



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

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

Earlier this month, workers began wearing full-face air-purifying respirators (APRs) for specified tasks in Hanford's AP tank farm.

WRPS and HAMTC reached the joint decision after testing and analysis demonstrated that APRs fitted with chemical filter cartridges are effective for protecting workers from vapors in some areas during certain work activities in AP Farm.

Specifically, workers in the AP tank farm, working outside of a Vapor Control Zone while non-waste-disturbing and non-tank-intrusive activities are taking place, will have the option of wearing APRs instead of a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) or other available supplied-air systems.



*Workers in Hanford's AP Farm wear air-purifying respirators*

As always, workers will continue to have the option to use SCBA or other available supplied-air systems if they choose, so long as the equipment does not produce additional safety hazards.

The decision was shared broadly with the workforce in a series of briefings and an all-employee message prior to implementation of APRs. A new [hanfordvapors.com](http://hanfordvapors.com) webpage offers more information on the decision and associated equipment.

**News & Notes**

- [A Tri-City Herald article](#) highlights a plan to conduct a virtual meeting discussing the state of the Hanford Site.
- On March 30, three Hanford workers [reported odors near SX Farm](#). None reported symptoms.

**Opportunities for Employee Engagement**

- The next Chemical Vapors Solutions Team (CVST) meeting is April 26 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, April 3, 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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