

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of River Protection (ORP) filed a [Notice of Appeal and Motion to Stay](#) of the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Administrative Order issued on March 21, 2014. The appeal has been filed with the State of Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board. The State's order requires, among other things, the pumping of double-shell tank AY-102. Based on self-identified concerns and feedback from the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, ORP is currently assessing whether pumping the tank at this time will create a nuclear safety concern and believes it is more prudent to continue with a risk-based approach for this tank until these issues are better understood. ORP will continue to work with the State to clarify its questions regarding the order.

ORP continues to closely monitor AY-102 and has found no evidence of tank waste leaking into the environment. ORP will continue working with Ecology on the path forward for this tank, and is committed to safely managing the tank farms to protect the workers, public, and the environment.