



Revision to Tri-Party Agreement Community Relations Plan

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*Do you know how to access information on Hanford's environmental cleanup projects?
What are your opportunities to become involved in key decisions at Hanford?*

The Community Relations Plan for the Tri-Party Agreement, or *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order*, defines the processes and opportunities for involvement in Hanford's cleanup and compliance issues. The Tri-Party Agencies are issuing an updated Community Relations Plan for public review.

Background

In 1990 the first Community Relations Plan was prepared by the Washington State Department of Ecology, U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Community Relations Plan was last revised in 1996. The plan was developed as a companion document to the Tri-Party Agreement, the legally binding agreement and schedule for cleanup of the Hanford site. Hanford is a 586-square mile site in southeastern Washington State located along the Columbia River.

Key Changes

The Tri-Party Agreement Community Relations Plan is a living document, and there have been four revisions since it was first issued in 1990. The proposed revisions to the Plan include:

- Explaining the process for Tri-Party Agreement public involvement opportunities
- Reformatting the 2001 Community Relations Plan for reading ease
- Updating information; for example the document will reflect the creation of a second U.S. Department of Energy Field Office, the Office of River Protection
- Adding a section on how the public can schedule a site tour
- Revising a section on evaluating Tri-Party Agencies public participation activities

To request copies of the Plan, or to submit comments in a written or electronic format, please contact:

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Providing Comment

The public comment period for the draft Tri-Party Agreement Community Relations Plan begins August 27 - October 10, 2001. All public comments will be reviewed and considered for inclusion prior to finalizing the Plan. A public meeting is not currently scheduled; however, should substantial public interest indicate a need for a meeting the Tri-Parties will respond accordingly.

Additional information regarding the draft Community Relations Plan or the Tri-Party Agreement is available at the following web sites or information repositories:

U.S. Department of Energy
<http://www.hanford.gov/tpa/tpahome.htm>

Department of Ecology
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/index.html>

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Hanford Public Information Repository Locations:

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Portland State University
Branford Price Millar Library
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Attn: Michael Bowman (503) 725-3690

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Washington State University, CIC Room 101L
2770 University Drive
Attn: Terri Traub (509) 372-7443

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