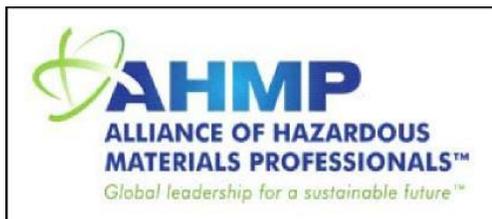


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EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF THE ACADEMY OF CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGERS NEWSLETTER



Executive Committee's Corner



Can you believe that another year is almost behind us? Christmas is here and it is time to reflect on our accomplishments this past year, as well as plan for the new opportunities that lay ahead of us.

This past year, the EWC sponsored a 3-day overview course to enable attendees to pass the CHMM exam. More than 20 subject matter experts were involved in teaching the various disciplines.

EWC's presentations that were held included topics such as managing PCBs, changes in mercury requirements, and a presentation on DOT rules for transporting materials of trade.

We continue to support those of you actively working to protect human health and the environment in your jobs every day. If you would like information on a specific topic, or have a suggestion for a presentation, just send a note to the website address or to any one of your EWC Executive Committee representatives. We are currently evaluating what types of presentations/events to sponsor in 2015, and welcome your ideas.

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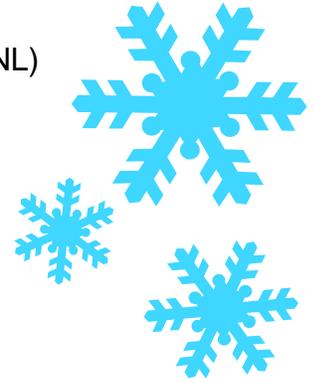
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The Hazardous Materials Manager of the Year Award was presented to Peggy Williamson, Fulcrum Environmental. Peggy discussed some of the technical challenges of the project and introduced others on her staff.

The Hazardous Materials Identification and Control Research Award went to Advanced Technologies and Laboratories International, Inc. (ATL-II) for the 222-S Laboratory's RFID Implementation. Both Rob Schroeder and Jeff Hieb provided the presentation for the project.

The final presentation was for the U. S. Department of Energy's, Office of River Protection Manager's Award for Exemplary Service. This year's award winner was to Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS) Core Sampling Platform project. The spokesman for the project was Barry Orth.



EWC is looking for new CHMM leaders that want to improve their skills and add management successes to their resumes. There are many ways to benefit yourself, your company, and your community, by getting involved in the EWC. EWC is a non-profit organization with a mission to support environmental, health, and safety activities in the community. It will do your heart good!

Stay warm and have a happy holiday season!

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Peggy Williamson, Fulcrum Environmental, was presented the Hazardous Materials Manager of the Year Award.

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Earl Pritchard accepting Excellence in Hazardous Materials Management Award for the project of demolition of support structures.



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State of Washington to Take Legal Action to Amend 2010 Hanford Cleanup Agreement

Petition to be filed with U.S. District Court seeking updated deadlines, additional tank storage

OLYMPIA – Gov. Jay Inslee and Attorney General Bob Ferguson are asking a federal judge to amend a 2010 agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy and establish new requirements for retrieving and treating Hanford’s tank waste and constructing new double-shelled tanks.

The state’s action will seek to keep Hanford cleanup moving forward in spite of the federal government’s claims that it will not be able to meet important cleanup deadlines set in the parties’ 2010 agreement.

Due to delay in the initial startup of waste treatment – which the state believes is the result of USDOE’s failure to manage and address technical issues – the state is seeking new requirements from the Court designed to prevent future delays and to preserve longer-term requirements that will keep the overall tank waste retrieval and treatment efforts on the current long-term legal schedule. The petition to be filed late today follows several months of good faith negotiations between the state and federal government on a path forward, but the parties were unable to come to agreement.

“Although I appreciate Secretary Moniz placing a high priority on Hanford, the simple fact is the Department of Energy has failed to meet important deadlines. We need much stronger accountability to ensure our citizens are protected and the Hanford site is cleaned up,” Inslee said. “Fifty-six million gallons of hazardous chemical and radioactive waste continue to be held in Hanford’s storage tanks – now decades beyond their intended use. I have allowed the federal government substantial time to come forward with a plan that satisfies those obligations and they have been unable to make that commitment so far.”

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The state's petition to the court will include requests for:

- New dates for completion of all Waste Treatment Plant facilities.
- Additional double-shell tank capacity.
- Pacing deadlines to reduce single-shell tank waste volume by 50 percent by 2031.
- Additional requirements for reporting and notification to the court.

“Leaking tanks at Hanford present a significant threat to the health of Washington residents and our environment,” Ferguson said. “We must have specificity, accountability, and enforceability for the federal clean-up and treatment of nuclear waste at the Hanford site. Department of Energy has not met these goals.”

The parties have agreed to ask the court to confirm a briefing schedule that will include a request for a hearing date.

Background:

The state Dept. of Ecology, USDOE and the federal Environmental Protection Agency signed the Tri-Party Agreement in 1989 to establish a plan to clean up radioactive and hazardous waste at Hanford.

In 2008, the state filed a lawsuit in federal court when it was clear the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) would be unable to meet key deadlines in the Tri-Party Agreement.

The state and federal government settled the lawsuit in 2010 and agreed upon a series of new deadlines for completing the retrieval and treatment of 56 million gallons of high-level radioactive and hazardous waste from Hanford's 177 underground tanks.

The nearer-term deadlines — including deadlines for constructing and beginning operation of Hanford's Waste Treatment Plant — were included in the 2010 Consent Decree.

Longer-term deadlines, including new final deadlines for retrieving waste from all single-shell tanks no later than 2040 and completing treatment of all tank waste no later than 2047, were established in the Tri-Party Agreement at the same time the Consent Decree was signed. In 2010, these deadlines were moved from 2018 and 2028 respectively.

Within 13 months of signing the 2010 agreement, the federal government informed the state that they would be unable to meet the agreed to Waste Treatment Plant deadlines. Subsequently USDOE informed the state that nearly all of the Consent Decree deadlines would not be met, including the startup of the entire Waste Treatment Plant, which was set to begin operations in 2019.

While the state's petition acknowledges delays in completion of the Waste Treatment Plant, the state does not propose to extend the final deadlines for retrieving all single-shell tanks and treating all tank waste. The State proposes requirements that will preserve the Tri-Party Agreement schedule.

DOE agreed to a stipulated penalty of \$261,000 and will not appeal the Order. DOE will pay \$15,000 immediately, and Ecology will suspend the balance pending DOE completion of corrective actions according to an agreed schedule.