

Hanford Tank Vapors

Vapors Weekly Update
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A recap of events during the past week regarding Hanford's tank vapors

From the desk of Mark Lindholm, WRPS President:

As I mentioned in my first [weekly update](#) last week, the WRPS team is addressing the challenges associated with odors and vapors at Hanford's tank farms by placing a high priority on testing and deploying new technologies. These technologies and the associated data they collect will help provide a safer environment for our workers as we pursue our vital mission of preparing tank waste for treatment for the long-term protection of the Columbia River.

Last week, field briefings sessions began with Industrial Hygiene professionals on the equipment being tested at AP tank farm in Hanford's 200-East Area. Based upon their input, the sessions will be improved and made available to all employees through various information products in the weeks and months ahead.

Sampling Data

The latest sampling data results from the mobile laboratory are now available. A report on the latest data can be found [here](#).

A new fact sheet was posted last week on the Hanford Vapors website regarding another instrument under evaluation to collect data samples directly from a tank exhaust stack. For more on the Area/Stack Autosampler, visit this [link](#).

Operating Status

Following the Labor Day weekend, workers resumed modified operations as the WRPS team complies with the Aug. 3 court order related to the motion for preliminary injunction filed by the

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State of Washington, Hanford Challenge and Local 598. The court hearing on the motion is scheduled for Oct. 12.

News and Notes

- Last week representatives from the WRPS team received an award at the national Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association (VPPPA) award ceremony. I am very proud of the worker participation that made this possible and the ongoing efforts to ensure worker safety. You can find the VPPPA article in the [Tri-City Herald](#) or read our news release [here](#).
- This week I will be attending the National Cleanup Workshop, in Alexandria, Va. This provides me an excellent opportunity to share with our counterparts across the DOE cleanup complex the progress our employees are making, despite the challenges at Hanford's tank farms. Find more information about this year's workshop at <http://www.cleanupworkshop.com/>.

Opportunities for Employee Engagement

- The next Chemical Vapors Solutions Team (CVST) meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14, 2 p.m. at the 2704 Building, room G206.
- Employees interested in participating in a WRPS Communications Council should contact WRPS Communications by calling 376-5380. A meeting for this new group will be arranged before the end of September. The purpose for this council is to involve WRPS employees in identifying information needs and the best methods to share the material with our fellow workers. Through two-way communications, we will improve mutual understanding of our goals to safely and efficiently prepare Hanford's tank waste for treatment.