

Life-cycle Scope, Schedule, and Cost Report



A new Tri-Party Agreement milestone will require USDOE to prepare an annual report setting out the life-cycle scope, schedule and cost to complete the Hanford Site cleanup mission. The report will describe what it will take to meet all Tri-Party Agreement milestones, as well as other environmental requirements.

The report's purpose is to give a complete understanding of the resources needed for Hanford's cleanup mission. It will serve as the basis for budget requests and briefings to tribal governments and Hanford stakeholders.

The first report is due no sooner than nine months after this milestone is incorporated into the Tri-Party Agreement. After that, USDOE must submit the report by January 31 of each year.

What assumptions will the report use about budget?

The report will include funds Congress has appropriated for cleanup, but will not assume any limitation on funding for future years. USDOE will display the costs by Program Baseline Summary, and have more details in the report's appendices. The reporting in the appendices will be one level below the Program Baseline Summary for life-cycle, and levels below that for the next two to five years beyond the current year. The report can include costs other than for cleanup, such as for security, but will clearly distinguish costs for cleanup from costs for other things.

What about scope and schedule?

When ramping up activities to meet milestone dates, the report may

- Take into consideration critical resource availability not based upon assumed future funding limitations
- Take into account the practical limits of project acceleration.

Where final cleanup decisions have not yet been made, the report may be based upon the reasonable upper bound of the range of plausible options, or present a range of costs including the reasonable upper bound.

The report will also include post-cleanup activities, such as monitoring.

TERMS TO KNOW

Tri-Party Agreement – [the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order](#). This landmark 1989 agreement defines roles and sets cleanup schedules that will bring the US Department of Energy's Hanford Site into compliance with key federal environmental laws.

Tri-Party Agencies – The agencies that signed and are bound by the Tri-Party Agreement. They are the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA), [Washington state's Department of Ecology](#), and two branches of United States Department of Energy (USDOE) at Hanford – [the Office of River Protection](#) for tank wastes, and the [Richland Operations Office](#) for the rest of Hanford cleanup.

Program Baseline Summary –logical groupings of work scope, with established scope, cost and schedule baselines. They have performance metrics, with financial history, budget request justifications and other information, such as programmatic risk and compliance drivers.

Is this enforceable?

Yes. As a major milestone in the Tri-Party Agreement, it is enforceable under the agreement.

Other questions?

For the actual language, go to www.ecy.wa/programs/nwp/commentperiods.htm or www.hanford.gov.

For more information about Hanford cleanup, call the Hanford Cleanup toll-free number at 1-800-321-2008.