

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Ross Complex

Dangerous Waste Permit Renewal — New Comment Period



Hazardous and Toxic Materials Handling Building — BPA Ross Complex.

Comments Accepted

October 5, 12:00 a.m. to
November 18, 11:59 p.m., 2026

Submit Comments

ecology.wa.gov/BPA-comment

Comment by Mail

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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 new public comment period is open from 12:00 a.m. on October 5 to 11:59 p.m. on November 18, 2026. An information session will be held at 4:30 p.m., followed by a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on November 5 at the Vancouver Community Library, located at 901 C St. in Vancouver.

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.
- **Fact Sheet:** This document provides the legal and technical basis for permit reissuance.

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.



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Background

The BPA Ross Complex is an active federal facility that manages and controls the generation and transmission of electricity across the Pacific Northwest. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reviews the site every 5 years to ensure continued protection of human health and the environment.

Dangerous waste management operations for BPA occur in a single building called the Hazardous and Toxic Materials Handling Building (HMB). BPA received its first dangerous waste permit for operations at the HMB in 2001. The permit was renewed in 2011, and the HMB has operated continuously under a dangerous waste permit for the past 25 years.

About the Facility

The HMB receives, combines, and stores dangerous waste before it is shipped off site for final disposal.

It accepts waste from BPA facilities across several states, including Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, California, and Wyoming.

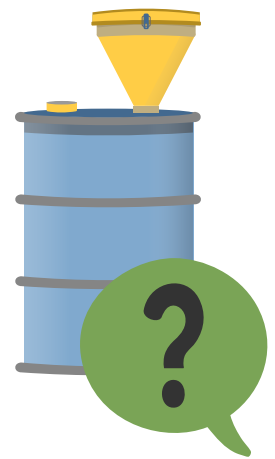


The HMB, a building at the BPA Ross Complex

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).



Protective Permit Conditions

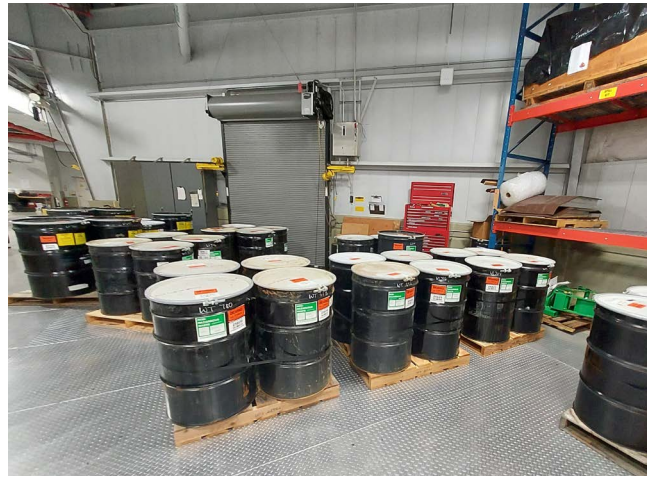
The permit outlines the protective measures BPA Ross takes to prevent harmful effects to human health and the environment. These measures include emergency preparedness and response; coordination agreements with local, state, and federal emergency response teams; security; and spill prevention. Facility staff are trained in dangerous waste management, spill response, and emergency procedures.

The HMB is inspected by Ecology yearly to ensure compliance with all permit conditions. Dangerous waste is received within a single area at the HMB and moved to secure storage within 24 hours. The HMB is designed to capture any releases before they might reach the environment.

Permit Renewal

Ecology is proposing to reissue the dangerous waste permit for BPA. This will allow BPA to continue management of dangerous waste at the HMB 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, and some require public notification. 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 before shipping it off-site for disposal.
- Conduct monitoring of historical releases of dangerous waste associated with past operations. For more information see section B of the permit.



HMB receiving room in 2022

While construction is occurring elsewhere at the Ross Complex, no new construction is proposed at the HMB under this permit.

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
901 C St.
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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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Bonneville Power Administration Ross Complex in Vancouver.

BPA Ross Draft Documents

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

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