

Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board

Fall meeting.

Cousins Country Inn

The Dalles, OR

October, 23 2024

Meeting Summary Notes

Members In Attendance:

Jeff Wyatt, Chair

Steven Bedrick, Vice Chair

Maxwell Woods, Oregon Department of Energy

Laura Feldman

Miya Burke

Michael Freeman

Maddie Stitzel

Jim Doherty

Esteban Ortiz

Tom Roberts (virtual)

Tim Seymour, Oregon Department of Water Resources

Sen. Hansell

Sen. Gorsek (virtual)

ODOE Staff:

Mark Reese

Tom Sicilia

Sara Lovtang

Matt Hendrickson

Tri-Party Agencies:

Brian Vance, Manager, Hanford Field Office, HFO, U.S. Department of Energy, DOE.

Gary Younger, Communications, U.S. Department of Energy, DOE -HFO.

Stefanie Schleif, Waste Program Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology

Ryan Miller, Communications Manager, Washington State Department of Ecology

Suzanne Dahl, Washington State Department of Ecology

Theresa Howell, Washington State Department of Ecology

Edward Holbrook, Washington State Department of Ecology

Dan McDonald, Washington State Department of Ecology

Beth Rochette, Washington State Department of Ecology

Dave Einan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA

Cascade Galasso-Irish, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA

Public and Invited Guests

Dan Solitz, public, Eugene

Liz Mattson, Hanford Challenge

Shelley Cimon, public, LaGrande

Rachel DiNitto, public, Portland

Susan Coleman, Hanford Advisory Board

Link to meeting all recording and materials:

[State of Oregon: Safety & Resilience - Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board Meetings](#)

Refer to the meeting YouTube files for further details and discussions.

Note: All links in this summary begin at the start of the discussion or presentation

Administrative

Roll call and opening remarks.

Chair Wyatt opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

The May meeting summary was approved with recommendations from Jim Doherty and Tim Seymour.

Laura Feldman then gave a Land Acknowledgement.

Board Opening

U. S. Department of Energy

Brian Vance, Manager, Hanford Field Office gave the board updates and information on the following topics:

- Direct-feed Low Activity Waste Treatment Plant Commissioning Status
- High-level Waste Treatment Plant Status
- 100 K area cleanup status and milestones

U.S DOE UPDATE

Environmental Protection Agency Update

Cass Galasso and Dave Einan, EPA, gave the Board a general overview of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, Liability Act ("CERCLA" or the "Superfund" Act) and how it is applied at Hanford.

EPA UPDATE

Washington Dept of Ecology Updates

Ecology staff provided updates to the board on the following topics:

- Holistic Agreement update
- Tri-Party Agreement general primer, and update on "M-15/M-16" Milestones
- Environmental Performance Demonstration Test for the Direct-Feed Low Activity Waste Treatment Plant

- Status of “Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit, Dangerous Waste Portion for the Treatment, Storage, and Disposal of Dangerous Waste, Revision 9A”
- Tank T-101 “assumed leaker”

Stephanie Schleif and other Ecology staff gave the board several status updates on the listed items at the Hanford site.

ECOLOGY UPDATE

Oregon Department of Energy Updates:

Max Woods and ODOE staff will provide the board with several updates from the May meeting. They included:

- Holistic Agreement comment letter and follow-up
- Upcoming comment letter opportunities

Max Woods and ODOE program staff updated the board on the listed items and other relevant Hanford information since the May meeting.

ODOE UPDATES

Board Business:

- By-Laws update and status
- Reflection on recent OHCB tours: Board members who went to the DOE-Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (New Mexico) and the Navy facility in Bremerton will share their experiences with all.
- Upcoming comment letter opportunities
- Current vacancies and new appointments
- Confirm date and location of the next Board meeting (to be held virtually)

Board and staff discussed the draft updated Bylaws that were presented at the May meeting. Staff will submit the final draft to the Department of Justice for legal sufficiency review, then that document will be presented to board members for consensus.

ODOE staff discussed opportunities to write comment letters to DOE. More will be discussed with the board between now and the next meeting.

Maddie Stitzel and other board members (Jeff Wyatt, Laura Feldman, Jim Doherty, Mike Freeman) shared their thoughts about their recent WIPP facility tour in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Chair Wyatt, Vice Chair Bedrick and Sara Lovtang shared thoughts about their recent visit to the Navy facility in Bremerton, Washington where a submarine compartment was being prepared for shipment to the reactor trench at Hanford

Current vacancies were discussed, and the board welcomed Esteban Ortiz to the OHCB. Chair Wyatt told the board that he has been talking to other groups about opportunities to serve on the OHCB including Physicians for Social Responsibility, a group that has had two members serve on the board in the past.

The board will have a virtual winter meeting in January 2025. on the 21st.

Board Business

Public Comment Opportunity

The public was offered an opportunity to make comments or ask questions.

Dan Solitz provided public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Adjourn for the Day

Chair Wyatt adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

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