

Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

Updates since last
meeting

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Oregon Legislative Update

- Short session begins February 1, lasts 35 days
- Unknown if bills related to nuclear power or radioactive waste will be introduced
- Rulemaking process related to Oregon's in-state radioactive waste disposal rules is ongoing
- For more information on energy in Oregon:
 - Biennial Energy Report ("BER")
 - Comprehensive report on energy in Oregon
 - Link: [Introduction — Energy Info \(oregon.gov\)](https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Introduction-—-Energy-Info)

OHCB Budget Update

- We have begun Federal Fiscal Year 2022
- Closed books on our FY2021 accounts including reporting required by our DOE grants
- FY2022 DOE grant to funds our work, including OHCB activities
- No travel associated with grant at this time

General Hanford Update

- ODOE (Jeff Burrigh) presented at National Academies study meeting in October: “Review of the continued analysis of supplemental treatment of low-activity waste at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation”
- ODOE submitted two comment letters to DOE
 - Comments on the DOE 2022-2027 5-year vision
 - Comments on the DOE CERCLA 5-year report
- Milestone at Hanford: Plutonium Finishing Plant removal action is complete

Test Bed Initiative

- TBI (Phase 2) would involve pretreating ~2,000 gal of tank waste to remove key radionuclides, offsite grouting, and offsite disposal at a commercial low-level waste facility
- ODOE submitted comments on the NEPA Environmental Assessment for Test Bed Initiative Phase II in August
- Draft Waste Incidental to Reprocessing Evaluation (WIR); currently open for public comment

Consent-based Siting Request for Info

- DOE issued Request for Information, seeking input from stakeholders on: *“how to site Federal facilities for the temporary, consolidated storage of spent nuclear fuel using a consent-based approach”*
- DOE notes that *“responses to the RFI will inform development of a consent-based siting process, [and] overall strategy for an integrated waste management system...”*
- **ORS 469.573 Purpose of Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board,**
 - (1) Shall serve as the focal point for all policy discussions within the state government concerning the disposal of high-level radioactive waste in the northwest region