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**Influence the 2008 Hanford Budget**

Join us  
Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Open House 6 p.m.  
Discussion 7 p.m.

Talaris Conference Center  
Seattle, Washington

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The Washington State Department of Ecology, on behalf of the Tri-Party Agencies, would like to **invite you to attend a discussion on the 2008 Hanford Budget.**

With 53 million gallons of radioactive waste and at least 80 square miles of contaminated groundwater, the Hanford Site on the Columbia River needs your help to move cleanup forward.

Where do you think the U.S. Department of Energy should be spending Hanford money? How much do you think the federal government should give to Hanford cleanup? Is the Waste Treatment Plant adequately funded? Should the primary focus be the groundwater? **What are your cleanup priorities?**

**We want your help in answering these questions.**

Join us Tuesday, May 9 at the Talaris Conference Center in Seattle, Washington.

**Talaris Conference Center**  
**4000 NE 41<sup>st</sup> St.**  
**Seattle, WA 98105**

The Talaris Conference Center is near the University Village shopping center and the University of Washington Center of Horticulture in the U-District.

Open House: 6 p.m., Discussion: 7 p.m.

An agenda will be posted at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/budget.htm> the week before the meeting.

**Background**

Each year the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is required to prepare an annual budget submittal for Hanford that is consistent with the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) and meets regulatory requirements. The TPA is the regulatory document between DOE, the Washington State Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that guides cleanup at the Hanford Site.

DOE is currently working to the 2006 allocated budget. President Bush recently released the 2007 budget request to Congress for review and approval. DOE is formulating its 2008 budget requirements based on 2006 and 2007 budget information and identified cleanup activities.

Hanford has a workforce of approximately 7,000 and an annual budget of more than \$1.7 billion dollars.

Site workers have made significant cleanup progress to protect the Columbia River. However, many more challenges remain:

- More than 50 million gallons of liquid radioactive waste in 174 underground storage tanks
- 25 million cubic feet of buried or stored solid waste
- 1700 waste sites
- 500 contaminated buildings
- 270 billion gallons of contaminated groundwater spread out over 80 square miles

More information about the 2008 Hanford Budget submittal and the U.S. Department of Energy's cleanup priorities can be found at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/budget.htm>.

#### **How can you make a comment on the 2008 budget?**

It is important to the Tri-Party Agencies to hear your issues concerning Hanford cleanup and budget priorities so they can be considered in the development of the 2008 budget.

The U.S. Department of Energy is running a comment period for the 2008 Hanford Budget submittal from March 27 - June 2, 2006.

You can submit comments online at <http://www.hanford.gov/?page=215&parent=0>.

Submit written comments to:

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