for the public and the environment.

The second update is to stop using a filter for iodine, because the tank farms do not emit enough iodine to warrant this treatment.

Ecology does not plan to hold a public hearing, but will consider all requests. If you have further questions, or to request a hearing, please contact Madeleine Brown, 509-372-7936 or mabr461@ecy.wa.gov

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