

# Lowering Hanford's Price Tag

The most contaminated, complex nuclear cleanup in the United States carries a hefty price tag. Proper funding is a fundamental step in getting the job done on time and with greater cost savings.

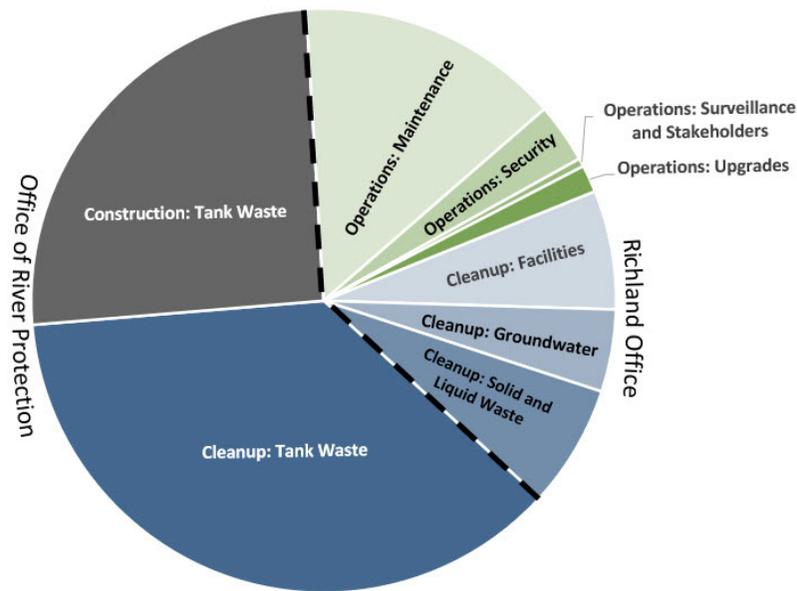
## A quicker, more cost-effective cleanup

The most cost-effective way to clean up Hanford is to do the work on time within a compliant\* budget. That will only happen with the required funding amount needed to meet cleanup milestones.

By meeting or exceeding the compliant budget, the U.S. Department of Energy can ultimately spend less on Hanford, saving taxpayers billions. Sufficient funding will also complete cleanup decades sooner, and reduce the chance of a contamination release or infrastructure collapse. \$4.56 billion is needed in Fiscal Year 2025.

In recent years, significant strides have been made to adequately fund Hanford thanks to efforts by Congress and the Administration. While progress is being made, funding consistently falls hundreds of millions short of what is needed to meet cleanup milestones.

FY2024 APPROPRIATION (\$3.04B)



## Maintenance is expensive

Up to half of Hanford's budget pays for daily maintenance such as security, fire protection, utilities, roads and more. These costs increase each year and do not contribute to the actual cleanup effort. Sufficiently funding Hanford accelerates cleanup timelines while ensuring the safety and security of the Hanford Site, thus "keeping the lights on."

## Hanford impacts all of us

The Columbia River is the lifeblood of the Pacific Northwest. Communities up and down the river and across the region stand to be devastated if something happened at Hanford. We need to demonstrate, through adequate funding and aggressive deadlines, our commitment to protect the Tribes, area residents, and communities who face the highest risks from Hanford contamination and persistent delays.

Hanford's budget at a glance



\*Compliant budget refers to amount needed to meet cleanup milestones