



*A recap of events during the past week regarding Hanford's tank vapors*

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Earlier this week, I met with the HAMMER Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) Site-wide Committee and worker/trainer leads. The purpose of this meeting was to present the draft Hanford Vapors Strategy to the group for their understanding and input, which resulted in a productive exchange of ideas for how to best communicate the strategy and how to better incorporate chemical management and approaches into HAZWOPER training in the future.

As a next step in this collaboration, the full group of HAZWOPER trainers will participate in Chemical Hazards Awareness Training (CHAT) and be provided a tour of the A/AP Pilot Vapors Management and Detection System Test.

**News and Notes**

- A federal judge rejected a motion filed by the Department of Energy, and joined by WRPS, to dismiss a lawsuit filed by Washington state over worker safety issues. The ruling was [reported by the Tri-City Herald](#).

**Web Postings**

- A [clarifying statement](#) was posted to the [Hanford vapors website](#) to distinguish between the aforementioned ruling and a separate motion for a preliminary injunction on whether to implement additional interim protective measures at Hanford's tank farms. That ruling is anticipated in the coming weeks.

**Opportunities for Employee Engagement**

- The next scheduled Chemical Vapors Solutions Team (CVST) meeting is Dec. 14, 2 to 4 p.m. at the 2704 building, room G206. Meetings are open to all employees. Please coordinate attendance with your supervisor.
- The CVST communications sub-committee will meet Nov. 14 from 3-4 p.m. at the 2704 Building, room B226. Please join the group as we identify topics to share with Hanford workers.

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