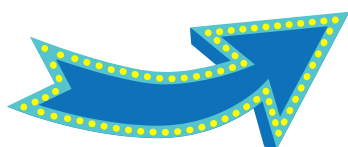


Hanford 5-Year Plan

U.S. Dept. of Energy 5 Year Plan
(FY 2022-2026) Comment Period

COMMENT DEADLINE: MON. NOV 22, 2021

WHAT?



The U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) is gathering your comments on cleanup priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 through 2026. U.S. DOE is setting goals for the major components of the Hanford Site cleanup mission. Your comments can help inform U.S. DOE of what you think the most important priorities are for the next five years.

BACKGROUND

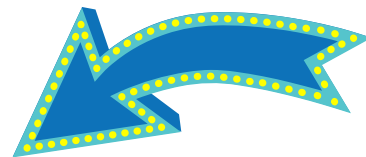
The Hanford 5-Year Plan outlines the cleanup work planned to be completed or started in FY 2022-2026. The Plan focuses on goals and objectives related to three major cleanup areas: Tank Waste cleanup, Central Plateau cleanup, and River Corridor cleanup. U.S. DOE has outlined critical tasks that fall within each of these three areas. You can provide comments on what U.S. DOE has included in the plan, identify things that are missing, and raise any concerns you have with the 5-Year Plan.

Even though the Hanford 5-Year Plan addresses FY 2022-2026, U.S. DOE has indicated that the years the public will have the most influence over are FY 2024-2026. The timing of work outlined in the 5-Year Plan is dependent on an assumption of \$2.6 billion in cleanup funding each year. Advocating for well-managed cleanup funding that allows cleanup work to proceed on schedule is a key component for any plan's success.

Read on to see Hanford Challenge's sample comments.



HANFORD CHALLENGE SUGGESTED COMMENTS



PRIORITIZE THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS:

- **TANK WASTE VITRIFICATION:** Make glass safely. Prioritize work on Direct Feed Low Activity Waste to immobilize tank waste in glass.
- **324 BUILDING CLEANUP:** Accelerate cleanup of B-cell contamination and make sure waste is characterized appropriately to keep long-lived radionuclides out of Hanford's onsite landfill, the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility.
- **WESF CAPSULES TO DRY STORAGE SOONER:** Prioritize activities that safely get the Waste Encapsulation Storage Facility (WESF) strontium and cesium capsules to dry storage. Ensure testing is performed to analyze the degradation of concrete storage pools following removal of capsules to allow this data to increase safety everywhere that concrete and radiation are interacting.
- **HANFORD WASTE TREATED ONSITE:** Restore onsite capacity for treating Hanford waste that is currently sent to Perma-Fix Northwest.
- **PRIORITIZE WORKER HEALTH AND SAFETY:** Ensure that workers are provided supplied air respiratory protection while working in the tank farms to protect workers from both immediate and chronic health effects and illnesses.
- **DELAY TANK CLOSURE:** Don't spend resources on closure of Hanford tank farms.
- **REQUEST A COMPLIANT CLEANUP BUDGET:** Don't make cuts before they are made for you. Make the case to Congress that more money is needed to avoid delaying critical cleanup projects. Spend more now, to spend less later.
- **INCREASE TRANSPARENCY:** Increase the level of detail provided in public involvement materials related to the 5-Year Plan and future vision documents. Be completely transparent and forthright with the public about the cleanup work outlined in the 5-Year Plan. Use plain language wherever possible to explain cleanup work.

Resources:

- [Hanford Advisory Board Virtual Public meeting](#) on 5-Year Plan on October 20
- [Hanford 5-Year Plan placemat](#)
- [U.S. Dept. of Energy Webpage](#) for this comment period
- [5-Year Plan Critical activities descriptions](#)
- [Hanford Challenge Comments on the 5-Year Plan](#)
- [Sample Public Comments on the 5-Year Plan prepared by Hanford Challenge](#)

Email comments to the U.S. DOE by Monday, November 22

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