



2.0 Environmental Regulatory Compliance

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This section describes how the Hanford Site achieves and maintains environmental and regulatory compliance. Subsections include (1) stakeholder and tribal involvement in the environmental restoration and waste management missions at the Hanford Site, (2) the current status of principal regulations and permits, (3) issues and actions arising from compliance efforts, (4) an annual summary of environmentally significant occurrences, and (5) waste management and chemical inventory information. It is the policy of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that all activities be carried out in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, DOE Orders,

Secretary of Energy Notices, DOE Headquarters and site operations office directives, policies, and guidance. This includes those specific requirements, actions, plans, and schedules identified in the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (also known as the Tri-Party Agreement; Ecology et al. 1998) and other compliance or consent agreements. Both the DOE Richland Operations Office and the DOE Office of River Protection recognize the importance of maintaining a proactive program of self-assessment and regulatory reporting to assure that environmental compliance is achieved and maintained at the Hanford Site.