Public comment invited

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is inviting the public to comment on the draft permit and fact sheet supporting the renewal of State Waste Discharge Permit ST0004502 for the 200 Area Treated Effluent Disposal Facility (200 Area TEDF).

The permittee is:

U.S. Department of Energy
Office of River Protection
P.O Box 450
Richland, WA 99352

Background

The Hanford Site occupies 580 square miles in southeastern Washington State. The site produced plutonium for the nation’s defense program from 1943 to the late 1980s. Today, waste management and environmental cleanup are the primary missions at Hanford.

Overview & Changes

Energy applied to renew the State Waste Discharge Permit for the 200 Area TEDF.

We reviewed this application and drafted the permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington and Chapter 173-216 Washington Administrative Code.

During the first public comment period for this draft permit and fact sheet, the permittee submitted comments requesting significant changes to the draft permit and fact sheet. After discussion with the permittee on their comments, we agreed to include some of the requested changes. These changes...
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include increased effluent limits from those proposed in the first draft permit.

After revising the draft permit, we made a tentative determination on the special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution of the groundwater. However, we will not make a final determination until we evaluate all comments received during this public comment period.

Facility Background

The 200 Area TEDF consists of two adjacent 5-acre infiltration basins located in the 200 East Area. The disposal basins are named A Basin and B Basin, previously referred to as A Pond and B Pond.

The facility supports a variety of facilities on the Hanford Site, and is sized to support future discharges from the Tank Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant. TEDF is designed to dispose to the ground non-contact cooling water, steam condensate, raw and treated Columbia River water, boiler blowdown, and other sources of non-dangerous process wastewater.

The disposal facility is a 12-mile-long piped collection system that does not have any treatment or retention capacity.

Through strict source control and careful siting of the discharge location, there is little risk of driving contamination into the soil or groundwater or impacting historical, archaeological, and cultural resources.

Reviewing the proposed changes

We invite you to review and comment on the draft permit and fact sheet for the 200 Area TEDF. See the last page for comment period dates and information on how to submit comments.

Copies of the application for the proposed permit, the draft permit and fact sheet, and supporting documentation will be available during the public comment period online at Ecology’s website\(^1\). The documents will also be available at the Hanford Public Information Repositories listed on the next page.

We will consider and respond to all significant comments received during the public comment period. We will document our responses and issue a response to comments document when we make our final permitting decision.

\(^1\) Ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Nuclear-waste/Public-comment-periods

Figure 3: 200 Area TEDF Collection System
Hanford’s Information Repositories

Ecology Nuclear Waste Program Resource Center
3100 Port of Benton Blvd.
Richland, WA 99354
509-372-7950

U.S. Department of Energy Administrative Record
2440 Stevens Drive, Room 1101
Richland, WA 99354
509-376-2530

Washington State University Tri-Cities Department of Energy Reading Room
2770 Crimson Way, Room 101L
Richland WA 99354

University of Washington Suzzallo Library
P.O. Box 352900
Seattle, WA 98195
206-543-5597

Gonzaga University Foley Center
502 E Boone Avenue
Spokane, WA 99258
509-313-6110

Portland State University Millar Library
1875 SW Park Avenue
Portland, OR 97207
503-725-4542

For information on other comment periods or ways to get involved, go to ecology.wa.gov/Hanford and click “Public comment periods” on the left bar or visit Hanford.gov “public involvement opportunities”.

You can also follow us on social media.

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Figure 4: Nuclear Waste Program office - Richland
200 Area TEDF permit renewal

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Electronic submission (preferred):
https://nw.ecology.commentinput.com/?id_cHb7e

Mail or hand delivery

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A public hearing is not scheduled, but if there is
enough interest, we will consider holding one.
To request a hearing or for more information,
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To request an ADA accommodation, contact Ecology by phone at 509-372-7950 or email at Daina.McFadden@ecy.wa.gov, or visit ecology.wa.gov/Accessibility. For Relay Service or TTY call 711 or 877-833-6341.