

2.0 Environmental Regulatory Compliance



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This chapter describes how the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and its contractors achieve and maintain environmental and regulatory compliance. Sections include (1) stakeholder and tribal involvement in the environmental restoration and waste management missions at the Hanford Site, (2) the current compliance status of principal regulations and permits, (3) Hanford cleanup operations 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 DOE that all activities are 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. 1989) 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.

