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# HANFORD CLEANUP



## Three comment periods set to start August 5

The Washington State Department of Ecology, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U. S. Department of Energy want your comments on these Hanford cleanup proposals:

- ▲ **Cleanup expands (M-33):** Hanford's primary cleanup schedule, known as the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA), proposes new milestones for waste facilities and certain materials not previously covered by the agreement. A 60-day public comment period begins **August 5** and ends **October 3**.
- ▲ **B Plant cuts costs:** Hanford's B Plant, a huge nuclear processing facility, stopped operations in 1985. The plant still contains quantities of radioactive and hazardous materials. Public comments are sought on a proposed plan to transition the plant to a safer and less expensive maintenance status. Public comments are accepted **August 5** to **September 17**.
- ▲ **Comments create new proposal (200-UP-1):** A proposed Hanford groundwater cleanup plan is being reopened because of public comments. The original proposal required the use of an on-site groundwater treatment system. A modified cleanup proposal for uranium, technetium and carbon tetrachloride considers using an existing cheaper and safer facility. This facility is located near the center of the Hanford Site. The public comment period ends **September 3**.

Public meetings on these actions have not been scheduled, but may be held if requested, preferably before August 14. For information, or to submit comments, contact:

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All comments received during the comment periods will be considered and responded to before final decisions are made on these proposals.

