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**Tri-Party Agency Workshop on Cleanup Alternatives
for Waste Sites Near the
Plutonium Finishing Plant
(200-PW-1, Operable Unit)**

April 15, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Washington State University Consolidated Information, Center Room 120

The Tri-Party Agreement agencies will hold a one-day workshop on April 15 to discuss cleanup alternatives for six waste sites located near the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP). These are past-practice, liquid-waste sites that PFP used to dispose of waste water with high levels of plutonium and carbon tetrachloride. A vapor extraction system is currently operating to remove the carbon tetrachloride but what to do with the plutonium contaminated soils is still in question.

This workshop is an opportunity for tribal nations, stakeholders and the public to discuss and share their values early in the decision-making process on such issues as:

1. Pros and cons of three proposed cleanup alternative – capping, remove and dispose, and insitu vitrification. What are the risks associated with each alternative? What are the tradeoffs associated with each?
2. When more than one cleanup remedy is protective of human health and the environment and in compliance with the laws, how should the balancing criteria under the Superfund law (e.g., cost, implementability, long-term effectiveness) be used to distinguish between them? What criteria are most important to the public?
3. How does this decision affect other cleanup activities on the Central Plateau?

The feedback obtained from this workshop will be used to revise the draft Proposed Plan that will discuss the evaluation of alternatives and identify the preferred alternative. The Proposed Plan will then go out for public comment. All comments will be considered prior to issuing the Record of Decision.

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