



*A weekly recap of events regarding Hanford's tank vapors*

**From the desk of Mark Lindholm, WRPS President:**

WRPS took an important step forward this past weekend in providing additional [engineering controls](#) in AX Farm.

Work crews successfully tested and put into operation an exhauster that is now actively ventilating all four AX Farm tanks. The shift from passive to active ventilation in this single-shell tank farm aims to significantly reduce headspace vapor concentrations, leading to improved conditions in the work area.



A second exhauster tested during the weekend did not meet operational acceptance requirements, and workers are troubleshooting the exhauster. Its testing will resume once any necessary repairs are made.

The installation and operation of the portable exhausters will help workers prepare to remove obsolete equipment and install updated retrieval systems in AX Farm.

**News & Notes**

- Today, March 2, Chemical Protection Integration Manager Rob Gregory briefed the Hanford Advisory Board on vapors management activities. He reviewed recent progress and outlined next steps in implementing the Hanford vapors strategy. His presentation can be viewed [here](#).
- An [article in the Tri-City Herald](#) reports on the completion of waste retrieval from Tank AY-102 to the limits of two retrieval technologies, satisfying a Settlement Agreement deadline between the state Department of Ecology, the Department of Energy and WRPS to complete work by March 4.
- [WRPS received the 2017 Campbell Innovation Challenge award](#) for developing a physiological monitoring program that has eliminated heat stress cases the past two years at the tank farms.

**Opportunities for Employee Engagement**

- The next Chemical Vapors Solutions Team (CVST) meeting is March 8 from 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 subcommittee will meet Monday, March 6, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the 2704 building, room B226. Please join the group as we identify topics to share with workers.

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