

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment



Announcement of two proposed air emissions permits for: United States Department of Energy Hanford, Washington

What project is proposed for approval?

The United States Department of Energy is in the process of constructing a Waste Treatment Plant and its supporting equipment that converts hazardous and mixed hazardous and radioactive waste into a stable glass and crystalline product. Two air permits, the Notice of Construction (NOC) and the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) are being amended. The amendment allows the replacement of two previously approved diesel compression ignition emergency power generators with two emergency power diesel turbine generators. Additionally, in support of maintenance and testing of the fire water system, the amendment allows an increase in the hours of operation for two diesel fire water pumps from 110 to 230 hours per year.

What is Ecology proposing to do?

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) Air quality Program administers the federal PSD program in Washington State. Ecology has prepared a proposed PSD permit number PSD-02-01 Amendment 3 for emissions of (nitrogen oxides and particulate matter). This permit authorizes changes described above in compliance with applicable PSD related state and federal air emission regulations.

Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program administers the Washington State New Source Review program for activities on the Hanford Reservation. Ecology has prepared a proposed NOC number ***INSERT PERMIT NUMBER*** authorizing changes described above in compliance with applicable PSD related state and federal air emission regulations not administered under the PSD program.

How can you review the proposed permits?

You can review copies of the proposed PSD permit, its Technical Support Document (TSD), and the project application on the Ecology PSD permitting web site:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/psd/psd_publiccomments.html.

You can review copies of the proposed NOC permit and its TSD on the following web site:

www.whatsitedoyouuse.com

You can also view them during business hours at the following locations:

Washington State Department of Ecology
3100 Port of Benton Blvd.
Richland, WA 99354

Washington State Department of Ecology
Air Quality Program
300 Desmond Drive
Lacey, WA 98503

How can you comment on the draft approvals or get more information?

Written comments on this project will be accepted until **November XXX, 2012**. Send comments and/or questions to:

PSD related:

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Anyone (including the applicant) who objects to any condition of the proposed approvals must raise all issues and submit all arguments supporting their position by the end of the comment period. You must submit all supporting materials in full. They cannot be incorporated by reference unless they are already part of the administrative record in the same proceeding or are generally available reference material.

Will there be a public hearing?

If Ecology receives comments that show there is significant public interest in this project, a public hearing may be scheduled.

Can a decision be appealed?

Yes. Following the public comment period and a public hearing (if a hearing is held), Ecology will make final determinations about the project and send copies of them to everyone who submitted comments. Ecology will also retain its determination at the locations listed previously for public review.

Within 30 calendar days after Ecology issues our final decisions, anyone who commented on the proposed PSD approval may appeal the decision to the EPA Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) under 40 CFR 124.19, or to the State of Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) under Chapter 371-08 WAC and Chapter 43.21B RCW. Anyone who commented on the proposed NOC approval may appeal the decision to the PCHB only. Anyone who did not file comments or participate in the public hearing (if held) may petition for administrative review only on the changes made between the proposed approvals and the final approvals. More information on appeals is available at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/psd/psd_appeals.html

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