

Hanford Air Operating Permit Revision

The Department of Ecology invites you to comment on proposed changes to Hanford's Air Operating Permit (AOP). This permit regulates air emissions at Hanford to ensure the public is protected.

Air Pollution Regulations

Ecology is following [Washington Administrative Code 173-400](#), General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources, for the Hanford AOP revision. These regulations cover how we conduct this public comment period. They outline when, where, and how we notify the public and provide the proposal for review.

What the Permit Regulates

The Air Operating Permit regulates the [Hanford Site](#) in south-central Washington, north of Richland. The United States Department of Energy (USDOE) is cleaning up wastes from making plutonium for the nation's nuclear arsenal.

Two USDOE offices, the Richland Operations Office and the Office of River Protection, are regulated jointly under this permit. The Richland Operations Office has the lead. Its address is PO Box 500, Richland, WA 99352. The Office of River Protection's address is PO Box 450, Richland, WA 99352.

Permit Revision Scope

The changes are to incorporate new information into the permit.

In particular, the Washington State Department of Health has issued a new radioactive air emissions license.

We are reformatting the part of the permit for toxic emission units (e.g., a stack, engine, or building) so all information for each unit is in one place. We are also adding newly identified engines into the permit. These are diesel engines that are no longer mobile, so they must be regulated by the permit.

Reviewing the proposed changes

Information about the public comment period is in the sidebar on this page. Document review locations are listed on the back.

WHY IT MATTERS

The permit ensures Hanford's air emissions stay within safe limits that protect people and the environment.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

March 22 – April 24, 2015
Extended to May 8, 2015

TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

Send comments or questions by email (preferred), U.S. mail, or hand deliver them to:

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Hanford@ecy.wa.gov

PUBLIC HEARING

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, contact:

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SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

To request ADA accommodation for disabilities, or printed materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at 509-372-7950.

Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711.

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Information Repositories and other document review locations

Online

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commentperiods.htm

Richland

Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program Resource Center
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Portland, OR 97207
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Seattle

University of WA Suzzallo Library
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