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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY READING ROOM AND INFORMATION
REPOSITORY INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION FOR THE
HANFORD TANK WASTE REMEDIATION SYSTEM
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROJECT**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Richland Operations Office (RL) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) have agreed to co-prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Hanford Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS). The information provided to DOE Reading Rooms and Information Repositories shown in Table 1 is publicly available for review and copy.

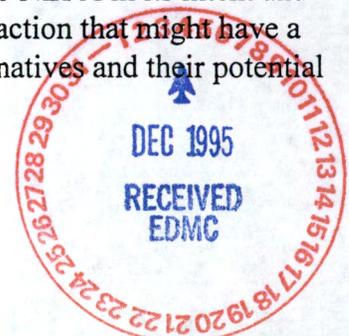
DOE proposes to retrieve, pretreat, immobilize, and store or dispose of radioactive, chemical, and mixed waste currently or projected to be stored in 177 underground storage tanks, approximately 37 miscellaneous underground storage tanks (MUSTs) that are part of the waste transfer system, and 1,929 cesium and strontium capsules at, or being returned to the Hanford Site located near Richland, Washington. The TWRS EIS preparation schedule is shown in Table 2 and represents the current schedule as of March 30, 1995 (subject to change).

The proposed action is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) (RCW 43.21C). Both acts require consideration of potential environmental impacts in the decision-making process. Ecology subsequently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DOE to jointly prepare the EIS for the proposed TWRS action.

In May 1989, the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order, also called the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) was entered into with DOE, Ecology, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to govern waste management and cleanup of the Hanford Site. NEPA, SEPA, and the TPA are key regulatory requirements that must be considered during the preparation of these decision-documents. These, as well as other relevant laws and regulations are shown in Table 3.

NEPA establishes the requirements for preparing an EIS for major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The purpose of NEPA was to establish a national policy for the protection of the environment and it created the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ). The CEQ regulations implementing NEPA are codified in 40 CFR 1500-1508. DOE's implementing procedures for NEPA are codified in 10 CFR Part 1021.

SEPA is intended to ensure that environmental values are considered by State and local government officials when making decisions. SEPA is very similar to NEPA in its intent and purpose. SEPA requires any Washington State agency proposing an action that might have a significant impact on the environment to evaluate all reasonable alternatives and their potential environmental impacts before taking action.



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Table 1. DOE Reading Rooms and Information Repositories

Location	Type of Facility	Address
Suzzallo Library	Information Repository	University of Washington Suzzallo Library Government Publications Room Mail Stop FM-25 Seattle, WA 98195 (206) 543-4664
Foley Center	Information Repository	Gonzaga University E. 502 Boone Spokane, WA 99258 (509) 328-4220, Ext. 3125
DOE Reading Room	Reading Room/Information Repository	Washington State University, Tri-Cities 100 Sprout Road, Room 130 Richland, WA 99352 (509) 376-8583
Bradford Price Millar Library	Information Repository	Portland State University Science and Engineering Floor SW Harrison and Park P.O. Box 1151 Portland, OR 97207 (503) 725-3690
DOE Freedom of Information Reading Room	Reading Room	Forrestal Building 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20585 (202) 586-5000



Table 2. TWRS EIS Preparation Schedule*

EIS Preparation Activity	Schedule	Status
Notice of Intent	January 1994	Completed
Public Scoping Period	January 1994 - March 1994	Completed
Preliminary Intergovernmental Consultation	January 1994 - October 1995	Ongoing
Prepare Draft EIS	April 1994 - October 1995	Ongoing
Briefing Sessions on the Implementation Plan	April 1995	On Hold
Implementation Plan Availability	May 1995	On Hold
Briefing Sessions on the Draft EIS	November 1995	On Schedule
Draft EIS Notice of Availability	November 1995	On Schedule
Distribute Draft EIS	November 1995	On Schedule
Draft EIS Comment Period	November 1995 - January 1996	On Schedule
Draft EIS Public Hearings	November 1995 - January 1996	On Schedule
Draft EIS Intergovernmental Consultation	November 1995 - October 1996	On Schedule
Prepare Final EIS	February 1996 - October 1996	On Schedule
Briefing Sessions on the Final EIS	November 1996	On Schedule
Final EIS Notice of Availability	November 1996	On Schedule
Distribute Final EIS	November 1996	On Schedule
Briefing Sessions on the Record of Decision	December 1996	On Schedule
Record of Decision Notice of Availability	December 1996	On Schedule
Record of Decision	December 1996	On Schedule
Mitigation Action Plan	December 1996	On Schedule

* Schedule as of March 30, 1995

Table Print Date: April 24, 1995

Table 3. Relevant Federal and State Laws, Regulations, Orders and Guidance Applicable to the TWRS EIS

Federal	Citation
National Environmental Policy Act	42 USC 4321 et seq., as amended
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act	42 USC 6901-6987 et seq., as amended
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	42 USC 9601 et seq., as amended
Clean Air Act	42 USC 7401 et seq., as amended
Endangered Species Act	16 USC 1536, as amended
National Historic Preservation Act	16 USC 470, as amended
American Indian Religious Freedom Act	Public Law 95-341, 92 stat. 469
Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act	25 USC 300 et seq.
Federal Compliance with Pollution Control Standards	Executive Order 12088
Federal Action to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations	Executive Order 12898
Environment Safety and Health Program for Department of Energy Operations	DOE Order 5480.1B
Hazardous and Radioactive Mixed Waste Management	DOE Order 5480.2
Environmental Protection, Safety and Health Protection Information Reporting Requirements	DOE Order 5484.1
Washington State	Citation
Washington State Environmental Policy Act	Chapter 43.21C RCW
Hazardous Waste Management Act	Chapter 70.105 RCW
Washington Clean Air Act	Chapter 70.94 RCW

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The following TWRS EIS approved informational materials are located at the DOE Reading Rooms and Information Repositories (Table 1) as of this date: May 5, 1995.

- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Facts, (FACT-0505), May 5, 1995
- Notice of Intent (NOI) Federal Register, Vol. 59 No. 19, January 28, 1994, pp 4052-4058;
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (DOE-RL and Ecology);
- Hanford TWRS EIS Scoping Meeting Agenda, February 14, 1994.
- Features of Negotiated Tri-Party Agreement [Fact Sheet], October 13, 1993.
- Hanford TWRS Strategy [Graphic], (79304041.96), February 3, 1994.
- Hanford Education Action League (HEAL) Action Memo, (Special Edition), February 8, 1994.
- DOE Public Scoping Meeting [Presentation] New Tanks and TWRS EIS, (Donald H. Alexander Ph.D.), February 1994.
- Relationship Between NEPA/SEPA and TPA Requirements [Fact Sheet], February 1994.
- Tri-Party Agreement Major Milestones for the TWRS Program [Fact Sheet], February 1994.
- Hanford TWRS EIS Scoping Meeting Comments [Form], February, 1994.
- The Public and the NEPA Process [Fact Sheet], February 1994.
- Final Report, Hanford Tank Waste Task Force, September 1993.
- Hanford TWRS EIS Public Scoping Meeting [Transcript], (Hanford House/Red Lion), Richland, Washington, February 14, 1994.
- Hanford TWRS EIS Public Scoping Meeting [Transcript], (Hood River Inn/Best Western), Hood River, Oregon, February 16, 1994.
- Hanford TWRS EIS Public Scoping Meeting [Transcript], (Bonneville Power Administration Auditorium), Portland, Oregon, February 17, 1994.
- Hanford TWRS EIS Public Scoping Meeting [Transcript], (The Mountaineer's), Seattle, Washington, February 22, 1994.
- Hanford TWRS EIS Public Scoping Meeting [Transcript], (Spokane Convention Center), Spokane, Washington, February 24, 1994.

The TWRS EIS informational materials not yet included in the Reading Rooms and Information Repositories (Table 1) as of May 5, 1994 and their scheduled release dates are as follows:

Scheduled Date	Document/Materials
• May 1995 - December 1996	TWRS EIS fact sheets as they become available;
• June 1995	Implementation Plan (IP) for the TWRS EIS;
• June 1995	Press Release for the Availability of the IP for the TWRS EIS;
• November 1995	Communications and Document Distribution Plan for the TWRS draft EIS;
• November 1995	TWRS EIS Comment Period and Public Hearing Plan;

Scheduled Date	Document/Materials
• November 1995	Notice of Availability for the TWRS draft EIS;
• November 1995	press release for the availability of the TWRS draft EIS;
• November 1996	Communications and Document Distribution Plan for the TWRS final EIS;
• November 1996	Notice of Availability for the TWRS final EIS;
• November 1996	press release for the availability of the TWRS final EIS;
• November 1996	material hand-outs from the public hearings;
• November 1996	written comments - Native American and Federal and state agencies;
• November 1996	written comments - public;
• November 1996	hearing comments - oral transcripts and written comments submitted at hearings;
• November 1996	TWRS final EIS;
• December 1996	Notice of Availability for the TWRS Record of Decision; and
• December 1996	Mitigation Action Plan.