

# HANFORD

## CLEANUP

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### Time-Critical Removal Action for the Wahluke Slope 2,4-D Burial Site

The U.S. Department of Energy-Richland Operations Office and Washington State-Department of Ecology have issued an Action Memorandum informing the public of a time-critical removal action associated with the 2,4-D Burial Site. The Site is located in Franklin County on the Wahluke Slope Recreation Area and is managed by the Washington State Department of Wildlife under a permit from the U.S. Department of Energy. The Action included removal of ten buried, crushed tanks that contained the herbicide 2,4-D and several hundred cubic yards of soil contaminated with 2,4-D.

In May 1997, an investigation of the 2,4-D Burial Site led to the determination that contaminated soil existed above cleanup standards. Ecology issued an Action Memorandum in August of 1997, which contained three requirements: 1) contaminated soil shall be excavated and disposed; 2) remaining soil above cleanup standards shall be bioremediated on location; and 3) contaminated tanks will be removed and disposed of at the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility, or at an off-site, permitted facility. These removal actions will be protective of human health and the environment, and meet State of Washington residential cleanup standards. No further action is expected after completion of this removal action.

Cleanup of the 2,4-D Burial Site began during the first week of August and was completed in late September. The removal action was considered time-critical in order to expedite bioremediation which is more successful during warm summer months.

The Administrative Record regarding this cleanup action will be available for public review starting October 6 and will conclude November 5.

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