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Waste Treatment Plant's Low-Activity Waste Facility export bay Class 2 permit modification

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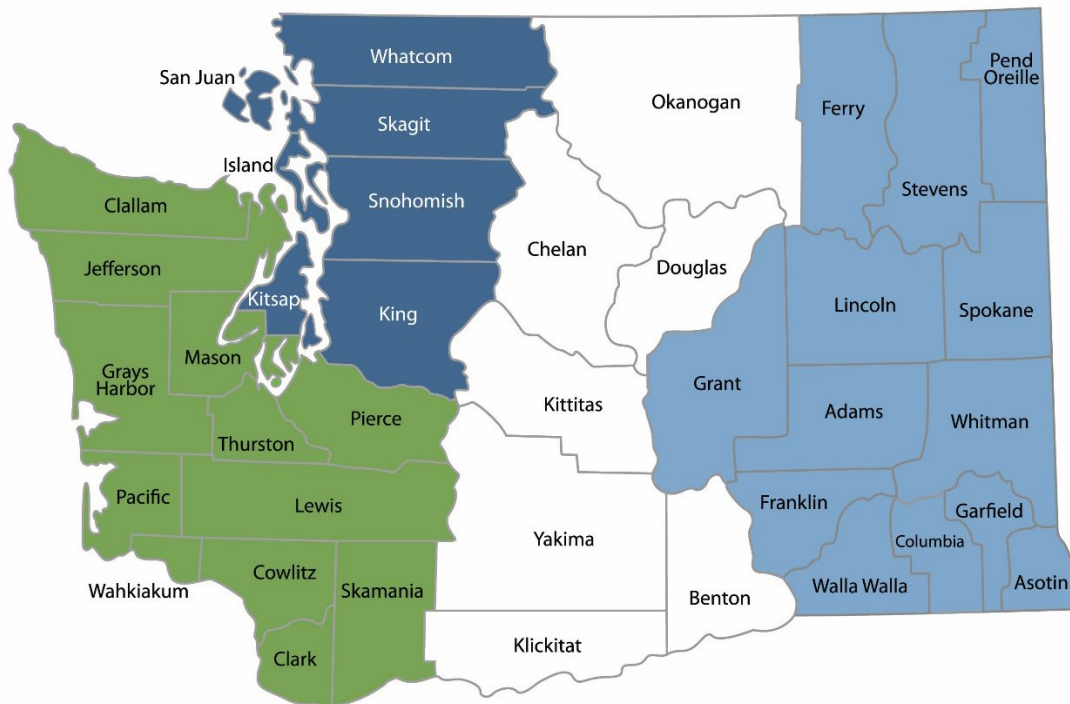
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Introduction

The Washington State Department of Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program (Ecology) manages dangerous waste within the state by writing permits to regulate its treatment, storage, and disposal. When a new permit or a significant modification to an existing permit is proposed, Ecology holds a public comment period to allow the public to review the change and provide formal feedback. (See [Washington Administrative Code \[WAC\] 173-303-830](#) for types of permit changes.)

The Response to Comments is the last step before issuing the final permit, and its purpose is to:

- Specify which changes, if any, of a permit will become effective upon issuance of the final permit, providing reasons for those changes.
- Describe and document public involvement actions.
- List and respond to all significant comments received during the public comment period and any related public hearings.

This Response to Comments is prepared for:

Comment period	<i>Waste Treatment Plant's Low-Activity Waste Facility export bay Class 2 permit modification, Jan. 13 – March 14, 2025</i>
Permit	<i>Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit for the Treatment, Storage, and Disposal of Dangerous Waste, Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant</i>
Permittees	U.S. Department of Energy Bechtel National Inc.
Original Issuance date	Sept. 25, 2002
Effective date	May 16, 2025

To see more information related to the Hanford Site and nuclear waste in Washington, please visit our webpage, [Hanford Cleanup](#)³.

³ <https://www.ecology.wa.gov/Hanford>

Reasons for Issuing the Permit

The Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) is located in the 200 East Area of the Hanford Site and consists of the following permitted buildings and systems:

- Analytical Laboratory (LAB)
- Pretreatment Facility (PTF)
- Effluent Management Facility (EMF)
- Low-Activity Waste (LAW) Facility
- High-Level Waste (HLW) Facility
- Balance of Facilities (BOF)

The WTP will chemically separate, treat, and immobilize by vitrification the majority of Hanford's 56 million gallons of radioactive and chemical waste currently stored in 177 underground tanks.

The purpose of this Class 2 modification is to add the LAW export bay (room L-0127) as a container storage area to support waste management activities for the Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste configuration. The LAW export bay will stage lidded immobilized low-activity waste containers from the finishing line onto the transporter for removal from the LAW facility to either the transportation staging area or directly to Integrated Disposal Facility for disposal.

Public Involvement Actions

The U.S. Department of Energy (Energy) encouraged public comment on Chapter 1, *Part A Form*, Chapter 4E, *Low-Activity Waste (LAW) Vitrification Facility*, Chapter 6A, *Inspection Schedules*, and Permit Conditions during a 60-day, public comment period held Jan. 13 to March 14, 2025.

Energy took the following actions to notify the public:

- Mailed a public notice announcing the comment period to 932 members of the public.
- Placed a public announcement legal classified advertisement in the Tri-City Herald on Jan. 12, 2025.
- Emailed a notice announcing the start of the comment period to the Hanford-Info email list, which has 1,714 recipients.
- Posted the comment period notice on the Washington Department of Ecology – Hanford's Facebook and X pages.

Energy held a hybrid public meeting 5:30 p.m. Jan. 29, 2025, at the Richland Public library and on Microsoft Teams. Eight members of the public attended.

The Hanford information repositories located in Richland, Spokane, and Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, received the following documents for public review:

- Focus sheet
- Transmittal letter
- Statement of Basis for the proposed LAW Permit Modification
- Draft LAW Permit Modification

The following public notices for this comment period are in [Appendix A](#) of this document:

- Focus sheet
- Classified advertisement in the Tri-City Herald
- Notices sent to the Hanford-Info email list
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List of Commenters

The table below lists the names of organizations or individuals who submitted a comment on the LAW Permit modification.

No comments were received for this public comment period.

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Comment Period
Jan. 13 – March 14, 2025

Hybrid Public Meeting
Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m. PT
Richland Public Library

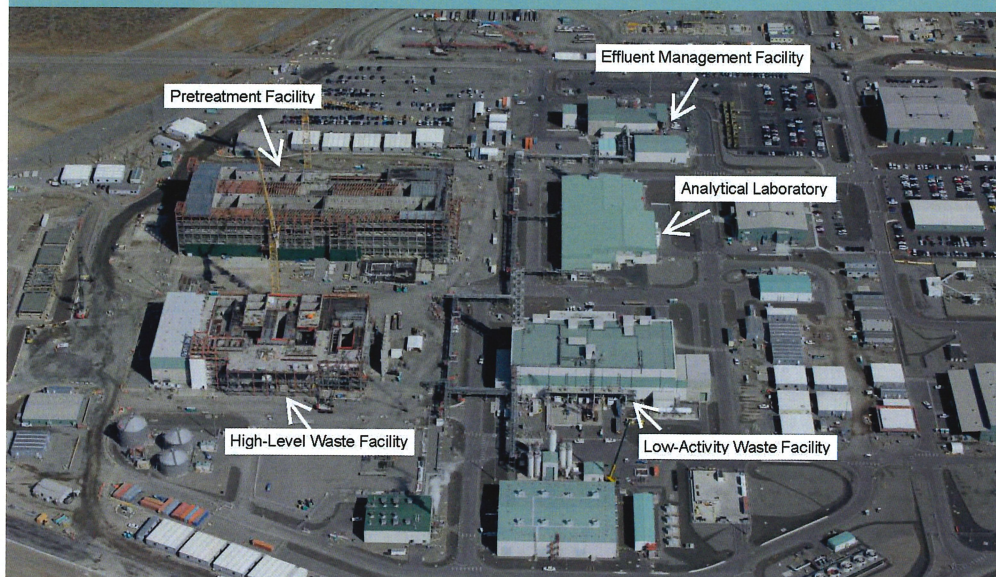
Send comments by
March 14 to
<https://bit.ly/4eWbvCR>

Administrative Record
<https://bit.ly/4heZkCK>

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Hanford's Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant is shown below. The plant's primary facilities are labeled with the Low-Activity Waste Facility shown on the bottom right.



The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is holding a 60-day public comment period and meeting on a proposed Class 2 permit modification to the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit. If approved, the modification would allow the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant's (WTP) Low-Activity Waste (LAW) Facility export bay to be added to the permit as an additional container storage area. Extra storage is needed to stage sealed waste containers until they can be disposed of at Hanford's Integrated Disposal Facility. The export bay storage would supplement existing storage in the facility's transportation staging area.

Background

The 580-square-mile Hanford Site in southeastern Washington state was created in 1943 as part of the Manhattan Project to produce plutonium for the nation's defense program. Today waste management and environmental cleanup are the main missions at Hanford, focusing on treating tank waste through the Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste Program and cleanup on the Central Plateau, while also conducting site operations for the safety of our workforce and the public.

The WTP is in the 200 East Area of the Hanford Site and will process liquid waste from Hanford's large underground tanks in support of the Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste Program. The LAW Facility will vitrify, or immobilize in glass, liquid waste that has been treated to remove cesium and radioactive solids. Sealed containers of vitrified waste are loaded into a transport vehicle in the LAW Facility export bay prior to transport to the WTP permitted transportation staging area or directly to the Integrated Disposal Facility.



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Class 2 Permit Modification to the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit

Overview

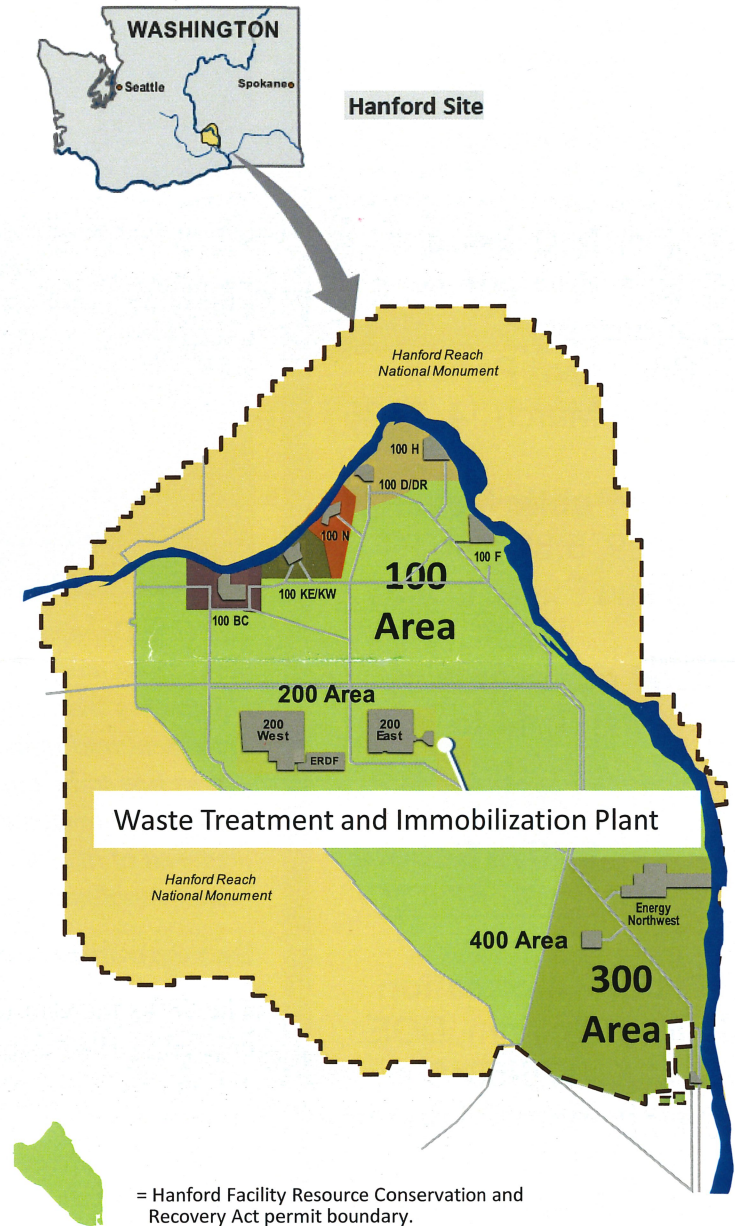
DOE and contractor Bechtel National Inc. are proposing a Class 2 modification to the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit, Part A Form, Chapter 4E, Chapter 6A and permit conditions. The Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit establishes requirements to ensure that waste management activities protect human health and the environment. The proposed permit modification is pursuant to [WAC 173-303-830](#), which requires a 60-day comment period, a public meeting, a newspaper notice and a mailing list notice. This fact sheet is the mailing list notice.

Summary of Changes

If approved, the modification would allow the WTP LAW Facility export bay to be added to the permit as an additional container storage area. Extra storage is needed to stage sealed waste containers until they can be disposed of at Hanford's Integrated Disposal Facility. The export bay storage would supplement existing storage in the facility's transportation staging area.

Permit Chapters Affected by this Modification

- Dangerous Waste Permit Application Part A Form
- Chapter 4E, "Low-Activity Waste (LAW) Vitrification Facility"
- Chapter 6A, "Inspection Plan"
- Operating Unit Group 10 Part III Conditions



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Class 2 Permit Modification to the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit

Public Involvement

A 60-day public comment period will run Jan. 13 through March 14, 2025. A hybrid public meeting will be held Jan. 29, at 5:30 p.m. PT, at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Dr., Richland, WA 99352. It will include a presentation on the proposed permit modification. If approved, it would allow the WTP LAW Facility export bay to be added to the permit as an additional container storage area. During the hybrid meeting, you can view the presentation, hear the speakers and ask questions. To participate via Microsoft Teams, please follow the instructions below:

Join on your computer or Teams mobile app

<https://bit.ly/4hGeVLK>

Or call in (audio only)

[\(509\) 931-1284](tel:(509)931-1284) United States

[\(833\) 633-0875](tel:(833)633-0875) United States (Toll-free)

Phone Conference ID: 242 827 577#

All comments must be submitted by March 14, in writing, [electronically](#) (preferred) or mail to:

Washington State Department of Ecology

3100 Port of Benton Boulevard

Richland, WA 99354

<https://bit.ly/4eWbvCR> (preferred)

At the conclusion of the 60-day public comment period, the Washington State Department of Ecology will address public comments and make a final permit decision.

Copies of the proposed plan and supporting documentation will be available online during the public comment period in the Administrative Record <https://bit.ly/4heZkCK>. Hanford Public Information Repository locations are listed at <https://bit.ly/3X1jc36>.

The permittee's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the Washington State Department of Ecology contact person.

Please contact Jennifer Colborn at Jennifer.colborn@rl.doe.gov or (509) 376-5840 at least 10 working days prior to the event to request disability accommodation. DOE makes every effort to honor disability accommodation requests.



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Jan. 13 – March 14, 2025
Public Meeting: Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m. PT, Richland Public Library



Public Involvement Opportunity
We want to hear from you.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Class 2 Permit Modification to the Hanford
Dangerous Waste Permit

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Is Dolly Parton coming to the Tri-Cities? What we found out about this post

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RICHLAND, WA

Mysterious social media posts suggest a country music legend and re-nowned philanthropist is making an appearance at a Tri-Cities bookstore.

Richland’s Adventures Underground shared posts



Dolly Parton

on Facebook and Instagram on Saturday showing a picture that shows Dolly Parton’s eyes and the top of her head with the number “1” over her head.

The post just says “She’s

coming! Stay tuned for more!”

With no other details, people started speculating about what the post could mean.

Many were hoping the post indicated a visit from the 75-year-old singer-songwriter, calling her a hero to them or a family member.

“If this teaser is true,

the line around the Uptown (Shopping Center) will be even bigger than the one for Star Wars back in ‘77,” one comment said.

Other comments are doubting that Parton would visit the Tri-Cities in person.

And that is the case.

Store workers explained it is a “Where’s Dolly?” promotion at the Uptown where cardboard cutouts of the star will be placed in January in participating stores in the shopping area along George Washington Way. Shoppers will be able to win prizes.

And donations can be made to Parton’s literacy charity, Imagination Library.

Her book-gifting program sends more than 2 million books every month to children around the world. The library mails one free, age-appropriate book to each registered child from birth until their 5th birthday.

Imagination Library of Washington hosted an event with Parton in 2023, bringing more than 800 supporters to the Pantages Theater in Tacoma.

The event came a year after Washington became the 11th state to partner with the Imagination Library to create a statewide program, the Imagination Library of Washington said on its website.

The United Way of

Benton and Franklin Counties manages the program in the Tri-Cities.

Parton’s career has spanned more than 60 years. She has sold more than 100 million records, had 44 career Top 10 country albums and 11 Grammy Awards.

In September, she released a cookbook with her sister Rachel Parton George and released a new album last year.

While she has concert dates scheduled in 2025, none are for Washington state.

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A \$108.5 million federal grant announced Thursday will help finish work to convert Highway 12 to four lanes.

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lature appropriated \$22 million to design the Phase 8 project and acquire the right of way.

That work was paid for with through Connecting Washington, the 2015 transportation package that raised taxes on gas.

WSDOT anticipates the final phase will cost about \$280 million.

The gap near Wallula is especially critical as the area is attracting attention from major industrial

developers.

The Port of Walla Walla has agreements with at least four firms who collectively expect to invest nearly \$9 billion at Wallula Gap Industrial Park, a 1,400 industrial park about 20 minutes east of Pasco.

The projects include:

- Rockwool North America, which will invest about \$175 million in plant to melt



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Traffic streams along on Highway 12 past Wallula and colorful orchards along the Columbia River towards the Wallula Junction in Walla Walla County.

- basalt and spin it into building insulation
 - Advance Phase LLC, the alias for a U.S. tech company that is buying 500 acres in the park for a \$4.8 billion data center campus
 - SkyNRG America, which will build a \$1 billion plant to produce sustainable aviation fuel
 - Project Energy Force, a \$2.5 billion battery manufacturer.
- The developments will add commercial traffic to the already busy highway.
- “This grant couldn’t have come at a more important time as major manufacturing investments are being considered at the Wallula Gap Business Park,” Cantwell said in a press release announcing the award.
- A four-lane, divided highway will accommo-
- date increased traffic, to the benefit of industry and residents. Traffic along Highway 12 is expected to double by 2050, according to federal officials.

THE HANFORD SITE

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The comment period will run from Jan. 13 – March 14. A hybrid public meeting will be held Jan. 29, at 5:30 p.m. PT, in the Gallery Room of the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive, Richland, WA 99352. You may participate virtually using Microsoft Teams by following these instructions:

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From: [Washington Department of Ecology](#)
To: [McFadden, Daina \(ECY\)](#)
Subject: Notice of Upcoming Public Comment Period to add Extra Container Storage Space at Hanford | Notificación del próximo período de comentarios públicos para agregar espacio adicional de almacenamiento de contenedores en Hanford
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 8:27:50 AM

THE HANFORD SITE

This is a message from the U.S. Department of Energy

Notice of Upcoming Public Comment Period and Meeting on Proposed Changes to the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit

The U.S. Department of Energy is planning a 60-day public comment period and meeting on a proposed Class 2 permit modification to the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit. If approved, the modification would allow the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant's Low-Activity Waste Facility export bay to be added to the permit as an additional container storage area. Extra container storage is needed to stage sealed waste containers until they can be disposed of at Hanford's Integrated Disposal Facility. The export bay storage would supplement existing storage in the facility's transportation staging area.

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The comment period is expected to begin in mid-January, 2025, with a public meeting toward the end of that month.

The proposed modification and supporting documentation will be available online during the public comment period on the Hanford [events calendar](#), the Hanford [Administrative Record](#), and at the Hanford [Public Information Repositories](#).

A summary fact sheet with details of the public meeting will be provided when the comment period begins.

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Colborn, U.S. Department of Energy at jennifer.colborn@hanford.gov or Daina McFadden, Washington State Department of Ecology at Hanford@ecy.wa.gov.

Este es un mensaje del Departamento de Energía de los EE. UU

Aviso del próximo período de comentarios públicos y reunión sobre los cambios propuestos al Permiso de Residuos Peligrosos de Hanford

El Departamento de Energía de los EE. UU. está planeando un período de 60 días de comentarios públicos y reunión sobre una propuesta de modificación de Clase 2 del Permiso de Residuos Peligrosos de Hanford. De aprobarse, la modificación permitiría que la bahía de exportación de la Instalación de Residuos de Baja Actividad de la Planta de Tratamiento e Inmovilización de Residuos se agregue al permiso como un área adicional de almacenamiento de contenedores. Se necesita almacenamiento adicional de contenedores para almacenar los contenedores sellados de residuos hasta que puedan desecharse en la Instalación de Eliminación Integrada de Hanford. El almacenamiento de la bahía de exportación complementaría el almacenamiento actual en el área de preparación de transporte de la instalación.

La Planta de Tratamiento e Inmovilización de Residuos está en el Área 200 Este de Hanford Site y vitrificará, o inmovilizará en vidrio, los residuos líquidos de los Parques de Tanques de Hanford en apoyo del Programa de Residuos de Baja Actividad de Alimentación Directa.

Se espera que el período de comentarios comience a mediados de enero de 2025, con una reunión pública hacia fines de ese mes.

La modificación propuesta y la documentación de respaldo están disponibles en línea durante el período de comentarios públicos en el [calendario de eventos](#), el [Registro Administrativo](#) y los [Repositorios de Información Pública](#) de Hanford.

Se proporcionará una hoja informativa resumida con detalles de la reunión pública cuando comience el período de comentarios.

¿Tiene alguna pregunta? Comuníquese con Jennifer Colborn, Departamento de Energía de los EE. UU., en Jennifer.colborn@rl.doe.gov, o con Daina McFadden, Departamento de Ecología del Estado de Washington, en Hanford@ecy.wa.gov.

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Subject: Comment Period Begins to add more Container Storage Space at Hanford's Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant | Comienza el período de comentarios públicos para agregar más espacio de almacenamiento de contenedores en Hanford
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 8:12:41 AM

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Please submit any comments by **March 14**, [electronically](#) (preferred) or by mail to:
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Richland, WA 99354

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El período de comentarios se extiende del 13 de enero al 14 de marzo de 2025. Se celebrará una reunión pública híbrida el 29 de enero, a las 5:30 p. m. PT, en la Sala de la Galería de la Biblioteca Pública de Richland, 955 Northgate Drive, Richland, WA 99352. Puede participar virtualmente vía Microsoft Teams siguiendo estas instrucciones:

Únase desde su computadora o desde la aplicación móvil de Teams

[Haga clic aquí para participar en la reunión](#)

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Envíe sus comentarios antes del **14 de marzo**, [de forma electrónica](#) (preferiblemente) o por correo a:

Departamento de Ecología del Estado de Washington

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La modificación propuesta y la documentación de respaldo están disponibles en línea durante el período de comentarios públicos en el [Calendario de eventos de Hanford](#), el [Registro Administrativo](#) de Hanford y los [Repositorios de Información Pública de Hanford](#). Consulte la hoja [informativa resumida adjunta](#).

¿Tiene alguna pregunta? Comuníquese con Jennifer Colborn, DOE, en Jennifer.colborn@rl.doe.gov o con Daina McFadden, Departamento de Ecología del Estado de Washington, en Hanford@ecy.wa.gov.

Para solicitar una adaptación para discapacitados, comuníquese con Jennifer Colborn en Jennifer.colborn@rl.doe.gov (509) 376-5840 al menos 10 días laborables antes del evento. El DOE hace todo lo posible por atender las solicitudes de adaptación por discapacidad

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Waste Treatment Plant's Low-Activity Waste Facility export bay Class 2 permit modification

Jan. 13 12:00 a.m. - March 14, 2025, 11:59 p.m.

The U.S. Department of Energy is holding a 60-day public comment period and meeting on a proposed Class 2 permit modification to the Hanford Dangerous Waste Permit. If approved, the modification would allow the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant's (WTP) Low-Activity Waste Facility export bay to be added to the permit as an additional container storage area. Extra container storage is needed to stage sealed waste containers until they can be disposed of at Hanford's Integrated Disposal Facility. The export bay storage would supplement existing storage in the facility's transportation staging area.

WTP is in the 200 East Area of the Hanford Site and will vitrify (immobilize in glass) liquid waste from Hanford's Tank Farms in support of the Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste Program.

A hybrid public meeting will be held **Jan. 29, at 5:30 p.m. PT**, in the Gallery Room of the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive, Richland, WA 99352.

You may participate virtually using [Microsoft Teams](#) 

Or call in (audio only)



[\(509\) 931-1284](#)  United States

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Phone Conference ID: 881 182 033#

Please submit any comments by **March 14**, [electronically](#)  (preferred) or by mail to:

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The proposed permit modification and supporting documentation are available online during the public comment period on the [Hanford events calendar](#) , the Hanford [Administrative Record](#)  and at the Hanford Public Information Repositories listed below.

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