

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Ross Complex

Dangerous Waste Permit Renewal – Available for Review



Hazardous and Toxic Materials Handling Building – BPA Ross Complex.

Comments Accepted

May 4 - June 20, 2026

Submit Comments

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Comment by Mail

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Site Information

Facility Site ID: 199
Site Cleanup ID: 536

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We're proposing to reissue the dangerous waste permit for Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Ross Complex. The complex is located at 5411 NE Highway 99 in Vancouver, Washington 98666.



Public Comment Period and Public Meeting

The public comment period is open from May 4 to June 20th, 2026. A public meeting will be held if there is significant public interest. Public notice of a meeting will be circulated 30 days in advance.

Documents Available for Review

- **Dangerous Waste Permit Application:** BPA and Ecology have agreed on the final dangerous waste permit application.
- **Standard Conditions:** Standard conditions are basic requirements that Ecology requires at all dangerous waste facilities in Washington.
- **Draft Public Participation Plan:** This plan encourages community involvement in the permitting process.

Visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/BPA-comment> to view the documents and submit your comments.



We Want to Hear From You!

We invite you to review and comment on the permit renewal documents.



Site Background

The BPA Ross Complex is an active facility that manages and controls the generation and transmission of electricity across the Pacific Northwest.

BPA received its first dangerous waste permit for operations at the Ross Complex on March 15, 2001. The permit was renewed in 2011, and BPA Ross has operated continuously under a dangerous waste permit for the past 25 years.



About The Facility

Dangerous waste must be moved within 90 days to a permitted storage facility. Only permitted facilities can store dangerous waste long term. For BPA, that facility is one building at the Ross Complex called the Hazardous Materials or HazMat Building (HMB).

The HMB receives, combines, and stores dangerous waste before it is shipped off site for final disposal. No waste is treated or disposed of there. The HMB serves BPA sites across several states, including Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, California, and Wyoming. The entire BPA Ross site is also covered by cleanup requirements under this permit.



The HMB, BPA Ross Complex

Site Updates



Ecology is proposing to reissue the dangerous waste permit for BPA to authorize the continued management of dangerous waste at the Ross Complex under federal and state regulatory requirements. When issued, the permit will be in effect for a period of 10 years. Any changes after approval will require permit modifications. The proposed permit allows BPA Ross to do the following:

- Consolidate dangerous waste from multiple BPA locations.
- Store dangerous waste on site for up to one year prior to off-site disposal.
- Conduct cleanup of historical releases of dangerous waste associated with past operations.

About the Waste

The permitted facility accepts and manages a wide range of waste, including:

- Flammable and combustible waste.
- Corrosive waste (acids or bases; non-neutral pH).
- Reactive waste (physical shock or exposure to water or air can explode reactive waste).
- Toxic waste (poisonous).
- Oily wastes.
- Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) waste (may cause cancer).
- Industrial waste waters.
- Solids and sludges.
- Aerosol cans (managed as dangerous waste).
- Universal waste (batteries, mercury-containing equipment, light tubes, and paints).



How to Submit Comments

To submit your comments, questions, or concerns about any of the proposed permit documents, visit Ecology's eComments page: <https://ecology.wa.gov/BPA-comment>.

In-person document review is available at:

Ecology's Southwest Region Office
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, Washington 98503
360-407-6300

Fort Vancouver Regional Library
Washougal Branch 1661 "C" Street
Washougal, Washington 98671
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You can also view the documents online at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/BPA-comment>.

What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends, we'll review and consider all comments. The documents may change based on your comments. When new documents are available, we'll notify you about additional public comment periods.

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BPA Ross Site

BPA Ross Draft Documents

Ecology seeks your comments on a draft dangerous waste permit application, standard conditions, and draft Public Participation Plan for the BPA Ross Complex in Vancouver, Washington.

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May 4—June 20, 2026

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Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held upon request.

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