



Public Comment Period

Hanford Site Air Operating Permit Revision D

April 28 through May 28, 2008

The Washington State Department of Ecology invites you to comment on a proposed revision for the Hanford Site Air Operating Permit (AOP). The change is formally called "Revision D."

Why is the permit revision needed? This change adds a new license to the AOP for Environmental Assessment Services' sampling work at the Applied Process Engineering Laboratory. The company measures radioactive and chemical levels in samples for Hanford's environmental monitoring programs.

The new license regulates air emissions that result from preparing and analyzing samples of water, air, plants, and animals from Hanford. The laboratory's emissions could slightly increase radioactivity over what is already in the environment.

The new license is for a very small part of Hanford's air monitoring program. The license is needed because the sampling has moved to a different company and a new location. The sampling service was in the 300 Area, but the old facility was torn down as part of the Hanford cleanup.



License regulates emissions from sampling of Hanford's air, water, plants and animals.

Why does this affect the Hanford Air Operating Permit? The AOP regulates air emissions on the Hanford Site. Though the laboratory is in north Richland, Washington, the AOP regulates the air emissions because the

samples come from Hanford. While the Washington State Department of Health issued the license to Environmental Assessment Services, Ecology has overall responsibility for managing and modifying the AOP.

What are the emission standards? The standards are at a level to protect human health and the environment. Under the rules in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-247-050, the license calls for the most stringent standards in effect.

The license also covers monitoring, testing, quality assurance, reporting, and record-keeping. The requirements for these activities are in WAC 246-247.

After the public comment period, Ecology will:

1. Consider all comments and issue a responsiveness summary.
2. Submit the proposed AOP to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a 45-day review.
3. Issue the final permit.

How can you learn more about the draft permit? The draft Revision D, including the license, is available:

Online

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commentperiods.htm>.

In Person

At Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program Resource Center in Richland. For a viewing appointment, call 509-372-7920.

At the public information repositories listed on reverse.

By phone

Call the Hanford Cleanup Line at 800-321-2008.

How can you make a comment?

Send all comments in writing by Wednesday, May 28, 2008, to:

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Spokane

Gonzaga University
Foley Center
502 E. Boone Avenue
Attn: Linda Pierce 509-323-3834
Map: <http://tinyurl.com/2c6bpm>

Richland

U.S. Department of Energy Reading Room
Consolidated Information Center,
Room 101-L
2770 University Drive
Attn: Janice Parthree 509-372-7443
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Ecology does not plan to hold a public hearing. But if the public expresses interest, one can be scheduled. To request a hearing, contact Madeleine Brown, 509-372-7936, or mabr461@ecy.wa.gov



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