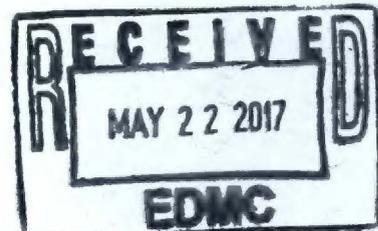


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**COMMENTS AND RESPONSES
TO THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON
HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AND CONSENT ORDER
REVISIONS FOR SINGLE-SHELL TANKS
WMA C DOCUMENTS AND CLOSURE**

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S-2-4 m-045-82 m-045-62
WMA-C m-045-83 m-045-82A

In November 2016, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of River Protection (ORP), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), hereinafter referred to as the Tri-Party agencies, completed negotiations on revisions to the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order*—also referred to as the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA). The proposed changes relate to TPA milestones (i.e., cleanup actions and schedules) that guide closure activities and set requirements for the first closure of a Hanford single-shell tank (SST) Waste Management Area (WMA), WMA C. The individual milestones involved include M-045-82, M-045-83 and M-045-62, as well as a new proposed milestone, M-45-82A.

A formal comment period on the proposed change package was held from January 30 to March 17, 2017. More than 1500 copies of the fact sheet were distributed by mail and sent electronically at the start of the public comment period. A notice advertising the start of the comment period ran in the Tri-City Herald newspaper on January 29, 2017.

The Tri-Party agencies briefed the Hanford Advisory Board on the change package with presentations provided on January 18 and March 1, 2017.

The TPA agencies received two (2) comments during the public comment period. The comments received and agency responses are below:

Comment 1:

TPA:

1. Remove all nuclear waste,
2. Do not allow anymore nuclear waste into the facility,
3. Replace all the single storage tanks,
4. Stop all the nuclear leakage entering the Columbia River.

Mike Conlan
Redmond, WA

TPA agency response: Thank you for your comment. The goal of all cleanup decisions is to ensure protection of human health and the environment. Final closure actions for the single-shell tanks will be determined by closure plans added to the Hanford permit. The modifications to incorporate proposed closure plans in the permit will include a public review process.

Comment 2: This has been frustrating, as dates have been pushed farther and farther out. Procrastination has seemed to rule the day. While it makes some sense to be able to use lessons learned on small tanks for action on larger ones, I'd propose that there be specific dates for final closure. Without specific dates, the lagging is certain to continue.

Judy Pigott
Seattle, WA

TPA agency response: Thank you for your comment. The agencies' goal for these changes was to negotiate aggressive, achievable milestones that show steady progress. Final closure dates will be determined through Ecology review and approval of the closure plans, following the normal process for modifying the Hanford permit. This will include a public comment period and a meeting.