

# Waste Water Discharge Permit Renewal

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the renewal of Hanford's permit for discharging treated liquids from the [Effluent Treatment Facility](#).

The official name of the permit is "State Waste Discharge Permit Number ST0004500 for the state-approved land disposal site," or SALDS. A waste water discharge permit must be renewed every five years.

### What Does the Permit Cover?

Hanford's Effluent Treatment Facility treats liquid waste. After the liquid is treated, it is discharged to the ground. The permit ensures the discharged liquids meet state standards in [WAC 173-200 "Water Quality Standards."](#)

### How Did the Permit Change?

There is one key change. Ecology moved the point of compliance from the groundwater monitoring wells to the tanks where the water is stored after treatment before it is discharged.

A "point of compliance" means the place where the liquid to be discharged is measured to ensure it is within the limits the permit defines.



*The discharge site is just north of Hanford's 200 West Area, near Hanford's center.*

### WHY IT MATTERS

Near the center of Hanford, the soil has a lot of contamination. It's important that today's cleanup work does not worsen the problems.

This permit ensures that water discharged to the ground meets the state's standard to protect human health and the environment.

### Public Comment Period

September 8 – October 10, 2014

To submit comments or request a public hearing, contact (in writing):

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### Document Review Locations:

Nuclear Waste Program website  
[www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commitmentperiods.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commitmentperiods.htm)

Public Information Repositories (see page 2 for locations and contact information.)

### Tips on Effective Commenting

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0307023.html>

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**Will There be a Public Hearing?** We don't have one scheduled, but if we get requests, we may reconsider. (See sidebar on page 1)

**What's Next?** When the comment period closes, we will consider the comments received and revise the permit if needed. Then we will issue the final permit and a response to comments.

### **Hanford's Public Information Repositories and Other Review Locations**

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