



Change Proposed to the Schedule for Tank Waste Retrieval Negotiations

(TPA Milestones M-45-00C , M-62-08, and M-62-11)

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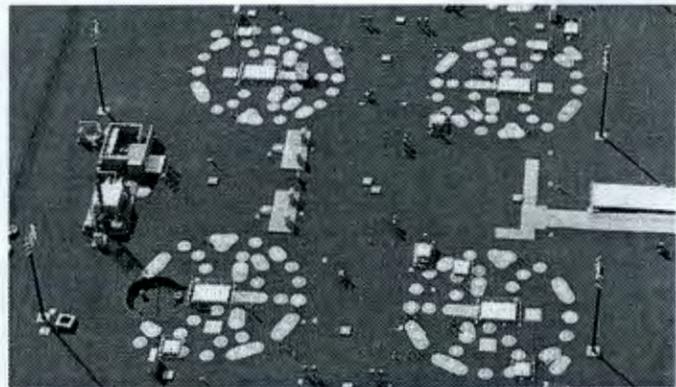
The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), the agencies responsible for Hanford cleanup, want your input on a proposed change to the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA). The proposed change would move the start of negotiations for single-shell tank waste retrieval (M-62-08 and M-62-11) activities and associated schedules (M-45-00C) from:

- √ M-62-08 January 30, 2005 (current date) to June 30, 2006 (new date)
- √ M-62-11 January 30, 2006 (current date) to June 30, 2007 (new date)
- √ M-45-00C June 30, 2005 (current date) to September 30, 2006 (new date)

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The parties recognize the need to delay TPA negotiations regarding the use of supplemental treatment to complete the tank waste cleanup mission (M-62-08). More time is needed to allow the bulk vitrification demonstration project to operate and demonstrate treatment effectiveness. Because this information will also feed into sequencing of retrieval operations, an extension is also requested for milestones requiring the negotiation of future for retrieval and closure activities (M-45-00C). This additional information will also be obtained from the following activities and data sources:



Aerial view of a Hanford Site tank farm

- √ The current retrieval of single-shell tanks in C Farm, through which four retrieval technologies will be utilized and demonstrated.
- √ The Tank Closure Environmental Impact Statement analysis data analyses.
- √ Supplemental Technology research and demonstration activities, that will provide data towards anticipated treatment rates to be supported by rates of retrieval

The public is encouraged to review and comment on the proposed change to these milestones. The public comment period runs December 27, 2004 – February 10, 2005. The draft change package may be reviewed at the Hanford Information Repositories listed below and on the Web at <http://www.hanford.gov/tpa/changelist.htm>.

The Tri-Party Agencies will consider all public comments before the proposed change is made. The Agencies will send a comment and response summary to all individuals who provide comments, or request a copy of the summary, and will place it in the Hanford Information Repositories and on the TPA Web site.

No public meeting is scheduled at this time. To request a public meeting on these proposed changes, please contact Tim Hill at (509) 372-7908, tihi461@ecy.wa.gov.

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Hanford Public Information Repository Locations

To view the complete M-45-00C, M-62-08 and M-62-11 change packages, please visit one of these libraries.

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Richland

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