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# Outline

- Outreach and Education
- Public comment opportunities
- Tri-Party Negotiations
- Compliance activities
- Hanford Site funding
- Sitewide Permit update

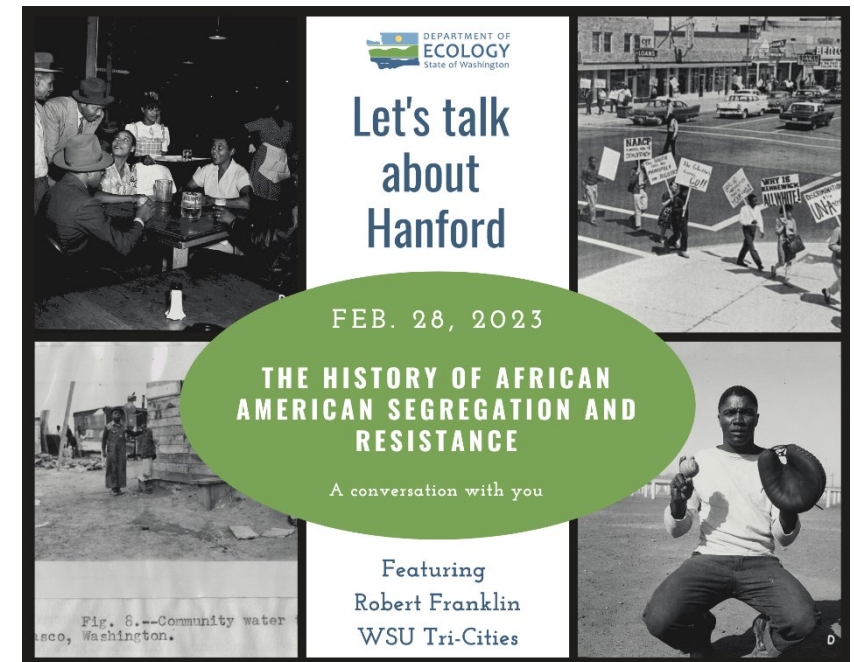
# Outreach & Education

- Final outreach for 2022 included:
  - Air & Waste Management Assoc. & Washington State Council for the Social Studies
  - Five elementary presentations including Salmon Summit, Jefferson Science Night and five 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms at Jessica McClintock STEM in Pasco
  - Three middle or high school events including two Title I schools and the Nez Perce STEM fair in Lapwai, ID
  - Five service organizations (Rotary, Kiwanis, etc.)
  - Yakima Valley Community College
- Total contacts about 1,365



# Outreach & Education

- Feb. 28: Let's Talk About Hanford: African American Segregation and Resistance
- March (Date TBD): Let's Talk About Hanford with the Washington Department of Health
- [Tri-Party Agency Public Involvement Survey](#) is open (Jan. 12 – Feb. 17)
- Eight presentations booked so far for 2023.



# Opportunities for Public Involvement

Unit	Public Comment Period
<p><b><u>Class 3 permit modification</u></b> The second portion of a Class 3 permit modification for IDF to incorporate the <b>Leachate Collection System</b> into the permit is planned for December. A TA request was approved by Ecology on August 4, 2022, for installation and testing of the upgraded liner system.</p>	<p>December 5, 2022-January 20, 2023</p>
<p><b><u>Agency-initiated permit modification</u></b> Draft updates to seven SWOC Closure Plans will be available for public review. The Closure Plans previously were transmitted and issued as a Class 3 permit modification to incorporate the Closure Unit Groups into the Hanford Site-wide Permit, Rev. 8c. The Permittees appealed the issued permit modification. The draft agency-initiated permit modification represents the agreements on the Closure Plans.</p>	<p>March 13-April 28, 2023</p>

# Tri-Party Negotiations

- Central Plateau Milestone changes: September 2021 the Tri-Parties agreed to negotiate near-term milestones that have deadlines in the time frame FFY 2022-2024
  - We completed public comment and a public meeting
  - We are developing a responsiveness summary and final milestones.
- Hanford will submit its FFY2025 funding request to DOE Headquarters in summer 2023
  - Tri-Parties may negotiate more milestones for FFY 2025-2027
  - Public priorities for FFY 2025-2027 would be considered during negotiations

# Ecology Compliance Activities

## October 2022 to December 2022

### Inspections Conducted

- B Plant – October 4, 2022
- PUREX Plant – October 4, 2022
- Low Activity Waste Pre-Treatment System (LAWPS) – October 13, 2022
- Double Shell Tank System and 204 AR – November 30, 2022

# Ecology Compliance Activities

## October 2022 to December 2022

### Compliance Reports Issued

- 325 Hazardous Waste Treatment Units – November 17, 2022
- Bulging Container Waste Generator Inspection – October 25, 2022
- 241 CX Tanks – October 11, 2022
- Hexone Storage and Treatment Facility – October 11, 2022



# Hanford Site Fiscal Year 2023 Funding

- Last year, President Biden proposed a \$2.51B allocation for the Hanford Site.
  - Congress allocated ~\$2.7B in FY22.
- The administration later increased its request to \$2.71B, an unprecedented move.
- At the end of December, Congress approved its spending bill, including ~\$2.84B to Hanford.
- In 2022, many voices united to call on adequate funding, including:
  - August letter to President Biden (12 signees)
    - Separate Yakama Nation letter sent same day
  - Washington Congressional Delegation letter
  - Energy Communities Alliance letter
  - Environmental Council of the States letter
- We're already hard at work advocating for FY24's budget.



Ecology Director Laura Watson, NWP Manager David Bowen at Washington D.C. in 2022.

# Hanford Site-wide Permit Renewal Status

- Ecology continues to work with the Permittees in workshops to move forward with the Hanford Site-wide Permit, Rev. 9 Renewal.
- Issues are being elevated quickly to get to resolution.
- Nine unit groups of ~38 total are complete or nearly complete.
- Ecology is tentatively planning to transmit the revised permit renewal for a 120-day public comment period in January 2024.



# Questions?

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